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## Trending...

### New on PLOnline This Week



In order to create more STEAM learning opportunities for girls, the Fayetteville Free Library started Geek Girls Camp, a program for elementary-age girls to experience science, technology, engineering, arts and math with hands-on activities and field trips. Alison McCarty covers this unique program in [Geek Girls Camp at the Library](#). “Often ASD [autism spectrum disorder] families simply feel

unwelcome, judged, or on display in public venues, due to some atypical behaviors and sometimes the appearance of their kids.” Read about how one library in Colorado is welcoming ASD families in [Special Access Browsing for Kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder](#).

Many of us can't imagine life without the Internet, but many families are still living without broadband access. In [Narrowing the Digital Divide: New York Public Library Loans Out Hotspots](#), Julia Pyatetsky dives deep into the issue of the technology gap in New York City. When a community is going through social changes, librarians can offer information and educate community members about their rights. Kimberly Knight explains how [Public Libraries are the Place to Learn and Exercise your Rights](#).

Did you know that libraries have a huge presence on Instagram? Learn about the different library-related hashtags on Instagram in [Libraries of Instagram](#). With the multitude of digital

**it Matter?** Melanie Lyttle and Shawn Walsh share their positive experience with organizing and labeling series of books. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) passed the Open Internet Order this past February in order to maintain net neutrality, and it finally became effective on June 12th. Get more details in [Open Internet Order Now Effective](#).

## Midweek Media Mash-Up

### A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Can reading make you happier?](#)
- [An enjoyable infographic guide to Pride & Prejudice.](#)
- [Library of congress head to resign.](#)
- [Are libraries having problems keeping track of art collections?](#)
- [In 2018, they'll only release titles written by women.](#)
- [Librarians, hackers and privacy activists gather in San Francisco, June 29/30](#)
- [What if we made animated musicals about the women of history and myth who refused to behave?](#)
- [Up the Amazon with the BS Machine - Ursula K. LeGuin](#)

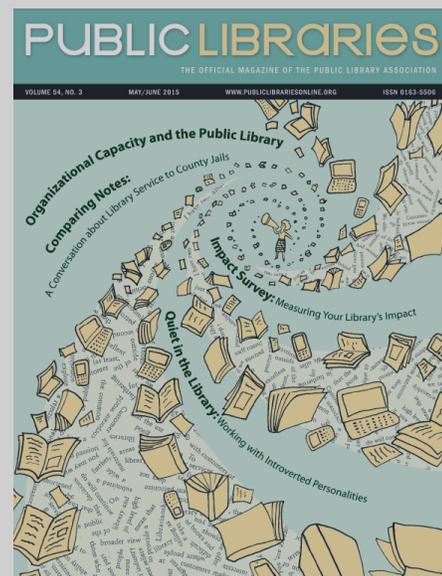
### From the May/June 2015 Issue

## Organizational Capacity and the Public Library

by Dennis P. Carrigan

Although the concept of organizational capacity has been applied most often to nonprofit organizations, it is applicable to organizations of every type, to include for-profit firms, governmental agencies, and public libraries. In spite of its relevance to public libraries, however, a search of Public Libraries from 1998 through the July/August 2014 issue for the terms “organizational capacity,” “capacity building,” and

“capacity” produced only one relevant result, published more than a decade ago.<sup>22</sup> On the other hand, organizational capacity is among the four broad topics that are discussed in Lexington (KY) Public Library’s (LPL) Annual Report 2013 (the others are marketing, service capacity, and results).<sup>23</sup> This prompted a request to LPL’s executive director, Ann Hammond, to be interviewed about organizational capacity and the library, to which she



entire article [here](#).

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## Ask Us Anything

We want this newsletter to be a dialogue. If you have questions about PLOnline, *Public Libraries*, PLA or anything else, send them in! Just hit reply and ask us anything. We'll try to answer every email and maybe even share our conversation in future newsletters.

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