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Trending...

New on PLOnline This Week



How do you transform a library that's barely functioning to an award-winning library? Karen Pundsack interviewed Gale Bacon, director of 2015's Best Small Library to learn about Belgrade (MT) Community Library's rags to riches story in [Lessons from 2015's Best Small Library in America](#). April was National Poetry Month, and the Library of Congress released almost 2,000 audio recordings of authors for public use

through it's new Archive of Recorded Poetry and Literature. Learn more about how "librarians can use this wonderful tool" in [Library of Congress Unveils Recorded Poetry Archive](#).

If you've heard about the Aspen Institute report - Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries, but haven't had time to read it fully, Rebecca Cruz has highlighted some of the key points in [Dissecting The Aspen Institute Report](#). New Jersey hosted it's first state-wide Makers Day and Gretchen Kaser shared how her library was able to participate [here](#). Big Data is a buzz word for businesses, but how does it affect libraries? Carrie O'Maley Voliva explains in [Data Visualization for Public Libraries](#). Is the MLIS the worst master's degree out there? Read about the [Employment Trends in Public Libraries](#) and how likely it is that you'll be able to land a library job.

in [Building Small, Cheap, Dedicated Catalog Stations: Do-It-Yourself Raspberry Pi OPACS](#).

Midweek Media Mash-Up

A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- This beautiful National Geographic [photo essay](#) documents library patrons experiencing homelessness.
- Forbes contributor [Steve Denning](#) looks at the future of libraries in light of continuous technological and economic disruptions. Some great questions and advice [here](#).
- [The New Yorker](#) describes a powerful new crisis text line for teens which receives nearly 15,000 texts per day.
- Library director [Carla Hayden](#) talks with American Libraries about [staying open during the riots in Baltimore](#).
- Cord cutters! More and more people are [ditching cable](#).
- For the billions of people on earth without private internet access, [this little chip](#), which operates like the web but isn't hooked up to the Internet provides instant access to millions of documents.
- Parents call police on [kids giving away Sherman Alexie banned book](#).
- Are you in a bad habit cycle? Do you have a project or something to do but you can't get it done because of a lack of motivation? The Ten Minute MBA Podcast tackles procrastination in [this episode](#).

From the March/April 2015 Issue

Best Practices – Whole Person Librarianship

By Sara Zettervall

The idea that librarians and social workers have something to offer each other isn't new. When I interviewed PLA Past President Carolyn Anthony about the subject, she told me how she connected with social workers in Baltimore in the 1970s, to help them organize their information and distribute it to clients who visited her library. Going further back, the service ethos of both public librarianship and social work is rooted in the great populist movements of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

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