

# AMERICAN LIBRARIES

 DIRECT

**August 2, 2006**

AL Direct is a free electronic newsletter e-mailed every Wednesday to personal members of the [American Library Association](#).

## Contents:

- [U.S. & World News](#)
- [ALA News](#)
- [Booklist Online](#)
- [New Orleans Update](#)
- [Division News](#)
- [Round Table News](#)
- [Awards](#)
- [Seen Online](#)
- [Actions & Answers](#)
- [Poll](#)
- [Datebook](#)
- [AL Direct FAQ](#)

## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

### [OCLC Founder Frederick G. Kilgour Dies at 92](#)

Frederick G. Kilgour, founder of the OCLC Online Computer Library Center, died July 31 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at age 92. The Ohio College Association hired Kilgour in 1967 to establish a computerized library network on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus that became known as the Ohio College Library Center. Today OCLC's WorldCat database contains over 70 million entries with more than 9,000 institutions as members....



### [House passes bill restricting social-networking sites in libraries](#)

Schools and libraries that rely on e-rate funding would be required to prohibit minors from using chat rooms and social-networking sites like MySpace under legislation passed July 26 by the House of Representatives. By a 410-15 vote, legislators passed the Deleting Online Predators Act (DOPA), H.R. 5319 ([PDF file](#)), despite skepticism from some Democrats that the measure was ineffective....

### [It's back to school libraries for \*A Visit to Cuba\*](#)

A U.S. district court issued a preliminary injunction July 24 ordering the Miami-Dade County (Fla.) Public Schools to return to media center shelves districtwide a 24-part children's book series about youngsters' lives in other countries. The injunction, which extends until the case goes to trial an emergency order issued June 27, will make accessible once again the English- and Spanish-language editions of *A Visit to Cuba*—the only title in the series that was actually challenged....

### [LC to support preservation of foreign news broadcasts](#)

The Library of Congress has entered a cooperative agreement to ensure the preservation of high-interest foreign news broadcasts such as those from the Arabic-language television



**New Tools for**  
**Collection Development**

Reports on top  
**Spanish, Chinese, and Russian books & DVDs ... and more.**

**Based on U.S. circ data**

[Click here to download](#)

Admit One Free Reader

**READ BANNED BOOKS**

**They're Your Ticket to Freedom**

**Featuring**

Isaac Asimov • Judy Blume • Edgar Rice Burroughs • Truman Capote • Dante Alighieri • Anne Frank • Jacob Grimm • Immanuel Kant • Rudyard Kipling • Harper Lee • Lois Lowry • Norma Fox Mazer • Toni Morrison • J.K. Rowling • William Shakespeare • Shel Silverstein • Jon Stewart • Mark Twain

**And More!**

[www.ala.org/bbooks](http://www.ala.org/bbooks)

Admit One Free Reader

Libraries, schools, and individuals who

channel Al Jazeera....

### [Man indicted in library toe-sucking](#)

A grand jury indicted Joseph Colella, 28, for felony gross sexual imposition after he allegedly kissed a woman's foot and sucked her toe at the Boardman branch of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Ohio....

## ALA NEWS



### [New JobLIST site combines American Libraries and C&RL News online ads](#)

Employers and job seekers in library and information science and technology now have a completely searchable and all-inclusive web resource at their command with the official launch of [JobLIST](#). The new site incorporates the current *AL* and ACRL job sites and many services of ALA's Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, including placement services at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference....

### [ALA surveys non-MLS positions](#)

For the first time, the ALA-Allied Professional Association and ALA's Office for Research and Statistics are publishing the *ALA-APA Non-MLS Salary Survey*. This is the first survey to collect information on a large number of the positions within libraries that do not require an MLS degree from an ALA-accredited institution. The survey will be available through the [ALA Store](#) by the end of August....

### [ALA disappointed by House passage of DOPA](#)

President Leslie Burger on the House passage of the [Deleting Online Predators Act](#): "This unnecessary and overly broad legislation will hinder students' ability to engage in distance learning and block library computer users from accessing a wide array of essential internet applications including instant messaging, email, wikis, and blogs." ALA Council had passed a [resolution opposing the legislation](#) at Annual Conference....

### [George Lopez PSAs available](#)

With Library Card Sign-up Month (September) just around the corner, libraries have a new tool to help get the word out—free, downloadable radio [public service announcements](#). The two 30-second PSAs were recorded by actor-comedian George Lopez....



### [ALA testimony against Library of Congress cataloging changes](#)

ALA submitted testimony July 27 to the Committee on House Administration regarding the Library of Congress' decision to cease the creation of series authority records and treat all

would like to celebrate the **freedom to read** this September 23–30 may freely [download](#) this Banned Books Week image for their websites. Other materials are available from the [ALA Store](#).

## Classifieds

### [ACQUISITIONS LIBRARIAN,](#)

University of Oregon, Eugene. As part of the Collection Development and Acquisitions Department, leads a busy unit responsible for acquisitions of library materials, including firm orders, approvals, books in hand, and subscriptions....

See [JobLIST](#) for more career opportunities.

## TAKE@CTION

Senators need to hear the views of library and information professionals on the [Deleting Online Predators Act](#) (H.R. 5319), which the House has passed and referred to the Senate. You can share with them personal stories about how you or your library patrons use social-networking sites in educational ways, or let them know how DOPA or similar legislation will affect libraries and library users if it passes.

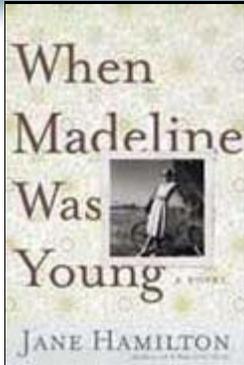
series only via transcription in bibliographic records....

# Booklist — ONLINE —

**Featured review:**  
**Adult books**

Hamilton, Jane. *When Madeline Was Young*. Sept. 2006. 272p. Doubleday, hardcover (0-385-51671-1).

Hamilton, twice an Oprah author, is a master of the baffling and the bizarre. In her fifth and most psychologically prismatic novel to date, Hamilton's signature motifs take on new resonance and mystery as she creates perplexing familial relationships complicated by war. Hamilton has never written more finely nuanced or beguiling prose, imagined more fascinating characters, or posed more provocative moral dilemmas....



**Typographical errors in galleys**

I'd been meaning for some time to write about one of the more pedestrian problems of reviewing from uncorrected proofs when I came across this sentence: "He stopped to tie his hoot, then continued, quickening his step, peering around comers before crossing intersections." It's from *City of God*, by Paulo Lins, which has perhaps the most typos I've ever seen as a reviewer....

Likely Stories blog, by Keir Graff

## NEW ORLEANS UPDATE



### **An energetic yellow swarm blankets the city**

Dubbed "the yellow swarm" because of their distinctive bee-colored "Libraries Build Communities" T-shirts, a volunteer workforce nearly 1,000 strong descended on New Orleans libraries for two days of hard labor,



### **Teen Tech Week**

is a new YALSA celebration aimed at getting teens to use their libraries for the different technologies that are offered there, such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, video games, and more. Teen Tech Week will be celebrated for the first time March 4–10, 2007.

## Poll

### What do YOU do?

**Does your library  
block access to such  
social-networking  
sites as MySpace and  
Friendster?**

**Click here  
to [ANSWER!](#)**

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those *AL Direct* readers who have chosen to participate.

For cumulated results and selected responses to all *AL Direct* polls, visit the AL Online [website](#).

painting, fixing, sorting, and stacking at more than 20 locations all over the city. Disregarding the heat and humidity, the intrepid group ventured into neighborhoods where revitalized libraries can mean the difference between being informed and being in the dark, between coping and giving up. More volunteer photos can be found on the *American Libraries* [Flickr site](#)....

### [Online scrapbook highlights media coverage](#)

The ALA Public Information Office has created an online scrapbook that highlights media coverage of Annual Conference in New Orleans. The scrapbook includes video clips of television news coverage and links to newspaper articles; video and photos of volunteer activities; press conferences; and letters from supporters who thanked ALA for holding its conference in the Big Easy....

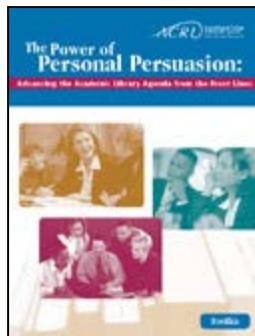
## DIVISION NEWS

### [AASL provides support for two Emerging Leaders](#)

AASL has announced its support of the Emerging Leaders 2007 initiative. ALA President Leslie Burger launched the new initiative to “enable 100 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership” and enrich the Association’s incoming volunteer base with practical skills and applicable knowledge....

### [New ACRL advocacy toolkit](#)

A new advocacy toolkit from ACRL is now available [online](#). The toolkit will help librarians and library workers to develop their personal powers of persuasion to advance the agenda of the academic library. This publication provides basic content on persuasion, techniques for persuading others, applications of persuasion techniques for libraries, and recommended processes and examples for persuading others within higher education environments....



### [ACRL membership survey, part 3](#)

Based on the survey, Steven Bell reports on the top 12 opportunities that ACRL may choose to pursue, and some of the key recommendations for action that the division will want to take in responding to the needs of the membership....

ACRLog, July 31

### [LAMA launches learning online](#)

LAMA will offer its first fully online course, “The Complex Edifice: Analyzing Your Dream Library,” August 7 through September 13. This course, which fulfills a core requirement for the Certified Public Library Administrator Program (CPLA), is open to all interested librarians and facilities planners....



Register by September 15 to ensure your spot at the [AASL 2006 Fall Forum](#). “Assessing Student Learning in the School Library Media Center,” October 13–15, in Warwick, Rhode Island.



Plan to join **ALSC** for its biennial [National Institute](#), September 14–16, in Pittsburgh, Pa. The theme is “Children’s Services Today and Tomorrow.” A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Pittsburgh until August 23.

## Thus Said

**“My opinion is, no one dies if the library closes. We have to look at parts of the budget that reflect people’s ability to live—not to enjoy life, but to live.”**

—Medway, Massachusetts, Finance Committee member Phil Giangarra, in “Medway May Axe Library,” *Milford Daily News*, May 11.

## In This Issue

August 2006

## ROUND TABLE NEWS

### Notable IRRT members

ALA members (like Ching-chih Chen, right) have played an important role in promoting understanding of and interests in library services around the globe. Many of them indeed think, plan, and act globally. In an effort to recognize the accomplishments of these individuals, the International Relations Round Table created this Notable IRRT Members web page....



### MAGERT map scanning registry

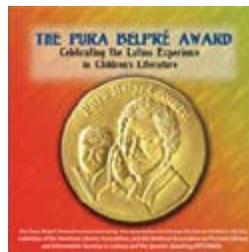
The Map and Geography Round Table is developing a Map Scanning Registry to find out what scanning projects are planned, in process, or complete for particular geographic areas in the U.S. or elsewhere. You can search the registry to locate a particular digital image, or submit a project to be added....



## AWARDS

### Pura Belpré Award DVD

ALSC is making available a special DVD, *The Pura Belpré Award: Celebrating the Latino Experience in Children's Literature*. The DVD highlights the significance of the award to readers, authors, illustrators, librarians, and educators through interviews with the founders and winners of the award....



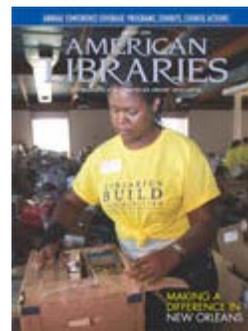
### National Indian Law Library wins AALL award

The American Association of Law Libraries awarded Monica Martens and David Selden at the National Indian Law Library in Boulder, Colorado, its Public Access to Government Information Award in June for their work in making tribal law available to the public. The library's work in providing access has focused on collecting hundreds of tribal codes and constitutions and offering a variety of user-friendly tools to access this difficult-to-find information....

Native American Rights Fund, July 27

### David H. Clift Scholarship winner

Ashley E. Locke of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, is the 2006 recipient of the David H. Clift Scholarship. The Clift Scholarship, named for David H. Clift, a former ALA executive director, provides \$3,000 to individuals pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies....

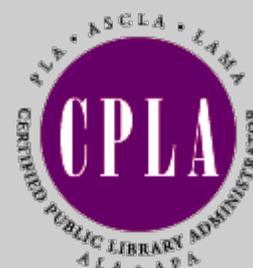


Stories inside include:

**New Orleans Gathering Sends Message of Hope and Renewal**

**Building Bridges through Consensus**

**Libraries in the Eye of the Storm**



The next deadline for [Certified Public Library Administrator](#) applicants and providers is August 10.



The [Big Read](#) is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The initiative will

### **Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship winner**

Andrea Wallis of Everett, Washington, is the 2006 recipient of the Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship. The \$3,000 award is given to an ALA or library support staff member to finance studies toward a master's degree in library and information studies....

### **Tony B. Leisner Scholarship winner**

Paula Elizabeth Heaney of Jerusalem, Arkansas, is the 2006 recipient of the Tony B. Leisner Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship, named for Tony B. Leisner, an active ALA member and former member of the ALA Council, is awarded to a library support staff member pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies....

### **Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship winner**

Amanda Eaton Macomber of South Portland, Maine, is the recipient of the 2006 Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to individuals currently working as library support staff and is to be used towards studies for a master's degree in library and information science....

### **Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship winner**

Audra Eagle of Helendale, California, is the 2006 recipient of the Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship was established by a donation from Hoy's family and the ALA Exhibits Round Table....

### **Mary V. Gaver Scholarship winner**

Emily Suzanne Arnold of San Antonio, Texas, is the 2006 recipient of the Mary V. Gaver Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship was established to honor the memory of Gaver, a past ALA president and Rutgers University professor, who made many contributions to library youth services....

### **Marshall Cavendish Scholarship winner**

Kate Napolitano of Ringwood, New Jersey, is the 2006 recipient of the Marshall Cavendish Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship was established with a donation from the Marshall Cavendish Corporation in Tarrytown, New York, publishers of illustrated reference books for libraries....

## **SEEN ONLINE**

### **D.C. will test library chief's political savvy**

Does anyone really expect the District of Columbia's crumbling libraries to improve? Ginnie Cooper does. She took over as director of the D.C. libraries last week, and she's already promising to make them "the friendliest part of local government." Cut her a break; she's from out of town....

*Washington Post*, Aug. 1

### **House misfires on internet safety**

Syndicated columnist Larry Magid says passing [DOPA](#) was a mistake: "DOPA does nothing to strengthen penalties or increase prosecution of criminals who prey on children. Instead, it punishes the potential victims and educational

give citizens in more than 100 communities in all 50 states an inviting opportunity to read and discuss great books.

## **Datebook**

### **Sept. 8–9:**

**[African American Genealogy Symposium](#),**

National Archives, College Park, Maryland. To pre-register, call Jessie White, 202-357-5333.

### **Sept. 27–29:**

**[Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services and Association of Rural and Small Libraries](#),** Joint Conference, Columbus, Ohio. Contact: [Clarion University of Pennsylvania Continuing Education](#), 814-393-2227.

### **Sept. 28:**

**[Campaign for Reader Privacy](#),** National Press Club First Amendment Lounge, 529 14th St., NW, Washington, D.C. "Protecting Privacy, Challenging Secrecy, and Standing Up for the First Amendment," an event honoring the Connecticut librarians who protected their patrons' right to privacy by fighting an FBI subpoena of customer records.

### **Oct. 11–15:**

**[Joint Conference of](#)**

institutions chartered to serve them, by denying access to interactive sites at school and libraries. It would be like trying to protect children from being injured or killed by drunk drivers by ruling that kids can no longer walk, ride a bike, or even ride in a car or bus to school.”...

CBS News, Aug. 1

### [Ancient book of psalms found in Ireland](#)

This Irish equivalent of the Dead Sea Scrolls is being hailed by the National Museum’s experts as the greatest find ever from a European bog. Fragments of what appear to be an ancient psalter or book of psalms were uncovered July 20 by a [construction worker](#) in a bog in the south Midlands. It is impossible to say how the manuscript ended up in the bog. It may have been lost in transit or dumped after a Viking raid sometime between 800 and 1000 C.E....

National Museum of Ireland, July 27; Associated Press, July 25

### [Prayer book reveals Archimedean secret](#)

Exactly when isn’t clear, but some decades ago a Parisian art forger washed the Greek religious text off pages of a parchment book and painted them over with images of evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the prayer book held a deeper secret still. Faintly beneath the prayers, the scraps of sheepskin parchment held seven treatises of Archimedes—he who famously ran shouting “Eureka!” through the streets of Syracuse—considered by many as the greatest mathematician of antiquity....

*San Mateo County (Calif.) Times*, Aug. 2

### [Arizona library Teen Advisory Group creates its own magazine](#)

“It’s your voice and your magazine!” That’s what the Elsie S. Hogan Library in Willcox, Arizona, wants local teens to know about *TAG* magazine, published by its Teen Advisory Group. The premier edition was published in April under the auspices of the Friends of the Library. The magazine is completely written by and for area teenagers....

*Willcox Arizona Range News*, July 27

### [Maryland student designs new library’s logo](#)

Urbana (Md.) High School senior Tamara Treadway designed a winning logo for Frederick County’s new Urbana Regional Library, scheduled to open in late fall. The design was selected from several schemes submitted by students in an advanced computer graphics class at the school....

*Frederick (Md.) News-Post*, July 27

### [Public library use in Israel](#)

Israelis spent an estimated NIS 15.9 million (\$3.6 million), about 21.2% of total household spending on reading material, on book borrowing from public libraries in 2005. The proportion of people who are members of public libraries in Israel is just 16%. In comparison, the rates in Finland and Britain are more than three times as high, at 51% and 58% respectively....

Tel Aviv *Ha’aretz*, July 28

### [Hungarian national treasures on display](#)

The Philostratus Corvina, a 15th-century Latin translation of

### [Librarians of Color,](#)

Adams Mark Hotel, Dallas. “Gathering at the Waters:

Embracing Our Spirits, Telling Our Stories.” Contact:

[Gladys Smiley Bell](#), 757-727-5371.

### **Oct. 20–22:**

[Fourth International Conference on the Book](#), Emerson College, Boston. Contact: [Common Ground Conferences](#).

### **Nov. 8–11:**

[XXVI Annual Charleston Conference](#), Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition, Charleston, South Carolina. Contact: [Katina Strauch](#), 843-723-3536.

### **Nov. 12–15:**

[Pennsylvania Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Pittsburgh. “Grow, Dream, Realize.” Contact: [PaLA](#).

More [Datebook](#) items...

## Contact Us

### American Libraries Direct

George M. Eberhart,  
Editor:  
[geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)

Karen Sheets,  
Graphics and Design:  
[ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)

Send feedback:  
[aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

AL Direct FAQ:  
[www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:  
Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-

the work of Greek philosopher Philostratus commissioned by King Matthias Corvinus, is one of many rarities on exhibit at the National Széchenyi Library in Budapest until October. The Corvina display is the first in a National Relic exhibition series, which will show such important Hungarian documents as the manuscripts of the National Anthem and the laws of King István....

*Budapest Sun, July 27*

## ACTIONS & ANSWERS

### Endlesse searche

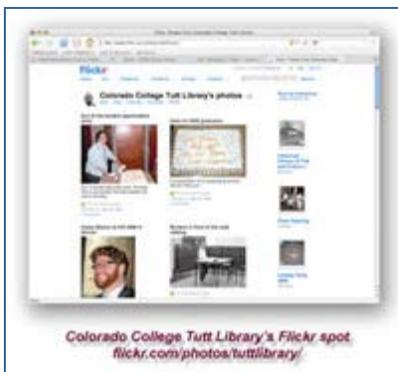
Yale University's Todd Gilman writes about working conditions in academic libraries: "An opening is posted for an academic librarian. Applicants promptly and eagerly forward their materials. Then they hear nothing. For months and months, they are trapped in—to paraphrase the Elizabethan poet Edmund Spenser—an 'endlesse searche.'"...

*Chronicle of Higher Education, July 27*

### Flickr + libraries = scary, scary, scary to some folks

Michael Stephens has some insight on Flickr, filtering, and fear: "I want to tell everyone about a bit of drama that's playing out right now, right after DOPA [passed the House](#), and what may be boiling up (and over) in an important moment in time for social software, users, and libraries. The theme here for me is FEAR."...

*ALA Tech Source, July 28*



### Calling Melvil Dewey

Efforts to simplify catalog systems at the Library of Congress may soon make scholarly research a lot more complicated. Many librarians argue that [moves](#) by the nation's oldest federal cultural institution could hinder the ability of professors and students nationwide to gather information....

*Inside Higher Education, July 28*

### Comments requested on NCLIS/IMLS merger

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is requesting comments on a draft plan for the consolidation into IMLS of the National Commission on Library and Information Science and the public and state library statistics surveys of the National Center for Education Statistics. The plan, which would go into effect in fiscal year 2008, results from President Bush's fiscal year 2007 budget request....

*Institute of Museum and Library Services, Aug. 2*



### New Yorker debuts "Ask the Librarians"

*New Yorker* librarians Jon Michaud and Erin Overbey have begun a monthly column called "Ask the Librarians." Its

Chief, [lkniffel@ala.org](mailto:lkniffel@ala.org)

All links outside the ALA website are provided for informational purposes only. Questions about the content of any external site should be addressed to the administrator of that site.

#### **American Libraries**

50 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
[www.ala.org/alonline/](http://www.ala.org/alonline/)  
800-545-2433,  
ext. 4216

ISSN 1559-369X.

debut includes answers to the questions, "When did Calvin Trillin start writing food pieces?" and "What's the first movie the *New Yorker* ever reviewed?"...

Emdash, July 25

### [Amazon.com to offer MARC records](#)

Amazon.com announced July 31 that it has launched Library Processing, a service that enables its library customers to receive Machine-Readable Cataloging (MARC) records and have books and other media they order from Amazon.com fitted with Mylar jackets, barcodes, and other essential preparation services....

Business Wire, July 31

### [Wikipedia celebrates 750 years of American independence](#) (satire)

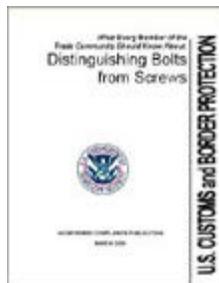
Wikipedia, the online, reader-edited encyclopedia, honored the 750th anniversary of American independence on July 25 with a special featured section on its main page Tuesday. Founder Jimmy Wales said, "According to our database, that's 212 years older than the Eiffel Tower, 347 years older than the earliest known woolly-mammoth fossil, and a full 493 years older than the microwave oven."...

*The Onion*, July 26

### [Best titles ever!](#) (not satire)

After several emails on govdoc-I, the Free Government Information site compiled this list of government document titles that are interesting, strange, and intriguing—such as *Distinguishing Bolts from Screws*, *Fertilizers in a National Emergency*, and *State-of-the-Art Dummy Selection*....

Free Government Information, July 13



### [UK version of PubMed Central announced](#)

Based on a model currently used in the United States, a new UK PubMed Central will provide free access to an online digital archive of peer-reviewed research papers in the medical and life sciences. The Wellcome Trust, as part of a nine-member group of British research funders, announced July 31 that the contract to run UKPMC has been awarded to a partnership between the British Library, The University of Manchester and the European Bioinformatics Institute....

British Library, July 31

## AMERICAN LIBRARIES DIRECT

August 2, 2006

AL Direct is a weekly electronic newsletter sent by the American Library Association every Wednesday to personal members by e-mail as a perquisite of membership.

Click here to view the online version of our email:

<%= util.viewHtmlLink %>

### POLL: What do YOU think?

\*\*\*\*\*

Does your library block access to such social-networking sites as MySpace and Friendster?

Click here

to ANSWER!

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB225JQ3VJL7B>

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those AL Direct readers who have chosen to participate.

For cumulated results and selected responses to all AL Direct polls, visit the AL Online website.

### U.S. & WORLD NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

OCLC Founder Frederick G. Kilgour Dies at 92

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/kilgour.htm>

Frederick G. Kilgour, founder of the OCLC Online Computer Library Center, died July 31 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at age 92. The Ohio College Association hired Kilgour in 1967 to establish a computerized library network on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus that became known as the Ohio College Library Center. Today OCLC's WorldCat database contains over 70 million entries with more than 9,000 institutions as members....

House passes bill restricting social-networking sites in libraries

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/july2006a/dopahouse.htm>

Schools and libraries that rely on e-rate funding would be required to prohibit minors from using chat rooms and social-networking sites like MySpace under legislation passed July 26 by the House of Representatives. By a 410-15 vote, legislators passed the Deleting Online Predators Act (DOPA), H.R. 5319 (PDF file), despite skepticism from some Democrats that the measure was ineffective....

It's back to school libraries for A Visit to Cuba

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/july2006a/vamosagain.htm>

A U.S. district court issued a preliminary injunction July 24 ordering the Miami-Dade County (Fla.) Public Schools to return to media center shelves districtwide a 24-part children's book series about youngsters' lives in other countries. The injunction, which extends until the case goes to trial an emergency order issued June 27, will make accessible once again the English- and Spanish-language editions of A Visit to Cuba—the only title in the series that was actually challenged....

LC to support preservation of foreign news broadcasts

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/july2006a/lcscola.htm>

The Library of Congress has entered a cooperative agreement to ensure the preservation of high-interest foreign news broadcasts such as those from the Arabic-language television channel Al Jazeera....

Man indicted in library toe-sucking

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/july2006a/toeindictment.htm>

A grand jury indicted Joseph Colella, 28, for felony gross sexual imposition after he allegedly kissed a woman's foot and sucked her toe at the Boardman branch of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Ohio....

## ALA NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

New JobLIST site combines American Libraries and C&RL News online ads

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/NewJobLISTsite.htm>

Employers and job seekers in library and information science and technology now have a completely searchable and all-inclusive web resource at their command with the official launch of JobLIST. The new site incorporates the current AL and ACRL job sites and many services of ALA's Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, including placement services at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference....

ALA surveys non-MLS positions

<http://www.ala-apa.org/salaries/alaapasurveys.html>

For the first time, the ALA-Allied Professional Association and ALA's Office for Research and Statistics are publishing the ALA-APA Non-MLS Salary Survey. This is the first survey to collect information on a large number of the positions within libraries that do not require an MLS degree from an ALA-accredited institution. The survey will be available through the ALA Store by the end of August....

ALA disappointed by House passage of DOPA

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/july2006/DOPApasseshouse.htm>

President Leslie Burger on the House passage of the Deleting Online Predators Act: "This unnecessary and overly broad legislation will hinder students' ability to engage in distance learning and block library computer users from accessing a wide array of essential internet applications including instant messaging, email, wikis, and blogs." ALA Council had passed a resolution opposing the legislation at Annual Conference....

George Lopez PSAs available

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/july2006/signuppsa.htm>

With Library Card Sign-up Month (September) just around the corner, libraries have a new tool to help get the word out—free, downloadable radio public service announcements. The two 30-second PSAs were recorded by actor-comedian George Lopez....

ALA testimony against Library of Congress cataloging changes

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/july2006/LOCcataloguing.htm>

ALA submitted testimony July 27 to the Committee on House Administration regarding the Library of Congress' decision to cease the creation of series authority records and treat all series only via transcription in bibliographic records....

## Booklist Online

\*\*\*\*\*

Featured review:

Adult books

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1698173](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1698173)

Hamilton, Jane. *When Madeline Was Young*. Sept. 2006. 272p. Doubleday, hardcover (0-385-51671-1).

Hamilton, twice an Oprah author, is a master of the baffling and the bizarre. In her fifth and most psychologically prismatic novel to date, Hamilton's signature motifs take on new resonance and mystery as she creates perplexing familial relationships complicated by war. Hamilton has never written more finely nuanced or beguiling prose,

imagined more fascinating characters, or posed more provocative moral dilemmas....

Typographical errors in galleys

<http://www.booklistonline.com/blog/details.aspx?Entry=76>

I'd been meaning for some time to write about one of the more pedestrian problems of reviewing from uncorrected proofs when I came across this sentence: "He stopped to tie his hoot, then continued, quickening his step, peering around comers before crossing intersections." It's from *City of God*, by Paulo Lins, which has perhaps the most typos I've ever seen as a reviewer....

Likely Stories blog, by Keir Graff

## NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

\*\*\*\*\*

An energetic yellow swarm blankets the city

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/hurricanekatrinanews/volunteers/volunteers.htm>

Dubbed "the yellow swarm" because of their distinctive bee-colored "Libraries Build Communities" T-shirts, a volunteer workforce nearly 1,000 strong descended on New Orleans libraries for two days of hard labor, painting, fixing, sorting, and stacking at more than 20 locations all over the city. Disregarding the heat and humidity, the intrepid group ventured into neighborhoods where revitalized libraries can mean the difference between being informed and being in the dark, between coping and giving up. More volunteer photos can be found on the American Libraries Flickr site....

Online scrapbook highlights media coverage

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/mediarelationsa/scrapbook.htm>

The ALA Public Information Office has created an online scrapbook that highlights media coverage of Annual Conference in New Orleans. The scrapbook includes video clips of television news coverage and links to newspaper articles; video and photos of volunteer activities; press conferences; and letters from supporters who thanked ALA for holding its conference in the Big Easy....

## DIVISION NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

AASL provides support for two Emerging Leaders

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/EmergingLeaderapplicants.htm>

AASL has announced its support of the Emerging Leaders 2007 initiative. ALA President Leslie Burger launched the new initiative to "enable 100 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership" and enrich the Association's incoming volunteer base with practical skills and applicable knowledge....

New ACRL advocacy toolkit

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/NewACRLadvocacytoolkit.htm>

A new advocacy toolkit from ACRL is now available online. The toolkit will help librarians and library workers to develop their personal powers of persuasion to advance the agenda of the academic library. This publication provides basic content on persuasion, techniques for persuading others, applications of persuasion techniques for libraries, and recommended processes and examples for persuading others within higher education environments....

ACRL membership survey, part 3

<http://acrblog.org/2006/07/31/remember-that-acrl-membership-survey-part-3/>

Based on the survey, Steven Bell reports on the top 12 opportunities that ACRL may choose to pursue, and some of the key recommendations for action that the division will want to take in responding to the needs of the membership....

ACRLog, July 31

LAMA launches learning online

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/LAMAlearningonlinecourse.htm>

LAMA will offer its first fully online course, "The Complex Edifice: Analyzing Your Dream Library," August 7 through September 13. This course, which fulfills a core requirement for the Certified Public Library Administrator Program (CPLA), is open to all interested librarians and facilities planners....

## ROUND TABLE NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

### Notable IRRT members

<http://www.ala.org/ala/irrt/irrtnotables.htm>

ALA members (like Ching-chih Chen, right) have played an important role in promoting understanding of and interests in library services around the globe. Many of them indeed think, plan, and act globally. In an effort to recognize the accomplishments of these individuals, the International Relations Round Table created this Notable IRRT Members web page....

### MAGERT map scanning registry

<http://mapregistry.library.arizona.edu/cgi/index.pl>

The Map and Geography Round Table is developing a Map Scanning Registry to find out what scanning projects are planned, in process, or complete for particular geographic areas in the U.S. or elsewhere. You can search the registry to locate a particular digital image, or submit a project to be added....

## AWARDS

\*\*\*\*\*

### Pura Belpré Award DVD

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/PuraBelpreAwardDVD.htm>

ALSC is making available a special DVD, The Pura Belpré Award: Celebrating the Latino Experience in Children's Literature. The DVD highlights the significance of the award to readers, authors, illustrators, librarians, and educators through interviews with the founders and winners of the award....

### National Indian Law Library wins AALL award

<http://www.narf.org/events/06/pagi.htm>

The American Association of Law Libraries awarded Monica Martens and David Selden at the National Indian Law Library in Boulder, Colorado, its Public Access to Government Information Award in June for their work in making tribal law available to the public. The library's work in providing access has focused on collecting hundreds of tribal codes and constitutions and offering a variety of user-friendly tools to access this difficult-to-find information....

Native American Rights Fund, July 27

### David H. Clift Scholarship winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/Cliftscholarshipwinner.htm>

Ashley E. Locke of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, is the 2006 recipient of the David H. Clift Scholarship. The Clift Scholarship, named for David H. Clift, a former ALA executive director, provides \$3,000 to individuals pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies....

### Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/Hornbackwinnernamed.htm>

Andrea Wallis of Everett, Washington, is the 2006 recipient of the Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship. The \$3,000 award is given to an ALA or library support staff member to finance studies toward a master's degree in library and information studies....

### Tony B. Leisner Scholarship winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/Leisnerwinnernamed.htm>

Paula Elizabeth Heaney of Jerusalem, Arkansas, is the 2006 recipient of the Tony B. Leisner Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship, named for Tony B. Leisner, an active ALA member and former member of the ALA Council, is awarded to a library support staff member pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies....

Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/Drewescholarshipwinner.htm>

Amanda Eaton Macomber of South Portland, Maine, is the recipient of the 2006 Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to individuals currently working as library support staff and is to be used towards studies for a master's degree in library and information science....

Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/HoyERTwinnernamed.htm>

Audra Eagle of Helendale, California, is the 2006 recipient of the Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship was established by a donation from Hoy's family and the ALA Exhibits Round Table....

Mary V. Gaver Scholarship winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/Gaverwinnernamed.htm>

Emily Suzanne Arnold of San Antonio, Texas, is the 2006 recipient of the Mary V. Gaver Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship was established to honor the memory of Gaver, a past ALA president and Rutgers University professor, who made many contributions to library youth services....

Marshall Cavendish Scholarship winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/Cavendishwinnernamed.htm>

Kate Napolitano of Ringwood, New Jersey, is the 2006 recipient of the Marshall Cavendish Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship was established with a donation from the Marshall Cavendish Corporation in Tarrytown, New York, publishers of illustrated reference books for libraries....

## SEEN ONLINE

\*\*\*\*\*

D.C. will test library chief's political savvy

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/07/31/AR2006073101244.html>

Does anyone really expect the District of Columbia's crumbling libraries to improve? Ginnie Cooper does. She took over as director of the D.C. libraries last week, and she's already promising to make them "the friendliest part of local government." Cut her a break; she's from out of town....

Washington Post, Aug. 1

House misfires on internet safety

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/08/01/scitech/pcanswer/main1853357.shtml>

Syndicated columnist Larry Magid says passing DOPA was a mistake: "DOPA does nothing to strengthen penalties or increase prosecution of criminals who prey on children. Instead, it punishes the potential victims and educational institutions chartered to serve them, by denying access to interactive sites at school and libraries. It would be like trying to protect children from being injured or killed by drunk drivers by ruling that kids can no longer walk, ride a bike, or even ride in a car or bus to school."...

CBS News, Aug. 1

Ancient book of psalms found in Ireland

[http://www.museum.ie/news/details\\_news.asp?sPressType=1&newsid=230](http://www.museum.ie/news/details_news.asp?sPressType=1&newsid=230)

This Irish equivalent of the Dead Sea Scrolls is being hailed by the National Museum's experts as the greatest find ever from a European bog. Fragments of what appear to be an ancient psalter or book of psalms were uncovered July 20 by a construction worker in a bog in the south Midlands. It is impossible to say how the manuscript ended up in the bog. It may have been lost in transit or dumped after a Viking raid sometime between 800 and 1000 C.E....

National Museum of Ireland, July 27; Associated Press, July 25

Prayer book reveals Archimedean secret

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/sanmateocountytimes/ci\\_4124688](http://www.insidebayarea.com/sanmateocountytimes/ci_4124688)

Exactly when isn't clear, but some decades ago a Parisian art forger washed the Greek religious text off pages of a parchment book and painted them over with images of evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the prayer book held a deeper secret still. Faintly beneath the prayers, the scraps of sheepskin parchment held seven treatises of Archimedes—he who famously ran shouting “Eureka!” through the streets of Syracuse—considered by many as the greatest mathematician of antiquity....

San Mateo County (Calif.) Times, Aug. 2

Arizona library Teen Advisory Group creates its own magazine

<http://www.willcoxrangeneews.com/articles/2006/07/25/news/features/feature1.txt>

“It’s your voice and your magazine!” That’s what the Elsie S. Hogan Library in Willcox, Arizona, wants local teens to know about TAG magazine, published by its Teen Advisory Group. The premier edition was published in April under the auspices of the Friends of the Library. The magazine is completely written by and for area teenagers....

Willcox Arizona Range News, July 27

Maryland student designs new library’s logo

<http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?storyid=50884>

Urbana (Md.) High School senior Tamara Treadway designed a winning logo for Frederick County’s new Urbana Regional Library, scheduled to open in late fall. The design was selected from several schemes submitted by students in an advanced computer graphics class at the school....

Frederick (Md.) News-Post, July 27

Public library use in Israel

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/743777.html>

Israelis spent an estimated NIS 15.9 million (\$3.6 million), about 21.2% of total household spending on reading material, on book borrowing from public libraries in 2005. The proportion of people who are members of public libraries in Israel is just 16%. In comparison, the rates in Finland and Britain are more than three times as high, at 51% and 58% respectively....

Tel Aviv Ha’aretz, July 28

Hungarian national treasures on display

[http://www.budapestsun.com/full\\_story.asp?ArticleId=%7BD64810AB828B4464A37CE3E4C9263F49%7D&From=Style](http://www.budapestsun.com/full_story.asp?ArticleId=%7BD64810AB828B4464A37CE3E4C9263F49%7D&From=Style)

The Philostratus Corvina, a 15th-century Latin translation of the work of Greek philosopher Philostratus commissioned by King Matthias Corvinus, is one of many rarities on exhibit at the National Széchenyi Library in Budapest until October. The Corvina display is the first in a National Relic exhibition series, which will show such important Hungarian documents as the manuscripts of the National Anthem and the laws of King István....

Budapest Sun, July 27

## ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

\*\*\*\*\*

Endlesse searche

<http://chronicle.com/jobs/news/2006/07/2006072701c/careers.html>

Yale University’s Todd Gilman writes about working conditions in academic libraries: “An opening is posted for an academic librarian. Applicants promptly and eagerly forward their materials. Then they hear nothing. For months and months, they are trapped in—to paraphrase the Elizabethan poet Edmund Spenser—an ‘endlesse searche.’”...

Chronicle of Higher Education, July 27

Flickr + libraries = scary, scary, scary to some folks

<http://www.techsource.ala.org/blog/2006/07/flickr-libraries-scary-scary-scary-to-some-folks.html>

Michael Stephens has some insight on Flickr, filtering, and fear: “I want to tell everyone about a bit of drama that’s

playing out right now, right after DOPA passed the House, and what may be boiling up (and over) in an important moment in time for social software, users, and libraries. The theme here for me is FEAR.”...

ALA Tech Source, July 28

Calling Melvil Dewey

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2006/07/28/library>

Efforts to simplify catalog systems at the Library of Congress may soon make scholarly research a lot more complicated. Many librarians argue that moves by the nation’s oldest federal cultural institution could hinder the ability of professors and students nationwide to gather information....

Inside Higher Education, July 28

Comments requested on NCLIS/IMLS merger

<http://www.imls.gov/news/2006/080206.shtm>

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is requesting comments on a draft plan for the consolidation into IMLS of the National Commission on Library and Information Science and the public and state library statistics surveys of the National Center for Education Statistics. The plan, which would go into effect in fiscal year 2008, results from President Bush’s fiscal year 2007 budget request....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Aug. 2

New Yorker debuts “Ask the Librarians”

<http://emdashes.blogspot.com/2006/07/ask-librarians-debut.html>

New Yorker librarians Jon Michaud and Erin Overbey have begun a monthly column called “Ask the Librarians.” Its debut includes answers to the questions, “When did Calvin Trillin start writing food pieces?” and “What’s the first movie the New Yorker ever reviewed?”...

Emdash, July 25

Amazon.com to offer MARC records

[http://finanzen.net/news/news\\_detail.asp?NewsNr=418400](http://finanzen.net/news/news_detail.asp?NewsNr=418400)

Amazon.com announced July 31 that it has launched Library Processing, a service that enables its library customers to receive Machine-Readable Cataloging (MARC) records and have books and other media they order from Amazon.com fitted with Mylar jackets, barcodes, and other essential preparation services....

Business Wire, July 31

Wikipedia celebrates 750 years of American independence (satire)

<http://www.theonion.com/content/node/50902>

Wikipedia, the online, reader-edited encyclopedia, honored the 750th anniversary of American independence on July 25 with a special featured section on its main page Tuesday. Founder Jimmy Wales said, “According to our database, that’s 212 years older than the Eiffel Tower, 347 years older than the earliest known woolly-mammoth fossil, and a full 493 years older than the microwave oven.”...

The Onion, July 26

Best titles ever! (not satire)

<http://freegovinfo.info/best>

After several emails on govdoc-1, the Free Government Information site compiled this list of government document titles that are interesting, strange, and intriguing—such as Distinguishing Bolts from Screws, Fertilizers in a National Emergency, and State-of-the-Art Dummy Selection....

Free Government Information, July 13

UK version of PubMed Central announced

<http://www.bl.uk/news/2006/pressrelease20060731a.html>

Based on a model currently used in the United States, a new UK PubMed Central will provide free access to an online digital archive of peer-reviewed research papers in the medical and life sciences. The Wellcome Trust, as part of a nine-member group of British research funders, announced July 31 that the contract to run UKPMC has been awarded to a partnership between the British Library, The University of Manchester and the European Bioinformatics

Institute....  
British Library, July 31

## CONTACT US

\*\*\*\*\*

George M. Eberhart, Editor: [geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)  
Karen Sheets, Graphics and Design: [ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)  
Send feedback: [aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

AL Direct FAQ: [www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:  
Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-Chief, [lkniffel@ala.org](mailto:lkniffel@ala.org)

American Libraries  
50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611  
<http://www.ala.org/online/>  
800-545-2433, ext. 4216

ISSN 1559-369X.

# AMERICAN LIBRARIES

✉ DIRECT

August 9, 2006

AL Direct is a free electronic newsletter e-mailed every Wednesday to personal members of the [American Library Association](#).

## Contents:

- [U.S. & World News](#)
- [Booklist Online](#)
- [Division News](#)
- [Round Table News](#)
- [Seen Online](#)
- [Actions & Answers](#)
- [Poll](#)
- [Datebook](#)
- [AL Direct FAQ](#)

## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

### [Library Connection's "John Doe" court records released](#)

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg ordered August 2 the full disclosure of court records related to *Doe v. Gonzales*—the challenge to the FBI's 2005 demand that Connecticut's Library Connection consortium turn over records of patrons' computer use. The next day, the American Civil Liberties Union [posted](#) the documents....

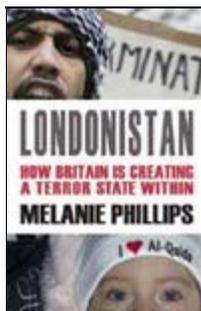


### [University of California joins Google Books Library Project](#)

The University of California joined five other research libraries August 9 in Google's efforts to digitize books and provide access to their contents through its search engine. The deal covers more than 100 libraries on the university's 10 campuses, with collections totaling more than 34 million volumes....

### [Londonistan flap explodes in Brooklyn](#)

Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library has been accused by Encounter Books publisher Roger Kimball of a left-wing selection bias because it declined to acquire the publishing house's controversial title *Londonistan* by Melanie Phillips until the adult books' selector had consulted reviews from reliable professional sources....



### [Smiley suspected in additional map thefts](#)

Massachusetts map dealer E. Forbes Smiley III, who admitted in June to stealing more than 100 antique maps from six major libraries in the United States and England, is suspected in additional map thefts from the same libraries....

## Booklist



Protect **your** library's network and increase performance up to **500%**



with **LiveNetwork** by SirsiDynix

The next ALA Midwinter Meeting is in **Seattle, January 19–24, 2007**, but do you know where it will be in 2010?

Consult the [Conference Planning Calendar](#) and find out the location, as well as how conference sites are chosen.



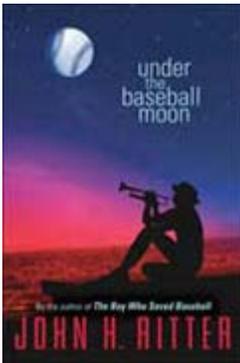
What can social software do for your library? Find

**ONLINE**

**Featured review:**  
**Books for youth**

Ritter, John H. *Under the Baseball Moon*. May 2006. 304p. Philomel, hardcover (0-399-23623-6). Grades 7–10.

In *The Boy Who Saved Baseball* (2003), Ritter seasoned the familiar Bad-News Bears formula with a splash of myth and a touch of otherworldliness. Here he uses the same spicing in a story that mixes softball and jazz—and the results are equally tasty. Andy Ramos is a San Diego teen with dreams of making it big in the music business, but even his head-turning trumpet playing won't be enough without a few breaks....



## DIVISION NEWS

### AASL board approves dues increase

During its annual meeting in June, the AASL board of directors voted to approve a dues increase to take effect on September 1. Based on the recommendation from the Executive Committee, the board voted to raise dues from \$40 to \$50 for regular members, from \$15 to \$20 for student members, and from \$20 to \$25 for retired members. Dues for AASL sections will remain \$5....

### YALSA compiles resources on online social networking

YALSA has created several resources for librarians to use in educating their community members about online social networking technologies and the possibility that federal legislation may require schools and libraries to block websites that offer these types of communication tools. They can be found on the [Teen Tech Week wiki](#)....

### AASL publishes Instructional Classification Toolkit

AASL is now offering a new web toolkit to help school library media specialists advocate for their role as educators. AASL's Task Force on Instructional Classification, chaired by Ann Dutton Ewbank, has developed an [advocacy toolkit](#) that addresses the issue of the categorization of school library media specialists as currently "noninstructional."...

### Guidelines for Cooperative Reference

out in the latest issue of [Library Technology Reports](#). "Web 2.0 & Libraries: Best Practices for Social Software," by librarian, author, and technology trainer Michael Stephens, details successful library implementations of social-software tools, including blogs, podcasts, RSS feeds, IM, wikis, and Flickr.

## Classifieds

### METADATA LIBRARIAN,

University of California, Santa Barbara. Performs MARC cataloging of a variety of materials including print, electronic, and media, some in foreign languages. Creates NACO records or local authority records; revises NAF authorities, and may submit records to SACO....

See [JobLIST](#) for more career opportunities.



The new Fall catalog from **ALA Graphics** offers posters, bookmarks, and Teen Read Week materials. Request a

### Resources revised

RUSA has approved a revision of the 1998 [Guidelines for Cooperative Reference Services](#) to incorporate changes in the field. The guidelines cover the purpose of the service, its administration, the delivery of services, and evaluation....

## ROUND TABLE NEWS

### Poverty miscellanea from here and there

SRRT's Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force has rounded up some news items on homelessness from around the country....

Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force, Aug. 2

## SEEN ONLINE

### Libraries' toy rewards recalled

A toy given to kids as a reward for reading books in the Madison (Wis.) Public Library's summer reading program could possibly contain high amounts of lead, so library officials are asking holders of the toys to return them for disposal. The reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales," is a national summer reading program that was used in as many as 41 states, with the potentially toxic toy given out as a reward across the country....

Madison (Wis.) Capital Times, Aug. 8



### Pennsylvania minimum wage hike concerns library board

When the state minimum wage rate reaches \$7.15 per hour in July 2007, the Clarion (Pa.) Free Public Library is expecting an increased cost of \$8,923 in the budget. "That's a substantial impact," said Library Director Barbara Thompson....

Clarion (Pa.) News, Aug. 3

### Film sees end to traditional libraries

A speculative, cinematic discourse on the future of libraries, [Specflic 2.0](#) utilizes the walls and courtyard of San Jose's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Public Library, multiple projection systems, live sound mixing, radio and internet feeds, and a cast of five, including Allison Janney, who plays a book searcher in an InfoSphere, where "book objects" are accessed telepathically. The August 9 event is part of ZeroOne, the city's inaugural high-tech arts festival. As passersby or those seated in the library courtyard view the unfolding drama, they are encouraged to watch in new ways, using cell phones, laptops, radio, and other media....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Aug. 9



catalog [here](#).



[Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids](#) is a day set aside each year to celebrate and honor America's children by spending meaningful time with them. It's about celebrating kids—children, grandchildren, or any child in need of mentoring. This year the date is set for **September 16**.

## Poll

**What do YOU think?**

**Does a library engage in censorship when it refuses to consider for purchase controversial materials that are not covered in traditional review sources?**

**Click here to ANSWER!**

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those AL Direct readers who have chosen to participate.

**Results of the August 2 poll:**

Does your library block access to such social-networking sites as MySpace and Friendster?

- Sites are blocked for all users (17%)
- Sites are blocked

### [Carvers Bay: Gaming the way to literacy](#)

Although the brand-new Carvers Bay branch of the Georgetown County (S.C.) Library System has its demographic challenges, it also has some visionary leadership, strong community support, and a bit of prodding from its primary funders. Not only is the building designed to be "a reader's haven" full of books, natural light, and comfortable chairs, it is a gamer's heaven with 10 Xbox 360s, eight dedicated Dell Dimension 9150 gaming PCs, and an auditorium with a 120" screen and surround sound....



WebJunction, Aug. 1

### [Salinas libraries celebrate poetry](#)

César Chávez Library in Salinas, California, was animated the afternoon of August 2 by poet Lawson Inada, chairman of the National Steinbeck Center and Oregon's poet laureate. Inada was in town to promote the center's 10,000 poems project, which aims to collect that many poems in a year....

Monterey County (Calif.) Herald, Aug. 3

### [Salt Lake City library has a world-class Braille collection](#)

The largest Braille library in the world sits at the end of a cul-de-sac, down the road from a Motel 6, in a city with only an average number of blind people. The city's crossroads-of-the-West location is perfect for a 20-state lending library. But the distinction is also fitting, because in 1931 Utah Sen. Reed Smoot cosponsored legislation that provided annual federal funding for the books. The Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled celebrated that diamond anniversary on Monday, August 7....



Salt Lake City Deseret Morning News, Aug. 3

### [Queens Library joins medical network](#)

The Queens (N.Y.) Library announced that it has become the first public library to join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. The network has been around for 35 years, but has primarily included university medical school libraries. Queens will participate as a resource library for the mid-Atlantic region....

Flushing (N.Y.) Times-Ledger, Aug. 4

### [San Francisco opens new Mission Bay branch](#)

More than 3,500 librarygoers and community members streamed through the doors of San Francisco Public Library's new Mission Bay branch during its grand opening on July 8. Located on the city's waterfront, the new 7,500-square-foot branch boasts a diverse collection of 34,000 books, CDs, and DVDs. With its opening, the Mission



for teens and/or children (8%)

- Sites are not blocked (70%)
- Other (5%)

(191 responses)

For cumulated results and selected responses to all *AL Direct* polls, visit the AL Online website, now **[completely updated with recent survey results.](#)**



Brenda Dingley reports on the state of **U.S. periodical prices in 2005** for ALCTS. She writes, "The rate of price increase has been very similar over the past three years with 7.5% and 8.2% posted in 2003 and 2004, respectively, and 6.5% in 2005." See the [full report](#) as a PDF file.



PLA's online learning program, **[e-Learning@PLA](#)**, is designed to help users learn more efficiently and to facilitate collaboration between colleagues and instructors.



Bay branch became SFPL's 27th branch and the first to open in 40 years....

*San Francisco Sentinel*, July 9

### [11th-century Domesday Book goes online](#)

The Middle Ages met the Internet Age August 4 when the Domesday Book—a survey of England conducted in 1085—went [online](#). The book, a record of the people and lands ruled by William the Conqueror, is the oldest record held by Britain's National Archives and one of the country's most valuable documents....

Associated Press, Aug. 4

### [Get a healthy body and a healthy mind](#)

Liverpool's Central Library became the first in the UK to install exercise equipment as part of a healthy living campaign. Squat machines and shoulder presses were installed August 3 in the second-floor computer area as a pilot project for the rest of the city libraries....

*Liverpool Daily Post*, Aug. 3

### [Prague plans a new National Library](#)

More than 720 firms from six continents are submitting designs to the Czech National Library for what could turn out to be the largest public building project in Prague in decades—a 538,000-square-foot building costing nearly \$80.7 million. Its collection of more than 6 million volumes has long been too much for the library's current location in the Klementinum (a former monastery) to handle....

*Prague Post*, Aug. 2

## ACTIONS & ANSWERS

### [Librarians' salaries in public schools up by 1.3%](#) (subscription required)

The National Survey of Salaries and Wages in Public Schools ([PDF file](#)) for 2005–2006 has been released to *Education Week* by Educational Research Service as part of a research partnership. On average, assistant principals, teachers, counselors, and librarians earn the highest salaries in mid-sized districts serving between 2,500 and 25,000 students....

*Education Week*, July 26

### [Youth exposed to more online porn but fewer predators](#)

A new national survey by the Crimes Against Children Research Center shows a 9% increase in internet users ages 10–17 who are exposed to unwanted pornography and a 3% increase in online harassment and cyber-bullying, compared to five years earlier. At the same time, however, the study found that unwanted online sexual solicitations declined by 6%....

University of New Hampshire, Aug. 9

### [Six steps to save your library from DOPA](#)

YALSA offers these suggestions for opposing the Deleting Online Predators Act:

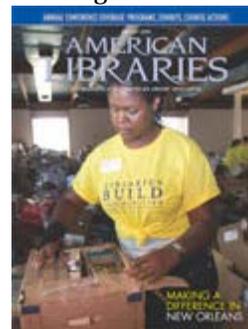
1. Contact your Senator before September 5;
2. Sign the online petition;

**“Many libraries are attempting to fight this seasonal illiteracy by offering summer reading programs. They provide a list of suggested books and, occasionally, prizes as an incentive to actually read them. Unfortunately, the titles are about as uninspiring as a bad summer movie.”**

—“Literary Losers,” *Wall Street Journal*, July 7.

## In This Issue

August 2006



Stories inside include:

**New Orleans Gathering Sends Message of Hope and Renewal**

**Building Bridges through Consensus**

**Libraries in the Eye of the Storm**

ALA's **Chapter Relations Office** is seeking members who would be interested in [speaking to the student chapters](#) about ALA, current library issues, jobseeking, and other topics of interest to students and new members. If you would like to be added to the list, please send your

3. Host an information session;
4. Tell YALSA how you are using social networking;
5. Invite your Senator to your library;
6. Send a letter to the newspaper editor....

YALSA Blog, Aug. 3

### [Personalize your messages to Congress](#)

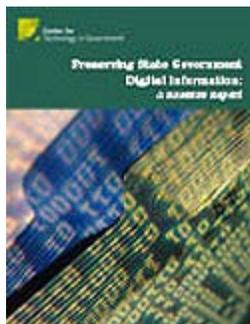
A recent [survey](#) by the Congressional Management Foundation found that over half of congressional staffers polled said they believe the form e-mails they receive from constituents are sent without the constituents' knowledge. The ALA Washington Office encourages all library advocates to personalize communications with Congress. For tips on how to tell the story of your library to Congress, visit the ALA [website](#)....

ALA Washington Office, Aug. 3

### [Survey results on state government digitization efforts](#)

The University of Albany Center for Technology in Government has released two new reports, [Preserving State Government Digital Information: A Baseline Report](#) and [State Government Digital Preservation Profiles](#). These complementary resources are based on results generated from a survey administered in January 2006 to state/territorial librarians, archivists, and records managers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories, and was designed to create a state government digital information preservation baseline....

Center for Technology in Government, July 24



### [Five nominees appointed to National Museum and Library Services Board](#)

The U.S. Senate confirmed California State Librarian Emeritus Kevin Starr and four other presidential nominees to serve as members of the National Museum and Library Services Board on August 3. The board advises the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency that is the primary source of federal funds for the nation's museums and libraries....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Aug. 4

### [University support for Public Access Act expands](#) (PDF file)

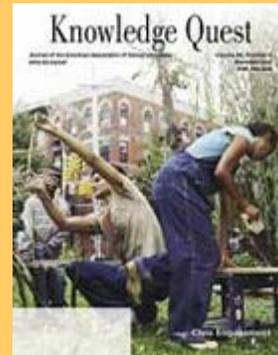
Just one week after more than two dozen leading universities declared their strong support for the [Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006](#) (S. 2695), provosts from an additional 23 universities added their backing in a letter issued by the Greater Western Library Alliance and in individual correspondence. This brings the total to at least 48 universities that have gone on record as favoring the measure....

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, Aug. 3

### [California Rare Book School opens](#)

UCLA's Graduate School of Education

name, contact information, and areas of interest to [Erika Johnson](#), student chapter liaison.

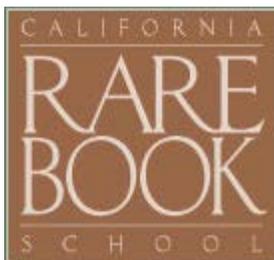


Shayne Russell [explains](#) why she was sitting on top of a camel in Africa conversing with an 8th-grade science class in New Jersey by satellite phone last March, in the March/April issue of AASL's **Knowledge Quest**.

## Datebook

**Aug. 24:** [Read for the Record](#). Thousands of adults and young children will read *The Little Engine That Could* together in their homes, libraries, parent groups, preschool centers, and major public venues to show support for early learning and engage in a practice that helps young children thrive. The sponsors will attempt to track a record number of children reading the same book on the same day. Register at [Read for the Record](#).

and Information Studies launched on July 31 the [California Rare Book School](#), a continuing-education program that provides training for students and professionals in the field of rare books and manuscripts. The school offers five week-long courses on the history of books and printing, rare book librarianship, descriptive bibliography, illustration, cataloging, and the history of the book in the American West....  
University of California at Los Angeles, Aug. 4



### [The university library: The center of a university education?](#)

Patricia A. Frade and Allyson Washburn summarize a study conducted in 2001 at Brigham Young University to determine the value of the library to the university community. Two years after the study, the authors wondered if the conclusions of the study were still valid....  
*portal: Libraries in the Academy* 6, no. 3 (2006)

### [Topsy turvy summer](#)

This summer has seen no shortage of interesting announcements in the library automation world. At first glance, things seem upside-down in a library world where the Library of Congress can be accused of abandoning the profession, and internet behemoth Amazon.com announces that it will supply MARC records....  
Hectic Pace, Aug. 7



### [New Orleans seeks equity, not charity](#)

The [Friends of New Orleans](#), a nonprofit organization formed to build legislative and national support for the rebuilding and restoration of areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina, needs help in its efforts to ensure that this historical and strategically important part of the nation not be forgotten. The group supports a long-term plan for major hurricane protection that includes the restoration of coastal wetlands, improved levees, and storm surge barriers....  
Loyola University of New Orleans, July 28

### [Lester Asheim in cyberspace](#)

June Pinnell-Stephens writes: "For over 50 years, '[Not Censorship But Selection](#)' (*Wilson Library Bulletin*, Sept. 1953) by Lester Asheim (1914–1997) has remained the definitive statement on the distinction between these two aspects of library collection development. This distinction pertains to the internet and electronic resources no less than to books."...  
*American Libraries*, Oct. 2002, p. 70, 72



### [2006 copyright agenda](#) (PDF file)

ALA supports efforts to amend the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and to urge the courts to restore the balance in copyright law, ensure fair use, and protect and extend the

### Sept. 28–30:

[National Information Standards Organization](#), Magnolia Hotel, Denver, Colorado.  
"Managing Electronic Collections: A NISO Workshop." Speakers include Marshall Breeding (Vanderbilt University), Denise M. Davis (ALA Office for Research and Statistics), and Mike Teets (OCLC).  
Contact: [Maryann Karinch](#), 970-577-8500.

### Oct. 19-20:

[Learning in Libraries: A National Call to Action](#), Marriott New York East Side, New York. Presented by the Urban Libraries Council with support from the Wallace Foundation in conjunction with the New York, Brooklyn, and Queens Public Libraries. Contact: [Urban Libraries Council](#), 847-866-9999.

### Apply by:

Nov. 1: [The Women's National Book Association/Ann Heibreder Eastman Grant](#) offers up to \$750 for a librarian to take a course or participate in an institute devoted to aspects of publishing as a profession.  
Contact: [Ray Toler](#), 312-280-5416.

public domain. This table by ALA Legislative Counsel Miriam Nesbit summarizes recent copyright legislation and case law....

ALA Office of Government Relations

**Nov. 5:** [Carnegie-Whitney Awards](#) of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources. Contact: [Ray Toler](#), 312-280-5416.

More [Datebook](#) items...

## Contact Us

### American Libraries Direct

George M. Eberhart,  
Editor:  
[geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)

Karen Sheets,  
Graphics and Design:  
[ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)

**Send feedback:**  
[aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

**AL Direct FAQ:**  
[www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

**To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:**  
Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-Chief, [kniffel@ala.org](mailto:kniffel@ala.org)

All links outside the ALA website are provided for informational purposes only. Questions about the content of any external site should be addressed to the administrator of that site.

**American Libraries**  
50 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
[www.ala.org/online/](http://www.ala.org/online/)  
800-545-2433,  
ext. 4216

ISSN 1559-369X.

## AMERICAN LIBRARIES DIRECT

August 9, 2006

AL Direct is a weekly electronic newsletter sent by the American Library Association every Wednesday to personal members by e-mail as a perquisite of membership.

Click here to view the online version of our email:

<%= util.viewHtmlLink %>

POLL: What do YOU think?

\*\*\*\*\*

What do YOU think?

Does a library engage in censorship when it refuses to consider for purchase controversial materials that are not covered in traditional review sources?

Click here  
to ANSWER!

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those AL Direct readers who have chosen to participate.

Results of the  
August 2 poll:

Does your library block access to such social-networking sites as MySpace and Friendster?

- \* Sites are blocked for all users (17%)
- \* Sites are blocked for teens and/or children (8%)
- \* Sites are not blocked (70%)
- \* Other (5%)

(191 responses)

For cumulated results and selected responses to all AL Direct polls, visit the AL Online website, now completely updated with recent survey results.

## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

Library Connection's "John Doe" court records released

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/doerelease.htm>

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg ordered August 2 the full disclosure of court records related to Doe v. Gonzales—the challenge to the FBI's 2005 demand that Connecticut's Library Connection consortium turn over records of patrons' computer use. The next day, the American Civil Liberties Union posted the documents....

University of California joins Google Books Library Project

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/newucgoogle.htm>

The University of California joined five other research libraries August 9 in Google's efforts to digitize books and provide access to their contents through its search engine. The deal covers more than 100 libraries on the university's

10 campuses, with collections totaling more than 34 million volumes....

#### Londonistan flap explodes in Brooklyn

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/londonistan.htm>

Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library has been accused by Encounter Books publisher Roger Kimball of a left-wing selection bias because it declined to acquire the publishing house's controversial title Londonistan by Melanie Phillips until the adult books' selector had consulted reviews from reliable professional sources....

#### Smiley suspected in additional map thefts

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/smiley.htm>

Massachusetts map dealer E. Forbes Smiley III, who admitted in June to stealing more than 100 antique maps from six major libraries in the United States and England, is suspected in additional map thefts from the same libraries....

#### Booklist Online

\*\*\*\*\*

#### Featured review:

##### Books for youth

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1709214](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1709214)

Ritter, John H. *Under the Baseball Moon*. May 2006. 304p. Philomel, hardcover (0-399-23623-6). Grades 7–10.

In *The Boy Who Saved Baseball* (2003), Ritter seasoned the familiar Bad-News Bears formula with a splash of myth and a touch of otherworldliness. Here he uses the same spicing in a story that mixes softball and jazz—and the results are equally tasty. Andy Ramos is a San Diego teen with dreams of making it big in the music business, but even his head-turning trumpet playing won't be enough without a few breaks....

#### DIVISION NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

##### AASL board approves dues increase

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/AASLBoardapprovesduesinc.htm>

During its annual meeting in June, the AASL board of directors voted to approve a dues increase to take effect on September 1. Based on the recommendation from the Executive Committee, the board voted to raise dues from \$40 to \$50 for regular members, from \$15 to \$20 for student members, and from \$20 to \$25 for retired members. Dues for AASL sections will remain \$5....

##### YALSA compiles resources on online social networking

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/YALSAonlinenetworkingres.htm>

YALSA has created several resources for librarians to use in educating their community members about online social networking technologies and the possibility that federal legislation may require schools and libraries to block websites that offer these types of communication tools. They can be found on the Teen Tech Week wiki....

##### AASL publishes Instructional Classification Toolkit

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/AASLinstructionaltoolkit.htm>

AASL is now offering a new web toolkit to help school library media specialists advocate for their role as educators. AASL's Task Force on Instructional Classification, chaired by Ann Dutton Ewbank, has developed an advocacy toolkit that addresses the issue of the categorization of school library media specialists as currently "noninstructional."...

##### Guidelines for Cooperative Reference Resources revised

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/RUSArevisesCOOPguideline.htm>

RUSA has approved a revision of the 1998 Guidelines for Cooperative Reference Services to incorporate changes in the field. The guidelines cover the purpose of the service, its administration, the delivery of services, and evaluation....

#### ROUND TABLE NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

Poverty miscellanea from here and there

<http://hhptf.org/article/324/poverty-miscellanea-from-here-and-there>

SRRT's Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force has rounded up some news items on homelessness from around the country....

Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force, Aug. 2

SEEN ONLINE

\*\*\*\*\*

Libraries' toy rewards recalled

<http://www.madison.com/tct/news/index.php?ntid=93986&ntpid=0>

A toy given to kids as a reward for reading books in the Madison (Wis.) Public Library's summer reading program could possibly contain high amounts of lead, so library officials are asking holders of the toys to return them for disposal. The reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales," is a national summer reading program that was used in as many as 41 states, with the potentially toxic toy given out as a reward across the country....

Madison (Wis.) Capital Times, Aug. 8

Pennsylvania minimum wage hike concerns library board

[http://www2.theclarionnews.com/General\\_News/56336.shtml](http://www2.theclarionnews.com/General_News/56336.shtml)

When the state minimum wage rate reaches \$7.15 per hour in July 2007, the Clarion (Pa.) Free Public Library is expecting an increased cost of \$8,923 in the budget. "That's a substantial impact," said Library Director Barbara Thompson....

Clarion (Pa.) News, Aug. 3

Film sees end to traditional libraries

[http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/entertainment/special\\_packages/zeroone/15223515.htm](http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/entertainment/special_packages/zeroone/15223515.htm)

A speculative, cinematic discourse on the future of libraries, Specfic 2.0 utilizes the walls and courtyard of San Jose's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Public Library, multiple projection systems, live sound mixing, radio and internet feeds, and a cast of five, including Allison Janney, who plays a book searcher in an InfoSphere, where "book objects" are accessed telepathically. The August 9 event is part of ZeroOne, the city's inaugural high-tech arts festival. As passersby or those seated in the library courtyard view the unfolding drama, they are encouraged to watch in new ways, using cell phones, laptops, radio, and other media....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Aug. 9

Carvers Bay: Gaming the way to literacy

<http://www.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=13796>

Although the brand-new Carvers Bay branch of the Georgetown County (S.C.) Library System has its demographic challenges, it also has some visionary leadership, strong community support, and a bit of prodding from its primary funders. Not only is the building designed to be "a reader's haven" full of books, natural light, and comfortable chairs, it is a gamer's heaven with 10 Xbox 360s, eight dedicated Dell Dimension 9150 gaming PCs, and an auditorium with a 120" screen and surround sound....

WebJunction, Aug. 1

Salinas libraries celebrate poetry

<http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/montereyherald/news/15187267.htm>

César Chávez Library in Salinas, California, was animated the afternoon of August 2 by poet Lawson Inada, chairman of the National Steinbeck Center and Oregon's poet laureate. Inada was in town to promote the center's 10,000 poems project, which aims to collect that many poems in a year....

Monterey County (Calif.) Herald, Aug. 3

Salt Lake City library has a world-class Braille collection

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/print/1,1442,640199554,00.html>

The largest Braille library in the world sits at the end of a cul-de-sac, down the road from a Motel 6, in a city with

only an average number of blind people. The city's crossroads-of-the-West location is perfect for a 20-state lending library. But the distinction is also fitting, because in 1931 Utah Sen. Reed Smoot cosponsored legislation that provided annual federal funding for the books. The Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled celebrated that diamond anniversary on Monday, August 7....

Salt Lake City Deseret Morning News, Aug. 3

Queens Library joins medical network

[http://www.timesledger.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=17016367&BRD=2676&PAG=461&dept\\_id=573700&rfi=6](http://www.timesledger.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=17016367&BRD=2676&PAG=461&dept_id=573700&rfi=6)

The Queens (N.Y.) Library announced that it has become the first public library to join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. The network has been around for 35 years, but has primarily included university medical school libraries. Queens will participate as a resource library for the mid-Atlantic region....

Flushing (N.Y.) Times-Ledger, Aug. 4

San Francisco opens new Mission Bay branch

[http://www.sanfranciscosentinel.com/news\\_in\\_brief/mission\\_bay\\_library\\_060709.shtml](http://www.sanfranciscosentinel.com/news_in_brief/mission_bay_library_060709.shtml)

More than 3,500 librarygoers and community members streamed through the doors of San Francisco Public Library's new Mission Bay branch during its grand opening on July 8. Located on the city's waterfront, the new 7,500-square-foot branch boasts a diverse collection of 34,000 books, CDs, and DVDs. With its opening, the Mission Bay branch became SFPL's 27th branch and the first to open in 40 years....

San Francisco Sentinel, July 9

11th-century Domesday Book goes online

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/14187066/>

The Middle Ages met the Internet Age August 4 when the Domesday Book—a survey of England conducted in 1085—went online. The book, a record of the people and lands ruled by William the Conqueror, is the oldest record held by Britain's National Archives and one of the country's most valuable documents....

Associated Press, Aug. 4

Get a healthy body and a healthy mind

[http://icliverpool.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100regionalnews/tm\\_objectid=17510843&method=full&siteid=50061&headline=get-a-healthy-body-and-a-healthy-mind--name\\_page.html](http://icliverpool.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100regionalnews/tm_objectid=17510843&method=full&siteid=50061&headline=get-a-healthy-body-and-a-healthy-mind--name_page.html)

Liverpool's Central Library became the first in the UK to install exercise equipment as part of a healthy living campaign. Squat machines and shoulder presses were installed August 3 in the second-floor computer area as a pilot project for the rest of the city libraries....

Liverpool Daily Post, Aug. 3

Prague plans a new National Library

<http://www.praguepost.com/P03/2006/Art/0803/news6.php>

More than 720 firms from six continents are submitting designs to the Czech National Library for what could turn out to be the largest public building project in Prague in decades—a 538,000-square-foot building costing nearly \$80.7 million. Its collection of more than 6 million volumes has long been too much for the library's current location in the Klementinum (a former monastery) to handle....

Prague Post, Aug. 2

## ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

\*\*\*\*\*

Librarians' salaries in public schools up by 1.3% (subscription required)

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2006/07/26/43ers.h25.html>

The National Survey of Salaries and Wages in Public Schools (PDF file) for 2005–2006 has been released to Education Week by Educational Research Service as part of a research partnership. On average, assistant principals, teachers, counselors, and librarians earn the highest salaries in mid-sized districts serving between 2,500 and 25,000 students....

Education Week, July 26

Youth exposed to more online porn but fewer predators

[http://www.unh.edu/news/cj\\_nr/2006/august/em\\_060809porn.cfm?type=n](http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2006/august/em_060809porn.cfm?type=n)

A new national survey by the Crimes Against Children Research Center shows a 9% increase in internet users ages 10–17 who are exposed to unwanted pornography and a 3% increase in online harassment and cyber-bullying, compared to five years earlier. At the same time, however, the study found that unwanted online sexual solicitations declined by 6%....

University of New Hampshire, Aug. 9

Six steps to save your library from DOPA

[http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=6\\_steps\\_to\\_save\\_your\\_library\\_from\\_dopa&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=6_steps_to_save_your_library_from_dopa&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)

YALSA offers these suggestions for opposing the Deleting Online Predators Act:

1. Contact your Senator before September 5;
2. Sign the online petition;
3. Host an information session;
4. Tell YALSA how you are using social networking;
5. Invite your Senator to your library;
6. Send a letter to the newspaper editor....

YALSA Blog, Aug. 3

Personalize your messages to Congress

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washnews/2006ndx/078aug03.htm>

A recent survey by the Congressional Management Foundation found that over half of congressional staffers polled said they believe the form e-mails they receive from constituents are sent without the constituents' knowledge. The ALA Washington Office encourages all library advocates to personalize communications with Congress. For tips on how to tell the story of your library to Congress, visit the ALA website....

ALA Washington Office, Aug. 3

Survey results on state government digitization efforts

[http://www.ctg.albany.edu/about/press\\_lc\\_20060724](http://www.ctg.albany.edu/about/press_lc_20060724)

The University of Albany Center for Technology in Government has released two new reports, Preserving State Government Digital Information: A Baseline Report and State Government Digital Preservation Profiles. These complementary resources are based on results generated from a survey administered in January 2006 to state/territorial librarians, archivists, and records managers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories, and was designed to create a state government digital information preservation baseline....

Center for Technology in Government, July 24

Five nominees appointed to National Museum and Library Services Board

<http://www.imls.gov/news/2006/080406.shtm>

The U.S. Senate confirmed California State Librarian Emeritus Kevin Starr and four other presidential nominees to serve as members of the National Museum and Library Services Board on August 3. The board advises the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency that is the primary source of federal funds for the nation's museums and libraries....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Aug. 4

University support for Public Access Act expands (PDF file)

[http://www.arl.org/sparc/oa/LibraryGroupsCommendProvosts\\_06AUG.pdf](http://www.arl.org/sparc/oa/LibraryGroupsCommendProvosts_06AUG.pdf)

Just one week after more than two dozen leading universities declared their strong support for the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006 (S. 2695), provosts from an additional 23 universities added their backing in a letter issued by the Greater Western Library Alliance and in individual correspondence. This brings the total to at least 48 universities that have gone on record as favoring the measure....

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, Aug. 3

California Rare Book School opens

<http://www.newsroom.ucla.edu/page.asp?RelNum=7231>

UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies launched on July 31 the California Rare Book School, a continuing-education program that provides training for students and professionals in the field of rare books and manuscripts. The school offers five week-long courses on the history of books and printing, rare book librarianship, descriptive bibliography, illustration, cataloging, and the history of the book in the American West....  
University of California at Los Angeles, Aug. 4

The university library: The center of a university education?

[http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/portal\\_libraries\\_and\\_the\\_academy/v006/6.3frade.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/portal_libraries_and_the_academy/v006/6.3frade.html)

Patricia A. Frade and Allyson Washburn summarize a study conducted in 2001 at Brigham Young University to determine the value of the library to the university community. Two years after the study, the authors wondered if the conclusions of the study were still valid....

portal: Libraries in the Academy 6, no. 3 (2006)

Topsy turvy summer

[http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=topsy\\_turvy\\_summer](http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=topsy_turvy_summer)

This summer has seen no shortage of interesting announcements in the library automation world. At first glance, things seem upside-down in a library world where the Library of Congress can be accused of abandoning the profession, and internet behemoth Amazon.com announces that it will supply MARC records....

Hectic Pace, Aug. 7

New Orleans seeks equity, not charity

<http://www.loyno.edu/newsandcalendars/release.php?id=1069>

The Friends of New Orleans, a nonprofit organization formed to build legislative and national support for the rebuilding and restoration of areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina, needs help in its efforts to ensure that this historical and strategically important part of the nation not be forgotten. The group supports a long-term plan for major hurricane protection that includes the restoration of coastal wetlands, improved levees, and storm surge barriers....

Loyola University of New Orleans, July 28

Lester Asheim in cyberspace

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/basics/lesterasheim.htm>

June Pinnell-Stephens writes: "For over 50 years, 'Not Censorship But Selection' (Wilson Library Bulletin, Sept. 1953) by Lester Asheim (1914-1997) has remained the definitive statement on the distinction between these two aspects of library collection development. This distinction pertains to the internet and electronic resources no less than to books."...

American Libraries, Oct. 2002, p. 70, 72

2006 copyright agenda (PDF file)

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/copyrightb/copyagenda.pdf>

ALA supports efforts to amend the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and to urge the courts to restore the balance in copyright law, ensure fair use, and protect and extend the public domain. This table by ALA Legislative Counsel Miriam Nesbit summarizes recent copyright legislation and case law....

ALA Office of Government Relations

## CONTACT US

\*\*\*\*\*

George M. Eberhart, Editor: [geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)

Karen Sheets, Graphics and Design: [ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)

Send feedback: [aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

AL Direct FAQ: [www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:

Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-Chief, lkniffel@ala.org

American Libraries

50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.ala.org/online/>

800-545-2433, ext. 4216

ISSN 1559-369X.

# AMERICAN LIBRARIES

✉ DIRECT

**August 16, 2006**

AL Direct is a free electronic newsletter e-mailed every Wednesday to personal members of the [American Library Association](#).

## Contents:

- [U.S. & World News](#)
- [ALA News](#)
- [Booklist Online](#)
- [Division News](#)
- [Awards](#)
- [Seen Online](#)
- [Actions & Answers](#)
- [Poll](#)
- [Datebook](#)
- [AL Direct FAQ](#)

## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

### [Indiana librarian triggers toxic-toy alert](#)

A serendipitous conversation during a summer-reading promotion between an Indiana children's librarian and a staff member of Bloomington Hospital has triggered the recall of thousands of toys containing hazardous lead levels that libraries nationwide were giving out to children as program incentives....



### [Tennessee judge rules library can privatize](#)

A county chancery court has determined that the Jackson-Madison County (Tenn.) Library board is empowered to outsource the library's management to a private company. In his July 31 ruling, Chancellor James F. Butler said the board has the "authority to enter into contracts relative to the operation of the library," according to the August 9 *Jackson Sun*....

### [Dealer sues Christie's over stolen Torah](#)

Brooklyn, New York, antiques dealer Yosef Goldman has filed suit against Christie's auction house in New York to recover \$358,000 he paid for a 13th-century Torah that the French National Library says was stolen sometime before Christie's put it up for sale in May 2000....

## ALA NEWS

### [Lopez promotes Library Card Sign-up Month](#)

Actor-comedian and author George Lopez joins ALA and hundreds of libraries across the country this September promoting Library Card Sign-up Month. Lopez is the official spokesman for this national observance, which serves as a time to remind parents that the best back-to-school tool for their child is a library card....



**SirsiDynix**  
Sponsor, American Libraries Direct

**No lines. No staff.  
No waiting.**



**SirsiDynix OneStop™**  
Self-Service Solution  
for Any ILS System



**Can't remember** where you saw that fascinating article, intriguing report, or clever illustration in *American Libraries*?

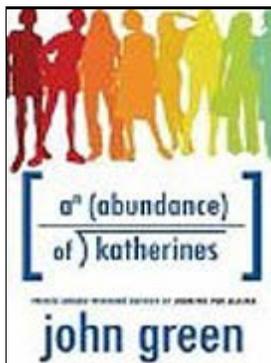
Consult the [Annual Index](#) online, now updated through the August 2006 issue. Indexes are available online for every year since 1996.

Booklist

# Booklist — ONLINE —

## Featured review: Books for youth

Green, John. *An Abundance of Katherines*. Sept. 2006. 256p. Dutton, hardcover. (0-525-47688-1). Grades 9–12. Green follows his Printz-winning *Looking for Alaska* (2005) with another sharp, intelligent story, this one full of mathematical problems, historical references, word puzzles, and footnotes. Colin Singleton believes he is a washed-up child prodigy. A graduating valedictorian with a talent for creating anagrams, he fears he'll never do anything to classify him as a genius....



## DIVISION NEWS

### Dyson, Waters, Totenberg to keynote ACRL National Conference

Radio commentator and religious scholar Michael Eric Dyson, filmmaker John Waters, and NPR correspondent Nina Totenberg are part of the lineup for ACRL's 13th National Conference, to be held March 29–April 1, 2007, in Baltimore. Registration will open in mid-to-late September. The Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor and the Renaissance Harborplace will serve as co-headquarters hotels....



### AASL announces new reading grant

Sponsored by Coughlan Publishing, AASL's new \$2,500 Innovative Reading Grant will support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for students that motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers. The selection committee will look at initiatives for grades K–9 based on original ideas and methodology....

### PLA sponsors a participant in Emerging Leaders Program

PLA will sponsor one individual to participate in ALA's [Emerging Leaders Program](#), an initiative of President Leslie Burger. The goal of the program is to prepare 100 young librarians for professional leadership. The Emerging Leaders

## Classifieds

### ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST.

American University in Cairo, Egypt. Working under the supervision of the university archivist, the successful candidate will solicit, organize, and create finding tools for the University Archives. A major aspect of this job will be to develop the AUC's record management program, which involves the preservation of faculty, departmental, and administrative records. Other duties will be in the organization and conservation of manuscript, photographic, and document archives....

See [JobLIST](#) for more career opportunities.



Children's author **Cynthia Leitich Smith** and NPR senior correspondent **Juan Williams** are two of the featured speakers at the [Joint Conference of Librarians of Color](#), Dallas, October 11–15.

Program will kick off with a day-long session at the 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle....

### [Guidelines for electronic information resources revised](#)

RUSA has approved a revision of the 1997 [Guidelines for the Introduction of Electronic Information Resources to Users](#).

The guidelines cover planning and policy setting, testing, compatibility and remote access, staff education, user instruction, publicity, and assessment and evaluation....

## AWARDS

### [New Gordon M. Conable Award](#)

PLA's new Gordon M. Conable Award will honor a public library staff member, a library trustee, or a public library that has demonstrated a commitment to intellectual freedom and the Library Bill of Rights. The award consists of a \$1,500 check and a commemorative plaque from the sponsor, Library Systems and Support, LLC (LSSI)....

### [ACRL seeks nominations for 2007 awards](#)

With almost \$34,000 donated annually by corporate sponsors, ACRL continues to nominate, select, and honor the very best in academic librarianship through 17 different awards programs. ACRL urges members to nominate colleagues whose work has influenced their thinking and growth as an academic librarian and whose contributions merit recognition by the profession. Nominations and supporting materials for most awards must be submitted by December 1....

### [Public Printer receives award for transforming the GPO](#) (PDF file)

The Council for Excellence in Government has honored Public Printer Bruce James with its Champion of Excellence Award for turning the U.S. Government Printing Office into a profitable, 21st-century, electronic information agency. Under his leadership, GPO is creating a Future Digital System that will be operational next year....

U.S. Government Printing Office, Aug. 14

### [New York Times Librarian Awards](#)

In this sixth year of its Librarian Awards program, the *New York Times* will honor 21 public librarians from across the country whose exemplary performance and outstanding community service have made their libraries friendlier and more accessible institutions. Nominations will be accepted until September 15. The newspaper is also launching an Academic Librarian Awards program later this year, which will honor three librarians who are currently working in university libraries....

*New York Times*

## SEEN ONLINE

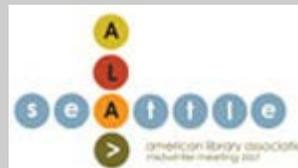
### [Dead fish give new life to creative impulses](#)

Laurena Schultz said the same thing to all the latecomers: "Come in. Grab a dead fish." Schultz, the teen services



Libraries just aren't what they used to be. They're more—and better. In this first [annual report on the State of America's Libraries](#), ALA

found that 89% of Americans surveyed early this year reported being satisfied with their public libraries.



The [2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting](#) will be held in Seattle, Washington, January 19–24, 2007.

## Poll

# What do YOU think?

Where does your library rank in its use of **blogs, wikis, social software, and other**

librarian at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library in Pittsburgh, was leading a session of *gyotaku*, a Japanese method of printing using real fish, as part of the monthly teen activities series at the library....

*Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette*, Aug. 10

**Google wants to digitize every book; but read the fine print first** 

If it is really true that Google is going to digitize the roughly 9 million books in the libraries of Stanford University, then you can be sure that the folks who brought you the world's most ambitious search engine will come, in due time, for call number E169.D3. But when you ask Google executives directly whether they plan to offer some kind of print-on-demand service, they can get a bit coy....

*Washington Post*, Aug. 13

**Pratt Library receives a \$1 million donation**

The Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore has received a \$1-million gift from an anonymous donor that will be used to upgrade facilities and services in the system's 21 branches. The gift was the third million-dollar donation to the city's public library system since 2001, when philanthropists Eddie and Sylvia Brown awarded that amount to endow the Pratt's 13,000-piece African-American collection....

*Baltimore Sun*, Aug. 16

**Listeners growl for more**

The story that 6-year-old Sidharth Muralidhar is reading aloud is about a dog who wants to be wild but discovers it's much better to be home. Sidharth's voice is soft, but he has an attentive audience at the Princeton (N.J.) Public Library—his 4-year-old brother, Sachin, and a 95-pound English Labrador named Emma....

*New York Times*, Aug. 13

**A delicate balance**

The body-odor calls are the ones Security Officer William Morris dreads most. That's when he has to tell someone to leave the Los Angeles Central Library because they smell. He doesn't mind the rule, but the library-security veteran also knows how easy it is to humiliate the indigent, and he won't stand for that either....

*Los Angeles Times*, Aug. 13

**Ghosts in Phoenixville Public Library?**

Phoenixville (Pa.) Public Library Executive Director John Kelley walked investigators from the [Chester County Paranormal Research Society](#) room-by-room through the building, giving them a brief history of the Carnegie library. Sitting in his office while the investigators made their final preparations, Kelley talked about the library and the three ghosts said to inhabit its walls....

*Phoenixville (Pa.) News*, Aug. 14



**Web 2.0 technologies?**

**Click here to ANSWER!**

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those *AL Direct* readers who have chosen to participate.

**Results of the August 9 poll:**

Does a library engage in censorship when it refuses to consider for purchase controversial materials that are not covered in traditional review sources?

**YES**.....55%  
**NO**.....37%  
**NOT SURE**.....8%

(225 responses)

For cumulated results and selected responses to all *AL Direct* polls, visit the [AL Online website](#).

**Thus Said**

**“At a Border’s bookstore at Heathrow, the suddenly laptop-free [air] travelers were among the store’s best customers. Popular titles included *Freakonomics* and *The World Is Flat*, said Jonathan Daniel, the store’s supervisor. ‘If they hadn’t been able to get books, I think they would’ve been quite frustrated.’”**

—“Go without a Laptop?” *Los Angeles Times*, August 11.

**In This Issue**

## Library visitors look for inexpensive entertainment

West Des Moines, Iowa, library officials have seen a surge in visitors this year, which they suggest is related to residents' need for cheaper sources of entertainment because of higher fuel costs. Library director Ray Vignovich said he compares numbers month to month and year to year, and this year they have been consistently higher. (One of nine August 15 stories that praised Des Moines libraries.)...

*Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Aug. 15*

## ACTIONS & ANSWERS

### [ALA's Summer Congressional Recess Package](#)



The Washington Office has assembled a Summer Congressional Recess Package that details everything you can do to help libraries while your legislators are in their district offices. Part 1 ([PDF file](#)) includes both a fact sheet on the Library Services and Technology Act and a table that shows what each state will receive if Congress provides \$171.5 million in grants to state library agencies. Part 2 ([Word file](#)) is a form letter for you to fill in and send to your legislator to indicate your concern for libraries....

ALA Washington Office

### [UW Madison SLIS celebrates its 100th](#)

One hundred years ago this year, the Wisconsin Library School opened its doors. This September 29 and 30, it celebrates a century of education for the library, archive, and information professions. Photos showing the school's history appear on its [website](#)....



University of Wisconsin at Madison,  
School of Library & Information Studies

### [Looking at liblogs: The Great Middle](#) (PDF file)

Walt Crawford reviews 213 library-related blogs from a population of around 550 active sites represented in the directories and wikis he looked at: "More than one commentator has suggested that the most interesting blogs are in the great middle—blogs with more than a handful of readers but not so popular as to carry the burden of popularity."...

*Cites & Insights 6, no. 10 (Aug.)*

### [Interview with LC's Barbara Tillett](#)

Those who are familiar with Sanford Berman's work on LC subject-heading reform have read or heard the name Barbara Tillett, for many years the chief of the Library of Congress Cataloging Policy and Support Office. Rory Litwin often wondered what Barbara Tillett would have to say in answer to some of



August 2006



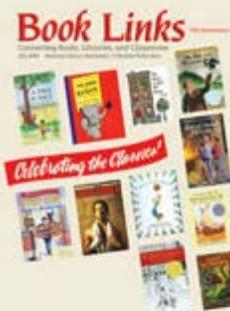
Stories inside include:

**New Orleans Gathering Sends Message of Hope and Renewal**

**Building Bridges through Consensus**

**Libraries in the Eye of the Storm**

Are you a library history buff? The **Library History Round Table** offers an interesting set of [links to resources](#) for the study of library history.



The July issue of **Book Links** suggests 15 classic read-alouds for children's storytime.

## Datebook

**Sept. 27-30:**  
[Kentucky Library Association / Kentucky School](#)

Berman's more convincing arguments, and recently he got his chance....

*Library Juice*, Aug. 9

### [Obstacles to educational uses of copyrighted material in the Digital Age](#)

William W. Fisher and William McGeeveran examined whether innovative educational uses of digital technology are hampered by the restrictions of copyright. They found that provisions of copyright law concerning the educational use of copyrighted material, as well as the business and institutional structures shaped by that law, are among the most important obstacles to realizing the potential of digital technology in education....

Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Aug. 10

### [Enoch Pratt's most wanted](#)

The Central Library of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore has a number of unidentified photographs in one of its collections and it is asking your help in identifying them. All the photographs were taken in the state of Maryland in the 20th century, but in many cases that's all they know....

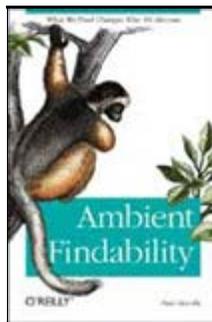
Enoch Pratt Free Library



### [Ambient findability](#)

Peter Morville, widely recognized as a founding father of information architecture, discussed his recent book *Ambient Findability*, in a program sponsored by LC's Science, Technology, and Business Division. In this 45-minute webcast, Morville describes ambient findability as a safari—how people search for information and how they find their way through a world of information overload....

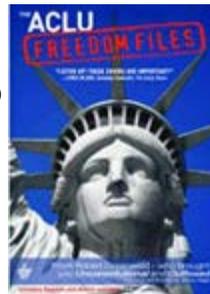
Library of Congress, July 20



### [Libraries benefit from new ACLU membership drive](#)

Libraries can receive free copies of a two-DVD set of the *ACLU Freedom Files* as part of the American Civil Liberties Union's new membership drive. The promotion invites supporters to send a set of the programs to any library of their choosing when they establish or renew ACLU membership....

American Civil Liberties Union, Aug. 14



### [Are you ready for ISBN-13?](#)

Effective January 1, 2007, the length of the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) will officially change from 10 to 13 digits. In 2007, the publishing industry will begin using 13-digit ISBNs, phasing out the use of 10-digit ISBNs. This change will affect everyone who uses ISBNs throughout the world....



[Media Association](#), Annual Conference, Louisville. "A Century of Change from Carnegie to Gates." Contact: [John T. \(Tom\) Underwood](#), 502-223-5322.

**Sept. 27–30:** [Wyoming Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Gillette. "Re-energize @ WLA." Contact: [Laura Grott](#), 307-632-7622.

**Sept. 30:** [2006 National Book Festival](#), National Mall, Washington, D.C. Organized by the Library of Congress and hosted by First Lady Laura Bush, the festival is free and open to the public. Contact: [National Book Festival](#), 888-714-4696.

**Oct. 10–14:** [Association for Educational Communications and Technology](#), Dallas. "Strengthening Connections." Contact: [AECT](#), 877-677-2328.

**Nov. 3:** [Brick and Click Academic Libraries Symposium](#), Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville. Contact: [Carolyn Johnson](#), 660-562-1393.

**Nov. 3–5:** [Association of Mental Health Librarians](#), 38th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Book Industry Study Group

### [Spellings Commission approves final report](#)

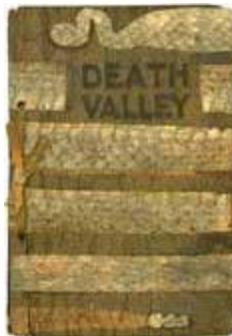
Eighteen of 19 members of the Spellings Commission on the Future of Higher Education agreed August 10 to sign and send a [final report](#) to U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings that contains recommendations in six broad areas including access, student financial aid, accountability, quality improvement, lifelong learning, and global competitiveness. Only American Council on Education President David Ward declined to sign the report....

American Council on Education, Aug. 10

### [Coil up with a snakeskin book](#)

Most people would not relish opening a book wrapped in cobra or python skin, especially with the summer's big movie *Snakes on a Plane* expected to remind us that snakes are one of the animal kingdom's least popular critters. However, snakeskin-bound books have been around since the 1800s when big-game hunters looked for novel ways of displaying their prey from Africa and Asia. Although these exotic bindings have not been in vogue for decades, snakeskin-covered books can generate four-figure prices....

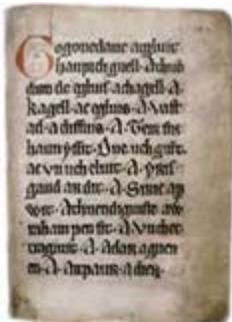
Abebooks.com, Aug. 8



### [Black Book of Carmarthen online](#)

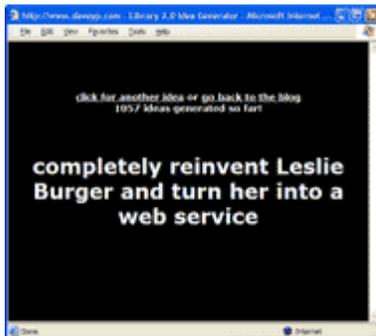
The Black Book of Carmarthen, so called because of the color of its binding and its connection with the Priory of St. John the Evangelist and Teulyddog, Carmarthen, Wales, is thought by modern scholars to be the work of a single scribe writing at different periods of his life before and about the year 1250. This makes it one of the earliest surviving manuscripts written solely in the Welsh language. The National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth has digitally captured some 54 leaves of Wales' most important manuscript....

National Library of Wales



### [The Library 2.0 Idea Generator](#)

British biblioblogger Dave Pattern, who is also library systems manager at the University of Huddersfield, has created an [idea generator](#) for Library 2.0 concepts. The generator simply picks random entries from a list of actions and a list of things, people, and objects, etc., and then (most of the time, but not always) appends a random entry from a list of miscellaneous comments. You keep clicking on the generator until it comes up with one you like, then you can save it to a whiteboard....



Contact: [Gary McMillan](#).

### **Nov. 17–19:** [Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair](#), Hynes

Convention Center, Boston. Contact: 617-266-6540.

### **Nov. 30-Dec. 1:** [E-Info Global Symposium](#),

University of Alabama at Huntsville.

"Information Delivery and E-Access in Academic Libraries."

Contact: [Annette Parrish](#), 256-824-6313.

More [Datebook](#) items...

## Contact Us

### American Libraries Direct

George M. Eberhart,  
Editor:  
[geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)

Karen Sheets,  
Graphics and Design:  
[ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)

Send feedback:  
[aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

AL Direct FAQ:  
[www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:  
Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-Chief, [lniffel@ala.org](mailto:lniffel@ala.org)

All links outside the ALA website are provided for informational purposes only. Questions about the content of any external site should be addressed to the administrator of that site.

American Libraries  
50 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
[www.ala.org/alonline/](http://www.ala.org/alonline/)  
800-545-2433,  
ext. 4216

Dave Pattern's weblog, July 28

ISSN 1559-369X.

### [Looking at the World Future Society](#)

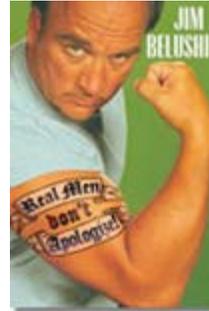
ALA Senior Associate Executive Director Mary Ghikas went to the annual conference of the [World Future Society](#) in Toronto June 28–30 to have her perspective shifted, to be jolted out of habitual ways of thinking about things, and to attend sessions on topics she didn't realize she would find interesting....

*The Green Kangaroo*, Aug. 11

### [DDC helpless to classify new Jim Belushi book](#) (satire)

Members of the OCLC Online Computer Library Center's Editorial Policy Committee, which oversees the Dewey Decimal System library classification system, were no closer Monday to assigning a definitive call number to the recently published Jim Belushi book *Real Men Don't Apologize*....

*The Onion*, Aug. 14



## AMERICAN LIBRARIES DIRECT

August 16, 2006

AL Direct is a weekly electronic newsletter sent by the American Library Association every Wednesday to personal members by e-mail as a perquisite of membership.

Click here to view the online version of our email:

<%= util.viewHtmlLink %>

POLL: What do YOU think?

\*\*\*\*\*

What do YOU think?

Where does your library rank in its use of blogs, wikis, social software, and other Web 2.0 technologies?

Click here

to ANSWER!

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB225KY2AAYQX>

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those AL Direct readers who have chosen to participate.

Results of the

August 9 poll:

Does a library engage in censorship when it refuses to consider for purchase controversial materials that are not covered in traditional review sources?

YES.....55%

NO.....37%

NOT SURE.....8%

(225 responses)

For cumulated results and selected responses to all AL Direct polls, visit the AL Online website.

## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

Indiana librarian triggers toxic-toy alert

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/toxic toys.htm>

A serendipitous conversation during a summer-reading promotion between an Indiana children's librarian and a staff member of Bloomington Hospital has triggered the recall of thousands of toys containing hazardous lead levels that libraries nationwide were giving out to children as program incentives....

Tennessee judge rules library can privatize

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/jackson.htm>

A county chancery court has determined that the Jackson-Madison County (Tenn.) Library board is empowered to outsource the library's management to a private company. In his July 31 ruling, Chancellor James F. Butler said the

board has the “authority to enter into contracts relative to the operation of the library,” according to the August 9 Jackson Sun....

#### Dealer sues Christie’s over stolen Torah

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/torah.htm>

Brooklyn, New York, antiques dealer Yosef Goldman has filed suit against Christie’s auction house in New York to recover \$358,000 he paid for a 13th-century Torah that the French National Library says was stolen sometime before Christie’s put it up for sale in May 2000....

#### ALA NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

#### Lopez promotes Library Card Sign-up Month

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/jllcsm.htm>

Actor-comedian and author George Lopez joins ALA and hundreds of libraries across the country this September promoting Library Card Sign-up Month. Lopez is the official spokesman for this national observance, which serves as a time to remind parents that the best back-to-school tool for their child is a library card....

#### Booklist Online

\*\*\*\*\*

#### Featured review:

##### Books for youth

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1709069](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1709069)

Green, John. *An Abundance of Katherines*. Sept. 2006. 256p. Dutton, hardcover. (0-525-47688-1). Grades 9–12. Green follows his Printz-winning *Looking for Alaska* (2005) with another sharp, intelligent story, this one full of mathematical problems, historical references, word puzzles, and footnotes. Colin Singleton believes he is a washed-up child prodigy. A graduating valedictorian with a talent for creating anagrams, he fears he’ll never do anything to classify him as a genius....

#### DIVISION NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

#### Dyson, Waters, Totenberg to keynote ACRL National Conference

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/acrlkeynote06.htm>

Radio commentator and religious scholar Michael Eric Dyson, filmmaker John Waters, and NPR correspondent Nina Totenberg are part of the lineup for ACRL’s 13th National Conference, to be held March 29–April 1, 2007, in Baltimore. Registration will open in mid-to-late September. The Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor and the Renaissance Harborplace will serve as co-headquarters hotels....

#### AASL announces new reading grant

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/AASLreadinggrant.htm>

Sponsored by Coughlan Publishing, AASL’s new \$2,500 Innovative Reading Grant will support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for students that motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers. The selection committee will look at initiatives for grades K–9 based on original ideas and methodology....

#### PLA sponsors a participant in Emerging Leaders Program

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/elp06.htm>

PLA will sponsor one individual to participate in ALA’s Emerging Leaders Program, an initiative of President Leslie Burger. The goal of the program is to prepare 100 young librarians for professional leadership. The Emerging Leaders

Program will kick off with a day-long session at the 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle....

Guidelines for electronic information resources revised

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/RUSArevisesGuidelines.htm>

RUSA has approved a revision of the 1997 Guidelines for the Introduction of Electronic Information Resources to Users. The guidelines cover planning and policy setting, testing, compatibility and remote access, staff education, user instruction, publicity, and assessment and evaluation....

## AWARDS

\*\*\*\*\*

New Gordon M. Conable Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/PLAConableAward.htm>

PLA's new Gordon M. Conable Award will honor a public library staff member, a library trustee, or a public library that has demonstrated a commitment to intellectual freedom and the Library Bill of Rights. The award consists of a \$1,500 check and a commemorative plaque from the sponsor, Library Systems and Support, LLC (LSSI)....

ACRL seeks nominations for 2007 awards

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/ACRL2007awardsnomination.htm>

With almost \$34,000 donated annually by corporate sponsors, ACRL continues to nominate, select, and honor the very best in academic librarianship through 17 different awards programs. ACRL urges members to nominate colleagues whose work has influenced their thinking and growth as an academic librarian and whose contributions merit recognition by the profession. Nominations and supporting materials for most awards must be submitted by December 1....

Public Printer receives award for transforming the GPO (PDF file)

<http://www.gpo.gov/news/2006/06news22.pdf>

The Council for Excellence in Government has honored Public Printer Bruce James with its Champion of Excellence Award for turning the U.S. Government Printing Office into a profitable, 21st-century, electronic information agency. Under his leadership, GPO is creating a Future Digital System that will be operational next year....

U.S. Government Printing Office, Aug. 14

New York Times Librarian Awards

<http://www.nytc.com/community/librarianawards06.html>

In this sixth year of its Librarian Awards program, the New York Times will honor 21 public librarians from across the country whose exemplary performance and outstanding community service have made their libraries friendlier and more accessible institutions. Nominations will be accepted until September 15. The newspaper is also launching an Academic Librarian Awards program later this year, which will honor three librarians who are currently working in university libraries....

New York Times

## SEEN ONLINE

\*\*\*\*\*

Dead fish give new life to creative impulses

Laurena Schultz said the same thing to all the latecomers: "Come in. Grab a dead fish." Schultz, the teen services librarian at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library in Pittsburgh, was leading a session of gyotaku, a Japanese method of printing using real fish, as part of the monthly teen activities series at the library....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette, Aug. 10

Google wants to digitize every book; but read the fine print first

If it is really true that Google is going to digitize the roughly 9 million books in the libraries of Stanford University, then you can be sure that the folks who brought you the world's most ambitious search engine will come, in due time, for call number E169.D3. But when you ask Google executives directly whether they plan to offer some kind of print-on-demand service, they can get a bit coy....

Washington Post, Aug. 13

Pratt Library receives a \$1 million donation

The Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore has received a \$1-million gift from an anonymous donor that will be used to upgrade facilities and services in the system's 21 branches. The gift was the third million-dollar donation to the city's public library system since 2001, when philanthropists Eddie and Sylvia Brown awarded that amount to endow the Pratt's 13,000-piece African-American collection....

Baltimore Sun, Aug. 16

Listeners growl for more

The story that 6-year-old Sidharth Muralidhar is reading aloud is about a dog who wants to be wild but discovers it's much better to be home. Sidharth's voice is soft, but he has an attentive audience at the Princeton (N.J.) Public Library—his 4-year-old brother, Sachin, and a 95-pound English Labrador named Emma....

New York Times, Aug. 13

A delicate balance

The body-odor calls are the ones Security Officer William Morris dreads most. That's when he has to tell someone to leave the Los Angeles Central Library because they smell. He doesn't mind the rule, but the library-security veteran also knows how easy it is to humiliate the indigent, and he won't stand for that either....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 13

Ghosts in Phoenixville Public Library?

Phoenixville (Pa.) Public Library Executive Director John Kelley walked investigators from the Chester County Paranormal Research Society room-by-room through the building, giving them a brief history of the Carnegie library. Sitting in his office while the investigators made their final preparations, Kelley talked about the library and the three ghosts said to inhabit its walls....

Phoenixville (Pa.) News, Aug. 14

Library visitors look for inexpensive entertainment

West Des Moines, Iowa, library officials have seen a surge in visitors this year, which they suggest is related to residents' need for cheaper sources of entertainment because of higher fuel costs. Library director Ray Vignovich said he compares numbers month to month and year to year, and this year they have been consistently higher....

Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Aug. 15

## ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

\*\*\*\*\*

ALA's Summer Congressional Recess Package

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/washfunding/funding.htm#what>

The Washington Office has assembled a Summer Congressional Recess Package that details everything you can do to help libraries while your legislators are in their district offices. Part 1 (PDF file) includes both a fact sheet on the Library Services and Technology Act and a table that shows what each state will receive if Congress provides \$171.5 million in grants to state library agencies. Part 2 (Word file) is a form letter for you to fill in and send to your legislator to indicate your concern for libraries....

ALA Washington Office

UW Madison SLIS celebrates its 100th

<http://www.slis.wisc.edu/about/centennial.html>

One hundred years ago this year, the Wisconsin Library School opened its doors. This September 29 and 30, it celebrates a century of education for the library, archive, and information professions. Photos showing the school's history appear on its website....

University of Wisconsin at Madison,  
School of Library & Information Studies

Looking at liblogs: The Great Middle (PDF file)

<http://citesandinsights.info/civ6i10.pdf>

Walt Crawford reviews 213 library-related blogs from a population of around 550 active sites represented in the directories and wikis he looked at: "More than one commentator has suggested that the most interesting blogs are in the great middle—blogs with more than a handful of readers but not so popular as to carry the burden of popularity."... Cites & Insights 6, no. 10 (Aug.)

Interview with LC's Barbara Tillett

<http://libraryjuicepress.com/blog/?p=115>

Those who are familiar with Sanford Berman's work on LC subject-heading reform have read or heard the name Barbara Tillett, for many years the chief of the Library of Congress Cataloging Policy and Support Office. Rory Litwin often wondered what Barbara Tillett would have to say in answer to some of Berman's more convincing arguments, and recently he got his chance....

Library Juice, Aug. 9

Obstacles to educational uses of copyrighted material in the Digital Age

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=923465](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=923465)

William W. Fisher and William McGeeveran examined whether innovative educational uses of digital technology are hampered by the restrictions of copyright. They found that provisions of copyright law concerning the educational use of copyrighted material, as well as the business and institutional structures shaped by that law, are among the most important obstacles to realizing the potential of digital technology in education....

Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Aug. 10

Enoch Pratt's most wanted

<http://www.mdch.org/wanted/>

The Central Library of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore has a number of unidentified photographs in one of its collections and it is asking your help in identifying them. All the photographs were taken in the state of Maryland in the 20th century, but in many cases that's all they know....

Enoch Pratt Free Library

Ambient findability

[http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature\\_wdesc.php?rec=3903](http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=3903)

Peter Morville, widely recognized as a founding father of information architecture, discussed his recent book *Ambient Findability*, in a program sponsored by LC's Science, Technology, and Business Division. In this 45-minute webcast, Morville describes ambient findability as a safari—how people search for information and how they find their way through a world of information overload....

Library of Congress, July 20

Libraries benefit from new ACLU membership drive

<http://www.aclu.org/about/26466prs20060814.html>

Libraries can receive free copies of a two-DVD set of the ACLU Freedom Files as part of the American Civil Liberties Union's new membership drive. The promotion invites supporters to send a set of the programs to any library of their choosing when they establish or renew ACLU membership....

American Civil Liberties Union, Aug. 14

Are you ready for ISBN-13?

<http://www.bisg.org/isbn-13/quick.facts.html>

Effective January 1, 2007, the length of the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) will officially change from 10

to 13 digits. In 2007, the publishing industry will begin using 13-digit ISBNs, phasing out the use of 10-digit ISBNs. This change will affect everyone who uses ISBNs throughout the world....

Book Industry Study Group

Spellings Commission approves final report

[http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?](http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=HENA&CONTENTID=17782&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm)

[Section=HENA&CONTENTID=17782&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm](http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=HENA&CONTENTID=17782&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm)

Eighteen of 19 members of the Spellings Commission on the Future of Higher Education agreed August 10 to sign and send a final report to U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings that contains recommendations in six broad areas including access, student financial aid, accountability, quality improvement, lifelong learning, and global competitiveness. Only American Council on Education President David Ward declined to sign the report....

American Council on Education, Aug. 10

Coil up with a snakeskin book

<http://www.abebooks.com/docs/CompanyInformation/PressRoom/snakeskin-books.shtml>

Most people would not relish opening a book wrapped in cobra or python skin, especially with the summer's big movie *Snakes on a Plane* expected to remind us that snakes are one of the animal kingdom's least popular critters. However, snakeskin-bound books have been around since the 1800s when big-game hunters looked for novel ways of displaying their prey from Africa and Asia. Although these exotic bindings have not been in vogue for decades, snakeskin-covered books can generate four-figure prices....

Abebooks.com, Aug. 8

Black Book of Carmarthen online

[http://www.llgc.org.uk/drych/drych\\_s005.htm](http://www.llgc.org.uk/drych/drych_s005.htm)

The Black Book of Carmarthen, so called because of the color of its binding and its connection with the Priory of St. John the Evangelist and Teulyddog, Carmarthen, Wales, is thought by modern scholars to be the work of a single scribe writing at different periods of his life before and about the year 1250. This makes it one of the earliest surviving manuscripts written solely in the Welsh language. The National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth has digitally captured some 54 leaves of Wales' most important manuscript....

National Library of Wales

The Library 2.0 Idea Generator

<http://www.daveyp.com/blog/index.php/archives/106/>

British biblioblogger Dave Pattern, who is also library systems manager at the University of Huddersfield, has created an idea generator for Library 2.0 concepts. The generator simply picks random entries from a list of actions and a list of things, people, and objects, etc., and then (most of the time, but not always) appends a random entry from a list of miscellaneous comments. You keep clicking on the generator until it comes up with one you like, then you can save it to a whiteboard....

Dave Pattern's weblog, July 28

Looking at the World Future Society

[http://blogs.ala.org/greenroo.php?title=looking\\_at\\_the\\_future\\_1&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/greenroo.php?title=looking_at_the_future_1&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)

ALA Senior Associate Executive Director Mary Ghikas went to the annual conference of the World Future Society in Toronto June 28–30 to have her perspective shifted, to be jolted out of habitual ways of thinking about things, and to attend sessions on topics she didn't realize she would find interesting....

The Green Kangaroo, Aug. 11

DDC helpless to classify new Jim Belushi book (satire)

<http://www.theonion.com/content/node/51562>

Members of the OCLC Online Computer Library Center's Editorial Policy Committee, which oversees the Dewey Decimal System library classification system, were no closer Monday to assigning a definitive call number to the recently published Jim Belushi book *Real Men Don't Apologize*....

The Onion, Aug. 14

## CONTACT US

\*\*\*\*\*

George M. Eberhart, Editor: [geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)

Karen Sheets, Graphics and Design: [ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)

Send feedback: [aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

AL Direct FAQ: [www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:

Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-Chief, [lkniffel@ala.org](mailto:lkniffel@ala.org)

American Libraries

50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.ala.org/online/>

800-545-2433, ext. 4216

ISSN 1559-369X.

# AMERICAN LIBRARIES



**August 23, 2006**

AL Direct is a free electronic newsletter e-mailed every Wednesday to personal members of the [American Library Association](http://www.ala.org).

## Contents:

- [U.S. & World News](#)
- [ALA News](#)
- [Booklist Online](#)
- [New Orleans Update](#)
- [Division News](#)
- [Awards](#)
- [Seen Online](#)
- [Actions & Answers](#)
- [Poll](#)
- [Datebook](#)
- [AL Direct FAQ](#)

## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

### [Korean librarians invigorate IFLA in Seoul](#)

"Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society" commenced August 20 in Seoul. The five-day annual World Library and Information Congress of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) took on new razzle-dazzle in the South Korean capital as First Lady Kwon Yang-suk (in white dress) and former president Kim Dae-jung, winner of the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize for his lifelong dedication to human rights, addressed more than 3,000 registrants at the opening session....



### [NYPL's reading room no longer in a class by itself](#)

Some 25,000 reference books in the Rose Main Reading Room of the New York Public Library's Humanities and Social Sciences Library are getting a new classification system this year. Since the 1890s, the Reading Room collection has been arranged according to a unique scheme developed by the Research Libraries' first director, Dr. John Shaw Billings (above), a Civil War surgeon and physician who had directed the Library of the Surgeon General's Office for 30 years....



### [D.C. residents protest branch-upgrade delays](#)

Dozens of Washington residents rallied August 11 to protest the delay in reopening the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Neighborhood Library, one of four branches of the District of Columbia Public Library closed in December 2004 for an overhaul....

### [Digital transition brings changes to LC's workforce](#)

The growing emphasis on digital initiatives is compelling major shifts in the Library of Congress's workforce. In an August 16 article posted on the website of *Government Executive* magazine, LC Director for Workforce Acquisitions



**No lines. No staff.  
No waiting.**



**SirsiDynix OneStop™**  
Self-Service Solution  
for Any ILS System



PLA and ALSC are currently taking special orders for [Every Child Ready to Read brochures](#), customized with your library logo and contact information. Order **by September 29** to take advantage of special pricing.

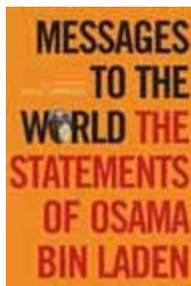
## Classifieds

**SENIOR CATALOGER,**  
Southern Methodist

Bill Ayers said 200 employees had taken advantage of a voluntary retirement incentive for librarians who had become "very comfortable" with traditional librarianship and chose not to gain new technological skills....

### [Osama bin Laden's Messages maintained](#)

Members of the Marion County (Fla.) Commission voted 4-1 August 2 to retain *Messages to the World: The Statement of Osama bin Laden* in county libraries. The action was in response to the June 22 appeal by complainant Brian Creekbaum after his reconsideration request was denied by Marion County Public Library Director Julie Sieg....



University, Dallas. This position reports to the Director of the Center for Information Processing, and holds a leadership role in the administration and operation of the processing/technical services department for Central University Libraries.....

See [JobLIST](#) for more career opportunities.

## ALA NEWS

### [More than one book a day challenged in U.S. schools and libraries](#)

The Office for Intellectual Freedom notes that there were 405 known attempts to remove books in 2005. About 70% of the challenges took place in schools and school libraries. Bookstores and libraries around the country will celebrate the freedom to read with exhibits, readings, and special events during Banned Books Week, September 23-30....



The National Library Symbol was originally designed by Ralph E. DeVore for use in the Western Maryland Public Libraries. Find out more about it in this [ALA Library Fact Sheet](#).

### [ALA wins freedom of speech award](#)

Chicago's Newberry Library presented ALA with the John Peter Altgeld Freedom of Speech Award July 29 during the 20th Annual Bughouse Square Debates, a celebration of outdoor soapbox oratory sponsored by the library, in Washington Square Park. The award, named after the Illinois governor who in 1893 pardoned the three surviving defendants in the Haymarket Riot trial, honors a person or organization that has achieved recognition as a defender of free speech and ideas....

### [Last chance to Step Up to the Plate](#)

All entries for the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program are due September 1, giving library patrons their final opportunity to enter the national baseball trivia contest for a chance to win a grand prize trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y....



### [New grants for Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature](#)

ALA's Public Programs Office and Nextbook, a gateway to Jewish literature, culture, and ideas, have announced two new rounds of grants for *Let's*



Academic librarians answer 72.8 million reference questions each year—almost twice the attendance at college football

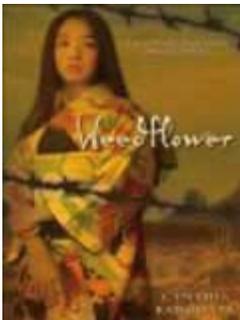
Talk About It: Jewish Literature—Identity and Imagination, a theme-based reading and discussion series. Under the new deadlines, two new themes and increased programming grants are available. Public and academic libraries are eligible to apply....

# Booklist — ONLINE —

**Featured review:**  
**Media**

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Weedflower*. Read by Kimberley Farr. 6.5 hrs. Listening Library CD (0-307-28581-2), 2006.

The Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor changes 12-year-old Sumiko's life forever. Forced to leave their beautiful flower farm in California, Sumiko and her family are corralled into an internment camp on an Indian reservation in the bleak Arizona desert. Sumiko's blossoming friendship with Frank, a Mohave boy, restores her ability to hope for her future....



## NEW ORLEANS UPDATE



### **One year later: Post-Katrina postcards found in New Orleans**

Ten months after Katrina ravaged New Orleans, ALA held the city's first major post-hurricane conference. More than 16,000 library professionals—librarians and support staff, furniture- and booksellers, editors, and spouses—came in June to support the local libraries. One of them was Jennifer Henderson, who writes about some of the postcards she discovered that were produced after the storm, including (above) an advance-registration reminder card ALA sent to members that features the

games. Need more **Quotable Facts** like this? [Download a booklet or a bookmark](#) with clever quotes to help you make the case for libraries.

**DOES YOUR LIBRARY CARRY THE RIGHT KIND OF INSURANCE? ALA CAN HELP.**

ALA Member Libraries are eligible for "better than market rates" through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.



[click here for details](#)

**ALA—Working for Our Member Libraries**



The [Herb Block Foundation's](#)

Defending Freedoms grant program seeks proposals from organizations throughout the U.S. that strive to safeguard the basic freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and work to eliminate all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

### **Poll**

## What do YOU think?

**Does your library offer the use of word processing,**

tagline "Libraries Rebuild Communities" and a satellite image issued by Express Publishing in Harahan, Louisiana....

*Postcard Collector*, vol. 24, no. 9 (Sept.)

### [Katrina destruction captured on video during conference](#)

An ALA Annual Conference participant shot this short video (1:46) of one devastated area, commenting "If I hadn't had the opportunity to get out of the city, I wouldn't have noticed much of a difference. I wish my camera could capture the kindness and genuine appreciation shown by the New Orleans residents. It was all truly humbling."...

YouTube



### [Katrina video, with soundtrack](#)

An interesting compilation of hurricane and damage clips (4:20), accompanied by a track by alternative metal band P.O.D., appears on this video. Of course, for the best retrospective documentary yet on New Orleans and Katrina, watch (or rewatch) Spike Lee's *When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts*, which debuted on HBO this week....

You Tube



## DIVISION NEWS

### [Grow Your Own @ your library grants](#)

PLA is now accepting applications for its popular "Grow Your Own @ your library" institutional scholarship. This year, PLA will award nine public libraries with grants of \$8,000 each to be distributed to staff members who are working to obtain a master's degree in library and information science. One library from each of the nine Public Library Data Service (PLDS) population categories will be selected....

### [LITA President's Program](#)

(MP3 audio file)

The LITA President's Program at Annual Conference in New Orleans featured John B. Horrigan of the Pew Internet and American Life and OCLC's Cathy DeRosa discussing their research on the evolution of the internet and its effect on library users' behavior. The presentation is roughly one hour long....



### [Divisions, round table support Emerging Leaders program](#)

Nine divisions and one round table have announced they will

**spreadsheet, or presentation software to your patrons?**

**Click here to [ANSWER!](#)**

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those *AL Direct* readers who have chosen to participate.

### **Results of the August 16 poll:**

Where does your library rank in its use of blogs, wikis, social software, and other Web 2.0 technologies?

- Extensive**.....4%
- Some**.....31%
- Planning**.....35%
- No plans**.....30%

(150 responses)

For cumulated results and selected responses to all *AL Direct* polls, visit the AL Online [website](#).

## Thus Said



Chicago's Intelligentsia Coffee and Tea offers Decaf Librarian's Blend: "The Librarian's Blend is named for that person who always told you to keep quiet when you were studying. This blend is representative of the soul of the librarian:

sponsor their members' participation in the new [Emerging Leaders 2007](#) program. The program was initiated by ALA President Leslie Burger and is intended to welcome and train 100 new librarians to get a jump-start in leadership....

## AWARDS

### [READ Nepal wins Gates Access to Learning Award](#)

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Access to Learning Award is given annually to recognize the innovative efforts of libraries, organizations, or library agencies outside the United States in providing no-cost public access to information technology. The 2006 award, announced August 21 at the IFLA Congress in Seoul, Korea, went to [Rural Education and Development \(READ\) Nepal](#) for its innovative approach to building and sustaining village libraries....

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



School girls read in the Argyale Community Library

### [LRRT announces 2006 winners of the Jesse H. Shera Award](#)

ALA's Library Research Round Table has awarded the 2006 Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research to "A Citation Study of the Characteristics of the Linguistics Literature" by University of Illinois at Chicago librarians Helen Georgas and John Cullars, which appeared in *College and Research Libraries* 66, no. 6 (November 2005): 496-515....

## SEEN ONLINE

### [Vamos ruling to be appealed](#)

Continuing its efforts to remove a controversial children's book, the Miami-Dade School Board voted this afternoon to appeal a federal judge's ruling that forced the district to keep *Vamos a Cuba* and 23 other titles on school library shelves. In a 5-2 decision, with two members absent, the board said it wanted to protect the right of the district to determine the content of school libraries, rather than leave it up to a judge....

*Miami Herald*, Aug. 22



### [EPA begins closing libraries before Congress acts on plan](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is moving ahead this summer to shut down libraries, end public access to research materials, and box up unique collections on the assumption that Congress will not reverse President Bush's proposed budget reductions, according to agency documents released August 21....

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Aug. 21

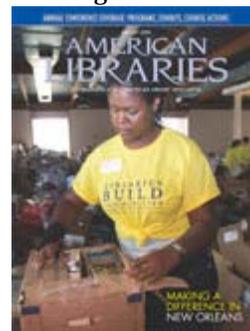
### [Librarians at the gates](#)

"With the federal government ever more intent on spying on

steady, reassuring, and always there with that slight edge of eccentricity. It has a bold base with a bit of sparkle. Here's to good reading."

## In This Issue

August 2006

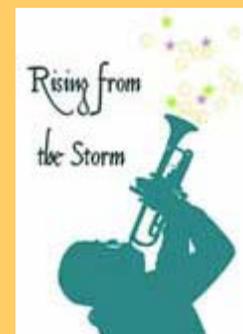


Stories inside include:

**New Orleans Gathering Sends Message of Hope and Renewal**

**Building Bridges through Consensus**

**Libraries in the Eye of the Storm**



The [Ocean County Library](#) in Toms River, New Jersey, uses public programming to benefit hurricane-affected libraries. On September 10 it will host a "[Rising from the Storm](#)" Benefit Concert and Silent Auction to raise funds for its

its own citizens, and on classifying, concealing, and manipulating larger swaths of information and intelligence, librarians and library custodians are on the front lines protecting freedom of inquiry and our right to privacy," writes Joseph Huff-Hannon. "And where right-wing groups, both local and national, have campaigned for censorship, librarians have also stepped up to the plate to defend minority points of view in their collections."...

*The Nation*, Aug. 22

### [NCLIS commissioners oppose IMLS consolidation plan](#) (PDF file)

Meeting in Washington, D.C., August 14, members of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science opposed by a vote of 11–1 a draft proposal (PDF file) by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the consolidation of the two organizations....

National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

### [British Library acquires Coleridge archive](#)

An extraordinary archive from the extended family of Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772–1834), one of the great English Romantic poets, has been bought by the British Library. The vast treasury of papers revealing the family's bemused if affectionate view of the maverick talent in their midst had been kept in family ownership in Ottery St. Mary, the Devon village where the poet was born, for two centuries....

*The Independent*, Aug. 21



### [Indianapolis OKs union vote](#)

The Indianapolis–Marion County Public Library Board agreed this week to recognize an employee union if enough eligible workers vote for it. In a resolution passed unanimously Thursday, the seven-member board established policies for organizing such a union, including a requirement that at least 75% of the employees cast ballots in an election....

*Indianapolis Star*, Aug. 19

### [A chapter closes](#)

In one year as the children's librarian at the District of Columbia Public Library's Northeast branch, Tony Hurst's silly songs, wide-eyed storytelling and passion for children's books have made him bigger than Barney and more wonderful than the Wiggles in many Washington households. But Hurst told his last tale at DCPL August 17 before heading to nearby Brent Elementary School to become the librarian there....

*Washington Post*, Aug. 17

### [The books Google could open](#)

Book Search is a Herculean undertaking, digitizing both new and old works housed in some of the world's top libraries and rendering them searchable through Google's website. This powerful tool will make less well-known written works or hard-to-find research materials more accessible to students, teachers, and others around the world. Book Search comes at

adopted Katrina library, the Hancock County (Miss.) Library System.



You can never have enough [banners](#) (unless it's [book banners](#)). Check out ALA Graphics products at the [ALA Store](#).

## Datebook

### **Calls for Proposals:**

**By Sept. 8:** The [Michigan Reading Association](#) is seeking program proposals for its 52nd annual conference "Literacy Changes Everything," to be held March 10–12, 2007, in Grand Rapids. Members of the school library media community are encouraged to submit proposals to showcase information literacy, media literacy, literacy coaches, lexile use, and reading promotions. Contact: [Liz Lewis](#).

**By Sept. 22:** [Five Weeks to a Social Library](#), the first free, grassroots, completely online course devoted to

a time when college and university libraries are hard-pressed to keep up with the publishing and technology revolutions....

*Washington Post*, Aug. 22

## ACTIONS & ANSWERS

### [Smithsonian photography archive online](#)

The Smithsonian Photography Initiative has launched an electronic portal to a portion of the vast image collections residing in its 18 museums and galleries, nine research centers, and the National Zoo. Its [search engine](#) offers access to a cross-section of the work of more than 100 photographers, who used 50 different photographic and image-making processes and technologies....

Smithsonian Institution



### [University of California launches Calisphere website](#)

The University of California launched on August 21 a free [website](#) that offers educators, students, and the public access to more than 150,000 images, documents, and other primary source materials from the libraries and museums of the UC campuses and cultural heritage organizations across California. Calisphere's primary sources include photographs, documents, newspapers, political cartoons, and other cultural artifacts that reveal the diverse history and culture of the state....

University of California, Aug. 21



### [NCES: School librarians are now instructors](#)

The National Center for Education Statistics has released a [report](#) on expenditures for public elementary and secondary education for the 2003–2004 school year, which now includes librarians in the category of instruction and instruction-related expenditures. It is unclear what changes, if any, the Texas Education Agency (or other state agencies) will make to the 65% rule in light of this recent change to the NCES definition....

Texas Association of School Administrators, Aug. 17

### [Chapel Hill SILS celebrates its 75th year](#)

The School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is launching its 75th anniversary September 18 with a celebration on the theme, "Illuminating the Past, Imagining the Future." Photos showing the school's history appear on its [website](#)....

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill SILS



### [Search privacy: The danger is real](#)

It actually isn't that hard to identify someone just by their search information, writes Jim Rapoza. Several national news

teaching librarians about social software and how to use it in their libraries, will take place February 12–March 17, 2007. The organizers welcome proposals for live presentations and course content on blogs, wikis, RSS, and similar topics. Contact: [Five Weeks to a Social Library](#).

### **By Sept. 30:**

The [Association of Research Libraries](#) announces a call for nominations and applications for the 2007–2008 Leadership and Career Development Program. The LCDP is an 18-month program to prepare midcareer librarians from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups to take on increasingly demanding leadership roles in ARL libraries. Contact: [Jerome Offord Jr.](#)

### **By Oct. 10:**

[Online Northwest 2007](#), hosted by the Oregon University system February 16, announces a [call for presentations](#) that discuss how technology is being applied within library settings and how technology is affecting library patrons and services.

### **By Nov. 1:**

The [Popular Culture Association](#) is seeking papers from graduate students for its upcoming annual

outlets have been able to successfully identify individuals based solely on groupings of search terms. One of the main reasons this works is that people like to search for information on themselves or on people they know, not realizing that these "ego searches" are often clear markers for their entire search history....

eWeek, Aug. 21

### [How to find free, quality, full-text articles and books on the scholarly web](#)

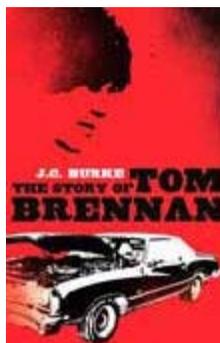
Robert J. Lackie, instruction and reference librarian at Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, describes pertinent resources on the free web of interest to librarians and other educators who conduct research and would like to easily supplement their currently available holdings, in print and electronic formats and via commercial vendors' fee-based subscription databases, within their own libraries....

*MultiMedia & Internet @ Schools*, July/Aug.

### [Award-winning Australian children's books](#)

The Children's Book Council of Australia has announced its picks of the best literature for young readers published in 2005, with J. C. Burke's *The Story of Tom Brennan* (Random House Australia) chosen as best book for older readers. The judges commented in their report ([PDF file](#)): "This year's reading saw families wrestling with mental illnesses such as bipolar disorder, depression, and schizophrenia. In several notable works, authors were able to provide shimmers of credible optimism as a counterpoint to despair in the face of unremitting bleakness."...

Children's Book Council of Australia



### [Youths are underwhelmed by it all](#)

A *Los Angeles Times*/Bloomberg poll finds that a large majority of the 12- to 24-year-olds surveyed are bored with their entertainment choices some or most of the time. Other polls in the series show that this demographic likes to watch brand-new movies [at home](#) rather than in theaters, says that [duplicating CDs or DVDs](#) it owns is perfectly legal, isn't as eager to watch TV on [cellphones and iPods](#) as networks might think, uses the phone to [text-message](#) friends more than call them, and often plays games or sends e-mail at the same time as [homework](#)....

*Los Angeles Times*, Aug. 7-11

### [23 things you can learn about Web 2.0](#)

Learn along with the staff of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, as they participate in a nine-week program to complete [23 small exercises](#) to explore and expand their knowledge of the internet and Web 2.0 technologies. (Sorry, only PLCMC staffers are eligible for the prizes.) Details about the tasks are activated each week, and the project is in its third week now....

Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County



joint meeting with the American Culture Association, April 4-7, 2007, in Boston. Prospective presenters should send a one-page abstract to [Allen Ellis](#), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 41099-6101.

More [Datebook](#) items...

## Contact Us

### American Libraries Direct

George M. Eberhart,  
Editor:  
[geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)

Karen Sheets,  
Graphics and Design:  
[ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)

Send feedback:  
[aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

AL Direct FAQ:  
[www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:  
Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-Chief, [lniffel@ala.org](mailto:lniffel@ala.org)

All links outside the ALA website are provided for informational purposes only. Questions about the content of any external site should be addressed to the administrator of that site.

American Libraries  
50 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
[www.ala.org/alonline/](http://www.ala.org/alonline/)  
800-545-2433,  
ext. 4216

ISSN 1559-369X.

### [Rejected paper proposal blues](#)

Steven Bell has some suggestions to offer those whose papers were not accepted for the ACRL 13th National Conference in Baltimore, March 31–April 1, 2007—or for any conference, for that matter....

ACRLog, Aug. 23

### [What does your browser reveal about you?](#)

“Believe it or not, the choice of your favorite browser reveals a lot about your personality,” sardonically writes Michigan State grad student Luke Maciak, who says of IE 5.0 users: “You stubbornly refuse to upgrade that ancient Win 98 box that you are using because you don’t need some fancy computer and in your opinion the one you have works just fine. You also probably don’t use antivirus or antispyware either.” He provides [stats](#) on the browsers used by visitors to his site....

Terminally Incoherent, Aug. 19

### [IFLA/OCLC Fellows for 2007 named](#)

OCLC, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, the American Theological Library Association, and European library cooperative OCLC PICA announced the IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellows for 2007 at the IFLA congress in Seoul August 22. The fellowship program supports library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies. The 2007 Fellows are from Ghana, the Philippines, Jamaica, Brazil, and Serbia....

OCLC, Aug. 22

## AMERICAN LIBRARIES DIRECT

August 23, 2006

AL Direct is a weekly electronic newsletter sent by the American Library Association every Wednesday to personal members by e-mail as a perquisite of membership.

Click here to view the online version of our email:

<%= util.viewHtmlLink %>

POLL: What do YOU think?

\*\*\*\*\*

What do YOU think?

Does your library offer the use of word processing, spreadsheet, or presentation software to your patrons?

Click here

to ANSWER!

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB225LG56LT4L>

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those AL Direct readers who have chosen to participate.

Results of the

August 16 poll:

Where does your library rank in its use of blogs, wikis, social software, and other Web 2.0 technologies?

Extensive.....4%

Some.....31%

Planning.....35%

No plans.....30%

(150 responses)

For cumulated results and selected responses to all AL Direct polls, visit the AL Online website.

U.S. & WORLD NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

Korean librarians invigorate IFLA in Seoul

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/iflaseoul.htm>

“Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society” commenced August 20 in Seoul. The five-day annual World Library and Information Congress of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) took on new razzle-dazzle in the South Korean capital as First Lady Kwon Yang-suk (in white dress) and former president Kim Dae-jung, winner of the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize for his lifelong dedication to human rights, addressed more than 3,000 registrants at the opening session....

NYPL’s reading room no longer in a class by itself

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/nyplbillings.htm>

Some 25,000 reference books in the Rose Main Reading Room of the New York Public Library's Humanities and Social Sciences Library are getting a new classification system this year. Since the 1890s, the Reading Room collection has been arranged according to a unique scheme developed by the Research Libraries' first director, Dr. John Shaw Billings (above), a Civil War surgeon and physician who had directed the Library of the Surgeon General's Office for 30 years....

D.C. residents protest branch-upgrade delays

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/dcupgrade.htm>

Dozens of Washington residents rallied August 11 to protest the delay in reopening the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Neighborhood Library, one of four branches of the District of Columbia Public Library closed in December 2004 for an overhaul....

Digital transition brings changes to LC's workforce

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/lcworkforce.htm>

The growing emphasis on digital initiatives is compelling major shifts in the Library of Congress's workforce. In an August 16 article posted on the website of Government Executive magazine, LC Director for Workforce Acquisitions Bill Ayers said 200 employees had taken advantage of a voluntary retirement incentive for librarians who had become "very comfortable" with traditional librarianship and chose not to gain new technological skills....

Osama bin Laden's Messages maintained

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/ladenocala.htm>

Members of the Marion County (Fla.) Commission voted 4-1 August 2 to retain Messages to the World: The Statement of Osama bin Laden in county libraries. The action was in response to the June 22 appeal by complainant Brian Creekbaum after his reconsideration request was denied by Marion County Public Library Director Julie Sieg....

## ALA NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

More than one book a day challenged in U.S. schools and libraries

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/bbw06.htm>

The Office for Intellectual Freedom notes that there were 405 known attempts to remove books in 2005. About 70% of the challenges took place in schools and school libraries. Bookstores and libraries around the country will celebrate the freedom to read with exhibits, readings, and special events during Banned Books Week, September 23-30....

ALA wins freedom of speech award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/altgeld.htm>

Chicago's Newberry Library presented ALA with the John Peter Altgeld Freedom of Speech Award July 29 during the 20th Annual Bughouse Square Debates, a celebration of outdoor soapbox oratory sponsored by the library, in Washington Square Park. The award, named after the Illinois governor who in 1893 pardoned the three surviving defendants in the Haymarket Riot trial, honors a person or organization that has achieved recognition as a defender of free speech and ideas....

Last chance to Step Up to the Plate

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/stepup.htm>

All entries for the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program are due September 1, giving library patrons their final opportunity to enter the national baseball trivia contest for a chance to win a grand prize trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y....

New grants for Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/currentprograms/letstalkaboutit/letstalkaboutit.htm>

ALA's Public Programs Office and Nextbook, a gateway to Jewish literature, culture, and ideas, have announced two

new rounds of grants for Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature—Identity and Imagination, a theme-based reading and discussion series. Under the new deadlines, two new themes and increased programming grants are available. Public and academic libraries are eligible to apply....

## Booklist Online

\*\*\*\*\*

Featured review:

Media

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1713776](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1713776)

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Weedflower*. Read by Kimberley Farr. 6.5 hrs. Listening Library CD (0-307-28581-2), 2006. The Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor changes 12-year-old Sumiko's life forever. Forced to leave their beautiful flower farm in California, Sumiko and her family are corralled into an internment camp on an Indian reservation in the bleak Arizona desert. Sumiko's blossoming friendship with Frank, a Mohave boy, restores her ability to hope for her future....

## NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

\*\*\*\*\*

One year later: Post-Katrina postcards found in New Orleans

<http://www.postcardcollector.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1056&articleid=3656&articlemid=2647>

Ten months after Katrina ravaged New Orleans, ALA held the city's first major post-hurricane conference. More than 16,000 library professionals—librarians and support staff, furniture- and booksellers, editors, and spouses—came in June to support the local libraries. One of them was Jennifer Henderson, who writes about some of the postcards she discovered that were produced after the storm, including (above) an advance-registration reminder card ALA sent to members that features the tagline "Libraries Rebuild Communities" and a satellite image issued by Express Publishing in Harahan, Louisiana....

Postcard Collector, vol. 24, no. 9 (Sept.)

Katrina destruction captured on video during conference

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cpCSpTAeZ0>

An ALA Annual Conference participant shot this short video (1:46) of one devastated area, commenting "If I hadn't had the opportunity to get out of the city, I wouldn't have noticed much of a difference. I wish my camera could capture the kindness and genuine appreciation shown by the New Orleans residents. It was all truly humbling." ...  
YouTube

Katrina video, with soundtrack

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PHNgQOyAi0>

An interesting compilation of hurricane and damage clips (4:20), accompanied by a track by alternative metal band P.O.D., appears on this video. Of course, for the best retrospective documentary yet on New Orleans and Katrina, watch (or rewatch) Spike Lee's *When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts*, which debuted on HBO this week....

You Tube

## DIVISION NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

Grow Your Own @ your library grants

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaawards/growyourown.htm>

PLA is now accepting applications for its popular "Grow Your Own @ your library" institutional scholarship. This year, PLA will award nine public libraries with grants of \$8,000 each to be distributed to staff members who are working to obtain a master's degree in library and information science. One library from each of the nine Public Library Data Service (PLDS) population categories will be selected....

LITA President's Program (MP3 audio file)

<http://www.lita.org/ala/lita/litaevents/annual2006neworleans/02.mp3>

The LITA President's Program at Annual Conference in New Orleans featured John B. Horrigan of the Pew Internet and American Life and OCLC's Cathy DeRosa discussing their research on the evolution of the internet and its effect on library users' behavior. The presentation is roughly one hour long....

Divisions, round table support Emerging Leaders program

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/EmergingLeadersinitiativ.htm>

Nine divisions and one round table have announced they will sponsor their members' participation in the new Emerging Leaders 2007 program. The program was initiated by ALA President Leslie Burger and is intended to welcome and train 100 new librarians to get a jump-start in leadership....

## AWARDS

\*\*\*\*\*

READ Nepal wins Gates Access to Learning Award

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Libraries/InternationalLibraryInitiatives/AccessLearningAward/2006Award/>

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Access to Learning Award is given annually to recognize the innovative efforts of libraries, organizations, or library agencies outside the United States in providing no-cost public access to information technology. The 2006 award, announced August 21 at the IFLA Congress in Seoul, Korea, went to Rural Education and Development (READ) Nepal for its innovative approach to building and sustaining village libraries....  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

LRRT announces 2006 winners of the Jesse H. Shera Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/LRRTwinnersSheraAward.htm>

ALA's Library Research Round Table has awarded the 2006 Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research to "A Citation Study of the Characteristics of the Linguistics Literature" by University of Illinois at Chicago librarians Helen Georgas and John Cullars, which appeared in *College and Research Libraries* 66, no. 6 (November 2005): 496-515....

Vamos ruling to be appealed

<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/15333872.htm>

Continuing its efforts to remove a controversial children's book, the Miami-Dade School Board voted this afternoon to appeal a federal judge's ruling that forced the district to keep *Vamos a Cuba* and 23 other titles on school library shelves. In a 5-2 decision, with two members absent, the board said it wanted to protect the right of the district to determine the content of school libraries, rather than leave it up to a judge....

Miami Herald, Aug. 22

EPA begins closing libraries before Congress acts on plan

[http://www.peer.org/news/news\\_id.php?row\\_id=731](http://www.peer.org/news/news_id.php?row_id=731)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is moving ahead this summer to shut down libraries, end public access to research materials, and box up unique collections on the assumption that Congress will not reverse President Bush's proposed budget reductions, according to agency documents released August 21....

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Aug. 21

Librarians at the gates

<http://www.thenation.com/doc/20060828/librarians/>

“With the federal government ever more intent on spying on its own citizens, and on classifying, concealing, and manipulating larger swaths of information and intelligence, librarians and library custodians are on the front lines protecting freedom of inquiry and our right to privacy,” writes Joseph Huff-Hannon. “And where right-wing groups, both local and national, have campaigned for censorship, librarians have also stepped up to the plate to defend minority points of view in their collections.”...

The Nation, Aug. 22

NCLIS commissioners oppose IMLS consolidation plan (PDF file)

<http://www.nclis.gov/news/pressrelease/pr2006/NCLISConsolidationResponse-2006-12.pdf>

Meeting in Washington, D.C., August 14, members of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science opposed by a vote of 11–1 a draft proposal (PDF file) by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the consolidation of the two organizations....

National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

British Library acquires Coleridge archive

<http://enjoyment.independent.co.uk/books/news/article1220619.ece>

An extraordinary archive from the extended family of Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772–1834), one of the great English Romantic poets, has been bought by the British Library. The vast treasury of papers revealing the family’s bemused if affectionate view of the maverick talent in their midst had been kept in family ownership in Ottery St. Mary, the Devon village where the poet was born, for two centuries....

The Independent, Aug. 21

Indianapolis OKs union vote

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060819/NEWS01/608190496>

The Indianapolis–Marion County Public Library Board agreed this week to recognize an employee union if enough eligible workers vote for it. In a resolution passed unanimously Thursday, the seven-member board established policies for organizing such a union, including a requirement that at least 75% of the employees cast ballots in an election....

Indianapolis Star, Aug. 19

A chapter closes

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/08/16/AR2006081601522.html>

In one year as the children’s librarian at the District of Columbia Public Library’s Northeast branch, Tony Hurst’s silly songs, wide-eyed storytelling and passion for children’s books have made him bigger than Barney and more wonderful than the Wiggles in many Washington households. But Hurst told his last tale at DCPL August 17 before heading to nearby Brent Elementary School to become the librarian there....

Washington Post, Aug. 17

The books Google could open

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/08/21/AR2006082101149.html>

Book Search is a Herculean undertaking, digitizing both new and old works housed in some of the world’s top libraries and rendering them searchable through Google’s website. This powerful tool will make less well-known written works or hard-to-find research materials more accessible to students, teachers, and others around the world. Book Search comes at a time when college and university libraries are hard-pressed to keep up with the publishing and technology revolutions....

Washington Post, Aug. 22

## ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

\*\*\*\*\*

Smithsonian photography archive online

<http://www.spi.si.edu/>

The Smithsonian Photography Initiative has launched an electronic portal to a portion of the vast image collections residing in its 18 museums and galleries, nine research centers, and the National Zoo. Its search engine offers access to a cross-section of the work of more than 100 photographers, who used 50 different photographic and image-making processes and technologies....

Smithsonian Institution

University of California launches Calisphere website

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2006/aug21a.html>

The University of California launched on August 21 a free website that offers educators, students, and the public access to more than 150,000 images, documents, and other primary source materials from the libraries and museums of the UC campuses and cultural heritage organizations across California. Calisphere's primary sources include photographs, documents, newspapers, political cartoons, and other cultural artifacts that reveal the diverse history and culture of the state....

University of California, Aug. 21

NCES: School librarians are now instructors

<http://www.tasnet.org/government/capitolwatchdetail.cfm?ItemNumber=2356&snItemNumber=630>

The National Center for Education Statistics has released a report on expenditures for public elementary and secondary education for the 2003–2004 school year, which now includes librarians in the category of instruction and instruction-related expenditures. It is unclear what changes, if any, the Texas Education Agency (or other state agencies) will make to the 65% rule in light of this recent change to the NCES definition....

Texas Association of School Administrators, Aug. 17

Chapel Hill SILS celebrates its 75th year

<http://sils.unc.edu/75thAnniversary/>

The School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is launching its 75th anniversary September 18 with a celebration on the theme, "Illuminating the Past, Imagining the Future." Photos showing the school's history appear on its website....

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill SILS

Search privacy: The danger is real

<http://www.eWeek.com/article2/0,1895,2003964,00.asp>

It actually isn't that hard to identify someone just by their search information, writes Jim Rapoza. Several national news outlets have been able to successfully identify individuals based solely on groupings of search terms. One of the main reasons this works is that people like to search for information on themselves or on people they know, not realizing that these "ego searches" are often clear markers for their entire search history....

eWeek, Aug. 21

How to find free, quality, full-text articles and books on the scholarly web

<http://www.mmischools.com/Articles/ReadArticle.aspx?ArticleID=11534>

Robert J. Lackie, instruction and reference librarian at Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, describes pertinent resources on the free web of interest to librarians and other educators who conduct research and would like to easily supplement their currently available holdings, in print and electronic formats and via commercial vendors' fee-based subscription databases, within their own libraries....

MultiMedia & Internet @ Schools, July/Aug.

Award-winning Australian children's books

<http://www.cbc.org.au/winner06.htm>

The Children's Book Council of Australia has announced its picks of the best literature for young readers published in 2005, with J. C. Burke's *The Story of Tom Brennan* (Random House Australia) chosen as best book for older readers. The judges commented in their report (PDF file): "This year's reading saw families wrestling with mental illnesses such as bipolar disorder, depression, and schizophrenia. In several notable works, authors were able to provide shimmers of credible optimism as a counterpoint to despair in the face of unremitting bleakness."...

Children's Book Council of Australia

Youths are underwhelmed by it all

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/la-et-pollmain7aug07,0,1745679.story>

A Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll finds that a large majority of the 12- to 24-year-olds surveyed are bored with their entertainment choices some or most of the time. Other polls in the series show that this demographic likes to watch brand-new movies at home rather than in theaters, says that duplicating CDs or DVDs it owns is perfectly legal, isn't as eager to watch TV on cellphones and iPods as networks might think, uses the phone to text-message friends more than call them, and often plays games or sends e-mail at the same time as homework....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 7-11

23 things you can learn about Web 2.0

<http://plcmcl2-about.blogspot.com/>

Learn along with the staff of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, as they participate in a nine-week program to complete 23 small exercises to explore and expand their knowledge of the internet and Web 2.0 technologies. (Sorry, only PLCMC staffers are eligible for the prizes.) Details about the tasks are activated each week, and the project is in its third week now....

Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County

Rejected paper proposal blues

<http://acrblog.org/2006/08/23/the-thrill-of-victorythe-agony-of-defeat/>

Steven Bell has some suggestions to offer those whose papers were not accepted for the ACRL 13th National Conference in Baltimore, March 31-April 1, 2007—or for any conference, for that matter....

ACRLog, Aug. 23

What does your browser reveal about you?

<http://www.terminally-incoherent.com/blog/2006/08/19/what-does-your-browser-reveal-about-your-personality/>

“Believe it or not, the choice of your favorite browser reveals a lot about your personality,” sardonically writes Michigan State grad student Luke Maciak, who says of IE 5.0 users: “You stubbornly refuse to upgrade that ancient Win 98 box that you are using because you don't need some fancy computer and in your opinion the one you have works just fine. You also probably don't use antivirus or antispyware either.” He provides stats on the browsers used by visitors to his site....

Terminally Incoherent, Aug. 19

IFLA/OCLC Fellows for 2007 named

<http://www.oclc.org/news/releases/200636.htm>

OCLC, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, the American Theological Library Association, and European library cooperative OCLC PICA announced the IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellows for 2007 at the IFLA congress in Seoul August 22. The fellowship program supports library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies. The 2007 Fellows are from Ghana, the Philippines, Jamaica, Brazil, and Serbia....

OCLC, Aug. 22

## CONTACT US

\*\*\*\*\*

George M. Eberhart, Editor: [geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)

Karen Sheets, Graphics and Design: [ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)

Send feedback: [aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

AL Direct FAQ: [www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:

Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-Chief, [lkniffel@ala.org](mailto:lkniffel@ala.org)

American Libraries  
50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611  
<http://www.ala.org/online/>  
800-545-2433, ext. 4216

ISSN 1559-369X.

# AMERICAN LIBRARIES



**August 30, 2006**

AL Direct is a free electronic newsletter e-mailed every Wednesday to personal members of the [American Library Association](http://www.ala.org).

## Contents:

[U.S. & World News Booklist Online](#)  
[Division News Seen Online](#)  
[Actions & Answers Poll](#)  
[Datebook](#)  
[AL Direct FAQ](#)

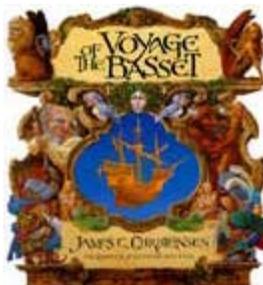
## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

### [Tennessee privatization debate continues](#)

County commissioners are still at odds with the Jackson–Madison County (Tenn.) Library board over privatizing the library's management. At its August 21 meeting, the commission voted 20–3 to challenge a Chancery Court ruling that the board has the legal authority to hire a private firm to run the library's operations....

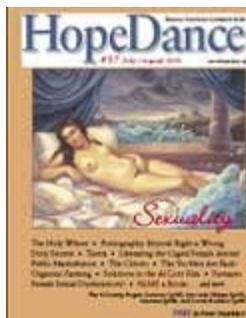
### [Mermaids find safe harbor in Utah library](#)

The board of the Davis County (Utah) Library voted unanimously August 22 to retain the illustrated fantasy book *Voyage of the Basset* in the young adult collection. "We don't rate books and never will," trustee Mike Gann asserted. "Our job is to make things available."...



### [Library pulls free monthly's erotica issue](#)

The San Luis Obispo City-County (Calif.) Public Library has removed the July/August 2006 issue of the free bimonthly magazine *HopeDance* from all its branches. In a July 13 staff memo, Library Director Brian Reynolds recommended recycling the copies, saying, "Take a look at it, as well, and you'll see why I am concerned."...



### [Indianapolis board votes to recognize union](#)

The Indianapolis–Marion County Public Library Board agreed unanimously August 17 to recognize an employee union if enough workers support it. Board President Louis Mahern, who has previously resisted demands for collective bargaining, said in the August 19 *Indianapolis Star* that he "worked with other board members" to ensure there were enough votes to pass the measure, which requires at least 75% of eligible employees to cast ballots in a union election....

  
 Sponsor, American Libraries Direct

New Tools for  
**Collection Development**  
 Reports on top  
**Spanish, Chinese,  
 and Russian books  
 & DVDs ... and more.**  
 Based on U.S. circ data  
 Click here to download

**lita**

The early registration deadline for the 2006 **LITA National Forum** in Nashville, October 26–29, has been extended to **September 1**. Visit the [LITA website](#) for a complete schedule and session descriptions.

## Classifieds

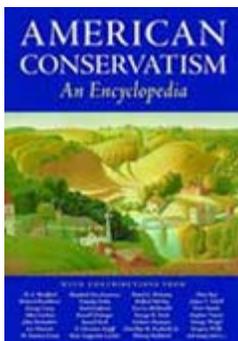
[VISUAL RESOURCES LIBRARIAN,](#)  
 Rhode Island School of

# Booklist — ONLINE —

## Featured review: Reference

Frohnen, Bruce, ed. *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia*. Aug. 2006. 979p. ISI, hardcover. (1-932236-44-9).

The conservative movement, formed since World War II, was most closely associated with anticommunism. It is for some a political entity, for others a philosophical construct, but overall, its complexities and differing internal opinions are likely not to be understood by the average American. *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia* seems intended to define and illuminate the variety of thought and ideas within the conservative movement rather than establish an absolute definition of what conservatism is....



Design, Providence. This is a key managerial position responsible for the operation of the Visual Resources Department, including digital images, the Slide Collection, the Picture Collection, videos, and films; and for providing leadership for the institutional transition from analog to digital collections....

See [JobLIST](#) for more career opportunities.



There are an estimated **117,341 libraries** of all kinds in the United States today. The 2005 total was 117,664— with most of the difference coming from the number of special libraries going down, from last year's 9,526 to 9,247 in 2006. Discover more library numbers in this [ALA Library Fact Sheet](#).

## DIVISION NEWS

### More than \$30,000 in grants and awards for YALSA members

YALSA has available over \$30,000 worth of grants and awards for its members, including books valued at \$25,000 in the Great Book Giveaway Competition. The deadline to apply is December 1....

### YALSA will offer three online courses

YALSA is offering three online courses to run from October 2 to October 30: "New Technologies and New Literacies for Teens"; "Pain in the Brain: Adolescent Development and Library Behavior"; and "OutReaching Teens." [Registration](#) closes September 25....

### LAMA announces new online journal format

LAMA will begin online publication of its quarterly journal *Library Administration and Management* in December 2006. Planned *LA&M* enhancements include more flexible publishing schedules, web-based reader feedback options such as blogs, the use of color images and materials such as charts and graphs, podcasts, and vastly reduced storage requirements....

### ACRL to sponsor an Emerging Leader



FOLUSA is coordinating a national [Friends of Libraries Week](#), October 22–28. Use the time to creatively promote your group in the community, to raise

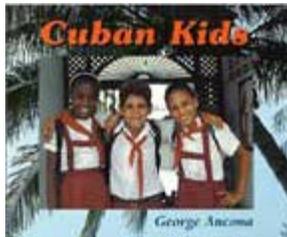
ACRL has announced its support of the [Emerging Leaders 2007](#) initiative. ALA President Leslie Burger's new program will "enable 100 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership."...

## SEEN ONLINE

### [Miami-Dade pulls a second Cuban book](#)

A controversial children's book about Cuba will be removed from at least one Miami-Dade elementary school following a review committee's vote earlier in the week, according to a letter from the school's principal. The committee, composed mostly of staff from Christina Eve Elementary in West Kendall, voted Wednesday to remove *Cuban Kids*—which paints a rosy picture of life under Fidel Castro—from the school's library....

*Miami Herald*, Aug. 26



### [Old-time youth adventure books in vogue again](#)

Those of a certain age may remember with fondness the books of their youth—those sweet, innocent boys' and girls' adventure books from the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s. Pure as the driven snow, they were—their characters didn't use drugs, have sex, or cuss. Demand for these relics appears to be on the increase, elevating them almost to collectors' status. And that is forcing libraries to rethink how they will protect books they didn't realize had that much value....

*Fort Wayne (Ind.) News-Sentinel*, Aug. 25



### [The joy of reading](#)

Barbara Rowley offers tips on how to make learning to read a pleasure for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergartners—and what to look for when choosing books for them....

*Parenting* magazine, Sept.

### [New San Mateo Public Library opens](#)

It took two years, hundreds of workers, millions of dollars, and a whole lot of effort—and now the new San Mateo (Calif.) Main Library is open for the community to enjoy after a grand opening August 27. The new facility is designed with "green-building" standards, with more books, sitting areas, free WiFi wireless internet access, computer stations for children, three community meeting rooms, open space, and natural lighting....

*San Mateo County (Calif.) Daily Journal*, Aug. 28

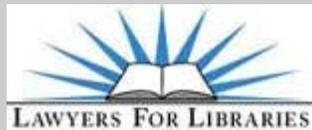


### [UC to provide Google with 3,000 books a day for scanning](#)

awareness, to promote membership, and to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library.

### 4imprint Wants to Put Your Library on a Tote Bag!

ALA Member Libraries save 10% off 4imprint's promotional products.  [click here for details](#)  
ALA-Working for Our Member Libraries



An ongoing project of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, [Lawyers for Libraries](#) is designed to build a nationwide network of attorneys committed to the defense of the First Amendment freedom to read. The next available session is at the Columbus Training Institute, Columbus, Ohio, **November 3.**

## Poll

# What do YOU think?

**This year marks the 25th observance of [Banned Books Week](#). Do you feel more or less pressure to remove materials from your school or library, or to not buy what might be considered**

According to its contract ([PDF file](#)), the University of California will provide at least 2.5 million volumes to Google for scanning, starting with 600 books a day and ratcheting up over time to 3,000 a day. Materials pulled for scanning will be back on the shelves of their libraries within 15 days....

*Chronicle of Higher Education*, Aug. 25

### [Google now offers public domain books in PDF format](#)



Starting August 30, readers can find new, free, downloadable PDF versions of some of the world's greatest books on [Google Book Search](#). The search engine company has expanded access to books that are out of copyright and have become public domain material. To easily find books to download, readers can select the "Full view" button when searching on Google Book Search, and then click on the "Download" button shown on public domain books....

Google, Aug. 30

### [Public domain books, ready for your iPod](#)

Kara Shallenberg and her 10-year-old son, Henry, exhausted the audiobook collection at their library in Oceanside, Calif., five years ago. With Henry's appetite for listening still strong, Ms. Shallenberg began to record herself reading his favorite books. Eventually she upgraded from a using a tape deck to burning CDs on her laptop computer. Last fall, she took her hobby to a wider audience....

*New York Times*, Aug. 25

### [Library emerges as information hub in shattered Mississippi town](#)

Library cards may have been washed away by Hurricane Katrina, but it doesn't really matter. Patrons in Pass Christian, Mississippi, are making do with a makeshift library that was set up in a 28-by-72-foot trailer in November. Although small, the temporary library has 17,000 volumes, wireless internet access, computers and laptops, group meeting space, and three full-time staff to help people find whatever they need....

*Oakland (Calif.) Tribune*, Aug. 26



### [Schools rediscover libraries](#)

School libraries in Tulsa (Okla.) Public Schools are undergoing a renaissance, thanks to a wave of voter-approved bond issues that began a decade ago. So far, a total of \$34.43 million from 1996, 1999, 2001, and 2005 bond issues has been dedicated to library resources and the renovation and new construction of facilities....

*Tulsa (Okla.) World*, Aug. 29

### [Life in prison for library kidnapper](#)

James Effler, 33, was sentenced to life in prison without parole on Friday, less than an hour after 12 Polk County jurors found him guilty of first-degree kidnapping for luring a 29-month-old toddler into a restroom and locking the door at

**controversial for your collection, as compared to five years ago?**

**Click here to [ANSWER!](#)**

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those *AL Direct* readers who have chosen to participate.

#### **Results of the August 23 poll:**

Does your library offer the use of word processing, spreadsheet, or presentation software to your patrons?

**Word processing:**

94%

**Spreadsheet:**

85%

**Presentation:**

78%

**None:**

6%

(250 responses)

For cumulated results and selected responses to all *AL Direct* polls, visit the [AL Online website](#).

### Thus Said

"The good news is that most technically savvy kids are going to show this soon-to-be law exactly the respect that it deserves. . . . The bad news, as *Ars Technica* points out, is that adults who would be capable of and inclined to help kids make safe online choices are now cut out of the loop, since kids are going to have to sneak around to use these sites. It's

the downtown Des Moines library last October 9...  
*Des Moines (Iowa) Register*, Aug. 26

### [Hue's first library fulfills a father's dream](#)

Nguyen Huu Chau Phan recently opened the first private library in Hue, Vietnam, to honor his father's dying wishes to offer books to the public for free. According to unofficial statistics, Vietnam has more than 20 private libraries in all three regions of the country, most owned by affluent residents who built them without any help from the government...  
Vietnam News Agency, Aug. 27

## ACTIONS & ANSWERS

### [Overheard at IFLA](#)

Andrew Pace writes: "Okay, so I heard it second hand—I was nowhere near Seoul, Korea, for the [72nd IFLA conference](#) when Sungdae Ahn, vice president and general manager of EBSCO Information Services-Korea, said, 'Service, not content, is the new king.' While she might not have been the first to use that phrase, I'm not quite sure what I think of it."...  
Hectic Pace, Aug. 29



### **Recently retired?**

For a special section on retirement in the November issue, *American Libraries* wants your insight into how you cope, what surprised you, what you miss most, how you are still professionally active, or any advice you have for librarians facing retirement. Send 150 words by September 18 to Managing Editor [Gordon Flagg](#).

### [Laura Bush Foundation announces grants to Gulf Coast school libraries](#) (PDF file)

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries awarded \$540,000 in Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative grants August 29 to 10 schools in Louisiana and Mississippi, making the total grants awarded over \$1 million in the first five months of the initiative. Among the grantees are four high-school libraries in New Orleans...  
Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, Aug. 29

### [Librarians make a difference, post-Katrina](#)

When Anderson Cooper spoke at the ALA Annual Conference in June, he admonished those listening to go home and tell the story. Beverly Obert, Ellen Popit, and Pat Boze are three Illinois librarians who are following his suggestion...  
*Decatur (Ill.) Herald & Review*, Aug. 29

### [Nebraska prison libraries seek book donations](#)

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services is in the process of updating Nebraska's prison libraries. They are in need of new titles, but due to budgetary constraints, are unable to purchase as many books as are needed and so are seeking donations...  
PLA Blog, Aug. 24

abstinence education for computers, and likely to work exactly as well."

—Angela Gunn, in a posting about the Deleting Online Predators Act on USA Today's Tech\_Space blog, July 28.

## In This Issue

September 2006



Stories inside include:

**The Next Big Issue: Public Access to Research**

**How Academic Libraries Can Meet Student Info-Seeking Behaviors**

**Break Out the Pinstripe Suits: Are You Ready for the For-Profit World?**



The eighth [International School Library Day](#)

will be held on **October 23**. The aim of this special day is to draw attention to the importance of school libraries in the education of children. The

## [Un blog pour les bibliothèques du Liban](#) (in French)

Librarians in Lebanon and France have launched a blog to disseminate information on damage and disruptions to cultural institutions, particularly libraries, since the Hezbollah-Israeli conflict that began July 12. Recent postings include a summary of damages to the Lebanese publishing industry, an expression of concern by the International Committee of the Blue Shield, and a statement on the effects of the conflict on public libraries in southern Lebanon by Minister of Culture Imad Hashem....

Bibliban



## [New Yorker's "Ask the Librarians" II](#)

For die-hard *New Yorker* fans, the magazine's head librarians, Jon Michaud and Erin Overbey, answer more questions like "What are some departments that no longer exist?" and "Why did it take so long to get a table of contents?"... Emdashes, Aug. 29

## [September is National Preparedness Month](#)

The ALA Washington Office urges libraries—as community leaders—to take charge in making sure their communities are prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster. The latest surveys show that 83% of Americans are unprepared to help themselves in a disaster, while the National Heritage Health Index discovered that 70% of libraries did not have a disaster plan....

ALA Washington Office, Aug. 25



## [The place of reading in libraries and library education](#)

Charley Seavey interviews Wayne Wiegand, F. William Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University, on the Tiger Eye Reading Room series of the University of Missouri library school's LiSRadio webcast (QuickTime or MP3 format)....

University of Missouri at Columbia, LiSRadio, Aug. 28



## [The need for a universal digital publication format](#)

Terje Hillesund and Jon E. Noring claim that one major reason for the lack of interest in e-books is the current multitude of end-user text formats, some oriented towards print, others proprietary, and few optimized for sustained reading of text-intensive publications. The authors examine the pros and cons of a universal, reader-oriented text format for different types of critical text editions and digital libraries....

*Journal of Electronic Publishing* 9, no. 2 (Summer 2006)

## [What is the European Digital](#)

International Association of School Librarianship has tips on [activities](#) and [online resources](#).

## Datebook

**Sept. 28–30:** [American Printing History Association](#), annual conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. "The Atlantic World of Print in the Age of Franklin." Contact: [Paul W. Romaine](#), or call 212-673-8770.

**Oct. 19-20:** [Learning in Libraries: A National Call to Action](#), Marriott New York East Side, New York. Presented by the Urban Libraries Council with support from the Wallace Foundation in conjunction with the New York, Brooklyn, and Queens Public Libraries. Contact: [Urban Libraries Council](#), 847-866-9999.

**Nov. 3–8:** [American Society for Information Science and Technology](#), annual meeting, Austin, Texas. "Information Realities: Shaping the Digital Future for All." Contact: [ASIS&T](#).

More [Datebook](#) items...

## Contact Us

American Libraries Direct

## [Library?](#)

The European Commission is coordinating work to build a European "digital library," a common multilingual access point to Europe's cultural heritage. Through this access point, users will be able to search in various languages different collections in Europe's libraries, archives, and museums without having to visit multiple sites....

European Commission, Aug. 25



## [Hearing impairments in the workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act](#)

This FAQ explains how the ADA might apply to job applicants and employees with hearing impairments, including when an employer may ask an applicant or employee about a hearing impairment, what types of accommodations an individual with a hearing disability may need, and to what extent an employer must provide a reasonable accommodation to an individual with a hearing disability....

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, July 26

## [Iron gall and ink corrosion](#)

Libraries and archives around the globe contain a vast number of historical manuscripts, documents, official records, and music compositions that were executed in iron gall ink. Over time, depending on the recipe used in manufacture, and the storage conditions of the object, iron gall ink can cause the degradation of paper or other supports. This process is called "iron gall ink corrosion."...

Ink Corrosion Website



## [The library catalog in the new discovery environment](#)

"There is more incentive for the library to make the necessary linkages (to resource-sharing systems or to search engines)" because library patrons today "may be less willing to work hard to make links and connections between resources when they are on the network," according to OCLC's Lorcan Dempsey. He posits that "this shift is bound up with the difference between discovery (identifying resources of interest) and location (identifying where those resources of interest are actually available)."...

*Ariadne*, no. 48 (July)

## [The romance of hospital librarianship](#)

"Everyone at the hospital where Jan Marlowe worked as Librarian was seething with excitement about the new consultant Ophthalmic surgeon. Jan liked him too, but found one of the patients more attractive still—or did she?" In 1990, Jan Figurski, of the London (Ont.) Health Sciences Centre,

George M. Eberhart,  
Editor:

[geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)

Karen Sheets,  
Graphics and Design:

[ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)

**Send feedback:**

[aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

**AL Direct FAQ:**

[www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

**To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:**

Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-Chief, [lkniffel@ala.org](mailto:lkniffel@ala.org)

All links outside the ALA website are provided for informational purposes only. Questions about the content of any external site should be addressed to the administrator of that site.

**American Libraries**

50 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
[www.ala.org/alonline/](http://www.ala.org/alonline/)  
800-545-2433,  
ext. 4216

ISSN 1559-369X.



was standing at a table of paperbacks at a flea market, looking for some literary bargains, when she came across this hospital romance about a librarian. The image on the cover, intriguing yet appropriately chaste, has since graced T-shirts at CHLA conferences....

Canadian Health Libraries Association

AMERICAN LIBRARIES DIRECT

August 30, 2006

AL Direct is a weekly electronic newsletter sent by the American Library Association every Wednesday to personal members by e-mail as a perquisite of membership.

Click here to view the online version of our email:

<%= util.viewHtmlLink %>

POLL: What do YOU think?

\*\*\*\*\*

What do YOU think?

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB225M4PBZCXQ>

This year marks the 25th observance of Banned Books Week. Do you feel more or less pressure to remove materials from your school or library, or to not buy what might be considered controversial for your collection, as compared to five years ago?

Click here  
to ANSWER!

This is an unscientific poll that reflects the opinions of only those AL Direct readers who have chosen to participate.

-----  
Results of the  
August 23 poll:

Does your library offer the use of word processing, spreadsheet, or presentation software to your patrons?

Word processing:

94%

Spreadsheet:

85%

Presentation:

78%

None:

6%

(250 responses)

For cumulated results and selected responses to all AL Direct polls, visit the AL Online website.

U.S. & WORLD NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

Tennessee privatization debate continues

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/tenndebate.htm>

County commissioners are still at odds with the Jackson–Madison County (Tenn.) Library board over privatizing the library’s management. At its August 21 meeting, the commission voted 20–3 to challenge a Chancery Court ruling that the board has the legal authority to hire a private firm to run the library’s operations....

Mermaids find safe harbor in Utah library

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/mermaids.htm>

The board of the Davis County (Utah) Library voted unanimously August 22 to retain the illustrated fantasy book *Voyage of the Basset* in the young adult collection. “We don’t rate books and never will,” trustee Mike Gann asserted. “Our job is to make things available.”...

Library pulls free monthly’s erotica issue

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/hopedance.htm>

The San Luis Obispo City-County (Calif.) Public Library has removed the July/August 2006 issue of the free bimonthly magazine *HopeDance* from all its branches. In a July 13 staff memo, Library Director Brian Reynolds recommended recycling the copies, saying, “Take a look at it, as well, and you’ll see why I am concerned.”...

Indianapolis board votes to recognize union

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/august2006a/indyunion.htm>

The Indianapolis–Marion County Public Library Board agreed unanimously August 17 to recognize an employee union if enough workers support it. Board President Louis Mahern, who has previously resisted demands for collective bargaining, said in the August 19 *Indianapolis Star* that he “worked with other board members” to ensure there were enough votes to pass the measure, which requires at least 75% of eligible employees to cast ballots in a union election....

## DIVISION NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

More than \$30,000 in grants and awards for YALSA members

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/YALSAgiftsandawards.htm>

YALSA has available over \$30,000 worth of grants and awards for its members, including books valued at \$25,000 in the Great Book Giveaway Competition. The deadline to apply is December 1....

YALSA will offer three online courses

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/YALSAonlinecourses.htm>

YALSA is offering three online courses to run from October 2 to October 30: “New Technologies and New Literacies for Teens”; “Pain in the Brain: Adolescent Development and Library Behavior”; and “OutReaching Teens.”

Registration closes September 25....

LAMA announces new online journal format

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/LAMAnewonlinejournalform.htm>

LAMA will begin online publication of its quarterly journal *Library Administration and Management* in December 2006. Planned LA&M enhancements include more flexible publishing schedules, web-based reader feedback options such as blogs, the use of color images and materials such as charts and graphs, podcasts, and vastly reduced storage requirements....

ACRL to sponsor an Emerging Leader

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/ACRLEmergingLeaders.htm>

ACRL has announced its support of the Emerging Leaders 2007 initiative. ALA President Leslie Burger's new program will "enable 100 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership."...

## Booklist Online

\*\*\*\*\*

Featured review:

Reference

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1721561](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1721561)

Frohnen, Bruce, ed. *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia*. Aug. 2006. 979p. ISI, hardcover. (1-932236-44-9). The conservative movement, formed since World War II, was most closely associated with anticommunism. It is for some a political entity, for others a philosophical construct, but overall, its complexities and differing internal opinions are likely not to be understood by the average American. *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia* seems intended to define and illuminate the variety of thought and ideas within the conservative movement rather than establish an absolute definition of what conservatism is....

## DIVISION NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*

More than \$30,000 in grants and awards for YALSA members

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/YALSAgiftsandawards.htm>

YALSA has available over \$30,000 worth of grants and awards for its members, including books valued at \$25,000 in the Great Book Giveaway Competition. The deadline to apply is December 1....

YALSA will offer three online courses

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/YALSAonlinecourses.htm>

YALSA is offering three online courses to run from October 2 to October 30: "New Technologies and New Literacies for Teens"; "Pain in the Brain: Adolescent Development and Library Behavior"; and "OutReaching Teens."

Registration closes September 25....

LAMA announces new online journal format

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/LAMAnewonlinejournalform.htm>

LAMA will begin online publication of its quarterly journal *Library Administration and Management* in December 2006. Planned LA&M enhancements include more flexible publishing schedules, web-based reader feedback options such as blogs, the use of color images and materials such as charts and graphs, podcasts, and vastly reduced storage requirements....

ACRL to sponsor an Emerging Leader

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/august2006/ACRLEmergingLeaders.htm>

ACRL has announced its support of the Emerging Leaders 2007 initiative. ALA President Leslie Burger's new program will "enable 100 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership."...

## SEEN ONLINE

\*\*\*\*\*

Miami-Dade pulls a second Cuban book

<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/15365617.htm>

A controversial children's book about Cuba will be removed from at least one Miami-Dade elementary school following a review committee's vote earlier in the week, according to a letter from the school's principal. The committee, composed mostly of staff from Christina Eve Elementary in West Kendall, voted Wednesday to remove Cuban Kids—which paints a rosy picture of life under Fidel Castro—from the school's library....

Miami Herald, Aug. 26

Old-time youth adventure books in vogue again

<http://www.fortwayne.com/mld/newssentinel/15359899.htm>

Those of a certain age may remember with fondness the books of their youth—those sweet, innocent boys' and girls' adventure books from the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s. Pure as the driven snow, they were—their characters didn't use drugs, have sex, or cuss. Demand for these relics appears to be on the increase, elevating them almost to collectors' status. And that is forcing libraries to rethink how they will protect books they didn't realize had that much value....

Fort Wayne (Ind.) News-Sentinel, Aug. 25

The joy of reading

[http://www.parenting.com/parenting/article/0,19840,1226404\\_1,00.html?](http://www.parenting.com/parenting/article/0,19840,1226404_1,00.html?)

Barbara Rowley offers tips on how to make learning to read a pleasure for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergartners—and what to look for when choosing books for them....

Parenting magazine, Sept.

New San Mateo Public Library opens

[http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article\\_preview.php?id=63396](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=63396)

It took two years, hundreds of workers, millions of dollars, and a whole lot of effort—and now the new San Mateo (Calif.) Main Library is open for the community to enjoy after a grand opening August 27. The new facility is designed with “green-building” standards, with more books, sitting areas, free WiFi wireless internet access, computer stations for children, three community meeting rooms, open space, and natural lighting....

San Mateo County (Calif.) Daily Journal, Aug. 28

UC to provide Google with 3,000 books a day for scanning

<http://chronicle.com/free/2006/08/2006082501t.htm>

According to its contract (PDF file), the University of California will provide at least 2.5 million volumes to Google for scanning, starting with 600 books a day and ratcheting up over time to 3,000 a day. Materials pulled for scanning will be back on the shelves of their libraries within 15 days....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Aug. 25

Google now offers public domain books in PDF format

[http://www.google.com/press/annc/booksearch\\_download.html](http://www.google.com/press/annc/booksearch_download.html)

Starting August 30, readers can find new, free, downloadable PDF versions of some of the world's greatest books on Google Book Search. The search engine company has expanded access to books that are out of copyright and have become public domain material. To easily find books to download, readers can select the “Full view” button when searching on Google Book Search, and then click on the “Download” button shown on public domain books....

Google, Aug. 30

Public domain books, ready for your iPod

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/08/25/books/25audi.html>

Kara Shallenberg and her 10-year-old son, Henry, exhausted the audiobook collection at their library in Oceanside, Calif., five years ago. With Henry's appetite for listening still strong, Ms. Shallenberg began to record herself reading his favorite books. Eventually she upgraded from using a tape deck to burning CDs on her laptop computer. Last fall, she took her hobby to a wider audience....

New York Times, Aug. 25

Library emerges as information hub in shattered Mississippi town

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/oaklandtribune/ci\\_4236010](http://www.insidebayarea.com/oaklandtribune/ci_4236010)

Library cards may have been washed away by Hurricane Katrina, but it doesn't really matter. Patrons in Pass Christian, Mississippi, are making do with a makeshift library that was set up in a 28-by-72-foot trailer in November. Although small, the temporary library has 17,000 volumes, wireless internet access, computers and laptops, group meeting space, and three full-time staff to help people find whatever they need....

Oakland (Calif.) Tribune, Aug. 26

Schools rediscover libraries

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/NewsStory.asp?ID=060828\\_Ne\\_A13\\_Schoo1027](http://www.tulsaworld.com/NewsStory.asp?ID=060828_Ne_A13_Schoo1027)

School libraries in Tulsa (Okla.) Public Schools are undergoing a renaissance, thanks to a wave of voter-approved bond issues that began a decade ago. So far, a total of \$34.43 million from 1996, 1999, 2001, and 2005 bond issues has been dedicated to library resources and the renovation and new construction of facilities....

Tulsa (Okla.) World, Aug. 29

Life in prison for library kidnapper

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006608260337>

James Effler, 33, was sentenced to life in prison without parole on Friday, less than an hour after 12 Polk County jurors found him guilty of first-degree kidnapping for luring a 29-month-old toddler into a restroom and locking the door at the downtown Des Moines library last October 9....

Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Aug. 26

Hue's first library fulfills a father's dream

<http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/showarticle.php?num=01TAL270806>

Nguyen Huu Chau Phan recently opened the first private library in Hue, Vietnam, to honor his father's dying wishes to offer books to the public for free. According to unofficial statistics, Vietnam has more than 20 private libraries in all three regions of the country, most owned by affluent residents who built them without any help from the government....

Vietnam News Agency, Aug. 27

## ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

\*\*\*\*\*

Overheard at IFLA

[http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=overheard\\_at\\_ifla](http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=overheard_at_ifla)

Andrew Pace writes: "Okay, so I heard it second hand—I was nowhere near Seoul, Korea, for the 72nd IFLA conference when Sungdae Ahn, vice president and general manager of EBSCO Information Services-Korea, said, 'Service, not content, is the new king.' While she might not have been the first to use that phrase, I'm not quite sure what I think of it."...

Hectic Pace, Aug. 29

Recently retired?

For a special section on retirement in the November issue, American Libraries wants your insight into how you cope, what surprised you, what you miss most, how you are still professionally active, or any advice you have for librarians facing retirement. Send 150 words by September 18 to Managing Editor Gordon Flagg.

Laura Bush Foundation announces grants to Gulf Coast school libraries (PDF file)

[http://www.laurabushfoundation.org/release\\_08292006.pdf](http://www.laurabushfoundation.org/release_08292006.pdf)

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries awarded \$540,000 in Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative grants August 29 to 10 schools in Louisiana and Mississippi, making the total grants awarded over \$1 million in the first five months of the initiative. Among the grantees are four high-school libraries in New Orleans....

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, Aug. 29

Librarians make a difference, post-Katrina

[http://www.herald-review.com/articles/2006/08/29/news/local\\_news/1017312.html](http://www.herald-review.com/articles/2006/08/29/news/local_news/1017312.html)

When Anderson Cooper spoke at the ALA Annual Conference in June, he admonished those listening to go home and tell the story. Beverly Obert, Ellen Popit, and Pat Boze are three Illinois librarians who are following his suggestion.... Decatur (Ill.) Herald & Review, Aug. 29

Nebraska prison libraries seek book donations

<http://plablog.org/2006/08/nebraska-prison-libraries-seeking-book-donations.html>

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services is in the process of updating Nebraska's prison libraries. They are in need of new titles, but due to budgetary constraints, are unable to purchase as many books as are needed and so are seeking donations....

PLA Blog, Aug. 24

Un blog pour les bibliothèques du Liban (in French)

<http://bibliban.over-blog.com/>

Librarians in Lebanon and France have launched a blog to disseminate information on damage and disruptions to cultural institutions, particularly libraries, since the Hezbollah-Israeli conflict that began July 12. Recent postings include a summary of damages to the Lebanese publishing industry, an expression of concern by the International Committee of the Blue Shield, and a statement on the effects of the conflict on public libraries in southern Lebanon by Minister of Culture Imad Hashem....

Bibliban

New Yorker's "Ask the Librarians" II

<http://emdashes.blogspot.com/2006/08/ask-librarians-ii.html>

For die-hard New Yorker fans, the magazine's head librarians, Jon Michaud and Erin Overbey, answer more questions like "What are some departments that no longer exist?" and "Why did it take so long to get a table of contents?"...

Emdashes, Aug. 29

September is National Preparedness Month

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washnews/2006ndx/087aug25.htm>

The ALA Washington Office urges libraries—as community leaders—to take charge in making sure their communities are prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster. The latest surveys show that 83% of Americans are unprepared to help themselves in a disaster, while the National Heritage Health Index discovered that 70% of libraries did not have a disaster plan....

ALA Washington Office, Aug. 25

The place of reading in libraries and library education

[http://lisradio.missouri.edu/view.php?id=303&type=summary&title=Tiger%2BEye%2BReading%2BRoom-%2BWayne%2BWiegand%2BInterview&cast\\_date=August%2B28%2C%2B2006](http://lisradio.missouri.edu/view.php?id=303&type=summary&title=Tiger%2BEye%2BReading%2BRoom-%2BWayne%2BWiegand%2BInterview&cast_date=August%2B28%2C%2B2006)

Charley Seavey interviews Wayne Wiegand, F. William Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University, on the Tiger Eye Reading Room series of the University of Missouri library school's LiSRadio webcast (QuickTime or MP3 format)....

University of Missouri at Columbia, LiSRadio, Aug. 28

The need for a universal digital publication format

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=jep;view=text;rgn=main;idno=3336451.0009.203>

Terje Hillesund and Jon E. Noring claim that one major reason for the lack of interest in e-books is the current multitude of end-user text formats, some oriented towards print, others proprietary, and few optimized for sustained reading of text-intensive publications. The authors examine the pros and cons of a universal, reader-oriented text format for different types of critical text editions and digital libraries....

Journal of Electronic Publishing 9, no. 2 (Summer 2006)

What is the European Digital Library?

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?>

reference=MEMO/06/311&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en

The European Commission is coordinating work to build a European “digital library,” a common multilingual access point to Europe’s cultural heritage. Through this access point, users will be able to search in various languages different collections in Europe’s libraries, archives, and museums without having to visit multiple sites....

European Commission, Aug. 25

Hearing impairments in the workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act

<http://www.eeoc.gov/facts/deafness.html>

This FAQ explains how the ADA might apply to job applicants and employees with hearing impairments, including when an employer may ask an applicant or employee about a hearing impairment, what types of accommodations an individual with a hearing disability may need, and to what extent an employer must provide a reasonable accommodation to an individual with a hearing disability....

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, July 26

Iron gall and ink corrosion

<http://www.knaw.nl/ecpa/ink/intro.html>

Libraries and archives around the globe contain a vast number of historical manuscripts, documents, official records, and music compositions that were executed in iron gall ink. Over time, depending on the recipe used in manufacture, and the storage conditions of the object, iron gall ink can cause the degradation of paper or other supports. This process is called “iron gall ink corrosion.”...

Ink Corrosion Website

The library catalog in the new discovery environment

<http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue48/dempsey/>

“There is more incentive for the library to make the necessary linkages (to resource-sharing systems or to search engines)” because library patrons today “may be less willing to work hard to make links and connections between resources when they are on the network,” according to OCLC’s Lorcan Dempsey. He posits that “this shift is bound up with the difference between discovery (identifying resources of interest) and location (identifying where those resources of interest are actually available).”...

Ariadne, no. 48 (July)

The romance of hospital librarianship

<http://www.chla-absc.ca/news/hl.html>

“Everyone at the hospital where Jan Marlowe worked as Librarian was seething with excitement about the new consultant Ophthalmic surgeon. Jan liked him too, but found one of the patients more attractive still—or did she?” In 1990, Jan Figurski, of the London (Ont.) Health Sciences Centre, was standing at a table of paperbacks at a flea market, looking for some literary bargains, when she came across this hospital romance about a librarian. The image on the cover, intriguing yet appropriately chaste, has since graced T-shirts at CHLA conferences....

Canadian Health Libraries Association

## CONTACT US

\*\*\*\*\*

George M. Eberhart, Editor: [geberhart@ala.org](mailto:geberhart@ala.org)

Karen Sheets, Graphics and Design: [ksheets@ala.org](mailto:ksheets@ala.org)

Send feedback: [aldirect@ala.org](mailto:aldirect@ala.org)

AL Direct FAQ: [www.ala.org/aldirect/](http://www.ala.org/aldirect/)

To advertise in American Libraries Direct contact:

Leonard Kniffel, Editor-in-Chief, [lkniffel@ala.org](mailto:lkniffel@ala.org)

American Libraries  
50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611  
<http://www.ala.org/online/>  
800-545-2433, ext. 4216

ISSN 1559-369X.