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Trending...

The Latest From PLOnline

- Think about the utilities you have at your library: electricity, water, and gas. Could your library survive without those? Probably not. Now, consider your programming and public access technology. How much of it relies on Internet connectivity? How much more could you be doing with better Internet connectivity? Find out in "[Better Broadband: How Your Library Can Take Advantage of E-Rate Funds.](#)"
- In late October, I had the pleasure of hearing [Beck Tench](#) present a program at the Illinois Library Association annual conference. The title of her talk was "Librarians In Space: How To Make Space, Find Courage and Take Risks in Your Life and Library." Tench gave a great talk, offering insights for creating a culture of risk taking on both personal and professional levels. I left with several take-aways. Read more in "[Finding Courage to Take Risks in Life and Library.](#)"
- Like many public libraries, [Brookfield \(IL\)Public Library](#) had a problem with unsupervised kids hanging out at the library after school. The children gathered in the cozy youth area and due to space constraints, seemingly overtook the library. Their youthful exuberance was considered by some to be loud and disruptive. In response, Executive Director, Kimberly Coughran and staff decided to embrace the situation and



- It happened on October 1st in Dublin, Ohio. You may not know, [unless you read the news release](#) on the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) website or [saw the short article on cnn.com](#). Maybe you thought that this event had already taken place, possibly even years ago! Read more in "[Closing the Drawer on Library Catalog Cards](#)."
- Humans are recorders. We've been recording things for centuries. We drew everyday life on the insides of caves. We documented the number of livestock we owned. Today, we've evolved to journal every aspect of our existence, from the clothes we wear to the food we eat. We are what we eat, and as early as the 1st Century, we were recording what we consumed. For twenty-five years, it was Barbara Ketcham Wheaton's job to curate the cookbook collection at the Schlesinger Library at Cambridge, Massachusetts' Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies. For twice that amount of time, she has been feverishly creating [a database of all the recipes, ingredients, and cookbooks recorded in Europe and America](#). Read the entire article, "[Cookbook Database is History of People](#)."
- Smartphones are driving technology ownership like never before. [According to a recent Pew Research Center study](#), "smartphones are transforming into all-purpose devices that can take the place of specialized technology, such as music players, e-book readers and gaming devices." In fact, 68% of all U.S. adults now own a smartphone, while 92% own a cellphone. This number has nearly doubled since the Pew Research Center's first study on smartphone ownership in mid-2011 when only 32% of adults had smartphones. For more information check out, "[Technology Device Ownership: 2015](#)"



Midweek Media Mash-Up

A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Windsor \(Canada\) Libraries Prepare for Refugees](#)
 - ["Timeless Instruction on How to be a Terrible Employee"](#)
 - [But You Probably Already Knew These \(Google Expert Search Tips\)](#)
 - [How to Use Brand Names in Your Fiction \(For those of you working on a novel\).](#)
 - [Day Jobs of Famous Authors](#)
 - [IMLS webinar \(with USCIS and Department of Justice\) will focus on employee rights and online resources.](#)
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