



Cambridge Public Library to Welcome Hilke Schellmann, Author of *The Algorithm*

CAMBRIDGE, MA, April 30—On Wednesday, May 8, from 6-7:30, the Cambridge Public Library will host a discussion with Hilke Schellmann, author of *The Algorithm: How AI Decides Who Gets Hired, Monitored, Promoted, and Fired, and Why We Need to Fight Back*. Schellmann will give a reading, followed by a conversation about the rise, and risks, of artificial intelligence. This event is hybrid, and [registration is required](#).

In *The Algorithm*, Schellmann discovers that many of the algorithms making high-stakes decisions are biased, racist, and do more harm than good. Drawing from exclusive information from whistleblowers, internal documents, and real-world test results, Schellmann delivers a shocking and illuminating expose on the next civil rights issue of our time: how AI has already taken over the workplace and shapes our future.

Hilke Schellmann is an Emmy award-winning investigative reporter and an assistant professor of journalism at New York University. As a contributor to *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Guardian*, Schellmann writes about holding artificial intelligence (AI) accountable.

This lecture is the first in a new series focused on artificial intelligence developed in a collaboration by the Library's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) initiative and the Communications team. Find more AI-focused events [here](#).

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