



# Joe Murphy

Futurist and Former Librarian

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*A resident of San Francisco, Joe (Joseph) Murphy has more than a decade of experience as a librarian and futurist. As a science librarian with Yale University from 2007 to 2011, he managed a \$2.5 million budget while overseeing operations for the instruction and technology division. Joseph "Joe" Murphy also designed and implemented a range of forward-looking technology and research initiatives across the libraries during this time.*

*In addition to an MBA, Joe Murphy holds a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's degree in library and information science, and he is currently finishing a master's degree in foresight (futures studies as a professional futurist). He has built upon this education through experience as a futures consultant for the library industry with Library Future, for which he made keynote addresses on emerging technologies and decision-making strategies around the world. Mr. Murphy also served as the director of library futures for Innovative Interfaces in Emeryville, California.*

*An active member of the field, Joe Murphy holds a professional certificate in strategic foresight and completed a certificate course in human-centered design through Acumen & IDEO.org. He has also published a range of journal articles, chapters, and books on futurist topics as well as emerging technologies, research, and librarianship. Through this training and experience, he has developed an ability to bring together data, foresight, and stakeholder needs in future-facing strategic ways.*

## EXPERIENCE

### Innovative Interfaces

2013 - 2014

#### Director of Library Futures

Facilitated industry and client futures, supported & created initiatives, connect forward-facing organizations and projects that move libraries towards our diverse locally maximized futures. Leverage partnerships within and beyond the industry. Run programs to help clients & partners enter new conversations such as the SXSW conference. Expand the reach of a leading library technology company working with thought leadership and product direction. Project management and value added to current & future products, new clients, new partnerships.

### Yale University

2007 - 2011

#### Science Librarian

Science Librarian at Yale University. Assisting research faculty and students, building collections (inventory) in multiple formats across units/branches, providing front-end research service & leadership, project management, designing innovative services, webmaster, coordinated teaching, worked alongside multiple technical scientific disciplines, managed budgets, manage technology for staff and clients.

## EDUCATION

### San Francisco State University

2015 - 2017

#### MBA

The executive MBA gave me the education and training of general management and high level leadership. in the cohort-based style of the Executive program I learned alongside bright and diverse managers from around the Bay Area. This MBA program taught us everything from operations planning to forecasting and leadership, strategy and design thinking, innovation and marketing, sustainability and finance, accounting and service planning, IT management and economics. With this MBA I can ensure that creative projects have the how and what to succeed and that future-facing initiatives serve future stakeholders.

## University of Hawaii

2004 - 2006

### MS in Library & Information Sciences

The Master of Library & Information Science graduate degree prepared me for success as a Science Librarian at Yale University and beyond. It set a research-based foundation for my career as a futurist, strategist, and manager. Library and Information Science gave me fluency in research and the entire information ecosystem. It made me an expert in the synthesis of information, the asking and refinement of questions, scholarly communication, and research expertise as well as in the creation, organization, access, and applications of data and its translation into knowledge. I learned project management of information services and systems. This Graduate degree prepared me as a Librarian running several of Yale's Science libraries serving the research and teaching needs of faculty and graduate students in the physical sciences.

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## Syracuse University

2000 - 2003

### BA in Physics

Dean's List. Studied abroad in London which gave me a worldly sense of global interconnectedness and a lifelong passion for engaging internationally. Studying physics gave me processes for complex STEM-type problem solving (theoretical, computational approaches, and hands on laboratory experience) to solve novel and difficult problems. I also studied Women's Studies and Native American Studies in this Liberal arts college.

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## University of Houston

2015 - Present

### MS in Foresight

The Master of Science in Foresight degree is the graduate degree for professional Futurists. Strategic Foresight prepared me as an expert to research and plan for the futures of our organizations. To engage purposeful methods for evaluating plausible future directions. I evaluate elements of our standard understood future, anticipate significant changes that lie ahead, and calculate likely possible futures. I identify and guide issues involved in our preferable futures and strategically apply pressure to influence towards hoped for outcomes as we achieve long-term goals. Researching futures, project management of future-oriented programs, communicating implications and drivers of change.