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AI & Automation Workflows for Libraries
SPEAKER:
Amanda Sweet
Nebraska Library Commission

The speaker provided background on the various uses of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in library settings. Suggestions include writing captions for alt text, website development, and analyzing survey data. To add AI to a library's workflow, she recommends planning, identifying opportunities, and involving humans in the process. She discusses the various ways AI works - Large Language Models, Retrieval-Augmented Generation, and agentic AI. Takeaway: AI is changing how things are done, but people should always stay in the loop; library services could get lost, but libraries should work to avoid creating social isolation.

Does AI Give Good Advice
SPEAKER:
Meredith Broussard
Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute of New York University and NYU Alliance for Public Interest Technology

The speaker traced AI's history back to 1956, when a computer played chess. She explained how AI models work and fail, and that, at best, ChatGPT gives mediocre advice. She also notes that the medical advice is “worse than you can imagine.” She reminds us that AI is a tool. She says students aren't learning the fundamentals because they rely on AI, so they are de-skilling. Takeaways: She suggests that we need to invest in making things good, and digital resources need people.

AI with Heart
SPEAKER::
Jaci Cooper
Kent District Library

The speaker explored themes related to bringing AI into the library for both staff and patrons. She notes that AI is changing the behavior of both the staff and patrons. Libraries have to discern what is quality, what the possibilities are, and how to navigate AI. Libraries should also explore how AI meets the library’s standards. Takeaways: AI literacy is Information Literacy, and she reminds us that we are experts in Information Literacy.