Tips for addressing artificial intelligence in the classroom and public services Marisa Petrich & Erika Bailey, University of Washington Tacoma Library

Our workshop



What we mean when we say "Al"

Five tips for the classroom & public services

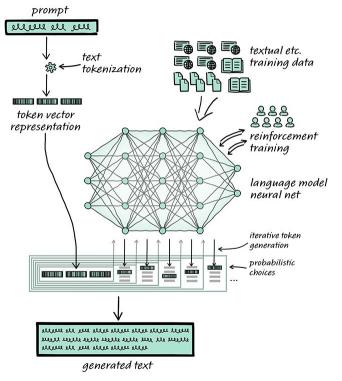
Discussion questions: applying to your institution



Background on what we mean when we are talking about AI

- Al is broad, we are specifically discussing generative, textual Al based on large language models (LLM), like ChatGPT
- The difference between response generation and doing research

Image: From Stephen Wolfram's Writings, January 2023.







Be proactive in

talking about

Artificial

Intelligence



Key points

 People are increasingly turning to AI as a tool for research and writing, heightening the need for strong information literacy skills

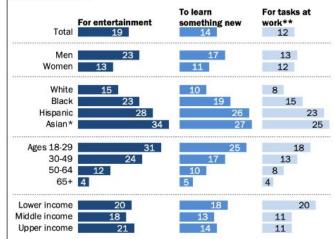
• Not everyone is there yet – There's room for libraries to shape the conversation!



Use is growing, particularly among younger people

Young adults who have heard of ChatGPT are more likely than their older counterparts to have used it

Among the 58% of U.S. adults who have heard of ChatGPT, % who say they have ever used it ...



*Estimates for Asian adults are representative of English speakers only.

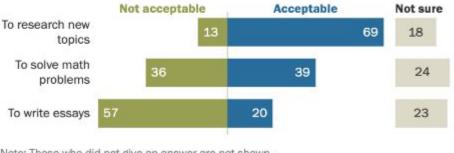
**This item was asked only of respondents who were working for pay at the time of the survey.

Note: White, Black and Asian adults include those who report being only one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanic adults are of any race. Family income tiers are based on adjusted 2021 earnings. Those who did not give an answer are not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 13-19, 2023.

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Many teens say it's acceptable to use ChatGPT for research; few say it's OK to use it for writing essays

Among U.S. teens ages 13 to 17 who have heard about ChatGPT, % who think it's ____ for students to use it for each of the following



Note: Those who did not give an answer are not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. teens ages 13 to 17 conducted Sept. 26-Oct. 23, 2023.

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Faculty use of AI (in 2023)

From PRG survey of 2K faculty:

- About 5% using apps "intensively"
- Roughly 30% using apps habitually but not frequently
- Most not using it at all
- Faculty in "competitive" roles and environments seeking info most aggressively
 - Tenure track
 - Non-native english speakers



1. How can you start conversations about AI with your colleagues and users?



Be specific about guidance & give a rationale



Key points

- There are no shared assumptions about what uses are and are not appropriate
- There are both problematic and helpful applications of AI in academic settings
- Discussion of guidance can lead to teachable moments



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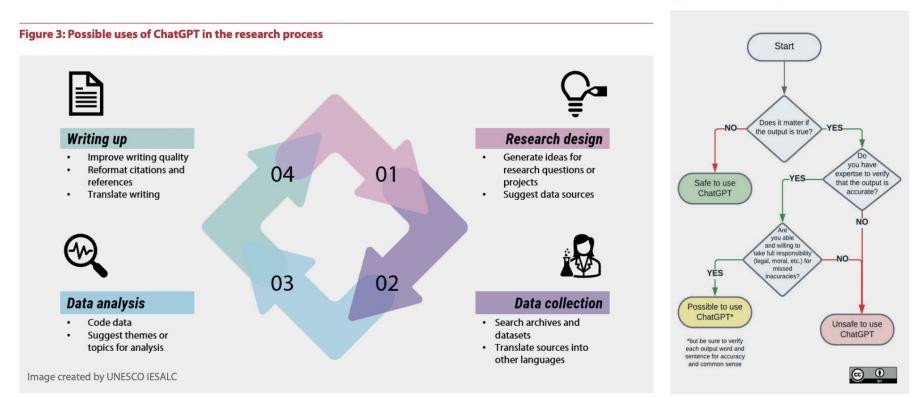
- Libraries should, where possible and appropriate:
 - Help their patrons develop digital literacies that include an understanding of how AI and algorithms work, and corresponding privacy and ethics questions.
 - Continue to focus their efforts to enable lifelong learning and, where possible, provide services for the unemployed.
 - Ensure that any use of AI technologies in libraries should be subject to clear ethical standards and safeguard the rights of their users.
 - Procure technologies that adhere to legal and ethical privacy and accessibility requirements.

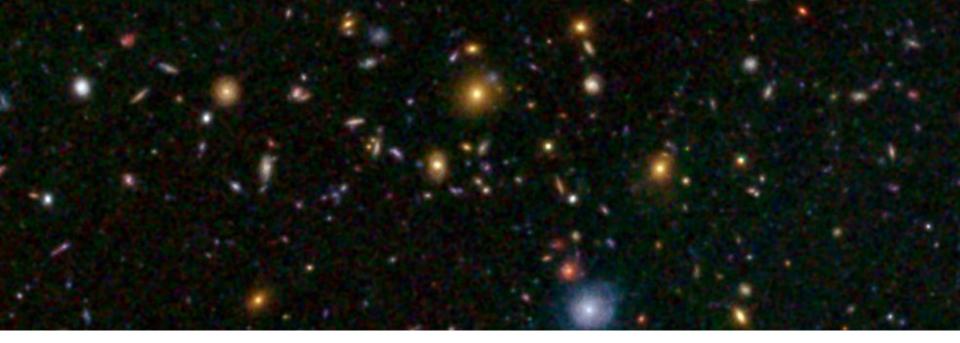
UW Tacoma AI Community of Practice

- Students expressed appreciation even for policies limiting use
- A classroom policy example:
 - "The learning objectives of this class stress analysis and written communication, Ο so I encourage you to embrace the often-challenging skill of writing as part of critical thinking, *without* relying on technological tools. However, the use of generative AI tools (ChatGPT, for instance) is permitted for activities such as brainstorming, **research assistance**, outlining, or grammar and style checking. You should not use them to write drafts or final versions of essays, essay exam answers, passage analyses, or text responses (from sentences to paragraphs to entire assignments)."

UNESCO AI & Higher Ed Quick Start Guide

Figure 1: When is it safe to use ChatGPT?⁵





2. Where do you see the potential for AI to help users you work with? To cause harm?





Think about terms of use



Key points

- ChatGPT or another generative Al's terms of service can be used to explore and justify when using Al is appropriate and when it is not
- It is always helpful to go back to the basics: what is generative AI actually doing?
- Librarians are experts at navigating information sources and citing them appropriately



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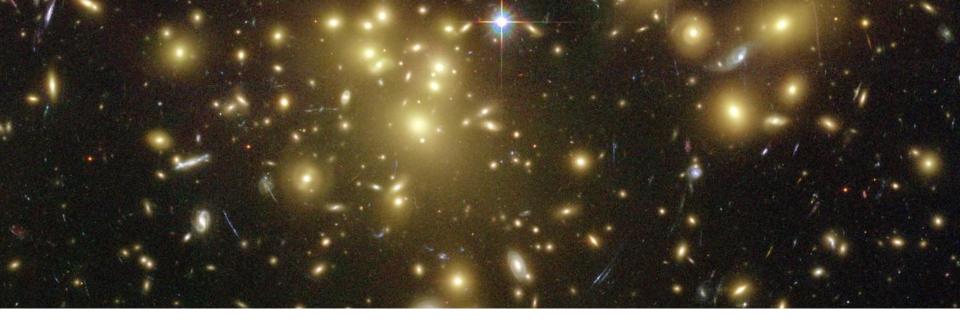
Use Output to develop models that competition

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3. What in the terms of use surprised you? How might they steer yours and students' use of AI?

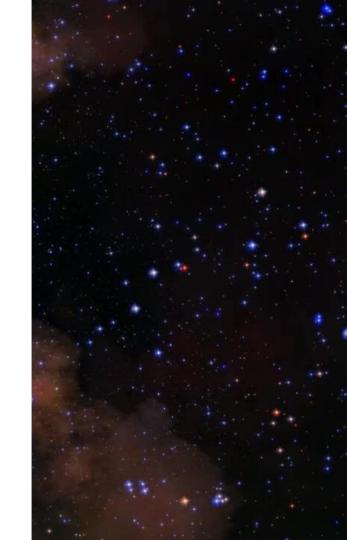






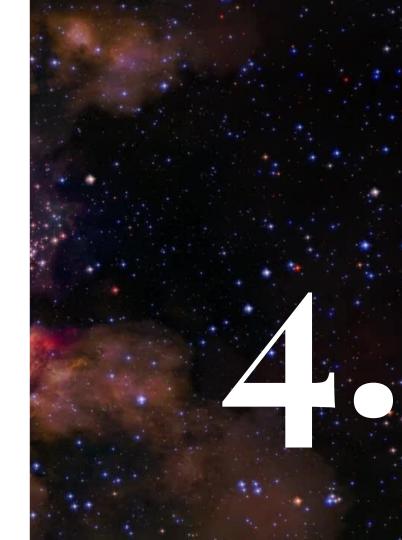
Be thoughtful about bans &

consequences



Key points

- Student use of AI can be difficult to prove making bans challenging to enforce
- Sometimes students turn to AI because they don't have prerequisite skills to complete a task – scaffolded, low-stakes assignments may help
- Students will likely use AI in some capacity for the rest of their lives



4. What are ways you might encourage appropriate/responsible use of generative AI tools?







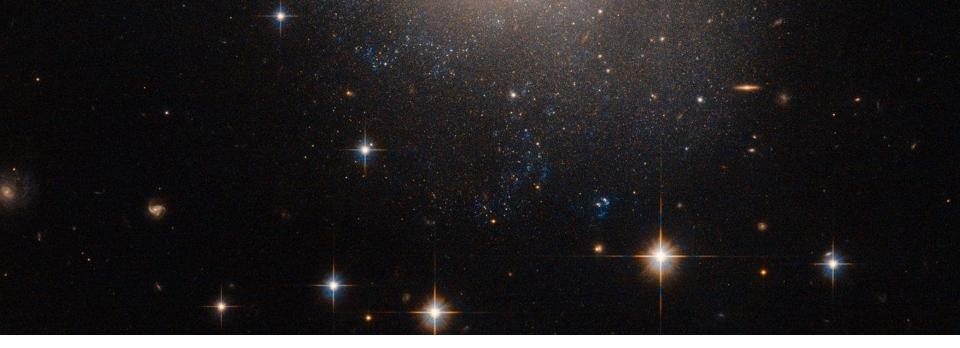
Seek opportunities to use library strengths & values



Key points

- This is not the first time, and it will not be the last time, that there is panic around research and writing
- Library values and expertise in information literacy, privacy, and copyright are all essential in our ethical and effective use of AI





5. How can you insert library strengths or values into your interaction with AI?

Discussion questions

- 1. How can you start conversations about AI with your colleagues and users?
- 2. Where do you see the potential for AI to help users you work with? Where might it create problems?
- 3. What in the terms of use surprised you? How might they steer yours and students' use of AI?
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