

# Public Libraries & AI



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# 5. Cost and Access: "The AI Divide"

Series 2: AI Risks and Limitations



# Costs of AI Tools

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- Current models and features vary widely in cost
- "Unlimited" plans have uncertain future
- Dependent on service companies and/or expensive hardware
- Consumer plans: ~\$20 / mo.
- Business plans: \$20 - 200 / mo. / user
- Image generators: \$10 - \$120/mo.

# Perpetuate Existing Inequality

- Developed Nations vs. Developing Nations
- Economic Class Differences
- Education, Finance, Criminal Justice, Workforce Development, etc.



# Promoting AI Equity

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- Low-cost or subsidized access to AI tools
- Offer practical and effective training on AI tools and practices for everyone
- Promote less common languages and cultures in AI LLM training materials

# Coming up...

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- Data Bias and Fairness

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