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Selecting and Implementing Technologies in Libraries

A Primer**By Tod Colegrove**

This book will address a functional gap in the literature, establishing a framework by which practitioners can more effectively – and successfully – select, implement, and eventually migrate away from key technological services of the library.

New technology and services are fundamental to maintaining the relevance of libraries today, but which technologies and/or services make sense to implement, and which to avoid? Building from a framework drawn in the overlap of design thinking with best practices in emerging technology and library practice, this book is a go-to guide for the active library practitioner and LIS student alike. From the 3D printers and laser cutters of today's library makerspace to collection development and library outreach, this primer offers clear examples that illustrate the practical and collaborative approach that ensures alignment and increases the likelihood of success.

Written as a textbook for LIS students in the crossover areas of emerging technology, design thinking, and library management, the book will also meet the needs of the active library practitioner in public, academic, and special libraries, both those new to the field and seasoned professionals.

The practical treatment and examples provided will be of interest and immediate use. Questions at the end of each chapter give readers an opportunity to think about the concepts presented. The book is also designed to let the enduring values of librarianship and library practice shine through, guiding the reader to navigate the future of library technology.

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