

Stay Tech Current

9 quick tips for your computing

OPAC access on front page

- Cost = web developer time

Have CD burning available for patrons at your workstations

- Cost = The hardware is not expensive and not too difficult to install. If you're replacing computers soon the hardware will likely be standard.

No dumb computers.

Hassle free browsing.

- Cost = Perhaps an initial investment of time, but there will be a substantial gain when your users aren't dependent upon you answering their questions about what to do

Answer patron emails quickly

- Responding back in 48 or 24 hours isn't cutting it. Cost = Staff time to answer more questions. If you're responsive and market this service more people will start emailing you.

Use IM

- Cost = A bit of staff training time.

Have a wireless network

- Cost = \$35 - \$1000

Use weblogs and RSS

- Cost = The software is free. Staff time will be involved getting a blog going, but it will save time once it is being used.

Remote Database Usage

- Cost = fees, web developer staff time
