

Burke, John J. *Library Technology Companion: A Basic Guide for Library Staff*. New York, Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc., 2009. 279 pages. \$45.00. (ISBN: 978-1-55570-676).

Whether you are a librarian, a library worker with expert knowledge or inexperienced in library technology, this book has something for you. The book has 19 chapters divided into five parts:

- Library Technology Basics—overview of the history of library technology;
- Technology Tools for Libraries—computers, networks, library system, storage devices, electronic resources, Internet searching, and social networking;
- How Libraries Put Technology to Work—staff and library users adaptive/assistive tools, virtual reference and distance learning;
- Building and Maintaining the Technology Environment in Libraries—protection, security measures, and troubleshooting;
- Where Library Technology is Going, and How to Get There—writing a technology plan and the future of technology.

Chapters end with review questions for reinforcement and selected resources for further reading. The book is clearly explained containing figures, tables, screenshots and websites. There is a well organized Table of Contents, a Glossary and Index. See Burke's companion blog for updated resources and materials – you can also leave your comments.

Library Technology Companion will develop confidence, provide ideas and solutions and give you a better understanding of library technology. Burke's book is a good resource for your library or personal collection for reviewing specific chapters or for broadening your knowledge on certain topics.

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