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## Newsmaker: Rick Steves

If you want to know the most scenic train rides in Switzerland, the best fjords in Norway, or the most underrated seaport in Italy, Rick Steves (right) is your guide. Steves will appear as an Auditorium Speaker at the [ALA 2019 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle](#) on January 27 to talk about the third edition of his book, *Travel as a Political Act* (Hachette Book Group, 2018). *American Libraries* talked with Steves about being a cultural chameleon, his favorite libraries, and the one surprising place he still hasn't visited....



*American Libraries Trend, Jan. 18*

## Dewey Decibel: Insider's guide to Seattle

On January 25, it begins: ALA's [2019 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits](#) in Seattle. In [Episode 34](#) of the *Dewey Decibel* podcast, we get tips on where to eat, what to see, and what to do during Midwinter. First, *American Libraries* Managing Editor Terra Dankowski talks with travel guru [Rick Steves](#) about his favorite off-the-beaten path sights in the Seattle area. Then Dankowski speaks with Tori Mann, chef at Seattle restaurant [Lola](#), about her favorite spots to eat in the city. Finally, *Dewey Decibel* host Phil Morehart talks with [Emily Cabaniss](#), librarian and music assistant at the [Seattle Opera](#), about music happenings in Seattle....



*AL: The Scoop, Jan. 18; American Libraries Bookend, Jan./Feb.*

## 2019 National Day of Racial Healing

ALA will join the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and organizations across the country in observing the 2019 [National Day of Racial Healing](#) on January 22. On that day, thousands will celebrate our common humanity and take collective action toward a more just and equitable world. In commemoration, ALA invites library workers and others to offer [reading recommendations](#), join the conversation on [social media](#), convene a book discussion, or put up a sign. The celebration is a part of the Kellogg Foundation's Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation effort...



*ALA Public Programs Office, Jan. 16; Programming Librarian, Jan. 16*

## Copyright through the ages

Karen Muller writes: "In library school, I took a graduate-level British history course as an elective. My term paper was on the Stationers' Company in London, which set and enforced publishing industry regulations during the Tudor and Stuart periods, and the 1710 Statute of Anne, a law enacted during the reign of Queen Anne that saw copyright ownership move out of the hands of printers to authors. The battle for intellectual property rights is long—and ongoing. These books show how it has evolved over the years to encompass a variety of concerns."...

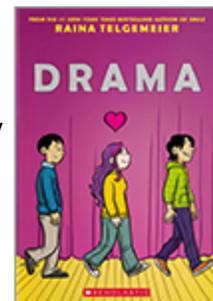


*American Libraries column, Jan./Feb.*



## Ottawa Catholic school board reverses, allows *Drama*

Ottawa, Ontario's Catholic school board has changed its mind and will return a graphic novel, which has a side story about two boys who are attracted to each other, to its elementary school library shelves. *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier, is about a student who wants to be part of her middle-school theater production. CBC News obtained emails from officials at the Ottawa Catholic School Board saying the book was being [removed](#) from elementary school libraries because it wasn't age-appropriate. On January 16, the school board said it would allow the book back on elementary school library shelves....



*CBC News, Jan. 15–16*

## Librarians for Wikipedia diversity

S. C. Stuart writes: “Wikipedia, which turns 18 this week, is now viewed 6,000 times every second and more than 200,000 editors contribute every month. But it’s been criticized for a lack of diversity in its subject matter and those deemed worthy of inclusion. So students at University of Southern California recently gathered in the library for a [Wikipedia Edit-a-thon for Diversity and Inclusion](#), where they learned how to edit and get involved. We spoke with one of the event’s organizers, Elizabeth Galoozis, associate university librarian and head of information literacy at USC.”...



*PC Magazine, Jan. 16*

## Modular items to diversify your library space

By the time your library’s interior remodeling project is finished, patron demands may have changed. That’s why many libraries are shifting to modular solutions. By providing private spaces for nursing mothers, exam-weary students, or frequent phone callers, libraries are creating flexible options for patrons without modifying their buildings—or breaking the bank. For example, MetroNaps EnergyPods were designed for power-napping, and some academic libraries have adopted them for students....

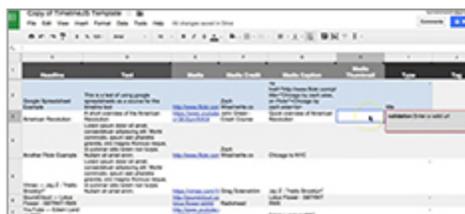


*American Libraries column, Jan./Feb.*



## Five good tools for creating timelines

Richard Byrne writes: “I couldn’t create this post on tools for creating timelines without mentioning [Timeline JS](#). Timeline JS has been my go-to recommendation for years. With it, students can create timelines that include pictures, videos, maps, audio files, text, and hyperlinks. Because the creation work is done inside of Google Sheets, Timeline JS can be used as a collaborative timeline creation tool. [Watch my video](#) to see how it works. If Timeline JS seems a bit too complicated for your students, [Flippity.net](#) offers another way to create a multimedia timeline through a Google Spreadsheet.”...



*Free Technology for Teachers, Jan. 18; Richard Byrne YouTube channel, Nov. 4, 2014*

## The oldest surviving periodic table wall chart?

A crumbling roll of canvas-backed paper discovered underneath a lecture theater in Scotland may be the world’s oldest surviving periodic table chart. The chart was found during a cleanup at the University of St. Andrews in 2014 and appears to date from 1885—16 years after the Russian chemist Dmitri Mendeleev published his method of showing the

relationships between the elements in 1869. Written in German, it only contains 71 entries, although some elements crop up twice, including relative atomic masses for elements predicted to exist but not yet discovered....

*The Guardian (UK), Jan. 17*



Periodische Gesetzmässigkeit der Elemente nach Mendelejew

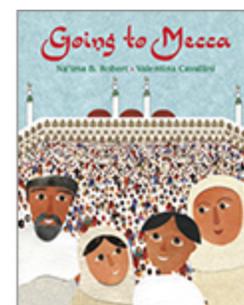
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Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Cu
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## 16 of the best Islamic books for kids

Alya Hameed writes: “Looking for some amazing Islamic books for kids? Maybe you want to help your them understand their culture and faith more. Or, you want to broaden their horizons and make them more empathetic toward their Muslim peers. Islamic children’s books have been bubbling up for some time, and now there are a lot to choose from. We already enjoy many of these at home, but I will definitely be adding some to my son’s bookshelf as he grows older. Whether you’re Muslim or not, this list of 16 of the best Islamic books for kids is worth checking out.”...

*Book Riot, Jan. 16*



## Joyce Carol Oates wins 2019 Jerusalem Prize

American author Joyce Carol Oates (right) has won the \$10,000 Jerusalem Prize, Israel’s highest literary honor for foreign writers. Oates will receive the prize on May 12 during the opening ceremony of the Jerusalem International Book Forum and the International Writers Festival of Mishkenot Sha’ananim. Judges cited Oates for throwing light “on the tension between the hidden anxieties and desires that permeate the human psyche.”...

*The Bookseller (UK), Jan. 18*



## 12 tales of librarian badassery.

Terry Hong writes: “In just over a week, Seattle’s population will temporarily expand with tens of thousands of librarians. Talk about a convergence of brains, guts, dedication, faith—and unconditional love of knowledge! Because that’s what it takes to be a librarian in today’s rapidly changing, globally interlinked, ever-more technological, and brave new world. Today we celebrate all that librarians do with these 12 engrossing titles in which librarians get to be the major players in their own adventures.”...

*The Booklist Reader, Jan. 17*



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