



Boldly Going: Trends & Changes for the Future of Libraries

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**How do we
think about
the future?**

From Jane McGonigal "How to Think (and Learn) Like a Futurist"

- **Collect Signals from the Future**
- **Combine Signals into Forecasts**
- **Create Personal Foresight**
- **Play with the Future**

Jane McGonigal. "How to Think (and Learn) Like a Futurist." SXSW EDU 2016.
<https://www.sxswedu.com/news/2016/jane-mcgonigal-video/>

From Marsha Lynne Rhea

Anticipate the World You Want

“Foresight is thinking ahead to how trends, issues, and developments that can be observed in the present are likely to shape alternative futures

- What are the key forces that are shaping the future?**
- What might be their possible outcomes?**
- What implications could they have for the learning and actions that must happen in the present?”**

From Marina Gorbis “Five Principles for Thinking Like a Futurist”

- **Forget about predictions.**
- **Focus on signals.**
- **Look back to see forward.**
- **Uncover patterns.**
- **Create a community.**

Marina Gorbis. "Five Principles for Thinking Like a Futurist." Educause Review. March 11, 2019.
<https://er.educause.edu/articles/2019/3/five-principles-for-thinking-like-a-futurist>

**Foresight is
fundamentally
about the study of
change.**

**We can learn a great
deal about the future
by looking at what is
happening now.**

The signals for the future arrive as inbound change (change that happens to us), but we build our future through outbound change (change that we create ourselves).

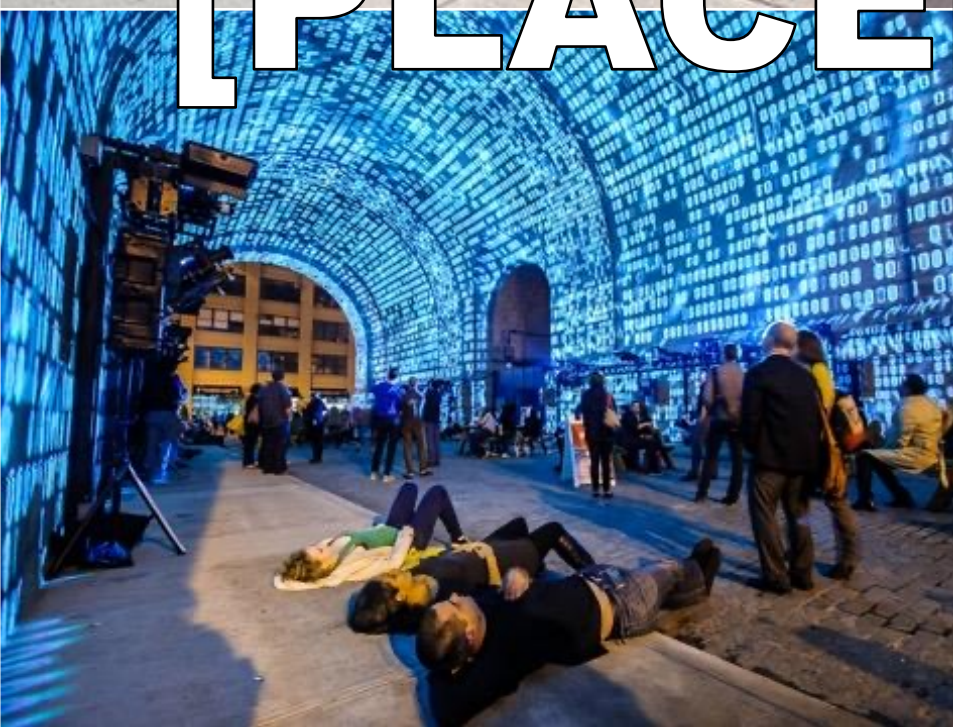


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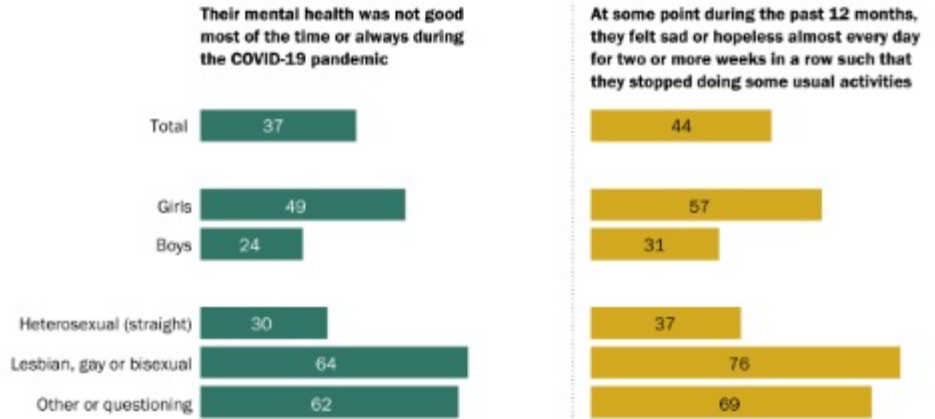
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Among high schoolers in U.S., girls and LGB students were most likely to report feeling sad or hopeless in the past year

% of high school students who said ...

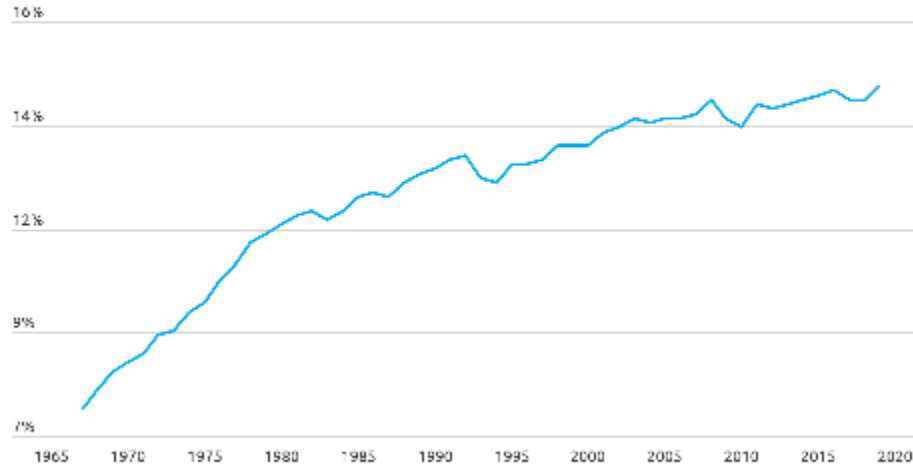


Note: High school students include those who attend public and private schools. Poor mental health includes stress, anxiety and depression. Differences between LGB and other or questioning high schoolers are not statistically significant. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, January-June 2021 Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey.

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The share of adults living alone has nearly doubled over the past 50 years

Share of adults living alone

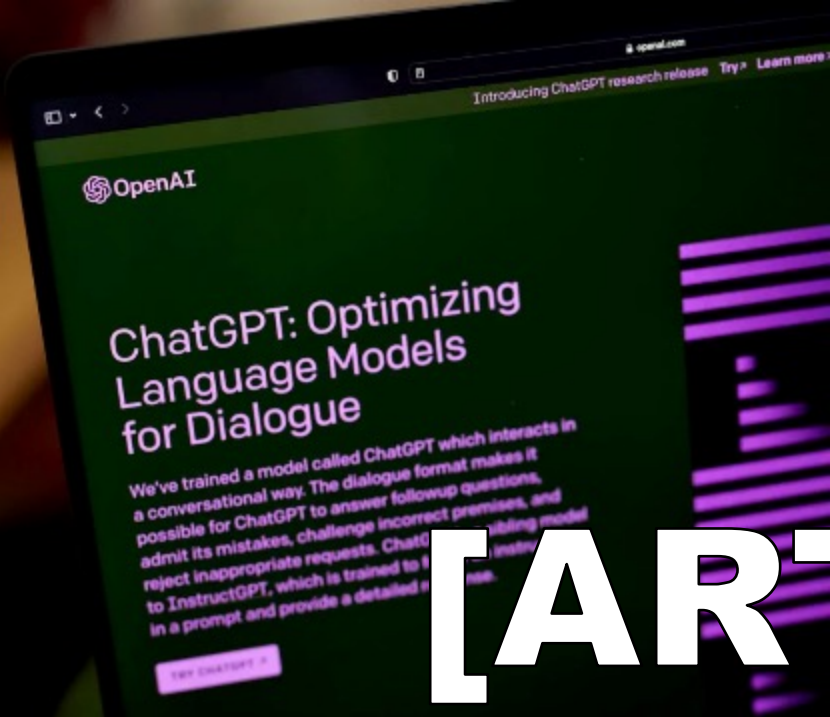


Source: U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement

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INTELLIGENCE]



**There is the compulsion
to **act**.**

But remember

- **Create **personal**
foresight.**
- **Think about **learning**
and actions.**
- **Create a **community**.**

**“My vision is changing
our how, more than seeing
clearly our what. I see a
how where we are all much
more comfortable with
change, and with our
personal power to change
conditions....I want a
future where we are
curious, interested,
visionary, adaptive.”**