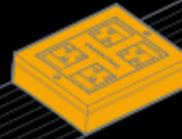


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## ALA statement on SCOTUS census ruling

On June 27, the Supreme Court issued a 5–4 ruling in *Department of Commerce v. New York*, temporarily blocking the US Commerce Department from adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. In response, ALA President Wanda Brown made the following statement: “The American Library Association agrees that there is a ‘substantial mismatch’ between the Commerce Secretary’s decision and the rationale he provided for adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. We welcome the Supreme Court’s decision to at least temporarily block the addition of the question. ALA has consistently opposed the addition of the question on the 2020 census form, as most recently argued in ALA’s [amicus curiae](#) brief in this case.”...



*AL: The Scoop, April 2, June 27*

## 2019 Annual Conference Highlights

The 2019 ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition concluded June 25 in Washington, D.C. More than 21,000 attendees came to the capitol for professional development, author programs, and presenters from [Opening General Session Speaker Jason Reynolds](#) (right) to [Closing General Session Speaker Mo Rocca](#). Catch up on all of this year’s conference coverage at [The Scoop](#)....



*AL: The Scoop, June 21–25*



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## ALA Council resolutions and recommendations

In its three meetings during the 2019 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., ALA Council passed resolutions regarding [renaming the Melvil Dewey Medal](#), [providing library services to children in migrant detention centers](#), and [ebook pricing for libraries](#). Council also [heard preliminary recommendations](#) from the Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness and [passed several revisions](#) to interpretations of the *Library Bill of Rights* proposed by the Intellectual Freedom Committee....



*AL: The Scoop, June 23–25*

## Stonewall anniversary marked with library exhibits

Sallyann Price writes: “As communities and institutions around the world raise rainbow flags and march in parades this month, two New York City libraries are homing in on a rich slice of local history: the police raids and subsequent riots that began June 28 at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Lower Manhattan, 50 years ago. New exhibits at New York Public Library and New York University Special Collections link the historical event to the broader cultural movements that fueled it and were fueled by it.”...



*American Libraries feature, June 27*

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## Jacksonville library cancels Pride Prom

Jacksonville (Fla.) Public Library has canceled the Storybook Pride Prom that was scheduled for June 28 at its Willowbranch location. Chris Boivin, JPL’s assistant director of community relations and marketing, said the library did not think it could provide enough “safety and security for everybody involved.” JPL has received hundreds of phone calls both for and against the event....



*Florida Times-Union, June 24*

## Supporters outnumber protesters at Brooklyn drag storytime

Aidan Graham writes: “Locals flocked to support a drag queen who read children’s books to kids at Brooklyn Public Library’s Crown Heights branch on Thursday, overwhelming a small group of protesters. Just five people gathered on June 27 to express outrage over Harmonica Sunbeam’s presence at Drag Queen Story Hour, while more than 50 colorfully dressed proponents sang songs and chanted in support of the event.”...



*Brooklyn Paper, June 27*



## [AASL best apps and websites for teaching and learning](#)

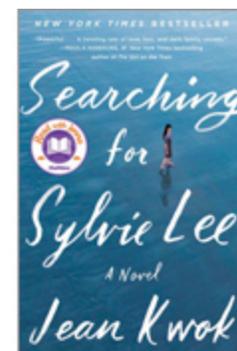
The American Association of School Librarians announced its 2019 Best Apps and Best Websites for Teaching and Learning at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., on June 22. The annual lists honor apps and websites that enhance learning and curriculum development for school librarians and their teacher collaborators. Recognized apps and websites foster innovation, creativity, active participation, and collaboration. They were also evaluated for their support of AASL’s [National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries](#)....



*AL: The Scoop, June 22*

## [Jenna Bush Hager is the new book club queen](#)

David Canfield writes: “Read With Jenna is but the latest literary recommendation operation launched by a major public figure—see everyone from Reese Witherspoon and Oprah Winfrey to Emma Watson and [Sarah Jessica Parker](#)—and, collectively, these celeb-led groups have transformed the publishing industry in a crucial moment, spotlighting distinctive titles for large fan bases amid the distractions of Netflix and social media and our ongoing political nightmare. But Hager is demonstrating an individual power not seen since Oprah’s glory days.”...



*Entertainment Weekly, June 24; AL: The Scoop, June 26, 2017*



## [Chicago mayor vows to open library branches on Sundays](#)

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot vowed June 24 to find the money to establish Sunday hours at the city's 77 branch libraries despite grappling with a budget shortfall she claims is "north of \$700 million." "We're gonna provide more resources so that our libraries can continue to grow. So that we can expand our hours because it's important for us to be present and visible for our residents and the libraries are really ground zero for what's good about Chicago," Lightfoot said after unveiling the "Summer of Learning" program at the McKinley Park branch....



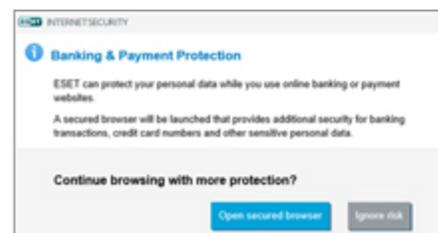
*Chicago Sun-Times, June 24*



## Best spyware protection security software for 2019

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "Malicious software comes in a wide variety of flavors. Ransomware encrypts your files and demands an untraceable payment to restore them. Bots enlist your computer as cannon fodder in a zombie army. And spyware, well, it spies on you, finding ways to monetize invading your privacy.

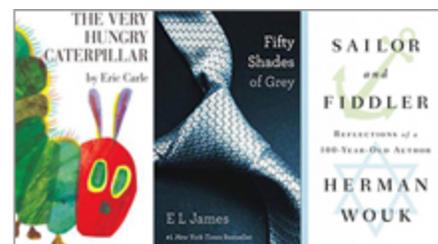
Your [antivirus software](#) should eliminate spyware, just as it wipes out other types of malware. But some security tools top off their protection with features aimed squarely at blocking those creepy spies. This article focuses on products that exemplify seven active defenses against spyware, including protection from webcam peepers and keystroke loggers."...



*PC Magazine, June 27*

## The 100 best books for every age

The staff of *Washington Post's* Book World chose 100 books, one for each year of life from age 1 to 100, along with some age-appropriate wisdom for each selection. The titles range from board and chapter books through fiction series, memoirs, political texts, and plays. Readers are encouraged to [submit their own suggestions](#) as well....



*Washington Post, June 26*

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