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Tech and Reference a Feminist Perspective

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context

- Library job
- Tech skills
- Age
- Relation to "old" media
- Library priority
- Service population
- Politics



practice

Tools I use

- Microsoft Office (also OpenOffice.org, and Google docs—cloud computing!)
- IM (Pidgin/Gaim, Meebo)
- Blogs ([BarnardRefDesk](#), [Radical Reference](#), [Lower East Side Librarian](#), [Zine Libraries](#)): Blogger, Drupal, WordPress
- Social Networks (Facebook, Flickr, [LiveJournal](#), [MySpace](#), [We Make Zines](#))
- Delicious (not socially), RSS
- Firefox, with extensions ([LibX](#), Gmail, Delicious, Fireshot, [Copy Plain Text](#), Google Gears)
- [Jing](#) (new to this)

Tools I don't use

- Linked In (despite having an account)
- Twitter (creating an account for the library imminently, though)
- ALA Connect
- Less interested in A/V utilities like YouTube
- Do not yet own an mp3 player
- Web enabled telephone
- PDA
- Skype

theory

Reference is a feminist issue

- Tech über alles
- Privilege
- The tyranny of the people who control the tools



conclusion

- Resist tyranny
- Privilege service
- Right tool for the job

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**Digital media will
NEVER replace books !**

articles, blog posts, and images credits

- Confused thoughts on gender, libraries and tech by Meredith Farkas
<http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/2006/08/27/on-gender-in-library-tech>
- I Can Has Cheezburger
<http://icanhascheezburger.com>
- Inside the Library Gender Gap by Stephanie Maatta
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6604387.html>
- LJ Series "New Roles": The Women Who Drive Library Technology by Eva Miller
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6435535.html>
- Lolbrarians
<http://community.livejournal.com/lolbrarians>
- *Lower East Side Librarian* 2007
<http://jenna.openflows.com/leslzinecover/2007>
- My shoes. Walk in them. By Dorothea Salo
<http://cavlec.yarinareth.net/2007/12/19/my-shoes-walk-in-them>
- Pafko at the Wall review
<http://jenna.openflows.com/reviews/delillo/pafkoatthewall>
- The Research Library in the 21st Century
<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/symposium>

