



## Fueling Northeast Kansas Libraries with Foresight

Libraries and librarians must look beyond our present-day models, assumptions, and ideas to recognize external disruptors on the horizon of our profession alongside broader emerging patterns to “create functional views of alternative futures and possibilities.” The Connecticut State Library Division of Library Development (DLD) has identified Strategic Foresight as a critical discipline for librarians now. Strategic Foresight training can provide librarians with the skills to plan for future shifts. We all want to “ensure that our libraries are ready to adapt and serve the ever-changing needs of their communities.” In this interactive session you will learn about and use selected Foresight tools to transform your mindset to think more about how you and your libraries can create their future.

- Upon completion of session, participants will understand how Strategic Foresight can be used as an operating system in their library to support decision making, strategic planning, cultural transformation, and professional development.
- Upon completion of session, participants will understand how Strategic Foresight offers an opportunity to create a community of future-focused and future-empowered librarians.
- Participants can identify the key to transforming the culture of the library by ensuring librarians are community champions equipped to map the future to inform decision making in the present.
- Participants will be able to identify a trend within a driver category; understand near-term example of trend and provocative example of trend to identify implications of the trend on libraries

