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Painting with purpose

Lara Ewen writes: “For 11 years, Bob Ross hosted *The Joy of Painting* on PBS. His soothing instruction helped budding artists paint landscapes, mountain ranges, and hundreds of ‘happy little trees.’ The show ended in 1994 and Ross died in 1995, but the internet and streaming services have given new life to him and his program. Libraries have taken up the palette, hosting paint-along nights that blend nostalgia and stress relief—and bring new audiences through their doors. During the events, patrons watch an episode of *The Joy of Painting* and paint along.”...



American Libraries Trend, Nov./Dec.

Negotiating a fair salary

For more than 10 years, David Connolly (right) has interacted with job seekers and employers in his role as recruitment ad sales manager with [ALA JobLIST](#), the online career center administered by *American Libraries*, ACRL’s *College and Research Libraries News* magazine, and ALA’s Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment. We asked Connolly for his insights on salary negotiations, including the biggest mistake applicants make regarding salary....



American Libraries feature, Nov./Dec.

YALSA 2018 Symposium celebrates YA lit

Jamie Santoro writes: “When the YALSA 2018 Young Adult Services Symposium opened November 2 in Salt Lake City, all eyes were on five fantasy and sci-fi authors who shared personal stories of reading, writing, interacting with fans, and responding to criticism.

Sabaa Tahir, author of the *An Ember* in the *Ashes* series, talked about the first time she saw herself in a book. It was in the 4th grade and there was a Muslim character in the story—the first one she had ever seen. She said she checked out the book 50 times in a row and asked the librarian if she could buy it.”...



AL: The Scoop, Nov. 5

By the numbers: Picture Book Month

Alison Marcotte writes: “November was designated [Picture Book Month](#) in 2011 by Dianne de Las Casas and fellow children’s book authors and illustrators Katie Davis, Elizabeth Dulemba, Tara Lazar, and Wendy Martin. The international literacy initiative was in response to a 2010 *New York Times*



article, ‘[Picture Books No Longer a Staple for Children.](#)’ Here are some statistics to celebrate picture book history, authors, illustrators, and awards.”...

American Libraries feature, Nov./Dec.; New York Times, Oct. 7, 2010

Annual Conference grants for librarians outside the US

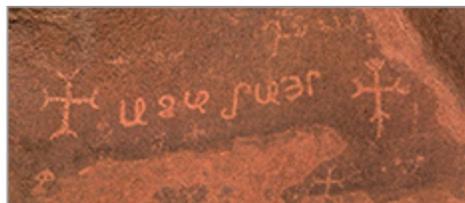
ALA and EBSCO Information Services are partnering to offer three scholarships to librarians residing outside of the US who wish to attend the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 20–25. Each grant will provide up to \$2,500 to defray the cost of conference registration, travel, and expenses. Recipients will be honored by EBSCO and ALA representatives during the conference at a breakfast hosted by EBSCO. The [application](#) deadline is January 1....



Office of ALA Governance, Nov. 6

A free online photo archive of the Middle East

Jessica Holland writes: “In September 2017, the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan, published an [online archive](#) of historical images from across the Middle East. The project is being supported by a grant from the US Department of Education. While working as an archivist, I helped start this ambitious project to digitize and publish 30,000 photos over four years. Images are searchable by the name of the cultural heritage site, objects found in the photo, names of the people represented, and many other metadata tags.”...



Muftah, Dec. 11, 2017

Simmons students and faculty help a Rwandan library.

In May, Simmons University Computational Sciences Professor Nanette Veilleux and SLIS Associate Professor Lisa Hussey traveled with students Vanessa Burns and Heather Moeykens to Rwanda, where they worked with the Maranyundo Girls School in Nyamata to collaborate with



computer science instructors and to reorganize the fiction collection and add study spaces in the library. MGS is a private boarding school run by Benebikira nuns. Burns also worked with students to create decorations to make the library a more welcoming spot....

Simmons University SLIS, Oct. 16

Pennsylvania prisons repeal restrictive book policy.

The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, which in September announced it would put a halt to book donation programs and mail-order books and publications, has revised its policy, allowing book orders to resume through a new centralized processing center. The prohibition was part of a wide-ranging security crackdown meant to eliminate drug smuggling into the prisons. In a statement, Corrections Secretary John Wetzel said the new procedure was a response to criticisms by book-donation groups....



Philadelphia Daily News, Nov. 2



Short Edition dispenser at Penn State

Hailley Fargo writes: “So, you might have heard of a machine that dispenses short stories. They are made by Short Edition, a company based in France whose mission is to ‘propel literature’ and share short stories and poetry with as many people as possible. I’m writing this post while sitting near one in our library. [Penn State got several dispensers in spring 2017](#) and [PLA just finished up its Courage writing contest](#), and I can only assume some more libraries will be getting their own dispensers in the next several years. I love watching students approach the dispenser, some not quite sure what they are all about.”...



ACRLog, Nov. 5; Penn State News, May 18, 2017

How does an archive guarantee “forever”?

Researchers, librarians, and publishers look to CLOCKSS and other long-term archives to

guarantee that the scholarly record will remain intact. CLOCKSS is taking steps now to formalize its Succession Plan and ensure the enduring survival of the scholarly content it preserves. Stanford Libraries, Humboldt University in Germany, the University of Edinburgh, and the University of Alberta Libraries have agreed to continue to preserve CLOCKSS digital content, should the organization cease to exist....



CLOCKSS, Nov. 5



2018 World Fantasy Awards

The World Fantasy Awards winners for works published in 2017 were announced November 4 during the 2018 World Fantasy Convention, held at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel. The Lifetime Achievement Awards, presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to the fantasy field, went to Charles de Lint and Elizabeth Wollheim.



This year's awards were marked by a [tie in the novel category](#), between *The Changeling* by Victor LaVelle, and *Jade City* by Fonda Lee.”...

World Fantasy Convention, Nov. 4; The Booklist Reader, Nov. 5

The best wireless headphones of 2018

Will Greenwald writes: “Wireless no longer means poor sound. These days, Bluetooth audio sounds much better than it ever has. Even though the stereo Bluetooth data signal is compressed, vendors have discovered ways of enhancing the signal to compensate for deficiencies in fidelity. (Audiophiles will still hear a difference, though.) But for casual listening, many of the most recent wireless models *PC Magazine* has tested sound just fine—even great. Check out our buying advice before picking the perfect pair.”...



PC Magazine, Nov. 5

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