



Pennsylvania libraries are developing new roles in digital curation using [LibGuides](#), purchased by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the use of all public and school librarians throughout the state. As reductions in funds for the purchase of commercial information databases continue, the need for sources of credible, quality information increases. Using LibGuides, online guides for information resources, librarians are able to make information available to customers and students 24/7. In August, 2011, a group of librarians met at Pennsylvania State University to participate in a LibGuide train-the-trainer workshop. These librarians are now working throughout the state to teach others to use this dynamic information tool.

Why are we excited about LibGuides? They offer a platform to share all types of content including videos, links, PDF files, JPEG files, podcasts, and widgets. Usage statistics are available and support from the host company, Springshare, is excellent. Take a look at the many [LibGuides](#) (select *All Guides*) already created since August!

Librarians collaborate, creating and sharing LibGuides, allowing others to take advantage of numerous quality resources. In August, 2011, a committee of twelve public and school librarian volunteers collectively selected the content and developed the [Civil War LibGuide](#) for use by Pennsylvania schools and citizens to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The guide was created by librarians working online with no need to meet in person.

Here at Easttown Library, we have created and used LibGuides for varied purposes. The [Resources for Early Childhood Educators](#) guide was used to teach an in service workshop to local preschool teachers. The [Resources for Youth](#) guide was created when we were asked to teach research skills to 4th - 8th graders at a local private school. Our Computer Services department has created a [Computer Basics](#) guide used for instruction and practice during and after computer training.

All of these resources are linked to our [Easttown Library](#) web site under *links* and we continue to look forward to creating more guides as they are needed. If you know of any librarians who would like to be given access to and taught how to use the LibGuides, feel free to contact Deb Kachel, Instructor, School Library & Info Technologies Graduate School, Mansfield University at dkachel69@comcast.net. If you would just like to talk about LibGuides, please feel free to contact me!

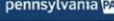
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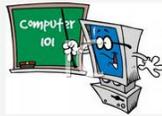
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Welcome to the Easttown Library guide for beginning computer users! The pages in this guide are designed to:

- **present you with some basic computer information.**
- **direct you to other helpful websites.**
- **keep you informed about our latest computer training programs.**

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