

NEW COURSE FOR SPRING 2009

TECHNOLOGY IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

LIS 2970 Special Topics



CHILDREN AND TECHNOLOGY: Children today are bathed in technology in the home, at school, and the public library. How do children use these technologies? What is the effect of these technologies on the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development of young people? Is all technology good? How do we evaluate it? How do we manage it? As digital media becomes more embedded in the collections and services that libraries offer young people, information professionals must consider the issues in order to deliver the best service possible.

TOPICS: Effects of media on young people, ages 0 to 12; Technology in everyday life - from toys to television; Gaming and libraries; Filtering; Privacy and child safety; Social networking/cyber bullying; Information/media literacy instruction in children's libraries (public); Digital libraries for children; Evaluation of digital resources for children; Children's information behavior; Interaction/interface design for young people; The digital divide and social equity issues; Global perspectives -technology in young people's lives around the world; Future trends - What's next?

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NOTE: This course will be taught on-campus