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Trending..The Latest From PLOnline

- Tulsa, Oklahoma has seen a lot of growth and renewal in the last few years. From bustling, youthful Downtown to quirky and artistic Cherry Street to family-friendly Bixby, the Tulsa metro area continues to boom. This growth extends to [the Tulsa City-County Library](#) (TCCL) as well. A renewal project has been in the works since 2011, giving the citizens of Tulsa County the excellent library services they are accustomed to from the TCCL. In August 2011, the city of Tulsa stepped toward a renewed Central location by inviting architects to present ideas. The winning firm was selected that October and the planning phase began. Two years from the start of the plan, the original Central library building closed its doors in preparation for the building phase; in order to continue providing services, the [Librarium](#) opened nearby, an innovative solution to the public's continued need for services in spite of the newly-begun construction. Read more in "[Tulsa City-County Renewal](#)."
- There's an explosion of library related art in Toronto. Local artists, inspired by the now hundred-branch library system, created love letters to the library through art; via the power of social media, the library took notice. Two projects that are getting international attention are the Toronto Library Passport and All The Libraries Toronto. [The Toronto Library Passport](#), which encourages people to visit various branches and complete small tasks at each one, started as a project by graphic designer and web developer Noah Ortmann. After tweeting a picture of the thirty-six-page booklet at the library, the project gained international attention, and the initial print run is now sold out. "One of my goals was to get Torontonians to become tourists in their own city and to engage (or reengage) with the library," [Ortmann told CityLab](#). The passport highlights unique features of the library system by asking people to, for example, read a mystery in the [Arthur Conan Doyle Room](#), which is modeled after Sherlock Holmes' study and houses a research collection about the author. Every branch is represented with spaces to jot down your



- Whether rebranding, reorganizing, or answering the public's questions, we have to talk about semantics. Susanne Langer in her 1948 book, *Philosophy in a New Key* told us, "The way a question is asked limits and disposes the ways in which any answer to it—right or wrong—may be given. If we are asked: 'Who made the world?' We may answer: 'God made it,' 'Chance made it,' 'Love and hate made it,' ... if we say, 'Nobody made it,' we reject the question." If we are asking a question, the way we ask can disrupt the course of inquiry...if we ask the wrong question. Find out more in "[Finding Answers III: Searching For the Right Questions.](#)"

-  Research is a method of collecting qualitative and quantitative data, verifying it, and determining conclusions, while searching is somewhat an art form, learning about search engines and taxonomies, and being able to use them successfully to find data and answers. I'm sometimes caught with my jaw open. In working with many librarians on various discussion lists, I find they seem to be looking for things and answers only on those databases and aggregators of databases to which they have corporate access, such as [ProQuest](#), [EBSCOhost](#), [Gale databases](#), et al. Of course, this is done because these databases are considered safe and more reliable information than items found on the Internet. But my jaw drops when I find they haven't made an effort to search the Internet, or they haven't found what they need from the Internet when indeed it can be found. In any case, the Internet can be and is, for a librarian, a friend. Read "[Search vs. Research](#)" for more information.
- Want to see some large antique globes, but don't want to put on pants and trek to Portland, Maine? The Osher Map Library (OML) has you covered with its new digitization project. Globes were once incredibly common for use in mapping and exploring the world, but now it can be hard to get up close and personal with these delicate items. Luckily for map- and history-lovers, the Osher Map Library is working hard to get its collection of nearly three hundred vintage globes online and available for viewing at all hours of the day. Read "[Osher Map Library Brings its Globes to the Public.](#)"

Midweek Media Mash-Up

A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Libraries Are Focus of Knight News Challenge](#)
- [Science in the Public Interest is Broken](#)
- [Schools Around the Country are Turning Dead Microsoft PCs Into Speedy Chromebooks](#)
- [Michelle Obama Introduces Open eBooks \(Watch 1:02\)](#)
- [Download 2,000 Magnificent Turn-of-the-Century Art Posters, Courtesy of the New York Public Library](#)
- [This Fair Use Infographic Explains the Fundamentals](#)

- [Meet Dr. Carla D. Hayden \(watch 3:31\)](#)

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