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It is becoming increasingly difficult for information professionals to keep up-to-date. The accelerating rate of change in technology and the range and depth of information being created, contribute to the problem. The more these changes make it difficult for librarians to stay up-to-date, the more important it is that we do so. Users of our libraries, whether physical or virtual, need librarians to be at least aware of innovations, even if we are not expert in their use. However, what can be working against us, can also be made to work for us. Available technology and tools can be used quite successfully to give us the information and skills we need to put librarians at the leading edge of the wave of change. .... 233

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