



Future of Libraries 2022: Expanding Your Toolbox for a Changing World

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 | San Francisco Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin St.

- 9:00 a.m. **WELCOMING REMARKS**
- Rebekah Gonzalez, *PLP Staff Development Committee Members*
 - Carol Frost, *CEO Pacific Library Partnership*
 - Katrin Reimuller, *Chief of the Main Library, San Francisco Public Library*
- 9:15 a.m. **Confronting Disinformation and Book Bans by Cultivating Critical Thinking and Empathy**
- Frieda Afary, *Ret. Los Angeles Public Library*
- From Critical Thinking to Critical Race Theory: Unearthing History**
- Wonda Powell, *Professor Emerita of History, Los Angeles Southwest College*
- 10:45 a.m. *Break*
- 11:00 a.m. **Serving Unhoused Members of Your Community, Moderated by Abby O'Neill**
- Kimberli Buckley, *Senior Community Library Manager, Contra Costa County Library*
 - Abby O'Neill, *Library Services Manager, Contra Costa County Library*
 - Gia Paolini, *Senior Community Library Manager, Contra Costa County Library*
 - Derek Wolfgram, *Library Director, Redwood City Public Library*
- 11:45 a.m. *Lunch*
- 1:15 p.m. **Student Success Initiatives: Library Cards for Youth, Moderated by Tarri Ryan**
- Nathan Brumley, *Assistant Director, Livermore Public Library*
 - Mary Corpora, *Librarian, Pleasanton Public Library*
 - Lauren Hancock, *Expanded Learning Manager, San Jose Public Library*
 - Tarri Ryan, *Youth and Outreach Manager, Mountain View Public Library*
- 2:00 p.m. *Break*
- 2:15 p.m. **Library of Things: Beyond Traditional Lending, Moderated by Thomas Fassett**
- Tierney Alvarado, *Librarian, Livermore Public Library*
 - Thomas Fassett, *Librarian, Sunnyvale Public Library*
 - Rainn Shaw, *Senior Library Assistant, Oakland Tool Library*
 - Megan Stroup Tristao, *Adult Services Librarian, Santa Clara City Library*
- 3:00 p.m. **Controlled digital lending for equitable access: Lessons learned from implementing CDL**
- Joanna Messer Kimmitt, *Director of Library Programs & Services, Cabrillo College*
- 3:45 p.m. **Closing the Day**

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Thank you for attending. See you at Future of Libraries 2023!

Speaker Bios (in order of appearance)

Keynote Speaker - *Confronting Disinformation and Book Bans by Cultivating Critical Thinking and Empathy*

Frieda Afary is an Iranian American librarian, translator and writer. She has served as an adult librarian at the Los Angeles Public Library for over twenty years. Her work has included organizing many library programs on philosophy, literature, economics, feminism, U.S. history and current world events. She is the 2023 – 2024 co-chair of the Pen Translation Committee and an active member of the American Library Association. Her book, *Socialist Feminism: A New Approach* was just published by Pluto Press.

Keynote Speaker - *From Critical Thinking to Critical Race Theory: Unearthing History*

Wonda Powell, Professor Emerita of History/Ethnic Studies at Los Angeles Southwest College, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and University of California Los Angeles respectively. Her Master's Program included History and Ethnic Studies with a special interest in African American Folklore. She is a writer, poet, and in the words of Bertolt Brecht, "a worker who reads". Her long academic career of over 40 years includes teaching in the Los Angeles Community College District, tenure as Department Chair of Behavioral and Social Science, Passage Program at UC Irvine, California State University Los Angeles, and numerous other conference and community engagements.

Panel - *Serving Unhoused Members of Your Community*

Kimberli Buckley works as a Senior Community Library Manager with Contra Costa County Library. She has over 15 years of experience in the library field. She especially enjoys planning programs and working with teens. She has a passion for teaching and is currently a lecturer at San Jose State University's School of Information. Kimberli has done extensive work on serving unhoused patrons at the library and is a strong advocate for homelessness awareness and community outreach. She also teaches classes that focus on adulting & life skills and her book *Teaching Life Skills at the Library* released in July 2022.

Abby O'Neill is the Library Services Manager at the Contra Costa County Library. Previously she worked at Cuyahoga County Library in Reference, Supervision in Circulation, Branch Staffing Coordinator. She also directed operations for incoming freshman at Cleveland State University, worked as a DJ and Promotions director at WCSB, taught ESOL in Japan, Trained Trainers in Thailand and Vietnam, worked with Project Read, teaching literacy. She recruited, hired, and trained adults living in underserved communities as a JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) coordinator with the County of Orange. She also worked for the Orange County Sheriff where she designed curriculum and training programs for regional, state, and national agencies.

Gia Paolini has been working in libraries for 20+ years in a variety of positions from academic, art, and public libraries. She has been with Contra Costa County for 14 years, 7 of which have been in her current position as Senior Community Library Manager at the San Pablo Library, an urban library serving a diverse city of 35,000 plus portions of Richmond. Gia oversees a staff of 12 who offer engaging and innovative programs for all community members.

Derek Wolfgram is Director of Redwood City Public Library, where he focuses on community collaborations, equity, and inclusion efforts, and creating experiences to help people share the joys of literacy and learning. Since earning his MLS from Kent State University, Derek's 25-year career in public libraries also included administrative roles at Denver Public Library, Butte County Library, and Santa Clara County Library District. Derek is Treasurer and past President of California Library Association, Chair of the PLA Leadership Development Committee, and a Community Advisory Board Member for San Mateo County Pride Center, in addition to several other local board responsibilities.

Panel - *Student Success Initiative: Library Cards for Youth*

Lauren Hancock has spent more than 20 years working as an educator and advocate for student-centered learning. Since 2017, Lauren has worked to support and develop the San Jose Public Library (SJPL)'s Education and Digital Literacy Strategy. As a Program Administrator her work strengthens SJPL's expanded learning programs through the Student Library Card Initiative, overseeing relevant workforce development programs, and expanding the library's network of outside education providers through partnerships and advocacy. Prior to her work with SJPL she was a project fellow at the Stafford School and worked in Family Programs at Google.

Nathan Brumley is the Assistant Library Services Director at the Livermore Public Library. In addition to general library management duties, he directly oversees Youth Services, which includes children, teens, and families. Community partnerships have always been a focus for him, and he was fortunate enough to be there when talks (with an amazing partner) around a Student Success program with the local school district began.

Tarri Ryan is Library Manager, Youth and Outreach for Mountain View Public Library. She has worked in museums and libraries throughout her career and actively seeks ways to combine best practices and research from both sectors to enhance public libraries. Having grown up on a remote island in Alaska, she is keenly aware of how library access broadens experiences. Tarri earned her MLIS from Wayne State University and completed further post graduate work in children's literature from the University of Roehampton. Her current pile of books includes titles about children's educational environments and post-WWII history. Find her on weekends pulling on her wetsuit or seeking the best hidden spots in San Francisco.

Mary Corpora is a Librarian at the Pleasanton Public Library where she has worked for the last 20 years. Before coming to Pleasanton, she worked at the Livermore Public Library and before that was a special librarian at the Maxtor Corporation. She began coordinating Pleasanton's Student Success program in 2020, after its initial launch in 2017. When not making library services more easily available to the youthful masses, she enjoys quoting Brooklyn 99 with her 14-year-old son, discussing skincare products with her 12-year-old daughter, and drinking mai tais with her husband and friends.

Panel - *Library of Things: Beyond Traditional Lending*

Thomas Fassett is an adult services librarian with Sunnyvale Public Library. Under his guidance, Sunnyvale's Library of Things has developed from a scattering of odd objects into a cohesive, branded collection that made its debut to the public this summer. He runs technology-related programs at the Library, as well as large events and cultural programs.

Tierney Alvarado is a youth services librarian with the Livermore Public Library. She led the creation of a Library of Things there in 2016, starting with board games, telescopes, and sewing machines. Community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and the Library of Things has now expanded to include some 400 items.

Rainn Shaw is the Senior Library Assistant at Oakland Public Library. Rainn has been with Oakland Public Library since 2013, as manager of the Tool Lending Library since 2018. She is currently attending San Jose State University in pursuit of a graduate degree in Library and Information Science. Her long-term career goals include curating a social justice-oriented collection in adult services as a branch manager and adult reference librarian. Rainn's proudest accomplishment is sharing information with other library systems starting their own special collection of tools.

Megan Stroup Tristao has fused her love of the outdoors and her love of libraries by creating a circulating hiking collection at the Santa Clara City Library. Special items include hiking backpacks, hiking poles and bear canisters, all of which have been very popular in the community. She also created book club kits for checkout. In both cases, she worked closely with other library divisions including Technical Services and Circulation to make these programs a success.

Presentation - *Controlled Digital Lending for Equitable Access*

Joanna Messer Kimmitt is the Director of Library Programs & Services at Cabrillo College. She has extensive experience in public and academic library consortium services, personnel management, systems and metadata, instruction in both professional development and academic programs, and user experience assessment in online and face-to-face environments. Joanna's recent work has focused on textbook affordability, controlled digital lending, person-centered management, and responses to burnout through organizing efforts in libraries. She is active in ALA's Core and ACRL divisions and is the current chair for MOBAC's Administrative Council.