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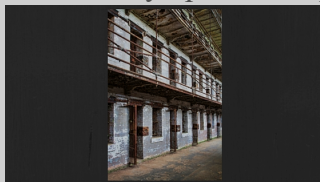
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Trending..The Latest From PLOnline

- Librarians from 147 countries descended on Columbus, Ohio, last week (Aug. 13–19, 2016) for the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress, and I was fortunate enough to be there. IFLA, founded in 1927, is dedicated to helping libraries around the world achieve great things for our local and global communities. Every year there is a World Library and Information Congress in a different country. Last year it was in Cape Town, South Africa, next year it is in Wrocław, Poland, and in 2018 it will be in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia! Read more about this year's IFLA conference in "[An IFLA Congress Experience](#)."
- Summer reading is the most popular time of year for many public libraries. Thanks to their newfound free time and to our library's expanded program offerings, kids and teens in my small town easily double their attendance here between June and August every year. Our special events are not just fun and games, however; my staff and I strive to incorporate an educational component to keep kids learning outside the classroom. Read the entire article "[Keeping Learning Alive at Your Library](#)."
- The [New York Public Library](#) has a new branch. An unofficial new branch, that isn't exactly open to the public. This new branch, opened July 26, 2016, is the permanent public library at Rikers Island Correctional Facility, housed in the women's Rose M. Singer Center. The Rikers Island library "holds 1,200 books — spanning everything from comics to sci-fi, from Spanish language works to nonfiction classics — and it will be open every Tuesday for about six hours each day. Inmates can check out two books for two weeks, with the goal of serving half of the prison one week and the other half the next." Most of the books have been donated. There are very few limits on types of material, but hardcover books are prohibited. Although housed



- You may have noticed one of the new services being offered in Tikkurila Library in Finland: karaoke! I first saw the news in an article from the [Smithsonian](#), but several other news outlets have covered it as well. While public singing isn't something I rush to do, I'll admit to enjoying myself when I've participated and let go. Karaoke in the library can be for anyone of any age. It can be particularly enticing for those who would like to participate but may not be interested in going to a bar, where most karaoke opportunities exist. This special room in the Tikkurila Library is available to reserve for up to two hours. They offered a class to garner people's interest called "Be Brave—Sing Karaoke." Not only did this course offer people the chance to be introduced to the machinery available to them, but it also provided a chance to overcome the fear of public performance. Read "[Singing in the Stacks](#)."
- Non-electronic vendors (e.g. furniture and book vendors) include additional elements like logistics/supply chain guarantees that electronic resources generally escape. Likewise, electronic resources have an IT component that most physical library vendors avoid. Many of the core elements like building vendor relationships and a team-based approach are the same. Practical dynamics relating to the e-products themselves, however, work quite differently. Read "[E-Product Management](#)."



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