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Human Expertise, Human Perspective: A Panel Discussion about AI
Library brings together AI experts to talk about the social impacts of AI

Astoria, OR –

The Astoria Public Library will host a discussion panel on the social impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) on Wednesday, July 29, 5:30 PM. The event will be held in the Veterans Memorial Flag Room and is free and open to the public. The panel will be comprised of four AI experts who will talk about environmental, social justice, security, economic and legal issues around AI.

Temese Szalai lives in Astoria and is the CEO of Subtextive, a human-centered AI consultancy. With over two decades in AI, she helps people and organizations bring their know-how to using AI in principled ways.

Janet Lee Johnson, founding member of AI Governance Group and adjunct professor at Portland State University, helps businesses and community members understand and adopt AI responsibly. She leads workshops on responsible AI implementation and is regularly an invited speaker with groups such as AI Portland.

Amy Sample Ward, CEO of the nonprofit NTEN, focuses their work on the intersection of racial equity, technology and social impact. They are an accomplished author on the subject of social change and technology and currently the Visiting Scholar on AI at Independent Sector.

Afua Bruce is a nationally recognized expert on public interest technology, and has advised government agencies, companies, and philanthropies on data, AI and technology. She and Sample Ward cowrote *The Tech That Comes Next: How Changemakers, Philanthropists, and Technologists Can Build an Equitable World* (Wiley, 2022).

Dan McClure, Astorian, librarian, and Astoria Public Library Advisory Board Vice Chair, will moderate the panel.

The event is sponsored in part by the Astoria Library Friends Association (ALFA). ALFA provides the library with funds and services beyond the scope of the City budget. ALFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and finances its activities through an ongoing book sale at the library, the public copy machines, donations and member fees.

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