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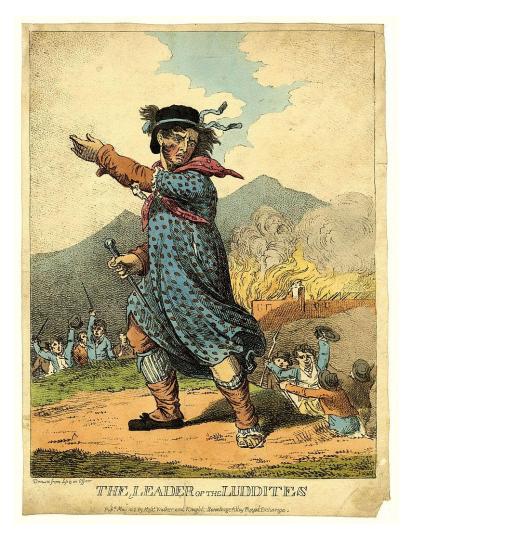


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The Low-Paid Humans Behind Al's Smarts Ask Biden to Free Them From 'Modern Day Slavery'

African workers who label AI data and screen social posts for US tech giants are calling on President Biden to raise their plight with Kenya's president, William Ruto, who visits the US this week.





THE FUTURE OF AI-DRIVEN ENGAGEMENT



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The World of AI

How libraries are integrating and navigating this powerful technology

By Emily Udell | March 1, 2024

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Core Values of Librarianship

The foundation of modern librarianship rests on an essential set of core values that define, inform, and guide our professional practice. These values reflect the history and ongoing development of the profession and have been advanced, expanded, and refined by numerous policy statements of the American Library Association. Among these are: Access Confidentiality/ Privacy Democracy Diversity Education and Lifelong Learning Intellectual Freedom Preservation The Public Good Professionalism Service Social Responsibility

Access



Confidentiality/Privacy



Democracy



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Diversity Equity

"...treating the world as software promotes fantasies of control. And the best kind of control is control without responsibility. Our unique position as authors of software used by millions gives us power, but we don't accept that this should make us accountable. We're programmers—who else is going to write the software that runs the world? To put it plainly, we are surprised that people seem to get mad at us for trying to help.

"Fortunately we are smart people and have found a way out of this predicament. Instead of relying on algorithms, which we can be accused of manipulating for our benefit, we have turned to machine learning, an ingenious way of disclaiming responsibility for anything. Machine learning is like money laundering for bias. It's a clean, mathematical apparatus that gives the status quo the aura of logical inevitability. The numbers don't lie."

Maciej Cegłowski

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Am. Indian/AK Native	27.0% / 19.0% / 25.9%	8	•	39.1% / 43.7% / 50.7%	•	•
Asian	65.8% / 50.8% / 70.4%	8	•	72.7% / 76.4% / 77.8%	•	•
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Hispanic/Latino	18.8% / 8.3% / 16.8%	8	•	30.5% / 32.5% / 41.6%	•	•
HI/Pac. Islander	31.6% / 17.5% / 47.1%	8	•	48.6% / 56.7% / 56.7%	•	•
White	51.2% / 31.1% / 49.8%	8	•	62.6% / 63.3% / 66.7%	•	•
Two or more races	41.0% / 24.2% / 42.0%	8	•	54.2% / 54.2% / 63.7%	•	•
Students w/Disabilities	11.0% / 4.4% / 8.4%	8	•	12.2% / 10.9% / 19.4%	8	•
Multilingual Learner	14.0% / 2.7% / 2.9%	8	•	21.2% / 12.5% / 8.1%	8	•
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Intellectual Freedom



The Public Good

A Friedman doctrine— The Social Responsibility Of Business Is to Increase Its Profits

By KILTON FRIEDMAN

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MILTON FRIEDMAN is a professor of economics at the University of Chicago. ward clarty in exemining the doctrine of the social responsibility of business is to ask precisely what it involves for whom

Presumsbly, the individuals who are to be responsible are businessmen, which means individual proprietions ye coprorate essecutives. Most of the discussion of social responsibility is directed at corporations, so in what follows I shall mostly nglect the individual proprietory and speak of corporate

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In either case, the key point is that, in his capacity as a corporate executive, the manager is the agent of the individuals who was the corporation or establish the elemony-nary institution, and his primary re-

Needless to say, this does not mean that it is easy to judge how well he is performing his tak. But at least the criterion of periormance is straightforward, and the persons among whom a voluntary ontractual arrangement exists any clearly

Of course, the corporate enecutive Is also a person, he may have may other is also a person, he may have may other assumes voluntatify—to his family, as consenence, as comings at carbon his country. He may feel implied by these responsibilities to device part of his income to causes he regards a country. He may feel implied by these responsibilities to device part his country's armed forces. It we wish, the lost of the country's armed forces. It we wish, the lost of the country's armed forces. It we wish, the lost of the country's armed forces. It we wish, the lost of the country's armed forces. It was sufficient to the country's armed forces and the country's armed forces. It was a "social reconsibilities." But in these respects he temporate the country of time or energy, not the money of his employers of the time or energy in the country of time or energy, not the money of his employers of the time or energy in the country of time or energy in the country of the co

What does it mean to say that the corporate executive has a "nicial responsibility" in his capacity as businessman? If this statemen is not pare rhetoric, it must mean that he is to sat in some way that a nat in the interest of his employers For example, that he is to refrain from increasing the neglect of the product in

order to contribute to the notal obpictive of preventing inflation, even though a price increase would be in the best laterests of the corporation, on reducing pollution beyond the amount that is in the best interests of the corporation or that is required by law in order to contribute to the vircenness. Or that, at the expense of corporate profits, he is to hier according to the contribution of the corporate profits he is to hier accord unemployed instead of betterturation of the contribution of the contribution of the tribute to the social objective of retribute to the social objective of re-

ducing poverty.
In each of these cases, the corporate executive would be spending consone else's movey for a ganeral social interest. Imother as his actions in accord with his "social responsibility" reduce returns to stockholders, he is spending their money harder as his actions raise the price customers' money. Insofer as his actions lower the wages of some employes, he is spending their money

The stockholders or the customers or the employes could separately spend their own money on the particular action if they wished to do so. The executive is exercising a distinct "social responsibility," rather than serving as an agent of the stockholders or the customers or the employes, only if he spends the money in a different way than they

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Barbara Williams, a low student



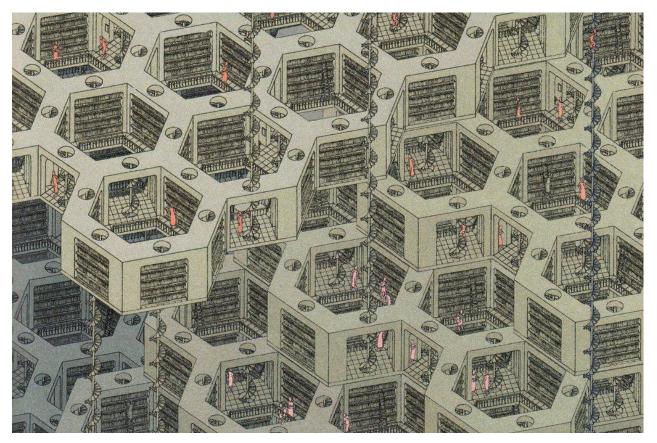
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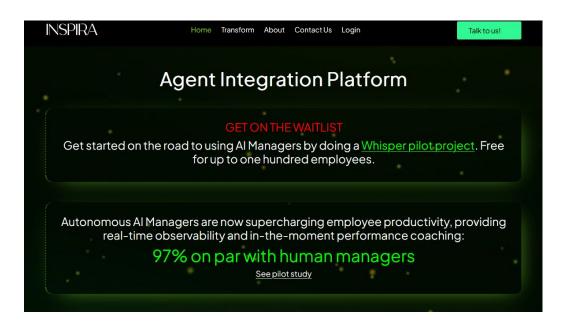
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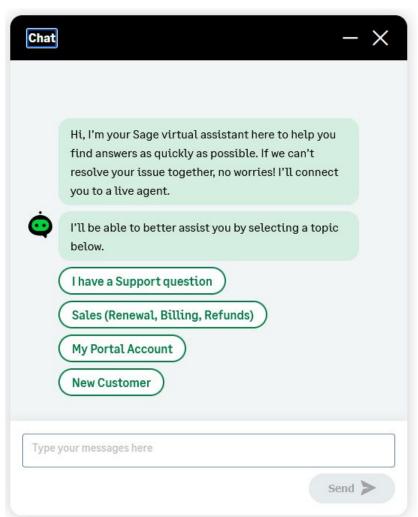
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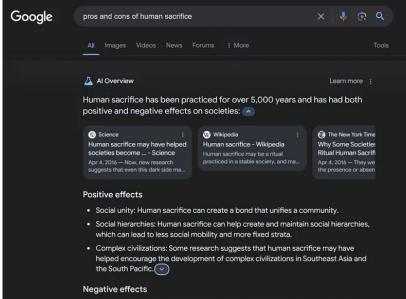


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Social Responsibility

"the contribution that librarianship can make in ameliorating or solving the critical problems of society; support for efforts to help inform and educate the people of the United States on these problems and to encourage them to examine the many views on and the facts regarding each problem; and the willingness of ALA to take a position on current critical issues with the relationship to libraries and library service set forth in the position statement."

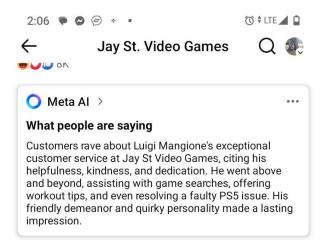


- Blood frenzy: Human sacrifice can lead to mass killings and blood frenzies that destabilize society.
- Less egalitarian societies: Human sacrifice can make societies less egalitarian and give rise to strict class systems.
- Political purposes: Human sacrifice can be used for political purposes, such as intimidation.

Human sacrifice has been used for many purposes, including:

- · To appease gods
- To mark important events, such as the death of a leader or the construction of a house or boat
- · To punish taboo violations
- · To demoralize the underclass
- · To instill fear of social elites
- · To maintain or cement power
- To proclaim divinity

Social Responsibility



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Market Summary > NVIDIA Corp

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Research Libraries Guiding Principles for Artificial Intelligence (arl.org)

Google Search Is Dead, And Al Is To Blame



Looking things up on Google is now is a foolish and pointless endeavor thanks to inaccurate Al garbage and ads being prioritized over actual search results (and the truth.)



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Google Al's hilariously bad answers aren't the big problem

When a search engine is ridiculously wrong, we can deal with it. But Al's subtler mistakes and general sloppiness are a more serious long-term problem.

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Google's generative Al fails 'will slowly erode our trust in Google' Those erroneous search results were just the AI doing its job, says Google—"Prior to these screenshots going viral, practically no one asked Google that question"



By Andy Edser published May 31, 2024

Poor Al Overview, being put to the mercy of the internet. Give it a break, would you?

INSIDER

Google AI said to put glue in pizza
— so I made a pizza with glue and
ate it

Katie Notopoulos

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Google scales back AI search answers after it told users to eat glue

The tech giant put Al-generated answers at the top of search results for most people in the United States two weeks ago.



By Gerrit De Vynck

Forbes senior reporter.

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BREAKING

Google Restricts AI Search Tool
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Told People To Eat Rocks And
Put Glue On Pizza

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Opinion

Sure, Google's AI overviews could be useful - if you like eating rocks

John Naughton

Google's AI Overview Is Spreading Conspiracies and Could Encourage Self-Harm

The search giant's new "AI Overview" results are sometimes ridiculous — and potentially dangerous to the public

TIM DICKINSON

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Google's weird AI answers hint at a fundamental problem



Analysis by Will Oremus

May 29, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. EDT

Google explains why Al Overviews

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Al Overviews can't take a joke, apparently.

By Meera Navlakha on May 31, 2024

'Al Overviews' Is a Mess, and It Seems Like Google Knows It

No, you actually shouldn't add glue to your pizza.

A Michelle Ehrhardt

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Google admits its AI
Overviews can generate
"some odd, inaccurate"
results

Edited By Anne Marie Lee

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Google's AI Overviews Fail at Fact-Finding but Excel at Entertaining, and Other AI News

Get up to speed on the rapidly evolving world of Al with our roundup of the week's developments.

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THE INDUSTRY

Google Is in Its Elizabeth Holmes Era

Would you eat glue? Smoke while pregnant? Google's A.I. search thinks you should.

BY NITISH PAHWA

MAY 30, 2024

Google's Al Overviews Weren't Ready for Prime Time. Here's Why

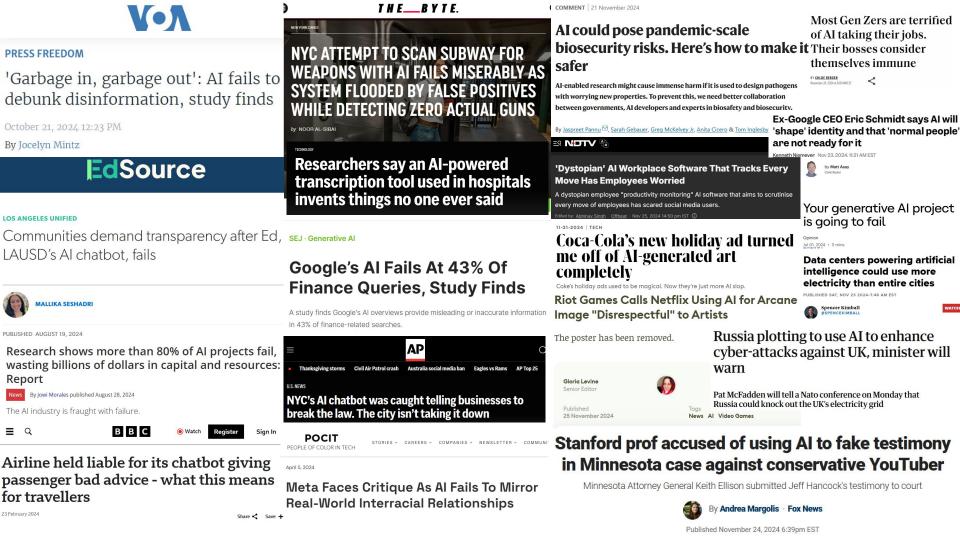
After its new search experience resulted in public embarrassment, Google is making changes and vowing to "keep improving."

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Google defends AI search results after they told us to put glue on pizza / Google blames 'data voids' and edge cases for its bad AI-generated search results.

By Kylie Robison, a senior Al reporter working with The Verge's policy and tech teams. She previously worked at Fortune Magazine and Business Insider.

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Libraries democratize access to artificial intelligence tools and technology to foster digital literacy among all people.



Libraries commit to understanding where distortions and biases are present in AI models and applications.

Numbers don't always tell the truth

Mark J. Girouard, an employment attorney at Nilan Johnson Lewis, says one of his clients was vetting a company selling a resume screening tool, but didn't want to make the decision until they knew what the algorithm was prioritizing in a person's CV.

After an audit of the algorithm, the resume screening company found that the algorithm found two factors to be most indicative of job performance: their name was Jared, and whether they played high school lacrosse. Girouard's client did not use the tool.

The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

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An AI companion suggested he kill his parents. Now his mom is suing.

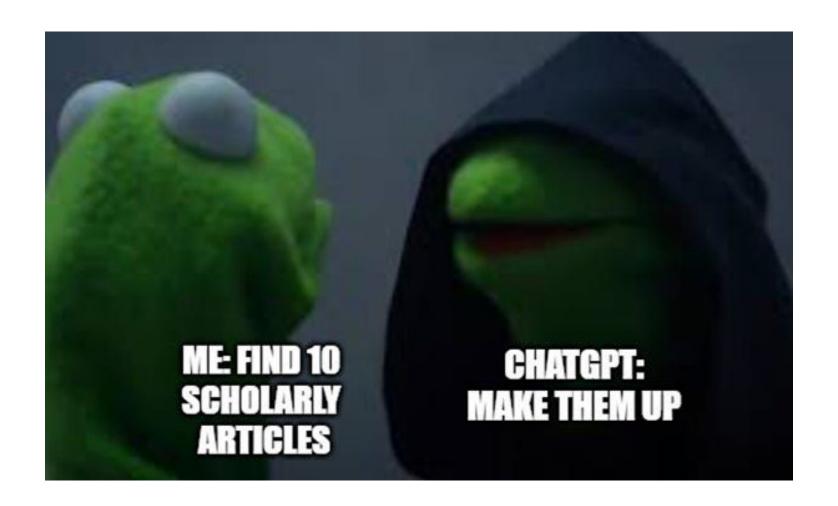
A new Texas lawsuit against Character.ai, alleging its chatbots poisoned a son against his family, is part of a push to increase oversight of Al companions.

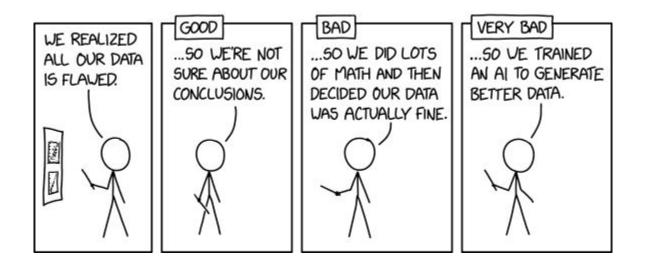
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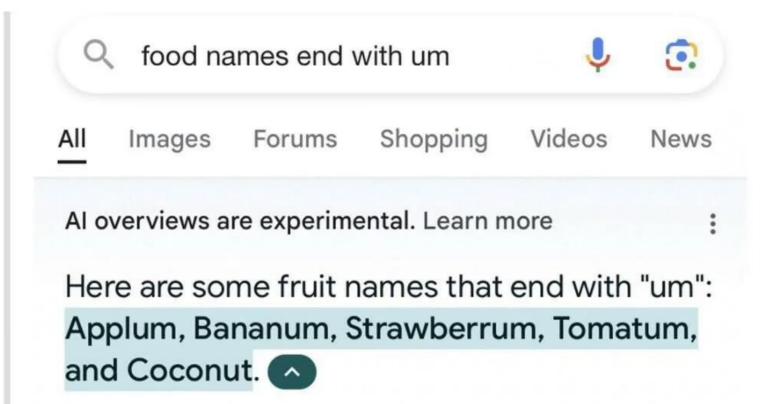
Libraries champion transparency and information integrity.





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Fire Ant (red imported) (Solenopsis invica)
(isolated colonies recorded, none established)
Imported from South America in the 1930s, the Imported
Red Fire Ant is classified as an Invasive Species of
Concern in Maryland. While this species has been found
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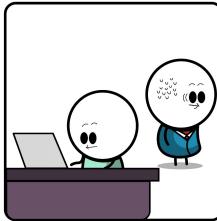
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Libraries believe "no human, no AI."







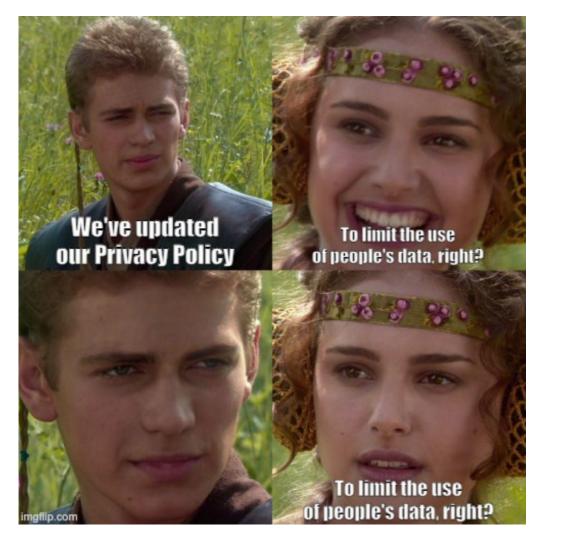




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Libraries prioritize the security and privacy of users in the use of AI tools, technology, and training data.



Libraries assert that copyright law in the US and Canada is flexible and robust enough to respond to many copyright issues that arise from the intersection of technology and artificial intelligence.

From "Library Copyright Alliance Principles for Copyright and Artificial Intelligence"

"AI has the potential to disrupt many professions, not just individual creators. The response to this disruption (e.g., support for worker retraining through institutions such as community colleges and public libraries) should be developed on an economy-wide basis, and copyright law should not be treated as a means for addressing these broader societal challenges."

https://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/AI-principles.pdf

We Asked A.I. to Create the Joker. It Generated a Copyrighted Image.

The tools can make an image based on simple text prompts, which raises concerns that they could exploit artists and violate copyright in the process.



The New York Times

PRINCIPLE 7

Libraries negotiate to preserve the scholarly use of digital information.





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"The real problem of humanity is the following: We have Paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions and godlike technology. And it is terrifically dangerous, and it is now approaching a point of crisis overall."

Edward O. Wilson

communication and even therapy, highlighting how some individuals may feel more comfortable interacting with AI in certain contexts. There was all mention of personal experiences related to education and the challenges of transcription, which could reflect on the broader implications of technological description. in learning environments. The conversation seemed to weave in philosophical reflections, possibly indicating a deeper exploration of how technology intersects with human experiences. What aspects of their discussion stood out to you, or is there a specific topic you would like to delve deeper into Their feelings about AI in general Chatbot Avatar In the session with Thomas and Sam, there were mixed feelings about AI. They acknowledged the potential of AI to assist in various tasks, such as modeling and design, but also expressed caution regarding its implications. There was a concern about the perception of AI as having human-like qualities, which can lead to misunderstandings about its capabilities and limitations. They highlight the importance of critical thinking when engaging with AI, emphasizing that while it can be a useful tool, it should not replace human intelligence or creativity. The discussion also touched on the societal impacts of AI, including fears about job displacement and wealth inequality, suggesting that v Al could bring about significant changes, it also raises important ethical and practical questions. What do you think are the most pressing ethical

Hi! I'm here to talk with you about the MD Tech Connect Conference. Start the conversation by telling me what your favorite session is or what sess you would like to talk to me about. Sam: The one with Thomas and Sam Chatbot: It seems like the session with Thomas and Sam touched on vario themes, including the role of artificial intelligence in education and human interaction. They discussed the potential benefits of AI in facilitating

considerations regarding AI that we should be aware of as we move forward? How it intersects with our library values Chatbot Avatar The intersecti of AI with library values is a significant theme discussed in the session. Libraries traditionally prioritize access to information, equity, and community service, and these values can be challenged by the implementation of AI technologies. For instance, the ethical considerations surrounding AI, sucl data privacy, bias, and the digital divide, directly relate to the library's mission to provide equitable access to information for all community members There is a concern that AI could exacerbate existing inequalities if not implemented thoughtfully, as it may benefit those who are already tech-savvy while alienating others. Additionally, the role of libraries as trusted community resources means they have a responsibility to educate patrons about

including its benefits and potential harms. This aligns with the library's commitment to fostering informed communities and promoting critical thinking How do you think libraries can best navigate the challenges posed by AI while staying true to their core values? I want to know whether we should up the challenges posed by AI while staying true to their core values?

generative AI in libraries, according to Thomas and Sam Chatbot Avatar According to the discussion by Thomas and Sam, there is a nuanced perspective on the use of generative AI in libraries. They recognize that while generative AI has potential applications, such as assisting with tasks creating book club questions or lesson plans, there are significant ethical considerations and potential harms that need to be addressed. They suggested the contract of the c that libraries should engage with AI technology but do so with caution. The emphasis is on teaching patrons about AI responsibly, ensuring that use

understand its limitations and the importance of critical thinking when using these tools. They argue that libraries should not fully embrace generative

Al without considering its implications on equity and the potential for unequal benefits in society. Ultimately, the stance seems to be that while

generative AI can be a useful tool, libraries should approach its use thoughtfully and ensure that it aligns with their mission to serve the community equitably. What are your thoughts on how libraries can balance the benefits of generative AI with the need for ethical considerations? Scroll to botto Message... Powered By Evolve Project and ByWater Solutions