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Trending...The Latest From PLOnline

- How do you store 2.5 million research materials while keeping them accessible? The New York Public Library's answer is the recently opened Milstein Research Stacks, a two-level 55,600-square-foot underground storage space and a 950-foot railroad with 24 train cars that can cover 75 feet per minute. Read "[New York Public Library Opens Milstein Research Stacks.](#)"



- A recent episode of Wisconsin Public Radio's Kathleen Dunn Show discussed the relevancy of public libraries in today's world. Through interviews with Wisconsin Library Directors Paula Kiley and Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Dunn examined how libraries are being used by their communities and how this has changed over time. Read "[Public Libraries: How Relevant Are They?](#)"
- If I were a better librarian, I think I'd be more like my dog, Chief. Let me qualify that. It's not that I wish I were obsessed with rabbits or think wistfully of having a tail to wag, but he does have characteristics that could benefit me if I emulated them. It's easy to worry about the issues that are facing public libraries: broadening service needs, shrinking public funding, and complex social problems. This is a great time of year, however, for me to refocus on something I can control: my own behavior. In my ongoing quest for excellence I follow blogs, read books, attend workshops and watch webinars. Perhaps, however, there is a simpler answer that is literally closer to home. I could learn a few lessons from my dog. Read "[Lessons From A Dog.](#)"
- In an earlier post, we talked about the challenges that can come with having volunteers in the library. The benefits of having volunteers, however, can be far greater than the obvious labor they provide. Sometimes having a volunteer program in a library is about much more than getting tangible aid. Read "[The Benefits of Volunteers.](#)"



of information and experience people rely on. Like the oft quoted proverb from Africa “When a knowledgeable old person dies, a whole library disappears,” librarians are surely as much the library as the brick and mortar buildings they work in. Read "[The Future of the Librarians.](#)"



New FYI Podcast!

Teen Social Justice Symposium with Erin Hoopes – FYI Podcast, Episode 16

In the latest episode of PLA’s FYI Podcast, we talk with Erin Hoopes. Erin is head of the Free Library of Philadelphia’s Philadelphia City Institute Branch. Here we discuss an initiative she spearheaded at the Free Library, a Teen Social Justice Symposium. [Listen to it here.](#)



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