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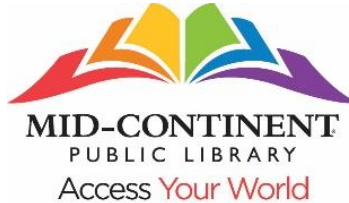
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## Library Hosts Author Cory Doctorow on June 10

### MCPL's 'Facing the Future' Tech Series Continues with 'Enshittification' Author

Kansas City, MO – On [Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m.](#), Mid-Continent Public Library will host journalist and author Cory Doctorow at the Auditorium at Woodneath Library Center (8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, Mo.) to discuss his latest book, *Enshittification: Why Everything Suddenly Got Worse and What to Do About It*. In conversation with KCUR's Steve Kraske, the author will dig further into the topic of his book: how social media, computer software programs, large online retailers, and many other integral parts of our lives have slowly become inferior products by design and ways we can combat this degradation.

“Cory brings a unique and interesting perspective to this complex topic, and we're thrilled to be able to bring his expertise to our community,” said MCPL Digital Innovation Manager Erin Kennedy. “Many of us interact with 'Big Tech' products and services every day and learning more about the 'why' and 'how' behind these experiences can help all of us make more informed consumer choices.”

Doctorow's program is free to attend, but registration is currently full. However, those interested may [add their names to the wait list](#), and prior to the start of the event, can take a number to wait for an available seat. There will also be a concurrent livestream of the event in the adjoining branch community room for those unable to be seated in the Auditorium. Free copies of Cory's book will be given away to event registrants, while supplies last, on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Library's ongoing Facing the Future series, led by MCPL's Digital Innovation Team, has featured a wide range of speakers and experts discussing new and emerging technologies and the ways they impact our everyday lives. Previous Facing the Future featured speakers have included:

- Tobias Rose-Stockwell, author of *Outrage Machine: How Tech Amplifies Discontent, Disrupts Democracy—And What We Can Do about It*
- New York Times tech reporter Kashmir Hill, author *Your Face Belongs to Us, covering the implications of facial recognition software*
- Taiwan's first Minister of Digital Affairs, Audrey Tang
- Kyle Chayka, author of *Filterworld: How Algorithms Flattened Culture*

- Liz Pelly, author of *Mood Machine: The Rise of Spotify and the Costs of the Perfect Playlist*

Mid-Continent Public Library's Digital Innovation Department regularly offers programs and resources on topics related to emerging technologies, including programs for adults on media literacy. Learn more about their work and find upcoming events at [mymcpl.org/features/digital-innovation](http://mymcpl.org/features/digital-innovation).

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