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Trending..The Latest From PLOnline

- Minecraft has taken over many households and libraries over the past several years. “To date, Minecraft has been downloaded more than 60 million times and is so popular that videos just discussing the game on YouTube attract 2.4 billion views.” Libraries have incorporated this game into many of their yearly programs, and sessions about the innovative game have been given at conferences across the country. [Read more in "Minecraft as a Historical Education Tool."](#)



- When deployed overseas, military service members can end up with a lot of downtime on their hands. Many struggle to fill the idle time with activities that contribute to their mental and physical well-being and even further their career aspirations. There is a growing concern about [treating service members' mental health issues when they return from deployment](#), but how do we contribute to improving or maintaining their mental health while they're deployed overseas? [Read the entire article here.](#)
- In her blog post, “Getting rejected in the library world. What now?” on *ACRLog*, Quetzalli Barrientos writes about her rejection in academic publishing. The feedback: “This draft would not be publishable as a scholarly article. It is really a rambling excessively personal recollection of various experiences, without a clear thesis or focus.” She describes feeling “crushed, sad, lost, and many other things,” before she decided to keep moving, taking pride in new accomplishments, and sharing about her journey. Find out more in "[Roaring Back from Rejection.](#)"
- Since—and perhaps before—public libraries started building auditoriums in their libraries, we have had music programs for the public. Some of these programs started back in the 1940s; possibly earlier. One of the first noted concert series in libraries was that of the [Composers Forum](#). Under the joint auspices of Columbia University and the New York Public Library, contemporary American composers in 1947 gave concerts until 1977 in the Donnell Library, a branch of the New

Library."

- In February of 2016, the [Nashville Public Library](#) informed the local chapter of Black Lives Matter that they would not be able to continue hosting meetings in the library, as their policy of excluding non-black participants conflicts with the library's meeting room policies. The Nashville chapter had been meeting there monthly since October 2015. Read "[Library Meeting Room Conflicts.](#)"
- For those who receive many unsolicited emails, spam filters are a blessing and a great tool for keeping mail organized. But for a moment, let's switch to the perspective of the bulk mail provider. From this perspective, spam filters can become problematic. Here are some tips to make your emails look less suspicious to a spam filter. Find out more in "[Avoiding Your Patrons' Spam Filters.](#)"
- Japan is known for advanced technology, lively pop culture, and its deep and ancient history. Many people do not likely think of libraries, however, when considering Japan's contributions to its society and to the world. One Japanese university is changing the way information professionals and students alike view university library aesthetics and design, prompting a new view of the user experience in academic libraries. Read the entire article, "[Meeting Rooms of the Future.](#)"



Midweek Media Mash-Up

A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Google's Slides Q&A Offers Interactive Presentations](#) (Watch 2:10)
- [Fed Up With "Snorers and Wheezers," Thomas Carlyle Started His Own Library](#)
- [The Secret Rules of the Internet](#)
- [Libraries Curating Current Events](#)
- [Privacy Implications of Microphone-enabled Devices](#)

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