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While approximately 66% of US adults actively interact with AI tools on a weekly basis, only 1% of public libraries have established an active AI strategic plan. As public institutions, libraries face both an urgent responsibility and a key opportunity to lead their communities in navigating artificial intelligence safely, ethically, and critically.

- **The Strategic Adoption Gap**: While roughly 66% of US adults use AI weekly, only 1% of libraries currently have an active AI strategic plan—highlighting an important leadership opportunity for public libraries.

- **Practical Automation & RAG:** Amanda Sweet (Nebraska Library Commission) outlined low-friction library applications (ADA alt-text generation, survey sentiment analysis) and how Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) reduces AI hallucinations using curated internal library data.

- **Critical AI Literacy & Liability**: Dr. Meredith Broussard addressed the "beginner vs. expert paradox" in AI advice, next-token prediction mechanics, and emerging insurance policy carve-outs regarding generative AI risks.

- **Information Literacy Reframe**: Jaci Cooper (Kent District Library) framed AI adoption as an evolution of information literacy—shifting the librarian's primary role from content retrieval to teaching discernment, evaluation, and verification.