

# New OMS Series Presents Library Technology Innovations

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[\*Transforming Libraries\*](#) is OMS' newest means of bringing you information about developments in member libraries and beyond. Published as a subseries of SPEC, *Transforming Libraries* will be issued four times a year, with each volume focusing on a different innovative application or aspect of library technology.

*Transforming Libraries* aims to encourage innovative activity in subscriber libraries while putting subscribers in touch with people who are leading technological change in all types of libraries.

The series will take a very different approach from [SPEC](#), which provides a survey-based summary of current operational practices in ARL member libraries. It will focus on how libraries are using technology to transform services and operations. In an attempt to be timely and up-to-date, *Transforming Libraries* will take a reportorial approach to its topics, seeking out libraries that are trying new applications of technology and bringing to you their experiences while they are still innovative.

A key feature of the [\*Transforming Libraries series\*](#) will be its presence on the Internet <URL:/transform/>. Each issue will contain a direction to a website, which will be managed by a guest Editorial Advisor who is respected in their field. Whereas *SPEC Kits* provide documentation in print, this site will be a place to find both documentation and links to sites related to the technology featured in the particular issue. It will also be a site where readers can advance their own ideas and reactions.

Future topics under consideration for this series include: distance education, geographic information systems (GIS), and licensing. We invite feedback on this series and are soliciting information on innovative practices.

The first issue, [\*Transforming Libraries: Issues and Innovations in Electronic Reserves\*](#) (also *SPEC Kit 217*) focuses on a topic of growing interest to academic libraries and of potential interest to all libraries. The discussion starts with an overview of the need for nonpaper-based electronic reserve systems. From there the paper presents the critical choices that must be made in the early stages of planning. The summary experiences of eight institutions and several vendors, complete with contact information, are included. Finally the report identifies other trends and postulates the future of e-reserves as a viable service.

The issue was researched and written by Transforming Libraries Editor, George Soete. The Editorial Advisor for this issue is Jeff Rosedale, Head, Access and Technical Support, Lehman/Social Work Library, Columbia University. Jeff is also the manager of the ARL Listserv on Electronic Reserves, which you can access at <<http://www.cni.org/Hforums/arl-ereserve/>>.

- [Laura Rounds](#), OMS Program Officer for Information Services

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