

## Innovation Report

Innovation is an integral part of library profession. In order to be able to serve its community a library should always be aware of what is going on in the professional field as well as what technological developments are out there in the world. Technology and digital communication have become an indispensable part of every business and organization. Taking into account that library is also a business who needs to reach out to its customers, it becomes evident that a library cannot go without developing its own digital assets. Possible examples of these digital assets are websites, software that can be used for cataloguing and readers advisory, and data management tools.

There is no doubt, the path to innovation lies through knowledge and data management.

In her book *The Accidental Data Scientist*, Amy Affelt (2015) argues that librarians, as information professionals, deserve to be at the forefront of data management domain, the field that is now staffed by non-librarians only. She expands her thought by saying that “storing, indexing, and making records and digital assets easily findable are information intensive activities and a natural fit with library and information science skills” (Affelt, 2015).

I agree with the author that a librarian does possess the necessary skills to enter the world of innovation and Big Data management. But to be able to integrate and succeed in this field a librarian has to speak the same language of that of computer programmers and information technology professionals. That is why I appreciate the fact that we have ‘Internet applications’ course in our Library and Information Technician Program. For a future librarian, it is crucial to be aware of programming languages and their latest developments.

I hope one day I will be able to build my own website using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript and enter the world of digital wonders!

### References:

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