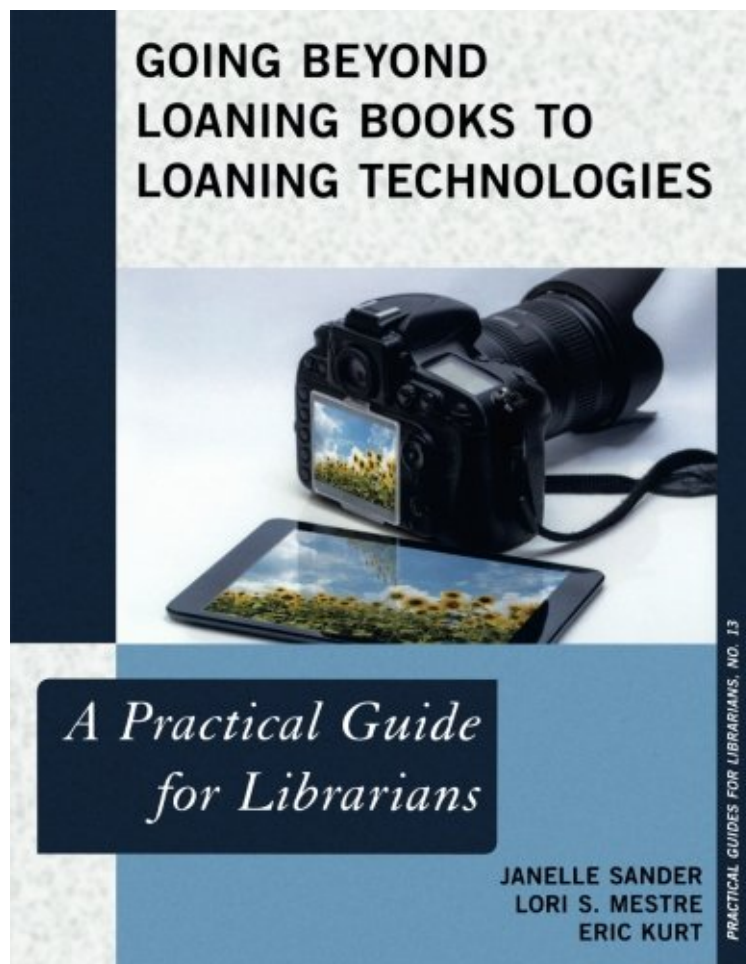


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Providing library users with actual pieces of technological equipment that they can borrow is a continuously expanding service at many libraries, especially as faculty and teachers require multimodal projects. For some libraries, loanable technology may include calculators, gaming devices, headphones, e-readers, laptops, and tablets. Increasingly

though, there is also demand for all types of cameras, lighting, voice recorders, microphones, external storage devices, projectors, peripherals and converters, among hundreds of possibilities. Based on their successful program at a large research institution, the authors provide a practical manual, complete with examples, forms, and templates that cover all aspects of establishing and maintaining a loanable technology program. *Going Beyond Books to Loaning Technologies: A Practical Guide for Librarians* provides the nuts and bolts and the behind-the-scenes details of developing a program and walks librarians and information technology professionals through even some of the complex decisions and processes, such as: needs assessment budget allocation selecting, cataloging, processing and storing equipment; circulation, billing, and troubleshooting training collaborating with others to offer consultation services marketing, and assessment Practical and easy to understand, here is a one-stop guide for anyone interested in lending technology to patrons.

Going beyond Loaning Books to Loaning Technologies is a useful resource for librarians. . . .Overall, the organization of this book is quite good. . . .Authors Sanders, Mestre, and Kurt clearly outline the steps necessary for a technology loaning program expansion. Sequential information will be useful for librarians seeking expansion of loaning services in the realm of technological equipment. Topics from initial identification of community needs through final assessment of successes and failures give this topic the A-Z of program development. Libraries are repositories for a vast array of items, many of which are for borrowing. Looking beyond traditional lending, this book embraces the future by encouraging and guiding staff in the new age of loaning. Librarians will find this guide useful in exploring a library's niche for loaning these technologies. From e-books to cameras, gaming devices to projectors, *Going Beyond Loaning Books to Loaning Technologies* provides a guide to everything from the initial concept to the training of staff. Written with purpose, librarians will want this title on the professional development shelf. Highly Recommended. (American Reference Books Annual) This is an excellent, practical, and step-by-step guide for systematically planning and launching a sustainable technology loan program. The authors do a great job taking us from points A-Z on how to start a technology loan program, the process involved, along with a wealth of information and additional resources. As both a professor and library consultant I certainly would recommend this book to both students and libraries interested in understanding the what and how involved in launching and maintaining a successful technology loan program. I am particularly impressed with both the breadth of the content that takes us from start to finish and the depth of detail that provides actual policy, the types of technology, training and support, and even assessment and evaluation necessary to ensure such an initiative would be successful. (Anthony Chow, associate professor and Director of Online Learning, Department of Library and Information Studies, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro) About the Author Janelle Sander manages the Loanable Technology program at the Undergraduate Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has a BA in English-Teaching with a minor in School Library Media Studies from the University of Northern Iowa and a MLIS from UW-Milwaukee. Lori S. Mestre is professor of library administration and has been the head of the Undergraduate Library at UIUC since 2009 and was the digital learning librarian at UIUC from 2005-2009. In addition to her MALS degree, she has a doctorate in multicultural education. Eric Kurt is the Media Commons Coordinator at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has a BS and MS in Computer Graphics Technology from Purdue University.