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Trending..The Latest From PLOnline

- The St. Paul Public Library in Minnesota is proving that the public library is one of the most valuable places in town, especially for an under-represented immigrant population — the [Karen](#). In December, mayor Chris Coleman announced that the library had curated and published two Karen-language children's books, which were then handed out at a special book launch and read at a December storytime. The Karen are the ethnic and language groups of people living in Myanmar (formerly Burma) and on the borders of Thailand. Many Karen people fled their home due to government persecution and settled in Minnesota after living in refugee camps. There are [approximately 6,500 Karen-language residents currently living in Minnesota](#), according to the St. Paul government website. An article by the Lillie News reports that the growing community of Karen people has many avid library users. Read more in "[St. Paul Public Library Publishes Picture Books.](#)"


- Libraries are great places to find legal information, in the stacks, in [NOLO books](#) on every topic, and on legal websites accessed via the public computers. But librarians can only point patrons to these resources; they can't give legal advice themselves. So why not bring in the lawyers who can? Libraries across the country are embracing programs that bring pro-bono lawyers to the library for presentations on popular legal topics or one-on-one basic legal advice. In Florida, [Lawyers in Libraries](#) is a statewide project initiated by [Florida Legal Services](#). At first, the program consisted of presentations by lawyers to library staff to show staff how to find the state's online legal information and services to pass on to patrons. Soon it expanded to include presentations directly to patrons on legal topics including family law, bankruptcy, and medical directives. Find out more in "[Lawyers and Libraries: A Winning Combination for Your Patrons.](#)"



examine documents in a foreign museum or spend hours reeling through microfilms at a library. The New York Public Library (NYPL) is one in a long list of major institutions, including the [Vatican Apostolic Library](#), the [Smithsonian](#), and the [Thomas J Watson Library at the Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), that now offer their collections in digital format. Read more in "[With a Twist: Old Works Get New Life at the NYPL.](#)"



- Last fall, Marley Dias, with help from her mother and two friends, [set out to collect a thousand books with relatable, black female lead characters](#). Their plan was to donate the books to area schools that both Marley and her mother have attended. In an interview with *People*, mother Janice Johnson Dias said, “This movement is obviously very personal to Marley, but it also highlights the need for diversity in literature.” So they started collecting books and held a book fair. As the momentum grew, so did Marley’s profile. She appeared on Fox29’s “Good Day Philadelphia” then landed a spot on the Ellen DeGeneres Show, where Ellen and photo-giant Shutterfly gifted her with a check for \$10,000. Read the entire article "[#1000BlackGirlBooks Campaign Exceeds Goal.](#)"



Virtual Conference Registration Deadline Friday, March 25 at 4:30 p.m. (Central Time)

Don't Miss the PLA 2016 Virtual Conference!

On April 7 & 8, PLA will host a Virtual Conference in tandem with PLA 2016. Each day will feature five live programs, author interviews, networking opportunities, and more. [Get more information and register here](#). Registration deadline is Friday, March 25.

A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Get Rid of the Resume?](#)
- ["Throwing Money at the Problem" May Work in Education](#)
- [Use a "Shot Clock" To Keep Meetings on Track](#)
- [For Adults, Lifelong Learning Happens The Old Fashioned Way](#)
- [James Patterson's Small Books Plan](#)
- [Detroit High School Grads to Receive Free Tuition at Community Colleges](#)

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