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 **Public Libraries BRIEFCASE**

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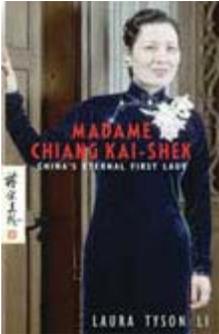
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—Reporter Adam Nossiter, in "Librarians Convene in New Orleans," *New York Times*, June 25.

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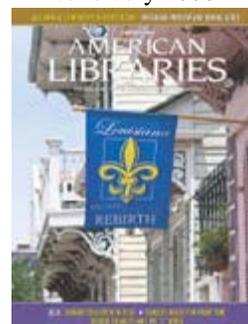
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[Social networking for bookworms](#)

For Tim Spalding, a computer programmer and bibliophile, listing a few titles in an online profile isn't enough. He sought a way to catalog his entire book collection—and to check out what was lining other people's shelves. Spalding launched [LibraryThing.com](#) in August as a way to bring the organizational joys of the librarian to a wider array of book nerds....

Wall Street Journal, June 27

[Bookbinding groups resurrect craft worldwide](#)

Revolutionary War reenactor DeLea Sayers already has an unusual hobby. He recently stumbled across another one when he decided to record his rebellious activity in an 18th century–style journal. Unable to find authentic books from the era, Sayers decided to make his own and discovered the intricate world of bookbinding....

Bryan–College Station (Tex.) Eagle, July 2

[Santa Ana phases out its bookmobiles](#)

On June 29, Santa Ana, California, became the latest city to say goodbye to the bookmobile, citing high costs and relatively low patronage. Santa Ana was one of only three Orange County cities with regular bookmobile routes....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, June 30

[Osama's words to stay on library shelves](#)

A Marion County (Fla.) Public Library System patron has requested that a book containing Osama bin Laden's writings be removed from the library shelves, but Library Director Julie Sieg has said it should remain. Her decision is being appealed to the County Commission....

Ocala (Fla.) Star Banner, June 28

[Dos and don'ts for getting kids to read](#)

Librarians offer the same advice for all ages: Keep a wide variety of books available. Check out your local library's summer reading program for activities and prizes. Ask for recommendations. "We live, eat, and breathe books and can share lists of show-stoppers for kids to read," enthused Sharon Chastain, a King County (Wash.) Library System children's librarian....

Seattle Times, July 1

[Libraries helping the blind](#)

July 3 was the start of the UK National Library for the Blind's [Make a Noise in Libraries](#) campaign. The Harlow Library in Essex is taking part, with a display of

Information Literacy

Information Literacy is the set of 21st-century skills needed to find, retrieve, analyze, and use information. ACRL has set up an [information literacy resource website](#) with bibliographies, standards and guidelines, ideas, experts, links, and a glossary.



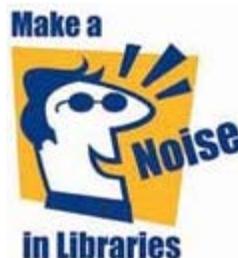
The [Oshkosh West \(Wis.\) High School Library Media Center](#) will host its first Great Stories CLUB (Connecting Libraries, Underserved teens, and Books) meeting in the fall and has already been featured on the Oshkosh Area School District website. The YALSA and Public Programs Office–sponsored [program](#) features a book discussion group targeting troubled teens.

Datebook

Aug. 9–12: [Pacific Northwest Library Association](#), Eugene. "Common Spaces and Far Out Places: Libraries in

some of the talking books and large-print texts it has available....

Harlow Herald, June 29



ACTIONS & ANSWERS

[Freedom of Information at 40](#)

Forty years ago on July 4, 1966, Lyndon Johnson signed the landmark Freedom of Information Act while vacationing at his Texas ranch. But the event does not even appear on LBJ's Daily Diary, which is the first indication (the dog that didn't bark) that something was amiss on the Pedernales....

National Security Archive, July 4

[Landmark agreement to preserve digital data](#)

The National Archives and Records Administration and UCSD's San Diego Supercomputer Center signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding June 28 that provides an avenue for preserving valuable digital data collections. This collaboration marks the first time NARA has established an affiliated relationship for preserving digital data with an academic institution....

National Archives, June 28

[LITA's annual Top 10 Trends extravaganza](#)

Panel members Marshall Breeding, Clifford Lynch, Eric Lease Morgan, Andrew Pace, Karen Schneider, Roy Tennant, and Tom Wilson predicted the tech future at Annual Conference in New Orleans....

LITA Blog, June 25

[Virtual reference in the age of pop-up blockers and firewalls](#)

We know that young people love to chat and that many universities and colleges cater to a growing number of distance and off-campus users—the perfect audience for virtual reference. Various theories have been proposed as to why usage statistics are so low. Most focus on marketing and user behavior. Relatively little has been written about how technical problems impact VR services....

Online, July/Aug.

[Ten rules for new librarians](#)

Submitted for discussion is this short list—a cautionary list of things to ponder in a Library 2.0 world (or whatever you choose to call it) as new grads hit the streets and start their first jobs....

Michael Stephens, *Tame the Web*, June 30

[Celebrate Canadian Library Month in October](#)

The Canadian Library Association has established October as Canadian Library Month. The idea for a month dedicated to library and information services in Canada was developed by provincial

the Pacific Northwest." Contact: [Jason Openo](#), 503-588-6183.

Aug. 15–19:

[Nevada Library Association](#), North Las Vegas. "Tools for the Future." Contact: [Leo Segura](#), 702-507-3658.

Sept. 16–19:

[Maine Libraries Conference](#), Augusta Civic Center. Sponsored by the Maine Association of School Libraries and the Maine Library Association. Contact: [Edna Comstock](#), 207-441-1410.

Sept. 27–29:

[Minnesota Library Association Conference](#), St. Cloud. "Creativity and Collaboration: Minnesota Libraries Lead the Way." Contact: [Barb Vaughan](#), 651-641-0982.

Sept. 27–30:

[Kentucky Library Association/Kentucky School Media Association Joint Conference and Exhibition](#), Marriott Downtown, Louisville. "A Century of Change: From Carnegie to Gates." Contact: [John T. \(Tom\) Underwood](#), 502-223-5322.

Sept. 27–30:

[Wyoming Library](#)

and territorial library partners from across the country to help raise public awareness of the valuable role that libraries play in local communities....

Canadian Library Association, June



[A primer on open access](#) (PDF file)

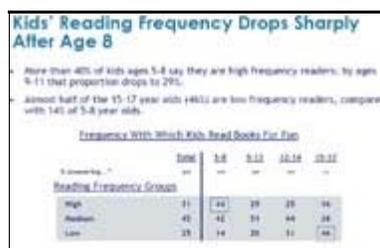
Heather Morrison defines open access literature as literature that is free online for anyone, anywhere, to read, download, and use, providing that the author is properly cited. There are three major definitions of open access: Budapest, Berlin, and Bethesda. There are two main approaches to open access: open access publishing, and self-archiving of articles in open access archives....

Coady International Institute, June

[Kids and family reading report](#) (PDF file)

The time kids spend reading for fun declines sharply after age 8 and continues to drop off through the teen years, according to a national study ([PDF file](#)) released June 14 by Yankelovich, a leader in consumer trends tracking, and Scholastic, a children's publishing and media company. While 40% of kids between the ages of 5–8 are high-frequency readers (reading for fun every day), only 29% of kids ages 9–11 are high-frequency readers. The percentage continues to decline through age 17....

Scholastic, June 14



[25 to-do lists to stay productive](#)

Brian Benzinger reviews 25 checklist websites that help you create to-do lists, planners, start pages, and calendars....

Solution Watch, June 22

[Cataloging electronic resources: OCLC-MARC coding guidelines](#)

This revised set of guidelines is intended to assist catalogers in creating records for electronic resources in WorldCat, the OCLC Online Union Catalog. These guidelines pertain to OCLC-MARC tagging (content designation)....

OCLC, June 20

[Recent public library trends](#)

Public libraries in the United States have seen usage increase and revenues decline during the past few years, and these funding facts have affected other aspects of those libraries. This article examines those trends, probes the underlying causes, and considers future trends. It is based on analysis presented in some detail on a page at the [Normative](#)



[Association Annual Conference](#), Gillette. "Re-energize @ WLA!" Contact: [Laura Grott](#), 307-632-7622.

Nov. 1–4: [New York Library Association Annual Conference](#), Saratoga Springs. "Adding Value: Formula for the Future." Contact: [NYLA](#), 518-432-6952.

Nov. 12–15: [Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Conference](#), Hilton Pittsburgh. "Libraries Alive: Grow, Dream, Realize." Contact: [Kim Snyder](#), 717-766-7663.

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[Data Project's website....](#)

SirsiDynix OneSource, April

Privatization of internet domain names and addressing

The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration seeks comment on the continuation of the transition of the technical coordination and management of the internet domain name and addressing system (Internet DNS) to the private sector. The deadline for comments is July 7....

National Telecommunications and Information Administration, May 23

Library of Congress user survey

In an effort to better serve the needs of its patrons, the Library of Congress wants to hear from users about the effectiveness of its services, resources, and programs. Responses will provide valuable feedback to LC for continuous improvement....

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For Tim Spalding, a computer programmer and bibliophile, listing a few titles in an online profile isn't enough. He sought a way to catalog his entire book collection—and to check out what was lining other people's shelves. Spalding launched LibraryThing.com in August as a way to bring the organizational joys of the librarian to a wider array of book nerds....

Wall Street Journal, June 27

Bookbinding groups resurrect craft worldwide

http://www.theeagle.com/stories/070206/lifestyles_20060702030.php

Revolutionary War reenactor DeLea Sayers already has an unusual hobby. He recently stumbled across another one when he decided to record his rebellious activity in an 18th century–style journal. Unable to find authentic books from the era, Sayers decided to make his own and discovered the intricate world of bookbinding....

Bryan–College Station (Tex.) Eagle, July 2

Santa Ana phases out its bookmobiles

http://www.oregister.com/oregister/homepage/abox/article_1198530.php

On June 29, Santa Ana, California, became the latest city to say goodbye to the bookmobile, citing high costs and relatively low patronage. Santa Ana was one of only three Orange County cities with regular bookmobile routes....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, June 30

Osama's words to stay on library shelves

<http://www.ocala.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060628/NEWS/206280341>

A Marion County (Fla.) Public Library System patron has requested that a book containing Osama bin Laden's writings be removed from the library shelves, but Library Director Julie Sieg has said it should remain. Her decision is being appealed to the County Commission....

Ocala (Fla.) Star Banner, June 28

Dos and don'ts for getting kids to read

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/living/2003097283_summerread01.html

Librarians offer the same advice for all ages: Keep a wide variety of books available. Check out your local library's summer reading program for activities and prizes. Ask for recommendations. "We live, eat, and breathe books and can share lists of show-stoppers for kids to read," enthused Sharon Chastain, a King County (Wash.) Library System children's librarian....

Seattle Times, July 1

Libraries helping the blind

[http://www.herts24.co.uk/content/herald/news/story.aspx?](http://www.herts24.co.uk/content/herald/news/story.aspx?brand=EHHOnline&category=NewsHarlow&tBrand=herts24&tCategory=newsehnews&itemid=WEED29%20Jun%202006%2013%3A44%3A07%3A273)

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July 3 was the start of the UK National Library for the Blind's Make a Noise in Libraries campaign. The Harlow Library in Essex is taking part, with a display of some of the talking books and large-print texts it has available....

Harlow Herald, June 29

ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

Freedom of Information at 40

<http://www.gwu.edu/%7Eensarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB194/index.htm>

Forty years ago on July 4, 1966, Lyndon Johnson signed the landmark Freedom of Information Act while vacationing at his Texas ranch. But the event does not even appear on LBJ's Daily Diary, which is the first indication (the dog that didn't bark) that something was amiss on the Pedernales....

National Security Archive, July 4

Landmark agreement to preserve digital data

<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2006/nr06-119.html>

The National Archives and Records Administration and UCSD's San Diego Supercomputer Center signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding June 28 that provides an avenue for preserving valuable digital data collections. This collaboration marks the first time NARA has established an affiliated relationship for preserving digital data with an academic institution....

National Archives, June 28

LITA's annual Top 10 Trends extravaganza

<http://litablog.org/2006/06/25/the-annual-top-10-trends-extravaganza/>

Panel members Marshall Breeding, Clifford Lynch, Eric Lease Morgan, Andrew Pace, Karen Schneider, Roy Tennant, and Tom Wilson predicted the tech future at Annual Conference in New Orleans....

LITA Blog, June 25

Virtual reference in the age of pop-up blockers and firewalls

<http://www.infotoday.com/online/jul06/Lupien.shtml>

We know that young people love to chat and that many universities and colleges cater to a growing number of distance and off-campus users—the perfect audience for virtual reference. Various theories have been proposed as to why usage statistics are so low. Most focus on marketing and user behavior. Relatively little has been written about how technical problems impact VR services....

Online, July/Aug.

Ten rules for new librarians

http://tametheweb.com/2006/06/ten_rules_for_the_new_libraria_1.html

Submitted for discussion is this short list—a cautionary list of things to ponder in a Library 2.0 world (or whatever you choose to call it) as new grads hit the streets and start their first jobs....

Michael Stephens, Tame the Web, June 30

Celebrate Canadian Library Month in October

<http://www.cla.ca/clm/index.htm>

The Canadian Library Association has established October as Canadian Library Month. The idea for a month dedicated to library and information services in Canada was developed by provincial and territorial library partners from across the country to help raise public awareness of the valuable role that libraries play in local communities....

Canadian Library Association, June

A primer on open access (PDF file)

<http://coady.stfx.ca/work/openaccess/assets/Open%20Access%20Introduction.pdf>

Heather Morrison defines open access literature as literature that is free online for anyone, anywhere, to read, download, and use, providing that the author is properly cited. There are three major definitions of open access: Budapest, Berlin, and Bethesda. There are two main approaches to open access: open access publishing, and self-archiving of articles in open access archives....

Coady International Institute, June

Kids and family reading report (PDF file)

<http://www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/news/KidsandReadingPressRelease6-141.pdf>

The time kids spend reading for fun declines sharply after age 8 and continues to drop off through the teen years, according to a national study (PDF file) released June 14 by Yankelovich, a leader in consumer trends tracking, and Scholastic, a children's publishing and media company. While 40% of kids between the ages of 5–8 are high-frequency readers (reading for fun every day), only 29% of kids ages 9–11 are high-frequency readers. The percentage continues to decline through age 17....

Scholastic, June 14

25 to-do lists to stay productive

<http://www.solutionwatch.com/450/25-to-do-lists-to-stay-productive/>

Brian Benzinger reviews 25 checklist websites that help you create to-do lists, planners, start pages, and calendars....

Solution Watch, June 22

Cataloging electronic resources: OCLC-MARC coding guidelines

<http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/cataloging/electronicresources/default.htm>

This revised set of guidelines is intended to assist catalogers in creating records for electronic resources in WorldCat,

the OCLC Online Union Catalog. These guidelines pertain to OCLC-MARC tagging (content designation)....
OCLC, June 20

Recent public library trends

http://www.imakenews.com/sirsi/e_article000554723.cfm

Public libraries in the United States have seen usage increase and revenues decline during the past few years, and these funding facts have affected other aspects of those libraries. This article examines those trends, probes the underlying causes, and considers future trends. It is based on analysis presented in some detail on a page at the Normative Data Project's website....

SirsiDynix OneSource, April

Privatization of internet domain names and addressing

http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/frnotices/2006/NOI_DNS_Transition_0506.htm

The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration seeks comment on the continuation of the transition of the technical coordination and management of the internet domain name and addressing system (Internet DNS) to the private sector. The deadline for comments is July 7....

National Telecommunications and Information Administration, May 23

Library of Congress user survey

<http://www.loc.gov/library/survey.html>

In an effort to better serve the needs of its patrons, the Library of Congress wants to hear from users about the effectiveness of its services, resources, and programs. Responses will provide valuable feedback to LC for continuous improvement....

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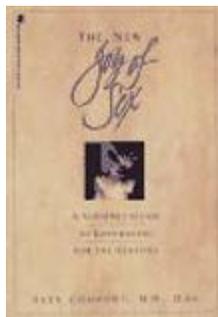
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Following a contentious annual membership meeting attended by some 130 members of the American Library in Paris June



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20, Library Director Shirley Lambert revealed that she is filing suit against the board of directors for unemployment compensation under French law....

ALA NEWS

2007 National Library Week Grant

Libraries across the United States are invited to apply for the \$5,000 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant, which will be awarded to a single library for the best public awareness campaign incorporating the 2007 National Library Week theme, "Come together @ your library." This year's application deadline is October 16. National Library Week is April 15–21, 2007....

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Ung, Valdes-Rodriguez, Berry to keynote JCLC opening general session

On October 12, authors Loung Ung, Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez, and Bertice Berry will kick off the first-ever [Joint Conference of Librarians of Color](#). The October 11–16 conference will bring hundreds of library staffers from all types of libraries and backgrounds, diversity advocates, and educators to Dallas to network and exchange ideas on how to better serve increasingly diverse communities....

RFID in libraries: Privacy and confidentiality guidelines

The Intellectual Freedom Committee adopted these guidelines on the use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology in libraries at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans June 27....

Booklist
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Poll

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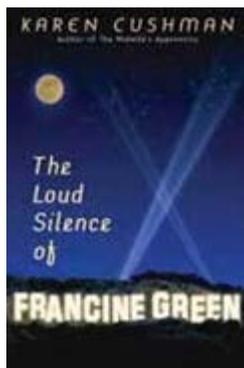
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**Featured review:
Books for youth**

Cushman, Karen. *The Loud Silence of Francine Green*. Aug. 2006. 228p. Clarion, hardcover (0-618-50455-9). Grades 6–9. Set in Los Angeles in 1949, Cushman’s latest historical novel captures the terrors and confusions of the McCarthy era. Eighth-grader Francine admires her outspoken, precocious friend Sophie, who was kicked out of public school for painting “There is no free speech here” on the gymnasium floor....



NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

Officials tout ALA success as tourism turning point

ALA Annual Conference was a major milestone for the New Orleans convention industry. The Convention Center staff spent much of its time allaying fears of nervous attendees each time bad news from New Orleans hit the national cable news networks—whether it was mold infestations, leaky levees, or the return of the National Guard for crime control....

New Orleans City Business, July 10

ALA and NOLA

Going to New Orleans was an act of bravery on our part and a demonstration of our values as a profession. We came to attend to business, further our education, and network with colleagues. But more importantly, we came to help rebuild the city, to build it better....

Leslie Burger’s Blog, July 6

New Orleans PL rebuilding campaign

NOPL has been overwhelmed by the generosity of people across the country who have donated an estimated 1 million books of all kinds, conditions, and subjects. (Can anyone use hundreds of Russian grammar books?) They are grateful for the assistance and will put all the books to the most appropriate uses possible. However, due to extreme storage and staff limitations, they are now asking people to help out in other ways....

New Orleans Public Library

DIVISION NEWS

Anderson Cooper gets standing ovation

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Find out how to organize a [Teen Friends group](#) with this FOLUSA fact sheet.

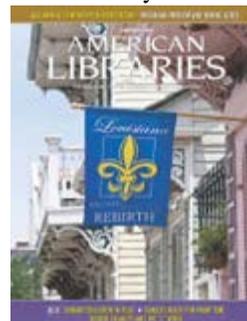
Thus Said

“We want to also thank all the librarians who have been in this city. The first convention to come back to New Orleans, bringing a lot of money and a lot of focus on this city. Thank you for being here.”

—Host Anderson Cooper, on CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360°, June 26.

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[ACRL membership survey, part one](#)

Steven Bell summarizes the demographic findings of the division's May survey. The goal of the survey was to evaluate member satisfaction and determine what the members most value about their involvement in ACRL....

ACRLog, July 10

[ACRL joint institute on scholarly information](#)

ACRL, along with the Association of Research Libraries, will offer a second Institute on Scholarly Communication, December 6-8, at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. The inaugural institute at UCLA in July had far more applicants than could be accommodated. The deadline for applications is August 15....

[@ your library song](#)

Singer/storyteller Bill Harley wrote a special song, called "@ your library," for ALSC's Kids! @ your library public-awareness campaign. A full-length version highlighting Harley and a chorus of children ([mp3 file](#)) can be downloaded from the ALSC site, as well as two other versions and PDF files of the [lyrics](#) and [sheet music](#)....



AWARDS

[AASL honors Laura Bush with a Crystal Apple](#)

AASL President J. Linda Williams presented the division's Crystal Apple award to the First Lady at the "School Libraries Work: Rebuilding for Learning" National Town Hall Meeting during Annual Conference in New Orleans....



SEEN ONLINE

[Google to open facility in Ann Arbor](#)

Search-engine company Google plans to open an office in the Ann Arbor area that will employ 1,000 people within five years to handle advertising that appears on its internet search engine, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm and company officials said July 11. Google's involvement with the Ann Arbor area is not new. In December 2004, the popular search engine announced a partnership with the University of Michigan to scan books from the school's library....

Associated Press, July 11

Stories inside include:

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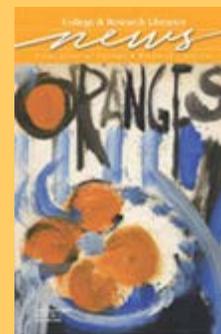
Building Stronger Bridges over the Continuing-Education Gap

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Canada's [Atlantic Provinces Library Association](#) 2006

Conference has partnered with CODE, a Canadian charitable organization that promotes education and literacy in the developing world, to participate in CODE's [Adopt a Library Program](#). It has officially adopted the Sebeta Reading Room in the Oromia Region in the South West Shoa Zone of Ethiopia.



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[Tax dollars to fund study on restricting FOIA requests](#)

The federal government will pay a Texas law school \$1 million to do research aimed at rolling back the amount of sensitive data available to the press and public through freedom-of-information requests. Beginning this month, St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio will analyze recent state laws that place previously available information, such as site plans of power plants, beyond the reach of public inquiries....

USA Today, July 5

[MySpace may face legislative crackdown](#)

Politicians July 11 accused MySpace.com and other social-networking sites of failing to protect minors from sexual predators and other malign influences and said a legislative crackdown may be necessary. During a hearing before a House of Representatives subcommittee, lawmakers argued over the merits of compelling schools and libraries to cordon off access to such sites....

CNet News, July 11

[Does freedom to read apply to DVDs?](#)

The culture wars have returned to the Loudoun County (Va.) Public Library system—or, more precisely, to the tidy rows of DVDs at its seven branches. The library system's 440 R-rated movies are especially popular. They are also provoking a public battle between the county's Board of Supervisors and the library board of trustees....

Washington Post, July 9

[FLA files amicus in lawsuit against Miami-Dade school board](#) (Word file)

The Florida Library Association filed an *amicus curiae* memorandum in U.S. District Court in support of the lawsuit filed by the ACLU of Florida and the Miami-Dade Student Government Association against the Miami-Dade County School Board for its removal of the book *Vamos a Cuba* and the book series "A Visit to..." from Miami-Dade School Board libraries and classrooms....

Florida Library Association, July 8

[Screens to hide porn at Pima County](#)

The Tucson-Pima (Ariz.) Public Library will install privacy screens around its computers so passers-by won't be exposed to pornography. The county board of supervisors adopted that policy July 11 in response to concerns about viewing of online pornography at library branches....

Tucson *Arizona Daily Star*, July 12

[Discord deepens between Providence library board, city](#)

The Providence (R.I.) Public Library's board of trustees voted unilaterally July 10 to create a corporation to oversee taxpayer money spent at the library. The new entity would be run by public appointees designated by the city. The problem is, as several board members pointed out, the city hasn't agreed to the plan....

Providence Journal, July 11

issue of *College & Research Libraries News* contains the latest revision of the ACRL [Guidelines for the security of rare books, manuscripts, and other special collections](#).

Datebook

Aug. 3:

[Technology Summit on Library 2.0](#), Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Featured speakers are Michael Stephens and Michael Casey. Contact: [Helene Blowers](#).

Aug. 16–17:

[Ohio Library Council](#), Children's and Young Adult Services Conference, Columbus. Contact: [OLC](#), 614-416-2258.

Sept. 13–14:

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Oct. 4–7:

[International Reading Association](#), Plains Regional Conference, Omaha, Nebraska. "Wild about Reading." Contact: [IRA](#), 302-731-1600, ext. 293.

Oct. 4–8:

[Association of Personal Historians](#), Annual Conference, Portland,

[Sharing keeps rare books public](#)

Like a medieval alchemist, a good librarian can make magic by bringing together the right book and the right reader. The Newberry Library in Chicago and Midwestern colleges split the cost of expensive antique volumes that might otherwise have gone to collectors....

Chicago Tribune, July 6

[Small businesses profit from library resources](#)

A small business owner in Iowa or Missouri who needs help putting together a business plan can find it in states such as New York and Pennsylvania—at libraries that are dedicated to serving entrepreneurs with their traditional catalogs of books and with extensive online resources....

Associated Press, July 5

ACTIONS & ANSWERS

[Simmons GSLIS faculty in Middle East to train Iraqi librarians](#)

Iraqi librarians are being trained to preserve their nation's damaged library collections under an NEH grant awarded to the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science and Harvard University Library. Dean Michèle V. Cloonan and other Simmons representatives are in the United Arab Emirates for a second round of training. The UAE University at Al Ain is hosting the participants, who are blogging daily about the experience....

Simmons GSLIS: Dispatches from the Field

[Scholastic helps rebuild Gulf Coast school libraries](#)

In an effort to help school libraries in the Gulf Coast region, NBC Weekend Today is joining forces with Scholastic, the children's publishing and media company, to launch "Today Turns the Page: A Book Drive for the Gulf Coast."...

NBC Weekend Today, July 7

[The basics of tagging](#)

Tagging refers to the process by which users assign terms meaningful to them to a resource in the online environment. The rise of social bookmarking websites have skyrocketed tagging systems into the mainstream. Jenn Riley explains what it is, what can be done with it, and who should be using it....

TechEssence, July 8

[Videos promoting teen services](#)

The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, has produced several videos that promote its library programs and services to teens. "Fairy Tales Gone Bad" and others are available for viewing on YouTube....

Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County



Oregon. "Celebrating Stories: Passage to the Past, Flowing to the Future." Contact: [Julie McDonald Zander](#), 360-864-6938.

Oct. 6–7: [Special Libraries Association](#)

Northwest Regional Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia. "Content Management: Converging Information, People, and Technology."

Oct. 7–8: [Georgia Conference on Information Literacy](#), Savannah. Contact: [Jan Reynolds](#).

Oct. 8–10: [International Conference on the Preservation of Digital Objects](#), Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. "Words to Deeds: Collaboration in the Realm of Digital Preservation." Contact: [Marcy Rosenkrantz](#).

Oct. 11–14: [Access 2006 Conference](#), Ottawa, Ontario. "Capitalizing on Access."

Oct. 11–14: [Canadian Symposium on Text Analysis](#), University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. "Breadth of Text."

More [Datebook](#) items...

[Can history be Open Source? Wikipedia and the future of the past](#)

A historical work without owners and with multiple, anonymous authors is almost unimaginable in our professional culture. Yet, quite remarkably, that describes the online encyclopedia known as Wikipedia, which contains 3 million articles (1 million of them in English). Roy Rosenzweig describes the pluses and minuses of its use as a historical encyclopedia....

Journal of American History 93, no.1 (June)

[UK libraries in metamorphosis](#)

Three British public libraries were in desperate need of redecoration, upgrading, and transformation. The Love Libraries campaign website shows how the Coldharbour (right), Newquay, and Richmond libraries blossomed into 21st-century facilities within 12 weeks....

Love Libraries



[New Aussie biblioblog](#)

Libraries Interact is a new collaborative blog for Australian libraryland. You do not have to be Australian, a librarian, or a blogger to contribute. It welcomes library-related reflections, job postings, notifications of events, pointers to interesting sites, discussion of the biblioblogosphere, and blathering....

Libraries Interact

[July 13 is Summer Learning Day](#)

Summer Learning Day is a time for communities to celebrate the importance of high-quality summer learning opportunities in the lives of young people and their families. [Host an event](#) in your community on July 13 that showcases your program....

Center for Summer Learning



[Botanical, horticultural, and plant libraries](#)

Peruse this useful list of the websites and the online catalogs of CBHL member libraries....

Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries

[Barbara Bush Foundation literacy grants](#)

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has announced its 2007 national grant competition. The Foundation's grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary-care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000....

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, June 26

[ATLA celebrates 60 years](#)

The [American Theological Library Association](#) celebrated its 60th anniversary with a record-breaking annual conference hosting over 400 people. Held June 21–24 in Chicago, the ATLA conference



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Christian Post, July 6

[Choice Reviews Online, version 2.0](#)

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Fired director sues American Library in Paris board

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

Following a contentious annual membership meeting attended by some 130 members of the American Library in Paris June 20, Library Director Shirley Lambert revealed that she is filing suit against the board of directors for unemployment compensation under French law....

ALA NEWS

2007 National Library Week Grant

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

Libraries across the United States are invited to apply for the \$5,000 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant, which will be awarded to a single library for the best public awareness campaign incorporating the 2007 National Library Week theme, "Come together @ your library." This year's application deadline is October 16. National Library Week is April 15–21, 2007....

Ung, Valdes-Rodriguez, Berry to keynote JCLC opening general session

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

On October 12, authors Loung Ung, Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez, and Bertice Berry will kick off the first-ever Joint Conference of Librarians of Color. The October 11–16 conference will bring hundreds of library staffers from all types of libraries and backgrounds, diversity advocates, and educators to Dallas to network and exchange ideas on how to better serve increasingly diverse communities....

RFID in libraries: Privacy and confidentiality guidelines

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/otherpolicies/rfidguidelines.htm>

The Intellectual Freedom Committee adopted these guidelines on the use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology in libraries at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans June 27....

Booklist Online

Featured review:

Books for youth

http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1695912

Cushman, Karen. *The Loud Silence of Francine Green*. Aug. 2006. 228p. Clarion, hardcover (0-618-50455-9). Grades 6–9. Set in Los Angeles in 1949, Cushman's latest historical novel captures the terrors and confusions of the McCarthy era. Eighth-grader Francine admires her outspoken, precocious friend Sophie, who was kicked out of public school for painting "There is no free speech here" on the gymnasium floor....

NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

Officials tout ALA success as tourism turning point

<http://www.neworleanscitybusiness.com/viewStory.cfm?recID=16073>

ALA Annual Conference was a major milestone for the New Orleans convention industry. The Convention Center staff spent much of its time allaying fears of nervous attendees each time bad news from New Orleans hit the national cable news networks—whether it was mold infestations, leaky levees, or the return of the National Guard for crime control....

New Orleans City Business, July 10

ALA and NOLA

http://burgerforala.blogs.com/burger_for_ala/2006/07/ala_and_nola.html

Going to New Orleans was an act of bravery on our part and a demonstration of our values as a profession. We came to attend to business, further our education, and network with colleagues. But more importantly, we came to help rebuild the city, to build it better....

Leslie Burger's Blog, July 6

New Orleans PL rebuilding campaign

<http://nutrias.org/%7Enopl/foundation/donationsfaq.htm>

NOPL has been overwhelmed by the generosity of people across the country who have donated an estimated 1 million books of all kinds, conditions, and subjects. (Can anyone use hundreds of Russian grammar books?) They are grateful for the assistance and will put all the books to the most appropriate uses possible. However, due to extreme storage and staff limitations, they are now asking people to help out in other ways....

New Orleans Public Library

DIVISION NEWS

Anderson Cooper gets standing ovation at PLA President's Program

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

Author and television news anchor Anderson Cooper received a standing ovation following his June 25 keynote address to the PLA President's Program at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

ACRL membership survey, part one

<http://acrlblog.org/2006/07/10/remember-that-acrl-membership-survey-part-one/>

Steven Bell summarizes the demographic findings of the division's May survey. The goal of the survey was to evaluate member satisfaction and determine what the members most value about their involvement in ACRL....

ACRLog, July 10

ACRL joint institute on scholarly information

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

ACRL, along with the Association of Research Libraries, will offer a second Institute on Scholarly Communication, December 6–8, at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. The inaugural institute at UCLA in July had far more applicants than could be accommodated. The deadline for applications is August 15....

@ your library song

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/projectspartners/KidsSong.htm>

Singer/storyteller Bill Harley wrote a special song, called “@ your library,” for ALSC's Kids! @ your library public-awareness campaign. A full-length version highlighting Harley and a chorus of children (mp3 file) can be downloaded from the ALSC site, as well as two other versions and PDF files of the lyrics and sheet music....

AWARDS

AASL honors Laura Bush with a Crystal Apple

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

AASL President J. Linda Williams presented the division's Crystal Apple award to the First Lady at the "School Libraries Work: Rebuilding for Learning" National Town Hall Meeting during Annual Conference in New Orleans....

SEEN ONLINE

Google to open facility in Ann Arbor

<http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/michigan/index.ssf?/base/news-35/1152652761283690.xml&storylist=newsmichigan>
Search-engine company Google plans to open an office in the Ann Arbor area that will employ 1,000 people within five years to handle advertising that appears on its internet search engine, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm and company officials said July 11. Google's involvement with the Ann Arbor area is not new. In December 2004, the popular search engine announced a partnership with the University of Michigan to scan books from the school's library....

Associated Press, July 11

Tax dollars to fund study on restricting FOIA requests

http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2006-07-05-foia-research_x.htm

The federal government will pay a Texas law school \$1 million to do research aimed at rolling back the amount of sensitive data available to the press and public through freedom-of-information requests. Beginning this month, St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio will analyze recent state laws that place previously available information, such as site plans of power plants, beyond the reach of public inquiries....

USA Today, July 5

MySpace may face legislative crackdown

http://news.com.com/MySpace%2Bmay%2Bface%2Blegislative%2Bcrackdown/2100-1028_3-6092989.html

Politicians July 11 accused MySpace.com and other social-networking sites of failing to protect minors from sexual predators and other malign influences and said a legislative crackdown may be necessary. During a hearing before a House of Representatives subcommittee, lawmakers argued over the merits of compelling schools and libraries to cordon off access to such sites....

CNet News, July 11

Does freedom to read apply to DVDs?

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/07/08/AR2006070800872.html>

The culture wars have returned to the Loudoun County (Va.) Public Library system—or, more precisely, to the tidy rows of DVDs at its seven branches. The library system's 440 R-rated movies are especially popular. They are also provoking a public battle between the county's Board of Supervisors and the library board of trustees....

Washington Post, July 9

FLA files amicus in lawsuit against Miami-Dade school board (Word file)

<http://www.flalib.org/publications/PressReleaseAmicusBrief.doc>

The Florida Library Association filed an amicus curiae memorandum in U.S. District Court in support of the lawsuit filed by the ACLU of Florida and the Miami-Dade Student Government Association against the Miami-Dade County School Board for its removal of the book *Vamos a Cuba* and the book series "A Visit to..." from Miami-Dade School Board libraries and classrooms....

Florida Library Association, July 8

Screens to hide porn at Pima County

<http://www.azstarnet.com/dailystar/metro/137537>

The Tucson-Pima (Ariz.) Public Library will install privacy screens around its computers so passers-by won't be exposed to pornography. The county board of supervisors adopted that policy July 11 in response to concerns about viewing of online pornography at library branches....

Tucson Arizona Daily Star, July 12

Discord deepens between Providence library board, city

http://www.projo.com/news/content/projo_20060711_plib11.17e529b.html

The Providence (R.I.) Public Library's board of trustees voted unilaterally July 10 to create a corporation to oversee taxpayer money spent at the library. The new entity would be run by public appointees designated by the city. The problem is, as several board members pointed out, the city hasn't agreed to the plan....

Providence Journal, July 11

Sharing keeps rare books public

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chicago/chi-0607060052jul06,1,6260350.story?coll=chi-newslocalchicago-hed>

Like a medieval alchemist, a good librarian can make magic by bringing together the right book and the right reader. The Newberry Library in Chicago and Midwestern colleges split the cost of expensive antique volumes that might otherwise have gone to collectors....

Chicago Tribune, July 6

Small businesses profit from library resources

<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/13721626/>

A small business owner in Iowa or Missouri who needs help putting together a business plan can find it in states such as New York and Pennsylvania—at libraries that are dedicated to serving entrepreneurs with their traditional catalogs of books and with extensive online resources....

Associated Press, July 5

ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

Simmons GSLIS faculty in Middle East to train Iraqi librarians

<http://gslis.simmons.edu/blogs/dispatches/>

Iraqi librarians are being trained to preserve their nation's damaged library collections under an NEH grant awarded to the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science and Harvard University Library. Dean Michèle V. Cloonan and other Simmons representatives are in the United Arab Emirates for a second round of training. The UAE University at Al Ain is hosting the participants, who are blogging daily about the experience....

Simmons GSLIS: Dispatches from the Field

Scholastic helps rebuild Gulf Coast school libraries

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/13482851/>

In an effort to help school libraries in the Gulf Coast region, NBC Weekend Today is joining forces with Scholastic, the children's publishing and media company, to launch "Today Turns the Page: A Book Drive for the Gulf Coast."...
NBC Weekend Today, July 7

The basics of tagging

<http://techessence.info/tagging/>

Tagging refers to the process by which users assign terms meaningful to them to a resource in the online environment. The rise of social bookmarking websites have skyrocketed tagging systems into the mainstream. Jenn Riley explains what it is, what can be done with it, and who should be using it....

TechEssence, July 8

Videos promoting teen services

http://www.youtube.com/profile_videos?user=vieajj13

The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, has produced several videos that promote its library programs and services to teens. "Fairy Tales Gone Bad" and others are available for viewing on You Tube....
Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County

Can history be Open Source? Wikipedia and the future of the past

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/resources/essays/d/42>

A historical work without owners and with multiple, anonymous authors is almost unimaginable in our professional culture. Yet, quite remarkably, that describes the online encyclopedia known as Wikipedia, which contains 3 million articles (1 million of them in English). Roy Rosenzweig describes the pluses and minuses of its use as a historical encyclopedia....

Journal of American History 93, no.1 (June)

UK libraries in metamorphosis

<http://www.lovelibraries.co.uk/libraries.php>

Three British public libraries were in desperate need of redecoration, upgrading, and transformation. The Love Libraries campaign website shows how the Coldharbour (right), Newquay, and Richmond libraries blossomed into 21st-century facilities within 12 weeks....

Love Libraries

New Aussie biblioblog

<http://librariesinteract.info/>

Libraries Interact is a new collaborative blog for Australian libraryland. You do not have to be Australian, a librarian, or a blogger to contribute. It welcomes library-related reflections, job postings, notifications of events, pointers to interesting sites, discussion of the biblioblogosphere, and blathering....

Libraries Interact

July 13 is Summer Learning Day

<http://www.jhu.edu/ovs/TB/Teach/summerlearningday/index.html>

Summer Learning Day is a time for communities to celebrate the importance of high-quality summer learning opportunities in the lives of young people and their families. Host an event in your community on July 13 that showcases your program....

Center for Summer Learning

Botanical, horticultural, and plant libraries

<http://www.cbhl.net/librar/librar.htm>

Peruse this useful list of the websites and the online catalogs of CBHL member libraries....

Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries

Barbara Bush Foundation literacy grants

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has announced its 2007 national grant competition. The Foundation's grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary-care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000....

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, June 26

ATLA celebrates 60 years

<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20060706/22751.htm>

The American Theological Library Association celebrated its 60th anniversary with a record-breaking annual conference hosting over 400 people. Held June 21–24 in Chicago, the ATLA conference was praised by the association's executive director as the largest and most impressive gathering ever....

Christian Post, July 6

Choice Reviews Online, version 2.0

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/choice/choicereviews/cro2info.htm>

ChoiceReviews.online has been totally redesigned and will be relaunched as CRO2 (Choice Reviews Online Version 2.0) later this summer. CRO2 will have a new user-friendly interface and expanded functionality. CRO2 subscribers will have access to 115,000 Choice reviews, as well as all editorial content from recent issues of Choice....

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U.S. & WORLD NEWS

[House holds hearings on social-networking websites](#)



The House of Representatives held [hearings](#) July 11 on whether schools and libraries should be made ineligible for e-rate funding unless they bar minors from access to social-networking websites like MySpace and Friendster. Testimony before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet came two months after the introduction of the Deleting Online Predators Act (DOPA), H.R. 5319....

[Indiana inmates challenge ban on sexually explicit material](#)

Two inmates have challenged a new policy that bans printed material containing nudity or sexual content from Indiana prisons. The class-action lawsuit, filed July 11 in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis, says the policy, which went into effect July 1, could prohibit materials ranging from sexually explicit letters to daily newspapers, as well as some bestselling novels, such as those by Jackie Collins, previously available through the prison library....

[Tucson to install privacy screens](#)

County supervisors decided July 11 to spend \$40,000 to install privacy screens around the newly county-run Tucson-Pima Public Library's 446 public computers. The board also considered installing filters on all computers, but postponed that decision, the July 12 Tucson *Arizona Daily Star* reported....

[Chicago homeless woman indicted in gay collection arson](#)

A 21-year-old homeless woman was indicted July 13 on charges that she set fire to the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender and African-American sections of the Chicago Public Library's John Merlo branch, located in the heavily gay Lakeview neighborhood....

[Judge orders former Rolling Hills librarian reinstated](#)



New Tools for

Collection Development

Reports on top

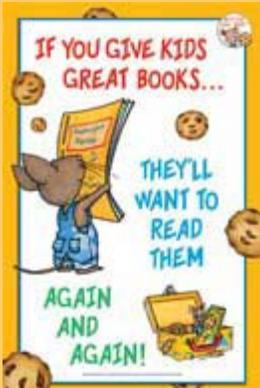
Spanish, Chinese, and Russian books & DVDs ... and more.

Based on U.S. circ data

[Click here to download](#)

TAKE@CTION

Contact members of Congress to oppose the **Deleting Online Predators Act** (DOPA), H.R. 5319.



IF YOU GIVE KIDS GREAT BOOKS... THEY'LL WANT TO READ THEM AGAIN AND AGAIN!

If you put up **great posters**, library users will look at them again and again. Check out the TV, film, and

A federal magistrate has ordered the Rolling Hills Consolidated Library in St. Joseph, Missouri, to reinstate the manager of its Savannah branch, who was fired in May 2003 for refusing to work on Sundays because it conflicted with her religious beliefs....

[Colorado woman gets probation for stealing 800 books](#)

A woman involved in the theft of hundreds of books from the Weld Library District in Greeley, Colorado, was sentenced July 10 to three years on intensive probation and 120 hours of community service....

ALA NEWS

[Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship created](#)

ALA and the University of Pittsburgh's School of Information Sciences have announced the creation of a Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship. The new program will recruit and provide full tuition support and stipends to 10 full-time library and information science doctoral students for all four years of study. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is providing nearly \$1 million to fund the program....

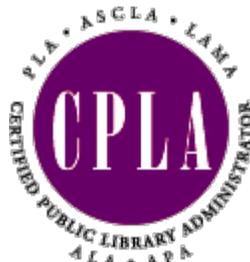
[Nearly 1,400 libraries "Step Up to the Plate @ your library"](#)

Libraries across the country are celebrating an all-American summer pastime and the role libraries play in building 21st-century literacy skills by participating in the [Step Up to the Plate @ your library](#) program, developed by ALA and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Since the program began in April, nearly 1,400 libraries have registered for the program to gain access to free tools to help promote the program locally....



[New CPLA online courses approved](#)

The Certified Public Library Administrator Program Certification Review Committee approved two more program courses—the first library school-sponsored courses to be approved—at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Robert Burger, associate university librarian for services at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will teach the two core courses: budget and finance, and organization and personnel management....



[COA announces accreditation actions](#)

At Annual Conference, the Committee on Accreditation granted continuing approval of master's programs at the universities of Alberta, Maryland, North Texas, and Pittsburgh. Conditional accreditation was granted to the master's program at the University at Buffalo School of Informatics....

book character posters available in the [ALA Store](#).



A direct successor to 1988's *Books for College Libraries* (3rd edition), the print edition of [Resources for College Libraries](#)

is scheduled for publication by ACRL and R. R. Bowker in October 2006. This 7-volume set offers a core collection of hand-selected titles in 58 curriculum-specific subject areas.

Poll

What do YOU do?

How do you use Wikipedia for answering reference questions?

Click here to [ANSWER!](#)

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

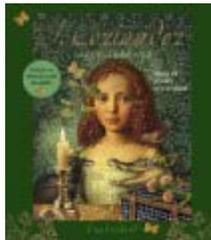
Results of the July 12 poll:

Should public libraries offer people living in temporary shelters the same borrowing privileges as those who have a more permanent address?

Booklist — ONLINE —

Featured review: Media

Gardner, Sally. *I, Coriander*. Read by Juliet Stevenson. 7.5 hrs. Listening Library CD (0-307-28462-X), July 2006. In 17th-century London, amid political upheaval and changing religious practices, young Coriander Hobie struggles to protect those she loves. To save them, Coriander must negotiate two realities—one in this world and another in the land of the fairies....



YES.....59%
NO.....37%
DON'T KNOW..4%

(346 responses)

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

NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

New Orleans libraries still need assistance

From the outside, the Algiers Regional Branch of the New Orleans Public Library doesn't look that bad. But once you enter the library, you see the loose wires hanging from where the ceiling panels used to be, the discolored concrete floors where carpet and tile have been removed, and the completely bare walls....

Cincinnati Community Press, July 13

DIVISION NEWS

Soccer stars to kick off Teen Read Week

This year's Teen Read Week cochairs embrace both sports and reading. For Major League Soccer players Los Angeles Galaxy Goalkeeper Kevin Hartman and Chicago Fire Midfielder Chris Armas, reading is not only a basic survival skill but it offers welcome relaxation after a day on the field. YALSA, along with Hartman and Armas, are encouraging teens to "Get Active @ your library" and read for fun during Teen Read Week, October 15–21....



YALSA social-networking statement (PDF file)

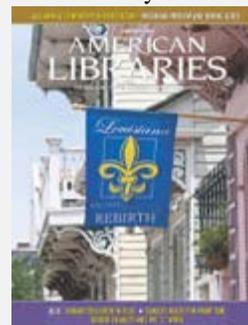
Social-networking technologies have many positive uses in schools and libraries. They are an ideal environment for teens to share what they are learning or to build something together online. The nature of the medium allows students to receive feedback from teachers, peers, parents, and others. Social-networking technologies create a sense of community (as do the physical library and school) and in this way are already aligned with the services and programs at the



Register now for the [LITA National Forum](#) in Nashville, Tennessee, October 26–29. LIS graduate students who are willing to assist on-site may be eligible for a 50% discount on the registration rate. Contact [LITA](#) for details.

In This Issue

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Stories inside include:

The Crux of the LIS Education Crisis

Building Stronger Bridges over the Continuing-Education Gap

library/school....

[PLA workshop on strategic planning](#)

On September 18, PLA will sponsor a workshop, "Implementing for Results: From Idea to Action," in Pittsburgh that will provide library managers with the skills they need to use their library's strategic plans as blueprints for change....

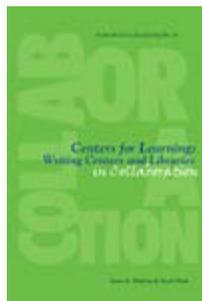
[ACRL membership survey, part two](#)

Steven Bell reports on the findings of the division's May survey that show which programs and services respondents valued the most. Bell writes, "There is a clear preference for the newsletter and discussion lists among newer (younger?) members, while those who've been members more than 20 years prefer conference programs."...

ACRLog, July 17

[Publications in Librarianship series editor sought](#)

ACRL is accepting applications for the position of editor of *Publications in Librarianship*, a series of monographic and edited volumes that reports research and scholarly thinking in academic and research librarianship. The editor is appointed for a non-renewable five-year term....



[Silent auction benefits Gulf Coast libraries](#)

ALSC has raised \$2,050 for the benefit of the ALA Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund. Bidders responded enthusiastically to a silent auction of original art from the 2006 Newbery and Caldecott Medal award-winning books conducted at the ALSC membership booth during ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

[Brian Gray is new LAMA web coordinator](#)

LAMA announced its selection of Brian C. Gray as web coordinator for 2006–2008. Gray is librarian at the Kelvin Smith Library at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland....

[Eastern Germany's library landscape](#) (PDF file)

From March 16 to 23, eleven members of ACRL's Western European Studies Section participated in a study tour of libraries in the former East Germany. Sam Dunlap and Barbara Walden report on their activities....

International Leads 20, no. 2 (June)

AWARDS

[New award for best audiobook](#)

YALSA and ALSC have announced a new award for the best audiobook produced for children or young adults. The Odyssey Award, which will debut at ALA's Midwinter Meeting in 2008 and represent the best audiobook released in 2007, is sponsored by *Booklist* magazine....

Information Science: Not Just for Boys Anymore



The first book printed for use in Finland, the *Missale Aboense* was printed in Lübeck in 1488 by Bartholomeus Ghotan at the behest of Konrad Bitz, who at that time was Bishop of Turku (Åbo) and thus of the whole of Finland. Housed at the National Library of Finland, the Missal is one of the featured [European Digital Library Treasures](#) showcased by the European Library, a portal that offers access to the combined resources (both digital and nondigital) of the 45 national libraries of Europe.

Datebook

Exhibits:

[Boston Public Library](#). "10,000 Joans: Treasures from the Joan of Arc Collection."

[Chicago Public Library](#). "Called to the Challenge: The

[H. W. Wilson receives LAMA President's Award](#)

LAMA has selected the H. W. Wilson Company and the H. W. Wilson Foundation to receive the prestigious President's Award for 2006 in honor of their continuing sponsorship of the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award....



[Agati and Bisom win LAMA Leadership Awards](#)

LAMA has selected Joe Agati and Diane Bisom as recipients of its 2006 Leadership Awards. These awards honor individual LAMA members for outstanding contributions and support to the division....



[LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development Award](#)

Elizabeth Nelson, a student in Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science, has been awarded the 2006 LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development Award for her manuscript titled "Library Statistics and the HAPLR Index." Nelson's paper will be published in a future issue of *Library Administration & Management* magazine....

[LAMA fundraising scholarship winners](#)

The LAMA Fund Raising and Financial Development Section has selected two winners for the 2006 Diana V. Braddom Scholarship: Kim Hale, acting director and head of collection management for the library at Columbia College Library in Chicago, and David Hurley, director of the Diné College Libraries in Tsalle, Arizona....

[ALSC announces scholarship winners](#)

ALSC has announced the 2006 recipients of its Frederic G. Melcher and Bound to Stay Bound Books scholarships. The scholarships are awarded annually to students who plan to enter ALA-accredited programs, obtain a master's degree in library science, and specialize in library service to children....

[MLA grants and scholarships](#)

The Medical Library Association awarded more than \$40,000 in grants and scholarships to outstanding students and practicing health-sciences information professionals. The recipients were recognized May 22 at its annual conference in Phoenix....

Medical Library Association

SEEN ONLINE

[Bookworms keep jail librarian hopping](#)

Ron Wasson can breeze through a Louis L'Amour book in less

Legacy of Harold Washington."

[Enoch Pratt Free Library](#), Baltimore. "H. L. Mencken Digital Exhibit."

[Folger Shakespeare Library](#). "Noyses, Sounds, and Sweet Ayres: Music in Early Modern England."

[Library of Congress](#), Geography and Map Division. "Maps in Our Lives."

[Los Angeles Public Library](#). "Artistry of the Orange: California Vintage Fruit Labels."

[New York Public Library](#), Science and Business Branch. "Places and Spaces: Mapping Science."

[Newark Public Library](#). "A Tribute to John Cotton Dana: Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of His Birth."

[University at Buffalo](#), Music Library. "Morton Feldman: A Celebration of His 80th Birthday."

[University of California at Berkeley](#). "Building Bancroft: The Evolution of a Library."

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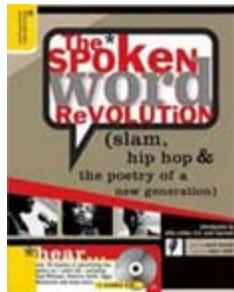
than a day. He isn't alone; many of his fellow inmates at the Cascade County regional jail are eager to get their hands on L'Amour's books. Fantasy and fiction are by far the most popular genre among the inmates, said Judy Erickson, one of few jail librarians....

Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune, July 17

[Slam poetry book remains on high-school library shelves](#)

The Spoken Word Revolution: Slam, Hip Hop, and the Poetry of a New Generation, edited by Mark Eleveld, will stay in the Sequim (Wash.) High School library because its poetry opens up the wider world. That was the Sequim School District Board of Directors' decision in a special July 17 meeting....

Port Angeles (Wash.) Peninsula Daily News, July 18



[Students mourn beloved school librarian](#)

The bodies of Mary Cooper, 56, a librarian at Alternative Elementary No. 2 at Decatur Elementary School in Seattle, and her 27-year-old daughter Susanna Stodden were found July 11 along the Pinnacle Lake trail near Mount Pilchuck in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The two women had been [shot to death](#) during a day hike. For 15 years, Cooper called Decatur's library her classroom. The students thought of her as another teacher, and she shared her passion for reading....

KOMO-TV, Seattle, July 14; Court TV, July 19

[Art museum public library planned](#)

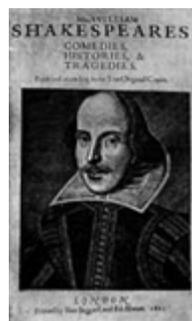
A \$36-million plan to double the size of the Queens Museum of Art may lead to its becoming the first art museum in the country with a public library inside, officials say. A proposal is being considered to place a branch of the Queens Library inside the New York City Building, which has housed the museum since 1972....

New York Daily News, July 13

[Shakespeare First Folio auctioned](#)

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—"A Series of Unfortunate Events" series author Daniel Handler, promoting Barnes and Noble's summer reading program, Associated Press, May 22.

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Should public libraries offer people living in temporary shelters the same borrowing privileges as those who have a more permanent address?

YES.....59%
NO.....37%
DON'T KNOW..4%

(346 responses)

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Results of the
July 5 poll:

Should state officials mandate that a certified librarian staff every public school library, as the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has done in Milwaukee?

YES.....92%
NO.....7%
I DON'T KNOW...1%

(359 responses)

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U.S. & WORLD NEWS

House holds hearings on social-networking websites

The House of Representatives held hearings July 11 on whether schools and libraries should be made ineligible for e-rate funding unless they bar minors from access to social-networking websites like MySpace and Friendster. Testimony before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet came two months after the introduction of the Deleting Online Predators Act (DOPA), H.R. 5319....

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

Indiana inmates challenge ban on sexually explicit material

Two inmates have challenged a new policy that bans printed material containing nudity or sexual content from Indiana prisons. The class-action lawsuit, filed July 11 in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis, says the policy, which went into effect July 1, could prohibit materials ranging from sexually explicit letters to daily newspapers, as well as some bestselling novels, such as those by Jackie Collins, previously available through the prison library....

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

Tucson to install privacy screens

County supervisors decided July 11 to spend \$40,000 to install privacy screens around the newly county-run Tucson-Pima Public Library's 446 public computers. The board also considered installing filters on all computers, but postponed that decision, the July 12 Tucson Arizona Daily Star reported....

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

Chicago homeless woman indicted in gay collection arson

A 21-year-old homeless woman was indicted July 13 on charges that she set fire to the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender and African-American sections of the Chicago Public Library's John Merlo branch, located in the heavily gay Lakeview neighborhood....

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

Judge orders former Rolling Hills librarian reinstated

A federal magistrate has ordered the Rolling Hills Consolidated Library in St. Joseph, Missouri, to reinstate the manager of its Savannah branch, who was fired in May 2003 for refusing to work on Sundays because it conflicted with her religious beliefs....

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Colorado woman gets probation for stealing 800 books

A woman involved in the theft of hundreds of books from the Weld Library District in Greeley, Colorado, was sentenced July 10 to three years on intensive probation and 120 hours of community service....

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

ALA NEWS

Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship created

ALA and the University of Pittsburgh's School of Information Sciences have announced the creation of a Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship. The new program will recruit and provide full tuition support and stipends to 10 full-time library and information science doctoral students for all four years of study. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is providing nearly \$1 million to fund the program....

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

Nearly 1,400 libraries “Step Up to the Plate @ your library”

Libraries across the country are celebrating an all-American summer pastime and the role libraries play in building 21st-century literacy skills by participating in the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program, developed by ALA and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Since the program began in April, nearly 1,400 libraries have registered for the program to gain access to free tools to help promote the program locally....

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

New CPLA online courses approved

The Certified Public Library Administrator Program Certification Review Committee approved two more program courses—the first library school-sponsored courses to be approved—at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Robert Burger, associate university librarian for services at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will teach the two core courses: budget and finance, and organization and personnel management....

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

COA announces accreditation actions

At Annual Conference, the Committee on Accreditation granted continuing approval of master's programs at the universities of Alberta, Maryland, North Texas, and Pittsburgh. Conditional accreditation was granted to the master's program at the University at Buffalo School of Informatics....

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

Booklist Online

Featured review: Media

Gardner, Sally. I, Coriander. Read by Juliet Stevenson. 7.5 hrs. Listening Library CD (0-307-28462-X), July 2006. In 17th-century London, amid political upheaval and changing religious practices, young Coriander Hobie struggles to protect those she loves. To save them, Coriander must negotiate two realities—one in this world and another in the land of the fairies....

http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1697001

NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

New Orleans libraries still need assistance

From the outside, the Algiers Regional Branch of the New Orleans Public Library doesn't look that bad. But once you enter the library, you see the loose wires hanging from where the ceiling panels used to be, the discolored concrete floors where carpet and tile have been removed, and the completely bare walls....

Cincinnati Community Press, July 13

<http://news.communitypress.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060713/EDIT/607130498/1077/Local>

DIVISION NEWS

Soccer stars to kick off Teen Read Week

This year's Teen Read Week cochairs embrace both sports and reading. For Major League Soccer players Los Angeles Galaxy Goalkeeper Kevin Hartman and Chicago Fire Midfielder Chris Armas, reading is not only a basic survival skill but it offers welcome relaxation after a day on the field. YALSA, along with Hartman and Armas, are encouraging teens to “Get Active @ your library” and read for fun during Teen Read Week, October 15–21....

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2006/soccer.htm>

YALSA social-networking statement (PDF file)

Social-networking technologies have many positive uses in schools and libraries. They are an ideal environment for teens to share what they are learning or to build something together online. The nature of the medium allows students to receive feedback from teachers, peers, parents, and others. Social-networking technologies create a sense of

community (as do the physical library and school) and in this way are already aligned with the services and programs at the library/school....

http://www.leonline.com/yalsa/dopa_teens_social_networking.pdf

PLA workshop on strategic planning

On September 18, PLA will sponsor a workshop, "Implementing for Results: From Idea to Action," in Pittsburgh that will provide library managers with the skills they need to use their library's strategic plans as blueprints for change....

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

ACRL membership survey, part two

Steven Bell reports on the findings of the division's May survey that show which programs and services respondents valued the most. Bell writes, "There is a clear preference for the newsletter and discussion lists among newer (younger?) members, while those who've been members more than 20 years prefer conference programs."...

ACRLog, July 17

<http://acrlblog.org/2006/07/17/remember-that-acrl-membership-survey-part-two/>

Publications in Librarianship series editor sought

ACRL is accepting applications for the position of editor of Publications in Librarianship, a series of monographic and edited volumes that reports research and scholarly thinking in academic and research librarianship. The editor is appointed for a non-renewable five-year term....

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

Silent auction benefits Gulf Coast libraries

ALSC has raised \$2,050 for the benefit of the ALA Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund. Bidders responded enthusiastically to a silent auction of original art from the 2006 Newbery and Caldecott Medal award-winning books conducted at the ALSC membership booth during ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

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

Brian Gray is new LAMA web coordinator

LAMA announced its selection of Brian C. Gray as web coordinator for 2006–2008. Gray is librarian at the Kelvin Smith Library at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland....

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

Eastern Germany's library landscape (PDF file)

From March 16 to 23, eleven members of ACRL's Western European Studies Section participated in a study tour of libraries in the former East Germany. Sam Dunlap and Barbara Walden report on their activities....

International Leads 20, no. 2 (June)

<http://www.ala.org/ala/irrt/intlleads/leadsarchive/200606.pdf>

AWARDS

New award for best audiobook

YALSA and ALSC have announced a new award for the best audiobook produced for children or young adults. The Odyssey Award, which will debut at ALA's Midwinter Meeting in 2008 and represent the best audiobook released in 2007, is sponsored by Booklist magazine....

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

H. W. Wilson receives LAMA President's Award

LAMA has selected the H. W. Wilson Company and the H. W. Wilson Foundation to receive the prestigious President's Award for 2006 in honor of their continuing sponsorship of the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award....

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

Agati and Bisom win LAMA Leadership Awards

LAMA has selected Joe Agati and Diane Bisom as recipients of its 2006 Leadership Awards. These awards honor individual LAMA members for outstanding contributions and support to the division....

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

LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development Award

Elizabeth Nelson, a student in Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science, has been awarded the 2006 LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development Award for her manuscript titled "Library Statistics and the HAPLR Index." Nelson's paper will be published in a future issue of Library Administration & Management magazine....

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

LAMA fundraising scholarship winners

The LAMA Fund Raising and Financial Development Section has selected two winners for the 2006 Diana V. Braddom Scholarship: Kim Hale, acting director and head of collection management for the library at Columbia College Library in Chicago, and David Hurley, director of the Diné College Libraries in Tsaile, Arizona....

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

ALSC announces scholarship winners

ALSC has announced the 2006 recipients of its Frederic G. Melcher and Bound to Stay Bound Books scholarships. The scholarships are awarded annually to students who plan to enter ALA-accredited programs, obtain a master's degree in library science, and specialize in library service to children....

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

MLA grants and scholarships

The Medical Library Association awarded more than \$40,000 in grants and scholarships to outstanding students and practicing health-sciences information professionals. The recipients were recognized May 22 at its annual conference in Phoenix....

Medical Library Association

<http://www.mlanet.org/press/2006/jul06.html>

SEEN ONLINE

Bookworms keep jail librarian hopping

Ron Wasson can breeze through a Louis L'Amour book in less than a day. He isn't alone; many of his fellow inmates at the Cascade County regional jail are eager to get their hands on L'Amour's books. Fantasy and fiction are by far the most popular genre among the inmates, said Judy Erickson, one of few jail librarians....

Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune, July 17

<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?>

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Slam poetry book remains on high-school library shelves

The Spoken Word Revolution: Slam, Hip Hop, and the Poetry of a New Generation, edited by Mark Eleveld, will stay in the Sequim (Wash.) High School library because its poetry opens up the wider world. That was the Sequim School District Board of Directors' decision in a special July 17 meeting....

Port Angeles (Wash.) Peninsula Daily News, July 18

<http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/sited/story/html/261384>

Students mourn beloved school librarian

The bodies of Mary Cooper, 56, a librarian at Alternative Elementary No. 2 at Decatur Elementary School in Seattle, and her 27-year-old daughter Susanna Stodden were found July 11 along the Pinnacle Lake trail near Mount Pilchuck in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The two women had been shot to death during a day hike. For 15 years, Cooper called Decatur's library her classroom. The students thought of her as another teacher, and she shared

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KOMO-TV, Seattle, July 14; Court TV, July 19

<http://www.komotv.com/news/story.asp?ID=44424>

Art museum public library planned

A \$36-million plan to double the size of the Queens Museum of Art may lead to its becoming the first art museum in the country with a public library inside, officials say. A proposal is being considered to place a branch of the Queens Library inside the New York City Building, which has housed the museum since 1972....

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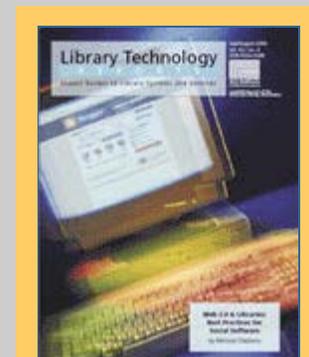
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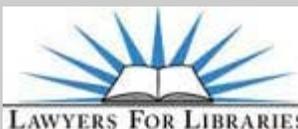
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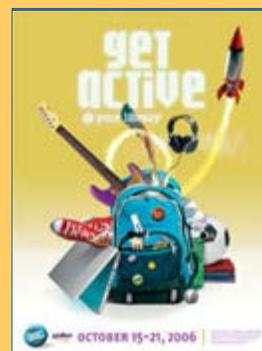
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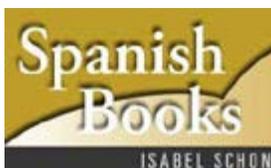


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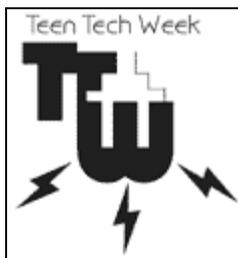
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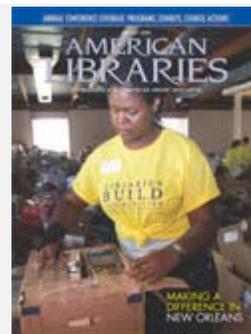
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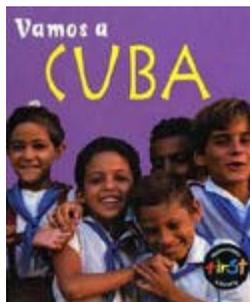
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Miami Herald, July 24



[UC-Google partnership explored](#)

The University of California system may soon team up with search-engine giant Google to put millions of university library books online. The UC Board of Regents is in talks with the company to join the Google Library Project, which is currently scanning the libraries of the University of Michigan, the University of Oxford, Harvard University, Stanford University, and the New York Public Library....

Daily Californian, July 20

[DC's Rule 7 a barrier to literacy](#)

Leonard Minsky is a longtime Naderite, an academic who has helped produce the research that Ralph Nader and his various projects use to change public policy. Minsky is not one to yield to bureaucratic and regulatory obstacles. But he leaves his post as director of Nader's D.C. Library Renaissance Project—a four-year-old effort to boost support and funding for the libraries—concluding that Rule 7 is effectively preventing the city from teaching immigrants and U.S.-born adults how to read....

Washington Post, July 25

[Indiana University's Lilly Library acquires collection of mechanical puzzles](#)

Puzzle enthusiast and author Jerry Slocum has announced his intention to donate his prized collection of more

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Indiana University, July 19



[NYPL opens its 86th branch](#)

A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony marked the opening of New York Public Library's new \$2.4-million [Morris Park branch library](#), located at 985 Morris Park Avenue in the Bronx, on July 21. Designed by architect Joel David Zeiden, the 6,600-square-foot, two-level library has an extensive collection of 25,000 adult, young adult, and children's books; DVDs and audio recordings; and 19 public-access computers, wireless internet, and a self-checkout station....

New York Public Library; Time Warner Cable's NY1 News, July 25

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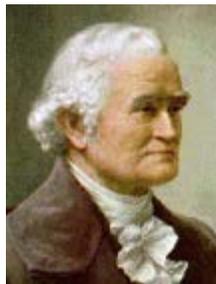
For the last eight decades, Martha Cutter Kelley Smith has tended to the books at the Coal Creek Library. But not because she's an avid reader. Just as she has for the past 80 years, the 100-year-old Smith toils away at Kansas' oldest library, keeping herself busy and keeping a monument to the small community of Vinland up and running....

Lawrence (Kans.) Journal-World, July 24

[Dictionary marks 200th anniversary](#)

A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language turned 200 years old this year, but most Americans probably have never heard of the work that introduced 5,000 new words to readers and is widely considered the first American dictionary. The 408-page [book](#), created by lexicographer and writer Noah Webster, does not look like a modern dictionary....

Springfield (Mass.) Republican, July 24



[Readers vs. resellers at library book sales](#)

When the Pequot Library in Southport, Connecticut, begins its five-day book sale on Friday, there will be 147,000 books available, including a first printing of the novel *Ben-Hur* and a 1911 edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. But those books, and many of the other 300 rare books there, are expected to be gone soon after the gate opens at 9 a.m....

New York Times, July 22

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[Skokie Read posters capture](#)

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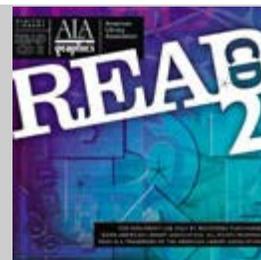
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Illinois pols

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New Yorker, July 31

Ex Libris acquired

AL blogger Andrew Pace welcomes speculation on this automation news: "It might not be the 'continued consolidation' of the ILS market that has been predicted by many, including me, but it's clearly a step in that direction. Ex Libris Group announced early this morning (not quite as early in Jerusalem, where the company is headquartered) that it will be acquired by Francisco Partners, 'one of the world's largest technology-focused private equity funds.'"...

Hectic Pace, July 26



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OneStat.com, July 24

2006 Improving Literacy grants

The Department of Education announced on July 25 the 2006 grantees for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program. In total, only 78 grants were awarded in only 26 states. View the list of grant awards and abstracts [here](#). The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education and is the first program specifically aimed at upgrading school libraries since the original school library resources program was established in 1965....

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Serving urban youth during out-of-school hours will be the focus of a major conference—Learning in Libraries: A National Call to Action—to be held October 19–20 in New York City. The deadline for registration is August 31. Out-of-School Time programming is attracting serious attention from local, state, and national policy makers and legislators....

Urban Libraries Council, July 17



[Free template for writing disaster plans](#)

The Northeast Document Conservation Center and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners have created dPlan, a free online program to help institutions write comprehensive disaster plans. dPlan provides an easy-to-use template that allows museums, libraries, archives, and other cultural institutions of all sizes to develop a customized plan that includes disaster response procedures, salvage priorities, preventive maintenance schedules, and more....

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[Collaborative reference work in the blogosphere](#) (PDF file)

UNC-Chapel Hill SILS Assistant Professor Jeffrey Pomerantz and Ph.D. candidate Frederic Stutzman argue that blogs can be used to good effect in reference services and discuss Lyceum, an open source blogosphere application, as an environment for blog-based reference service....

Reference Services Review 34, no. 2 (2006)

[ARL salary survey highlights](#)

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Association of Research Libraries, Bimonthly Report, June



[Book trailers are building hype, movie-style](#)

Judith Keenan says the rationale behind book trailers is to take the onus off retailers to promote books and market to consumers directly. The convenience and immediacy of the internet make it a no-brainer. HarperCollins has produced close to a dozen trailers since early February. The motivation is "to drive early word of mouth," says Steve Osgoode, director of online marketing and new media for HarperCollins Canada....

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http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20060724/order_canada_060724/20060724?hub=Canada

Norman Horrocks, former director of the library school at Dalhousie University, was one of 77 people appointed July 24 to the Order of Canada by Governor General Michaëlle Jean. The Order of Canada was established in 1967 to recognize outstanding achievement and service in various fields of endeavor. It is Canada's highest honor for lifetime achievement and has three different levels of membership: Companion, Officer, and Member....

Canadian Press, July 24

SEEN ONLINE

Vamos a Cuba ordered back on shelf

<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/15114360.htm>

A federal judge on Monday ordered all copies of *Vamos a Cuba* and 23 other children's books returned to Miami-Dade school libraries, hobbling the School Board's attempt to ban the controversial books. In a sometimes scathing 89-page opinion, U.S. District Judge Alan Gold said the School Board "abused its discretion in a manner that violated the transcendent imperatives of the First Amendment."...

Miami Herald, July 24

UC–Google partnership explored

<http://www.dailycal.org/sharticle.php?id=20931>

The University of California system may soon team up with search-engine giant Google to put millions of university library books online. The UC Board of Regents is in talks with the company to join the Google Library Project, which is currently scanning the libraries of the University of Michigan, the University of Oxford, Harvard University, Stanford University, and the New York Public Library....

Daily Californian, July 20

DC's Rule 7 a barrier to literacy

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/07/24/AR2006072401018.html>

Leonard Minsky is a longtime Naderite, an academic who has helped produce the research that Ralph Nader and his various projects use to change public policy. Minsky is not one to yield to bureaucratic and regulatory obstacles. But he leaves his post as director of Nader's D.C. Library Renaissance Project—a four-year-old effort to boost support and funding for the libraries—concluding that Rule 7 is effectively preventing the city from teaching immigrants and U.S.-born adults how to read....

Washington Post, July 25

Indiana University's Lilly Library acquires collection of mechanical puzzles

<http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/3776.html>

Puzzle enthusiast and author Jerry Slocum has announced his intention to donate his prized collection of more than 30,000 puzzles and nearly 4,000 puzzle-related books to IU's Lilly Library. Beginning August 3, approximately 400 of the puzzles will be on display in a refurbished exhibition space named in Slocum's honor....

Indiana University, July 19

NYPL opens its 86th branch

<http://www.nypl.org/press/2006/morrispark06.cfm>

A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony marked the opening of New York Public Library's new \$2.4-million Morris Park branch library, located at 985 Morris Park Avenue in the Bronx, on July 21. Designed by architect Joel David Zeiden, the 6,600-square-foot, two-level library has an extensive collection of 25,000 adult, young adult, and children's books; DVDs and audio recordings; and 19 public-access computers, wireless internet, and a self-checkout station....

New York Public Library; Time Warner Cable's NY1 News, July 25

100-year-old librarian "keeps dust off the floor" in Vinland, Kansas

http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2006/jul/24/100yearold_librarian_keeps_dust_floor_vinland/

For the last eight decades, Martha Cutter Kelley Smith has tended to the books at the Coal Creek Library. But not because she's an avid reader. Just as she has for the past 80 years, the 100-year-old Smith toils away at Kansas' oldest library, keeping herself busy and keeping a monument to the small community of Vinland up and running....

Lawrence (Kans.) Journal-World, July 24

Dictionary marks 200th anniversary

<http://www.masslive.com/living/republican/index.ssf?/base/living-1/1153727068293630.xml&coll=1>

A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language turned 200 years old this year, but most Americans probably have never heard of the work that introduced 5,000 new words to readers and is widely considered the first American dictionary. The 408-page book, created by lexicographer and writer Noah Webster, does not look like a modern dictionary....

Springfield (Mass.) Republican, July 24

Readers vs. resellers at library book sales

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/22/nyregion/nyregionspecial2/23ctbooks.html>

When the Pequot Library in Southport, Connecticut, begins its five-day book sale on Friday, there will be 147,000 books available, including a first printing of the novel Ben-Hur and a 1911 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica. But those books, and many of the other 300 rare books there, are expected to be gone soon after the gate opens at 9 a.m....

New York Times, July 22

ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

Skokie Read posters capture Illinois pols

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/skokiepl/sets/72157594171085212/>

U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) displays one of her favorite books, Real Chicago: Photographs from the Files of the Chicago Sun-Times (2004), by Richard Cahan, Michael Williams, and Neal Samors. The poster is one in a series of eight produced by the Skokie (Ill.) Public Library....

Skokie (Ill.) Public Library

Can Wikipedia conquer expertise?

<http://www.newyorker.com/fact/>

On March 1, Wikipedia, the online interactive encyclopedia, hit the million-articles mark, with an entry on Jordanhill, a railway station in suburban Glasgow. The Encyclopædia Britannica, which for more than two centuries has been considered the gold standard for reference works, has only 120,000 entries in its most comprehensive edition. Apparently, no traditional encyclopedia has ever suspected that someone might wonder about Sudoku or about prostitution in China....

New Yorker, July 31

Ex Libris acquired

http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=ex_libris_acquired

AL blogger Andrew Pace welcomes speculation on this automation news: “It might not be the ‘continued consolidation’ of the ILS market that has been predicted by many, including me, but it’s clearly a step in that direction. Ex Libris Group announced early this morning (not quite as early in Jerusalem, where the company is headquartered) that it will be acquired by Francisco Partners, ‘one of the world’s largest technology-focused private equity funds.’”... Hectic Pace, July 26

Most people use two-word phrases for online searches

http://www.onestat.com/html/aboutus_pressbox45-search-phrases.html

Dutch web-analytics company OneStat.com reports that most people use two-word phrases in search engines. Of all the search phrases worldwide, 28.9% of the people use two-word phrases, 27.8% use three-word phrases, and 17.1% use four-word phrases. Fewer people use one keyword since the last measurement in July 2005....

OneStat.com, July 24

2006 Improving Literacy grants

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washnews/2006ndx/074jul25.htm>

The Department of Education announced on July 25 the 2006 grantees for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program. In total, only 78 grants were awarded in only 26 states. View the list of grant awards and abstracts here. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education and is the first program specifically aimed at upgrading school libraries since the original school library resources program was established in 1965....

ALA Washington Office, July 25

Conference to focus on serving youth during out-of-school time

http://www.urbanlibraries.org/lil_conf_factsheet.html

Serving urban youth during out-of-school hours will be the focus of a major conference—Learning in Libraries: A National Call to Action—to be held October 19–20 in New York City. The deadline for registration is August 31. Out-of-School Time programming is attracting serious attention from local, state, and national policy makers and legislators....

Urban Libraries Council, July 17

Free template for writing disaster plans

<http://www.dplan.org/>

The Northeast Document Conservation Center and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners have created dPlan, a free online program to help institutions write comprehensive disaster plans. dPlan provides an easy-to-use template that allows museums, libraries, archives, and other cultural institutions of all sizes to develop a customized plan that includes disaster response procedures, salvage priorities, preventive maintenance schedules, and more....

Northeast Document Conservation Center

Collaborative reference work in the blogosphere (PDF file)

<http://dlist.sir.arizona.edu/1267/01/Pomerantz-Preprint-RSR-2006.pdf>

UNC-Chapel Hill SILS Assistant Professor Jeffrey Pomerantz and Ph.D. candidate Frederic Stutzman argue that blogs can be used to good effect in reference services and discuss Lyceum, an open source blogosphere application, as an environment for blog-based reference service....

Reference Services Review 34, no. 2 (2006)

ARL salary survey highlights

<http://www.arl.org/newsltr/246/salarysrvy.html>

The combined median salary for U.S. and Canadian ARL university libraries rose to \$57,074—a 3.3% gain over the past year. This kept pace with inflation in the U.S., where the Consumer Price Index rose 3.2%, and outperformed inflation in Canada, where the CPI increased 2.0%. The median nonuniversity library salary increased to \$76,083; that 2.8% increase was half as large as in 2004–2005....

Association of Research Libraries, Bimonthly Report, June

Book trailers are building hype, movie-style

<http://www.cbc.ca/arts/media/viewtothrill.html>

Judith Keenan says the rationale behind book trailers is to take the onus off retailers to promote books and market to consumers directly. The convenience and immediacy of the internet make it a no-brainer. HarperCollins has produced close to a dozen trailers since early February. The motivation is “to drive early word of mouth,” says Steve Osgoode, director of online marketing and new media for HarperCollins Canada....

CBC, July 3

Documentary filmmakers’ statement of best practices in fair use (PDF file)

http://www.documentary.org/resources/src/Fair_Use/bestpractices.pdf

This statement of best practices in fair use is necessary because filmmakers have found themselves, over the last decade, increasingly constrained by demands to clear rights for copyrighted material. Today, documentarians believe that their ability to communicate effectively is being restricted by an overly rigid approach to copyright compliance, and that the public suffers as a result....

International Documentary Association, November 18, 2005

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