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Trending

New on PL Online This Week

- "But not all libraries have the capacity to serve summer meals. This is where Range, a mobile app created by Caravan Studios (a division of TechSoup), comes in to help. [Range](#) helps youth and those who work with them find locations where free summer meals are served." Read more about this app and how libraries can use it in [How Range Can Help Libraries Connect Kids to Summer Meals](#).
- "Throughout the year, conventions celebrating comics, pop culture, super heroes, and more take place across the country. These events are fantastic opportunities for libraries to meet potential users who might never have thought of the library as a place they would go, and connect with those who already love their library on a new level." Find out more about libraries and Comic Cons in [Comics, Super Heros, Pop Culture, and Libraries](#).
- Meet Bibli! Bibli is a homemade robot who currently "works" at the Longmont Public Library. Librarian Katherine Weadley wasn't sure how Bibli would fit in at the library, but Bibli turned out to be a hit among kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Learn more in [Build a Robot and Add It to Your Staff](#).



Designed for small collections of less than 10,000 items, TinyCat is perfect for cataloging and circulating the collections of religious institutions, schools, community centers, and academic departments. Built on the user-friendly LibraryThing backend, TinyCat is a low cost, low skill way to offer library-like services". Read all about it [here](#).



Midweek Media Mash-Up

A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Study touts the benefits of reading to kids](#)
- [The most anticipated YA and Children's book of Fall 2015](#)
- [Iowa barber gives haircuts to children in exchange for them reading stories to him](#)
- [Listen! Tolkien reading from The Hobbit \(9.50 minutes\)](#)
- [Using Periscope for Business](#)

Snapshot

Last week we asked our readers whether they work in a library? 97% responded that they do, with 3 answering no, they do not work in a public library. We'd like to narrow it down a little this week, so tell us:

If you work in a library, is it a public library?

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

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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