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## Trending...

### New on PLOnline This Week

- It's clear libraries and librarians face unique challenges as more and more content is presented digitally. One of the concerns I have heard from librarians relates to one of their primary missions: preservation. As an author, I share this concern. It's been said that literature is writing that fifty years after the author's death is forced upon high-school students by their teachers, who strive to explain what the author meant when he wrote "the sky is blue." But fifty years after my death, the world will likely be a different place, with different readers and different devices. So how will my digital content survive? Read more in [Is Digital Content Being Properly Preserved?](#)
- Archive Corps is a volunteer effort to help save physical materials that are in danger of being lost forever. According to their mission statement they intend to "make the insurmountable, surmountable" when it comes to rescuing these materials through physical rescue missions, regardless of material or location. The man behind the mission is Jason Scott. Scott, along with the other volunteers at Archive Corps, works under the idea that if something needs saving, Archive Corps members will mobilize to do so. Learn more about Archive Corps in [Preserving for Posterity](#).
- For one weekend in September, Boulder, Colorado, was host to dozens of international authors talking about everything (except their books) as part of a new satellite of the Jaipur (India) Literature Festival. The Jaipur Literature Festival, or JLF, is a free-to-the-public festival that brings together writers, poets, and thinkers from around the world to talk about big ideas like life and society, economics and the arts, equity, freedom, and the environment. See more about



## Festival.

- Is it time for public libraries to end overdue fines in order to remove this common practice as a barrier to access? Libraries in the northwest suburbs of Chicago seem to think so. Read more in [The End of Overdue Fines](#).



- Every year, ALA's Banned Books Week recognizes books that have been banned or challenged in the past year. In 2015, the week was September 27-October 3. In addition to highlighting the frequently challenged books, the ALA also hopes to foster a discussion about Intellectual Freedom. Read more about 2014's challenges in [ALA Banned Book List](#).



- Many libraries have a bookmobile, but if you can't afford a bookmobile for any number of reasons, there is an alternative: a boxmobile. All right, in our case it's a rolling suitcase, but boxmobile sounds cooler! Powered by a laptop, mobile hot spot, scanner, printer, and RFID pad, all that we need to perform circulation off-site is contained in a rolling suitcase. Discover how you can create your own boxmobile in [Boxmobile — The Bookmobile Alternative](#).
- The most frequent request librarians get at the reference desk (other than directions to the bathroom) is a request for an answer—not necessarily a resource. Over the years of working with various organizations, businesses, and libraries, it seems we have great access to all sorts of information. We collect it, we catalog it, we index it, we sort it, we file it, we shelve it, and we make it available with computers. What is becoming increasingly difficult within this plethora of information is finding answers. Read more in [Finding Answers](#).



## Midweek Media Mash-Up

### A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Digital Literacy, Isolation, and Rural Mississippi](#)
- [How Being Busy Makes You Unproductive](#)
- [Public Perception vs. The True Innovation of Libraries](#)
- [Five Secrets to Building Willpower](#)
- [Rethinking the Press Release](#)
- [How Many of These Literary Landmarks Have You Been To?](#)

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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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