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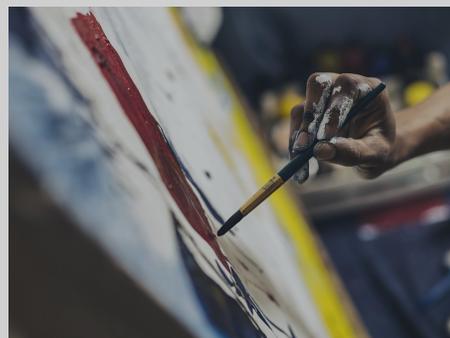
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## Trending

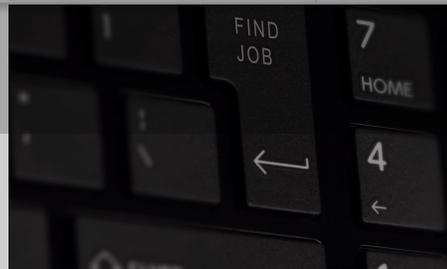
### New on PL Online This Week

- "A mobilization of over 170 libraries and organizations around the world are set to participate in [Outside the Lines](#) week, an initiative that aims to reintroduce libraries to their communities through bold events and innovative campaigns. The week-long celebration, running from September 13th-19th, has received backing from [EveryLibrary](#), America's first political action committee dedicated to raising funds for library initiatives." Learn more about this campaign in [Outside the Lines Campaign Reintroduces Libraries to Their Communities](#).
- "[Cedar Rapids Public Library](#) has created a new experience for its patrons. They commissioned local artists and writers to use their windows as writing spaces for stories. The idea itself was actually the brainchild of Molly Rideout, co-director for [Grin City Collective](#), an artist-in-residency organization. Rideout said that after experimenting with text on windows in vinyl, she thought the library would be a good fit for this "text as art" project." Read more about this new impetus to add more art in the library in [Unique Art Creates Unique Experience at Library](#).
- "Public libraries must evolve with society. Public libraries are no longer needed to look up basic information that can now be found on Google; instead libraries are in a position to have more meaningful, deeper relationships with our



of [Public Libraries in a Jobless Society](#).

- For those who might not be able to visit the



Bodleian Library at the University of Oxford, the Bodleian library has found a way to bring their library to you. The library recently launched the Digital Bodleian, a website that hosts some of the library's collection digitally. "Instead of boarding a flight, folks can experience the Bodleian from the comfort of home or at their local libraries." Get more info in [Bodleian Library Launches New Digital.Bodleian Site](#).

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## Midweek Media Mash-Up

### A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Winners of the Rona Jaffe Writer's Association Award Announced](#)
- [Haruki Murakami's Advice Column is Now Online](#)
- [The Case for Reading Books that Offend You](#)
- [Frontline's Profile of US Poet Laureate, Juan Felipe Herrera \(Video\)](#)
- [The Saddest Bookworm \(Video\)](#)

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## Snapshot

In our last poll, we asked you what your favorite genre of books were. Results showed that the most popular genre was mystery, with 33.3% of the votes. The second most popular genre was nonfiction.

Many public libraries offer computer usage and digital literacy on top of other more traditional services. This week, we want to know:

**How often do you help patrons with computer-related issues a week?**

- Never
- 1-2 times
- 3-5 times
- Too many to count

## 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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