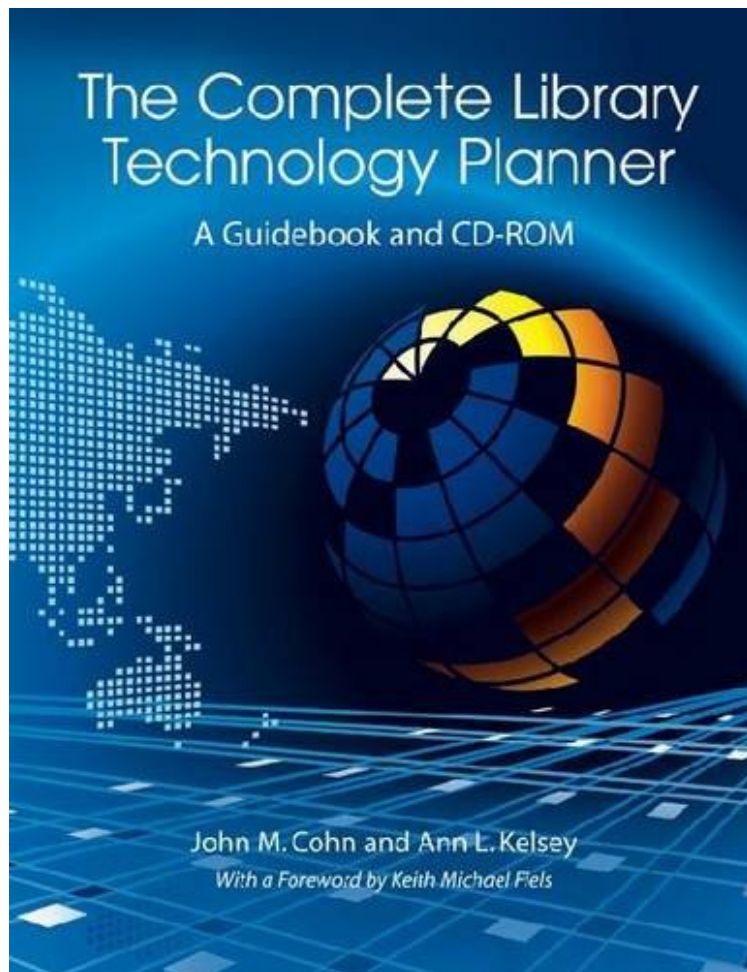


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Kelsey (retired Associate Director of the Learning Resource Center), "The Complete Library Technology Planner: A Guidebook with Sample Technology Plans and RFPs on CD-ROM" is a 163-page instruction manual that will enable librarians for community, school, and specialty libraries to develop and implement a coherent and coordinated technology plan for their institutions. Covering every aspect, "The Complete Library Technology Planner" will enable librarians to define the scope of their plan, identify and addresses its purposes and funding requirements, and set it all down on paper. Of special note is the five-step model plan that presents a plan development from beginning to end. Enhanced with an accompanying CD-ROM offering more than 35 time-saving, easily adaptable technology plan samples, "The Complete Library Technology Planner" is highly recommended for Library Science curriculum reference resources and engaged librarians for any working library system, private or public.

Careful and systematic planning is essential to the success of your library's technology implementation efforts. This complete, clear, and easy-to-follow guide takes a highly practical, hands-on approach to thoroughly prepare public, academic, school and special libraries to develop and implement a technology plan in the library. Following a foreword from Executive Director of the American Library Association Keith Michael Fiels, authors John M. Cohn and Ann L. Kelsey provide a comprehensive introduction to the key concepts and elements in technology planning and the changing technological landscape affecting today's libraries. There is clear advice to help you best define your plan's scope, purpose and funding requirements, along with step-by-step guidance for developing an effective technology plan - from gathering data and identifying institutional needs, to determining priorities, identifying objectives, outlining costs and writing the actual plan. A five-step model plan is included to provide readers with a start-to-finish example of the development process, and the authors also advise on how to implement the new plan and evaluate its success. The accompanying CD-ROM includes over thirty-five time-saving, sample technology plans and RFPs. Each plan is specifically targeted to public, academic, school, or special libraries, and can be easily replicated or adapted for use in your own institution. An array of figures, checklists, and examples are included throughout the book to help reinforce important concepts, and a comprehensive webliography lists further related resources.

From Booklist Authored by partners in DocuMentors, an independent consulting firm, this volume is intended to assist in creating, evaluating, updating, and implementing a technology plan. Chapters cover topics such as the elements of a technology plan, preparing for conversion, evaluating proposals, and training users and staff. One chapter presents A Model Two-Day Process for Developing a Basic Strategic Plan. Each chapter ends with an annotated list of sources to assist the reader desiring to know more. Complete with worksheets, charts, and bulleted lists, the volume will help both librarians and consultants. An accompanying CD-ROM includes more than 25 technology plans from school, academic and research, public, and special libraries, as well as library consortia and agencies, along with requests for proposals. --Sara Marcus "A comprehensive wealth of information for libraries in need of creating or updating a technology plan...Highly recommended." --Library Journal Starred, February 2010 "The chapter 'A Model Two-Day Process for Developing a Basic Strategic Plan' is especially useful, as is the accompanying CD-ROM with over 25 examples of plans from different kinds of libraries." --American Libraries, May 2010 "Beginning with an overview of how integrated library systems (ILSs) are possibly going to change with the advent of Web 2.0 and advice that any technology plan has to remain flexible enough to accommodate the unforeseen, this practical guidebook takes one through the process of creating one, working to implement it, and finally how to review it." --SciTech Book News, June 2010 "Highly recommended." --Library Media Connection, September 2010 "relevant to librarians of all types The discussion of the important of strategic planning that begins with a vision of what services are needed, rather than what technology is needed, is a wise approach Readers, regardless of library types, will be well prepared to begin writing a plan for their libraries." --Journal of the Medical Library Association, January 2011 "This book offers practical guidelines for planning technology-based systems or services...It succeeds in demystifying technology planning and is recommended for small and medium-sized libraries." --Technicalities, May/June 2011 "This book offers practical guidelines for planning technology-based systems or services It succeeds in demystifying technology planning and is recommended for small and medium-sized libraries." --Technicalities, May/June 2011