

CATALOGUING AND COLLABORATING IN THE AGE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract

Lean budgets force organizations in particular the libraries who are cost-centres, to devise strategies that make the very most of the resources available. With the abundance of evolving technological innovations and the variety of information that is becoming available to the customer, competitive pressures will continue to intensify for libraries to constantly improve their systems and processes.

Development and use of information technology (IT), in particular the latest online cataloguing tools and techniques, enable library professionals in enhancing their delivery systems. In order to ensure library professionals are able to cope with changes in the technological environment, it will be critical to re-think and re-assess these tools and develop competencies to ensure operational efficacy. Survival and success will depend upon the library's adaptability, innovative skills and flexibility. This, in turn necessitates continuous engagements with a knowledge sharing community to ensure they are abreast with the latest techniques, practices and work-around, the 'cutting edge' element that is critical for libraries to sustain and be relevant to their patrons.