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The Evolving Library: Imagining the Next Generations of Libraries

SAN JOSÉ, CA – June 10, 2024 – SJSU King Library, in partnership with the SJSU iSchool, will host **The Evolving Library**, a speaker series featuring information experts.

The first speaker event will take place on **June 25 from 4 to 6 p.m.** at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (Room 225) and online.

Event Panelists:

- **Erin Berman:** Equitable Libraries Division Director, Alameda County Library; Co-editor of the next edition of the American Library Association's "Intellectual Freedom Manual."
- **Christina Mune:** Associate Dean of Innovation and Resource Management, SJSU King Library; Thought leader of SJSU's collaborative Digital Humanities Center.
- **Patty Wong:** City Librarian, Santa Clara City Library; ALA President (2021-2022).

As we look towards the future, libraries stand poised to remain steadfast pillars of our communities, adapting to technological advances and societal shifts. Sandra Hirsh, Associate Dean of Academics at San José State University's College of Professional

and Global Education, and editor of [“Library 2035: Imagining the Next Generation of Libraries,”](#) emphasizes the critical role of libraries in navigating these changes.

In her latest work, Hirsh compiles perspectives from library professionals and academics, offering a comprehensive forecast of the opportunities and challenges libraries will face by 2035. The book underscores that libraries, through a commitment to innovation and a strong advocacy for their value, will continue to thrive as essential hubs for learning, communication, play, and work.

“The library of 2035 will surely face its storms, threats, and crises; however, libraries and librarians who commit to innovation, stay ahead of emerging technologies, and strongly advocate their value will stand strong and tall with roots well-grounded as an essential community resource for learning, communicating, playing and working.”

– “Library 2035: Imagining the Next Generation of Libraries,” p. 188

For more information, read the [SJSU NewsCenter interview with Sandra Hirsh](#).

[Register](#) for The Evolving Library speaker series on June 25th.

About SJSU King Library:

[San José State University \(SJSU\) King Library](#) brings people, ideas, and information together through its spaces, resources, and expertise to facilitate community building, innovation, and knowledge creation.