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About the Book

Technology is a crucial part of libraries today. But when it comes to figuring out the most effective technologies for their library or to planning for future technology needs, many librarians don't know where to begin.

Library Technology Planning for Today and Tomorrow is the place to start. This practical guide will be of special value to those in small- and medium-size libraries, especially those new to the planning process who have not previously implemented technology or who have had difficulty implementing strategic plans. By using this LITA guide overwhelmed librarians can create a sound, realistic technology plan and implementing that plan by identifying each step necessary to accomplish the library's goals. As they follow this road map from beginning to end, library staff will be able to meet the technology needs of their communities and to achieve their library's technology goals.

This step-by-step guide takes the reader through the process of successfully creating and implementing a library technology plan. Each chapter addresses an aspect of planning and implementation—from conducting a technology audit and selecting appropriate devices to deploying new technologies and training staff and users. Further, this LITA guide will help librarians evaluate the success of their work in developing and implementing their technology plans.

About the Author

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Praise for the Book

“This well-written and superbly organized guide is perfect for any library large or small. I appreciated Silveira's thorough step-by-step approach that walked me A – Z through understanding my library's technology needs, to developing and implementing a plan, training staff, and conducting ongoing assessment and reporting. It's one of the most helpful books I've read in my career in library management. I highly recommend it for IT Managers and Library Directors.”

— **Peter Bromberg, Executive Director at Salt Lake City Public Library**

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