SHELF LIFE
TECH RECS
What books, journals, or periodicals are you reading to keep up with new legal technologies?

   “I am intrigued by artificial intelligence [AI] and its exponential growth in recent years, particularly the advances that have been made with machine learning that are now driving some of our most useful legal technologies and research tools. Professor Calo’s primer offers an introduction and a foundation for those seeking to understand the complexities of AI from a policy standpoint by presenting some of the serious questions and challenges it raises, especially for industry and government. It is a concise and thought-provoking essay for users, creators, and regulators of this powerful and transformative technology.”
   Sherry Leysen; Associate Director for Library Services; Fowler School of Law; Chapman University; Orange, CA

2. AUTOMATING LEGAL SERVICES: JUSTICE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY
   by Hugh Logue [ABA Book Publishing, 2019].
   “I am particularly interested in learning about new legal technologies that increase access to justice for self-represented litigants and public legal services attorneys. Logue writes about legal automation from the perspective of someone who is aware of the justice gap and devotes several chapters of this book to how automation has, and can, improve access to justice. On the other side of the issue, Virginia Eubanks’s Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor presents a well-researched investigation of how artificial intelligence negatively impacts poor and working-class communities.”
   Nicole P. Dyszlewski; Head of Reference, Instruction & Engagement; Roger Williams University School of Law Library; Bristol, RI

3. LAW LIBRARIANSHIP IN THE AGE OF AI by Ellyssa Kroski [ALA Editions; 2020].
   “This book is so good! Each of its 13 chapters is written by one or more of our law librarian colleagues and clearly explains (in plain language for those of us who are not technology experts) the development and use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the context of law libraries. The initial chapters define and identify AI tools and set the foundation for subsequent chapters on the application of AI to legal research, legal education, access to justice, legal ethics, and more. I have learned so much from this book and I highly recommend it to anyone looking for an efficient way to get up to speed on the current and future role of AI in our profession.”
   Loren Turner; Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian; University of Minnesota Law Library; Minneapolis, MN

   “I have been following Robert Ambrogi’s LawSites blog for several years now as a way to stay current with the latest legal tech news and product information. Ambrogi is a leading writer on the topic of legal technology. His critical reviews of legal tech products give me a strong sense of how these products may impact actual legal practice. Postings cover many topics, including law libraries, electronic legal research, law practice management, etc. The blog site also links to his LawNext podcasts, which give me a sense of what’s coming down the pike in the future of law and legal practice.”
   Pat Newcombe; Associate Dean for Library & Information Resources; Western New England University School of Law; Springfield, MA