

Best Emerging Technology Award Rubric - 2025-2026

Please apply using the Google Form.

Description	0 Does not or Partially Meets Criteria	1 Meets Criteria	2 Meets Criteria Exceptionally	Total
Technology Application Creativity The project uses one or more technologies (old/current/new/emerging) in innovative ways to cleverly overcome barriers/dysfunctions, provide resources, perform tasks that wouldn't otherwise have been feasible, facilitate programming, et cetera.				
Local Impact The project makes a valuable impact on users (large percentage, niche group, or historically underrepresented/marginalized populations) and the ways in which they interact with the library and its services (such as educational/community initiatives, entertainment, wellness, et cetera), and is used or easily modified for people with a wide range of abilities and backgrounds.				
Broader Impact Can the project be implemented in other libraries or can it impact users at other libraries? Is it likely that other libraries will encounter barriers to implementing the project (e.g., financial, skills, staffing)? How have you shared or how will you share the project and the knowledge gained from it?				
Sustainability The project can be sustained with current personnel and resources (or with readily available funding), doesn't require a specialized skill set (or many have willingness/ability for upkeep), and regularly functions as expected.				
Accessibility The project follows best practices for accessibility and strives to eliminate barriers with persons with visible and invisible disabilities.				
Project Ranking Committee members will rank the project 1-10 according to the suitability to the award. In the event of a tie, projects will be discussed by the committee				
Total				____ / 20

