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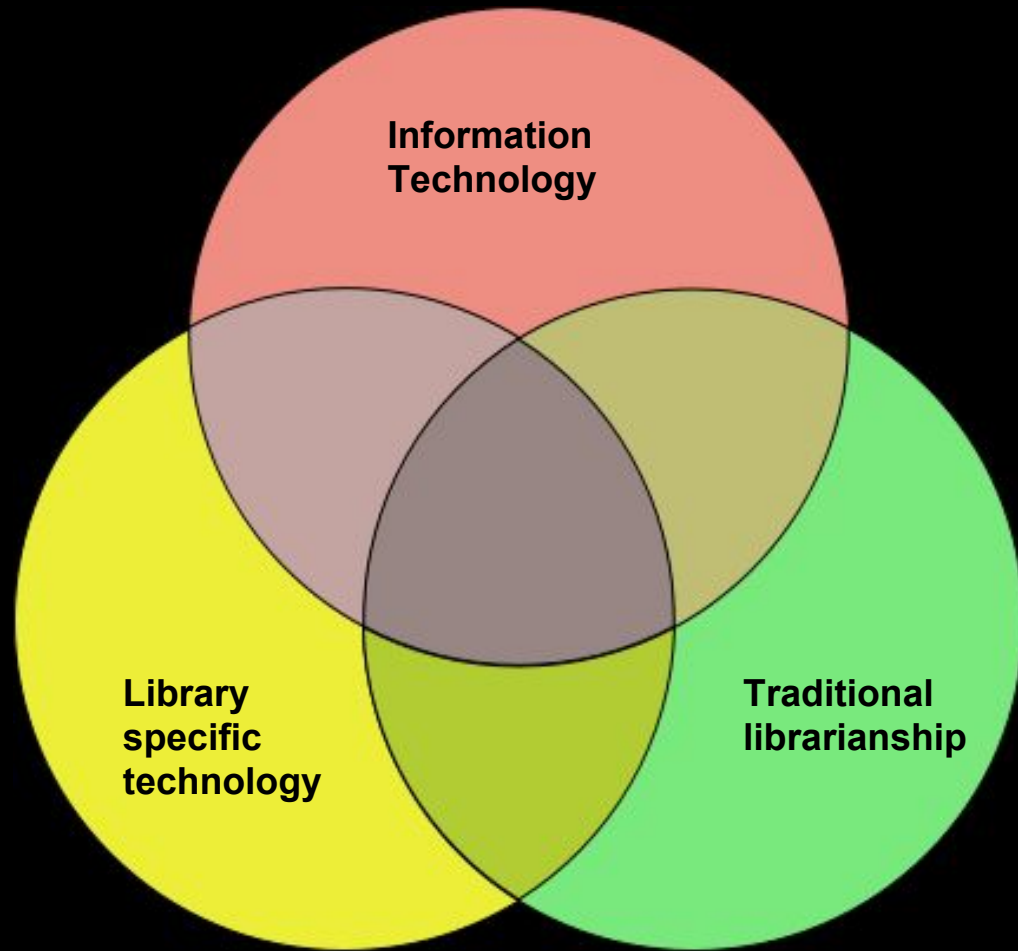
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OR

**“Have you tried turning it
off, and on, again?”**

Who is a “Systems Librarian”?

- Web Services Librarian
- Digital Library Archivist/Librarian
- Electronic Services Librarian
- Library Management Systems Librarian
- Institutional Repository Archivist/Librarian
- Technology Librarian
- Electronic Resources Librarian



**Information
Technology**

**Library
specific
technology**

**Traditional
librarianship**

Responsibilities

Library-specific tech

- ILS
- Digital library
- Subscription DBs
- OPAC/Discovery
- Web development

General I.T.

- Server admin.
- Networking
- End-user support
- Programming
- Computer lab mgt.

Responsibilities, cont.

Traditional librarianship

- Reference
- Instruction
- Readers advisory
- Cataloging
- Interlibrary loan
- Research & publishing

Responsibilities case-study

Information Technology Svcs.

- Networking
- Security

Library I.T. department

- Server administration
- Web development
- End-user support
- Lab management
- Digitization
- Programming
- Institutional repository

Information Technology Svcs.

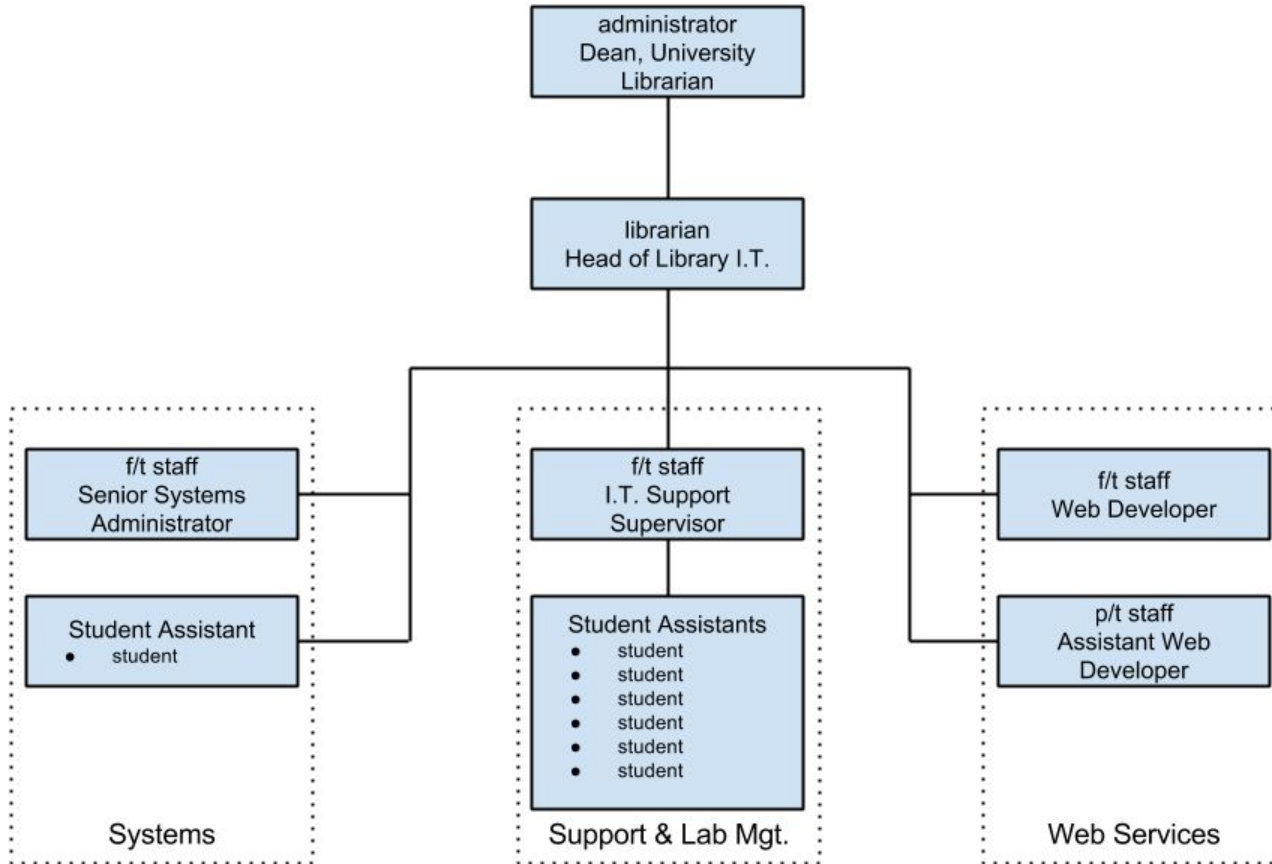
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Library I.T. department

- Application administration
- Web development
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Library Information Technology Dept.

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Challenges

Attitudes towards technology



Customer service



Yesterday's Jam, *The IT Crowd* <https://youtu.be/rksCTVFtjM4>

Other challenges

- Budget constraints
- Politics / project support
- Unrealistic expectations
- Staff skill levels
- Inter-department communication

Soft Skills

- curious, willing to experiment
- self-directed, resourceful
- good communication
- patience
- good troubleshooting
- continually improving/updating skill set

Technical skills

- Pick something!
- In general...
 - Project management
 - Web development
 - Digitization experience

Recommended Reading

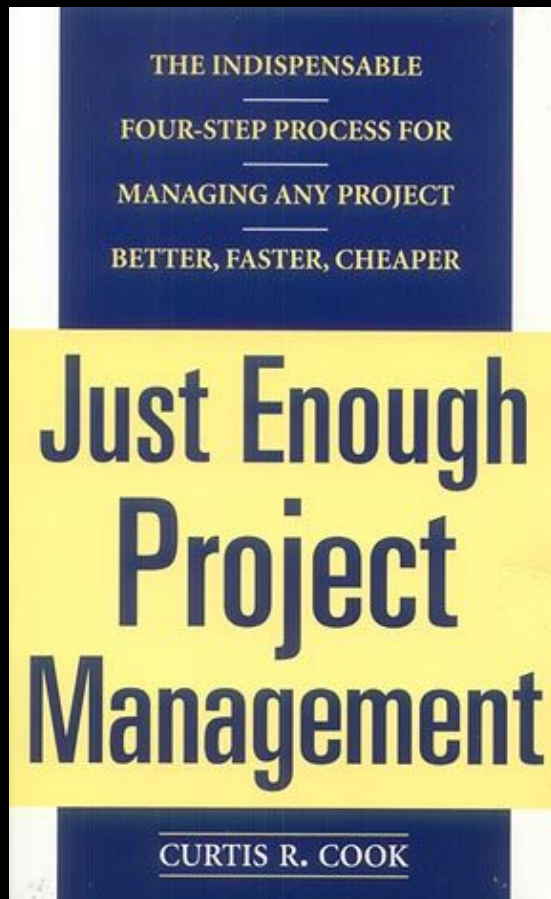
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The
Accidental
Systems
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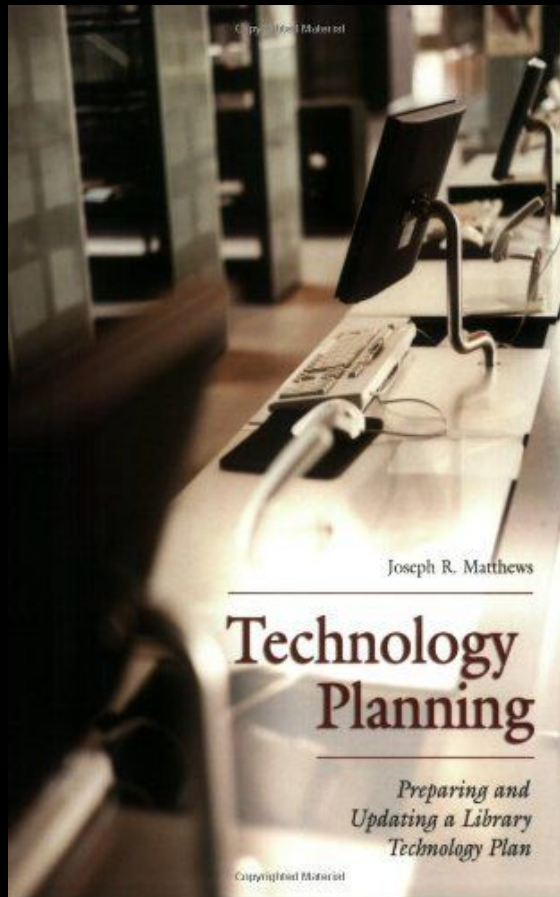


Nicole C. Engard With Rachel Singer Gordon

The Accidental Systems Librarian by Rachel Singer Gordon



Just Enough Project Management by Curtis R. Cook



Technology Planning by Joseph R. Matthews

Thank you!

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