**Emerging Tech Trends for 2022 and Beyond**

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Technology has changed the face of libraries and is continuing to change how we work and how we deliver services to customers. In fact, the past few years have pushed us, and in some cases made us scramble, to discover and experiment with new technologies and tools, to train our staff and community, and to look for new ways of doing our core activities. This presentation introduces emerging technology trends and shows how those trends are reshaping library services. Examples are provided of how to incorporate and adapt these evolving trends into libraries. Learn what trends to look for, find out the difference between a technology trend and a fad, and get ideas on how your library can respond to technologies as they emerge.

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| **What are your goals for viewing this webinar?** | |
| **Personal Goals** |  |
| **Team Goals** |  |
| **Tech Trends** | |
| David provided an overview of nine tech trends. Consider or discuss further, how libraries might respond to, incorporate and/or adapt these evolving trends into library services and offerings. Explore the [examples shared on the event page](https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/emerging-tech-trends-for-2022-and-beyond.html).   * Going Digital * Internet of Things * Wearables * Artificial Intelligence (AI) * Autonomous Things * Conversational Systems * Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) * E-Sports * Privacy | |

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| **Equity and Accessibility in Tech Trends** |
| Some libraries are leveraging emerging technologies to provide learning opportunities aligned with equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) efforts. Explore the [examples shared on the event page](https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/emerging-tech-trends-for-2022-and-beyond.html), including Richland Library’s [My Life Experience Mobile Empathy Lab](https://www.urbanlibraries.org/innovations/my-life-experience-mobile-empathy-lab) which has provided opportunities for patrons to walk in someone else’s shoes to experience the effects of both racism and homelessness.  How can your library’s decisions about trends put EDI at the center of your planning?  Which tools create more opportunities for the community to learn about each other and create more empathy?  And while some technologies improve accessibility for all, others perhaps create new sets of issues for people with disabilities. How can your library prioritize accessibility in the technology decisions you make? |
| **Library as Social Connector** |
| Technology has dramatically changed how we move through life. Even though emerging technologies bring increased opportunities for us to connect across virtual spaces, studies show that our communities are experiencing a steady erosion of social cohesion, pointing to an increase in loneliness, depression, and separation because of too much time spent online and too little time spent in community.  What is the library's role in nurturing social connection, in spite of the ways technology can increase isolation? Review the [examples shared on the event page](https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/emerging-tech-trends-for-2022-and-beyond.html), along with the WebJunction webinar, [The Library as Social Connector: Forging Community Connection](https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/library-as-social-connector-webinar.html), to identify emerging technologies which provide opportunities to bring the community together for active, participatory and shared experiences that can help amplify social connection and build social infrastructure. |
| **Predicting the Future** |
| David shared a number of examples of news headlines about emerging technologies. Brainstorm three future headlines that might tell the story of libraries intersecting with emerging technologies. What’s the library story you imagine unfolding?   1. **Racial Literacy** |

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| **Action Plan: (include next steps, when, who, etc.)** |

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