

# COMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES EDITORIAL TOPICS 2025

➤ **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 are the benefits of digital over print?
- › 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?

## ➤ **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 and 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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- **Data Management & Metrics**
  - › Talk about the data you collect and analyze to report results.
  - › Share your experience with maintaining datasets for your library or your research community, including managing institutional data repositories or OA archives.
  - › Share your research or survey results on any library issue or impact.
- **Cutting-Edge**
  - › What emerging technologies has your library experimented with or deployed?
  - › What tech trends do you see having an impact on libraries in the near future?
  - › What are your concerns about library technology going forward?
  - › What's your strategic advice for libraries that are considering adopting new tech?
- **EDTECH Section**
  - › Every issue, we publish an article focused on K-12 educational technology.
  - › Share what you've done at your school or discuss an issue of importance to school libraries, media centers, and students.
- **All Other**
  - › Don't see your topic on the list? Surprise us.
- 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.
- **Editorial content focuses on vertical markets:**
  - › Public Libraries
  - › Academic Libraries
  - › Research and Special Libraries
  - › Government Libraries
  - › Archives and Museums
  - › Schools
- **Routinely in every issue:**
  - › Library Platforms and ILS Systems
  - › Ebooks, E-Resources, and Ecollections
  - › Digital Strategies, Web Tools, and Mobile Solutions
  - › EdTech
  - › *Online Searcher*

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  - › Science & Technology
  - › Business & Finance
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  - › Open Access
  - › Legal, Regulatory, & Intellectual Property
  - › Competitive Intelligence
  - › User Experience
- **In every issue:**
  - › Op-eds
  - › Resource Comparisons
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- › Information Literacy
- › Technology and Power
- › Online Search Technologies
- › Assessment
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