

Danger Ahead? Avoiding the Pitfalls of Emerging Technologies

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You are the Digital Scholarship Liaison at University Town Library. Dr. Janica Doe, a university faculty member, has just authored a book on the history of underwater basket weaving in University Town and has collected several primary and secondary resources in her research. Underwater basket weaving is of special interest in the region, and several special collections and subscription databases with relevant material are already available through the library. Dr. Doe is applying for a grant to develop digital initiatives related to her book and has contacted you to see how the University Town Library might be able to help with her project.

Working singly or in groups, develop talking points and questions for your initial consultation with Dr. Janica Doe by answering the following questions.

1. Instructional Considerations

- a. What digital mediums might Dr. Doe choose for her project, and what learning outcomes might they support?

2. Logistical Considerations

- a. Who will use the materials created through the project? Will this be more than one distinct group?

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- b. Should any digital assets created be reusable?

3. Technical

- a. How will the materials be accessed? Will more than one platform be supported?

- b. What tools are necessary to create the materials? Software? Hardware?

Additional talking points and questions for your consultation: