

## RESOURCES FOR NEW ACCESS/CIRCULATION PROFESSIONALS

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*Resources for New Access/Circulation Professionals* is a resource compilation undertaken by the Tool Kit Subcommittee on New Access/Circulation Professionals of the Research, Instruction, and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). The compilation offers a must-read list of blogs, blog posts, articles, and books for the newer access/circulation professional. Topics include access services, circulation, ILL, student workers, electronic reserves, and stacks maintenance. The resource list is a work in progress and new materials added or removed as access and circulation services continue to evolve.

### Blogs:

ACRL TechConnect Blog, <http://acrl.ala.org/techconnect/>. (A moderated, peer-reviewed blog produced by a group of academic librarians as a source for technology-related content from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) along with [C&RL News](#) magazine.)

Letters to a Young Librarian, <http://letterstoayounglibrarian.blogspot.com>. (Jessica Olin blogs "advice to those who are new (or even not so new) to librarianship from someone who has been doing this work for a while now" to bridge the "gap between what library programs are teaching and what new professionals will need to know in order to be successful.")

Librarian.net, <http://www.librarian.net/>. (Since 1999 librarian Jessamyn West has been posting about solving library and technology problems, including the digital divide and its effect on library services. West says, "My passion presently is mucking about in the intersection of libraries, technology, politics and describing what I find there.")

Librarian in Black, <http://librarianinblack.net/librarianinblack/>. (Sarah Houghton, Director for the San Rafael Public Library, is a "big technology nerd" and believes in "the power of libraries to change lives." She posts about library management, future visioning, and technology topics.)

Library Babel Fish, <https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/library-babel-fish>. (One of several blogs at *Inside Higher Ed* website. Blog author, Barbara Fister, offers readers a college librarian's take on technology.)

RIPS Law Librarian Blog, <https://ripslawlibrarian.wordpress.com/>. Published by the Research, Instruction, and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Posts cover trends in research, instruction, and patron services within today's law libraries.

The Ubiquitous Librarian, <http://chronicle.com/blognetwork/theubiquitouslibrarian/>. (Created by Brian Mathews, Associate Dean for Learning & Outreach at Virginia Tech, this blog is no longer being updated. However, there are many great posts well worth exploring about designing better user experiences and the pursuit of user-sensitive libraries.)

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