

LORI BOWEN AYRE, LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT



Lori Bowen Ayre is a nationally recognized expert in automated materials handling, RFID and open source library system software. Since 2000, she has worked with a wide variety of city and county libraries and consortia in the areas of materials handling, delivery, workflow optimization and RFID.

Her experience as a manager of people and technology provide her with an appreciation for the effect of change on people, and how to select and introduce technology to yield the best results. She believes libraries thrive when technology is leveraged to improve customer services, to streamline back office functions, and to reduce operating costs.

She has written pieces for ALA publications including Library Technology Reports (RFID, 2012 and Internet Filtering, 2004), the Whole Library Handbook 4 (ALA Editions, 2006), and Moving Materials: Physical Delivery in Libraries (ALA Editions, 2009, Valerie Horton, Ed.). She also wrote a chapter that appears in RFID-Applications, Security and Privacy (Addison Wesley, 2005). She is a regular contributor to Collaborative Librarianship and Strategic Library.

Lori believes that libraries are critical institutions for our democratic society and that these institutions must change as society changes. Recognizing that technology is a catalyst of change, Lori's work is to help libraries harness the power of technology as they navigate the changing needs of our communities.

Select Relevant Experience

Charleston County Public Library (SC)

AMH and RFID Evaluation and Recommendations

Broward County Library (FL)

Workflow, RFID, Self-Service and AMH Evaluation

Greenville County Library (SC)

AMH and RFID Evaluation and Recommendations

Pleasanton Library (CA)

AMH Procurement

Alameda County Library (CA)

Materials Handling, AMH and RFID Study

Salt Lake City Public Library (UT)

Material Handling Consulting, RFID Planning, Procurement

Marin County Free Library (CA)

Materials Handling Study

Massachusetts Library System (MA)

Statewide Materials Handling and Delivery Study, Central Sorting Procurement, Statewide Resource Sharing Software Procurement

San Jose Public Library (CA)

RFID and AMH Cost Benefit Analysis

Multnomah County Library (OR)

Materials Handling, Collection Management and RFID Consultation including RFID Procurement

Washington County Cooperative Library Services (OR)

Materials Handling, Delivery, and Collection Management Study

- Education**
- Masters of Library and Information Science, San Jose State University, California.
 - Bachelor of Arts, Kalamazoo College, Michigan.
 - Information Systems Certificate, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California.

**Professional
Affiliations and
Community Service**

- American Library Association
- Public Library Association
- California Library Association (Program Chair, CLA Conference 2013)
- Urban Libraries Council
- Library and Information Technology Association (LITA)
- Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility
- Electronic Frontier Foundation
- Evaluator, Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP)

Publications

- Ayre, Lori Bowen. Library Technology Reports, RFID: One Step Closer to Interoperability, Chicago, Illinois: ALA TechSource, 2012.
- Horton, V., and Smith, B. Moving Materials: Physical Delivery in Libraries. Chicago, IL: ALA Editions, 2009. (Contributor)
- Garfinkel, S., and Rosenberg, B. RFID: Applications, Security, and Privacy. Upper Saddle River, NJ, Pearson Education, Inc., 2006. (Contributor)