Technology trends essay of libraries, archives or other information agencies.

This essay assessment is based on the module 'Networks, IT infrastructure' - as well as your own research into the scholarly and professional literature.

Choose three topics from the following list:

Augmented Reality (AR) or Virtual Reality (VR)

Advances in digitisation

Assistive technologies

For this assessment, your essay will need to address the following:

Identify three technology trends from the above list that are likely to impact on the work conducted in libraries, archives or other information agencies in the next 5 years. Outline these trends and discuss how they may alter the way resources and services are provided to meet the evolving needs of users.

There is an expectation that 12 current sources of in (within 5 years) formation are used in this essay from a range of resource types:

scholarly journal articles

professional journal articles

conference papers

books

reputable websites (online reference tool / .gov / .edu / .org)

When proofreading your work make sure the resources you use support your own ideas and make a real contribution to your discussion (i.e. that they are not included solely to count as a citation). Another common problem can be when writers over-rely on the literature and their own ideas are not evident.

Note: You may choose to focus your answer about the impact on a particular type of information organisation. Do not however concentrate on a particular technology (software or hardware) such as iPads but rather, focus on the broader trend (e.g., handheld mobile technologies in general).