

AALL 2024 KEYNOTE SPEAKER / CORY DOCTOROW

Dear Heather,

It is hard to believe, but we are just six months away from our much-anticipated [2024 Annual Meeting & Conference](#), happening **July 20-23 in Chicago**. This event is a central hub for networking and professional growth. It is also an opportunity to learn about the cutting-edge tools and strategies essential to our profession.

Conference planning is in full swing, with some fantastic programming and workshops on the horizon, including topics on generative AI, book banning, managing neurodiverse employees, and providing access to justice in rural communities. [Explore the list of program titles](#), categorized by library type.

In addition to all the wonderful programs and workshops, I am thrilled to announce that [Cory Doctorow](#), a prominent journalist and technology activist, will be our keynote speaker for AALL 2024. His most recent nonfiction book, [The Internet Con: How to Seize the Means of Computation](#), is a critical exploration of the digital world, focusing on the influence of the internet on society, privacy, and economics. Doctorow is also an award-winning science fiction novelist who wrote one of my favorite dystopian novels, [Little Brother](#).

Doctorow brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, not only from his work at the [Electronic Frontier Foundation \(EFF\)](#), but also from his insights into digital preservation, ethics, artificial intelligence (AI), and privacy, which align perfectly with our conference theme: **Lead.Innovate.Transform**.

As we eagerly await the opening of registration for AALL 2024 in a few weeks **please mark your calendars with May 3rd** as the early bird deadline to secure discounted rates. I encourage you to share this news with your colleagues, and I look forward to seeing you in Chicago for an amazing AALL 2024.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "June Hsiao Liebert".

June Hsiao Liebert
AALL President