Dr. Victor Lee and Dr. Abigail Phillips' New Book on Libraries Now Available | ITLS News

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Dr. Victor Lee and Dr. Abigail Phillips edited a book published this month called *Reconceptualizing Libraries*. The book features guidance from scholars on how librarians can use new technology and resources to enhance their libraries. Each chapter is written by experts in the information and learning sciences and the entire book was compiled and edited by Dr. Lee and Dr. Phillips.

Routledge Education's book description says, "This is a timely and innovative volume for understanding how physical libraries can incorporate and thrive as educational resources using new developments in technology and in the learning sciences."

Dr. Lee explains the book features "never-before published work on connected learning and maker education." He also said, "This book represents some of the work that we do that goes beyond classrooms and workplaces. This book was a chance for us to compile how libraries are playing an important new role as learning spaces for youth and families."

Dr. Lee is an associate professor in the Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences (ITLS) Department at Utah State University and focusses on STEM education, makerspaces, embodied learning, and wearable technology. Dr. Phillips is an assistant professor in the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The two editors began collaborating on the book while Dr. Phillips was a postdoctoral researcher in the ITLS Department at Utah State.

*Reconceptualizing Libraries* is available on Routledge.com.

Also please note, the ITLS Department has a SLMA certificate program that has trained a number of library professionals working throughout the state of Utah.