We are on the shores of a Brave New World. Federal libraries are grappling with new service models, new technologies, and budgetary challenges. While it is a foreign landscape, librarians want to shape the future terrain for their work. To be leaders, federal librarians will need to be bold and explore new paths, set the trends and guide users into the new world of information services.

After more than a year of environmental scanning, FEDLINK has identified the federal information community’s top seven trends. These trends can help librarians identify successful routes into the future. Federal libraries and librarians will need to

~ Demonstrate returns on investment.
~ Establish mission critical programs.
~ Integrate mobile devices, “apps” and dashboards into workflows
~ Expand roles as analyst, educator and consultant.
~ Cultivate use of the Semantic Web, cloud computing and Web 3.0.
~ Customize and personalize information to meet the needs of users.
~ Collaborate via knowledge transfer and information sharing.

With an eye toward these trends, federal libraries and librarians can engage in professional development to learn how to make their rich and valuable content compatible with future service models.

Join your colleagues for the first FEDLINK Spring Expo to explore these professional trends. Learn how to position your library and yourself for success. This two-day training workshop will illuminate the innovations and new strategies that are working in our Brave New World.

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Mary Alice Baish, Superintendent of Documents
Stacy Bruss, National Institute Standards and Technology
Elliot E. Maxwell, author and advisor to Department of Health and Human Services
Mary Oey, Library of Congress Preservation Directorate
Karen Pica, Office of Management and Budget
Roberta I. Shaffer, Associate Librarian of Congress
Barbara Silcox, National Institute of Standards and Technology
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In addition to plenary and topic workshops, vendor demonstration and exhibits, attendees are invited to attend or exhibit at the expo poster session. (For more information on exhibiting, send an email to fliccfpe@loc.gov.)