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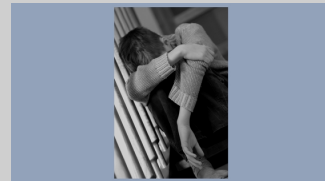
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Trending..The Latest From PLOnline

- Public libraries provide a wealth of information to their patrons on virtually any topic. This includes resources for individuals responding to tragedy. Although this is often a difficult subject to approach due to its emotional nature, patrons may need this information now more than ever, due to the recent spate of mass shootings. One excellent starting point for librarians is [ASPR TRACIE's "Post-Mass Shootings Programs and Resources Overview."](#) ASPR (the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response) is a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and operates TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange). TRACIE's mission is to provide reliable information to those working in public health and emergency management, but anyone affected by a major emergency can access its high-quality resources. Read more in "[Library Resources for Dealing with Mass Shootings.](#)"
- No one is surprised that makerspaces are taking the country by storm. Public libraries across the country have implemented makerspace programs, and now school libraries are following suit. The Shawnee Mission School District in Kansas is no exception. In an effort to keep pace with our technologically focused world, the [Shawnee Mission School District](#) hired "innovation specialists" instead of "librarians" to head their school libraries, which now are more like makerspaces, or "laboratories of creation," and students in the district are provided with tablets or laptops. One superintendent said, "now that they have those digital resources in hand, no longer do I have to...walk my class to the library." Students seem to really enjoy creating and collaborating in a makerspace environment; however, some librarians are concerned that the lack of focus on books and reading means students will miss out on other useful lessons. Read "[School District Hiring Innovation Specialists to Head Libraries.](#)"

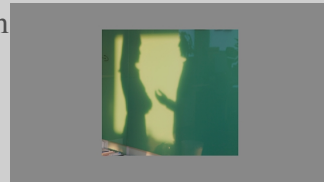




of their sexuality, gender presentation, the way they dress, or any other reason." The library has been hosting this event since 2004, and the number of attendees has been steadily growing since its debuted attendance of a

hundred. Read "[Anti-Prom Held at New York Public Library.](#)"

- As recent news coverage attests, this summer has had several unfortunate events involving violence and conflict. Within a very short time span, the United States bore witness to the death of a young man in Falcon Heights, Minn., during a traffic stop, and the deaths of five police officers in Dallas, Texas, during a shooting incident. These recent events were preceded by the deaths of fifty young adults in Orlando, Fla., during a shooting at Pulse, a nightclub. Although these are three separate incidents, they share some common attributes, including concerns about racial equality, gun violence, gun possession policies, and law enforcement policies. Read "[Encouraging Diversity and Equity in Public Libraries.](#)"
- At times it feels as if sex trafficking is a problem in other countries, not the United States. This [infographic from the University of New England's Online Social Work program](#), however, shows that the United States contributed a large portion of those caught in an Interpol sting called Project Sweetie. Designed to ensnare those willing to pay for a fictional ten-year-old girl called "Sweetie," the sting caught 254 Americans in its web. In the United Kingdom, 110 were caught; in India, 106. To say that sex trafficking is not a problem in the States is to reveal ignorance. One of the largest centers for sex trafficking in the country is San Diego, where it has turned into a near-billion dollar local industry. Because of the city's role as a hub for sex trafficking, and the chance encounter of one of its librarians, the San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is now working actively to combat sex trafficking. Read more in "[San Diego Public Library Uses Education, Resources to Combat Sex Trafficking.](#)"



Midweek Media MashUp

A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [The Scourge of Infomania](#)
- [What You Are Good At? Do that.](#)
- (Listen 16:34) [Unpleasant Design & Hostile Urban Architecture](#)
- [Chart features educational YouTube channels for Teachers & Librarians](#)
- [How to Take Great Bookish Selfies](#)
- [A Distracted Brain is a Forgetful Brain](#)

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