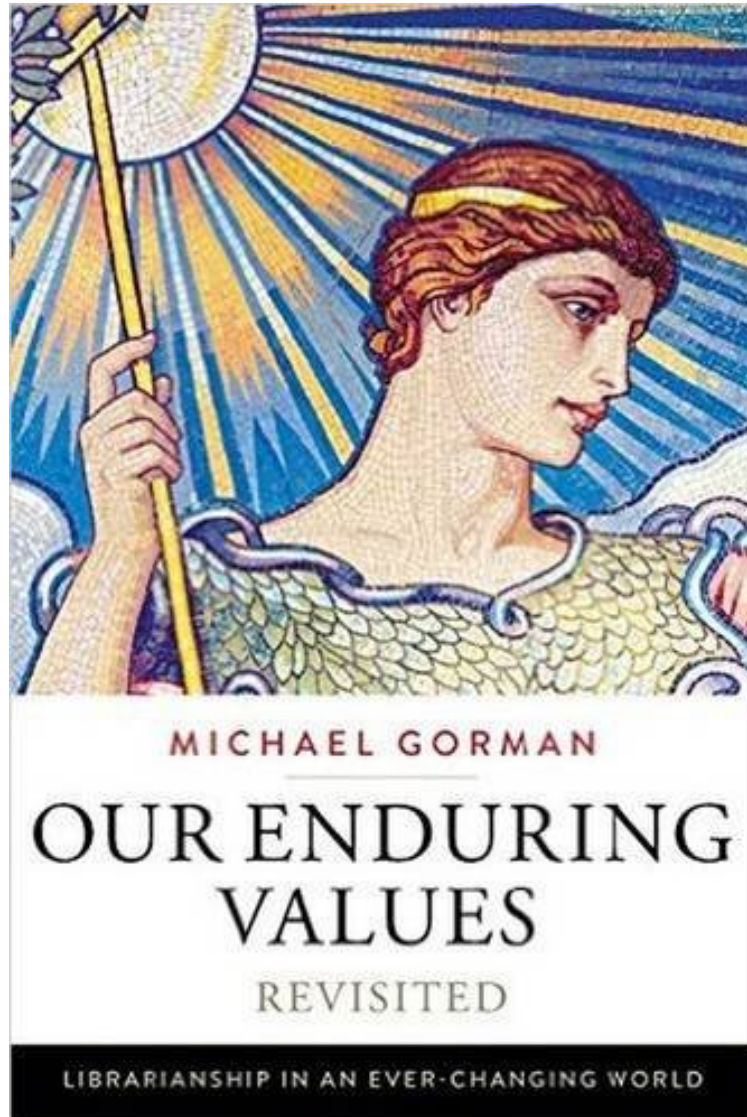


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- The impact of technological innovations on core values such as access and stewardship
- Library places and spaces of the future
- How the mass digitization of books, archives, and other materials affects the purpose and function of libraries
- Intellectual freedom and privacy in the era of the PATRIOT Act, Wikileaks, and Edward Snowden
- The role of libraries as both champions and facilitators of social justice

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