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Trending...

New on PLOnline This Week



Two libraries in Spain have taken their programming to the next level by adding kitchens dedicated to cooking workshops and culinary education. Corrado DiTillio interviewed the directors of the libraries about the challenges and rewards of having [Kitchens in Libraries](#). Kentucky public libraries are working hard to equip their citizens with digital literacy skills by providing free training and Wi-Fi access.

Learn more about [How Kentucky's Public Libraries Are Enabling Digital Literacy](#). With the overload of research on the Internet, it can be hard to get the correct information without drilling deeper. In [Is That Man Carrying A Lobster? The Illusion of Perception](#), Amy Crump warns librarians not to make assumptions before getting the whole picture. The closure of Corinthian Colleges-affiliated schools has left a gap in career training for many of its adult students. Africa S.Hands shows how the [Closure of Corinthian Colleges Is An Opportunity for Public Libraries](#).

“What happens when a patron wants to check out materials but has forgotten his card? When a well-respected library-user accrues a large fine? How about when a staff member sees a student copying and pasting large chunks of text into a school report?” Lisa Knasiak explores these dilemmas in [Library Ethics](#). Google is changing its search algorithm to be mobile-friendly. Ginny Mies shows you how to keep your library website at the top of the search results in [What Google's Algorithm Change Means for Library Websites](#).

Midweek Media Mash-Up

A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Denver Public Library adds a social worker](#) -- the newly appointed 'community resource specialist' is already making an impact.
- Maybe you should think about printing out a photo or two? ["To restate the obvious, we take millions of pictures every day yet have no prints to show for the moments that excited us in the first place. That may not seem like a big deal now, but in 15 years you may regret not having a tangible touchstone from your own story."](#)
- ["Believe in yourself and your ideas" - CEOs Share Career Advice.](#)
- Indeed! ["It is time for America to stop starving its libraries of funding."](#)
- Does this look infected? And other [unusual patron questions and requests.](#)
- [Well, this is lovely.](#)

From the March/April 2015 Issue

The 2014 PLDS Report: Characteristics and Trends

by Ian Reid - VP, Subscriber Support, Counting Opinions

The Public Library Data Service (PLDS) is an annual survey conducted by PLA. This 2014 survey of public libraries from the United States and Canada collected fiscal year (FY) 2013 information on finances, resources, service usage, and technology. Each year PLDS includes a special survey highlighting one service area or public library topic. In the 2014 survey, the supplemental questions focused on performance measures.

PLA continues its relationship with Counting Opinions (SQUIRE) Ltd. to provide the service for capturing the data and for the online PLAmetrics subscription service offering access to the longitudinal PLDS data sets going back to FY2002 and data from the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) going back to FY2000. PLAmetrics provides public libraries real-time access to meaningful and relevant public library data for comparing and assessing their operations using a variety of custom report formats and customizable report templates.

This report presents selected metrics for FY2014 PLDS data and previous year results in tables and charts with related observations. The results in this report were compiled using PLAmetrics. [Read the entire article here.](#)



Indie and Self-Published E-Book Reviews**All I Ever Need Is You (The Sullivans – Book 14)****Review By Reese Kutzler***(All I Ever Need Is You — The Sullivans – Book 14) by Bella Andre**Kindle Edition \$4.99*

Architect Adam is the hot, eligible playboy in town. He's known for having new eye candy on his arm at each event he attends – and he's definitely not looking for anything serious. But it isn't until he meets gorgeous and successful wedding planner Kerry that he understands what he's missing in a long term relationship.



Sounds like a move starring Jennifer Lopez and Matthew McConaughey, right? Let me throw something else into the mix — add in the flavor from 50 Shades of Grey, and you've got yourself a more compelling and worthwhile read. [Read the rest of the review.](#)

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