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## Trending..The Latest From PLOnline

- Global Literature in Libraries (GLLI), a new initiative spearheaded by translators and advocates for translation, has been established with the goal of increasing awareness of international literature within the library community, with a special emphasis on contemporary fiction. GLLI members include translators and publishers who are working with public, school, and academic librarians to increase the visibility of translated literature. Increasing the visibility of books published across borders is one of GLLI's primary focal points. Members will be organizing programs at conferences and meeting with library directors to explore ways of growing the number of translated books in their collections. Find out more "[Read the World! The Global Literature in Libraries Initiative.](#)"


- Looking for more resources to support the journalists in your community? The [Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project \(OCCRP\)](#) recently launched a new data platform to help journalists and researchers browse through more than two million documents from international sources, such as commerce gazettes, company records, leaks, and court cases. The new investigative platform is called [Investigative Dashboard Search \(ID Search\)](#), and its goal is to help journalists and researchers expose organized crime and corruption globally. Read "[Journalists and Librarians: A Common Goal.](#)"
- A typical library scene—parents and children use Skype to read to each other, and people learn the basics of a foreign language, craft yarn into a scarf, and discuss basic financial concepts—but this is not your typical public library setting: It is a prison library. Surprised? While prison librarians all over the country have a unique set of challenges, they are also coming up with an abundance of programming aimed at assisting prisoners in learning lifelong skills. Read "[Programming in Prison Libraries.](#)"

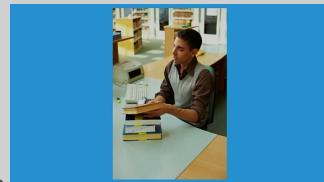


keeping all employees, managers, and the government happy with each other. From the moment you start working at the library until years after you've parted ways, your human resources director makes sure your job goes smoothly so you can concentrate on your public. Read more in "[I'm Not Actually a Librarian: Human Resources Director.](#)"

- Public libraries, as part of their public service and outreach initiatives, regularly reach out to the prison community to help reintegrate and reinvigorate the incarcerated, hoping to also lessen the chance of recidivism. The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) has taken the matter one step further by opening up a video visitation center in its central location for families of the imprisoned to communicate with each other for free. A visitation then becomes an opportunity for a family to share stories, to read together, to play together. The BPL has set up mirrored spaces where both the prisoner and the family members have the same games, toys, and books available to them. With the help of the almost \$400,000 grant from the [Knight Foundation](#) for this innovative concept, the BPL will open at least another twelve more video visitation spaces in other branches that serve low-income communities with high levels of incarceration. Read "[TeleStory Connects Families at Brooklyn Public Library.](#)"
- Maybe the following statement is a mistake: “The decrease in library borrowings, the closure of bookstores globally, the reduction in the sale of print media, and the deterioration of the quality of annual book fairs are signs of our times,” says an [article in Singapore’s Straits Times](#). “We cannot ignore the changes

around us.” The author goes on to state: “The accessibility [to e-books] makes reading effortless, making trips to libraries and bookstores unnecessary.” I think he’s wrong. But I also think the article has a point.

Libraries focus on certain metrics, and much like the declining Big Five of the publishing industry, they have based their future planning, and often the source for their funding, on the wrong data, which has caused them



to shift their priorities away from the purpose of the library in the first place. It’s not just the number of patrons who walk through the doors or the number of books borrowed that matters. The library is about cultivating a love for reading, encouraging new readers, and converting nonreaders into readers. How is that done? Read more in "[Beyond Book Borrows: What's Your Story?](#)"

## Productivity Tips and Tricks with Kari Chapin

Join the Public Library Association (PLA) to learn new ways to help manage your day and find more time in your schedule. “[Productivity Tips and Tricks to Help You Find More Time and Manage Your Days](#)” will take place on August 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Central. Productivity and planning expert Kari Chapin will share actionable tips and

morning routine and ending with your evening wind down—and everything in between. Focused on habits you can build, time management strategies, and an encouraging realistic approach, this webinar will help you see your typical day in a new light.



At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will:

- Know how to create an actionable plan to better structure their days;
- Have discovered ways to find more time in their daily schedules; and
- Have learned the importance of routines and the freedom of making fewer decisions.

The cost to attend “[Productivity Tips and Tricks to Help You Find More Time and Manage Your Days](#)” is \$28 (PLA Members), \$31.50 (ALA Members) and \$35 (Nonmembers). Groups of any size can register for \$129. The registration deadline is 11:59 p.m. Central on Monday, August 1.

## Midweek Media MashUp

### A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [Closing The Digital Divide by Putting Broadband in All HUD Housing](#)
- [Can Brain Training Prevent Dementia?](#)
- [Why You Are Bad at Small Talk](#)
- [Using Facebook to Increase Voter Turnout](#)
- [How To Avoid Burnout](#)
- [Third Graders Assess and Improve Diversity of Classroom Library](#)

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