

COMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES EDITORIAL TOPICS 2026

➤ **Propose your case studies, best practices, and how-to stories on any tech-enabled effort that has helped your library achieve its purpose, vision, mission, or mandate.**

➤ CMSs & Websites

- What have you done to:
 - ❖ Improve the user experience?
 - ❖ Help patrons navigate your collection?
 - ❖ Learn new digital literacy skills?
 - ❖ Participate or learn from a distance?
 - ❖ Engage in a virtual activity?
- What website platforms do you use, and how have you implemented, adapted and improved them?
- What are you doing to protect patron privacy and maintain online security?

➤ ILS/Discovery/Search

- Talk about your experience with popular library ILSs, discovery layers, and integrated library platforms.
 - ❖ How have you selected, migrated, and adapted them?
 - ❖ How are they performing for you?
 - ❖ What would you recommend?
 - ❖ How have you documented your system, and what do you do to help users find what they are looking for?

➤ Catalogs, Collections, & Metadata

- Tell us about the challenges you have faced in managing your various collections and presenting them as one.
- How have you used metadata to improve discoverability?
- What new digital collections have you evaluated?
- What archival materials have you digitized?
- What self-help resources do you provide users?

➤ E-Resources

- Let's hear about your e-resources and how you select, evaluate, and provide access to them.
- What role does print continue to play?
- How do you provide seamless access to references?
- What's your experience with ebooks, e-audiobooks, research databases, and OA materials?

➤ Digitization, Access, & Preservation

- How have you opened up your archives to digital research?
- Talk about your digitization efforts and the steps you took to make your special collections accessible and searchable on the web.
- What are the challenges you faced in digitizing and cataloging various types of media?
- What results have you been able to show?

➤ Web Resources

- Send us your tips, tricks, tools, and techniques for working with free resources on the open web, free apps, and OA platforms to make things happen in your library.
- How are you using cloud platforms and remote services to provide your library's systems and security?
- What online research sites do you recommend for your patrons?
- How are you using digital tools for marketing and communications?

➤ Edtech & Instruction

- What have you done to integrate library resources into learning management systems?
- How are you using technology to provide educational opportunities for students and patrons?
- What digital literacy efforts do you sponsor and with what success?
- What are the top 10 digital resources you would recommend?

➤ Platforms & Library Systems

- Report and review your experience with popular library platforms and discovery layers.
- Describe and discuss the systems that power library operations, lending, and special initiatives.
- Describe your experience with managing patron-facing equipment, including public access computers, self-checkout kiosks, 3D printers, and equipment loans.

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We are always looking for stories on how you selected and deployed devices or systems, rolled out new tech-based solutions, and achieved desired outcomes by using a technology framework.

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- > Academic Libraries
- > Research and Special Libraries
- > Government Libraries
- > Archives and Museums
- > Schools

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- > Digital advertising
- > Strategic swag
- > Political advocacy
- > Marketing communications
- > Social media
- > Community engagement
- > Value & ROI
- > Outreach and publicity
- > Conferences & awards

Routinely:

- > Library Platforms and ILS Systems
- > Ebooks, E-Resources, and Ecollections
- > Digital Strategies, Web Tools, and Mobile Solutions
- > Edtech
- > Online Searcher
- > Marketing Library Services

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| > Information literacy | > Online search trends |
| > Open access | > Prompting, searching, & what comes next |
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