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A free and public-serving internet

Terra Dankowski writes: “At the 2018 PLA Conference in Philadelphia, author, policy advocate, opinion writer, and inventor of the term *net neutrality* Tim Wu (right) said his ‘love affair with public libraries’ started in childhood. ‘The librarians have always been on the right side [of information, democracy, and self-governance].’ It’s these core values that inspired Wu to think about the concept that would become net neutrality during the internet startup craze in the early 2000s.” See more [PLA Conference coverage](#) on the *American Libraries* website....



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WIC, wellness, and libraries

Amanda Davis writes: “For years, public librarians have engaged in health literacy by developing programs focusing on exercise, healthy eating, insurance sign-up, and financial planning. But at the PLA Conference in Philadelphia, two public libraries spoke about how they recently expanded their health literacy efforts beyond public programming. First, staff members of Houston Public Library discussed the WIC (women, infants, and children) food and nutrition center at one of their branches.”...



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Vancouver reverses policy on naloxone use

Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library staff will now be allowed to respond to overdoses inside

their buildings, as long as they are trained to do so, the city confirmed on March 23. The move is a reversal of a previous policy that directed library and other public-facility staff in the city not to intervene or administer naloxone. Vancouver city manager Sadhu Johnston said the change marks a shift away from the city's reliance on front-line staff and first responders, who until now had been the only ones allowed to administer the opioid-blocking medication....



Global News BC, Mar. 23



Library apologizes for censoring photo exhibit

The Markham (Ont.) Public Library has apologized for censoring a photo exhibit over a word some patrons found vulgar and offensive. Yafang Shi's exhibit "Marching for Gender Equality: Voices, Movement, and Empowerment" originally featured 51 photos from the Toronto Women's March in January. But on March 2, the first day of the show, three photos that displayed placards with the word "pussy" were taken down after patrons of the Markham Village branch complained the images weren't child-appropriate....



CityNews Toronto, Mar. 23

Jacqueline Woodson wins 2018 Astrid Lindgren Award

American author Jacqueline Woodson is the winner of the 2018 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, the world's largest children's book award, with the laureate receiving five million Swedish kronor (more than \$600,000 at present exchange rates). The award was announced live from Sweden on March 27, and was to be broadcast simultaneously at the Bologna Children's Book Fair. Woodson's 2014 memoir-in-verse, *Brown Girl Dreaming*, received the National Book Award....



Publishers Weekly, Mar. 27



D.C.–area activists fought segregation at libraries

The public library is largely considered free and open to all. As a "third space," libraries are

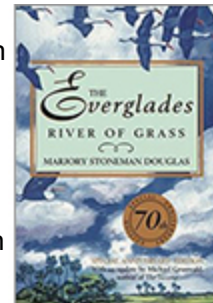
spaces for neighbors to read, learn, and convene. But 60 years ago, that wasn't the case. Public libraries were just as racially segregated as other institutions. However, the fight to desegregate libraries is not nearly as well known. WAMU radio host Kojo Nnamdi interviews library historian Wayne A. Wiegand, Montgomery-Floyd (Va.) Regional Library Director Karim Khan, and ALA President-Elect Loida Garcia-Febo...



WAMU-FM, Washington, D.C., Mar. 26

Marjory Stoneman Douglas, activist who changed the world

E. H. Kern writes: "Students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, have turned into activists, giving voice to their frustration over the current state of politics in Florida and the US as a whole. In doing so, they carried on the legacy of the woman whose name their high school bears—Marjory Stoneman Douglas. Douglas was a freelance journalist, a civil rights activist, a women's rights activist, and an environmentalist. She is perhaps most famous for her book *The Everglades: River of Grass*, published in 1947."...



Book Riot, Mar. 23



How to have cooking demos without cooking

Annie Bahringer writes: "How can you have a cooking class without cooking in the library? Easy. There are many options that you can try that involve food prep without heat. For example, appetizers, salads, wraps, popsicles, and smoothies can be a lot of fun. Leftovers can provide smart ways to transform your already-made ingredients into a whole new dinner. Make sure your 'kitchen' has the necessary tools for a successful class."...



Public Libraries Online, Mar. 26

Teen Tech Week 2018: Another one for the books

Elizabeth Kahn writes: "I have figured out ways to simplify planning for our last Teen Tech Week, March 4–10, but still offer five fun activities in the library for each day of the week. Also, I had to move TTW to accommodate for the fact that I was at a library conference the week before. I plan a different activity each day at lunch and usually have some other passive game that might be available all week in the library or online. We always start the week by showing animated shorts."...



The 10 best genealogy sites for beginners

Will Moneymaker writes: “We are fortunate to live in an era where much genealogy research can be done from the computer. There are so many genealogy websites out there right now, though, knowing which ones to use to get started can be confusing. Here is a list of the 10 best websites for beginners to get you started in the right direction. With these, you can get the information you need to put more branches on your family tree, increase your skills, and go deeper with your genealogy research.”...



Ancestral Findings

What to do if your Facebook account gets “hacked”

Cameron Summerson writes: “If you notice (or get notified about) changes to your Facebook account that you didn’t make, it’s time to do something. First, you’ll need to determine what’s going on. Are you locked out of your account? Are posts showing up from you that you didn’t share? Are people getting messages you didn’t send? Most of these things require different steps to resolve, so let’s start with the easiest and work from there.”...



How-To Geek, Mar. 24

The best multiport USB wall charger

Nick Guy writes: “After surveying more than 1,100 readers and using six iPads to test 20 top models, we can safely say that [Anker’s PowerPort 4](#) (right) is the best USB wall charger for most people. It costs a little more than [Apple’s single-port 12W USB Power Adapter](#), but the Anker model can push out more than three times as much power and charge four devices at once. In fact, it can simultaneously charge three full-size iPads at full speed while also charging a smartphone.”...



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