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Technology at the Thetford Academy Library has advanced considerably since I first began working here 13 years ago. Our school now offers each student a computer, there is a library website, and access to resources in digital formats has grown. Even so, there is still much we are lacking.

If I could prioritize the State's attention and budget to meet the needs of my school library I would:

- Improve the quality of digital reference resources that address the humanities: particularly social studies and literary criticism. Expand the VOL to include more diverse resources, including state-wide purchases of GVRL reference titles. Consider state-wide contracts with other vendors (ProQuest, EBSCO, etc.). Maine's collection is admirable.
- Accept that in schools the lines between library services and educational technology are very blurry, and provide <u>state-wide access to resources (we should be on this map)</u> such as Newsela.
- I would appreciate a state-wide ILS system someday (Destiny, perhaps), but as someone who has managed a switch to Verso and then to OPALS over the past 3 years, I am not in the mood to do it again anytime soon.