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Trending..The Latest From PLOnline

- If it becomes law, the 2017 Intelligence Authorization Act (H.R. 2596) will expand government surveillance pertaining to electronic communications such as e-mail. The FBI would no longer need a court order for such surveillance; rather, it would only need to obtain a national security letter. According to the [Electronic Frontier Foundation](#), a national security letter is an FBI-issued document that, in certain situations (such as security threats or pending criminal cases), makes demands upon institutions to turn over classified information, such as “banking, telephone, and Internet usage records.” Read more in "[Patron Privacy, Internet Usage, and New Proposed Legislation.](#)"
- Friends of the Library organizations around the world are well known for their used book sales, big and small. The [Friends of the Chattanooga Public Library](#) are going even bigger than most with a used book sale in a twenty-four-hour location—their local airport. The Friends are opening Sky Lib, a bookstore at Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport that will operate on the honor system, with no staff to watch the books or collect money. Customers will pay the three- to five-dollar book cost either into a secured cash box, with a credit card on the Friends’ website, or by picking up an envelope to mail in a check. All proceeds from the bookstore will go to support the Chattanooga Public Library. Read "[Friends Group Opens Airport Bookstore.](#)"
- There is an elusive group of people sitting in their cars in your library’s parking lot making use of your library being a PokeStop or Gym. They could be teenagers but more than likely they are somewhere in their twenties, thirties, or forties. You haven’t seen them in the library for years, if ever. Can you get them into the building to see how awesome your library is? Read "[Pokémon Go: Strike While the Iron is Hot](#)"
- The [Pokémon GO sensation](#) has skyrocketed in a short period of time, going from a much anticipated game release to a global sensation. It illustrates a couple





future. But there are immediate issues. **Criminals immediately took advantage** of the fact that players were revealing not only where they were, but where they

were going. Privacy issues were also raised, and if you are playing you should **check your privacy settings**, although Niantic says they are working on a solution. Then Pokémon GO players immediately started showing up in some odd places to try to fill their Pokedex. The question arose: Where is it appropriate to capture Pokémon? Is anywhere fair game? Read "**Don't Go There: Are Libraries Appropriate Places to Catch Pokémon?**"

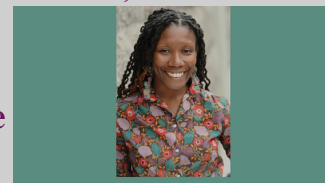
- With budget cuts plaguing my state, discussions have arisen over Interlibrary Loan, more specifically, the feasibility of delivering requested items from one location to another. The bottom line: This service is expensive. It is no surprise the discussion got heated and reflected the sometimes petty biases and politics of large groups. The conversation also reflects a fundamental divide that occurs across many competitive organizations: the divide between the haves and the have-nots. Read "**The Haves and the Have Nots.**"
- When your library has invested much time and money in a particular collection, you hope that your patrons take notice. Over the past four to five years, our cookbook section at Pharr (Texas) Memorial Library has grown tremendously. Unfortunately, the extensive collection circulated poorly. So we decided to roll with what we had and launch our own cooking show titled "Cooking with Ben" (after one of our staff members). Ben volunteered and was the ideal chef for the job. The response has been amazing! Read "**Cooking with Ben: Our Library's Cooking Show Adventure.**"



Author Interview

PLOnline Talks to Nicole Dennis-Benn

Nicole Dennis-Benn's searing debut novel *Here Comes the Sun* explores the relationships among three Jamaican woman: Margot, who works at the front desk of a Montego Bay resort; her mother, Delores, a charismatic vendor at a tourist market stall; and Thandi, her fifteen-year old half sister, a brilliant high school student who both women work overtime to financially support. When construction begins on a nearby luxury hotel, Margot seizes the opportunity to achieve financial independence for herself once and for all. NPR hailed it as "one of the most stunningly beautiful novels in recent years" and the book has been listed on summer reading lists for *The New York Times*, the BBC, and *Elle*.



Midweek Media MashUp

A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Closing the Digital Divide](#) (Aspen Ideas Institute -- Watch 1:03:01)
- [The New York Times On the Area's Thriving Libraries](#)
- [A Definitive Ranking of 151 Catchable Pokémon Go Monsters](#)

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