



Using Technology in Libraries

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Technology is a tool, not a reason.

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NEW Online Resource: <http://bit.ly/101mostlyfree>

Forthcoming Resource: <http://bit.ly/techforlibraries>

I know I need use technology in my library, but how can I integrate these tools without creating additional work for myself?

The first step in integration is reflection. How can I improve what I'm already doing to make better use of technology? You don't want to use technology just for the sake of using it, so think about ways you can save time or money by using what's available.

Who can help you? By enlisting the assistance of others, you allow for an advocacy opportunity. You can open the doors to ideas you may have missed.

Look for curative websites. Use [my new website](#) to accompany my workshops. I'll be adding sites as I discover them. Search LiveBinders, Symbaloo or Pinterest for resources. Much of what you need is already there.

Be unafraid to try new things. You may find sites and apps that are easy for you. Ask questions. Click buttons. Watch help videos. You may need to follow the 10 minute rule and walk away before you become frustrated. Be unafraid to fail before the light comes on.

Have a real reason to use it.

Using Technology for Content:

The What: Tools for Content

1. DeweyBrowse.org
2. [Free Reading.net](http://FreeReading.net)
3. [Great Websites for Kids](http://GreatWebsitesforKids.com)
4. [Library of Congress](http://LibraryofCongress.gov)
5. [NASA](http://NASA.gov)
6. [Newsela](http://Newsela.com)
7. Wonderopolis.org
8. TeachingBooks.net

Using Technology in Management:

The Why: Reasons to Use Technology in Management

1. Raise money
2. Feature students or patrons
3. Staff development
4. Time saving
5. Ease of access

The How: Steps in Planning for Management

- Reason
- Determining length
- Writing the script
- Practicing the script
- Testing the product
- Recording and testing
- Uploading the product

The What: Tools for Management

1. [Podcasting](#)
2. [Screencasting](#)
3. Surveys
4. QR Codes

Ideas for using:

Screencast/Podcast Content

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| 1. Classroom news/broadcasts | 13. STEM reports |
| 2. Tour of school/library | 14. Foreign language interviews/reports |
| 3. Interviews | 15. Tips for parents |
| 4. Book reviews | 16. Commercials- band classes, chorus, upcoming events |
| 5. How to's | 17. Prepare substitute teachers |
| 6. Oral history | 18. Audio tours of the library |
| 7. Weather reports | 19. Book reviews |
| 8. Sporting events | 20. Translations |
| 9. Class presentations | 21. Instructions or orientation |
| 10. Absentee support | 22. Troubleshooting |
| 11. Flipped classrooms | |
| 12. Biography interviews in subject areas | |

Using Technology for Programming:

The What: Tools for Programming

1. Gaming
2. Literacy

Ideas for using:

1. Storytime
2. Makerspaces
3. Book Clubs
4. Author visits
5. Literacy programs

Using Technology for Marketing:

The What: Tools for Marketing

[Voki](#)

[Canva](#)

QR codes

Facebook

Instagram

Photo Story

Pinterest

[Powtoon](#)

[SMore](#)

Twitter

Word Clouds

You Tube

To Do List: Using Technology in Libraries

What's your take-away for this session? Name three strategies you want to improve or try when you return to school.

1.

2.

3.

Aha Moment:

Affirmation Moment:

Inspiration Moment:



About the presenter:

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