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Get Started with the Edge!

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Webinar Overview

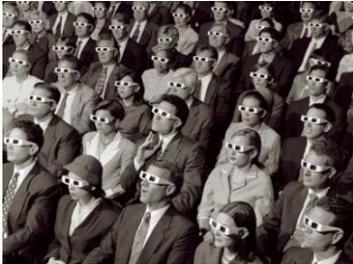


- Who We Are
- Overview of Edge
- Explanation of the Edge Toolkit
- One Library's Story
- Edge Facts at a Glance
- Questions

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Who's Watching?

What do you know about Edge?



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What's the Relationship?

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What is Edge?

A management and leadership tool for public libraries to evaluate their public access technology and identify how it can be improved to better serve their communities.

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Toolkit

What is Edge?

- Benchmarks**
Set of national technology standards for public libraries
- Assessment Tool**
Online tool to assess and evaluate current services
- Training**
Courses to guide libraries in using their Edge results effectively
- Recommendations and Planning Tools**
Peer comparison data and tools to implement recommendations
- Resources**
A curated set of free online materials, tools, and information to support library success
- Community Engagement**
Reporting and presentation templates for communication the value of technology services to community leaders

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Benchmarks



COMMUNITY VALUE

Specific programs, services, and supports that enable our library to meet the needs of our community

1. Digital Literacy
2. Digital tools and resources
3. Meeting key community needs



ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY & DECISION MAKERS

External practices that connect the library to the community

4. Strategy and evaluation
5. Strategic partnerships
6. Sharing best practices



ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Internal management and infrastructure

7. Planning and policies
8. Staff expertise
9. Devices and bandwidth
10. Technology management
11. Technology inclusiveness

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Assessment



Assessment – online tool to assess and evaluate current services

- Based on **11 benchmarks**
- Benchmarks grouped into **30 topics (indicators)**
- Topics measured by **156 questions (attributes)**

Once you answer the questions, you get **instant results!**

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Let's Take a Look



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