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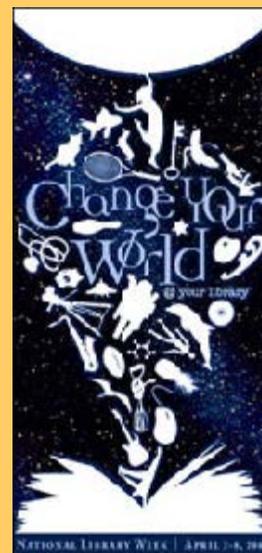
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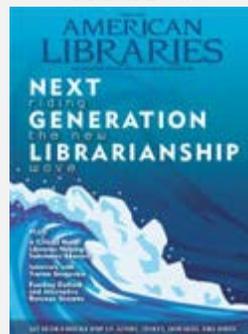
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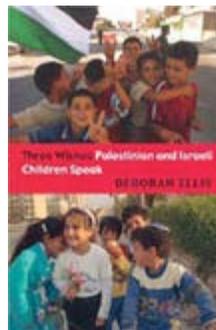
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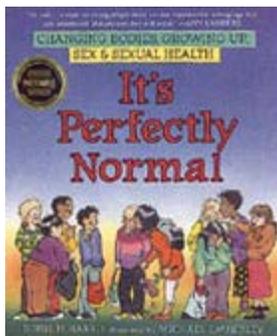
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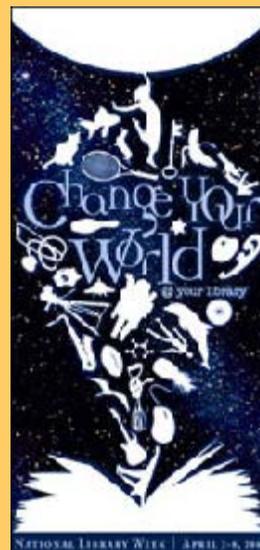
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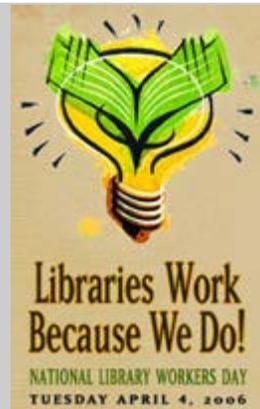
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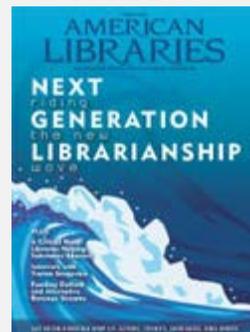


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[Registration open for RBMS preconference](#)

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Contact: [Dan Karleen](#), 609-896-5515.

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May 3-6:
[Montana Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Missoula. "We Proceeded On," taken from Lewis and Clark's journals. Contact: [Ilene Casey](#), 406-284-6646.

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[Pennsylvania School Librarians' Association](#), 33rd Annual Conference, Hershey. "Get on Board the Leadership Express." Contact: [Margaret Foster](#), 412-348-1498.

[Library of the Future Award](#)

Pace University Library has been named the recipient of the 2006 *Information Today* Library of the Future Award for its project "Media Patch." The award of \$1,500 and a citation honors an individual library, library consortium, group of librarians, or support organization for innovative planning, applications, or development of patron training programs about information technology in a library setting....

[Joe Janes wins RUSA's Isadore Gilbert Mudge-R.R. Bowker Award](#)

Joseph W. Janes, associate dean in the Information School of the University of Washington in Seattle (and *American Libraries' Internet Librarian* columnist), is the recipient of RUSA's 2006 Isadore Gilbert Mudge-R.R. Bowker Award....



[Reference Service Press awardees](#)

(Left to right) Paula S. Cenzer, Paul A. Kirk, and Denise Beaubian Bennett are the 2006 corecipients of RUSA's Reference Service Press Award for the *RUSQ* article, "A Class Assignment Requiring Chat Based Reference."...



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The Orange County Library System in Orlando, Florida, is the 2006 recipient of RUSA's Thomson Gale Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services....

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Tom W. Sloan, executive director of the Southeast Florida Information Network (SEFLIN), is the 2006 recipient of ASCLA's Professional Achievement Award....



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Rhea Rubin, Rubin Consulting, is the 2006 recipient of ASCLA's Service Award....

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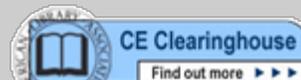
Contact: [Betsy Bray](#), 860-258-7621.

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[Association for Library Service to Children,](#) 2006 National Institute, Pittsburgh.

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Beth Dunning, a masters of library and information science candidate at McGill University, Montreal, is the recipient of the RUSA 2006 Business Reference and Services Section's Thomson Financial Student Travel Award....



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Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded public libraries in the state almost \$14.2 million in fiscal year 2006 per capita and equalization aid grants....

Illinois Secretary of State, Feb. 22

[School library information wasted, parents say](#)

Terra Linda High School's newly renovated library is going to waste, some Terra Linda High School parents say, because San Rafael administrators have yet to hire a librarian with proper credentials....

Marin Independent Journal (Novato, Calif.), Mar. 6

[The missing library of Iona](#)

There are those who say that the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland once housed an incredible library and held the most extraordinary books known to man. The impact that finding this library would have on our interpretation of history would be explosive. Unfortunately for such a potentially great story, there isn't a lot of historical proof....

The Scotsman, Mar. 2

[IFLA Public Libraries Committee meets in Norman, Oklahoma](#)

Twelve members of the Public Libraries Committee of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions visited Norman March 1-5 to discuss the development and promotion of public libraries worldwide....

Norman (Okla.) Transcript, Mar. 1

[Elmhurst College's Info Literacy classroom keeps student ideas bubbling](#)

The "bubble" is Elmhurst College students' nickname for a glass-encased classroom where librarians and professors show students how to find and critique the many resources the Web offers on specific topics. In fact, it attracts students eager to find new sources of information other than through a Google search....

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Denver Rocky Mountain News, Feb. 27

[NYPL's Science, Industry, and Business Library features "audio spotlight"](#) (Registration required)

As Jim Mason stood in front of the library's "business information wall," a display featuring 17 flat screens that seem to float against a backdrop of iridescent blue that constantly changes colors, he listened to a reporter from CNN deliver a commentary about management guru Jack Welch. What he was doing was partaking of a new technology, called an audio spotlight, that is making inroads at a growing number of the city's libraries, stores, and art galleries....

New York Times, Mar. 5

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[Survey supports European Digital Library](#)

The European Commission has published the results of a survey on the European Digital Library, showing widespread support from libraries, archives and museums, publishers, and universities. The 225 responses did, however, reveal differences of opinion on copyright issues, in particular between cultural institutions and rights holders. For more information on the EDL, see the Commission's [FAQ](#)....

European Commission, Mar. 2

[Wikipedia publishes one-millionth article](#)

The Wikimedia Foundation announced the creation of the 1,000,000th article in the English-language edition of Wikipedia. The article is about the Jordanhill railway station in Scotland, and it was started by Wikipedia contributor Ewan Macdonald....

Wikimedia Foundation, Mar. 1

[Wikipedia and Britannica: The kid's all right \(and so's the old man\)](#)

Can "the public" concoct and maintain a free, authoritative encyclopedia that's unbiased, complete, and reliable? If not, then *Britannica* may rest on its laurels and its good name, although with the Web so free and accessible, it's been taking licks for some years. But if the answer is "Yes," what happens to that shining beacon of scholarship, its publishers, and its academic contributors?

Searcher: The Magazine for Database Professionals, vol. 14, no. 3 (Mar.)

[Progressive Librarians Guild calls for Miriam Braverman Award submissions](#)

This award honors papers concerned with an aspect of the social responsibilities of librarians, libraries, or librarianship. Entrants must be LIS students attending a graduate-level

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[Fine Books & Collections magazine lists top-selling auction items of 2005](#)

Every year *Fine Books & Collections* tracks down the top auction lots of interest to book collectors. The top seller was an Audubon Elephant Folio that went for \$5.6 million at Christie's December 15. The magazine lists the stories behind the sales for each of the 237 auction items....

Fine Books & Collections, Mar./Apr.

[Computing with accents, symbols, and foreign scripts](#)

Penn State University's Teaching and Learning with Technology unit maintains a website that explains the basics of using Unicode for foreign languages and offers advice on the software needed for foreign-language support....

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ArchiveGrid is a new RLG website that allows researchers to search thousands of archives online. It will be available to both individuals and institutions free of charge through May 31....

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[EBSCO offers free use of library and information science database](#)

EBSCO Publishing is providing its *Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA)* database as a free resource to anyone interested in libraries and information management. This bibliographic database covers such subjects as librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, online information retrieval, and information management....

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[Three gathering storms that could cause collateral damage for open access](#)

The webcasting treaty, the opposition to network neutrality, and the end of free e-mail are potentially threatening for open access to scientific and scholarly research literature, according to Earlham College's Peter Suber....

SPARC Open Access Newsletter, Mar. 2

[World Libraries now on the Web](#)

Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science has placed online current and selected back issues of *World Libraries*, a journal dedicated to librarians and libraries in regions without associations or

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NARA responds to document reclassification program

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Library Journal is taking the lead in tandem with architect Jeffrey Scherer (Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle) and the New Orleans Public Library for the restoration of the Katrina-devastated Alvar Street branch....

DIVISION NEWS

“Growing Up around the World” series helps kids find out about other countries

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/booklists/GrowingUpAroundWorld.htm>

ALSC's International Relations Committee has created a series of bibliographies that identify fiction and nonfiction that will help young people in the U.S. understand the lives of children living in other countries today....

Journalist Anderson Cooper to headline PLA President's Program

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/plaac06keynotespeaker.htm>

Author and television news anchor Anderson Cooper will keynote the PLA President's Program at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The program will be held Monday, June 26, at 5 p.m....

LAMA preconferences on millennials, library staff development, and communications plans

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/lamaac06millennialprecon.htm>

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/lamaac06developmntprecon.htm>

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/lamaac06actionplanprecon.htm>

LAMA will offer the following preconferences at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans: “Millennials: If You Build It, Will They Come?”; “Cultivating the Future: Growing the Staff You Really Need”; and “Strategic Communication: Walk In With a Problem, Walk Out With a Plan,” all June 23, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m....

Registration open for RBMS preconference

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/acrlac06preconregopen.htm>

Registration is now open for “Libraries, Archives, and Museums in the 21st Century: Intersecting Missions, Converging Futures?” a preconference sponsored by ACRL's Rare Books and Manuscripts Section. The meeting will be held June 20–23 in Austin, Texas, preceding ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

Applications available for new YA Galley and Teens' Top Ten groups

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/yagalleyapplications.htm>

YALSA is accepting applications from young adult book discussion groups that wish to be considered for YALSA's YA Galley/Teens' Top Ten project....

AWARDS

Betty J. Turock receives Lippincott Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/turock06lippincottaward.htm>

Betty J. Turock is the 2006 recipient of the ALA Joseph W. Lippincott Award, which recognizes an individual for distinguished service to the profession of librarianship....

2006 Information Today Library of the Future Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/libraryfutureaward06.htm>

Pace University Library has been named the recipient of the 2006 Information Today Library of the Future Award for its project "Media Patch." The award of \$1,500 and a citation honors an individual library, library consortium, group of librarians, or support organization for innovative planning, applications, or development of patron training programs about information technology in a library setting....

Joe Janes wins RUSA's Isadore Gilbert Mudge-R.R. Bowker Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/janesmudgebowkeraward.htm>

Joseph W. Janes, associate dean in the Information School of the University of Washington in Seattle (and American Libraries' Internet Librarian columnist), is the recipient of RUSA's 2006 Isadore Gilbert Mudge-R.R. Bowker Award....

Reference Service Press awardees

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/referencesvcpressaward06.htm>

(Left to right) Paula S. Cenzer, Paul A. Kirk, and Denise Beaubian Bennett are the 2006 corecipients of RUSA's Reference Service Press Award for the RUSQ article, "A Class Assignment Requiring Chat Based Reference."...

Winner of Thomson Gale Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/oclswinthomsongale06.htm>

The Orange County Library System in Orlando, Florida, is the 2006 recipient of RUSA's Thomson Gale Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services....

John Sessions Memorial Award recipient named

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/sessionsawardnamed.htm>

Joan Cassidy, librarian for New York State United Teachers in Latham, N.Y., is the 2006 recipient of RUSA's John Sessions Memorial Award....

American Book Prices Current Exhibition Award winners

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/rbmsleabwinners06.htm>

ACRL's Rare Books and Manuscripts Section has selected five winners of the 2006 Katharine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab American Book Prices Current Exhibition Awards....

Tom Sloan wins ASCLA Professional Achievement Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/sloanwinsasclaproward06.htm>

Tom W. Sloan, executive director of the Southeast Florida Information Network (SEFLIN), is the 2006 recipient of ASCLA's Professional Achievement Award....

Rhea Rubin is ASCLA Service awardee

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/rubinwinsasclascaward.htm>

Rhea Rubin, Rubin Consulting, is the 2006 recipient of ASCLA's Service Award....

Three recipients of ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute scholarships

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/acrlharvardsholarshipwin.htm>

Carlene Engstrom, director of the D'Arcy McNickle Library, Salish Kootenai College; Gladys Smiley Bell, director of the William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library, Hampton University; and Marilyn Russell, Institute of American Indian Arts, have been selected as recipients of the 2006 ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute scholarships....

BRASS Thomson Financial Student Travel Award recipient

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/brassstudentawardnamed.htm>

Beth Dunning, a masters of library and information science candidate at McGill University, Montreal, is the recipient of the RUSA 2006 Business Reference and Services Section's Thomson Financial Student Travel Award....

SEEN ONLINE

Illinois grants \$14.2 million to public libraries

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/press/2006/february/060224d1.html>

Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded public libraries in the state almost \$14.2 million in fiscal year 2006 per capita and equalization aid grants....

Illinois Secretary of State, Feb. 22

School library information wasted, parents say

http://www.marini.com/marin/ci_3574026

Terra Linda High School's newly renovated library is going to waste, some Terra Linda High School parents say, because San Rafael administrators have yet to hire a librarian with proper credentials....

Marin Independent Journal (Novato, Calif.), Mar. 6

The missing library of Iona

<http://heritage.scotsman.com/myths.cfm?id=313532006>

There are those who say that the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland once housed an incredible library and held the most extraordinary books known to man. The impact that finding this library would have on our interpretation of history would be explosive. Unfortunately for such a potentially great story, there isn't a lot of historical proof....

The Scotsman, Mar. 2

IFLA Public Libraries Committee meets in Norman, Oklahoma

http://www.normantranscript.com/localnews/local_story_060002214

Twelve members of the Public Libraries Committee of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions visited Norman March 1-5 to discuss the development and promotion of public libraries worldwide....

Norman Transcript, Mar. 1

Elmhurst College's Info Literacy classroom keeps student ideas bubbling

<http://www.suntimes.com/output/zinescene/cst-fin-ecol011.html>

The "bubble" is Elmhurst College students' nickname for a glass-encased classroom where librarians and professors show students how to find and critique the many resources the Web offers on specific topics. In fact, it attracts students eager to find new sources of information other than through a Google search....

Chicago Sun-Times, Mar. 1

Rick Ashton remade the Denver library system

http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/local/article/0,1299,DRMN_15_4499535,00.html

When Rick Ashton retired in February as Denver city librarian, he left behind one of America's premier and most popular big-city public libraries, ranked No. 1 in the nation three years in a row through 2003....

Rocky Mountain News, Feb. 27

NYPL's Science, Industry, and Business Library features "audio spotlight" (Registration required)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/05/nyregion/thecity/05audi.html>

As Jim Mason stood in front of the library's "business information wall," a display featuring 17 flat screens that seem to float against a backdrop of iridescent blue that constantly changes colors, he listened to a reporter from CNN deliver a commentary about management guru Jack Welch. What he was doing was partaking of a new technology, called an audio spotlight, that is making inroads at a growing number of the city's libraries, stores, and art galleries....

New York Times, Mar. 5

ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

Survey supports European Digital Library

[http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?](http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/06/253&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en)

[reference=IP/06/253&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en](http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/06/253&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en)

The European Commission has published the results of a survey on the European Digital Library, showing widespread support from libraries, archives and museums, publishers, and universities. The 225 responses did, however, reveal differences of opinion on copyright issues, in particular between cultural institutions and rights holders. For more information on the EDL, see the Commission's FAQ....

European Commission, Mar. 2

Wikipedia publishes one-millionth article

http://wikimediafoundation.org/wiki/Press_releases/English_Wikipedia_Publishes_Millionth_Article

The Wikimedia Foundation announced the creation of the 1,000,000th article in the English-language edition of Wikipedia. The article is about the Jordanhill railway station in Scotland, and it was started by Wikipedia contributor Ewan Macdonald....

Wikimedia Foundation, Mar. 1

Wikipedia and Britannica: The kid's all right (and so's the old man)

<http://www.infotoday.com/searcher/mar06/berinstein.shtml>

Can "the public" concoct and maintain a free, authoritative encyclopedia that's unbiased, complete, and reliable? If not, then Britannica may rest on its laurels and its good name, although with the Web so free and accessible, it's been taking licks for some years. But if the answer is "Yes," what happens to that shining beacon of scholarship, its publishers, and its academic contributors?

Searcher: The Magazine for Database Professionals, vol. 14, no. 3 (Mar.)

Progressive Librarians Guild calls for Miriam Braverman Award submissions

http://libr.org/plg/Braverman_contest.html

This award honors papers concerned with an aspect of the social responsibilities of librarians, libraries, or librarianship. Entrants must be LIS students attending a graduate-level program in the U.S. or Canada. Deadline is March 24....

Progressive Librarians Guild

Fine Books & Collections magazine lists top-selling auction items of 2005

<http://finebooksmagazine.com/issue/0402/fb50.phtml>

Every year Fine Books & Collections tracks down the top auction lots of interest to book collectors. The top seller was an Audubon Elephant Folio that went for \$5.6 million at Christie's December 15. The magazine lists the stories behind the sales for each of the 237 auction items....

Fine Books & Collections, Mar./Apr.

Computing with accents, symbols, and foreign scripts

<http://tlt.its.psu.edu/suggestions/international/index.html>

Penn State University's Teaching and Learning with Technology unit maintains a website that explains the basics of using Unicode for foreign languages and offers advice on the software needed for foreign-language support....

Penn State University

RLG's new ArchiveGrid available free through May 31

<http://archivegrid.org/web/jsp/index.jsp>

ArchiveGrid is a new RLG website that allows researchers to search thousands of archives online. It will be available to both individuals and institutions free of charge through May 31....

RLG, Mar. 3

EBSCO offers free use of library and information science database

<http://www.epnet.com/thisTopic.php?topicID=205&marketID=20>

EBSCO Publishing is providing its Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA) database as a free resource to anyone interested in libraries and information management. This bibliographic database covers such subjects as librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, online information retrieval, and information management....

EBSCO Publishing

Online resources for Earth Day

<http://www.galeschools.com/environment/>

Thomson Gale is offering to educators, librarians, and students free experiments, information on the environment, related web links, and teaching tools appropriate for Earth Day, April 22. The site is available throughout the year....

Thomson Gale

Three gathering storms that could cause collateral damage for open access

<http://www.earlham.edu/%7Epeters/fos/newsletter/03-02-06.htm#collateral>

The webcasting treaty, the opposition to network neutrality, and the end of free e-mail are potentially threatening for open access to scientific and scholarly research literature, according to Earlham College's Peter Suber....

SPARC Open Access Newsletter, Mar. 2

World Libraries now on the Web

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

Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science has placed online current and selected back issues of World Libraries, a journal dedicated to librarians and libraries in regions without associations or agencies. The most recent issue contains articles on libraries in Mauritania, Uganda, Sierra Leone, and China....

Dominican University GSLIS, Mar. 3

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U.S. & WORLD NEWS

[President Bush signs Patriot Act renewal](#)

The House reauthorized the USA Patriot Act March 7, and President Bush signed the legislation March 9, a day before the major provisions of the original bill were set to expire....

[First Lady announces grants to build Gulf Coast school libraries](#)

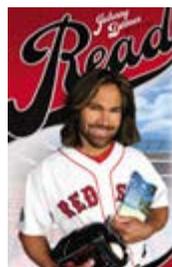
Accompanying her husband on a visit to inspect areas damaged by Hurricane Katrina last year, First Lady Laura Bush announced March 8 that the [Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries](#) had set up a special fund to award grants to restock school libraries that lost their collections in the disaster....

[Librarians outspell nuns in literacy fundraiser](#)

A team of three librarians from Boone County (Ky.) Public Library took top honors in a spelling bee for the fourth year in a row March 9, defeating the former champions, the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery in Villa Hills, Kentucky, who came out of retirement for the challenge....

[Damon Read poster becomes hot NYC commodity](#)

An ALA Read poster that features former Boston Red Sox center fielder Johnny Damon is fast becoming a favorite among New York-area school and public libraries, thanks to Young Adult Librarian Laura Bernheim of the Waltham (Mass.) Public Library....



[Winnipeg Public Library gets embroiled in cartoon controversy](#)

The Muslim community of Winnipeg, Manitoba, offered to screen a film documentary March 14 to convince Mayor Sam Katz and the city council to ask the Winnipeg Public Library to remove from its shelves a magazine issue that features Danish cartoons with caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad....

[Librarian: Media fictionalized](#)

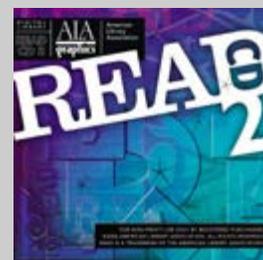


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[penguin Tango flap](#)

A week after media outlets around the world began reporting that a Missouri library system had moved *And Tango Makes Three*, a children's picture book about two male penguins raising a baby together, Rolling Hills Consolidated Library Director Barbara Read was still fielding e-mails and phone calls about whether she should have restricted the title. But the book hasn't been restricted at all, she responded over and over....

[Residents support mayor in keeping Hanover Public Library's name](#)

Many Hanover, Pennsylvania, residents are agreeing with Mayor Maggie Hormel that their public library should not be renamed after a major donor....

[British library users try to halt closures](#)

Citizens riled by the threatened closure of some 50 public libraries by local governments in the United Kingdom continued to show their displeasure as plans progressed....

ALA NEWS

[Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund surpasses \\$300,000](#)

Recent donations to the [fund](#) from the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (\$1,720), the New Jersey Library Association (\$1,895), the Sun City Hilton Head Community Association (\$10,000), and Thomson Gale and Sleeping Bear Press (\$10,415), who donated \$1 for every copy sold of *B Is for Bookworm* by Louisiana author Anita C. Prieto helped push up the total....

[ALA Recruitment Assembly launches recruitment site](#)

The new website [LibraryCareers.org](#) includes basic information on what it takes to become a librarian or library worker as well as information on education, financial assistance, and possible career paths....



[Adult and Family Literacy is the theme for 2006 Diversity Fair](#)

ALA invites its members from all types of libraries to participate in the 9th Annual Diversity Fair to take place on Saturday, June 24, 3 to 5 p.m., during Annual Conference in New Orleans. This year, the Diversity Fair will initiate a pilot strategy to showcase a range of programs with a common theme, "Adult and Family Literacy Services in Libraries."...

[Advocacy Institutes will be held at NJLA and TLA/SELA conferences](#)

ALA will host regional Advocacy Institutes at the New Jersey Library Association Conference on Monday, April 24, in Long Branch, and at the Tennessee Library Association/Southeastern Library Association in Memphis on Wednesday,

created using the READ CD 2 and you could win a \$100 gift certificate from ALA Graphics and be featured in *American Libraries*. Submissions are due by May 31.

Poll

What do YOU think?

Do you plan to participate in a virtual conference on a topic related to your work within the next year?

Click here to [VOTE!](#)

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

Results of the March 8 poll:

Do you think the modifications in the Senate compromise bill (S. 2271) on the Patriot Act offer adequate civil-liberties protections to libraries and their patrons?

YES.....14%
NO.....86%

(145 responses)

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



April 5....



NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

[ALA New Orleans Conference wiki debuts](#)

Maintained by [Meredith Farkas](#), the wiki is designed to be a guide to the 2006 ALA Annual Conference that reflects the collective knowledge of our diverse membership. Anyone with information about New Orleans, the conference, or ALA participation is encouraged to contribute....

[Morial Convention Center update](#) (PDF file)

In June, Halls D through J will be open, along with its associated meeting room space, Conference Auditorium, and the La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom. The Center's restoration will be fully complete in November, when the remaining four halls, meeting rooms, and La Louisiane Ballroom come online....

Morial Convention Center, Mar. 10

[Mardi Gras celebration will help fund recovery](#)

To a nation that still thinks parts of New Orleans are under water, the city replaced images of refugees in boats with revelers on floats. In the end, most of the national and international media got it. But it was a battle, as they repeated ad nauseam the same old misguided story line that New Orleans was insensitive to stage Mardi Gras and that it would cost the city money better spent on housing....

New Orleans City Business, Mar. 13

[Springsteen to highlight Jazzfest](#)

Bruce Springsteen, performing with his new Seeger Sessions Band at the Fair Grounds on Sunday, April 30, will close out the first weekend of what many consider the most important Jazzfest ever....

New Orleans Times-Picayune, Mar. 9

[NOMA reopens](#)

The New Orleans Museum of Art reopened March 3, free to Louisiana residents....

New Orleans Museum of Art

[Rare Beat memorabilia auctioned for Katrina victims](#)

An auction of first-edition books, handwritten manuscripts and letters by Beat Generation writers Jack Kerouac, Allen

[9th Annual Diversity Fair](#)

Celebrating Examples of Diversity in Adult and Family Literacy Services in Libraries, ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, Saturday, June 24, 3–5 p.m. in the Exhibits area. [Entry form.](#)

Classifieds

[ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR](#)

Greenblatt Library, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta. The associate director provides operational oversight for content management and education and information services, facilitates and manages diverse work groups, and represents the director as needed....

See [American Libraries HOT JOBS ONLINE](#) for more career opportunities

Ginsberg, and Charles Bukowski raised \$225,000 to benefit a publisher left homeless by Hurricane Katrina....

San Francisco Chronicle, Mar. 10

[10,000 books for hurricane-hit school libraries](#)

Albany-area school library system helps restock school libraries hit by Katrina with books for children and YAs....

Capital Region BOCES

DIVISION NEWS

[YALSA suggests ways to celebrate NLW with teens](#)

YALSA has compiled a list of program ideas to help librarians celebrate National Library Week (April 2–8, 2006) with teens in their library....

[YALSA announces its 5,000th member](#)

YALSA will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2007. To kick off the celebration, the division is recognizing its 5,000th member, Marybeth Gallant, a school library media specialist at the Ashland (Mass.) High School Library....

AWARDS

[Keith Curry Lance receives ASCLA Leadership Achievement Award](#)

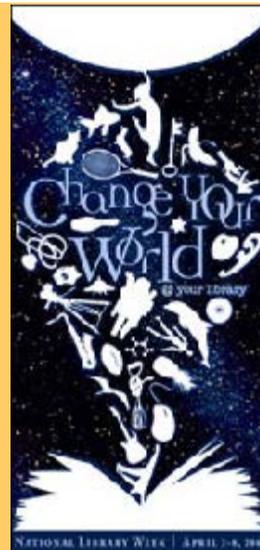
Keith Curry Lance, director of Library Research Services at the Colorado State Library, is the 2006 recipient of the ASCLA Leadership Achievement Award, presented to recognize leadership and achievement in consulting, multitype library cooperation, and state library development....



[Margaret Mann Citation goes to Judith Hopkins](#)

Judith Hopkins, retired technical services research and analysis officer at the University at Buffalo, is the recipient of the 2006 Margaret Mann Citation presented by the ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section....

[Jill Emery wins Esther J. Piercy Award](#)



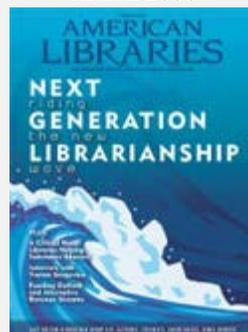
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March 2006



Stories inside include:

Next Generation professionals

Alternative revenue streams

Substance abuse librarians

Jill Emery, director of the Electronic Resources Program at the University of Houston Libraries, is the 2006 recipient of the ALCTS Esther J. Piercy Award for her success in the world of serials librarianship, especially her knowledge of electronic resources licensing and pricing models....

[Karen Hunter receives ALCTS serials librarianship award](#)

Karen Hunter, senior vice president at Elsevier, is the winner of the 2006 CSA/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award (formerly Bowker/Ulrich's) for her leadership in the collaborative development of the electronic delivery of scholarly information....

[First Step Award to Patrick Carr](#)

Patrick L. Carr, serials librarian at Mississippi State University, is the recipient of the 2006 ALCTS First Step Award, a \$1,500 grant to a librarian new to the serials field....

[Jennifer Bowen wins Best of LRTS Award](#)

Jennifer Bowen, head of cataloging at the University of Rochester, won the award for her article, "FRBR: Coming Soon to Your Library," published in *Library Resources & Technical Services*, July 2005....

[ALCTS Blackwell's Scholarship Award honors John Willinsky](#)

Willinsky won for his monograph, *The Access Principle: The Case for Open Access to Research and Scholarship*, published in 2005 by the MIT Press....

[Arizona's Stephen Bosch awarded Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award](#)

Sponsored annually by Harrassowitz, the ALCTS Leadership in Library Acquisitions award is given to a librarian to recognize contributions and outstanding leadership in the field of acquisitions and includes a \$1,500 gift....

[Gary Frost wins the Banks/Harris Preservation Award](#)

Gary L. Frost, conservator at the University of Iowa Libraries, is the recipient of the 2006 ALCTS Paul Banks and Carolyn Harris Preservation Award for his ongoing and detailed research into historical and modern book structures....

[ALCTS names winners of SAGE support staff travel grant](#)

Six library support staff have been awarded a 2006 ALCTS/SAGE Support Staff Travel Grant. These grants provide airfare, three nights at a hotel, and conference registration for the individuals to attend the 2006 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

[ALA Publishing seeks proposals for Carnegie-Whitney awards](#)

The ALA Publishing Committee is seeking proposals for Carnegie-Whitney grants of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to



["Selecting Spanish-Language Materials for Adults,"](#)

an introductory course to help public library staff learn the basics of developing a Spanish-language collection, Fall 2006. Contact [Eileen Hardy](#).

Datebook

May 1-2:

[National Library Legislative Day](#),

Washington, D.C.

Join library supporters from across the country visiting members of Congress to share stories about libraries in your community.

May 10-11:

[Amigos Library Services](#),

Member Conference, Dallas.

"Pop Culture, Post-Catalogs: The Impact of Technology on Delivery of Services." Contact: [Amigos](#), 800-843-8482.

May 16-17:

[Vermont Library Conference](#),

Burlington.

Contact: [Linda Wheeler](#), 802-879-0334.

May 17-19:

[Utah Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, St. George. "When the Boundaries Blur . . . Creating Synergy in a Time of Transformation."

library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library....

[ALA Publishing seeks proposals for Eastman grant](#)

The ALA Publishing Committee is seeking proposals for the WNBA/Ann Heidbreder Eastman Grant. Sponsored by the Women's National Book Association, the grant is available for librarians who are interested in learning about the relationship between the library and publishing professions....

[Patrick Jones named Scholastic Library Publishing Award winner](#)

Patrick Jones, author of *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries*, is the recipient of the 52nd annual Scholastic Library Publishing Award (formerly known as the Grolier Foundation Award)....

[Johnson County Library receives ASCLA Exceptional Service Award](#)

The Johnson County (Kans.) Library Outreach Services Department is the 2006 recipient of the ASCLA Exceptional Service Award....

[Skokie Public Library gets KLAS/NOD Award](#)

The Skokie (Ill.) Public Library Youth Services Department is the 2006 recipient of the ASCLA/KLAS/NOD Award, given to a library organization that has provided outstanding services for people with disabilities....

SEEN ONLINE

[Senate confirms Radice as IMLS director](#)

The U.S. Senate confirmed Anne-Imelda Radice, a skilled administrator, art historian, and museum professional, as director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services March 13....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Mar. 14

[Google vs. government: Major dispute defused](#)

The heated courtroom showdown expected between Google and the federal government cooled off March 14 when a federal judge said he intends to require the company to hand over only a slice of its closely guarded Web data....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury-News, Mar. 15

[Google partners with book publishers](#)

Google is expanding its role in the publishing world from a search engine for books to a distributor making entire books available to read online....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Mar. 13

[Compaq founder pushes for academic library online](#)

Ever wonder where Compaq founder Rod Canion is? He's with Questia Media, which wants to bring a university-class library

Contact: [ULA](#), 801-273-8150.

May 18:
[Northeastern Ohio Library Association](#), Support Staff Conference, Twinsburg, Ohio. Contact: [NOLA](#), 800-589-6652.

May 19:
[Delaware Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Dover. Contact: [DLA](#).

May 19:
[Reaching Forward](#): Illinois Conference for Library Assistants, Rosemont, Illinois. Contact: [Tobi Oberman](#), 847-673-7774.

June 7-9: [New York State Library Assistants' Association](#), 28th Annual Conference, St. John's University, Jamaica, New York. Contact: [Ruth V. Oberg](#).

June 18-21:
[Library and Information Services in Astronomy V](#), Cambridge, Mass. Contact: [LISA V](#).

More [Datebook](#) items...



Individual ALA

to a high school near you....

C|net News.com, Mar. 13

[Why boys like girls' books](#)

Slate's Emily Bazelon says it may be for different reasons than girls do....

Slate, Mar. 9

[Old books help enrich the minds of the young](#)

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Indianapolis Star, Mar. 7

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President Bush signs Patriot Act renewal

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/houseusapa.htm>

The House reauthorized the USA Patriot Act March 7, and President Bush signed the legislation March 9, a day before the major provisions of the original bill were set to expire....

First Lady announces grants to build Gulf Coast school libraries

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/gulfcoast.htm>

Accompanying her husband on a visit to inspect areas damaged by Hurricane Katrina last year, First Lady Laura Bush announced March 8 that the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries had set up a special fund to award grants

to restock school libraries that lost their collections in the disaster....

Librarians outspell nuns in literacy fundraiser

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/outspell.htm>

A team of three librarians from Boone County (Ky.) Public Library took top honors in a spelling bee for the fourth year in a row March 9, defeating the former champions, the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery in Villa Hills, Kentucky, who came out of retirement for the challenge....

Damon Read poster becomes hot NYC commodity

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/damon.htm>

An ALA Read poster that features former Boston Red Sox center fielder Johnny Damon is fast becoming a favorite among New York-area school and public libraries, thanks to Young Adult Librarian Laura Bernheim of the Waltham (Mass.) Public Library....

Winnipeg Public Library gets embroiled in cartoon controversy

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/winnipeg.htm>

The Muslim community of Winnipeg, Manitoba, offered to screen a film documentary March 14 to convince Mayor Sam Katz and the city council to ask the Winnipeg Public Library to remove from its shelves a magazine issue that features Danish cartoons with caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad....

Librarian: Media fictionalized penguin Tango flap

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/tango.htm>

A week after media outlets around the world began reporting that a Missouri library system had moved And Tango Makes Three, a children's picture book about two male penguins raising a baby together, Rolling Hills Consolidated Library Director Barbara Read was still fielding e-mails and phone calls about whether she should have restricted the title. But the book hasn't been restricted at all, she responded over and over....

Residents support mayor in keeping Hanover Public Library's name

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/hanover.htm>

Many Hanover, Pennsylvania, residents are agreeing with Mayor Maggie Hormel that their public library should not be renamed after a major donor....

British library users try to halt closures

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/britclose.htm>

Citizens riled by the threatened closure of some 50 public libraries by local governments in the United Kingdom continued to show their displeasure as plans progressed....

ALA NEWS

Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund surpasses \$300,000

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/ALAHurricaneKatrinaLibra.htm>

Recent donations to the fund from the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (\$1,720), the New Jersey Library Association (\$1,895), the Sun City Hilton Head Community Association (\$10,000), and Thomson Gale and Sleeping Bear Press (\$10,415), who donated \$1 for every copy sold of B Is for Bookworm by Louisiana author Anita C. Prieto helped push up the total....

ALA Recruitment Assembly launches recruitment site

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/alarecruitmentasmblysite.htm>

The new website LibraryCareers.org includes basic information on what it takes to become a librarian or library worker as well as information on education, financial assistance, and possible career paths....

Adult and Family Literacy is the theme for 2006 Diversity Fair

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/06diversityfairtheme.htm>

ALA invites its members from all types of libraries to participate in the 9th Annual Diversity Fair to take place on Saturday, June 24, 3 to 5 p.m., during Annual Conference in New Orleans. This year, the Diversity Fair will initiate a pilot strategy to showcase a range of programs with a common theme, "Adult and Family Literacy Services in Libraries."...

Advocacy Institutes will be held at NJLA and TLA/SELA conferences

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/advocacyat06njconference.htm>

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/advocacyinstat06slconf.htm>

ALA will host regional Advocacy Institutes at the New Jersey Library Association Conference on Monday, April 24, in Long Branch, and at the Tennessee Library Association/Southeastern Library Association in Memphis on Wednesday, April 5....

NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

ALA New Orleans Conference wiki debuts

http://meredith.wolfwater.com/ala2006/index.php?title=Main_Page

Maintained by Meredith Farkas, the wiki is designed to be a guide to the 2006 ALA Annual Conference that reflects the collective knowledge of our diverse membership. Anyone with information about New Orleans, the conference, or ALA participation is encouraged to contribute....

Morial Convention Center update (PDF file)

<http://www.mccno.com/Press%20Room/MCCNO%20Restoration%20Update%203-10-06.pdf>

In June, Halls D through J will be open, along with its associated meeting room space, Conference Auditorium, and the La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom. The Center's restoration will be fully complete in November, when the remaining four halls, meeting rooms, and La Louisiane Ballroom come online....

Morial Convention Center, Mar. 10

Mardi Gras celebration will help fund recovery

<http://www.neworleanscitybusiness.com/viewStory.cfm?recID=15013>

To a nation that still thinks parts of New Orleans are under water, the city replaced images of refugees in boats with revelers on floats. In the end, most of the national and international media got it. But it was a battle, as they repeated ad nauseam the same old misguided story line that New Orleans was insensitive to stage Mardi Gras and that it would cost the city money better spent on housing....

New Orleans City Business, Mar. 13

Springsteen to highlight Jazzfest

<http://www.nola.com/search/index.ssf?/base/entertainment-1/1141887759133940.xml?nola>

Bruce Springsteen, performing with his new Seeger Sessions Band at the Fair Grounds on Sunday, April 30, will close out the first weekend of what many consider the most important Jazzfest ever....

New Orleans Times-Picayune, Mar. 9

NOMA reopens

<http://www.noma.org/home.html>

The New Orleans Museum of Art reopened March 3, free to Louisiana residents....

New Orleans Museum of Art

Rare Beat memorabilia auctioned for Katrina victims

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2006/03/10/entertainment/e105129S02.DTL>

An auction of first-edition books, handwritten manuscripts and letters by Beat Generation writers Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and Charles Bukowski raised \$225,000 to benefit a publisher left homeless by Hurricane Katrina....

San Francisco Chronicle, Mar. 10

10,000 books for hurricane-hit school libraries
<http://www.crbsls.org/books-for-gulf-coast-libraries.html>

Albany-area school library system helps restock school libraries hit by Katrina with books for children and YAs....
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DIVISION NEWS

YALSA suggests ways to celebrate NLW with teens

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/yalsateenscelebratenlw.htm>

YALSA has compiled a list of program ideas to help librarians celebrate National Library Week (April 2–8, 2006) with teens in their library....

YALSA announces its 5,000th member

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/yalsa50years5000members.htm>

YALSA will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2007. To kick off the celebration, the division is recognizing its 5,000th member, Marybeth Gallant, a school library media specialist at the Ashland (Mass.) High School Library....

AWARDS

Keith Curry Lance receives ASCLA Leadership Achievement Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/ascla06leadershipaward.htm>

Keith Curry Lance, director of Library Research Services at the Colorado State Library, is the 2006 recipient of the ASCLA Leadership Achievement Award, presented to recognize leadership and achievement in consulting, multitype library cooperation, and state library development....

Margaret Mann Citation goes to Judith Hopkins

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/hopkinswins06mann.htm>

Judith Hopkins, retired technical services research and analysis officer at the University at Buffalo, is the recipient of the 2006 Margaret Mann Citation presented by the ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section....

Jill Emery wins Esther J. Piercy Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/emerywins06piercyaward.htm>

Jill Emery, director of the Electronic Resources Program at the University of Houston Libraries, is the 2006 recipient of the ALCTS Esther J. Piercy Award for her success in the world of serials librarianship, especially her knowledge of electronic resources licensing and pricing models....

Karen Hunter receives ALCTS serials librarianship award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/hunterwins06csaulrichs.htm>

Karen Hunter, senior vice president at Elsevier, is the winner of the 2006 CSA/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award (formerly Bowker/Ulrich's) for her leadership in the collaborative development of the electronic delivery of scholarly information....

First Step Award to Patrick Carr

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/carrwins06firststep.htm>

Patrick L. Carr, serials librarian at Mississippi State University, is the recipient of the 2006 ALCTS First Step Award, a \$1,500 grant to a librarian new to the serials field....

Jennifer Bowen wins Best of LRTS Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/bowenwins06bestoflrts.htm>

Jennifer Bowen, head of cataloging at the University of Rochester, won the award for her article, "FRBR: Coming Soon to Your Library," published in Library Resources & Technical Services, July 2005....

ALCTS Blackwell's Scholarship Award honors John Willinsky

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/willinskywins06blackwell.htm>

Willinsky won for his monograph, *The Access Principle: The Case for Open Access to Research and Scholarship*, published in 2005 by the MIT Press....

Arizona's Stephen Bosch awarded Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/boschwins06acquisaward.htm>

Sponsored annually by Harrassowitz, the ALCTS Leadership in Library Acquisitions award is given to a librarian to recognize contributions and outstanding leadership in the field of acquisitions and includes a \$1,500 gift....

Gary Frost wins the Banks/Harris Preservation Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/frostwins06bankharris.htm>

Gary L. Frost, conservator at the University of Iowa Libraries, is the recipient of the 2006 ALCTS Paul Banks and Carolyn Harris Preservation Award for his ongoing and detailed research into historical and modern book structures....

ALCTS names winners of SAGE support staff travel grant

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/ALCTSSAGESupportStaffgr.htm>

Six library support staff have been awarded a 2006 ALCTS/SAGE Support Staff Travel Grant. These grants provide airfare, three nights at a hotel, and conference registration for the individuals to attend the 2006 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

ALA Publishing seeks proposals for Carnegie-Whitney awards

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/06carnegi whitneygrants.htm>

The ALA Publishing Committee is seeking proposals for Carnegie-Whitney grants of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library....

ALA Publishing seeks proposals for Eastman grant

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/06wnbaheidbredereastman.htm>

The ALA Publishing Committee is seeking proposals for the WNBA/Ann Heidebreder Eastman Grant. Sponsored by the Women's National Book Association, the grant is available for librarians who are interested in learning about the relationship between the library and publishing professions....

Patrick Jones named Scholastic Library Publishing Award winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/jones06scholasticwinner.htm>

Patrick Jones, author of *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries*, is the recipient of the 52nd annual Scholastic Library Publishing Award (formerly known as the Grolier Foundation Award)....

Johnson County Library receives ASCLA Exceptional Service Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/06asclaexceptnlsvcaward.htm>

The Johnson County (Kans.) Library Outreach Services Department is the 2006 recipient of the ASCLA Exceptional Service Award....

Skokie Public Library gets KLAS/NOD Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/asclaklasnod06award.htm>

The Skokie (Ill.) Public Library Youth Services Department is the 2006 recipient of the ASCLA/KLAS/NOD Award, given to a library organization that has provided outstanding services for people with disabilities....

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Senate confirms Radice as IMLS director

<http://www.imls.gov/news/2006/031406.shtm>

The U.S. Senate confirmed Anne-Imelda Radice, a skilled administrator, art historian, and museum professional, as director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services March 13....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Mar. 14

Google vs. government: Major dispute defused

<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/business/14102918.htm>

The heated courtroom showdown expected between Google and the federal government cooled off March 14 when a federal judge said he intends to require the company to hand over only a slice of its closely guarded Web data....

San Jose Mercury-News, Mar. 15

Google partners with book publishers

<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/14091362.htm>

Google is expanding its role in the publishing world from a search engine for books to a distributor making entire books available to read online....

San Jose Mercury News, Mar. 13

Compaq founder pushes for academic library online

http://news.com.com/2102-1025_3-6048801.html

Ever wonder where Compaq founder Rod Canion is? He's with Questia Media, which wants to bring a university-class library to a high school near you....

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Why boys like girls' books

<http://www.slate.com/id/2137789/>

Slate's Emily Bazelon says it may be for different reasons than girls do....

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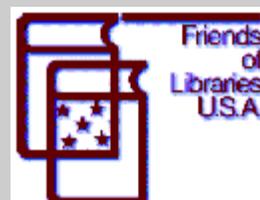
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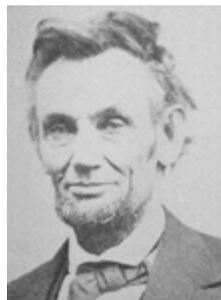
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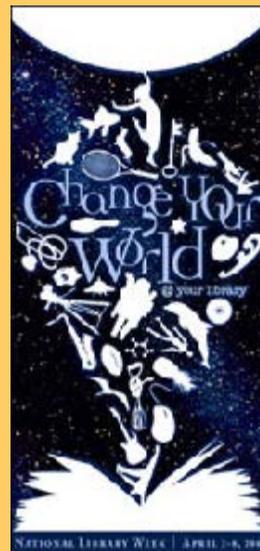
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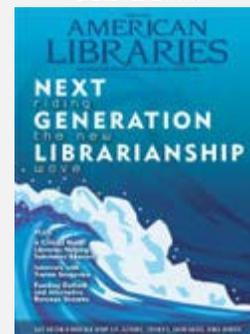


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ROUND TABLE NEWS

[Capturing digital government information](#)

Learn more about the exciting array of electronic state government archiving projects underway in the Pacific Northwest at a conference sponsored by GODORT, April 3, in Seattle. Speakers include Daniel Cornwall, Alaska State Library; Lily Wai, University of Idaho; Arlene Weible, Oregon State Library; and Marlys Rudeen, Washington State Library....

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Axel Schmetzke, head of the Instructional Materials Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has won ASCLA's 2006 Francis Joseph Campbell Award for an outstanding contribution to the advancement of library



The Hong Kong Book Fair is pleased to offer a [Free Pass Program for Librarians](#) for the 17th Annual Fair, July 19-24. The fair will provide selected librarians from the U.S. and Canada who collect Chinese-language materials four nights of hotel and free registration. Apply by April 10.

Datebook

April 26:

[New Hampshire Library Trustees Association](#), Concord, Spring Conference. "It's Not Your Grandmother's Library Any More." Contact: [Ann Fabrizio](#), 603-846-5420.

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[PALINET ILL Conference](#), Grantville, Pa. "Challenges and Solutions."

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May 16-20:

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Doris Ann Sweet, associate director for public services at Simmons College libraries in Boston, is the 2006 recipient of the Machine-Assisted Reference Section (MARS) recognition certificate, also known as the "My Favorite Martian Award."...

[Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award winner](#)

Allan M. Kleiman, head of reference at the Westfield (N.J.) Memorial Library, is the 2006 recipient of RUSA's Margaret E. Monroe Award for significant contribution to library service to adults....



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The LAMA Public Relations and Marketing Section's Swap and Shop "Best of Show" awards competition seeks outstanding library public relations materials. The annual Best of Show Awards recognize the very best in PR materials produced by libraries in the previous calendar year....

[Barbara Hoffert receives Louis Shores-Greenwood Publishing Group Award](#)

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[Winner of 2006 Loleta D. Fyan Grant announced](#)

The Kent District Library in Comstock Park, Michigan, has been awarded the 2006 Loleta D. Fyan Grant for a proposal entitled "Early Literacy Center." The library will explore how public libraries can foster early literacy by creating playful, interactive, and educational library environments for young children and their families....

[Arlene Cohen is RUSA Distinguished ILL Librarian](#)

Arlene Cohen, circulation and interlibrary loan librarian at the University of Guam in Mangilao, won RUSA's 2006 Virginia Boucher-OCLC Distinguished Interlibrary Loan Librarian Award for outstanding professional achievement, leadership, and contributions to document delivery....



Do the Things We Do." Contact: [Susan Eubank](#), 626-821-3213.

May 18–21: [International GLBT Archives, Libraries, Museums, and Special Collections Conference](#),

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May 19–24: [Medical Library Association](#), Annual Meeting, Phoenix. "Transformations A–Z."

June 7–9: [Society for Scholarly Publishing](#), 28th Annual Meeting. Crystal City, Virginia. "Beyond Borders and Bindings." Contact: 303-422-3914.

June 11–14: [Special Libraries Association](#), Annual Conference, Baltimore. "Baltimore—Where Tradition and Transformation Converge."

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SEEN ONLINE

[Librarian is still John Doe, despite Patriot Act revision](#)

Lawmakers may be giving themselves credit for having improved safeguards on civil liberties when they reauthorized the nation's antiterrorism law, otherwise known as the USA Patriot Act, earlier this month. But many librarians and civil liberties lawyers say the revisions did nothing to enable the 2005 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award winner to discuss the Patriot Act without risk of prosecution....

New York Times, Mar. 21

[Patriot Act game pokes fun at government](#)

In this send-up of Monopoly, players don't pass Go and they don't go directly to jail, they go to Guantanamo Bay. Instead of losing cash for landing on certain squares, they lose civil liberties. And the Mr. Monopoly character at the center of the board is replaced by a scowling former Attorney General John Ashcroft....

Associated Press, Mar. 18

[Bush recommends consolidation of NCES statistics programs with IMLS](#) (PDF file)

The rationale for proposing the merger of the survey programs into IMLS is that consolidating grant making with data collection, along with the NCLIS role in policy advice, will strengthen federal library and information policy efforts and enhance our nation's research capacity on domestic and international library trends. Further, the consolidation of NCLIS and the NCES programs for public and state library surveys into IMLS will create greater efficiency of operations....

National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Mar. 20

[Paleoconservative group charges St. Louis libraries filtered out its website](#)

The Council of Conservative Citizens, a nationwide group that has been portrayed as racist, is suing four libraries in the St. Louis area for allegedly blocking patrons from viewing its website....

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Mar. 20

[Mesa to shut its libraries on Sundays](#)

Mesa will close its two library branches on Sundays, a move expected to stir the biggest public reaction yet to the city's fiscal austerity decisions....

Phoenix Arizona Republic, Mar. 20

[Antique recordings caress modern ears](#)

The University of California at Santa Barbara library has created an online audio time machine by archiving some of the oldest sounds ever recorded. A few mouse clicks give way to the jubilant sounds of Billy Murray singing "Alexander's Ragtime Band" or Ada Jones warbling "Whistle and I'll Wait for You." Some pieces, like "Negro Recollections," serve as reminders of America's deeply racist past....



Learn how to navigate the [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#) website!

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[Pseudo-secrets: A FOIA audit of government policies on sensitive information](#)

The first-ever government-wide audit of the ways that federal agencies mark and protect information that is unclassified but sensitive for security reasons has found 28 different and uncoordinated policies, none of which include effective oversight or monitoring of how many records are marked and withheld, by whom, or for how long....

National Security Archive, Mar. 14

[A call to action on May Day](#)

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[Reaching out and serving New Mexico American Indians](#)

Given the high population of American Indians living in New Mexico and attending the University of New Mexico, the Senior Leadership Team at University Libraries created the Indigenous Nations Library Program (INLP) to serve the needs of American Indian students and communities....

Paulita L. Aguilar, *College & Research Libraries News*, Mar.

[Time for apply for Native American library services enhancement grants](#)

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Institute of Museum and Library Services, Mar. 15

[Music video set entirely in library](#) (RealAudio required)

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Columbia University Libraries, Mar. 17

[Evidence Based Library and Information Practice journal launched](#)

EBLIP is a peer-reviewed, open access journal published quarterly by the University of Alberta Learning Services, using the OJS Software. The purpose of the journal is to provide a forum for librarians and other information professionals to discover research that may contribute to decision making in professional practice....

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[Information literacy for all](#)

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The National Archives and Records Administration declined March 14 to give a House of Representatives oversight subcommittee details on a seven-year-old program that resulted in the reclassification of thousands of previously public documents, because the Pentagon has ruled that the reasons for the program should remain secret....

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Louisiana Restaurant Association, Mar. 16

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RUSA summer sessions available for online learners

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/rusaonlinesessions.htm>

RUSA is starting summer sessions for two of its online courses: "Business Reference 101," July 31–August 25 (taught by Celia Ross), and "Readers' Advisory 101," August 8–September 1 (taught by Neal Wyatt)....

ALCTS announces preconference lineup for New Orleans Conference

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/alcts06aclineup.htm>

Continuing its preconference format established at the 2005 Annual Conference in Chicago, ALCTS will offer three to four stand-alone sessions in the morning and afternoon on each day....

LAMA seeks entries for PR Makeover event

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/lamaprmakeover.htm>

The LAMA Public Relations and Marketing Section's Swap and Shop will hold its second annual PR Makeover. Libraries of all types are invited to submit library brochures for consideration by May 1. With the assistance of professional marketing and graphic designers, the PR Makeover will demonstrate how library brochures might be improved....

ROUND TABLE NEWS

Capturing digital government information

<http://www.ala.org/ala/godort/godortnews/godortnews.htm>

Learn more about the exciting array of electronic state government archiving projects underway in the Pacific Northwest at a conference sponsored by GODORT, April 3, in Seattle. Speakers include Daniel Cornwall, Alaska State Library; Lily Wai, University of Idaho; Arlene Weible, Oregon State Library; and Marlys Rudeen, Washington State Library....

ALA Conference within a Conference in New Orleans cosponsored by LSSIRT

<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/libsupport.htm>

“Empowerment 2006: Taking Charge in a Sea of Change” is the theme of this conference, held June 24–25 in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference. The event offers library support staff a choice of four program tracks that address issues in professional development, personal development, skills development, and work/life balance....

AWARDS

John Byrum receives the 2006 Melvil Dewey Medal

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/byrumwins06deweymedal.htm>

John D. Byrum Jr., recently retired chief of the regional and cooperative cataloging division of the Library of Congress, is the 2006 recipient of ALA’s Melvil Dewey Medal, which recognizes distinguished service to the profession of librarianship....

Axel Schmetzke receives Francis Joseph Campbell award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/schmetzkewins06campbell.htm>

Axel Schmetzke, head of the Instructional Materials Center at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, has won ASCLA’s 2006 Francis Joseph Campbell Award for an outstanding contribution to the advancement of library service for the blind and physically handicapped....

RUSA selects Doris Ann Sweet for My Favorite Martian Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/sweetwinsfavoritemartian.htm>

Doris Ann Sweet, associate director for public services at Simmons College libraries in Boston, is the 2006 recipient of the Machine-Assisted Reference Section (MARS) recognition certificate, also known as the “My Favorite Martian Award.”...

Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award winner

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/kleimanwins06monroe.htm>

Allan M. Kleiman, head of reference at the Westfield (N.J.) Memorial Library, is the 2006 recipient of RUSA’s Margaret E. Monroe Award for significant contribution to library service to adults....

LAMA seeks “Best of Show” award entries

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/lamaseeksbestofshowentry.htm>

The LAMA Public Relations and Marketing Section’s Swap and Shop “Best of Show” awards competition seeks outstanding library public relations materials. The annual Best of Show Awards recognize the very best in PR materials produced by libraries in the previous calendar year....

Barbara Hoffert receives Louis Shores-Greenwood Publishing Group Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/hoffertwinsshoresgreenwd.htm>

Barbara Hoffert, book review editor for Library Journal, is the recipient of RUSA’s 2006 Louis Shores–Greenwood Publishing Group Award. The cash award of \$3,000, donated by Greenwood Publishing Group, is given to an individual, team, or organization to recognize excellence in the reviewing of books and other materials for libraries....

Winner of 2006 Loleta D. Fyan Grant announced

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/06fyangrantwinner.htm>

The Kent District Library in Comstock Park, Michigan, has been awarded the 2006 Loleta D. Fyan Grant for a proposal entitled "Early Literacy Center." The library will explore how public libraries can foster early literacy by creating playful, interactive, and educational library environments for young children and their families....

Arlene Cohen is RUSA Distinguished ILL Librarian

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/cohenwinsboucheroclc.htm>

Arlene Cohen, circulation and interlibrary loan librarian at the University of Guam in Mangilao, won RUSA's 2006 Virginia Boucher-OCLC Distinguished Interlibrary Loan Librarian Award for outstanding professional achievement, leadership, and contributions to document delivery....

SEEN ONLINE

Librarian is still John Doe, despite Patriot Act revision

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/21/nyregion/21library.html>

Lawmakers may be giving themselves credit for having improved safeguards on civil liberties when they reauthorized the nation's antiterrorism law, otherwise known as the USA Patriot Act, earlier this month. But many librarians and civil liberties lawyers say the revisions did nothing to enable the 2005 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award winner to discuss the Patriot Act without risk of prosecution....

New York Times, Mar. 21

Patriot Act game pokes fun at government

<http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/wireStory?id=1742103>

In this send-up of Monopoly, players don't pass Go and they don't go directly to jail, they go to Guantanamo Bay. Instead of losing cash for landing on certain squares, they lose civil liberties. And the Mr. Monopoly character at the center of the board is replaced by a scowling former Attorney General John Ashcroft....

Associated Press, Mar. 18

Bush recommends consolidation of NCES statistics programs with IMLS (PDF file)

<http://www.nclis.gov/news/pressrelease/pr2006/NCLIS-IMLSconsolidation2006-04.pdf>

The rationale for proposing the merger of the survey programs into IMLS is that consolidating grant making with data collection, along with the NCLIS role in policy advice, will strengthen federal library and information policy efforts and enhance our nation's research capacity on domestic and international library trends. Further, the consolidation of NCLIS and the NCES programs for public and state library surveys into IMLS will create greater efficiency of operations....

National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Mar. 20

Paleoconservative group charges St. Louis libraries filtered out its website

<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/stlouiscitycounty/story/17CFBB51881165FE862571350019F4A0?OpenDocument>

OpenDocument

The Council of Conservative Citizens, a nationwide group that has been portrayed as racist, is suing four libraries in the St. Louis area for allegedly blocking patrons from viewing its website....

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Mar. 20

Mesa to shut its libraries on Sundays

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/mesa/articles/0318mr-libraries0318Z11.html>

Mesa will close its two library branches on Sundays, a move expected to stir the biggest public reaction yet to the city's fiscal austerity decisions....

Phoenix Arizona Republic, Mar. 20

Antique recordings caress modern ears

http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,70378-0.html?tw=wn_index_5

The University of California at Santa Barbara library has created an online audio time machine by archiving some of

the oldest sounds ever recorded. A few mouse clicks give way to the jubilant sounds of Billy Murray singing “Alexander’s Ragtime Band” or Ada Jones warbling “Whistle and I’ll Wait for You.” Some pieces, like “Negro Recollections,” serve as reminders of America’s deeply racist past....

Wired, Mar. 20

ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

Denver PL launches eFlicks

<http://www.denver.lib.co.us/news/dplnews/eflicks.html>

The Denver Public Library launched a downloadable video service March 20 called eFlicks, available on the same site as downloadable eBooks and Audio eBooks. An eFlick is a digital video that can be viewed on a computer, laptop, or portable video device. All that’s needed is the free Overdrive Media Console, Windows Media Player, a DPL library card, and a high-speed connection....

Denver Public Library

Pseudo-secrets: A FOIA audit of government policies on sensitive information

<http://www.gwu.edu/%7EEnsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB183/press.htm>

The first-ever government-wide audit of the ways that federal agencies mark and protect information that is unclassified but sensitive for security reasons has found 28 different and uncoordinated policies, none of which include effective oversight or monitoring of how many records are marked and withheld, by whom, or for how long....

National Security Archive, Mar. 14

A call to action on May Day (PDF File)

<http://www.archivists.org/mayday/MayDayActivityList.pdf>

Protecting collections is one of the fundamental responsibilities of archivists. But on May 1—this year and every year—you can do something that will make a difference when and if an emergency occurs. That’s the purpose of MayDay—a grassroots effort whose goal is to save our archives....

Society of American Archivists

Reaching out and serving New Mexico American Indians

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/crlnews/backissues2006/march06/inlp.htm>

Given the high population of American Indians living in New Mexico and attending the University of New Mexico, the Senior Leadership Team at University Libraries created the Indigenous Nations Library Program (INLP) to serve the needs of American Indian students and communities....

Paulita L. Aguilar, College & Research Libraries News, Mar.

Time for apply for Native American library services enhancement grants

<http://www.ims.gov/news/2006/031506.shtm>

IMLS is accepting applications for Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants. The postmark deadline for applications is May 1. Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages and corporations that have applied this year to the Institute’s Native American Library Services Basic Grants are eligible to apply for Enhancement grants....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Mar. 15

Music video set entirely in library (RealAudio required)

<http://www.robbsint.com/music/video/cascada.ram>

Crossover musical hit “Everytime We Touch,” released in February by the trance band/project Cascada (featuring Anglo-German singer Natalie Horler), was filmed entirely in a New York library (one with a nice collection of law reporters). And let’s not forget the library setting in the Tears for Fears video of “Head over Heels” (1985)....

Columbia University Libraries launches Notable New Yorkers oral history site

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/digital/collections/nny/>

The Notable New Yorkers Web site offers audio recordings and transcripts of interviews with ten influential New Yorkers, drawn from the collections of the Oral History Research Office of the Columbia University Libraries. These interviews, conducted by the Office between 1955 and 2001, open an imaginative portal into 20th-century New York City....

Columbia University Libraries, Mar. 17

Evidence Based Library and Information Practice journal launched

<http://ejournals.library.ualberta.ca/index.php/EBLIP>

EBLIP is a peer-reviewed, open access journal published quarterly by the University of Alberta Learning Services, using the OJS Software. The purpose of the journal is to provide a forum for librarians and other information professionals to discover research that may contribute to decision making in professional practice....

University of Alberta Learning Services

Information literacy for all

<http://www.ifla.org/III/wsis/info-lit-for-all.htm>

IFLA has released the final report (PDF file) of the High-Level Colloquium on Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning, held at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt, November 6–9, 2005. The report argues that the existence of information holds little to no value to people who do not even know what information they need, much less whether it exists or not, or how to locate, evaluate, and effectively use it....

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U.S. & WORLD NEWS

[D.C. mayor offers details on library improvements](#)

Mayor Anthony A. Williams offered details March 22 on his plan to refurbish the District of Columbia library system, calling for an \$8-million boost to the operating budget to fund additional materials, computers, and furnishings and to restore Sunday hours at some branches....

[Three Wishes controversy continues in Ontario schools](#)

School boards across Ontario continue to weigh in on *Three Wishes*, a controversial book that explores the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through interviews with children from both sides that had been recommended by the Ontario Library Association for 4th–6th graders as part of its Silver Birch reading program....

[Conservative group sues libraries for blocking its website](#)

A nationwide conservative political group has sued four Missouri libraries for allegedly using internet filtering software to block patrons from viewing its website....

[Britain launches campaign to transform libraries' image](#)

British Minister for Culture David Lammy launched a "Love Libraries" campaign, designed to transform the image of public libraries by presenting "a new vision of a 21st century reading service," with an announcement March 22 that three libraries would be turned into "models of a future library service with reading at its heart."...



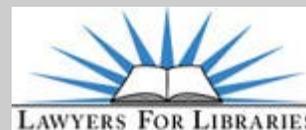
[Michigan library board fires director](#)

In an emergency meeting March 21, Bay County (Mich.) Library trustees voted 4–1 to confirm the firing of Director Frederick J. Paffhausen by board chair Ella Jane Martini a day earlier....

[Brooklyn branch closes after fight](#)



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Lawyers for Libraries:
 Lawyers for Libraries, an ongoing project of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, is designed to build a nationwide network of attorneys committed to the defense of the freedom to read and the application of constitutional law to library policies, principles, and problems. The next institute is in **Houston** on **April 25** as a preconference to the Texas Library Association Annual Conference. The deadline to [register](#) is

The Brownsville branch of the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library closed for six days after a staff member was injured breaking up a fight....

[Michigan teen gets detention, therapy for library assault](#)

Calling him a predator who is likely to commit sexual assault again, Livingston County Juvenile Court Referee Kathleen M. Oemke sentenced a 13-year-old boy, with "ongoing behavioral problems," to 127 days detention, sex-offender therapy, and two years of court-monitored supervision March 20 in conjunction with the molestation of a 7-year-old girl at the Brighton (Mich.) District Library last December....

ALA NEWS

[Demographic survey progress report](#) (PDF file)

As of March 22, the Office for Research and Statistics has received 6,581 eligible responses to its [voluntary online survey](#) to collect member demographics, about 10% of all ALA members. Some partial results: 57% of membership was born between 1940 and 1959, while 36.5% was born between 1960 and 1979; and 78% have an MLS from an ALA-accredited program....

[ALA to present \\$100,000 to Louisiana Library Association](#)

ALA will present the first donation from its ALA Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund to the Louisiana Library Association during its state conference March 28–30. The check presentation of \$100,000 will take place at 4 p.m. March 29 at the Lafayette Cajundome Convention Center....



[Investor education @ your library program kicks off](#)

The first in a nationwide series of investment seminars took place March 28 at the District of Columbia Public Library—officially launching the Investor Education @ your library® program sponsored by ALA and the Investor Protection Trust....



[Consultant for Library Corps feasibility study wanted](#)

ALA has issued a [request for proposal](#) (Word document) for a consultant to conduct a feasibility study on a proposal to establish a "Library Corps." The Library Corps would recruit retired librarians to provide assistance to libraries that need help....

[Registration now open for](#)

April 7.



[Annual Conference](#)
in New Orleans,
June 22–28.
Try out the
[ALA Conference](#)
[Wiki](#).

Poll

Tell us your favorite book:

What one or two books have you read recently that had the most significant impact on you?

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 March 22 poll:

Do you agree with the Bush administration's proposal to fold both the NCES state and public Library Statistics Program and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science into the IMLS?

[Joint Conference of Librarians of Color](#)

Registration is now open for the first-ever Joint Conference of Librarians of Color to be held October 11–15 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas. More than 3,000 librarians, exhibitors, publishers, and authors are expected to attend to discuss issues affecting library services for diverse populations....



YES.....36%
NO.....64%

(116 responses)

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

[ALA to visit hurricane-ravaged libraries for National Library Week](#)

ALA President Michael Gorman and other library leaders will begin National Library Week (April 2–8) by touring hurricane-ravaged libraries in New Orleans and Mississippi and meeting with local library staff....

TAKE@CTION

[E-mail your support for EPA Libraries:](#)

Oppose the FY2007 budget cuts and [take further action](#).

NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

[Report from Tulane](#)

At Tulane University, students came back in unexpectedly high numbers, over 80%. Our campus looks close to normal now, after a great deal of effort to create that impression....
Susanna S. Powers



[Browse](#) through new products from ALA Editions and ALA Graphics.

[Missing "Life As We Knew It"](#)

I am a high school teacher. I am very fortunate that my school—Benjamin Franklin High School—was able to reopen as a charter school. The *Wall Street Journal* did a long story about the heroic efforts of our principal to reopen the school after the first floor was flooded....
Gail Gill

Classifieds

[TEEN AND CHILDREN LIBRARIAN JOB FAIR,](#)

Ocean County (N.J.) Library, Toms River Branch. April 7 is the deadline to apply for this job fair. The library has 10 teen and childrens' librarians positions to fill....

[See American Libraries HOT JOBS ONLINE](#)

for more career opportunities

[Experts: Fragile economy hampers Big Easy](#)

Most of Big Oil has returned to New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina, Mardi Gras got the city back in the tourism business, and the skilled construction trades can't get enough workers. But there is a common theme: New Orleans will be a much smaller city with an economic growth that will be fragile for years to come....
Associated Press, Mar. 28

[City fiscal crisis eases](#)

New Orleans' financial situation remains dire, but its economy is doing better than expected and city government won't run out of money for at least another two months—and well beyond that if it is able to obtain more federal money or more loans from private sources, according to city officials and consultants....
New Orleans Times-Picayune, Mar. 25

[African Americans surveyed on post-storm Louisiana](#)

Louisiana is going to the internet for input from African Americans on whether hurricanes Katrina and Rita are

affecting their decision to visit the state. Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu announced a new partnership today between the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism and BlackAmericaWeb.com, a website backed by nationally syndicated radio host Tom Joyner....

New Orleans City Business, Mar. 28

[Housing is key to New Orleans recovery](#)

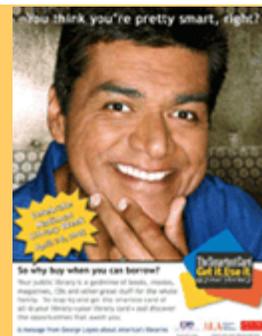
A national association of mortgage holders March 27 asked Congress to dedicate \$4.2 billion in federal housing grants to Louisiana after releasing a study by a retired LSU professor calling housing critical to jobs returning to New Orleans....

Baton Rouge Advocate, Mar. 28

[New Orleans airport traffic is at 52%](#)

Seven months after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans' international airport is at more than 50% of its pre-storm passenger levels, airport officials say....

USA Today, Mar. 29



[Download](#) print and audio PSAs (in English or Spanish) featuring George Lopez's "Smartest Card" message for **National Library Week**, April 2–8.

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DIVISION NEWS

[PLA National Conference draws record-breaking attendance](#)

More than 11,000 library staff, exhibitors, authors, and guests packed the Hynes Convention Center in Boston for the largest-ever PLA National Conference. Library funding, recruitment, privacy, serving diverse populations, and literacy were just a few of the issues that generated conversation and interest among attendees....



[ALSC preconference to focus on leadership and management](#)

ALSC will offer a preconference, "Spinning Straw into Gold: Leadership Potential to Management Results," on Thursday and Friday, June 22–23, at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. This hands-on workshop will encourage youth services librarians to examine their leadership styles and strengthen their management skills....

[ACRL's Intentional Teacher program](#)

The ACRL Institute for Information Literacy seeks applicants for the most recent addition to its Immersion program, *The Intentional Teacher: Renewal through Informed Reflection*. The deadline for applications is May 5....



[Put it in writing:](#)
Woman's Day

ROUND TABLE NEWS

[Mentor an international librarian](#)

The IRRT Orientation/Mentoring Committee is seeking mentors to meet and interact with international visitors to the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....



AWARDS

[Nancy Huling wins RUSA Genealogical Publishing Company Award](#)

Nancy Huling, head of the Reference and Research Services Division at the University of Washington Libraries, is the 2006 recipient of RUSA's Genealogical Publishing Company Award....



[Belpré Award celebrates 10th anniversary](#)

ALSC and Reforma are marking 10 successful years of the Pura Belpré Award with a celebration at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans on Sunday, June 25....



[LITA/Brett Butler Entrepreneurship Award winner announced](#)

Chris Zagar, systems librarian at Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale, Arizona, has won LITA's Brett Butler Entrepreneurship Award for authoring EZproxy, a software program that dynamically alters the URLs within the web pages provided by a database vendor....

SEEN ONLINE

[Books to chew on](#)

April 1 is the one time of year when readers get to eat books. They won't eat just any book—only those prepared especially for the occasion at the [Edible Books Festival](#), celebrated in libraries, bookstores, galleries, and private homes around the world....

New York Times, Mar. 26

[Vermont academic librarian fights USA Patriot Act](#)

In fall 2001, before the ink had dried on the nation's new anti-terrorism law known as the USA Patriot Act, University of Vermont librarian Trina Magi was analyzing how the federal measure would affect the civil liberties of library patrons. The news, Magi concluded, was not good....

Burlington (Vt.) Free Press, Mar. 26

magazine is asking its women readers aged 18 and over to submit their stories, in 700 words or less, on how the library has changed their lives.

Send stories to womansday@ala.org

from now until **May 10.**

Datebook

April 26–28:

[Off-Campus Library Services Conference](#),

Savannah, Georgia.

May 17-18:

[Ohio Libraries Council](#), Small Libraries Conference, Columbus. "Small Libraries: Dynamic Community Resources."

Contact: [OLC](#), 614-416-2258.

June 1–2:

[Rhode Island Library Association](#) (PDF file), Annual Conference, Bryant College, Smithfield.

Contact: [RILA](#).

June 7–8:

[Ohio Library Council](#), Diversity Conference, Columbus.

Contact: [OLC](#), 614-416-2258.

June 8–10:

[Loex of the West Conference](#), Fairmont Orchid, Kona Coast of Hawaii's Big Island.

"Information

[High school censorship lesson goes awry](#)

Officials said a librarian at Roseville Area (Minn.) High School tried to show students what censorship looks and feels like. Among the books he tossed into a trash can made to look like a bonfire was the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam....

Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Mar. 22

[One day in a Beirut library](#)

The Fadlallah Library, a two-story underground refuge in a part of Beirut that was once one of the Lebanese civil war's most dangerous, is on the front line in a struggle between East and West in which the front lines aren't always well defined....

Washington Post, Mar. 28

[Sacramento lays off school librarians](#)

Pink slips went out to about 150 Sacramento City Unified teachers, librarians, and counselors before the state-mandated March 15 deadline for school layoff notification, officials said. The notices are in anticipation of a \$9 million to \$10 million deficit for the 2006-2007 school year....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, Mar. 17

[65% school initiative dies in Washington](#)

A statewide initiative that would have required school districts to spend 65% of their budgets in the classroom is dead. Backers of Initiative 924 had faced a number of opponents, including state Superintendent of Public Instruction Terry Bergeson, the state teachers union, and the League of Education Voters....

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Mar. 23

ACTIONS & ANSWERS

[Report calls for new, relevant assessment measures for high schools](#)

High schools need a relentless focus on results that matter for student success in the 21st century, according to a [report](#) (PDF file) by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. High schools must focus on improving student learning, achievement, and competencies based on the needs of today's work environments....

Partnership for 21st Century Skills, Mar. 24

[IMLS awards \\$163 million in state library grants](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded the grants under the Library Services and Technology Act. U.S. [states and territories](#) provide at least one dollar for every two dollars of federal support, and they invest the money on programs to expand learning resources and access to information....

IMLS, Mar. 23

[USA Patriot Act reauthorization—an analysis](#)

The ALA Washington Office details what sections changed and what sections stayed the same with the act's renewal March

Literacy for a Lifetime." Contact: [Dave Brier](#), 808-956-2746.

June 18-21:
[Association of Jewish Libraries](#), 41st Annual Convention, Cambridge, Mass. "Liberty, Learning, and Libraries." Contact: [AJL](#), 212-725-5359.

More [Datebook](#) items...



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Thus Said

"And when the eventual history of Chicago's gay community is written, the collection here will be an indispensable resource."

— *Chicago Tonight* correspondent Rich Samuels on Chicago's 25-year-old Gerber/Hart Library, a depository for the records of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered individuals and organizations, WTTW-TV, Jan. 12.

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[Foster children need libraries](#)

According to Casey Family Programs—the nation's largest foundation dedicated to providing, improving, and, ultimately, preventing the need for foster care—about 518,000 young people are in the foster care system on any given day....

ALSCconnect, Mar.

[Lexington Public Library staffers win state trivia contest](#)

The 11th annual Torch Run Trivia Contest in Louisville included more than 800 people on 95 teams. The library's winning team correctly answered 84 of 100 questions....

Lexington (Ky.) Public Library, Mar. 20

[American Theological Library Association moves to new headquarters](#)

ATLA is moving into a new headquarters office, effective April 3, one block south of its old location in Chicago....

American Theological Library Association, Mar. 23

[The Credibility Commons](#) (requires subscription)

R. David Lankes (Syracuse University) and Michael Eisenberg (University of Washington) have received a grant to establish a website called the [Credibility Commons](#), which will offer computer programs that they and others have written to help internet users find credible online information. They also plan to gather feedback on the ease and reliability of various methods for finding information on the Web, such as using search engines and posting questions on blogs....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Mar. 29

[Computers in Libraries conference](#)

The LITA Blog has summarized some of the presentations at the 21st Annual CIL in Washington, D.C., March 22–24, including sessions on the [Future of Catalogs](#), [Dead and Emerging Technologies](#), and [Structured Data](#)....

LITA Blog, Mar. 23–28

[Finding and using public records](#)

Stephanie Maatta and Diane Ashoff (University of South Florida) review the types of records used to find information about businesses and how to go about locating them....

RUSA/BRASS *Public Libraries Briefcase*, no. 14, Mar.

[A few bits of PLA swag](#)

The Laughing Librarian surveys the vendor giveaways in the PLA Conference exhibit hall...

Laughing Librarian, Mar. 23

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<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB2256FRL32YP>

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Results of the
March 22 poll:

Do you agree with the Bush administration's proposal to fold both the NCES state and public Library Statistics Program and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science into the IMLS?

YES.....36%

NO.....64%

(116 responses)

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

U.S. & WORLD NEWS

D.C. mayor offers details on library improvements

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/dcimprovements.htm>

Mayor Anthony A. Williams offered details March 22 on his plan to refurbish the District of Columbia library system, calling for an \$8-million boost to the operating budget to fund additional materials, computers, and furnishings and to restore Sunday hours at some branches....

Three Wishes controversy continues in Ontario schools

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/threewishescontinues.htm>

School boards across Ontario continue to weigh in on Three Wishes, a controversial book that explores the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through interviews with children from both sides that had been recommended by the Ontario Library Association for 4th–6th graders as part of its Silver Birch reading program....

Conservative group sues libraries for blocking its website

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/cccblocked.htm>

A nationwide conservative political group has sued four Missouri libraries for allegedly using internet filtering software to block patrons from viewing its website....

Britain launches campaign to transform libraries' image

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/britaincampaign.htm>

British Minister for Culture David Lammy launched a “Love Libraries” campaign, designed to transform the image of public libraries by presenting “a new vision of a 21st century reading service,” with an announcement March 22 that three libraries would be turned into “models of a future library service with reading at its heart.”...

Michigan library board fires director

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/baycountydiretor.htm>

In an emergency meeting March 21, Bay County (Mich.) Library trustees voted 4–1 to confirm the firing of Director Frederick J. Paffhausen by board chair Ella Jane Martini a day earlier....

Brooklyn branch closes after fight

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/brooklynclosure.htm>

The Brownsville branch of the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library closed for six days after a staff member was injured breaking up a fight....

Michigan teen gets detention, therapy for library assault

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/michiganteen.htm>

Calling him a predator who is likely to commit sexual assault again, Livingston County Juvenile Court Referee Kathleen M. Oemke sentenced a 13-year-old boy, with “ongoing behavioral problems,” to 127 days detention, sex-offender therapy, and two years of court-monitored supervision March 20 in conjunction with the molestation of a 7-year-old girl at the Brighton (Mich.) District Library last December....

ALA NEWS

Demographic survey progress report (PDF file)

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ors/reports/KeepOutTheHairDye.pdf>

As of March 22, the Office for Research and Statistics has received 6,581 eligible responses to its voluntary online survey to collect member demographics, about 10% of all ALA members. Some partial results: 57% of membership was born between 1940 and 1959, while 36.5% was born between 1960 and 1979; and 78% have an MLS from an ALA-accredited program....

ALA to present \$100,000 to Louisiana Library Association

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/alapdonatestolla.htm>

ALA will present the first donation from its ALA Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund to the Louisiana Library Association during its state conference March 28–30. The check presentation of \$100,000 will take place at 4 p.m. March 29 at the Lafayette Cajundome Convention Center....

Investor education @ your library program kicks off

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/iptkickoff.htm>

The first in a nationwide series of investment seminars took place March 28 at the District of Columbia Public Library

—officially launching the Investor Education @ your library® program sponsored by ALA and the Investor Protection Trust....

Consultant for Library Corps feasibility study wanted

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/feasibilitystudyrfp.htm>

ALA has issued a request for proposal (Word document) for a consultant to conduct a feasibility study on a proposal to establish a “Library Corps.” The Library Corps would recruit retired librarians to provide assistance to libraries that need help....

Registration now open for Joint Conference of Librarians of Color

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/jclcregis.htm>

Registration is now open for the first-ever Joint Conference of Librarians of Color to be held October 11–15 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas. More than 3,000 librarians, exhibitors, publishers, and authors are expected to attend to discuss issues affecting library services for diverse populations....

ALA to visit hurricane-ravaged libraries for National Library Week

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/nlw06.htm>

ALA President Michael Gorman and other library leaders will begin National Library Week (April 2–8) by touring hurricane-ravaged libraries in New Orleans and Mississippi and meeting with local library staff....

NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

Report from Tulane

<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/stories.htm#powers>

At Tulane University, students came back in unexpectedly high numbers, over 80%. Our campus looks close to normal now, after a great deal of effort to create that impression....

Susanna S. Powers

Missing “Life As We Knew It”

<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/stories.htm#gill>

I am a high school teacher. I am very fortunate that my school—Benjamin Franklin High School—was able to reopen as a charter school. The Wall Street Journal did a long story about the heroic efforts of our principal to reopen the school after the first floor was flooded....

Gail Gill

Experts: Fragile economy hampers Big Easy

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/03/28/ap/business/mainD8GKQ2V85.shtml>

Most of Big Oil has returned to New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina, Mardi Gras got the city back in the tourism business, and the skilled construction trades can’t get enough workers. But there is a common theme: New Orleans will be a much smaller city with an economic growth that will be fragile for years to come....

Associated Press, Mar. 28

City fiscal crisis eases

<http://www.nola.com/archives/t-p/index.ssf?/base/library-98/1143271790155160.xml&coll=1>

New Orleans’ financial situation remains dire, but its economy is doing better than expected and city government won’t run out of money for at least another two months—and well beyond that if it is able to obtain more federal money or more loans from private sources, according to city officials and consultants....

New Orleans Times-Picayune, Mar. 25

African Americans surveyed on post-storm Louisiana

<http://www.neworleanscitybusiness.com/upotheminute.cfm?recid=3359>

Louisiana is going to the internet for input from African Americans on whether hurricanes Katrina and Rita are affecting their decision to visit the state. Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu announced a new partnership today between the

Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism and BlackAmericaWeb.com, a website backed by nationally syndicated radio host Tom Joyner....
New Orleans City Business, Mar. 28

Housing is key to New Orleans recovery
<http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/politics/2532786.html>

A national association of mortgage holders March 27 asked Congress to dedicate \$4.2 billion in federal housing grants to Louisiana after releasing a study by a retired LSU professor calling housing critical to jobs returning to New Orleans....
Baton Rouge Advocate, Mar. 28

New Orleans airport traffic is at 52%
http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-03-29-nola-airport_x.htm
Seven months after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans' international airport is at more than 50% of its pre-storm passenger levels, airport officials say....
USA Today, Mar. 29

DIVISION NEWS

PLA National Conference draws record-breaking attendance
<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/plawrap.htm>

More than 11,000 library staff, exhibitors, authors, and guests packed the Hynes Convention Center in Boston for the largest-ever PLA National Conference. Library funding, recruitment, privacy, serving diverse populations, and literacy were just a few of the issues that generated conversation and interest among attendees....

ALSC preconference to focus on leadership and management
<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/alsc06acpreconference.htm>

ALSC will offer a preconference, "Spinning Straw into Gold: Leadership Potential to Management Results," on Thursday and Friday, June 22–23, at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. This hands-on workshop will encourage youth services librarians to examine their leadership styles and strengthen their management skills....

ACRL's Intentional Teacher program
<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/acrlseeksinstapplicants.htm>

The ACRL Institute for Information Literacy seeks applicants for the most recent addition to its Immersion program, The Intentional Teacher: Renewal through Informed Reflection. The deadline for applications is May 5....

ROUND TABLE NEWS

Mentor an international librarian
<http://www.ala.org/ala/iro/iroactivities/intlmentor.htm>

The IRRT Orientation/Mentoring Committee is seeking mentors to meet and interact with international visitors to the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

AWARDS

Nancy Huling wins RUSA Genealogical Publishing Company Award
<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/hulingwins06geneologic.htm>

Nancy Huling, head of the Reference and Research Services Division at the University of Washington Libraries, is the 2006 recipient of RUSA's Genealogical Publishing Company Award....

Belpré Award celebrates 10th anniversary

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/belpretenthanniversary.htm>

ALSC and Reforma are marking 10 successful years of the Pura Belpré Award with a celebration at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans on Sunday, June 25....

LITA/Brett Butler Entrepreneurship Award winner announced

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/06butlerawardannounced.htm>

Chris Zagar, systems librarian at Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale, Arizona, has won LITA's Brett Butler Entrepreneurship Award for authoring EZproxy, a software program that dynamically alters the URLs within the web pages provided by a database vendor....

SEEN ONLINE

Books to chew on

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/26/books/review/26eskin.html>

April 1 is the one time of year when readers get to eat books. They won't eat just any book—only those prepared especially for the occasion at the Edible Books Festival, celebrated in libraries, bookstores, galleries, and private homes around the world....

New York Times, Mar. 26

Vermont academic librarian fights USA Patriot Act

<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060326/NEWS02/603260308/1007&theme=>

In fall 2001, before the ink had dried on the nation's new anti-terrorism law known as the USA Patriot Act, University of Vermont librarian Trina Magi was analyzing how the federal measure would affect the civil liberties of library patrons. The news, Magi concluded, was not good....

Burlington Free Press, Mar. 26

High school censorship lesson goes awry

<http://www.startribune.com/389/story/322287.html>

Officials said a librarian at Roseville Area (Minn.) High School tried to show students what censorship looks and feels like. Among the books he tossed into a trash can made to look like a bonfire was the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam....

Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Mar. 22

One day in a Beirut library

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/03/27/AR2006032701355.html>

The Fadlallah Library, a two-story underground refuge in a part of Beirut that was once one of the Lebanese civil war's most dangerous, is on the front line in a struggle between East and West in which the front lines aren't always well defined....

Washington Post, Mar. 28

Sacramento lays off school librarians

http://www.sacbee.com/content/community_news/sacramento/story/14231516p-15053949c.html

Pink slips went out to about 150 Sacramento City Unified teachers, librarians, and counselors before the state-mandated March 15 deadline for school layoff notification, officials said. The notices are in anticipation of a \$9 million to \$10 million deficit for the 2006–2007 school year....

Sacramento Bee, Mar. 17

65% school initiative dies in Washington

http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/264031_initiative23.html

A statewide initiative that would have required school districts to spend 65% of their budgets in the classroom is dead. Backers of Initiative 924 had faced a number of opponents, including state Superintendent of Public Instruction Terry Bergeson, the state teachers union, and the League of Education Voters....

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Mar. 23

ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

Report calls for new, relevant assessment measures for high schools

<http://sev.prnewswire.com/education/20060324/DCF00324032006-1.html>

High schools need a relentless focus on results that matter for student success in the 21st century, according to a report (PDF file) by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. High schools must focus on improving student learning, achievement, and competencies based on the needs of today's work environments....

Partnership for 21st Century Skills, Mar. 24

IMLS awards \$163 million in state library grants

<http://www.imls.gov/news/2006/032206.shtm>

The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded the grants under the Library Services and Technology Act. U.S. states and territories provide at least one dollar for every two dollars of federal support, and they invest the money on programs to expand learning resources and access to information....

IMLS, Mar. 23

USA Patriot Act reauthorization—an analysis

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/civilliberties/theusapatriotact/usapatriotact.htm#reauth>

The ALA Washington Office details what sections changed and what sections stayed the same with the act's renewal March 9....

ALA Washington Office

Foster children need libraries

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscpubs/alsconnectnew/mar06/officiallyspeaking/officiallyspeaking.htm>

According to Casey Family Programs—the nation's largest foundation dedicated to providing, improving, and, ultimately, preventing the need for foster care—about 518,000 young people are in the foster care system on any given day....

ALSConnect, Mar.

Lexington Public Library staffers win state trivia contest

<http://www.lexpublib.org/librarynews/article.cfm?ArticleID=23>

The 11th annual Torch Run Trivia Contest in Louisville included more than 800 people on 95 teams. The library's winning team correctly answered 84 of 100 questions....

Lexington Public Library, Mar. 20

American Theological Library Association moves to new headquarters

<http://www.atla.com/news.html>

ATLA is moving into a new headquarters office, effective April 3, one block south of its old location in Chicago....

American Theological Library Association, Mar. 23

The Credibility Commons (requires subscription)

<http://chronicle.com/daily/2006/03/2006032901t.htm>

R. David Lankes (Syracuse University) and Michael Eisenberg (University of Washington) have received a grant to establish a website called the Credibility Commons, which will offer computer programs that they and others have written to help internet users find credible online information. They also plan to gather feedback on the ease and reliability of various methods for finding information on the Web, such as using search engines and posting questions on blogs....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Mar. 29

Computers in Libraries conference

<http://litablog.org/>

The LITA Blog has summarized some of the presentations at the 21st Annual CIL in Washington, D.C., March 22–24, including sessions on the Future of Catalogs, Dead and Emerging Technologies, and Structured Data...

LITA Blog, Mar. 23–28

Finding and using public records

<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaourassoc/rusasections/brass/brasspubs/publibbrief/no14march2006/plb200603.htm>

Stephanie Maatta and Diane Ashoff (University of South Florida) review the types of records used to find information about businesses and how to go about locating them....

RUSA/BRASS Public Libraries Briefcase, no. 14, Mar.

A few bits of PLA swag

http://www.laughinglibrarian.com/2006_03_01_archive.html#114313404138260358

The Laughing Librarian surveys the vendor giveaways in the PLA Conference exhibit hall...

Laughing Librarian, Mar. 23

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