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February 1, 2006

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U.S. & WORLD NEWS

[Library insists FBI provide a warrant before seizing computers](#)

Police and FBI officials rushed to the Newton (Mass.) Free Library January 18 after determining that an alleged threat against Brandeis University had been e-mailed from one of the library's computers. But Library Director Kathy Glick-Weil and Newton Mayor David Cohen were adamant that law-enforcement officers comply with state privacy law and obtain a search warrant before they seized the equipment....

[Dozens of British libraries may close](#)

Approximately 50 British libraries—many in small or isolated communities—could close this year as local governments in at least six counties look for ways to cut costs or more effectively allocate funds they spend on libraries....

[City tells Memphis PL to make drastic cuts](#)

The Memphis Public Library needs to trim \$700,000 from next year's operating budget as part of the city's efforts to reduce costs among all its departments....

[Former Ocmulgee director gets four years for theft](#)

A U.S. District Court judge sentenced David C. Wilson, former director of the Ocmulgee Regional Library System in Eastman, Georgia, to four years in prison for theft and witness tampering....

[Lolita challenge entangles Florida prosecutor](#)

A challenge to the unrestricted status of the internationally acclaimed Vladimir Nabokov novel *Lolita* in the Marion County (Fla.) Public Library System has prompted the county commission to ask Marion County Attorney Gordon Johnston whether the book meets the state definition of "unsuitable for minors."...



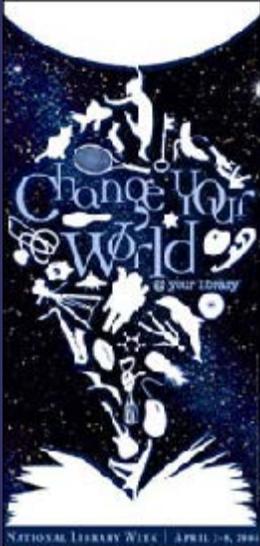
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Michael Stephens, Feb. 15
Library 2.0, Feb. 22

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**It's not too early
to start planning
for National
Library Week,
April 2-8!**

ALA NEWS

Classifieds

[ALA Council passes resolution opposing Alito confirmation](#)

At the 2006 Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, January 20–25, ALA Council adopted a resolution opposing the confirmation of Judge Samuel Alito as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court....

[ALA mourns loss of civil rights pioneer Coretta Scott King](#)

ALA expresses its deepest condolences to the family of civil rights activist Coretta Scott King. "For 36 years, she was an inspiration and positive influence on our committee," said Fran Ware, chair of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee....

DIVISION NEWS

[ACRL seeks applicants for joint Institute on Scholarly Communication](#)

ACRL is calling for applicants for its first Scholarly Communication Institute, cosponsored with the Association for Research Libraries, to be held in Los Angeles, July 12–14. The deadline for applying is March 1....

AWARDS

[First Lady presents IMLS national awards to three libraries and three museums](#)

Laura Bush presented the 2005 National Awards for Museum and Library Service to three museums and three libraries at a ceremony January 30 at the White House. It is the highest honor the nation confers on these institutions for their outstanding contribution to America's communities....

[School librarians win Immroth Award](#)

Lucy Collins Nazro and Kathryn Runnells of St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Austin, Texas, have been named the recipients of the John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for Intellectual Freedom for 2006, presented by ALA's Intellectual Freedom Round Table....

[BCALA announces 2006 literary award winners](#)

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association announced the winners of its 2006 literary awards, which recognize excellence in adult fiction and nonfiction by African-American authors published in 2005, including the work of a first novelist, and a citation for Outstanding Contribution to Publishing....

[YALSA selects 91 Quick Pick titles](#)

YALSA has announced its 2006 annual recommended list of Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers....

[DIRECTOR.](#)

Farmington (Conn.) Library. The Board of Trustees of the Farmington Village Green and Library Association are seeking a dynamic, energetic, creative, and collaborative leader as director of the Farmington Library, a main library and one branch, in a historic suburb 14 miles from Hartford....

See American Libraries [HOT JOBS OF THE WEEK](#) for more career opportunities



[Find out](#) how comedian George Lopez can help promote your library services and library cards with print, TV, and radio public service announcements.

Poll

What do
YOU
think?

Should your library reclassify James Frey's controversial book *A Million Little Pieces* as fiction?

Click here to [VOTE!](#)

[ALSC/BWI Summer Reading Grant 2006](#)

Ouachita Parish Public Library of Monroe, Louisiana, is the 2006 recipient of the ALSC/BWI Summer Reading Program Grant, which provides financial assistance for public libraries to develop outstanding summer reading programs for children....

[Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults 2006](#)

YALSA's selection committee produced four lists of popular paperbacks recommended for young adults: "Books That Don't Make You Blush: No Dirty Laundry Here," "Criminal Elements," "What Ails You?," and "GLBTQ"....

[Best Books for Young Adults 2006](#)

YALSA has announced its 2006 recommended list of Best Books for Young Adults. The books, recommended for ages 12-18, meet the criteria of both good-quality literature and reading appeal for teens....

[Notable Videos for Adults 2006](#)

The Video Round Table Notable Videos Committee has compiled its 2006 list of Notable Videos for Adults, a list of 12 outstanding programs released on video within the past two years and suitable for all libraries serving adults....

[Selected Videos and DVDs for Young Adults 2006](#)

YALSA has announced its 2006 selected list of best DVDs and videos for young adults. The annual list recognizes productions for technical merit, content, and use with, and interest to, young adults ages 12-18....

[Dartmouth Medal winner chosen](#)

Encyclopedia of the Documentary Film, edited by Ian Aitken and published by Routledge/Taylor & Francis (2006) is the winner of the 2006 Dartmouth Medal. Donated by Dartmouth College and presented by RUSA, the award honors the creation of a reference work of outstanding quality and significance....

SEEN ONLINE

[Pennsylvania library puts naming rights up for auction on eBay](#)

Did you ever want to name a library? Here's your chance. All you have to do is log on to [eBay](#) and pay at least \$375,000....

Associated Press, Jan. 30

[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library paves the road to reading](#)

Dolly Parton often wonders what her father, a tobacco farmer who eked out a living for 12 children in the Smoky Mountains, could have accomplished had he known how to read and write....

Associated Press, Jan. 21

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

Results of the January 25 poll:

Should ALA Council pass a resolution condemning the Cuban government for its imprisonment of dissident "independent librarians"?

YES.....70%

NO.....30%

(112 responses)

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Stories inside include:

Pritzker Military Library in Chicago

Circumpolar librarians

ALA member demographics

Datebook

Mar. 5-7:

[London Book Fair](#), ExCeL

[Porn "tidal wave" puts parents to the test](#)

More than a decade after the American public started cruising the Web, it is clear that children can find everything from nudity to sites featuring sexual violence and other extremes. For parents, this creates challenges that never existed before....

USA Today, Jan. 29

[Iowa lawmakers want filters on public library computers](#)

Iowa libraries would be required to block computer access to pornographic Web sites and to restrict children from checking out R-rated movies under legislation proposed by three Republican state senators....

Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Jan. 31

[Congress caught making false entries in Wikipedia](#)

Aides to Rep. Marty Meehan, a Massachusetts Democrat, deleted references on Wikipedia to his broken term-limits pledge and massive campaign war chest. Then the trusty editors at Wikipedia got together and compiled a list of over 1,000 edits made by internet addresses allocated to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives....

CNet News.com, Jan. 30

[Galveston County Reads—only to discover profanity](#)

People are discussing Mark Haddon's novel *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Friendswood, Texas, Mayor Kim Brizendine issued a proclamation declaring January 31 Galveston County Reads Day. Before too long, the Friendswood city council members were discussing what they described as the novel's shortcomings—particularly the profanity....

Galveston County (Tex.) Daily News, Jan. 31

ACTIONS & ANSWERS

[Federal and state government podcasts](#)

Podcasting is a way to deliver audio content to portable players. Despite the "Pod" in the name, you do not need an iPod to listen to the downloaded files. An increasing number of governments and elected officials are finding podcasting a useful channel to inform their citizens....

Free Government Information

[Open letter to Congress on Patriot Act](#)

Organizations representing booksellers, librarians, publishers, and writers delivered a letter to members of the House and Senate January 25 urging them not to reauthorize the sections of the USA Patriot Act that are due to expire on February 3 without adding additional safeguards for the privacy of bookstore and library records....

Campaign for Reader Privacy

London, England. Members of [CILIP](#) can attend for free if they register by Feb. 20. North American Exhibitor Contact: [John Denke](#), 203-840-9359.

Mar. 12–14: [Association of Information and Dissemination Centers](#)

Spring Meeting, Fort Myers, Fla. "Digitization: From Inception to Income." Contact: [ASIDIC](#), 215-654-9129.

Mar. 13–Apr. 10 :

[Business Reference 101](#)

Offered by the ALA Reference and User Services Association. Contact: [Eileen Hardy](#), 312-280-4398.

Mar. 21–25: [PLA National Conference](#)

Boston. Contact: [Melissa Faubel](#), 800-545-2433, ext. 5022.

Mar. 29–31: [Oklahoma Library Association](#)

9th Annual Conference, Tulsa. "Just So You Know." Contact: [OLA](#), 405-348-0506.

More [Datebook](#) items...

Thus Said

"Anybody with the authorial urge ought

[High school students are reading more for fun](#) (PDF file)

Findings from a survey administered in late 2005 to over 600 students across participating high schools suggest that students in *Revitalizing High School Libraries* sites are reading more for fun as well as for class. They also suggest that students are talking more about books and reading with family and friends....

Public Education Network

[Today's college freshmen are more committed to social responsibility](#)

This year's entering college freshmen show "a distinctive and widespread rise" in commitment to social and civic responsibility, a new survey finds, and researchers suggest that the 2004 tsunami in the Indian Ocean and Hurricane Katrina played key roles in shaping those attitudes....

USA Today, Jan. 25

[First-year college students and the library](#) (requires subscription)

The campus library may historically be the centerpiece of institutional life on college and university campuses, but many first-year students think it is largely irrelevant to their lives. The most effective way to ensure that first-year students become information literate is by making library instruction an integral part of courses across the curriculum....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Jan. 20

[Jazz CD supports Hurricane Katrina relief](#)

The Traditional Jazz Library at the University of New Hampshire is taking orders for its new jazz CD entitled *Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans?* The recording focuses on music related to New Orleans. The UNH Library is underwriting all production costs so that all proceeds directly support hurricane relief through two charities: the ALA Katrina Relief Fund and Music Cares—Hurricane Relief 2005....

University of New Hampshire Library

[Report on The State of Libraries at Historically](#)

[Black Colleges and Universities](#) (PDF file)

SOLINET and the HBCU Library Alliance have copublished an assessment of libraries at historically black institutions, using data collected by the National Center for Education Statistics. The report offers a baseline for future comparison among HBCUs and of HBCUs with non-HBCUs....

SOLINET

to visit the underground stacks of a major public library and feel the chill of oblivion."

—Syndicated columnist Garrison Keillor, in "Bonding through Books," December 2.

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U.S. & WORLD NEWS

[Congress extends Patriot Act another five weeks](#)

Shortly before 16 provisions of the USA Patriot Act were set to expire February 3, Congress passed a second short-term extension, continuing the act until March 10. The House approved the five-week extension February 1, and the Senate followed suit the next day, the Associated Press reported February 3....

[Iowa bill ties funding to filtering pornography](#)

A bill introduced January 30 in the Iowa Senate would withhold state funding to public libraries unless they "eliminate access to pornography on the public library's computer equipment." If enacted, Senate File 2108 would also require state-funded public libraries to prohibit patrons younger than 17 from borrowing R-rated films....

[Library Journal Editor-in-Chief John N. Berry III retires](#)

After more than 40 years at *Library Journal*, Editor-in-Chief John N. Berry III retired January 31. Berry joined the magazine in 1964 as assistant editor, becoming editor-in-chief in 1969....

[Indianapolis to borrow \\$45 million to finish library construction](#)

At a public hearing January 26, the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library board voted to borrow \$45 million to cover cost overruns on its \$103-million expansion project, which has been delayed several years by lawsuits stemming from faulty construction....

[Curious Incident triggers curious reaction](#)

The selection of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* for the 2006 Galveston County (Tex.) Reads event has resulted in the mayor of a Houston exurb announcing that the board of his community library would reconsider the book's addition to its collection....

[Wal-Mart exec's name taken off](#)



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[Annual Conference](#) in New Orleans, June 22-28—
Frequently Asked Questions



[IFLA/ALA Campaign](#)

[new Bentonville, Arkansas, library](#)

A Bentonville (Ark.) Public Library facility scheduled to open this fall will not bear the names of former Wal-Mart executive Tom Coughlin and his wife Cynthia, the BPL Foundation has decided. Cynthia Coughlin addressed the foundation's board January 31, hours after her husband pleaded guilty to five counts of wire fraud....

[Library auctions name on Ebay](#)

In an attempt to raise at least \$375,000 for a renovation and addition, Womelsdorf (Pa.) Community Library is auctioning [naming rights](#) for the library on the Ebay online marketplace....

[Montreal school arsonist to be released in May](#)

A 20-year-old man convicted of arson in the April 2004 firebombing of a Jewish elementary school in the Montreal, Quebec, suburb of Saint-Laurent is scheduled for release in May....

[Providence Public Library and city discuss revised governance](#)

City councilors tabled a proposed ordinance February 2 that would have forced the Providence (R.I.) Public Library to place eight publicly appointed trustees—four chosen by the mayor and four by city council—on the library's board....

[Library's footwear rule upheld in appeals court](#)

An Ohio man has lost his latest bid to go barefoot in the Columbus Metropolitan Library....

[for the World's Libraries:](#)

showcases the unique and vital roles played by public, school, academic, and special libraries worldwide

Poll

What do YOU think?

Should public libraries auction naming rights to their library on Ebay?

Click here to [VOTE!](#)

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ALA NEWS

[ALA applauds library funding increase in President's 2007 budget](#)

President Bush's 2007 budget requests \$262.2 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an increase of \$15.1 million, or 6.1% over FY 2006. For the Library Services and Technology Act, the budget includes \$220.9 million, an increase of \$10.3 million over FY 2006. [Contact](#) the White House to thank the Administration for its continued support and commitment to our nation's libraries....

[Baseball Hall of Fame named Campaign founding partner](#)

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is the latest Founding Partner in @ your library®, The Campaign for America's Libraries, ALA's national, multiyear public awareness and advocacy campaign about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century....

[Council addresses "65% solution"](#)

On January 22, ALA Council adopted a resolution calling for a

Classifieds

[TECHNICAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN.](#)

coordinated national effort to classify school librarians as instructional staff and to recognize the impact of state-certified school librarians on student achievement....

[Great Stories CLUB applications open](#)

The Great Stories CLUB (Connecting Libraries, Underserved teens and Books) is a book club grant program organized by the ALA Public Programs Office and YALSA to provide young adults with the opportunity to discuss books relevant to the challenges in their lives. Oprah's Angel Network is providing a grant to support the program....

[BCALA selects conference theme](#)

"Culture Keepers VI: Preserving the Past, Sustaining the Future" is the theme for the 6th National Conference of African American Librarians. The conference, sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, is scheduled for August 2-6, 2007, in Fort Worth, Texas....

[New editor joins ALA Editions](#)

Jenni Fry is now an acquisitions editor at ALA Editions, ALA's book publishing imprint. Fry joined ALA Editions in 2004 as managing editor....

[New staffer in Public Programs Office](#)

Kara L. Giles will be responsible for management of the Public Programs Office website and the PPO Online Resource Center....

DIVISION NEWS

[ACRL preconference on libraries, archives, and museums](#)

The Institute for Library and Museum Services has provided funding for 30 new and aspiring professionals to attend a major national conference organized by ACRL's Rare Books and Manuscripts Section entitled "Libraries, Archives, and Museums in the 21st Century: Intersecting Missions, Converging Futures?" to be held in Austin, Texas, June 20-23....

[AASL recognizes five new SLMS programs](#)

AASL announces the recognition of five graduate programs leading to a master's degree in education with a specialization in school library media or master's degree in library and information studies....

[RUSA appoints new editor of *RUSQ*](#)

Diane Zabel, the Louis and Virginia Benzak Business Librarian at the Schreyer Business Library, Penn State University, has been appointed editor of *Reference and User Services Quarterly*, RUSA's refereed research journal....

[ACRL Information Literacy Immersion program](#)

Applications are due February 15 for ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy Immersion Program, which brings

University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Edwin H. Mookini Library. This position will be responsible for a wide range of academic library technical services duties, including managing, cataloging, and tracking serials in print and electronic formats and integrating electronic materials into the OPAC....

See [American Libraries](#) [HOT JOBS OF THE WEEK](#) for more career opportunities



[Freedom to Read Foundation:](#)

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[National Library](#)

together academic librarians for five days of intensive work in teaching and information literacy....

[ACRL calls for 2007 conference proposals](#)

ACRL invites proposal submissions for a half-day or full-day workshop or preconference to be held prior to the 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting or Annual Conference. Submissions will be accepted through April 3....

AWARDS

[Call for proposals for Diversity Research Grants](#)

The ALA Office for Diversity seeks proposals for its Diversity Research Grant program. Applicants must be current ALA members, and the 2006 proposals must address one of three identified topics. Deadline is April 15....

[ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries winners](#)

This year's recipients are the Thomas Tredway Library at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., and the Rochester Institute of Technology Libraries, Rochester, N.Y. Sponsored by ACRL and Blackwell's Book Services, the award recognizes the staff of a college, university, and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution....

[Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant winner](#)

The Maricopa County Library District in Phoenix, Ariz., is the winner of the \$5,000 grant, awarded annually for the best public awareness campaign in support of National Library Week (April 2–8, 2006)....

[PLA "Grow Your Own" scholarships](#)

PLA has announced the winners of its inaugural "Grow Your Own" institutional scholarship program....

[Notable Children's Books for 2006](#)

ALSC has selected its 2006 list of titles that includes fiction and nonfiction poetry and picture books of special interest, quality, creativity, and value to children from preschool through age 14....

[Notable Children's Videos 2006](#)

ALSC has selected its 2006 list of Notable Children's Videos. The list includes videos for children 14 years of age and younger of especially commendable quality that demonstrate respect for a child's intelligence and imagination and that reflect and encourage the interests of children in exemplary ways....

[Notable Children's Recordings 2006](#)

ALSC has selected its 2006 list of Notable Children's Recordings....

[Workers Day is April 4:](#)

Time to advocate for better compensation for all library workers.
Contact: [Jenifer Grady](#), ALA-Allied Professional Association, 800-545-2433, ext. 2424

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Berkeley (Calif.) Art Museum. An exhibition featuring rare and precious manuscripts, paintings, photos, and other objects

[Notable Computer Software for 2006](#)

ALSC's notables list recognizes high-quality computer programs and online subscription services for children 14 years of age and younger....

[Penguin Young Readers Group Award winners](#)

Four librarians have been named winners of the 2006 Penguin Young Readers Group Award administered by ALSC....

[ALSC Distinguished Service Award winner](#)

Mimi Kayden, HarperCollins Books, is this year's recipient of the ALSC Distinguished Service Award....

[AIA/ALA Library Buildings Award seeks jury nominations](#)

The LAMA Building and Equipment Section's Library Building Awards Committee is seeking nominations and applications for jurors for the 2007 Library Buildings Award competition, jointly sponsored by ALA and the American Institute of Architects....

[Applicants sought for 2006 CALA scholarships](#)

The Chinese American Librarians Association announces the availability of its 2006 scholarships. Full-time students of Chinese heritage who are currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's or doctoral program of library and information science at a higher education institution in North America are eligible....

SEEN ONLINE

[San Francisco PL takes gay history exhibit on the road](#)

Out at the Library, an archived collection of gay history by the SFPL's James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center, has been packaged for a tour of the country's eastern, Midwest and southern regions. The exhibit coincides with the Hormel Center's tenth anniversary, and was funded entirely by \$250,000 in donations....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Feb. 7

[Teens crash car into Columbus, Ohio, Livingston branch library](#)

Three teens plowed a stolen car into the outside wall of the Livingston branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library February 6, injuring Branch Manager Shirley Freeman, who was working in the building's main office. Columbus police say the crash was an intentional act in a stolen car carried out by the teens, including one who had just finished a one-week library suspension. Two teens have been [arrested](#)....

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, Feb. 7; NBC 4 news, Feb. 7

[Budget squeeze in Mesa, Arizona, putting strain on library staff](#)

The city's interim library director Heather Wolf has inherited

from UC-Berkeley's Bancroft Library, many of which have seldom been on public view.

Apr. 5–7:
[Oregon Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Salem Conference Center, Salem. "Thriving on Change . . . Embrace the Possibilities." Contact: [Robin Beerbower](#), 503-588-6089.

Apr. 5–7:
[Tri-Conference 2006, Century II](#), Wichita, Kansas. Cosponsored by the Kansas Library Association, the Kansas Association of School Librarians, and the Kansas Association for Educational Communications and Technology. Contact: [Michelle Swain](#), 620-442-1280.

Apr. 5–7:
[Tennessee Library Association / Southeastern Library Association](#), Joint Conference, Memphis. Contact: [Annelle Huggins](#).

Apr. 6–7:
[West Virginia Library Association](#), Spring Fling, Flatwoods, W. Va. "Spring Fling '06: Empowering All Library Staff." Contact: [Brian Raitz](#), 304-420-

the loss of 42 staff positions over the past year and a \$500,000 budget cut. "The leadership team and I are coping with keeping three libraries open with almost the same staffing level we had 10 years ago while the workload keeps going up," she said. "We can't ask the staff to work any harder."...

Phoenix *Arizona Republic*, Jan. 25

[Libraries fear digital lockdown](#)

Libraries have warned that the rise of digital publishing may make it harder or even impossible to access items in their collections in the future....

BBC News, Feb. 3

[National book reserve unsuitable for Oxford University](#)

The head of Oxford University's library services has condemned plans to increase storage space in British libraries by destroying duplicate copies of rare books and journals. Ronald Milne, acting director of university library services, said the idea of giving up some of the Bodleian's collections to a national reserve was unlikely to be acceptable to the university....

The Oxford Student, Feb. 3

ACTIONS & ANSWERS

[Trademark bill would limit speech of artists](#)

Several consumer, arts, and public interest groups jointly sent a letter February 3 to the Senate Judiciary Committee condemning provisions in the Trademark Dilution Revision Act (H.R. 683) that weaken protections for individuals and small businesses that refer to companies by their trademarks....

Public Citizen, Feb. 3

[More Than \\$85,000 Awarded to Hurricane-Affected PTAs](#)

The National Parent Teacher Association awarded \$89,230 in grants to PTAs and schools in six states affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. An estimated 24,900 students will benefit from the grants that have been awarded to PTAs in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas....

National PTA, Feb. 3

[Report on orphan works](#)

The Copyright Office has completed its study of problems related to "orphan works"—copyrighted works whose owners may be impossible to identify and locate. As requested by Sen. Orrin Hatch and Sen. Patrick Leahy, the Office submitted its Report on Orphan Works to the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 31. The report is also available for download....

U.S. Copyright Office, Jan. 31

[NARA's document-a-day](#)

4587, ext. 11.

More [Datebook](#) items...

Thus Said

"Excuse me, but weren't libraries supposed to disappear? That's what everyone was saying when it looked like the Internet was going to render books archaic. Online search engines were supposed to send reference desks to the junk heap. But as Delray Beach celebrates the opening of its beautiful new library, it's clear that reports of libraries' impending death were greatly exaggerated."

—Columnist Howard Goodman, "It's a Brave New World at the Delray Library," *Fort Lauderdale Sun-sentinel*, January 10.

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The National Archives website now includes a new *Today's Document* feature, viewable online. Each day's document highlights a specific document, record, or photo from the holdings of the National Archives relating to the current day, and/or current exhibitions and programs at the National Archives....

National Archives and Records Administration

[How to code a constitution](#)

As Congress considers reauthorization of the USA Patriot Act, we could really use a few good hackers in the debate. That's because the principles our legal system employs to protect life and liberty are very similar to the principles that computer scientists use to design secure systems. We need hackers right now because—whether they know it or not—they understand democracy....

Wired News, Feb. 1

[The professor as instant messenger](#) (requires subscription)

UNC–Chapel Hill English professor Kathryn Wymer discovered her students don't use e-mail, so she looks into the pros and cons of communicating with them using IM....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Feb. 7

[The digitally re-shifted school library](#)

ALA TechSource blogger Michael Stephens interviews Christopher Harris, creator of the [Infomancy Blog](#), on new technologies in the school library....

ALA TechSource Blog, Feb. 6

[Would Thomas Jefferson have Googled?](#)

Google's Book Library Project would be applauded by at least one of America's founding fathers, University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman said February 6 during her keynote at a national publishers meeting....

C|Net news.com, Feb. 6

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Congress extends Patriot Act another five weeks

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/patriotact.htm>

Shortly before 16 provisions of the USA Patriot Act were set to expire February 3, Congress passed a second short-term extension, continuing the act until March 10. The House approved the five-week extension February 1, and the Senate followed suit the next day, the Associated Press reported February 3....

Iowa bill ties funding to filtering pornography

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/iowafilter.htm>

A bill introduced January 30 in the Iowa Senate would withhold state funding to public libraries unless they “eliminate access to pornography on the public library’s computer equipment.” If enacted, Senate File 2108 would also require state-funded public libraries to prohibit patrons younger than 17 from borrowing R-rated films....

Library Journal Editor-in-Chief John N. Berry III retires

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/ljberry.htm>

After more than 40 years at Library Journal, Editor-in-Chief John N. Berry III retired January 31. Berry joined the magazine in 1964 as assistant editor, becoming editor-in-chief in 1969....

Indianapolis to borrow \$45 million to finish library construction

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/indianapolis.htm>

At a public hearing January 26, the Indianapolis–Marion County Public Library board voted to borrow \$45 million to cover cost overruns on its \$103-million expansion project, which has been delayed several years by lawsuits stemming

from faulty construction....

Curious Incident triggers curious reaction

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/curious.htm>

The selection of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* for the 2006 Galveston County (Tex.) Reads event has resulted in the mayor of a Houston exurb announcing that the board of his community library would reconsider the book's addition to its collection....

Wal-Mart exec's name taken off new Bentonville, Arkansas, library

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/coughlin.htm>

A Bentonville (Ark.) Public Library facility scheduled to open this fall will not bear the names of former Wal-Mart executive Tom Coughlin and his wife Cynthia, the BPL Foundation has decided. Cynthia Coughlin addressed the foundation's board January 31, hours after her husband pleaded guilty to five counts of wire fraud....

Library auctions name on Ebay

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/womelsdorf.htm>

In an attempt to raise at least \$375,000 for a renovation and addition, Womelsdorf (Pa.) Community Library is auctioning naming rights for the library on the Ebay online marketplace....

Montreal school arsonist to be released in May

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/montreal.htm>

A 20-year-old man convicted of arson in the April 2004 firebombing of a Jewish elementary school in the Montreal, Quebec, suburb of Saint-Laurent is scheduled for release in May....

Providence Public Library and city discuss revised governance

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/providence.htm>

City councilors tabled a proposed ordinance February 2 that would have forced the Providence (R.I.) Public Library to place eight publicly appointed trustees—four chosen by the mayor and four by city council—on the library's board....

Library's footwear rule upheld in appeals court

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/barefoot.htm>

An Ohio man has lost his latest bid to go barefoot in the Columbus Metropolitan Library....

ALA NEWS

ALA applauds library funding increase in President's 2007 budget

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/february/budget2007.htm>

President Bush's 2007 budget requests \$262.2 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an increase of \$15.1 million, or 6.1% over FY 2006. For the Library Services and Technology Act, the budget includes \$220.9 million, an increase of \$10.3 million over FY 2006. Contact the White House to thank the Administration for its continued support and commitment to our nation's libraries....

Baseball Hall of Fame named Campaign founding partner

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

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is the latest Founding Partner in @ your library®, The Campaign for America's Libraries, ALA's national, multiyear public awareness and advocacy campaign about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century....

Council addresses "65% solution"

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/february/alacouncil65percent.htm>

On January 22, ALA Council adopted a resolution calling for a coordinated national effort to classify school librarians

as instructional staff and to recognize the impact of state-certified school librarians on student achievement....

Great Stories CLUB applications open

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/greatstoriesapplications.htm>

The Great Stories CLUB (Connecting Libraries, Underserved teens and Books) is a book club grant program organized by the ALA Public Programs Office and YALSA to provide young adults with the opportunity to discuss books relevant to the challenges in their lives. Oprah's Angel Network is providing a grant to support the program....

BCALA selects conference theme

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/greatstoriesapplications.htm>

"Culture Keepers VI: Preserving the Past, Sustaining the Future" is the theme for the 6th National Conference of African American Librarians. The conference, sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, is scheduled for August 2-6, 2007, in Fort Worth, Texas....

New editor joins ALA Editions

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/neweditionseditor.htm>

Jenni Fry is now an acquisitions editor at ALA Editions, ALA's book publishing imprint. Fry joined ALA Editions in 2004 as managing editor....

New staffer in Public Programs Office

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/gilesjoinsppo.htm>

Kara L. Giles will be responsible for management of the Public Programs Office website and the PPO Online Resource Center....

DIVISION NEWS

ACRL preconference on libraries, archives, and museums

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/acrlimlsscholarships.htm>

The Institute for Library and Museum Services has provided funding for 30 new and aspiring professionals to attend a major national conference organized by ACRL's Rare Books and Manuscripts Section entitled "Libraries, Archives, and Museums in the 21st Century: Intersecting Missions, Converging Futures?" to be held in Austin, Texas, June 20-23....

AASL recognizes five new SLMS programs

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/acrlimlsscholarships.htm>

AASL announces the recognition of five graduate programs leading to a master's degree in education with a specialization in school library media or master's degree in library and information studies....

RUSA appoints new editor of RUSQ

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/newrusqeditor.htm>

Diane Zabel, the Louis and Virginia Benzak Business Librarian at the Schreyer Business Library, Penn State University, has been appointed editor of Reference and User Services Quarterly, RUSA's refereed research journal....

ACRL Information Literacy Immersion program

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/inst4infolitappsdue.htm>

Applications are due February 15 for ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy Immersion Program, which brings together academic librarians for five days of intensive work in teaching and information literacy....

ACRL calls for 2007 conference proposals

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/acrl2007proposols.htm>

ACRL invites proposal submissions for a half-day or full-day workshop or preconference to be held prior to the 2007

ALA Midwinter Meeting or Annual Conference. Submissions will be accepted through April 3....

AWARDS

Call for proposals for Diversity Research Grants

<http://www.ala.org/ala/diversity/divresearchgrants/diversityresearch.htm>

The ALA Office for Diversity seeks proposals for its Diversity Research Grant program. Applicants must be current ALA members, and the 2006 proposals must address one of three identified topics. Deadline is April 15....

ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries winners

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/acrl06excellencewinners.htm>

This year's recipients are the Thomas Tredway Library at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., and the Rochester Institute of Technology Libraries, Rochester, N.Y. Sponsored by ACRL and Blackwell's Book Services, the award recognizes the staff of a college, university, and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution....

Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/2006nlwgrantwinner.htm>

The Maricopa County Library District in Phoenix, Ariz., is the winner of the \$5,000 grant, awarded annually for the best public awareness campaign in support of National Library Week (April 2–8, 2006)....

PLA "Grow Your Own" scholarships

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/pla06instscholarshipwin.htm>

PLA has announced the winners of its inaugural "Grow Your Own" institutional scholarship program....

Notable Children's Books for 2006

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/alsc06notablebooks.htm>

ALSC has selected its 2006 list of titles that includes fiction and nonfiction poetry and picture books of special interest, quality, creativity, and value to children from preschool through age 14....

Notable Children's Videos 2006

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/alsc06notablevideos.htm>

ALSC has selected its 2006 list of Notable Children's Videos. The list includes videos for children 14 years of age and younger of especially commendable quality that demonstrate respect for a child's intelligence and imagination and that reflect and encourage the interests of children in exemplary ways....

Notable Children's Recordings 2006

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/alsc06notablerecordings.htm>

ALSC has selected its 2006 list of Notable Children's Recordings....

Notable Computer Software for 2006

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/alsc06notablessoftware.htm>

ALSC's notables list recognizes high-quality computer programs and online subscription services for children 14 years of age and younger....

Penguin Young Readers Group Award winners

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/06penguinawardwinners.htm>

Four librarians have been named winners of the 2006 Penguin Young Readers Group Award administered by ALSC....

ALSC Distinguished Service Award winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/alsc06serviceaward.htm>

Mimi Kayden, HarperCollins Books, is this year's recipient of the ALSC Distinguished Service Award....

AIA/ALA Library Buildings Award seeks jury nominations

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/libbldgawardjurorssought.htm>

The LAMA Building and Equipment Section's Library Building Awards Committee is seeking nominations and applications for jurors for the 2007 Library Buildings Award competition, jointly sponsored by ALA and the American Institute of Architects....

Applicants sought for 2006 CALA scholarships

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/cala06.htm>

The Chinese American Librarians Association announces the availability of its 2006 scholarships. Full-time students of Chinese heritage who are currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's or doctoral program of library and information science at a higher education institution in North America are eligible....

SEEN ONLINE

San Francisco PL takes gay history exhibit on the road

<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/13811978.htm>

Out at the Library, an archived collection of gay history by the SFPL's James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center, has been packaged for a tour of the country's eastern, Midwest and southern regions. The exhibit coincides with the Hormel Center's tenth anniversary, and was funded entirely by \$250,000 in donations....

San Jose Mercury News, Feb. 7

Teens crash car into Columbus, Ohio, Livingston branch library

<http://www.columbusdispatch.com/news-story.php?story=dispatch/2006/02/07/20060207-A1-02.html>

Three teens plowed a stolen car into the outside wall of the Livingston branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library February 6, injuring Branch Manager Shirley Freeman, who was working in the building's main office. Columbus police say the crash was an intentional act in a stolen car carried out by the teens, including one who had just finished a one-week library suspension. Two teens have been arrested....

Columbus Dispatch, Feb. 7; NBC 4 news, Feb. 7

Budget squeeze in Mesa, Arizona, putting strain on library staff

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/0125librarycuts25.html>

The city's interim library director Heather Wolf has inherited the loss of 42 staff positions over the past year and a \$500,000 budget cut. "The leadership team and I are coping with keeping three libraries open with almost the same staffing level we had 10 years ago while the workload keeps going up," she said. "We can't ask the staff to work any harder."...

Phoenix Arizona Republic, Jan. 25

Libraries fear digital lockdown

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/4675280.stm>

Libraries have warned that the rise of digital publishing may make it harder or even impossible to access items in their collections in the future....

BBC News, Feb. 3

National book reserve unsuitable for Oxford University

http://www.oxfordstudent.com/ht2006wk3/news/national_book_reserve_%E2%80%98unsuitable%E2%80%99_for_oxford

The head of Oxford University's library services has condemned plans to increase storage space in British libraries by destroying duplicate copies of rare books and journals. Ronald Milne, acting director of university library services, said the idea of giving up some of the Bodleian's collections to a national reserve was unlikely to be acceptable to the university....

ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

Trademark bill would limit speech of artists

http://www.citizen.org/hot_issues/issue.cfm?ID=1288

Several consumer, arts, and public interest groups jointly sent a letter February 3 to the Senate Judiciary Committee condemning provisions in the Trademark Dilution Revision Act (H.R. 683) that weaken protections for individuals and small businesses that refer to companies by their trademarks....

Public Citizen, Feb. 3

More Than \$85,000 Awarded to Hurricane-Affected PTAs

http://www.pta.org/ne_press_release_detail_1138923704125.html

The National Parent Teacher Association awarded \$89,230 in grants to PTAs and schools in six states affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. An estimated 24,900 students will benefit from the grants that have been awarded to PTAs in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas....

National PTA, Feb. 3

Report on orphan works

<http://www.copyright.gov/orphan/>

The Copyright Office has completed its study of problems related to “orphan works”—copyrighted works whose owners may be impossible to identify and locate. As requested by Sen. Orrin Hatch and Sen. Patrick Leahy, the Office submitted its Report on Orphan Works to the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 31. The report is also available for download....

U.S. Copyright Office, Jan. 31

NARA’s document-a-day

<http://www.archives.gov/historical-docs/todays-doc/>

The National Archives website now includes a new Today’s Document feature, viewable online. Each day’s document highlights a specific document, record, or photo from the holdings of the National Archives relating to the current day, and/or current exhibitions and programs at the National Archives....

National Archives and Records Administration

How to code a constitution

<http://www.wired.com/news/columns/1,70114-0.html>

As Congress considers reauthorization of the USA Patriot Act, we could really use a few good hackers in the debate. That’s because the principles our legal system employs to protect life and liberty are very similar to the principles that computer scientists use to design secure systems. We need hackers right now because—whether they know it or not—they understand democracy....

Wired News , Feb. 1

The professor as instant messenger (requires subscription)

<http://chronicle.com/jobs/news/2006/02/2006020701c/index.html>

UNC–Chapel Hill English professor Kathryn Wymer discovered her students don’t use e-mail, so she looks into the pros and cons of communicating with them using IM....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Feb. 7

The digitally re-shifted school library

<http://www.techsource.ala.org/blog/2006/02/the-digitally-re-shifted-school-library-a-conversation-with-christopher-harris.html>

ALA TechSource blogger Michael Stephens interviews Christopher Harris, creator of the Infomancy Blog, on new

technologies in the school library....
ALA TechSource Blog, Feb. 6

Would Thomas Jefferson have Googled?

http://news.com.com/Would%2BThomas%2BJefferson%2Bhave%2BGoogled/2100-1025_3-6035858.html
Google's Book Library Project would be applauded by at least one of America's founding fathers, University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman said February 6 during her keynote at a national publishers meeting....
C|Net news.com, Feb. 6

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U.S. & WORLD NEWS

[Patriot Act compromise announced](#)

Four Republican senators who blocked legislation to renew the USA Patriot Act last year over what they said was a lack of protection for civil liberties announced February 9 that they had reached an agreement with the White House on a revised bill....

[Black History Month](#)

Musician Wynton Marsalis joins Archivist Heather Lyle of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, January 23 as part of a three-month series of programs commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Black History Month, and Women's History Month. Nearly 200 people attended a library reception after a convocation address by Marsalis and a performance by the Denison Gospel Choir....



[President increases library funding in 2007 budget](#)

President Bush's proposed 2007 budget, released February 6, would boost funding for library programs at the Institute of Museum and Library Services to \$220.9 million, an increase of nearly \$10.3 million over FY 2006....

[President proposes centralizing federal library programs within IMLS](#)

President Bush's budget for FY 2007 includes a proposal to integrate the National Center for Education Statistics' program for public and state library statistics, along with the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, into the Institute of Museum and Library Services beginning in 2008....

[Bush budget includes \\$30 million for D.C. library](#)

President Bush's FY 2007 budget proposal includes \$30 million in federal support for the District of Columbia library



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[Sister Libraries Initiative:](#)

Becoming a Sister Library is an

system "to begin construction on a new central library and renovate neighborhood branches."...

[Bush budget funds archives transfer to Nixon Library](#)

The 2007 budget submitted by President Bush February 6 includes \$10.6 million toward conversion of the privately funded Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, California, to a presidential library run by the National Archives and Records Administration....

[Czech Republic gives \\$111,000 to Alabama library destroyed by Katrina](#)

Nearly six months after the tidal surge from Hurricane Katrina destroyed it, the Mose Hudson Tapia Public Library in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, is getting a major gift from across the water....

[Pennsylvania libraries would get 23% boost in governor's budget](#)

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell has called for a record increase of 23% in state support to public libraries....

[Branch manager injured when teens crash into Columbus library](#)

The manager of the Livingston branch of the Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library suffered a broken arm February 6 when three youths rammed a stolen Cadillac through the wall of the main office....

[Tacoma Public Library realigns staff, adopts virtual reference](#)

Hampered by a tight budget and staffing limitations, the Tacoma (Wash.) Public Library is implementing a plan to keep its nine branches open as many hours and days as possible....

[Man sentenced to three years for book thefts from Baltimore County](#)

A Maryland man was sentenced to three years in prison February 7 for checking out more than 400 books from the Baltimore County Public Library and selling them on the street....

[Tennessee school librarian sued for assault](#)

A Humboldt, Tennessee, woman has filed suit against the city school system and East End Elementary School Librarian Emily Turner for damages involving the librarian's alleged assault on a 6-year-old student....

[Blaze destroys Ontario library's books, newspapers](#)

A fire gutted the municipal building February 8 that housed the West Lorne branch of the Elgin County Public Library in Ontario, Canada....

opportunity to build relationships with libraries in other cultures that can help us learn, understand, and better serve our own community.

Poll

What do YOU think?

Should librarians support the right of newspapers to publish commentary or images offensive to Muslims or other religions?

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

Results of the February 8 poll:

Should public libraries auction naming rights to their library on Ebay?

YES.....45%

NO.....55%

(250 responses)

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Ocean County (N.J.)

ALA NEWS

[New Woman's Day initiative](#)

As part of its latest editorial initiative, *Woman's Day* magazine is collecting stories on how the library has changed its readers' lives. The magazine announced the initiative in its March 7 issue. Stories can be sent to womansday@ala.org from now until May 10, when the promotion closes....



[Seven courses approved for Public Library Administrator certification](#)

The ALA-APA Certified Public Library Administrator Program Certification Review Committee approved seven courses in its first application review during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio....

[COA accreditation actions](#)

Accreditation is continued for the University of Arizona, Dalhousie University, Florida State University, and Long Island University, with conditional accreditation for Catholic University of America....

["Be Well Informed" report issued](#)

From November 2004 to January 2006, ALA and Walgreens joined together to provide consumer health education and promote libraries as sources of accurate, reliable health information. The project, called "Be Well Informed @ your library," provided grants and other resources to 10 U.S. library systems. Its final report (in PDF format) is [here](#)....



[Diversity Office wants research grant proposals](#)

Applicants must be current ALA members, and 2006 proposals must address one of three identified topics: an active learning and service approach to diversity in small or rural libraries; emerging technologies and services to diverse populations; or the role of the diversity committee, liaison, or officer in the creation of institutional change in libraries....

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[BCALA offers Smiley Student Fund](#)

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association announces the Smiley Student Fund, which will provide two applicants with funds to attend the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color in Dallas, Texas, October 11-15, 2006....

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NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

[Convention Center repairs running ahead of schedule](#)

Repairs at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center are running ahead of schedule, and two halls—the same exhibit halls used by ALA for its Midwinter Meeting in 2002—that had originally been scheduled to reopen April 1 will host their first post-Katrina event this weekend....

New Orleans Times-Picayune, Feb. 14

[Mardi Gras stirs pride, nonchalance in New Orleans](#)

New Orleans residents began the first post-Katrina Mardi Gras parade season with a mixture of pride, defiance, and a touch of nonchalance. In the picturesque French Quarter, the first parade marking the annual carnival began this weekend with brightly colored floats mocking government officials and a giddy pride that the "Big Easy" was on the road to recovery from Hurricane Katrina....

Reuters, Feb. 13

[Mardi Gras success critical to restoring city image](#)

The Mardi Gras season, the crown tourism jewel of New Orleans, has become a crucial milestone for the city post-Katrina. By any measure, prosperity is vastly enhanced by the krewes, those lining the parade routes, and those visitors who come to view this spectacle. Success this year will be defined by other critical factors, too....

New Orleans City Business, Feb. 13

[Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans?](#)

New Orleans is a complex American city that is in dire need of help. Katrina and corporate greed threaten to wash away its nuances, and that is why Chin Music Press decided to gather the voices of the Crescent City in a special volume of essays, art, and information....

Chin Music Press

DIVISION NEWS

[PLA closing session speaker announced](#)

Paco Underhill will present the keynote address at the closing session of PLA's 11th National Conference, March 25, in Boston. The author of *The Call of the Mall: The Geography of Shopping* (2005), Underhill will draw on research of over 20



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years on how shoppers interact with stores and the geometry that, as he puts it, "rules the shopping universe."...

[New YALSA book on summer reading programs](#)

YALSA has released a second edition of *Sizzling Summer Reading Programs for Young Adults*, edited by Katharine L. Kan. The book contains more than 50 successful programs, including details on handling registration, getting donations, creating partnerships, tracking reading, and promoting programs....

[AASL recognizes five new SLMS programs](#)

AASL announces the recognition of five graduate programs leading to a master's degree in education with a specialization in school library media or master's degree in library and information studies....

[RUSA selects Spectrum Scholar as intern](#)

RUSA has selected Megan Zoe Perez, a 2005 Spectrum scholar attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as the 2006 RUSA Intern....

[ASCLA offers online course for librarians serving Latinos](#)

ASCLA will offer its first online course, "Selecting Spanish-Language Materials for Adults," April 17–May 15, taught by Yolanda J. Cuesta....

[ACRL urges action to preserve scholarly electronic journals](#)

The ACRL Board of Directors endorsed the statement "[Urgent Action Needed to Preserve Scholarly Electronic Journals](#)" at its January 24 meeting in San Antonio. Academic librarians, university administrators, and others issued the statement October 15, 2005, after participating in a meeting in New York City to discuss electronic journal preservation....

[AASL appoints new KQ Web editor](#)

Gayle Bogel will be responsible for content of *KQ Web*, the online companion to *Knowledge Quest*....

AWARDS

[Robert D. Stueart elected to ALA honorary membership](#)

Robert D. Stueart was elected to honorary membership in action taken by the ALA Council at the 2006 Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio. Honorary membership, ALA's highest honor, is conferred in recognition of outstanding contributions of lasting importance to libraries and librarianship....

[Nancy Cline named 2006 Hugh Atkinson Award winner](#)

Nancy M. Cline, Roy E. Larsen Librarian of Harvard College at Harvard University, has been named the 2006 winner of the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award. Named in honor of one of

Datebook

Mar. 30–31:

[15th North Carolina Serials Conference](#), North Carolina Central University, Chapel Hill. "Crystal Clear? Today's Libraries, Tomorrow's Library Users." Contact: [Cheryl Reddish](#), 919-530-6415.

Apr. 11–13:

[Indiana Library Federation](#), Annual Conference, Indianapolis. Contact: [Linda Kolb](#), 317-257-2040.

Apr. 18–21:

[Florida Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Lake Buena Vista. Contact: [Thomas A. Monahan](#), 407-774-0207.

Apr. 19–22:

[New Mexico Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Farmington. Contact: [Lorie Christian](#), 505-400-7309.

Apr. 26–27:

[Educause Policy Conference](#), Washington, D.C. "Technology Policy for a Flattening World." Contact: [Educause Member Services](#), 303-449-4430.

Apr. 30–May 4:

the pioneers of library automation, the Atkinson Award recognizes an academic librarian who has made significant contributions in the area of library automation or management....

[Mary Jane Petrowski wins ACRL Dudley Award](#)

ACRL Associate Director Mary Jane Petrowski is the winner of the ACRL Instruction Section's Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award. The honor recognizes a librarian who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of instruction in a college or research library environment....

[Ray English is ACRL academic/research librarian of the year](#)

Ray English, Azariah Smith Root Director of Libraries at Oberlin College, Ohio, has been named ACRL's 2006 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year....

[ACRL names distance learning award winner](#)

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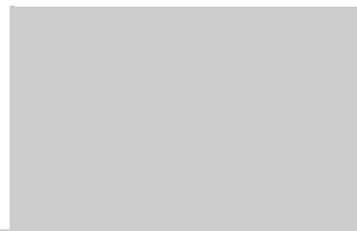
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<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB22525T9ETQU>

Results of the
February 8 poll:

Should public libraries auction naming rights to their library on Ebay?

YES.....45%
NO.....55%

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Patriot Act compromise announced

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/patriotcompro.htm>

Four Republican senators who blocked legislation to renew the USA Patriot Act last year over what they said was a lack of protection for civil liberties announced February 9 that they had reached an agreement with the White House on a revised bill....

Black History Month

http://www.denison.edu/publicaffairs/pressreleases/mlk_1-06.html

Musician Wynton Marsalis joins Archivist Heather Lyle of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, January 23 as part of a three-month series of programs commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Black History Month, and Women's History Month. Nearly 200 people attended a library reception after a convocation address by Marsalis and a performance by the Denison Gospel Choir....

President increases library funding in 2007 budget

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/budget07.htm>

President Bush's proposed 2007 budget, released February 6, would boost funding for library programs at the Institute of Museum and Library Services to \$220.9 million, an increase of nearly \$10.3 million over FY 2006....

President proposes centralizing federal library programs within IMLS

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/imlsnces.htm>

President Bush's budget for FY 2007 includes a proposal to integrate the National Center for Education Statistics' program for public and state library statistics, along with the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, into the Institute of Museum and Library Services beginning in 2008....

Bush budget includes \$30 million for D.C. library

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/dcplbudget.htm>

President Bush's FY 2007 budget proposal includes \$30 million in federal support for the District of Columbia library system "to begin construction on a new central library and renovate neighborhood branches."...

Bush budget funds archives transfer to Nixon Library

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/nixonbudget.htm>

The 2007 budget submitted by President Bush February 6 includes \$10.6 million toward conversion of the privately funded Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, California, to a presidential library run by the National Archives and Records Administration....

Czech Republic gives \$111,000 to Alabama library destroyed by Katrina

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/czechbayou.htm>

Nearly six months after the tidal surge from Hurricane Katrina destroyed it, the Mose Hudson Tapia Public Library in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, is getting a major gift from across the water....

Pennsylvania libraries would get 23% boost in governor's budget

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/paboost.htm>

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell has called for a record increase of 23% in state support to public libraries....

Branch manager injured when teens crash into Columbus library

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/columbusoh.htm>

The manager of the Livingston branch of the Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library suffered a broken arm February 6 when three youths rammed a stolen Cadillac through the wall of the main office....

Tacoma Public Library realigns staff, adopts virtual reference

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/tacomapl.htm>

Hampered by a tight budget and staffing limitations, the Tacoma (Wash.) Public Library is implementing a plan to keep its nine branches open as many hours and days as possible....

Man sentenced to three years for book thefts from Baltimore County

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/baltoman.htm>

A Maryland man was sentenced to three years in prison February 7 for checking out more than 400 books from the Baltimore County Public Library and selling them on the street....

Tennessee school librarian sued for assault

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/humboldt.htm>

A Humboldt, Tennessee, woman has filed suit against the city school system and East End Elementary School Librarian Emily Turner for damages involving the librarian's alleged assault on a 6-year-old student....

Blaze destroys Ontario library's books, newspapers

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/february2006a/westlorne.htm>

A fire gutted the municipal building February 8 that housed the West Lorne branch of the Elgin County Public Library in Ontario, Canada....

ALA NEWS

New Woman's Day initiative

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/howhasthelibrary.htm>

As part of its latest editorial initiative, Woman's Day magazine is collecting stories on how the library has changed its readers' lives. The magazine announced the initiative in its March 7 issue. Stories can be sent to womansday@ala.org from now until May 10, when the promotion closes....

Seven courses approved for Public Library Administrator certification

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/cplaapprovealsevencourses.htm>

The ALA-APA Certified Public Library Administrator Program Certification Review Committee approved seven courses in its first application review during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio....

COA accreditation actions

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/coa.htm>

Accreditation is continued for the University of Arizona, Dalhousie University, Florida State University, and Long Island University, with conditional accreditation for Catholic University of America....

"Be Well Informed" report issued

<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaprotools/bewellinformedyourlibrary/wellinformed.htm>

From November 2004 to January 2006, ALA and Walgreens joined together to provide consumer health education and promote libraries as sources of accurate, reliable health information. The project, called "Be Well Informed @ your library," provided grants and other resources to 10 U.S. library systems. Its final report (in PDF format) is here....

Diversity Office wants research grant proposals

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/diversity.htm>

Applicants must be current ALA members, and 2006 proposals must address one of three identified topics: an active learning and service approach to diversity in small or rural libraries; emerging technologies and services to diverse populations; or the role of the diversity committee, liaison, or officer in the creation of institutional change in libraries....

BCALA selects conference theme

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/bcala07natlconftheme.htm>

"Culture Keepers VI: Preserving the Past, Sustaining the Future" is the theme for the 6th National Conference of African American Librarians. The conference, sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, is scheduled for August 2-6, 2007, in Fort Worth, Texas....

BCALA offers Smiley Student Fund

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/smiley06.htm>

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association announces the Smiley Student Fund, which will provide two applicants with funds to attend the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color in Dallas, Texas, October 11-15, 2006....

NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

Convention Center repairs running ahead of schedule

<http://www.nola.com/archives/t-p/index.ssf?/base/money-0/1139901099172530.xml&coll=1>

Repairs at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center are running ahead of schedule, and two halls—the same exhibit halls used by ALA for its Midwinter Meeting in 2002—that had originally been scheduled to reopen April 1 will host their first post-Katrina event this weekend....

New Orleans Times-Picayune, Feb. 14

Mardi Gras stirs pride, nonchalance in New Orleans

[http://today.reuters.com/News/newsArticle.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyID=2006-02-](http://today.reuters.com/News/newsArticle.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyID=2006-02-12T224338Z_01_N12189818_RTRUKOC_0_US-HURRICANES-MARDIGRAS.xml)

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New Orleans residents began the first post-Katrina Mardi Gras parade season with a mixture of pride, defiance, and a touch of nonchalance. In the picturesque French Quarter, the first parade marking the annual carnival began this weekend with brightly colored floats mocking government officials and a giddy pride that the “Big Easy” was on the road to recovery from Hurricane Katrina....

Reuters, Feb. 13

Mardi Gras success critical to restoring city image

<http://www.neworleanscitybusiness.com/viewStory.cfm?recID=14701>

The Mardi Gras season, the crown tourism jewel of New Orleans, has become a crucial milestone for the city post-Katrina. By any measure, prosperity is vastly enhanced by the krewes, those lining the parade routes, and those visitors who come to view this spectacle. Success this year will be defined by other critical factors, too....

New Orleans City Business, Feb. 13

Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans?

<http://www.chinmusicpress.com/books/doyouknow/>

New Orleans is a complex American city that is in dire need of help. Katrina and corporate greed threaten to wash away its nuances, and that is why Chin Music Press decided to gather the voices of the Crescent City in a special volume of essays, art, and information....

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DIVISION NEWS

PLA closing session speaker announced

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/placonfclosingkeynote.htm>

Paco Underhill will present the keynote address at the closing session of PLA’s 11th National Conference, March 25, in Boston. The author of *The Call of the Mall: The Geography of Shopping* (2005), Underhill will draw on research of over 20 years on how shoppers interact with stores and the geometry that, as he puts it, “rules the shopping universe.”...

New YALSA book on summer reading programs

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/summerreading.htm>

YALSA has released a second edition of *Sizzling Summer Reading Programs for Young Adults*, edited by Katharine L. Kan. The book contains more than 50 successful programs, including details on handling registration, getting donations, creating partnerships, tracking reading, and promoting programs....

AASL recognizes five new SLMS programs

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/aaslrecognizeslmsprogrms.htm>

AASL announces the recognition of five graduate programs leading to a master’s degree in education with a specialization in school library media or master’s degree in library and information studies....

RUSA selects Spectrum Scholar as intern

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/perez.htm>

RUSA has selected Megan Zoe Perez, a 2005 Spectrum scholar attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as the 2006 RUSA Intern....

ASCLA offers online course for librarians serving Latinos

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/onlinecourse.htm>

ASCLA will offer its first online course, “Selecting Spanish-Language Materials for Adults,” April 17–May 15, taught by Yolanda J. Cuesta....

ACRL urges action to preserve scholarly electronic journals

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/ejournals.htm>

The ACRL Board of Directors endorsed the statement “Urgent Action Needed to Preserve Scholarly Electronic Journals” at its January 24 meeting in San Antonio. Academic librarians, university administrators, and others issued the statement October 15, 2005, after participating in a meeting in New York City to discuss electronic journal preservation....

AASL appoints new KQ Web editor

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/bogelnamedkqwebeditor.htm>

Gayle Bogel will be responsible for content of KQ Web, the online companion to Knowledge Quest....

AWARDS

Robert D. Stueart elected to ALA honorary membership

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/stuearthonorarymember.htm>

Robert D. Stueart was elected to honorary membership in action taken by the ALA Council at the 2006 Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio. Honorary membership, ALA’s highest honor, is conferred in recognition of outstanding contributions of lasting importance to libraries and librarianship....

Nancy Cline named 2006 Hugh Atkinson Award winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/06atkinsonawardannounced.htm>

Nancy M. Cline, Roy E. Larsen Librarian of Harvard College at Harvard University, has been named the 2006 winner of the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award. Named in honor of one of the pioneers of library automation, the Atkinson Award recognizes an academic librarian who has made significant contributions in the area of library automation or management....

Mary Jane Petrowski wins ACRL Dudley Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/petrowski.htm>

ACRL Associate Director Mary Jane Petrowski is the winner of the ACRL Instruction Section’s Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award. The honor recognizes a librarian who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of instruction in a college or research library environment....

Ray English is ACRL academic/research librarian of the year

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/english.htm>

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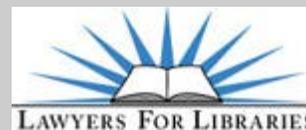
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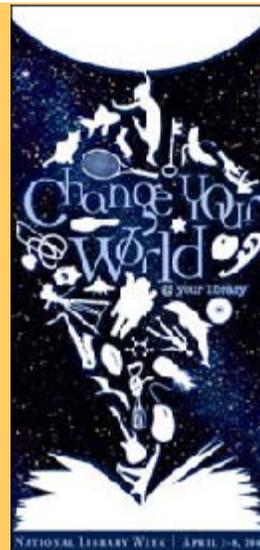
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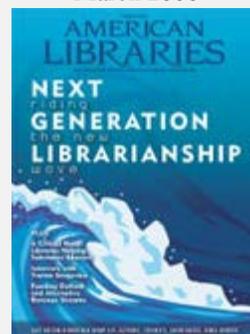
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<http://chicagopubliclibrary.org/003cpl/oboc/ivan/ivan.html>

Chicago and Moscow will create an internet book club to discuss the 10th "One Book, One Chicago" selection, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich. Chicago Public Library, in partnership with the All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature in Moscow, will moderate the online postings....

Chicago Public Library, Feb. 15

IDPF releases 2006 eBook survey results (PDF file)

http://www.idpf.org/doc_library/surveys/IDPF_eBook_User_Survey_2006.pdf

This report represents efforts by the International Digital Publishing Forum's standards working groups to identify consumer satisfaction with electronic books and areas of improvement for the industry. The report details the responses of regular purchasers and users of eBooks. Those identified in the report are often referred to as "early adopters" whose opinions on available eBook products will help publishers, retailers, and technology companies produce better products in the future....

International Digital Publishing Forum, Feb. 22

Typographical errors in library databases

<http://faculty.quinnipiac.edu/libraries/tballard/typoscomplete.html>

Terry Ballard and Tina Gunther have released a new version of their master list of common and uncommon errors found in OPACs or other online documents (think "government" and "photograpy"). Some 1,266 new entries were added in 2006....

Terry Ballard, Feb. 2

Metadata and data quality problems in the digital library

<http://jodi.tamu.edu/Articles/v06/i03/Beall/>

Jeffrey Beall describes the main types of data quality errors that occur in digital libraries, both in full-text objects and in metadata....

Journal of Digital Information, vol. 6, no. 3

Magazines and databases in school libraries (PDF file)

http://www.lrs.org/documents/field_stats/Magazines_databases.pdf

Colorado's Library Research Service has posted the findings of a libnet inquiry regarding magazines and databases in school libraries....

Library Research Service, Feb. 21

Public roundtables on March 8 and 16 on copyright exceptions for libraries and archives

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/copyrightb/Default1964.htm#news>

The Library of Congress Section 108 Study Group is reaching out to the library, archives, rights-holder, and creative communities for input on recommendations for revising the current library and archives exceptions. As part of that process, the Study Group will host two days of roundtables for interested parties to offer suggestions and comments on how best to revise these exceptions for the digital era....

Library of Congress, Feb. 14

Libraries Australia inaugurates free search service to the public

http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5744,18226743%255E12332,00.html

The National Library of Australia is offering a free end-user search interface to its national bibliographic database, Libraries Australia, beginning February 27. The database contains information about more than 40 million books,

journals, newspapers, images, maps, and online documents located in 800 libraries across the continent...
The Australian, Feb. 22

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