TECHNOLOGY LENDING @ THE LIBRARY



WHAT YOU
NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT BUILDING A
LENDING TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAM AT YOUR LIBRARY

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HI! I'M ASHLEY. I WORK FOR BOSTON COLLEGE LIBRARIES



ONE OF MY SPECIALITIES IS TECHNOLOGY LENDING.

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Managing it.
Cleaning it.
Organizing it.
Fixing it.
Yelling at it.
Replacing it.
Ordering it.
Re-ordering it.
Updating it.
Helping people use it.
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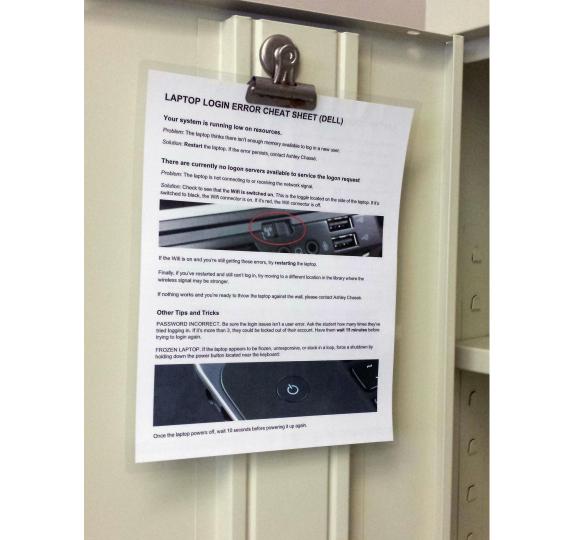
You can learn more here: libguides.bc.edu/oneill-technology

AND NOW FOR A SERIES OF PICTURES

It's like seeing someone's safari vacation photos without the giraffes...



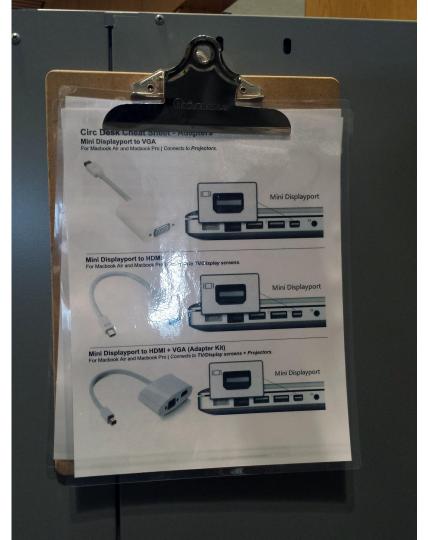












OH! I ALSO MADE A HANDOUT FOR YOU!



Technology Lending @ The Library: Getting Started, Building Up, or Expanding

Get to know your IT staff. (If you have one.)

They will be your best friends. And your advocates. When you need a sounding board, they will have the background to understand your questions, needs, and struggles.

Get to know your community.

Do informal surveys, formal surveys, focus groups. Observe the kinds of technology your patrons use. Keep notes of the technology they ask for. Sometimes it's less about the cool new toy you think they want.

Get your stuff together.

Do you already have technology items on loan? What is it? Build an inventory system and begin checking the status of those items. Are they old? Outdated? Need to be retired? Or is it fine and you just need more?

Other Things to Consider...

- Loan Periods
- Lending Policies
- Marketing Your Technology Services
- Repair & Replacement Costs
- Billing Issues
- · Troubleshooting/Diagnosing Issues

Start building a wish list.

See what other (similar) libraries have. See what the latest trends are. Keep up-to-date with the latest gadgets, and write down anything you think your patrons might love, want, or need.

Get your budget in order.

Technology is expensive. And depending on your library, funding may or may not be available. When you don't have the funds, look to grants. And keep track of the price of the items you want.

Get organized.

You've got some tech available. Some iPads or maybe calculators? So how do you manage your devices? Where do you store them? How do you manage them? By getting organized.

If there aren't enough copies you can download it here:

http://ashleychasse.com/LendingTechHandout

NOW... ASK ME ANYTHING!

Don't be shy. I am way more nervous than you are.

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THANKS FOR LETTING ME PRESENT TODAY! BYE BYE!