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- Twitter: start tweeting and follow other teacher-librarians.
- Contact your local association or the OSLA and get involved.
- Seek out a mentor online or in your board.
- Initiate a student group to help with book check in and shelving.
- Recruit parent helpers to repair.
- Attend grade level meetings and get something specific put on their agenda.
- Offer the library space for team meetings.

You will find you are not alone.

Dear Rita,

I love books. I love reading. I love inquiry. I love teaching. I love my job as a teacher-librarian, but I don't like technology becoming so important in the library. Is there any way I can avoid the technology piece in my job?

*Sincerely,
Might B. Techno-phobic*

Dear Might B.,

I was that way at first, too. But I've pushed myself into the 21st century. You need to join me. Education is embracing technology whether educators like it or not. Some of the best learning happens with tools and devices accessed by learners.

Take a course. Team up with someone who knows technology to teach anything

in the library. Encourage a group of your students to start a technology or coding club and you supervise and learn with them.

Learn about your school board database library.

Begin by playing with one tool until you are comfortable. Some relatively stress-free suggestions are: padlet.com (create and collaborate), smore.com (newsletter), kidblog.org or edublog.org (blogging), weebly.com (website creation), wikispaces.com or pbworks.com (collaborative wiki), pic-collage.com (collage creation). Begin by creating something professional for use in your teaching and then tweet the resulting product.

If you don't know what these are, your first job is to find out. BUT it is your job!

Dear Rita,

I want to share something I found on the internet. Search "Cartoons Only a Teacher-Librarian Would Love". Julie Greller writes a blog and has collected a page of ROFL comics I think your readers might appreciate.

Love 2 Laugh

Dear L2L,

Thanks and a great big Rita hug for sharing the laughs with us. ■