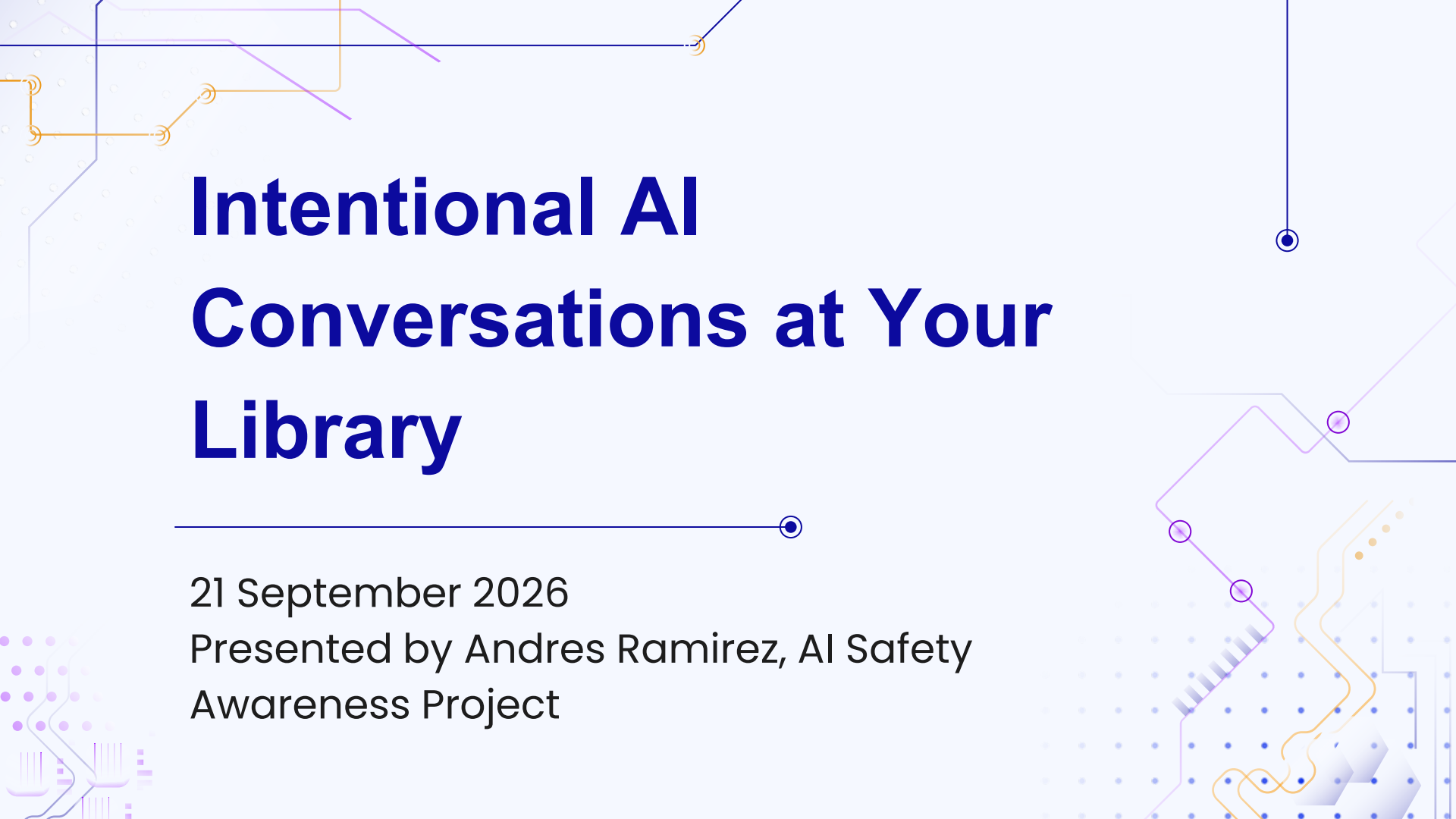




Intentional AI Conversations at Your Library

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About AI Safety Awareness Project

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Our Mission: AI will affect everyone, everyone should have a voice in the direction of this tech
- **Knowledge** → Opinion → Voice
- Education and Engagement on AI Safety and Risks
 - Staff Training
 - Community Workshops
 - Facilitated Discussions



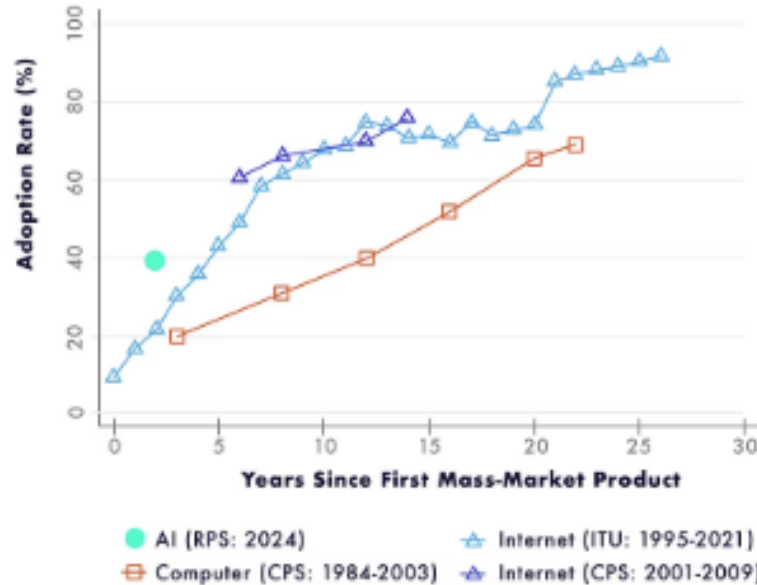
Library's Core Values

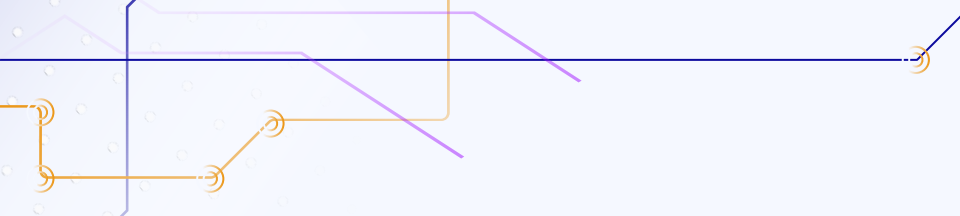
- Access
- Equity
- Public Good
- Intellectual Freedom & Privacy
- Sustainability

AI Affects All of These!

Two Trajectories

The Trajectory of Computer, Internet, and AI Adoption



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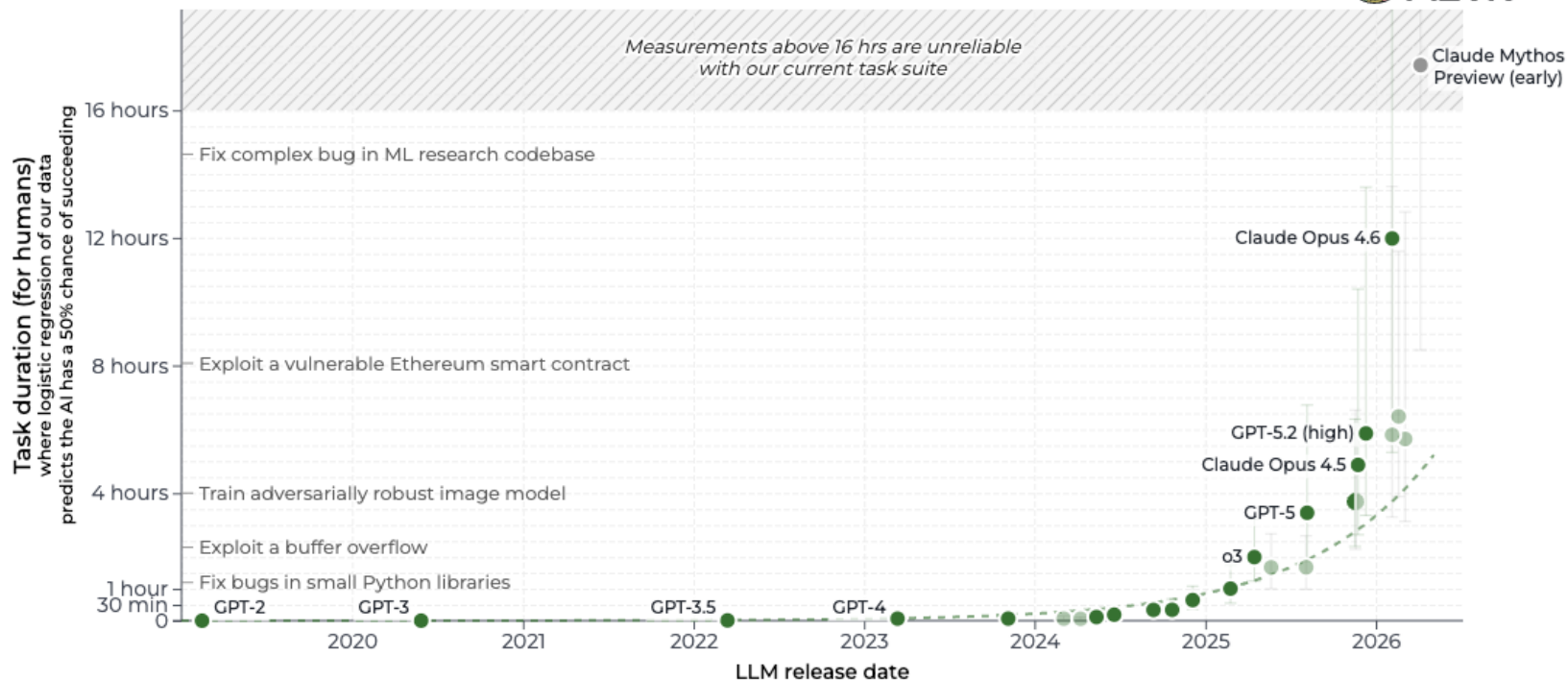
Answer in chat:

**What kind of AI questions are
you getting from your patrons?**

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Library Staff and their Communities Have Questions...

How will AI
affect my job?

What information is
safe to share with
AI models?

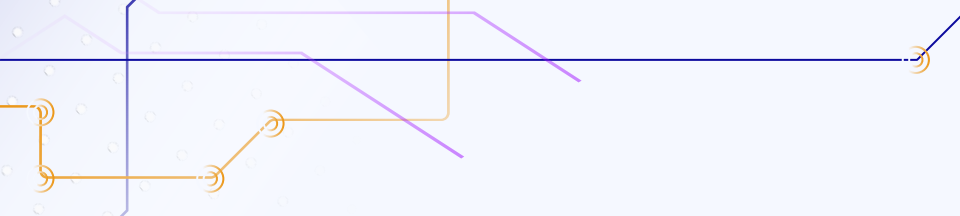
How will AI
affect my
community?

How do I know
if content is AI
generated?

How can I use
AI safely?

Overwhelmed!



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Answer in chat:

**What are a few words to
describe how you feel about AI
progress?**

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The Path Forward

*I don't know what's
going on.*



*I'm not in control of
my future - or present.*

*I am stuck reacting to
things and its
exhausting.*

AI is inevitable.





A Better Way

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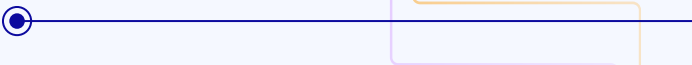
AI is inevitable.

*I know what a good
AI future looks like
for me, my family,
my friends - my
community.*

THE SHIFT

Why the Hugging Face Hack Should Make You Worry More About A.I.

The attack by an aggressive “collective” of OpenAI agents shows the danger of artificial intelligence systems that organize themselves.



Anthropic Researcher Quits Over 'Out-of-Control' AI Fears

Concerns are rising inside AI labs that competition is pushing tech companies to race toward self-improving models that risk spiraling out of human control





Facilitated Discussions!

How Facilitated Conversations Work

- You pick one date in October
- You pick one topic from a menu we provide – everything from "AI and your job" to "AI and child safety" to "what could AI look like in 10 years"
- You print out the discussion guide we send you
- You gather your patrons (could be 8 people, could be 80!)
- You follow the guide. It tells you what to say, what questions to ask, how to handle hard moments
- 1 hour later... **your community has had a real, intentional conversation about where AI is and where it's headed**

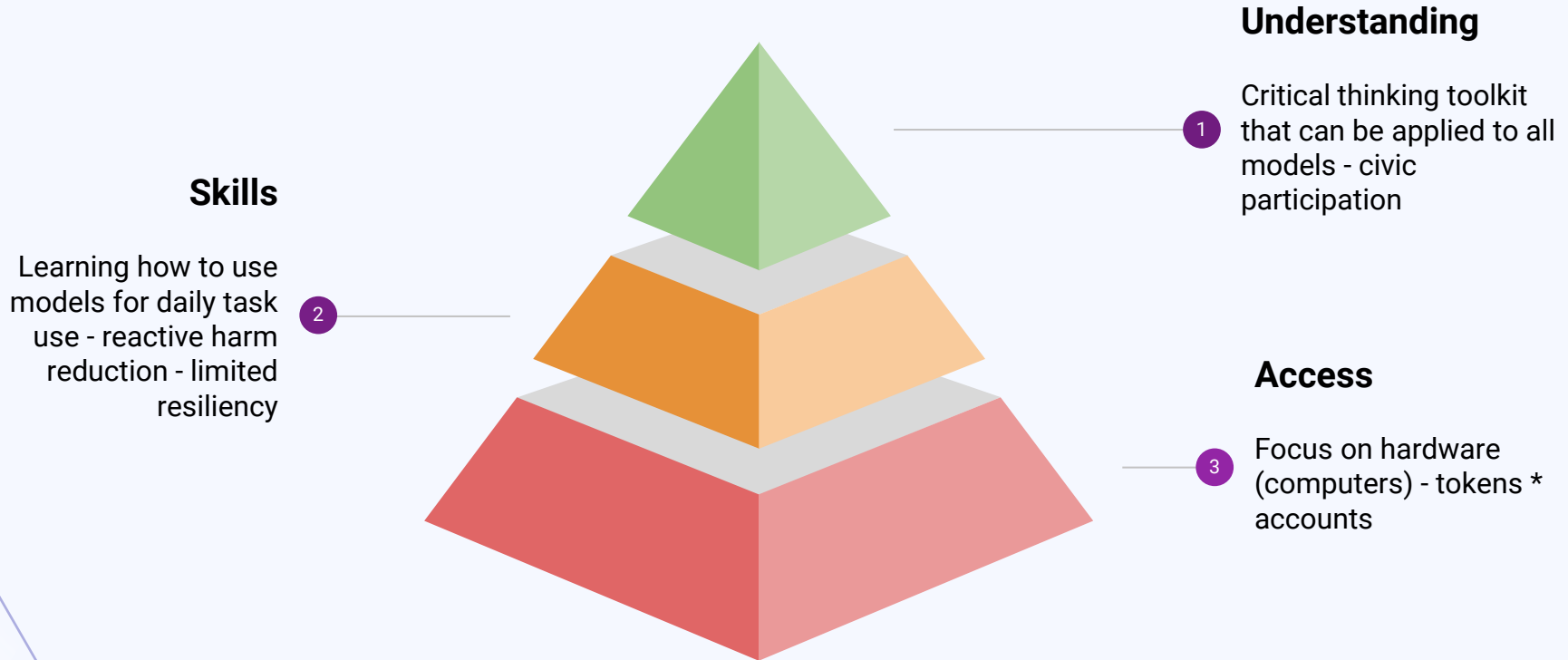


**You Don't Need to Be an AI
Expert!**

Resources Provided

- Full discussion materials: Sent as soon as you sign up. Discussion guide, glossary, FAQ, facilitator tips.
- A marketing kit: Editable flyer and event calendar blurb.
- Training: Either a group training session through your system or a 1-on-1 call with us if you'd prefer.
- Office hours: We hold open office hours in the run-up to October.
- A peer network: A Slack channel with every participating library.
- A national calendar: Your event goes on the national map at aisafetyconversations.org the moment you sign up. **You're part of something visible and larger than your branch.**

Pyramid of Effectiveness





Our Website and Materials

How can you get involved?

- Knowledge → Opinion → Voice
- You can lead facilitated discussions at your branch
- Scan the QR code and we'll be in touch with further materials!
- Reach out:
info@aisafetyawarenessproject.org
- Join our Inter-Library call –
September 24, 2026
<https://luma.com/qu2iu3pq>



Questions?

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