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### ALA Council rescinds meeting rooms interpretation

The American Library Association announced August 16 the outcome of a vote by ALA Council to rescind 2018 updates to Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. The vote comes after a swift response from ALA members, leadership, its offices, and library advocates to address concerns regarding the use of the term *hate groups*. The motion to rescind the 2018 version was approved. Ninety of the 179 councilors were required to vote. Seventy-five percent of those voting were needed to approve the measure. A total of 146 voted on this question, representing 82% of eligible voters. The final tally: 140 voted to rescind, four voted not to rescind, and two abstained. The 2018 Meeting Room interpretation will be removed from ALA's website. The Library Bill of Rights will revert to the [1991 version of the Meeting Rooms interpretation](#), which was in effect until the 2018 ALA Annual Conference....



*AL: The Scoop, Aug. 16*

### Relieve for Georgia libraries

The Macon-Bibb County (Ga.) Commission has avoided bankruptcy by adopting a 3-mil increase, equal to a 17% percent increase in property taxes. The increase gives the county \$12 million dollars, \$238,791.67 of which will go to Middle Georgia Regional Libraries to [reopen several libraries](#) that closed earlier this month due to lack of funding. Washington Memorial Library is set to open on August 20, the Shurling and Charles A. Lanford branches on August 22, and the Riverside branch on August 27....



*WMGT-TV, Macon, Aug. 16; Miami Herald, Aug. 9*

## New Malaysian government repeals “fake news” ban

On August 16 the new government of Malaysia—host of next week’s International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions’ World Library and Information Congress—repealed a widely criticized law prohibiting “fake news.” The move is being hailed as a landmark moment for human rights by a group of Southeast Asian lawmakers. The bill was rushed through Parliament in April under former Prime Minister Najib Razak despite concerns that it would be used to silence dissent ahead of the May 9 general election. It carried a penalty of up to six years in jail and a fine of \$128,000....



*Associated Press, Aug. 16*



## Utah library director used \$89k to play “Game of War”

Former North Logan City (Utah) Library Director Adam Winger was sentenced on August 13 to 30 days in jail and community service for stealing \$89,000 worth of library funds. Winger pleaded guilty to theft and forgery after using a city credit card to buy hundreds of gift cards that he then used to play the mobile video game *Game of War*. He also agreed to pay \$78,000 in restitution....



*Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 14*

## #MeToo and children’s publishing: What can librarians do?

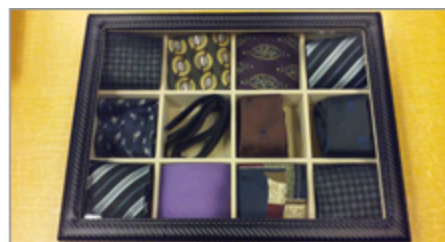
Mary Schreiber writes: “The #MeToo movement has sparked people, usually women but not always, to come forward and name names of creators of children’s books whose behavior is unacceptable. So, like me, you may be wondering, what can I do professionally to make a difference? How can I let publishers know that I’m not okay with this behavior from the authors and illustrators of children’s books?”...



*ALSC Blog, Aug. 13*

## NYPL lending ties and handbags for job interviews

Clayton Guse writes: “New York City is a stylish place, but not everyone within the five boroughs has the means to dress to the nines seven days a week. And for those who want to impress at a job interview but don’t own—or can’t afford—any style accessories, the New York Public Library has a new solution. The system’s Riverside Library branch on the Upper West Side unveiled a [new collection of](#)



[ties, briefcases, and handbags](#) last week, which cardholders can take out for occasions like interviews, weddings, and other events that call for a little more *je ne sais quoi*.” Free Library of Philadelphia's Paschalville branch [has a similar program](#)....

*Time Out New York*, Aug. 15; *NYPL blogs*, Aug. 6; *American Libraries* feature, Spet./Oct. 2016



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## Art installation helps rebuild Iraqi library

A traveling installation by Iraqi-American artist Wafaa Bilal at [Toronto's Aga Khan Museum](#) seeks to refill the empty shelves at the College of Fine Arts at the University of Baghdad, which lost 70,000 books when it was looted and burned during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. The exhibit, *168:01*, features thousands of blank white books arranged on bookshelves, and visitors are encouraged to donate money to replace a fake book with a real one from an Amazon wishlist compiled by the university....



*The Art Newspaper*, Aug. 7

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## Best game consoles for the budget-conscious

Eric Ravenscraft writes: “When you buy a console, it usually comes with a single controller, no games, and some amount of internal storage, with the option to upgrade. But you usually want to get at least one extra controller (and maybe more). We also tend to recommend a charging station so you don’t end up spending a fortune on batteries. Finally, each console has a subscription for online game play that includes free games. With all that in mind, here’s what it costs to get up and running with the basics on every version of the current major consoles.”...



*Review Geek*, Aug. 17



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## Loads of Le Guin adaptations in the works

Beth Elderkin writes: “Stephen King isn’t the only author who’s becoming more and more prevalent on the big and small screens. It was just announced that Ursula K. Le Guin’s sci-fi novelette *Nine Lives* is getting a movie adaptation, adding to the growing pile of Le Guin works that are reportedly in the works. The accomplished author sadly [passed away in January](#), but her written works are living on—not only in the long-awaited

documentary [Worlds of Ursula K. Le Guin](#), but also in several planned adaptations of her classic novels and shorter stories.”...

*i09, Aug. 15, May 25, Jan. 23*



## [Aretha Franklin: a bibliography](#)

Eugenia Williamson writes: “[Aretha Franklin has died](#). In her lifetime, the musical giant inspired a trove of books about or inspired by her outsized legacy. In tribute, we offer this bibliography of recommended titles linked to their excerpted *Booklist* reviews—a small fraction of the books in which Franklin appears as a key figure in Black history, Civil Rights history, rock music, soul music, and gospel.”...

*Booklist Reader, Aug. 16; New York Times, Aug. 16*



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