

# 2024 Allen Smith Visiting Scholar

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## Future-Ready Libraries: A Glimpse into 2035

As we navigate the rapidly changing landscape of information and technology, the future of libraries is continually evolving. What will libraries look like by 2035? Drawing on key insights from library leaders in the recently published *Library 2035: Imagining the Next Generation of Libraries* (March 2024), this talk explores the lessons learned over the past decade and forecasts the opportunities, strengths, and challenges that lie ahead with emphasis on the future of reference and public services.

**Monday, October 7th at 5pm**  
**C-503, Management and Academic Building**

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## The Future of Libraries: A Panel of Perspectives

What will the future of libraries be in the next decade? How will libraries evolve? What will be some of the challenges and opportunities? Drawing together a diverse panel of library leaders, this session explores these questions from different perspectives. Looking ahead to 2035, panelists will share their insights on the role of libraries in the future. Featured panelists:

- **Timothy Dolan**, Director of the Greenfield Community College Library
- **Alexia Hudson-Ward**, Associate Director of Research Learning, & Strategic Partnerships at MIT Libraries
- **Cyndee Landrum**, Acting Director of IMLS
- **Maria MacCauley**, Director of the Cambridge Public Library
- **Jerome Offord**, Associate University Librarian for Anti-racism at Harvard

**Thursday, October 10th at 5pm**  
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