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## Trending...The Latest From PLOnline

- LibrariesResist began its public life on social media. It has active Twitter and Facebook accounts that garnered 1,000 followers within the first week and both continue to offer timely content. On February 11, for example, in the context of reports of ICE raids, LibrariesResist Facebook posted the ACLU's tip sheet in English and Spanish on what to do if ICE agents come to your door. Read "[The #LibrariesResist Movement](#)." 
- This way of working is not easy for many people. It requires, for most of us, a major mindset shift where we embrace uncertainty, look at situations with a beginner's mind, and fail often. We are all designers, whether we know it or not, and we can step out of our comfort zones to make our libraries better. Read "[User Experience: Start Small, Think Big](#)."
- I cannot be the only person unsurprised that book-selling giant Amazon has gone bricks and mortar with [Amazon Books](#). If you have not heard, they currently have bookstores in Seattle, San Francisco, and Portland, with plans for more stores near Chicago and Boston. With Amazon also initiating a cashier-free grocery store, many have been speculating both why and what next. Read "[Amazon Books-Another Turn in the Spiral?](#)" 
- I had the honor of attending the [Youth Media Awards](#) announcements at the ALA Midwinter Conference in Atlanta, GA in January. The excitement was overflowing as people started to arrive long before the doors opened. After the seats filled up, the announcements swiftly began. There was a lot of cheering, clapping, some gasps, and history made with the unmatched record wins for *March: Book Three* the graphic novel written by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin with art by Nate Powell. Read "[Exploring Youth Book Awards](#)."
- Without a doubt, the 2016 presidential race for the White House has left many politically drained, and with the new administration, concerned. Since the election, sale of George Orwell's book, *1984*, has topped the Amazon bestseller

political climate and unsure footing of American foreign policy has led many readers to find solace in books that they feel they can relate to: dystopian novels. Read

"[Braving the New World: Dystopian RA.](#)"



## FYI: The Public Libraries Podcast



New Podcast Now Available - Libraries Ready to Code

Larra Clark Deputy Director for the Public Library Association and the American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP), talks with Marijke Visser, Associate Director at OITP, about 'Ready to Code' a new ALA initiative in partnership with Google, that aims to investigate the current nature of coding activities in public and school libraries for youth and broaden the reach and scope of this work. [Listen here.](#)

## Midweek Media MashUp

**A Choice Selection of Links for Your Perusal**

- [The Strange Affliction of Library Anxiety](#)
- [Why Facts Don't Change Our Minds](#)
- [How Immigrants are Helping Detroit's Recovery](#)
- [What Marketers Learn from Your Facebook Activity](#)
- [The Best Way to End an Email](#)

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