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## Trending...The Latest From PLOnline

- Libraries have a lot of uses for big data. It can reveal useful information for librarians, archivists, researchers, publishers, and authors. What does this set of mobile analytics data tell us about users and their behavior? Read "[Collecting and Destroying Data? Preventing Government Surveillance.](#)"
- Clickbait is certainly nothing new, very much akin to methods used in supermarket tabloids, but what surprised me most is many people believed the fake news and gave credence to outrageous posts that came across their news feed and memes displayed on their phones via social media. Read "[Librarian Takes It Off In The Stacks; Goes Viral.](#)"
- Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) in Columbus, Ohio, is fulfilling a common library goal, to provide more access to library resources, in a less-common way—eliminating daily late fees on library materials. Read "[Columbus Metropolitan Library Kicks Off a Fine Free 2017.](#)"
- The five previous posts in this series have all been mostly concerned with physical spaces. Now let's take a quick look at basic service design. Read "[A Look at Basic Service Design.](#)"
- For the last eight years, Colbert Nembhard has volunteered his time reading to homeless children at the Crotona Inn homeless shelter in the Bronx. He believes in early literacy intervention and strives to cultivate a love of reading in children while they are young. When Nembhard is not providing programming at the Crotona Inn homeless shelter, he manages the Morrisania Branch Library of the New York Public Library. Andrew Hart interviewed Nembhard via email on December 8, 2016. Read "[Educating Homeless Youth in the Bronx.](#)"

## Let Us Know What You're Raving About!

Internet memes, websites, or other sources of inspiration lately? Tell us what you're excited about right now in 100 words. Include a current high-resolution JPG headshot with your submission and send to *PL* Editor Kathleen Hughes at [khughes@ala.org](mailto:khughes@ala.org) for consideration.

# Public Libraries in the Age of Fake News

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Scrolling through my Twitter feed the afternoon after the election, I was surprised to see so many people tweeting that the results were in: Donald Trump had won the popular vote. It surprised me because earlier that morning I had heard on the radio that Hillary Clinton was pulling even further ahead of Trump. I did some fact-checking and it became clear: I had witnessed another example of the viral spread of fake news. [Read more.](#)

## Midweek Media MashUp

### A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal

- [How to Tell Your Boss You Have Too Much Work](#)
- [For Faster Reflexes, Learn to Play An Instrument](#)
- [A Toolkit for Fact Checkers](#)
- [How to Fix Math Education in the U.S.](#)
- [The View From Room 205](#) (Listen 57:00) A one-hour documentary that takes an unflinching look at the intersection of poverty and education in this country.

### Ask Us Anything

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