

Future of Libraries 2024 - Navigating Change: Tools for Conquering Contemporary Challenges

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 | San Francisco Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin St.

- 9:00 a.m. **WELCOMING REMARKS**
- Tierney Alvarado, *PLP Staff Development Committee*
 - Dolly Goyal, *Chief of Public Services, San Francisco Public Library*
 - Carol Frost, *CEO Pacific Library Partnership*
- 9:15 a.m. **Between the Lines: Decoding and Defying Censorship in Libraries**
- Erin Berman, *Division Director of Equitable Libraries, Alameda County Library*
 - Justin Wasterlain, *Assistant Director, Pacific Library Partnership*
- 10:45 a.m. *Break*
- 11:00 a.m. **Future of the MLIS Degree**, moderated by Rebekah Gonzalez
- Jayanti Addleman, *Director of Library Services, Hayward Public Library*
 - Henry Bankhead, *Deputy Director of Library Services, Berkeley Public Library*
 - Dr. Anthony Chow, *Director, SJSU School of Information*
- 11:45 a.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. **Networking Event**
- An opportunity to meet and connect with other attendees.
- 1:30 p.m. **Serving a Multilingual Community**
- Maynard Martinez, *Librarian II, Mountain View Public Library*
 - Joe Stoner, *Library Manager, Newark Branch, Alameda County Library*
 - Xima Avalos, *Adult Services Manager, Mission Branch, San Francisco Public Library*
 - Richard Le, *Branch Manager, North Beach Branch, San Francisco Public Library*
- 2:30 p.m. *Break*
- 2:45 p.m. **Sustainability Programming & Projects**, moderated by Jodi Jirsa
- Carla Avitabile, *Adult Services Librarian, San Mateo Public Library*
 - Albert Garcia, *Community Library Manager, Contra Costa County Library*
 - Julie Moore, *Adult Services Librarian, Sunnyvale Public Library*
- 3:45 p.m. **Closing the Day**

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Thank you for attending. See you at Future of Libraries 2025!

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

The San Francisco Public Library Commission acknowledges that we occupy the unceded Ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. We recognize that the Ramaytush Ohlone understand the interconnectedness of all things and have maintained harmony with nature for millennia. We honor the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples for their enduring commitment to wahrep, Mother Earth.

As the Indigenous protectors of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. We recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. As uninvited guests, we affirm their sovereign rights as First Peoples and wish to pay our respects to the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Ramaytush Community. We recognize to respectfully honor Ramaytush peoples we must embrace and collaborate meaningfully to record Indigenous knowledge in how we care for San Francisco and all its people.

Speaker Bios

Keynote Speakers –*Between the Lines: Decoding and Defying Censorship in Libraries*

Erin Berman is a fierce privacy advocate, formerly leading the American Library Association’s Privacy Subcommittee. As Innovations Manager for San José Public Library, she published the book *Your Technology Outreach Adventure: Tools for Human-Centered Problem Solving*. Currently, she works as the Equitable Libraries Division Director for the Alameda County Library in California and is the co-editor of ALA’s next edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual*. (ErinBerman@aclibrary.org)

Justin Wasterlain is the Assistant Director of the Pacific Library Partnership, a trainer for the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom’s Law for Librarians program, and a member of CLA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee. Over the past 27 years, he’s worked in a wide variety of library positions, from Page to Management Analyst. In 2007, his interest in privacy and First Amendment issues led him to drop out of a Mortuary Science program and pursue an MLIS degree. Occasionally he second guesses that decision, but overall, it seems to have worked out alright. (wasterlain@plpinfo.org)

Future of the MLIS Degree

Jayanti Addleman has been the Library Director at Hayward since 2019 and prior to that was the County Librarian at the County of Monterey for 12 years. She has worked in a variety of academic and public libraries, as well as in private industry. She has served as President of both the California Library Association and of the California County Librarians Association. Jayanti has been the recipient of many awards recognizing her professional and volunteer contributions, including one of Monterey County’s Outstanding Women and ALA’s “I Love my Librarian” award. (Jayanti.addleman@hayward-ca.gov)

Henry Bankhead is the Deputy Director of the Berkeley Public Library where he works as part of a team to eliminate systemic barriers to resources and services. Previously, he was the City Librarian/Assistant Library and Recreation Director for San Rafael where he used the tools of design thinking to open a new mall library location in a former Payless Shoe Store. Prior to San Rafael, Henry worked at the Los Gatos Library where he was a champion of eBook self-publishing; for his work in this area, he was named a Library Journal Mover & Shaker in 2014. (hbankhead@berkeleyca.gov)

Dr. Anthony Chow is a full professor and director of the School of Information at San José State University. His areas of expertise include information seeking behavior, emerging technologies and library technology integration including AI, leadership and organizational management, UX and usability, and instructional design and technology including online learning. He has served as an LIS faculty member for the past 25 years and has his PhD in instructional systems design and MS in educational psychology from Florida State University. He currently is a

board of director with the California Library Association, the Chinese American Library Association, and Little Free Library and the founder and project director of Reading Nation Waterfall, a \$1.4 million IMLS grant focused on early children's literacy in Native American communities. (a.chow@sjsu.edu)

Serving a Multilingual Community

Maynard Martinez has been a Youth Services and Outreach librarian for over 20 years. He grew up in the San Francisco Mission District and worked at the Mission Branch library for San Francisco Public Library in the mid '90s. He moved to Mountain View and received his MLIS from San Jose State University in 2000. He was hired full-time at Mountain View Public Library that same year and has been there ever since. He is currently the Outreach Librarian where he visits schools, senior homes and does a weekly storytime at various parks throughout Mountain View, among other things. (maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov)

Joe Stoner grew up in rural New Mexico. He worked as a cross-country 18-wheeler truck driver before becoming a librarian. He has managed the Newark Library for 7.5 years. Before that he worked for the Las Vegas-Clark County NV Library District for 11 years. He has played trombone in parades, parks, schools, and casinos for library outreach. (jstoner@aclibrary.org)

Xima Avalos is the Adult Services Manager of the Mission Branch of the San Francisco Public Library. She grew up in National City, California, and received her MA in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona in 2005. She began her library work volunteering for Reading is Fundamental drives in the '90s and for the last few years, her work at SFPL has focused on providing library services to Spanish-speaking patrons throughout the city.

Richard Le is the North Beach Branch Manager for the San Francisco Public Library. He received his MLIS degree from San Jose State University in 2008. Richard has worked as a librarian for different Bay Area library systems (San Jose Public, San Rafael Public and San Mateo County Libraries) and taught information literacy, genealogy and business-related database classes. He spoke at professional conferences (e.g., ALA, CLA, Internet Librarian, REFORMA & CALA) on emerging library technologies. Combining his love for research, teaching, and storytelling, Richard currently holds virtual genealogy workshops and conducts walking tours of San Francisco's Chinatown and North Beach neighborhoods.

Sustainability Programming & Projects

Carla Avitabile has worked as a librarian for 12 years, the last six have been at the San Mateo Public Library. Her focus is primarily teen services, but she also participates in a variety of adult programs. Some of her professional interests include serving underserved populations, collaboration in and out of the library, teen services, and sustainability programs. She was the project coordinator for a 2022/2023 Sustainability Grant at the San Mateo Public Library: Sustainability for All; with 21 events and workshops with 757 participants.

Albert Garcia has been with the Contra Costa County Library since 2008 as a Library Assistant, Librarian, and a Community Library Manager. He received a BA from U.C. Berkeley and an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of London before graduating from the University of North Texas with an MS in Library Science. Albert is currently the Adult Services Librarian supporting staff and partnering with County departments and organizations throughout the County.

Julie Moore is an Adult Services librarian at Sunnyvale Public Library. She grew up in Tampa, Florida, and received her MLIS from the University of South Florida. She began her library career in academic libraries and joined public librarianship in 2018. She leads environmental and sustainable library programs for adults. (jmoore@sunnyvale.ca.gov)