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## Researching sex at the Kinsey Institute

Liana Hong Zhou profiles the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction at Indiana University, Bloomington. Researchers from many fields use the institute's library, collections, and scholarly archives to learn more about the history of sexuality.

Some of the collection includes the works of researchers William Masters and Virginia Johnson, the photographs of Robert Mapplethorpe, and the original data and codebooks from the Alfred Kinsey era as well as magazine clippings, comic books, sex magazines, films, and artwork...



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## Bill Nye the author guy

Terra Dankowski writes: "Educator, entertainer, and engineer Bill Nye wants to share his love of curiosity, discovery, and the natural world with a new audience: middle-grade fiction readers. 'There is nothing like reading. I don't want to shock you here at the library thing,' Nye announced to the laughter of librarians on Monday. Nye and journalist Gregory Mone, who coauthored the bestselling *Jack and the Geniuses* series, were the conference's Closing Session speakers."...



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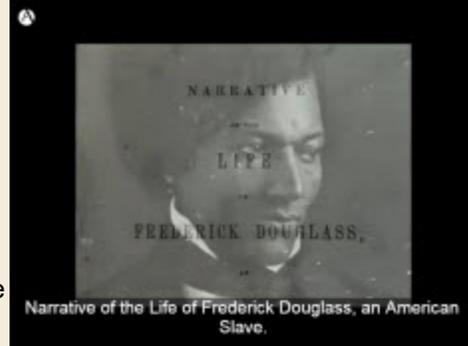
## [Frederick Douglass and the Labor Movement](#)

For many African Americans, the transition from slavery to free labor continued to be fraught with exploitation. But poor working conditions and unfair wages didn't just affect Black workers—women, immigrants, and unskilled laborers struggled to make a fair living in the midst of a changing economy.

Discover how abolitionist and statesman Frederick

Douglass and civil rights activists became champions of the Black Freedom Struggle.

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## [Lewis to follow March with Run](#)

Civil rights pioneer, Georgia congressman, and award-winning author John Lewis will continue his March series of graphic novels with a new multipart book called [Run](#). The series will tell the next chapter of civil rights history, including Lewis's leadership of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Lewis will

team up again with *March* coauthor Andrew Aydin, and the series will feature a new artist, Afua Richardson, as well as contributions from original artist Nate Powell. The first book will be available August 18 from Abrams ComicArts....



*Time*, Feb. 15; Abrams Books

## [Outreach ideas for academic librarians](#)

Lynsay Williams writes: “For university libraries, it can sometimes be difficult to get students—especially new students—comfortable with coming into the library and engaging with library staff. We asked some academic librarians how they get creative with their student outreach to welcome students to campus and to the library.”....



*OUPblog*, Feb. 15

## [YALSA names top graphic novels and fiction for teens](#)

YALSA has announced its [2018 Great Graphic Novels for Teens](#) list. The list of 115 titles, drawn from 190 official nominations, is presented annually at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. The books, recommended for those ages 12–18, meet the criteria of both good-quality literature and appealing reading for teens. YALSA also announced its [2018 Best Fiction for Young Adults](#) list of 78 titles, drawn from 131 official nominations. In addition to the full list, the committee has also selected its top 10 titles....



YALSA, Feb. 14

## Asher, Diaz expelled from SCBWI after misconduct claims

Children’s author Jay Asher and illustrator David Diaz have been expelled from the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators because of allegations about sexual harassment. Asher told [BuzzFeed](#), however, that he left the organization voluntarily. In an email to the [Associated Press](#), SCBWI Executive Director Lin Oliver said both Asher and Diaz “were found to have violated the SCBWI code of conduct,” adding: “Claims against them were investigated and, as a result, they are no longer members and neither will be appearing at any SCBWI events in the future.”...



*The Bookseller (UK), Feb. 14; BuzzFeed, Feb. 12; Associated Press, Feb. 12*

## Angela Davis donates papers to Harvard

Activist Angela Y. Davis—a scholar of African American, Marxist, and feminist studies—announced that she is donating her papers to Harvard University’s Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library. Davis, a professor emerita at the University of California, Santa Cruz, studies race in the criminal justice system and is an advocate for prison abolition. In a statement, Davis wrote that she felt honored her writings would join the work of other women who are “advocates of social transformation” at the library....



*Harvard Crimson, Feb. 13*



## Perfect computer security is a myth

Justin Pot writes: “*Perfect* security is a myth. No matter what you do, no matter how careful you are, you will never be 100% safe from hackers, malware, and cybercrime. That’s the reality we all live in, and it’s important to keep this in mind, if only so that we can all feel more sympathy for victims. But it doesn’t mean [resolving to lock down your tech](#) is pointless. You’ll never be completely safe, but that’s no reason to stop caring about security all together.”...



*How-To Geek, Jan. 1, Feb. 14*

## Union College archivists find George Washington's hair

An ongoing inventory of archival collections at Union College Library in Schenectady, New York, has uncovered a historic find: a rare lock of hair belonging to George Washington hidden inside a long-forgotten book. Historical Records Project Archivist Daniel Michelson found the almanac, titled *Gaine's Universal Register, or American and British Kalendar*, for the year 1793, in the college's Schaffer Library. Inside the book was an envelope dated 1871 and containing several strands of gray or whitening hair, neatly tied together by a single thread....



*Union College, Feb. 13*



## Top 10 books about South Korea

Mary Lynn Bracht writes: "Following a succession of civilian governments overtaken by military regimes and autocrats, South Korea's Sixth Republic has finally established a liberal democracy that has seen its nation flourish. Today, many South Koreans are looking back at their nation's past to make sense of the world they now find themselves in. The stark differences make the stories we read about this fascinating country all the more appealing. Here are 10 books that take the reader into the South Korean psyche."...



*The Guardian (UK), Feb. 14*

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