

# TECHNOLOGY *TRAINING WHEELS*

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You spoke and we listened. On our consultant visits this year we've been hearing—from all our library types—that technology is a big issue. Welcome to Technology Training Wheels! TTW is a pathfinder to help our member libraries and their patrons navigate the new and current technologies out there.

There are many aspects to technology that our members need. Some need help with the basics others want to try the “new stuff” but there's so much out there, they need help identifying what new technologies are prevalent and how these technologies can be applied to libraries.

As we worked through the responses to our consulting survey, TTW came about. The consultants wanted a way to help librarians and staff with technology on a variety of different levels and through a variety of different learning styles. We chose 5 topics:

Email and IM,  
web browsers,  
Web Junction,  
blogs, and  
RSS feeds and aggregators.

We're working now on content and starting Jan 2009, we will be adding pathfinders to this wiki. The objective is that users will be able to go to the wiki and work through basics on each technology. Our goal is to make it easy for the user to navigate his/her own path and provide help where needed. We'll be linking to current tutorials and guides as we find or create them—the beauty of TTW is that the information will be arranged all in one place and self paced. So come and try TTW—and let us know what you think!