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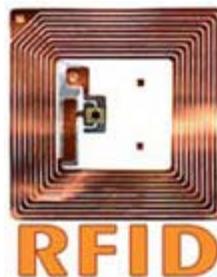
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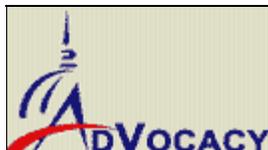
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AASL will hold its **13th National Conference** October 25–28, 2007, in Reno, Nevada. One way to seek permission and funding from your school administrator to attend is to speak in a concurrent session or participate in an Exploratorium presentation. What principal would turn down an opportunity to place the school in the national spotlight? Find out how to [submit](#) a proposal.

## Classifieds

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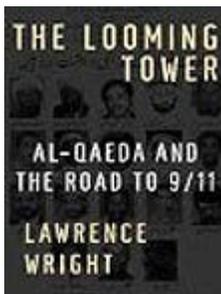


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**Loss and Recovery: Librarians Bear Witness to September 11, 2001**, a one-hour video in DVD or VHS format, consists of interviews with librarians who were in or near the World Trade Center on that horrific day. In their own words, they describe what they saw and how it affected them personally and professionally. An *American Libraries* production, the video is [distributed](#) by the Library Video Network. You can also [view](#) a three-minute QuickTime excerpt.

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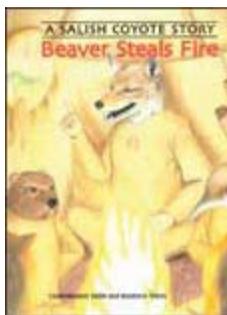
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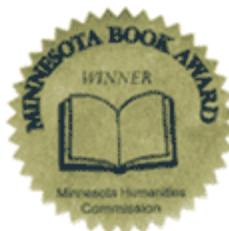
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The phrase **library automation** has many diverse meanings in the literature of librarianship. This [ALA Library Fact Sheet](#) offers a selection of print and web resources on the issues to consider when moving from the card catalog to the computerized catalog, upgrading from one present ILS to another, or considering virtual reference services.

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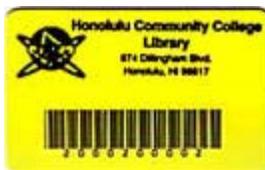
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### [Phoenix College librarian holds all the cards](#)

Some people collect shot glasses, matchbooks, or baseball cards, but not Carla Smith of Tempe, Arizona. The Phoenix College reference librarian has an impressive collection of library cards from around the world, from Äänekoski, Finland, to Yuma, Arizona. With national [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#) starting this week, ALA encourages people to obtain just one card each....

*Arizona Republic* (Phoenix), Aug. 31



### [The gloves are off in academia](#)

White gloves are worn in many American research libraries to handle rare books and documents, but Randy Silverman, a preservation librarian at the University of Utah with 26 years' experience in book conservation, has launched a quiet campaign to "stop the white glove." He and a colleague, conservation consultant Cathleen A. Baker, have published a paper, *Misperceptions about White Gloves* ([PDF file](#)), in which they call for the wearing of gloves to be replaced with a policy of people simply washing their hands....

*The Guardian* (UK), Sept. 4

### [Signage will help in Seattle's downtown library](#)

For all the architectural artistry of Rem Koolhaas's downtown Seattle library, there was just one little problem with the building: People kept getting lost inside. So the Seattle Public Library hired Lynne Faulk this year to help book borrowers and tourists navigate the \$170-million library, which features fluorescent, chartreuse escalators, but not many signs....

*Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer*, Sept. 5



### [Police suspect arson in West Virginia library fire](#)

Beckley police are awaiting word on the damage caused by an arsonist who struck the Raleigh County (W.Va.) Public Library on North Kanawha Street early in the morning of September 5. Beckley Police Detective Cpl. Sam McClure said firefighters and police discovered an accelerant had been doused throughout the building....

*Beckley (W.Va.) Register-Herald*, Sept. 6

### [MU journalism library battles moldy mess](#)

The University of Missouri journalism library in Columbia is closed for at least the next few weeks due to the discovery of an undisclosed number of moldy books. Library officials said that the mold is due to the combination of a broken air conditioner and recent hot temperatures and high humidity....

*The Missourian*, Aug. 31

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## Thus Said

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—“Goring Library’s Information Techno-loo-gy Boost,” *Worthing (UK) Herald*, July 31.

## In This Issue

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Stories inside include:

**The Next Big Issue: Public Access to Research**

**How Academic Libraries Can Meet Student Info-Seeking Behaviors**

**Break Out the Pinstripe Suits: Are You Ready for the For-Profit World?**

## [biblioteca](#)

Through its recent connection with the Biblioteca Benjamín Franklin of the Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, the Des Plaines (Ill.) Public Library hopes to promote the exchange of ideas among librarians and learn more about issues facing public libraries of both countries. Mutual visits have been the highlights....

*Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, Sept. 2*

## **ACTIONS & ANSWERS**

### [Google debuts 200-year news archive search](#)

News and history junkies take heart: Google's new News Archive Search lets you search back over 20 decades worth of historical content, including scads of articles not previously available via the search engine. Google has partnered with news organizations including *Time*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, and the *Washington Post*, and aggregators including Factiva, LexisNexis, Thomson Gale, and HighBeam Research, to index full-text content going back 200 years....

*Search Engine Watch, Sept. 6*

### [Library 2.0: Service for the next-generation library](#)

Michael E. Casey and Laura C. Savastinuk spell out how this new model of library service will revitalize the way we serve and interact with our customers. Library 2.0 encourages constant and purposeful change, inviting user participation in the creation of both the physical and the virtual services users want, supported by consistent and frequent evaluation....

*Library Journal 131, no. 14 (Sept. 1)*

### [OhioLINK offers advice on open access](#)

There is no guarantee that Ohio residents will have access to research produced by the state's own scholars as the costs and quantity of scholarly journals keep rising beyond the reach of Ohio higher education. OhioLINK has released recommendations ([PDF file](#)) that will help authors and their institutions retain the right to disseminate their works electronically, thereby assuring access to Ohio research for the Ohio scholarly community and beyond....

*OhioLINK, Aug. 30*

### [How NARA and the JFK Library recovered missing Kennedy materials](#)

Kennedy Library Archivist James M. Roth describes how many pilfered historical items—some taken by thieves, others possibly removed by Evelyn Lincoln, former secretary to President John F. Kennedy—were returned to their rightful place....

*Prologue 38, no. 2 (Summer)*



### [Packing up a library](#) (PDF file)

Education Director Robert Adler Peckerar relates his

## Datebook

### Upcoming:

**Sept. 16:**

[Assistive Technology Expo](#), Bronx Library Center, 310 East Kingsbridge Road, New York. Vendors and representatives from nonprofit organizations will showcase products and services for adults, young adults, and children with mobility, hearing, and visual disabilities. Contact: 718-579-4244.

**Oct. 22–24:**

[New England Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Burlington, Vermont. "Peak Performance." Contact: [NELA](#).

**Oct. 24–27:**

[Mississippi Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Grand Casino, Tunica. "Libraries Help Re-Build Communities." Contact: 601-981-4586.

**Oct. 25–27:**

[Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association](#), Conference, Qwest Center, Omaha. "Libraries: Vital, Vibrant, Visionary." Contact: [NLA](#).

### Exhibits:

experiences retrieving a large collection of Yiddish books from Montevideo, Uruguay, for the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts....

*Pakn Treger*, no. 51 (Summer 2006)

### [Salaries of academic librarians in the West and Southwest](#) (PDF file)

The salaries of academic librarians, like many in the library field, are affected by their position, the type of library they are working in, and where their library is located. The data indicates that a majority of academic librarians in the West and Southwest received annual salaries lower than the national average. Most affected were librarians at four-year colleges who received below national average salaries....

*Fast Facts* (Colorado Library Research Service), Aug. 22

### [Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Each year from September 15 to October 15, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the economic, cultural, and social contributions of the more than 41.3 million Latinos residing in the U.S. The dates were selected to include the Independence Day celebrations of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile, and to incorporate October 12 (*Día de la Raza*), a holiday celebrated in Mexico to observe the colonization, exploration, and multicultural heritage of the Americas....

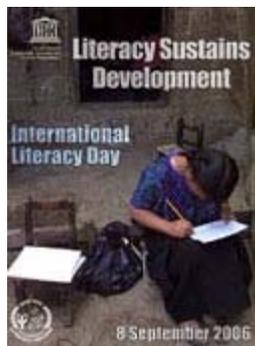
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### [International Literacy Day](#)

September 8, UNESCO's International Literacy Day, is a timely reminder to the world about the importance of literacy for individuals, families, communities, and whole societies. This year's theme, "Literacy sustains development," emphasizes that literacy is not only a positive outcome of development processes, but also a lever of change and an instrument for achieving further social progress....

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### [Phishing expeditions on the rise](#)

Ipswitch, a leading developer of network management and file transfer solutions, announced the results of its fifth Spamometer survey August 31, revealing that 70% of all email received is spam. The increase stems from a massive rise in phishing emails—the inherently dangerous spam messages that ask the recipient to supply personal information that can lead to identity theft....

Ipswitch, Aug. 31

### [The five types of content on library websites](#)

David Lee King, Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library acting IT director, classifies the types of content most often presented on library web pages....

David Lee King blog, Aug. 22

**Until Oct. 22:**

#### [Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art](#), Amherst, Mass.

"The Wonderful Art of Oz," organized in honor of the 150th anniversary of Oz series creator, L. Frank Baum.

Contact: [Eric Carle Museum](#), 413-658-1100.

**Until Dec. 17:**

#### [University of Southern California](#), Los Angeles.

"Five Days of Freedom: Photographs from the Hungarian Revolution of 1956."

Contact: [Patty Johnson](#).

**Until Jan. 1:**

#### [National Archives](#),

Washington, D.C.

"Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives." Letters, diaries, audio and film recordings that chronicle dramatic moments in U.S. history. Contact: [NARA](#), 202-357-5300.

More [Datebook](#) items...

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## [The Wave Books Poetry Bus Tour](#)

Stopping at 50 cities in 50 days, the Wave Books Poetry Bus Tour began September 4 and ends October 27. Over 100 poets, along with musicians, filmmakers, and journalists, are participating as the bus traverses North America, bringing innovative poetry to big cities and small towns across the U.S. and Canada....

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East Brunswick (N.J.) Home News Tribune, Sept. 5

### Phoenix College librarian holds all the cards

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/arizonaliving/articles/0831librarycard0831.html>

Some people collect shot glasses, matchbooks, or baseball cards, but not Carla Smith of Tempe, Arizona. The Phoenix College reference librarian has an impressive collection of library cards from around the world, from Äänekoski, Finland, to Yuma, Arizona. With national Library Card Sign-Up Month starting this week, ALA encourages people to obtain just one card each....

Arizona Republic (Phoenix), Aug. 31

### The gloves are off in academia

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/higher/comment/story/0,,1864446,00.html>

White gloves are worn in many American research libraries to handle rare books and documents, but Randy Silverman, a preservation librarian at the University of Utah with 26 years' experience in book conservation, has launched a quiet campaign to "stop the white glove." He and a colleague, conservation consultant Cathleen A. Baker, have published a paper, Misperceptions about White Gloves (PDF file), in which they call for the wearing of gloves to be replaced with a policy of people simply washing their hands....

The Guardian (UK), Sept. 4

### Signage will help in Seattle's downtown library

[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/283819\\_library05.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/283819_library05.html)

For all the architectural artistry of Rem Koolhaas's downtown Seattle library, there was just one little problem with the building: People kept getting lost inside. So the Seattle Public Library hired Lynne Faulk this year to help book borrowers and tourists navigate the \$170-million library, which features fluorescent, chartreuse escalators, but not many signs....

Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer, Sept. 5

### Police suspect arson in West Virginia library fire

[http://www.register-herald.com/homepage/local\\_story\\_248221007.html](http://www.register-herald.com/homepage/local_story_248221007.html)

Beckley police are awaiting word on the damage caused by an arsonist who struck the Raleigh County (W.Va.) Public Library on North Kanawha Street early in the morning of September 5. Beckley Police Detective Cpl. Sam McClure said firefighters and police discovered an accelerant had been doused throughout the building....

Beckley (W.Va.) Register-Herald, Sept. 6

MU journalism library battles moldy mess

<http://columbiainmissourian.com/news/story.php?ID=21293>

The University of Missouri journalism library in Columbia is closed for at least the next few weeks due to the discovery of an undisclosed number of moldy books. Library officials said that the mold is due to the combination of a broken air conditioner and recent hot temperatures and high humidity....

The Missourian, Aug. 31

Des Plaines library connects with Mexican biblioteca

<http://www.dailyherald.com/news/cookstory.asp?id=223515&cc=c&tc=dpl&t=des%20plaines>

Through its recent connection with the Biblioteca Benjamín Franklin of the Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, the Des Plaines (Ill.) Public Library hopes to promote the exchange of ideas among librarians and learn more about issues facing public libraries of both countries. Mutual visits have been the highlights....

Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, Sept. 2

## ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Google debuts 200-year news archive search

<http://searchenginewatch.com/showPage.html?page=3623345>

News and history junkies take heart: Google's new News Archive Search lets you search back over 20 decades worth of historical content, including scads of articles not previously available via the search engine. Google has partnered with news organizations including Time, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Guardian, and the Washington Post, and aggregators including Factiva, LexisNexis, Thomson Gale, and HighBeam Research, to index full-text content going back 200 years....

Search Engine Watch, Sept. 6

Library 2.0: Service for the next-generation library

<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6365200.html>

Michael E. Casey and Laura C. Savastinuk spell out how this new model of library service will revitalize the way we serve and interact with our customers. Library 2.0 encourages constant and purposeful change, inviting user participation in the creation of both the physical and the virtual services users want, supported by consistent and frequent evaluation....

Library Journal 131, no. 14 (Sept. 1)

OhioLINK offers advice on open access

<http://www.ohiolink.edu/about/pr/pr20060830.html>

There is no guarantee that Ohio residents will have access to research produced by the state's own scholars as the costs and quantity of scholarly journals keep rising beyond the reach of Ohio higher education. OhioLINK has released recommendations (PDF file) that will help authors and their institutions retain the right to disseminate their works electronically, thereby assuring access to Ohio research for the Ohio scholarly community and beyond....

OhioLINK, Aug. 30

How NARA and the JFK Library recovered missing Kennedy materials

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2006/summer/camelot.html>

Kennedy Library Archivist James M. Roth describes how many pilfered historical items—some taken by thieves, others possibly removed by Evelyn Lincoln, former secretary to President John F. Kennedy—were returned to their rightful place....

Prologue 38, no. 2 (Summer)

Packing up a library (PDF file)

<http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/pdf/pt/51/uruguay.pdf>

Education Director Robert Adler Peckerar relates his experiences retrieving a large collection of Yiddish books from Montevideo, Uruguay, for the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts....

Pakn Treger, no. 51 (Summer 2006)

Salaries of academic librarians in the West and Southwest (PDF file)

[http://www.lrs.org/documents/fastfacts/245\\_ALA\\_Academic\\_%20Salary.pdf](http://www.lrs.org/documents/fastfacts/245_ALA_Academic_%20Salary.pdf)

The salaries of academic librarians, like many in the library field, are affected by their position, the type of library they are working in, and where their library is located. The data indicates that a majority of academic librarians in the West and Southwest received annual salaries lower than the national average. Most affected were librarians at four-year colleges who received below national average salaries....

Fast Facts (Colorado Library Research Service), Aug. 22

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

[http://www.nclr.org/section//hispanic\\_heritage\\_month/](http://www.nclr.org/section//hispanic_heritage_month/)

Each year from September 15 to October 15, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the economic, cultural, and social contributions of the more than 41.3 million Latinos residing in the U.S. The dates were selected to include the Independence Day celebrations of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile, and to incorporate October 12 (Día de la Raza), a holiday celebrated in Mexico to observe the colonization, exploration, and multicultural heritage of the Americas....

National Council of La Raza

International Literacy Day

[http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=50415&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=50415&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

September 8, UNESCO's International Literacy Day, is a timely reminder to the world about the importance of literacy for individuals, families, communities and whole societies. This year's theme, "Literacy sustains development," emphasizes that literacy is not only a positive outcome of development processes but also a lever of change and an instrument for achieving further social progress....

UNESCO

Phishing expeditions on the rise

[http://www.ipswitch.com/company/press\\_releases/060831\\_spamometer.asp](http://www.ipswitch.com/company/press_releases/060831_spamometer.asp)

Ipswitch, a leading developer of network management and file transfer solutions, announced the results of its fifth Spamometer survey August 31, revealing that 70% of all email received is spam. The increase stems from a massive rise in phishing emails—the inherently dangerous spam messages that ask the recipient to supply personal information that can lead to identity theft....

Ipswitch, Aug. 31

The five types of content on library websites

<http://www.davidleeking.com/2006/08/22/five-types-of-content-on-a-library-website/>

David Lee King, Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library acting IT director, classifies the types of content most often presented on library web pages....

David Lee King blog, Aug. 22

The Wave Books Poetry Bus Tour

<http://www.poetrybus.com/>

Stopping at 50 cities in 50 days, the Wave Books Poetry Bus Tour began September 4 and ends October 27. Over 100 poets, along with musicians, filmmakers, and journalists, are participating as the bus traverses North America, bringing innovative poetry to big cities and small towns across the U.S. and Canada....

Wave Books

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## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

### [Board moves to privatize Tennessee library](#)

The Jackson–Madison County (Tenn.) Library board stunned the Madison County Commission September 6 when it announced its decision to enter library management contract negotiations with the Maryland-based, privately owned firm Library Systems and Services, commonly known as LSSI....

### [Lackluster fundraising looms over San Diego library](#)

California officials are threatening to renege on a \$20-million grant to help build a new main library in San Diego due to almost two years of stalled fundraising efforts by the San Diego Public Library Foundation. If the state backs out, observers fear that a complex private/public formula to pay for the \$185-million facility would collapse....

### [Survival uncertain for Minneapolis branches](#)

Several branches of the Minneapolis Public Library are facing potential closure as the library board of trustees evaluates its 2007 budget and three-year plan. Among the libraries facing termination is the Southeast Community Library, which avoided a similar fate in 2003....



### [Mold-afflicted Missouri library reopens](#)

A broken air conditioner and hot, humid conditions contributed to mold growth on books at the temporary home of the University of Missouri at Columbia's journalism library, forcing officials to close the stacks from mid-August to September 8, when, University of Missouri Director of Libraries Jim Cogswell told *American Libraries*, "the area is stable and we have a working library again."...

## ALA NEWS

### [Gates Foundation grant will improve public library connectivity](#)



Readers of all ages can [vote](#) for their **favorite challenged books**.

Organized by age group, the books all have faced expulsion from U.S. schools and libraries in the last 25 years. Votes will be tallied and announced Monday, October 2.



The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy \$525,000 in support of efforts to ensure free public access to the internet in all of America's public libraries. The three-year general operating grant will allow OITP to help libraries meet an increasing demand for public internet access by supporting their participation in the federal e-rate program....

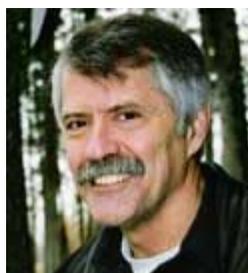
### [New online resources for immigration-themed programs](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office has set up a new [website](#) to assist librarians in creating public programs on the theme "Becoming American—New Immigration Stories." The project is designed to provide libraries throughout the United States with an excellent selection of books on immigrant literature for adults and families....



### [Banned books virtual panel discussion](#)

On Monday, September 25, at 10 a.m. Eastern time, ALA will participate in a virtual panel discussion to kick off the 25th anniversary of Banned Books Week. Sponsored by Internet2 service provider MAGPI at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, the panel will feature YA authors Chris Crutcher (above) and Sonya Jones, as well as Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair Kent Oliver....



### [Google Book Search joins Banned Books Week](#)

Starting September 12, readers can visit a [new site](#) created by Google Book Search that lets users explore 42 of the banned or challenged books that appear on the Radcliffe Publishing Course Top 100 Novels of the 20th Century. Interested readers can search or see basic information about these books and then either check for them in local libraries or buy them online....

### [Lawyers for Libraries training institute in Columbus](#)

ALA will present its eighth regional Lawyers for Libraries Training Institute in Columbus, Ohio, November 3. As with previous training sessions, the institute is intended primarily to equip attorneys with the tools they need to defend the First Amendment effectively in libraries....



### [Cultural Communities 2007 fundraising goal set at \\$277,000](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office began its 2007 fundraising campaign this month to build the Cultural Communities Fund, an endowment created to support local libraries in establishing community and cultural programs. This year's goal is to raise \$277,000 in order to



Kent State University SLIS Director Richard Rubin discusses the [role of mission, goals, and objectives](#) for accreditation program reviewers in the Fall issue of *Prism*, the newsletter of the ALA Office for Accreditation.

## Classifieds

### [INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGIST](#)

Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. Responsibilities include assisting faculty in the use of technology for teaching, with explicit concern for the individual teaching goals; and assisting students in the use of technology for curricular assignments....



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



The **Online Placement Center** for the 2006 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Dallas, TX, October 11–15, is now [online](#). All services are free to job seekers—not just ALA and/or JCLC members or on-site attendees. You may use this service even if you won't be able to attend the conference.

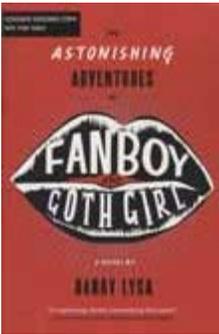
qualify for matching funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities....

# Booklist — ONLINE —

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

Lyga, Barry. *The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl*. Oct. 2006. 320p. Houghton, hardcover. Grades 8–11. (0-618-72392-7).

Fifteen-year-old Fanboy is miserable at school, where he is bullied, and at home, with his pregnant mother and her husband, the "step-fascist." His only relief is the late hours spent creating his own comic book. Then he receives an instant message from Kyra, an enigmatic Goth who seems to be the only witness to the violence he endures, and the two form a cagey, charged friendship....



## DIVISION NEWS

### Submit a proposal for PLA's 2008 National Conference

PLA is now accepting preconference and program proposals for its 12th National Conference, to be held March 25–29, 2008, in Minneapolis. Proposals may be submitted through an online form available on the PLA website....

### Gail Godwin's Annual Conference talk online at RUSA

Best-selling author Gail Godwin spoke at the RUSA President's Program, "What You'll Read Next: The Buzz of Books," June 26 during ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The full text of her talk, "The Two Faces of Authorship in 2006," is now available on the RUSA website ([PDF file](#))....



## ROUND TABLE NEWS

### Consider serving on Depository Library Council

Each year the Government Documents Round Table recommends up to five people to be nominated by the ALA



ALSC is looking for new and innovative children's programs and services for children in grades K–4 across the country. The aim is to support the division's public launch of its [Kids! @ your library Public Awareness Campaign](#) on Sunday, November 12, at Boston Public Library. Send information about your program to [Laura Schulte-Cooper](#) by September 21.

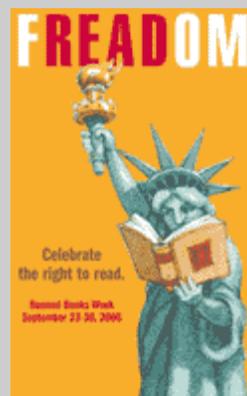
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**ALA—Working for Our Member Libraries**



If you already have the entire [ALA banned book](#)

Executive Board to serve on this advisory council to the Public Printer. To express an interest, complete the GODORT nomination form by December 1....

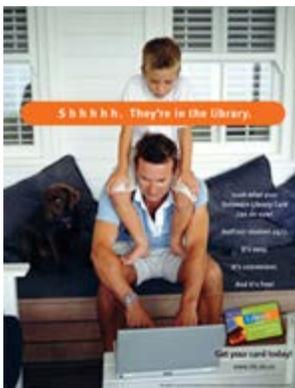
## AWARDS

### [Nominations sought for ALA awards and grants](#)

Nominations are being sought for the 2007 ALA recognition awards and grants. Unless otherwise noted, the deadline for applications is December 1....

### [Delaware's quiet campaign](#)

The Delaware Division of Libraries has won a 2007 Communicator Award for its new advertising campaign, "Shhhh. They're in the library." The ads promote the online Delaware Library Catalog and Delaware Library Card, which can be used at 28 participating libraries. Communicator Award winners are chosen from a pool of over 14,000 entries and are judged by communications professionals in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.



Delaware Division of Libraries, Aug. 28

### [LAMA seeks Cultural Diversity Grant applications](#)

LAMA is now accepting applications for its Cultural Diversity Grant. The grants are intended to support the creation and dissemination of resources that will assist library administrators and managers in developing a vision and commitment to diversity. Applications and supporting materials must be submitted by December 1....

### [The 2007 AASL awards](#)

Over \$50,000 is available through the annual AASL awards program. Thirteen awards, grants, and scholarships recognize and support outstanding contributions to the field of school librarianship in a variety of categories, including leadership, reading, information technology, and distinguished service....

### [Mashing Up the Library competition winners](#)

UK and Ireland library systems company Talis has announced the winners of its first [Mashing Up the Library 2006](#) global competition to encourage innovation in the display, use, and reuse of data from and about libraries. The first-place award of \$2,000 went to John F. Blyberg of Ann Arbor (Mich.)

District Library for his entry, [Go-Go-Google-Gadget](#), and the second-place award of \$1,000 to the Alliance Library System in East Peoria, Illinois, for its [Second Life Library 2.0](#) entry....

Talis, Sept. 11; ALA *TechSource* blog, Sept. 11

### [Apply for James Patterson PageTurner Awards](#)

Thriller novelist James Patterson (right) is offering a \$100,000 award this year to any

[poster collection](#), try out this one from the [American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression](#).

## Poll

# What do YOU think?

**Have your library's news and issues been covered accurately by the general media?**

**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 September 6 poll:**

Where does your library shelve its collection of graphic novels?

**Throughout the stacks:**

24%

**All together:**

42%

**By age:**

49%

**Closed stacks or special collections:**

1%

**Other:**

4%

**Don't collect:**

4%

(184 responses)

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

school or university that best instills the importance and joy of reading in its students. Two other \$50,000 awards will be given to any group or individual who encourages the excitement of books and reading. The deadline is October 16....

Hachette Book Group



### National Collections Care Award

Heritage Preservation and the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works invite nominations for the 2007 Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections. The annual award honors archives, museums, and libraries that have demonstrated exemplary and sustained commitment to caring for their collections....

Heritage Preservation, Sept. 7

## SEEN ONLINE

### Judith Russell to retire

Superintendent of Documents Judith C. Russell announced September 13 that she will be retiring early next year. Russell has been key in designing the Federal Depository Library Program of the future, creating GPO Access, and developing innovative plans for the publications sales program. Prior to her appointment by Public Printer Bruce James in 2003, Russell spent five years at GPO in the 1990s directing the agency's electronic dissemination operation and the FDLP.



Government Printing Office, Sept. 13

### Flood-damaged libraries to get \$61,000 from state, NYLA

Libraries in south-central New York will receive \$55,000 in state funding to help recover from summer flood damage and for capital improvement and equipment. The New York Library Association collected \$6,000 in donations and will award \$1,000 grants to six public libraries damaged during the June floods....

Oneonta (N.Y.) Daily Star, Sept. 13

### Arson ruins Spokane school library

A fire set at 3:30 a.m. September 8 at Sacajawea Middle School in Spokane, Washington, destroyed the interior of the library, charred thousands of library materials, and shattered exterior windows. No injuries were reported, but classes were canceled because of smoke damage and unsafe carbon monoxide levels throughout the South Hill school....

Spokane (Wash.) Statesman-Review, Sept. 8-9

### Kahuku library patrons fuming at vandals

Laie resident Bill Racoma is so ticked off over the vandalized



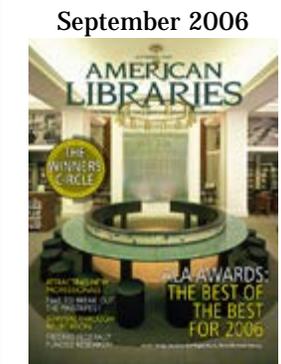
**Disasters** strike every area of the country and do not spare libraries. Usually there is little or no warning, and the best defense is a plan for effective response. The **ALA Library** offers a fact sheet that contains [links to disaster preparedness](#) websites, conservation, training, and other available resources.

## Thus Said

**“Not many people can say they were the first to do anything. Even doing the smallest thing first is a big deal.”**

—University of Florida senior Filup Molina, before camping out on a sidewalk for 13 hours in order to be one of the first two students across the threshold of UF's newly renovated Library West, *Independent Florida Alligator*, Aug. 3.

## In This Issue



Stories inside include:

Kahuku (Hawaii) Public and School Library that he is spearheading a reward campaign to catch the vandals and prevent further damage. Vandals smashed three glass windows on the front doors of the Kahuku Library on the night of September 3–4....

*Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, Sept. 8

### E-card brings Florida State Library to state employees

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month—and Florida library officials are using the occasion to encourage state workers to sign up for their electronic state library cards. The e-card gives them access to specialized online databases not available to the public....

*Tallahassee (Fla.) Democrat*, Sept. 11



### Some very special collections

As California's schools have proliferated, collections of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, artworks, costumes, scientific instruments, and specimens of animals, vegetables, and minerals have piled up faster than dossiers of professors, students, and alumni—thanks to gifts, purchases, and research expeditions. Every college and university has at least one library that has amassed much more than predictable texts and reference materials....

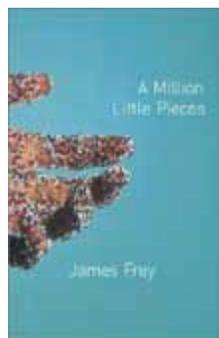
*Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 12



### Frey and Random House settle lawsuit

Under a tentative legal settlement, readers who said they were defrauded by James Frey's best seller, *A Million Little Pieces*, can claim refunds, an agreement called unprecedented—and understandable—by a leading publishing attorney. Readers who bought the book on or before January 26, the day Frey and his publisher acknowledged that he had made up parts of the book, would be eligible for a refund of the full suggested retail price....

Associated Press, Sept. 8

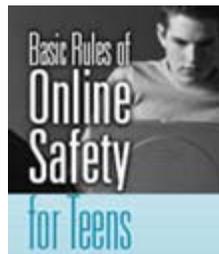


## ACTIONS & ANSWERS

### DOPA and the participation gap

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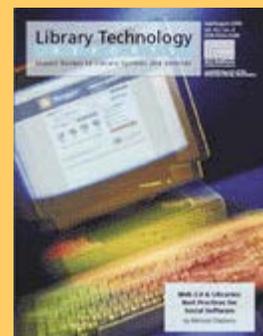
Illinois Library Association Executive Director Robert P. Doyle summarizes some practical alternatives for teen online safety that are far less intrusive than the Deleting Online Predators Act (H.R. 5319), passed by the House in July. The article also includes basic rules of online safety for teens and talking points on DOPA for librarians and educators....



### **The Next Big Issue: Public Access to Research**

### **How Academic Libraries Can Meet Student Info-Seeking Behaviors**

### **Break Out the Pinstripe Suits: Are You Ready for the For-Profit World?**



Six times a year, **Library Technology Reports** provides library professionals with insightful elucidation, covering technology and technological issues. The upcoming September/October issue features Jenny Levine on "Gaming and Libraries: Intersection of Services."

## Datebook

### **Sept. 30:** 2006 National Book Festival

National Mall, Washington, D.C. Organized by the Library of Congress and hosted by First Lady Laura Bush, the festival is free and open to the public. Contact: [National Book Festival](http://www.nationalbookfestival.org), 888-714-4696.

ILA Reporter 24, no. 5 (Oct.): 16–21

### [How to blog a conference](#)

Web information consultant Josh Hallett offers some practical advice on the tools and strategies you might need to provide online coverage of your favorite conference. He writes: "Not every organization has the luxury of having a large blogging staff (whether paid or volunteers). You might be all on your own, but having some helpers makes a big difference. If you plan to cover everything, your lowest common denominator is the maximum number of breakout sessions."...

Hyku, Sept. 6

### [The Wizard Rock movement and literacy](#)

A new music genre called Wizard Rock features songs related to the Harry Potter books, played by bands like the Remus Lupins and Harry and the Potters. Josh Bernstein writes: "Almost every one of these bands on their Myspace or website mention that one of their goals is to promote literacy. Some even have links to sites or pdfs you can download explaining how to help promote literacy in your own area."...

Alternative Teen Services, Sept. 8



### [Six tips to protect your online search privacy](#)

Google, MSN Search, Yahoo!, AOL, and most other search engines collect and store records of your search queries. If these records are revealed to others, they can be embarrassing or even cause great harm. The Electronic Frontier Foundation has developed six privacy tips ranging from the simple to more complicated measures that offer near-complete safety....

Electronic Frontier Foundation, Sept. 12

### [New West Point library to open in 2008](#)

It required moving a statue of General Patton and blasting away 28,000 cubic yards of granite rock, but West Point cadets in March 2008 will have a magnificent new library and hi-tech interactive learning center on the United States Military Academy's famous Hudson Valley campus. Designed by STV architects and engineers, the new Jefferson Hall will be the first academic building on the campus since 1972....

U.S. Military Academy



### [Wikipedia vs. Britannica: The debate](#)

Can Wikipedia's everyone's-an-editor approach produce a reliable resource tool without scholarly oversight? Are traditional encyclopedias like *Britannica* limited by lack of input? The *Wall Street Journal Online* invited Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales to discuss the topic with Dale Hoiberg, editor-in-chief of *Britannica*. The paper published their exchange, carried out over e-mail....

*Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 12

### **Oct. 11–14:**

#### [Access 2006](#)

conference, Ottawa, Ontario. "Capitalizing on Access." Includes a day-long mash-up [Hackfest](#). Contact: [Access 2006](#).

### **Oct. 31–Nov. 3:**

#### [Wisconsin Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells. "Making Connections." Contact: WLA, [Brigitte Vacha](#).

### **Nov. 1–4:**

#### [New York Library Association](#)

Annual Conference and Trade Show, Saratoga Springs. Contact: [NYLA](#), 518-432-6952.

### **Nov. 9–10:**

#### [Virginia Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Marriott Hotel, Williamsburg. "Read, Think, Speak: The Power of Libraries." Contact: [Linda Hahne](#), 757-583-0041.

### **Nov. 9–12:**

#### [Colorado Association of Libraries](#)

Annual Conference, Hammons Convention Center/Holiday Inn, Denver. "A ClassiCAL Celebration: Libraries and Literature." Contact: CAL, 303-463-6400.

### **Nov. 10–11:**

#### [Hawaii Library Association](#)

Waikiki

### [Comments on IMLS/NCLIS consolidation](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services released a summary of comments September 13 on its draft plan for consolidating the functions of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and the public and state library surveys of the National Center for Education Statistics. Overall, the 25 commenters felt that combining data collection, policy, and grant making in one agency would result in stronger federal support for library data collection and information policy....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Sept. 13

### [IMLS grants to Native American communities](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced an award of \$1,781,300 September 12 that will go to [15 Native American tribal communities and Alaska Native villages](#) to improve library services to their communities. More than 53 applications were received, requesting \$7,135,926....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Sept. 12

### [Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative, the next round](#)

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries is accepting grant applications from Gulf Coast-area school libraries destroyed or severely damaged by the 2005 hurricanes. The deadline is October 13....

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

### [November 2 is National Mock Election Day](#)

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Beach Resort and Spa, Oahu. "Emerging Technologies Affecting Libraries." Contact: Carol Kellett, 808-956-6562.

### **Nov. 11-13:**

[California Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Sacramento. "Raise Our Voice." Contact: [CLA](#), 916-447-8541.

### **Nov. 12-15:**

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

### **Nov. 14-16:**

[Arizona Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Mesa Convention Center. "Libraries, Change, Keeping Up." Contact: 602-697-6449.

More [Datebook](#) items...

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Have your library's news and issues been covered accurately by the general media?

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<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB225NA92QANZ>

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

Results of the

September 6 poll:

Where does your library shelve its collection of graphic novels?

Throughout

the stacks:

24%

All together:

42%

By age:

49%

Closed stacks or

special collections:

1%

Other:

4%

Don't collect:

4%

(184 responses)

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

U.S. & WORLD NEWS

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Board moves to privatize Tennessee library

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/september2006a/tennessee.htm>

The Jackson–Madison County (Tenn.) Library board stunned the Madison County Commission September 6 when it announced its decision to enter library management contract negotiations with the Maryland-based, privately owned firm Library Systems and Services, commonly known as LSSI....

Lackluster fundraising looms over San Diego library

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/september2006a/sandiego.htm>

California officials are threatening to renege on a \$20-million grant to help build a new main library in San Diego due to almost two years of stalled fundraising efforts by the San Diego Public Library Foundation. If the state backs out, observers fear that a complex private/public formula to pay for the \$185-million facility would collapse....

Southeast Community Library Survival uncertain for Minneapolis branches

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/september2006a/minneapolisbranch.htm>

Several branches of the Minneapolis Public Library are facing potential closure as the library board of trustees evaluates its 2007 budget and three-year plan. Among the libraries facing termination is the Southeast Community Library, which avoided a similar fate in 2003....

Mold-afflicted Missouri library reopens

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/september2006a/missourimold.htm>

A broken air conditioner and hot, humid conditions contributed to mold growth on books at the temporary home of the University of Missouri at Columbia's journalism library, forcing officials to close the stacks from mid-August to September 8, when, University of Missouri Director of Libraries Jim Cogswell told American Libraries, "the area is stable and we have a working library again."...

## ALA NEWS

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Gates Foundation grant will improve public library connectivity

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/Gatesoitpgrant.htm>

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy \$525,000 in support of efforts to ensure free public access to the internet in all of America's public libraries. The three-year general operating grant will allow OITP to help libraries meet an increasing demand for public internet access by supporting their participation in the federal e-rate program....

Graphic from PPO Becoming American website New online resources for immigration-themed programs

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/Onlineresourceimmigratio.htm>

The ALA Public Programs Office has set up a new website to assist librarians in creating public programs on the theme "Becoming American—New Immigration Stories." The project is designed to provide libraries throughout the United States with an excellent selection of books on immigrant literature for adults and families....

Chris Crutcher Banned books virtual panel discussion

<http://www.magpi.net/programs/bannedbooks.html>

On Monday, September 25, at 10 a.m. Eastern time, ALA will participate in a virtual panel discussion to kick off the 25th anniversary of Banned Books Week. Sponsored by Internet2 service provider MAGPI at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, the panel will feature YA authors Chris Crutcher (above) and Sonya Jones, as well as Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair Kent Oliver....

Google Book Search joins Banned Books Week

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/BBWexpandsonline.htm>

Starting September 12, readers can visit a new site created by Google Book Search that lets users explore 42 of the banned or challenged books that appear on the Radcliffe Publishing Course Top 100 Novels of the 20th Century. Interested readers can search or see basic information about these books and then either check for them in local libraries or buy them online....

Lawyers for Libraries logoLawyers for Libraries training institute in Columbus

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/LawyersforLibrariestrain.htm>

ALA will present its eighth regional Lawyers for Libraries Training Institute in Columbus, Ohio, November 3. As with previous training sessions, the institute is intended primarily to equip attorneys with the tools they need to defend the First Amendment effectively in libraries....

CCF logoCultural Communities 2007 fundraising goal set at \$277,000

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/2007CCFfundraisinggoal.htm>

The ALA Public Programs Office began its 2007 fundraising campaign this month to build the Cultural Communities Fund, an endowment created to support local libraries in establishing community and cultural programs. This year's goal is to raise \$277,000 in order to qualify for matching funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities....

## Booklist Online

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Featured review:

Books for youth

Lyga, Barry. *The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl*. Oct. 2006. 320p. Houghton, hardcover. Grades 8–11. (0-618-72392-7).

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1735461](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1735461)

Fifteen-year-old Fanboy is miserable at school, where he is bullied, and at home, with his pregnant mother and her husband, the “step-fascist.” His only relief is the late hours spent creating his own comic book. Then he receives an instant message from Kyra, an enigmatic Goth who seems to be the only witness to the violence he endures, and the two form a cagey, charged friendship....

## DIVISION NEWS

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Submit a proposal for PLA's 2008 National Conference

[http://www.placonference.org/2008/info\\_for\\_coord\\_speakers.cfm](http://www.placonference.org/2008/info_for_coord_speakers.cfm)

PLA is now accepting preconference and program proposals for its 12th National Conference, to be held March 25–29, 2008, in Minneapolis. Proposals may be submitted through an online form available on the PLA website....

Gail Godwin Annual Conference talk online at RUSA

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/GodwinspeechonRUSAwebsit.htm>

Best-selling author Gail Godwin spoke at the RUSA President's Program, “What You'll Read Next: The Buzz of Books,” June 26 during ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The full text of her talk, “The Two Faces of Authorship in 2006,” is now available on the RUSA website (PDF file)....

## Round Table News

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Consider serving on Depository Library Council

<http://www.ala.org/ala/godort/godortcommittees/godortnominating/dlcform.htm>

Each year the Government Documents Round Table recommends up to five people to be nominated by the ALA Executive Board to serve on this advisory council to the Public Printer. To express an interest, complete the GODORT nomination form by December 1....

## Awards

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### Nominations sought for ALA awards and grants

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/ALAREcognitionawards.htm>

Nominations are being sought for the 2007 ALA recognition awards and grants. Unless otherwise noted, the deadline for applications is December 1....

### Delaware's quiet campaign

<http://dla.lib.de.us/roadshow.htm>

The Delaware Division of Libraries has won a 2007 Communicator Award for its new advertising campaign, "Shhhh. They're in the library." The ads promote the online Delaware Library Catalog and Delaware Library Card, which can be used at 28 participating libraries. Communicator Award winners are chosen from a pool of over 14,000 entries and are judged by communications professionals in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Delaware Division of Libraries, Aug. 28

### LAMA seeks Cultural Diversity Grant applications

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/CulturalDiversityGrant.htm>

LAMA is now accepting applications for its Cultural Diversity Grant. The grants are intended to support the creation and dissemination of resources that will assist library administrators and managers in developing a vision and commitment to diversity. Applications and supporting materials must be submitted by December 1....

### The 2007 AASL awards

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/2007AASLwards.htm>

Over \$50,000 is available through the annual AASL awards program. Thirteen awards, grants, and scholarships recognize and support outstanding contributions to the field of school librarianship in a variety of categories, including leadership, reading, information technology, and distinguished service....

### Mashing Up the Library competition winners

<http://www.techsource.ala.org/blog/2006/09/mashup-magnificents.html>

UK and Ireland library systems company Talis has announced the winners of its first Mashing Up the Library 2006 global competition to encourage innovation in the display, use, and reuse of data from and about libraries. The first-place award of \$2,000 went to John F. Blyberg of Ann Arbor (Mich.) District Library for his entry, Go-Go-Google-Gadget, and the second-place award of \$1,000 to the Alliance Library System in East Peoria, Illinois, for its Second Life Library 2.0 entry....

Talis, Sept. 11; ALA TechSource blog, Sept. 11

### Apply for James Patterson PageTurner Awards

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

Thriller novelist James Patterson (right) is offering a \$100,000 award this year to any school or university that best instills the importance and joy of reading in its students. Two other \$50,000 awards will be given to any group or individual who encourages the excitement of books and reading. The deadline is October 16....

Hachette Book Group

### National Collections Care Award

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/awards/aic.htm>

Heritage Preservation and the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works invite nominations for the 2007 Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections. The annual award honors archives, museums, and libraries that have demonstrated exemplary and sustained commitment to caring for their collections....

Heritage Preservation, Sept. 7

SEEN ONLINE

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#### Judith Russell to retire

<http://www.gpo.gov/news/2006/06news25.pdf>

Superintendent of Documents Judith C. Russell announced September 13 that she will be retiring early next year. Russell has been key in designing the Federal Depository Library Program of the future, creating GPO Access, and developing innovative plans for the publications sales program. Prior to her appointment by Public Printer Bruce James in 2003, Russell spent five years at GPO in the 1990s directing the agency's electronic dissemination operation and the FDLP.

Government Printing Office, Sept. 13

#### Flood-damaged libraries to get \$61,000 from state, NYLA

<http://www.thedailystar.com/news/stories/2006/09/13/librar6.html>

Libraries in south-central New York will receive \$55,000 in state funding to help recover from summer flood damage and for capital improvement and equipment. The New York Library Association collected \$6,000 in donations and will award \$1,000 grants to six public libraries damaged during the June floods....

Oneonta (N.Y.) Daily Star, Sept. 13

#### Arson ruins Spokane school library

<http://www.firefightingnews.com/article.cfm?articleID=17108>

A fire set at 3:30 a.m. September 8 at Sacajawea Middle School in Spokane, Washington, destroyed the interior of the library, charred thousands of library materials, and shattered exterior windows. No injuries were reported, but classes were canceled because of smoke damage and unsafe carbon monoxide levels throughout the South Hill school....

Spokane (Wash.) Statesman-Review, Sept. 8-9

#### Kahuku library patrons fuming at vandals

<http://starbulletin.com/2006/09/08/news/story11.html>

Laie resident Bill Racoma is so ticked off over the vandalized Kahuku (Hawaii) Public and School Library that he is spearheading a reward campaign to catch the vandals and prevent further damage. Vandals smashed three glass windows on the front doors of the Kahuku Library on the night of September 3-4....

Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sept. 8

#### E-card brings Florida State Library to state employees

<http://www.tallahassee.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060911/NEWS01/609110333/1010/NEWS01>

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month—and Florida library officials are using the occasion to encourage state workers to sign up for their electronic state library cards. The e-card gives them access to specialized online databases not available to the public....

Tallahassee (Fla.) Democrat, Sept. 11

#### Some very special collections

<http://www.latimes.com/news/education/la-me-125collections12sep12,1,744180.story?coll=la-news-learning>

As California's schools have proliferated, collections of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, artworks, costumes, scientific instruments, and specimens of animals, vegetables, and minerals have piled up faster than dossiers of professors, students, and alumni—thanks to gifts, purchases, and research expeditions. Every college and university has at least one library that has amassed much more than predictable texts and reference materials....

Los Angeles Times, Sept. 12

#### Frey and Random House settle lawsuit

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/09/07/AR2006090700513.html?](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/09/07/AR2006090700513.html?nav=rss_artsandliving/entertainmentnews)

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Under a tentative legal settlement, readers who said they were defrauded by James Frey's best seller, *A Million Little Pieces*, can claim refunds, an agreement called unprecedented—and understandable—by a leading publishing attorney. Readers who bought the book on or before January 26, the day Frey and his publisher acknowledged that he had made up parts of the book, would be eligible for a refund of the full suggested retail price....

Associated Press, Sept. 8

## ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

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DOPA and the participation gap (PDF file)

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/ifissues/dopa.pdf>

Illinois Library Association Executive Director Robert P. Doyle summarizes some practical alternatives for teen online safety that are far less intrusive than the Deleting Online Predators Act (H.R. 5319), passed by the House in July. The article also includes basic rules of online safety for teens and talking points on DOPA for librarians and educators....

ILA Reporter 24, no. 5 (Oct.): 16–21

How to blog a conference

<http://hyku.com/blog/archives/001253.html>

Web information consultant Josh Hallett offers some practical advice on the tools and strategies you might need to provide online coverage of your favorite conference. He writes: “Not every organization has the luxury of having a large blogging staff (whether paid or volunteers). You might be all on your own, but having some helpers makes a big difference. If you plan to cover everything, your lowest common denominator is the maximum number of breakout sessions.”...

Hyku, Sept. 6

The Wizard Rock movement and literacy

<http://www.yalibrarian.com/wordpress/2006/09/wizard-rock/>

A new music genre called Wizard Rock features songs related to the Harry Potter books, played by bands like the Remus Lupins and Harry and the Potters. Josh Bernstein writes: “Almost every one of these bands on their Myspace or website mention that one of their goals is to promote literacy. Some even have links to sites or pdfs you can download explaining how to help promote literacy in your own area.”...

Alternative Teen Services, Sept. 8

Six tips to protect your online search privacy

<http://www.eff.org/Privacy/search/searchtips.php>

Google, MSN Search, Yahoo!, AOL, and most other search engines collect and store records of your search queries. If these records are revealed to others, they can be embarrassing or even cause great harm. The Electronic Frontier Foundation has developed six privacy tips ranging from the simple to more complicated measures that offer near-complete safety....

Electronic Frontier Foundation, Sept. 12

New West Point library to open in 2008

<http://www.library.usma.edu/jeffhall/default.asp>

It required moving a statue of General Patton and blasting away 28,000 cubic yards of granite rock, but West Point cadets in March 2008 will have a magnificent new library and hi-tech interactive learning center on the United States Military Academy’s famous Hudson Valley campus. Designed by STV architects and engineers, the new Jefferson Hall will be the first academic building on the campus since 1972....

U.S. Military Academy

Wikipedia vs. Britannica: The debate

[http://online.wsj.com/public/article/SB115756239753455284-A4hdSU1xZOC9Y9PFhJZV16jFILM\\_20070911.html](http://online.wsj.com/public/article/SB115756239753455284-A4hdSU1xZOC9Y9PFhJZV16jFILM_20070911.html)

Can Wikipedia’s everyone’s-an-editor approach produce a reliable resource tool without scholarly oversight? Are traditional encyclopedias like Britannica limited by lack of input? The Wall Street Journal Online invited Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales to discuss the topic with Dale Hoiberg, editor-in-chief of Britannica. The paper published their exchange, carried out over e-mail....

Wall Street Journal, Sept. 12

Comments on IMLS/NCLIS consolidation

<http://www.ims.gov/news/2006/091306.shtm>

The Institute of Museum and Library Services released a summary of comments September 13 on its draft plan for consolidating the functions of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and the public and state library surveys of the National Center for Education Statistics. Overall, the 25 commenters felt that combining data collection, policy, and grant making in one agency would result in stronger federal support for library data collection and information policy....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Sept. 13

IMLS grants to Native American communities

[http://www.ims.gov/news/2006/091206\\_nag.shtm](http://www.ims.gov/news/2006/091206_nag.shtm)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced an award of \$1,781,300 September 12 that will go to 15 Native American tribal communities and Alaska Native villages to improve library services to their communities. More than 53 applications were received, requesting \$7,135,926....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Sept. 12

Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative, the next round

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

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries is accepting grant applications from Gulf Coast-area school libraries destroyed or severely damaged by the 2005 hurricanes. The deadline is October 13....

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<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/publications/oclc/2006/mar06.pdf>

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## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

### [EPA library closings continue despite protests](#)

Touting it as part of a plan to put more information online, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been closing its regional libraries in spite of protests by federal employees. The Chicago library shut its doors August 28, and the Dallas and Kansas City, Missouri, libraries are set to close by the end of September....

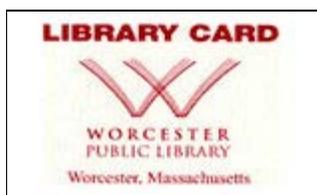


### [IMLS gets feedback on NCLIS and NCES survey consolidation](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services released a summary September 13 of comments on its July draft plan to consolidate the policy functions of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and the public and state library surveys of the National Center for Education Statistics into its operations....

### [Homeless patrons win in Worcester](#)

The Worcester (Mass.) Public Library board of directors decided September 12 to permit homeless patrons who receive mail at a shelter or elsewhere to check out as many books as any other patrons. The decision followed a class action lawsuit filed in July by the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts and the American Civil Liberties Union, charging that the library's borrowing policies were unfairly restricting access for residents who live in homeless shelters....



### [Arrests made in middle school library arson](#)

Three 15-year-old boys have been arrested in the torching of the [Sacajawea Middle School](#) in Spokane, Washington. The early-morning fire on September 8 gutted the media center, which was set ablaze by igniting gasoline that had been poured around the library, but thanks to a quick response from firefighters the flames did not spread to any other area of the campus....

### [D.C. residents rally for branches](#)



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The ALA Office for Diversity seeks submissions for its bulletin, [Versed](#), which focuses on best practices in library-based diversity work. Published five times a year online, the next print issue will be distributed at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle.



### again

Washingtonians gathered at a closed branch of the District of Columbia Public Library the first week of September to demand its immediate reopening. The protest, sponsored by the D.C. Library Renaissance Project, took place at the Anacostia branch, one of four closed in December 2004 for reconstruction....

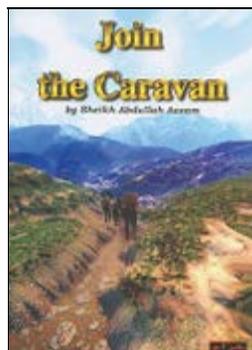


### Prison uncovers library book drug-smuggling scam

The Michigan Department of Corrections has foiled a plot to smuggle drugs hidden in borrowed public library books into a state prison. State Police Detective Sgt. Edward Doyle said in the September 13 *Grand Rapids Press* that a scheme at the Carson City (Mich.) Correctional Facility was discovered through an informant before any drugs entered the prison....

### Australian university library removes alleged jihad books

Fearing that federal authorities could press charges under the Australian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2005, the University of Melbourne has removed three books on Islamic jihad by Abdullah Azzam from open shelves in the Baillieu Library. Two of the books—*Defence of the Muslim Lands* and *Join the Caravan*—were banned from importation by a federal review board in July that found them liable to incite acts of terrorism and martyrdom....

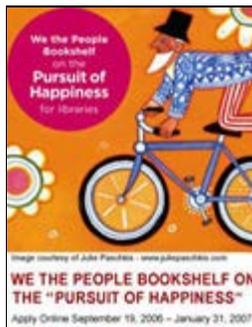


Through the **National Library Legislative Day 2007 Student Contest**, one student (age 12–18) will win a free trip to the 33rd Annual National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., May 1–2, 2007. Students must submit a catchy slogan and interesting logo for the event by **October 29**. The contest is sponsored by the ALA Washington Office and YALSA.

## ALA NEWS

### We the People Bookshelf theme is the "Pursuit of Happiness"

Part of the National Endowment for the Humanities *We the People* initiative, the *Bookshelf* is a grant program created to encourage young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history. This year's theme is the "Pursuit of Happiness." In spring 2007, NEH and ALA will select 2,000 libraries to receive the *Bookshelf*....



### Freedom to Read Foundation organizational memberships

As part of its efforts to meet increasing challenges to intellectual freedom, the Freedom to Read Foundation has established an organizational membership category. This new dues structure offers libraries, businesses, and nonprofits a greater opportunity to support librarians throughout the country who are facing attempts to restrict access to library materials and services....

## Classifieds

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**, Research Foundation of the State University of New York. Responsible for development and implementation of policies, procedures, and programs to carry out the directions set by the NYSHEI Board of Directors. Advocacy and member relations are major responsibilities....



See **JobLIST** for more career opportunities.



In March, 73 senators voted for the **Arlen Specter/Tom Harkin amendment** that provided an additional \$7 billion for education

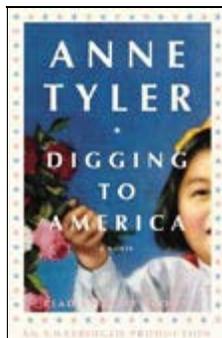


# Booklist — ONLINE —

## Featured review: Media

Tyler, Anne. *Digging to America*. Read by Blair Brown. Sept. 2006. 8.5 hr. Books on Tape, CS. (1-4159-3031-7).

Kudos to Brown for her on-target reading of Tyler's fictional exploration of two families who forge an unlikely friendship following the adoption of their Korean-born daughters. Brown perfectly limns the laid-back Donaldsons, who are intent on preserving daughter Jin-Ho's Korean roots. She also expertly depicts the Yazdans, an Iranian-American family who name their daughter the more American-sounding Susan....



and related programs in the FY2007 budget resolution. However, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported out a bill that is \$2 billion short of the FY2005 level, ignoring the amendment. Visit ALA's [Legislative Action Center](#) for more details.

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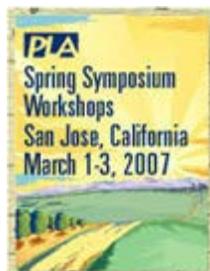


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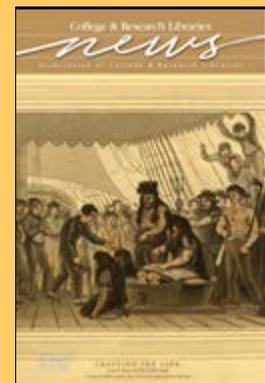
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*Neosho (Mo.) Daily News*, Sept. 18

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*Salina (Kans.) Journal*, Sept. 3

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*San Francisco Chronicle*, Sept. 15

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*Santa Cruz (Calif.) Sentinel*, Sept. 19

### [Salt Lake Library returns to normal after blast](#)

The Salt Lake City, Utah, Main Library remained a prime page-turning venue last weekend, despite a pipe-bomb explosion September 15 that broke a window and led to the building's evacuation....

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Sept. 17

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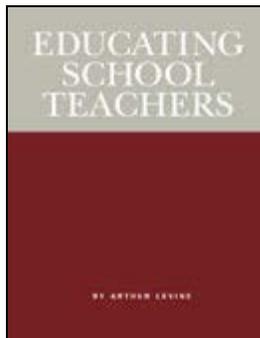
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## ACTIONS & ANSWERS

### [Teacher education is out of step with classroom reality, report says](#)

The vast majority of the nation's teachers are prepared in programs that have low admission and graduation standards and cling to an outdated vision of teacher education, concludes a new four-year study authored by Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The report, *Educating School Teachers* ([PDF file](#)), finds that most education schools are engaged in a "pursuit of irrelevance," with curriculums in disarray and faculty disconnected from classrooms and colleagues....

Education Schools Project, Sept. 18



### [Science fiction and science are partners in China](#)

The link between science fiction and actual scientific progress may seem specious to those reared on Western sci-fi, but in China the connection isn't so far-fetched. With China's forays into space generating interest in all things extraterrestrial, Chinese science-fiction fans have achieved critical mass. This year, Beijing announced that it would start awarding prizes for sci-fi literature....

*Seed Magazine*, Sept. 12



### [Will research sharing keep pace with the internet?](#)

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## [Achieving success, aloha style](#)

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Under the guidance of its library media specialists, Kapolei High School and its students have been recognized in Hawaii, nationally, and internationally for their success in raising reading and math scores. In this interview, Kapolei High library media specialist Carolyn Kirio discusses the guiding principles of her school's efforts and explains how other schools might model its success....

*Cable in the Classroom*, Oct., pp. 8–9



## [UK library buildings' survey published](#)

A report published by the UK Museums, Libraries, and Archives Council shows 70% of England's public library buildings are fit for their purpose and meet health and safety standards. The report ([PDF file](#)) estimates the cost of bringing the remaining 30% of library buildings up to standard at £760 million (\$1.4 billion U.S.)....

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*PC Magazine* columnist John C. Dvorak weighs in on online translation software: "If computers can now play a credible world-class game of chess, then they should be able to translate complex sentences written in the world's major languages. They should be able to translate to and from English, to and from French, and to and from Russian. I eventually expect a translation to and from Chinese and Japanese, too. Exactly what's the hangup?"...

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## [Store your records on the Moon](#)

Hollow lava tubes on the Moon could be used as a giant digital library. That's one commercial possibility for the Moon, put forth in a white paper by NASA astrobiologist David McKay. The lunar computers could be buried in lunar soil, put at the bottom of craters, or set into lava tubes, which are subsurface caves in which lava used to flow....

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Touting it as part of a plan to put more information online, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been closing its regional libraries in spite of protests by federal employees. The Chicago library shut its doors August 28, and the Dallas and Kansas City, Missouri, libraries are set to close by the end of September....

IMLS gets feedback on NCLIS and NCES survey consolidation

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The Worcester (Mass.) Public Library board of directors decided September 12 to permit homeless patrons who receive mail at a shelter or elsewhere to check out as many books as any other patrons. The decision followed a class action lawsuit filed in July by the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts and the American Civil Liberties Union, charging that the library's borrowing policies were unfairly restricting access for residents who live in homeless shelters....

Arrests made in middle school library arson

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Three 15-year-old boys have been arrested in the torching of the Sacajawea Middle School in Spokane, Washington. The early-morning fire on September 8 gutted the media center, which was set ablaze by igniting gasoline that had been poured around the library, but thanks to a quick response from firefighters the flames did not spread to any other area of the campus....

D.C. residents rally for branches again

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Washingtonians gathered at a closed branch of the District of Columbia Public Library the first week of September to demand its immediate reopening. The protest, sponsored by the D.C. Library Renaissance Project, took place at the Anacostia branch, one of four closed in December 2004 for reconstruction....

Prison uncovers library book drug-smuggling scam

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The Michigan Department of Corrections has foiled a plot to smuggle drugs hidden in borrowed public library books into a state prison. State Police Detective Sgt. Edward Doyle said in the September 13 Grand Rapids Press that a scheme at the Carson City (Mich.) Correctional Facility was discovered through an informant before any drugs entered the prison....

Australian university library removes alleged jihad books

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Fearing that federal authorities could press charges under the Australian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2005, the University of Melbourne has removed three books on Islamic jihad by Abdullah Azzam from open shelves in the Baillieu Library. Two of the books—Defence of the Muslim Lands and Join the Caravan—were banned from importation by a federal review board in July that found them liable to incite acts of terrorism and martyrdom....

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Part of the National Endowment for the Humanities We the People initiative, the Bookshelf is a grant program created to encourage young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history. This year's theme is the "Pursuit of Happiness." In spring 2007, NEH and ALA will select 2,000 libraries to receive the Bookshelf....

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As the town’s unofficial historian, Virginia Hoare always knew the contributions Seneca, Missouri, gave to the World War II war effort. Now, because of her, a rich compilation of Seneca soldiers’ and sailors’ letters and pictures, as well as a treasure of other 1940s tidbits with a local flair, have recently landed a place in scrapbook form at the Library of Congress....

Neosho (Mo.) Daily News, Sept. 18

Rural Kansas public libraries survive, but just barely

[http://www.saljournal.com/?module=displaystory&story\\_id=8342&format=html](http://www.saljournal.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=8342&format=html)

Because of declining population and a tiny property tax base, one-third of the 54 libraries that are part of the Central Kansas Library System can’t raise enough tax revenue to pay a librarian to work just 10 hours a week. The key to survival for small libraries, said James Swan, administrator of the Great Bend-based system, is “the will of the people.”...

Salina (Kans.) Journal, Sept. 3

Philadelphia Free Library to get \$9.5 million for expansion

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/060918/nym040.html?.v=64>

Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell announced September 18 that the state is investing \$9.5 million in the Free Library of Philadelphia’s central branch expansion and renovation project, saying such investments are important to the city’s revitalization and future....

PR Newswire, Sept. 18

Maritime Museum library closes to the public

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2006/09/15/BAG75L6BJA1.DTL>

The San Francisco Maritime Museum's library, which has the largest collection of materials on ships and the sea on the Pacific Coast, will close to the public, except by appointment, effective October 1. In addition to cutting public access, the library's budget will be reduced by a third as part of a realignment at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park....

San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 15

Arsonists torch Santa Cruz County high school

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2006/September/19/local/stories/03local.htm>

Someone set fire to the San Lorenzo Valley High School in Felton, California, September 16, completely destroying 11,000 books, furniture, and dozens of computers in the school library. Officials estimate the damage at more than \$2 million....

Santa Cruz (Calif.) Sentinel, Sept. 19

Salt Lake Library returns to normal after blast

[http://www.sltrib.com/search/ci\\_4351989](http://www.sltrib.com/search/ci_4351989)

The Salt Lake City, Utah, Main Library remained a prime page-turning venue last weekend, despite a pipe-bomb explosion September 15 that broke a window and led to the building's evacuation....

Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 17

Scottish doctors prescribe self-help books

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=1314932006>

Self-help books are being made available on prescription in Fife and Glasgow, Scotland, in an attempt to tackle depression, eating disorders, and other mental-health issues. The scheme allows patients to borrow the books anonymously from local libraries for up to six weeks....

The Scotsman, Sept. 6

## ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Teacher education is out of step with classroom reality, report says

[http://www.edschools.org/teacher\\_report\\_release.htm](http://www.edschools.org/teacher_report_release.htm)

The vast majority of the nation's teachers are prepared in programs that have low admission and graduation standards and cling to an outdated vision of teacher education, concludes a new four-year study authored by Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The report, Educating School Teachers (PDF file), finds that most education schools are engaged in a "pursuit of irrelevance," with curriculums in disarray and faculty disconnected from classrooms and colleagues....

Education Schools Project, Sept. 18

Science fiction and science are partners in China

[http://www.seedmagazine.com/news/2006/09/scifi\\_ascendant.php](http://www.seedmagazine.com/news/2006/09/scifi_ascendant.php)

The link between science fiction and actual scientific progress may seem specious to those reared on Western sci-fi, but in China the connection isn't so far-fetched. With China's forays into space generating interest in all things extraterrestrial, Chinese science-fiction fans have achieved critical mass. This year, Beijing announced that it would start awarding prizes for sci-fi literature....

Seed Magazine, Sept. 12

Will research sharing keep pace with the internet?(PDF file)

[http://eprints.rclis.org/archive/00007226/01/Will\\_Research\\_Sharing\\_Keep\\_Pace.pdf](http://eprints.rclis.org/archive/00007226/01/Will_Research_Sharing_Keep_Pace.pdf)

SPARC's Richard K. Johnson writes: "By seamlessly linking data, knowledge, and users, the emerging research environment promises to catapult science ahead. And, given the complex scientific, social, and economic challenges that face us, the arrival of these new capacities is coming none too soon."...

Achieving success, aloha style (PDF file)

<http://www.ciconline.org/NR/rdonlyres/esfzet453ps53p2b5zqmjcww04tjajqijdmhk5hijeeojw3e43bsyovdhubzlxis77wdi zwjudljag/CIC1006AchievingSuccessAloha.pdf>

Under the guidance of its library media specialists, Kapolei High School and its students have been recognized in Hawaii, nationally, and internationally for their success in raising reading and math scores. In this interview, Kapolei High library media specialist Carolyn Kirio discusses the guiding principles of her school's efforts and explains how other schools might model its success....

Cable in the Classroom, Oct., pp. 8–9

UK library buildings' survey published

<http://www.egovmonitor.com/node/7651>

A report published by the UK Museums, Libraries, and Archives Council shows 70% of England's public library buildings are fit for their purpose and meet health and safety standards. The report (PDF file) estimates the cost of bringing the remaining 30% of library buildings up to standard at £760 million (\$1.4 billion U.S.)...

eGov Monitor, Sept. 18

Dvorak tackles translation software

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2017280,00.asp>

PC Magazine columnist John C. Dvorak weighs in on online translation software: "If computers can now play a credible world-class game of chess, then they should be able to translate complex sentences written in the world's major languages. They should be able to translate to and from English, to and from French, and to and from Russian. I eventually expect a translation to and from Chinese and Japanese, too. Exactly what's the hangup?"...

PC Magazine, Sept. 18

Store your records on the Moon

<http://www.newscientist.com/blog/shortsharpscience/2006/09/not-so-local-lunar-library.html>

Hollow lava tubes on the Moon could be used as a giant digital library. That's one commercial possibility for the Moon, put forth in a white paper by NASA astrobiologist David McKay. The lunar computers could be buried in lunar soil, put at the bottom of craters, or set into lava tubes, which are subsurface caves in which lava used to flow....

Short Sharp Science blog, Sept. 20

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## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

### [Court affirms Contra Costa's worship ban](#)

A federal appeals court ruled September 20 that government libraries can bar religious groups from holding worship services in public meeting rooms. The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco voted 2-1 to overturn a May 23 district court injunction that granted the Faith Center Church Evangelistic Ministries a First Amendment right to use the public facilities at Contra Costa County (Calif.) Library's Antioch branch for "prayer, praise, and worship."...

### [Teens arrested in California high school library arson](#)

Three young adults suspected of setting fires that burned down the San Lorenzo Valley High School library in Felton, California, were arrested September 19. The teens told investigators they had been drinking at a party before they went to the school campus and started lighting fires....

### [Map thief acted out of spite, prosecutors say](#)

A Massachusetts map dealer who admitted in June to stealing rare maps worth about \$3 million claims that his actions were partly motivated by resentment towards curators at the libraries that owned them....

### [Mel Gibson posters stay put in Schaumburg](#)

The Schaumburg Township (Ill.) District Library board voted unanimously September 19 to allow three Mel Gibson posters to remain displayed in the library. In August, a library patron had requested the removal of an ALA Read poster, first released in 2000, that depicts the Hollywood icon holding a copy of George Orwell's *1984*....

### [Former Indianapolis trustee guilty of conflict of interest](#)

A former member of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library was sentenced to a year's probation September 20 after pleading guilty to a felony count of conflict of interest for his role in hiring a construction company to coordinate the expansion of its downtown branch....



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Libraries, schools, or individuals who would like to celebrate the freedom to read and help ALA get the word out on **Banned Books Week 2006**

(September 23-30) may freely save [several sizes of web badges](#) for mounting on their websites.

## ALA NEWS



### [Step Up to the Plate winner chosen at Minnesota Twins game](#)

During a pre-game ceremony at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis September 25, Minnesota Twins mascot TC Bear chose Joseph Kuykendall, age 12, of Andover, Massachusetts, as the grand-prize winner of the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program. Developed by ALA and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Step Up to the Plate officially wrapped up its first season with the national drawing. Also present on field were officials of ALA, the Hall of Fame, and the Minneapolis Public Library....

### [Harry Potter books are the most challenged of the 21st century](#)

In honor of the 25th anniversary of Banned Books Week (September 23–30), ALA has compiled a list of the top 10 most challenged books from 2000 to 2005, with the Harry Potter series of books leading the pack (although it escaped the top 10 list in [2005](#)). All but three of the books on this list also were in the top 10 of the most challenged books of the [1990s](#)....

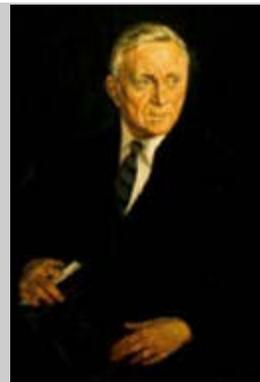


### [ALA supports congressional effort to investigate EPA library closure](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced that it has begun closing its libraries in response to the Bush Administration's planned \$2-million cuts to the agency's 2007 federal budget. ALA disagrees with the EPA's claims that closing the libraries—which field more than 134,000 requests a year from the agency's own staff in addition to requests from the public—will not impede the agency's mission to provide environmental information to its staff and the public....

### [Program will celebrate First Amendment champions](#)

Eight individuals who have taken risky, at times harrowing, stands on behalf of the First Amendment in recent months will discuss their



"Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us."—  
Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, "[The One Un-American Act.](#)" *Nieman Reports* 7, no. 1 (Jan. 1953): 20.



Advance registration for the [Joint Conference of Librarians of Color](#), October 11–15, in Dallas, is open online until September 30. View the [list of programs](#) by track or interest area.



Read Holly Jin's [description](#) of Skokie (Ill.) Public Library's program to welcome children with special needs in the Fall issue of *Interface*, ASCLA's online newsletter.

Classifieds

experiences at a program to be held September 28 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Forum participants include *New York Times* reporter James Risen, Jack Anderson biographer Mark Feldstein, ABC News reporters Brian Ross and Richard Esposito, and the four "John Doe" librarians from Connecticut who successfully challenged an FBI attempt to gain patron information using a National Security Letter....

### [Get a good look at the ALA Councilors](#)

The ALA Governance Office has posted a photo gallery of ALA Council members (at least those who have submitted a photo). For a complete list of councilors, view the full [roster](#)....

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

ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries and the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services are presenting a new rural advocacy toolkit and guide to attendees of the Joint Conference of the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries, September 28–29, in Columbus, Ohio....

### [ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN](#)

Orem (Utah) Public Library. Seeking voracious reader to lead Adult Services. Develop rich collection of fiction and nonfiction for adults. Hire, train, and lead highly motivated general reference staff. Provide personalized guidance to readers and researchers....

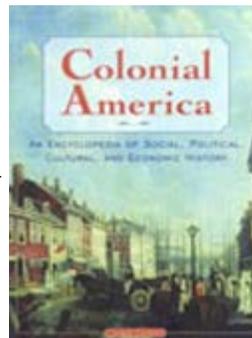


See [JobLIST](#) for more career opportunities.

## Booklist ONLINE

### [Featured review: Reference](#)

Ciment, James, ed. *Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*. Sept. 2006. 1,324p. Sharpe. (0-7656-8065-3).



*Colonial America* presents a bird's-eye view of life in the original colonies, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Canada with entries "designed to complement the high-school American history curriculum as well as undergraduate survey courses." Although their professors may relish the scholarship of the topically arranged *Encyclopedia of the North American Colonies* (1994), students will find it less frustrating to browse *Colonial America's* seven broad thematic essays ("Gender Issues," "Race and Ethnicity," etc.) and more than 450 alphabetically arranged articles on topics such as alcohol, food and diet, inns and taverns (public houses), and piracy....

### [Encyclopedia update, 2006](#)

In this year's update, Barbara Bibel and Shauna Yusko review three print encyclopedias: *Encyclopedia Americana*, *The New Book of Knowledge*, and *The World Book Encyclopedia*. Encyclopedia publishers continue to take a "big umbrella" approach, incorporating into one website an array of offerings. But they have also taken more steps to target specific audiences....

### [Electronic postcards from Baghdad](#)

Keir Graff writes: "Here are links to a selection



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



Place your order for [Teen Read Week](#) products by **October 6** to guarantee delivery in time for the celebration, October 15–21.

Poll

of eye-opening passages from Riverbend's *Baghdad Burning II: More Girl Blog From Iraq* (Feminist Press at CUNY, 2006), as they were first published on her [blog](#). I've probably included too many, but I circled even more page numbers in the book. So many entries contained information I hadn't known, or a viewpoint I hadn't considered, or simply put it all together in a compelling way."...

Likely Stories blog



## What do YOU think?

**Should community members serve on public library materials-selection committees to ensure that local standards are considered for acquisitions?**

**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 September 20 poll:

Will your library host a candidates' debate or any other political forum in the run-up to the November elections?

**YES**.....15%  
**NO**.....85%

(52 responses)

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

## SEATTLE UPDATE

### [Midwinter wiki launched](#)

The Midwinter wiki is open to attendees and exhibitors of the ALA 2007 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, January 19–24. Everyone is invited to exchange information about Midwinter events, committee work, the exhibit and trade show, and the city of Seattle. Planning, discussions, networking, and post-meeting recapping are encouraged....

### [Air travel carry-on restrictions eased](#)

Travelers may now carry through security checkpoints travel-size toiletries (3 oz. or less) that fit comfortably in one quart-sized, clear plastic, zip-top bag. Beverages and other items purchased in the secure boarding area near the gates are now allowed....

U.S. Transportation Security Administration, Sept. 26

## DIVISION NEWS

### [Business Librarianship 101 at Midwinter](#)

Learn the basics of business reference by attending the "Business Librarianship 101: Core Competencies for Business Librarianship" institute on Friday, January 19, presented by RUSA's Business Reference and Services Section during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle....



### [AASL and Dollar General present 20 Beyond Words grants](#)

AASL, Dollar General, and the National Education Association have awarded the second batch of Beyond Words grants to 20 school libraries affected by disasters. This fall, nearly \$175,000 will be dispensed to hurricane-damaged schools in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The funds will be used to replenish school library media centers with much-needed books and educational materials....

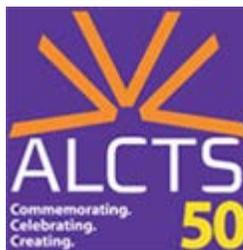


### [ALCTS goes "Definitely Digital" at its Midwinter symposium](#)

## Thus Said

"The effort has been welcomed by librarians, even the 'naughty ones' who hide behind those prim hair buns and granny glasses and pretend to talk about the Dewey Decimal System but are really

ALCTS has announced "Definitely Digital: An Exploration of the Future of Knowledge on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of ALCTS" as its 2007 Midwinter Symposium, to be held Friday, January 19, in Seattle. Featured speakers include James Hilton, Lorcan Dempsey, Meg Bellinger, and Greg Tananbaum....



hinting at . . . um, I digress."

—News Editor Matt Mitovich, commenting on the Veronica Mars DVD Drive for Libraries, which has donated more than 400 season-one DVD sets of the TV series to libraries in all 50 states, *TV Guide.com*, Aug. 23.

## ROUND TABLE NEWS

### Religion and spirituality, 2006

Don Bell and Mike McCabe of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table have compiled a bibliography of recent titles in religion and spirituality for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons....

### Folksonomy fundamentals (PDF file)

Billie Peterson-Lugo describes the information-retrieval methodology known as "folksonomy" in the Tech Talk column of *Library Instruction Round Table News*....

*LIRT News*, Sept., pp. 9–12

## AWARDS

### ALA receives Literacy Leadership Award

This month ALA received the 2006 Literacy Leadership Award from the National Coalition for Literacy, a broad-based alliance of national adult and family literacy organizations, agencies, and associations. ALA was recognized for making "21st-century literacy" one of its five key action areas, for its adult literacy awards, and for its national partnership to create the online Verizon Literacy Network....



### John Cotton Dana PR award competition opens

Competition is open now for the 2007 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award contest, sponsored by the H. W. Wilson Company and LAMA. The deadline for entries is December 8....

### LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development Award

Students enrolled in ALA-accredited library and information studies programs are invited to submit essays in the Student Writing and Development Award competition sponsored by LAMA and YBP Library Services, Inc. The deadline for entries is March 1, 2007....

### LC's "Letters about Literature" winners

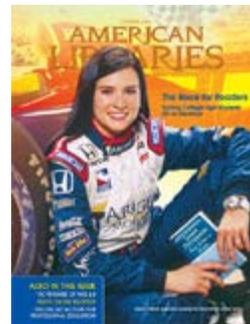
The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and Target Stores have announced the national winners of the 2006 "Letters About Literature" reading and writing program. More than 48,000 young readers in grades 4–12 participated in this year's program, which encouraged young people to read, be inspired, and write to an author—past or present—who has somehow changed their view of the world or of themselves....

Library of Congress, Sept. 26

## SEEN ONLINE

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**The Race for Readers: Enticing College Students to Read Books**

**Up On the Roof—with Poets**

**The Promise of Web 2.0**

## Datebook

**Nov. 5–6:**

[Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science](#). "What to Do with a Million Books." Contact: [DHCS Conference](#).

**Nov. 6–9:**

[Harvard University Graduate School of Design Executive Education Program](#), Sacramento,

### [British Library calls for digital copyright action](#)

The British Library has called for a "serious updating" of current copyright law to "unambiguously" include digital content and take technological advances into account. In a manifesto released September 25 at the Labour Party Conference in Manchester, the United Kingdom's national library warned that the country's traditional copyright law needs to be extended to fully recognize digital content....

C|Net news.com, Sept. 25

### [Spanish university joins Google book scan plan](#)

Complutense University of Madrid is the first library in a non-English-speaking country to join the Google Library Project. The [library](#), the country's second largest behind the National Library, houses 3 million works, including those by Cervantes and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz....

Reuters, Sept. 26



### [Salt Lake library to appear in Archie Comics](#)

In issue 570 of *Archie Comics*, due out October 4, Archie, Veronica, Betty, and Jughead will visit the downtown Salt Lake City Public Library. The library's Urban Room will be featured, along with the teen hangout Canteena and the shop Night Flight Comics. Library Director Nancy Tessman is quoted and the library's anti-shh buttons are given some play....

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Sept. 26

### [Nonfiction popular with Guantánamo detainees](#)

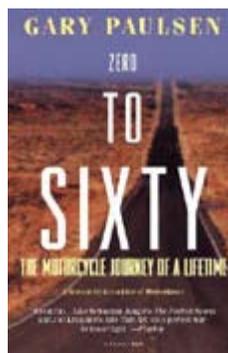
Men held captive at this U.S. military base in Cuba are confined to small cells, but their minds can wander far and wide by reading philosophy, history, murder mysteries—even Harry Potter. Nonfiction—particularly philosophy, biographies, and Arabic history—is most popular, the Army librarians say....

Associated Press, Sept. 24

### [Library books draw complaints in West Brazos](#)

Students at West Brazos Junior High School in Brazoria, Texas, won't be allowed to check books out of the school's library after two complaints about profanity and sexual content were found in books borrowed by children. One September 19 complaint by a West Columbia resident claimed the book *Zero to Sixty: The Motorcycle Journey of a Lifetime* by Gary Paulsen, which was checked out from the school library by his 12-year-old son, contained details of sexual acts and profanity....

*Brazosport (Tex.) Facts*, Sept. 21



### [Most challenged books in America](#)

This week marks the 25th anniversary of Banned Book Week, an effort by ALA to promote freedom of access to "unorthodox or unpopular" written works as well as freedom of expression within these books. "Throughout history, there always have been a few people who don't want information to be freely available. And this is still true," said ALA President Leslie Burger. "Banned Books Week

California. "The Planning and Design of Public Libraries." Contact: [Harvard Office of Executive Education](#).

### **Nov. 6–17:**

[University of Maryland University College Center for Intellectual Property](#), Adelphi.

"Copyright Education Programs: Teaching the Ethical and Legal Use of Information." Contact: UMUC, 800-888-8682.

### **Nov. 8–11:**

[34th Museum Computer Network Conference](#),

Pasadena, California.

"Access to Assets: Return on Investment."

Contact: [MCN](#), 888-211-1477.

### **Nov. 13–17:**

[Results Boot Camp 2: A Five-Day Immersion Program](#),

Nashville, Tennessee.

Sponsored by the Public Library Association. Contact: PLA, 312-280-5027.

### **Nov. 13–Dec. 3:**

[Reference Interview](#).

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

### **Nov. 14–17:**

[International Reading Association](#), West Regional Conference, Hawai'i Island,

reminds us that we must remain vigilant.”...  
PBS newsmagazine *NOW*, Sept. 22

### [Detroit Pistons help renovate school library](#)

The Detroit Pistons are turning a tired Lansing school library into an attention-grabbing learning arena. Lewton Elementary School in Lansing, Michigan, became the first school outside Metro Detroit to receive a specially designed “Live, Learn, and Play Center” from the NBA franchise during a grand opening September 26....

*Lansing (Mich.) State Journal*, Sept. 25

### [For Delta librarian, the end](#)

How many have learned to read because of Ronnie Wise? He lost count long ago. As director of libraries for Bolivar County, Mississippi, one of America’s least literate places, where 41% of 40,000 residents can’t read, Wise keeps his mind on what needs doing, not what’s been done, which might be why he looks so cranky....

*Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 23

### [UC-Berkeley returns 1906 training manual](#)

The original copy of an insurance training manual that escaped destruction in the San Francisco earthquake and fires of 1906 and later became a symbol that helped spur the city’s rebuilding was returned September 27 to its owner, the Insurance Education Association in San Francisco, after 60 years in circulation in UC Berkeley’s libraries....

*San Francisco Chronicle*, Sept. 27

### [CSU-Fresno breaks ground on new library](#)

A groundbreaking ceremony September 25 marked the official start of construction on the new [Henry Madden Library](#) at California State University, Fresno. When the \$95-million building project is completed in fall 2008, the Madden Library will be the largest academic building (350,000 square feet) on campus. It also will become the largest library in CSU’s 23-campus system....

*Fresno State News*, Sept. 26



## ACTIONS & ANSWERS

### [Pluto controversy touches NMSU library](#)

A good-natured protest march from mid-campus to Zuhl Library on September 1 reaffirmed New Mexico State University’s affection and support for its own astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered Pluto in 1930. The former 9th planet was downgraded to “dwarf planet” in August. Library Dean Elizabeth Titus (left) provided background on the Library’s Tombaugh Papers, given by the family in 2001 and represented at the rally by the astronomer’s widow, Patricia Tombaugh (right)....

*New Mexico State University*, Sept. 8



### [Public libraries are community technology hubs](#)

A national [report](#) released by Florida State University researchers

Hawaii. Contact: [IRA](#), 302-731-1600, ext. 293.

**Nov. 28–30:**  
[Gilbane Conference on Content Technologies](#), Boston, Westin Copley Place.  
Contact: [Joe Richard](#), 781-821-6734.

**Nov. 29-30:**  
[South Carolina Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hilton Head. Contact: [Gabrielle Barnes](#), 803-252-1087.

**Feb. 16:**  
[Online Northwest](#), Oregon State University, Corvallis.  
Contact: [Jamie LeGore](#).

More [Datebook](#) items...

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September 26 reveals that 99% of all U.S. public libraries provide free public access to computers wired to the internet and that librarians overwhelmingly (71%) say that the most important impact of this service is providing internet access to those who otherwise would not have it. The report, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and ALA, also found that insufficient computer workstations and internet bandwidth pose the biggest challenges for U.S. public libraries in providing quality services....

Information Use Management and Policy Institute, Florida State University

### [National reading program helps Native communities](#)

Loriene Roy, professor in the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin (and ALA President-elect), founded "If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything," a national reading program for Native American children in fall 1999. Roy, an Anishinabe (Ojibwe) enrolled on the White Earth Reservation and a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, has spent a lifetime promoting literacy for indigenous students. The goals of the program are to encourage reading, endorse library use, promote intergenerational reading, and build book collections at various sites....



University of Texas at Austin, Sept. 25

### [Audit: Reading First beset by favoritism](#)

A September 22 internal report ([PDF file](#)) detailing the U.S. Department of Education's handling of the multibillion-dollar Reading First grant program criticizes Bush administration officials for steering funding awards to certain educational publishers and for illegally dictating to schools which solutions they must use. Yet another report ([PDF file](#)), from the independent Center on Education Policy, suggests the program is having a significant impact on student achievement....

eSchool News online, Sept. 25

### [NCES has not redesignated school librarians as instructors](#)

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September 20, 2006

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Results of the  
September 27 poll:

Should community members serve on public library materials-selection committees to ensure that local standards are considered for acquisitions?

YES.....21%

NO.....79%

(178 responses)

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

### U.S. & WORLD NEWS

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Court affirms Contra Costa's worship ban

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/september2006a/contracosta.htm>

A federal appeals court ruled September 20 that government libraries can bar religious groups from holding worship services in public meeting rooms. The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco voted 2-1 to overturn a May 23 district court injunction that granted the Faith Center Church Evangelistic Ministries a First Amendment right to use the public facilities at Contra Costa County (Calif.) Library's Antioch branch for "prayer, praise, and worship." ...

Teens arrested in California high school library arson

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/september2006a/sanlorenzo.htm>

Three young adults suspected of setting fires that burned down the San Lorenzo Valley High School library in Felton, California, were arrested September 19. The teens told investigators they had been drinking at a party before they went to the school campus and started lighting fires....

Map thief acted out of spite, prosecutors say

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/september2006a/smiley.htm>

A Massachusetts map dealer who admitted in June to stealing rare maps worth about \$3 million claims that his actions were partly motivated by resentment towards curators at the libraries that owned them....

Mel Gibson posters stay put in Schaumburg

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/september2006a/melgibson.htm>

The Schaumburg Township (Ill.) District Library board voted unanimously September 19 to allow three Mel Gibson

posters to remain displayed in the library. In August, a library patron had requested the removal of an ALA Read poster, first released in 2000, that depicts the Hollywood icon holding a copy of George Orwell's 1984....

Former Indianapolis trustee guilty of conflict of interest

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A former member of the Indianapolis–Marion County Public Library was sentenced to a year's probation September 20 after pleading guilty to a felony count of conflict of interest for his role in hiring a construction company to coordinate the expansion of its downtown branch....

## ALA NEWS

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Step Up to the Plate winner chosen at Minnesota Twins game

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/stepupfinal.htm>

During a pre-game ceremony at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis September 25, Minnesota Twins mascot TC Bear chose Joseph Kuykendall, age 12, of Andover, Massachusetts, as the grand-prize winner of the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program. Developed by ALA and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Step Up to the Plate officially wrapped up its first season with the national drawing. Also present on field were officials of ALA, the Hall of Fame, and the Minneapolis Public Library....

Harry Potter books are the most challenged of the 21st century

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/HarryPottermostchallenge.htm>

In honor of the 25th anniversary of Banned Books Week (September 23–30), ALA has compiled a list of the top 10 most challenged books from 2000 to 2005, with the Harry Potter series of books leading the pack (although it escaped the top 10 list in 2005). All but three of the books on this list also were in the top 10 of the most challenged books of the 1990s....

ALA supports congressional effort to investigate EPA library closure

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/EPAlibraries.htm>

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced that it has begun closing its libraries in response to the Bush Administration's planned \$2-million cuts to the agency's 2007 federal budget. ALA disagrees with the EPA's claims that closing the libraries—which field more than 134,000 requests a year from the agency's own staff in addition to requests from the public—will not impede the agency's mission to provide environmental information to its staff and the public....

Program will celebrate First Amendment champions

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/firstamendmentchampions.htm>

Eight individuals who have taken risky, at times harrowing, stands on behalf of the First Amendment in recent months will discuss their experiences at a program to be held September 28 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Forum participants include New York Times reporter James Risen, Jack Anderson biographer Mark Feldstein, ABC News reporters Brian Ross and Richard Esposito, and the four “John Doe” librarians from Connecticut who successfully challenged an FBI attempt to gain patron information using a National Security Letter....

Get a good look at the ALA Councilors

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governance/council/councilphotogallery/councilphotogallery.htm>

The ALA Governance Office has posted a photo gallery of ALA Council members (at least those who have submitted a photo). For a complete list of councilors, view the full roster....

New rural advocacy toolkit

<http://www.ala.org/ala/olosbucket/supporttoolkit/toolkithome.htm>

ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries and the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services are presenting a new rural advocacy toolkit and guide to attendees of the Joint Conference of the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries, September 28–29, in Columbus, Ohio....

## Booklist Online

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### Featured review: Reference

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1755310](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1755310)

Ciment, James, ed. *Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*. Sept. 2006. 1,324p. Sharpe. (0-7656-8065-3).

Colonial America presents a bird's-eye view of life in the original colonies, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Canada with entries "designed to complement the high-school American history curriculum as well as undergraduate survey courses." Although their professors may relish the scholarship of the topically arranged *Encyclopedia of the North American Colonies* (1994), students will find it less frustrating to browse *Colonial America's* seven broad thematic essays ("Gender Issues," "Race and Ethnicity," etc.) and more than 450 alphabetically arranged articles on topics such as alcohol, food and diet, inns and taverns (public houses), and piracy....

### Encyclopedia update, 2006

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1752241](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1752241)

In this year's update, Barbara Bibel and Shauna Yusko review three print encyclopedias: *Encyclopedia Americana*, *The New Book of Knowledge*, and *The World Book Encyclopedia*. Encyclopedia publishers continue to take a "big umbrella" approach, incorporating into one website an array of offerings. But they have also taken more steps to target specific audiences....

### Electronic postcards from Baghdad

<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2006/09/22/electronic-postcards-from-baghdad/>

Keir Graff writes: "Here are links to a selection of eye-opening passages from Riverbend's *Baghdad Burning II: More Girl Blog From Iraq* (Feminist Press at CUNY, 2006), as they were first published on her blog. I've probably included too many, but I circled even more page numbers in the book. So many entries contained information I hadn't known, or a viewpoint I hadn't considered, or simply put it all together in a compelling way."...

Likely Stories blog

## SEATTLE UPDATE

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### Midwinter wiki launched

[http://wikis.ala.org/midwinter2007/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://wikis.ala.org/midwinter2007/index.php/Main_Page)

The Midwinter wiki is open to attendees and exhibitors of the ALA 2007 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, January 19–24. Everyone is invited to exchange information about Midwinter events, committee work, the exhibit and trade show, and the city of Seattle. Planning, discussions, networking, and post-meeting recapping are encouraged....

### Air travel carry-on restrictions eased

[http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/9-25\\_update\\_passenger\\_guidance\\_faq.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/9-25_update_passenger_guidance_faq.shtm)

Travelers may now carry through security checkpoints travel-size toiletries (3 oz. or less) that fit comfortably in one quart-sized, clear plastic, zip-top bag. Beverages and other items purchased in the secure boarding area near the gates are now allowed....

U.S. Transportation Security Administration, Sept. 26

## DIVISION NEWS

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### Business Librarianship 101 at Midwinter

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/RUSABRASSinstitute.htm>

Learn the basics of business reference by attending the “Business Librarianship 101: Core Competencies for Business Librarianship” institute on Friday, January 19, presented by RUSA’s Business Reference and Services Section during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle....

AASL and Dollar General present 20 Beyond Words grants

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/AASLDollarGeneralgrants.htm>

AASL, Dollar General, and the National Education Association have awarded the second batch of Beyond Words grants to 20 school libraries affected by disasters. This fall, nearly \$175,000 will be dispensed to hurricane-damaged schools in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The funds will be used to replenish school library media centers with much-needed books and educational materials....

ALCTS goes “Definitely Digital” at its Midwinter symposium

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/ALCTSMidwinterSymposium.htm>

ALCTS has announced “Definitely Digital: An Exploration of the Future of Knowledge on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of ALCTS” as its 2007 Midwinter Symposium, to be held Friday, January 19, in Seattle. Featured speakers include James Hilton, Lorcan Dempsey, Meg Bellinger, and Greg Tananbaum....

#### Round Table News

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Religion and spirituality, 2006

<http://faculty.shelton.cc.al.us/%7Edbell/religion2.htm>

Don Bell and Mike McCabe of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table have compiled a bibliography of recent titles in religion and spirituality for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons....

Folksonomy fundamentals (PDF file)

<http://www3.baylor.edu/LIRT/lirtnews/2006/sept06.pdf>

Billie Peterson-Lugo describes the information-retrieval methodology known as “folksonomy” in the Tech Talk column of Library Instruction Round Table News....

LIRT News, Sept., pp. 9–12

#### Awards

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ALA receives Literacy Leadership Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/LiteracyLeadershipAward.htm>

This month ALA received the 2006 Literacy Leadership Award from the National Coalition for Literacy, a broad-based alliance of national adult and family literacy organizations, agencies, and associations. ALA was recognized for making “21st-century literacy” one of its five key action areas, for its adult literacy awards, and for its national partnership to create the online Verizon Literacy Network....

John Cotton Dana PR award competition opens

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/DanaPRaward.htm>

Competition is open now for the 2007 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award contest, sponsored by the H. W. Wilson Company and LAMA. The deadline for entries is December 8....

LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/2007LAMAYBPaward.htm>

Students enrolled in ALA-accredited library and information studies programs are invited to submit essays in the Student Writing and Development Award competition sponsored by LAMA and YBP Library Services, Inc. The deadline for entries is March 1, 2007....

LC's "Letters about Literature" winners

<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2006/06-180.html>

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and Target Stores have announced the national winners of the 2006 "Letters About Literature" reading and writing program. More than 48,000 young readers in grades 4–12 participated in this year's program, which encouraged young people to read, be inspired, and write to an author—past or present—who has somehow changed their view of the world or of themselves....

Library of Congress, Sept. 26

#### SEEN ONLINE

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British Library calls for digital copyright action

[http://news.com.com/British%2BLibrary%2Bcalls%2Bfor%2Bdigital%2Bcopyright%2Baction/2100-1025\\_3-6119043.html](http://news.com.com/British%2BLibrary%2Bcalls%2Bfor%2Bdigital%2Bcopyright%2Baction/2100-1025_3-6119043.html)

The British Library has called for a "serious updating" of current copyright law to "unambiguously" include digital content and take technological advances into account. In a manifesto released September 25 at the Labour Party Conference in Manchester, the United Kingdom's national library warned that the country's traditional copyright law needs to be extended to fully recognize digital content....

C|Net news.com, Sept. 25

Spanish university joins Google book scan plan

[http://news.com.com/Spanish%2Bschool%2Bjoins%2BGoogle%2Bbook%2Bscan%2Bplan/2100-1038\\_3-6119515.html](http://news.com.com/Spanish%2Bschool%2Bjoins%2BGoogle%2Bbook%2Bscan%2Bplan/2100-1038_3-6119515.html)

Complutense University of Madrid is the first library in a non-English-speaking country to join the Google Library Project. The library, the country's second largest behind the National Library, houses 3 million works, including those by Cervantes and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz....

Reuters, Sept. 26

Salt Lake library to appear in Archie Comics

[http://www.sltrib.com/contentlist/ci\\_4396869](http://www.sltrib.com/contentlist/ci_4396869)

In issue 570 of Archie Comics, due out October 4, Archie, Veronica, Betty, and Jughead will visit the downtown Salt Lake City Public Library. The library's Urban Room will be featured, along with the teen hangout Canteena and the shop Night Flight Comics. Library Director Nancy Tessman is quoted and the library's anti-shh buttons are given some play....

Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 26

Nonfiction popular with Guantánamo detainees

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/09/24/AR2006092400447.html>

Men held captive at this U.S. military base in Cuba are confined to small cells, but their minds can wander far and wide by reading philosophy, history, murder mysteries—even Harry Potter. Nonfiction—particularly philosophy, biographies, and Arabic history—is most popular, the Army librarians say....

Associated Press, Sept. 24

Library books draw complaints in West Brazos

<http://thefacts.com/story.lasso?ewcd=b878d5ddeb6824d4>

Students at West Brazos Junior High School in Brazoria, Texas, won't be allowed to check books out of the school's library after two complaints about profanity and sexual content were found in books borrowed by children. One September 19 complaint by a West Columbia resident claimed the book *Zero to Sixty: The Motorcycle Journey of a Lifetime* by Gary Paulsen, which was checked out from the school library by his 12-year-old son, contained details of sexual acts and profanity....

Brazosport (Tex.) Facts, Sept. 21

Most challenged books in America

<http://www.pbs.org/now/shows/238/banned-books.html>

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PBS newsmagazine NOW, Sept. 22

Detroit Pistons help renovate school library

<http://www.lsj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060925/NEWS05/609250338/1006/news>

The Detroit Pistons are turning a tired Lansing school library into an attention-grabbing learning arena. Lewton Elementary School in Lansing, Michigan, became the first school outside Metro Detroit to receive a specially designed “Live, Learn, and Play Center” from the NBA franchise during a grand opening September 26....  
Lansing (Mich.) State Journal, Sept. 25

For Delta librarian, the end

<http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/front/la-na-librarian23sep23,1,6958660.story>

How many have learned to read because of Ronnie Wise? He lost count long ago. As director of libraries for Bolivar County, Mississippi, one of America’s least literate places, where 41% of 40,000 residents can’t read, Wise keeps his mind on what needs doing, not what’s been done, which might be why he looks so cranky....  
Los Angeles Times, Sept. 23

UC-Berkeley returns 1906 training manual

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/09/27/BAGT3LDFTO1.DTL>

The original copy of an insurance training manual that escaped destruction in the San Francisco earthquake and fires of 1906 and later became a symbol that helped spur the city’s rebuilding was returned September 27 to its owner, the Insurance Education Association in San Francisco, after 60 years in circulation in UC Berkeley’s libraries....  
San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 27

CSU-Fresno breaks ground on new library

<http://www.fresnostatenews.com/2006/09/groundbreaking.htm>

A groundbreaking ceremony September 25 marked the official start of construction on the new Henry Madden Library at California State University, Fresno. When the \$95-million building project is completed in fall 2008, the Madden Library will be the largest academic building (350,000 square feet) on campus. It also will become the largest library in CSU’s 23-campus system....  
Fresno State News, Sept. 26

## ACTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Pluto controversy touches NMSU library

<http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/libnews/pluto.shtml>

A good-natured protest march from mid-campus to Zuhl Library on September 1 reaffirmed New Mexico State University’s affection and support for its own astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered Pluto in 1930. The former 9th planet was downgraded to “dwarf planet” in August. Library Dean Elizabeth Titus (left) provided background on the Library’s Tombaugh Papers, given by the family in 2001 and represented at the rally by the astronomer’s widow, Patricia Tombaugh (right)....  
New Mexico State University, Sept. 8

Public libraries are community technology hubs

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/september2006/FSUInternetStudy.htm>

A national report released by Florida State University researchers September 26 reveals that 99% of all U.S. public libraries provide free public access to computers wired to the internet and that librarians overwhelmingly (71%) say that the most important impact of this service is providing internet access to those who otherwise would not have it.

The report, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and ALA, also found that insufficient computer workstations and internet bandwidth pose the biggest challenges for U.S. public libraries in providing quality services....

Information Use Management and Policy Institute, Florida State University

National reading program helps Native communities

<http://www.utexas.edu/features/2006/reading/>

Loriene Roy, professor in the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin (and ALA President-elect), founded "If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything," a national reading program for Native American children in fall 1999. Roy, an Anishinabe (Ojibwe) enrolled on the White Earth Reservation and a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, has spent a lifetime promoting literacy for indigenous students. The goals of the program are to encourage reading, endorse library use, promote intergenerational reading, and build book collections at various sites....

University of Texas at Austin, Sept. 25

Audit: Reading First beset by favoritism

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/showStory.cfm?ArticleID=6592>

A September 22 internal report (PDF file) detailing the U.S. Department of Education's handling of the multibillion-dollar Reading First grant program criticizes Bush administration officials for steering funding awards to certain educational publishers and for illegally dictating to schools which solutions they must use. Yet another report (PDF file), from the independent Center on Education Policy, suggests the program is having a significant impact on student achievement....

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Renaissance Library calendar, 2007

<http://www.renaissancelibrary.com/calendars.htm>

The Renaissance Library calendars have been produced since 2001 by Information Strategy and Information Management, a consulting and publishing firm based in Sollentuna, a suburb of Stockholm, Sweden. Each month features a photo of a historic library, selected from nominations submitted by librarians and information professionals in nearly 40 countries. The cover of the 2007 calendar shows the 1752 rococo-style library of St. Peter's Abbey in the Black Forest, Germany....

Renaissance Library Collection

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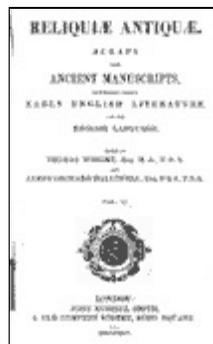
## U.S. & WORLD NEWS

### [Second Cuba book banned in Miami-Dade](#)

For the second time in as many months, a picture book about life in Cuba has been banned by the Miami-Dade County (Fla.) Public Schools. A reconsideration committee voted in mid-August to remove *Cuban Kids* by George Ancona from the media center at the Christina Eve Elementary School....

### [Google Book Search offers downloadable public domain books](#)

Search engine company Google launched a service August 30 that allows users of Google Book Search to download complete copies of books that are out of copyright. Google scanned the originals from the collections of its library partners—the university libraries at Harvard, Stanford, Oxford, Michigan, and California, as well as the New York Public Library....



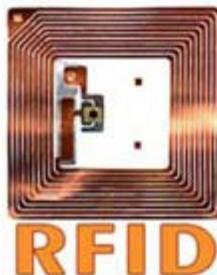
### [More early Bach manuscripts turn up in Germany](#)

Researchers from the Bach-Archiv in Leipzig, Germany, have uncovered what may be the earliest known handwritten manuscripts ever inked by composer Johann Sebastian Bach. The two documents, transcriptions of organ music composed by Dietrich Buxtehude and Johann Adam Reinken, were discovered in the archives of the Anna Amalia Library in Weimar, where a previously unknown Bach aria turned up in 2005....



### [California passes bill to safeguard RFID privacy](#)

The California Senate has passed legislation to ensure that any official use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags in state drivers' licenses and library cards must contain privacy safeguards. The Identity Information Protection Act (SB 768), which passed August 30 by a 30-7 vote, was introduced by Sen. Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto) and will go to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for signing before the end of September....



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### Civil War records stolen from library exhibit

A thief took two Civil War documents from a sealed case at the main branch of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, the weekend of August 26. The items, a handwritten furlough for a Confederate soldier and a certificate of medical examination for a slave, had a combined value of about \$400...



## ALA NEWS

### Graphic novels: Suggestions for librarians

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom has prepared a downloadable [PDF booklet](#) (with artwork by Sergio Aragonés), in conjunction with the [National Coalition Against Censorship](#) and the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, that offers tips on how to develop a graphic novel collection, ways to deal with challenges in libraries, and where to shelve them....



### Free to members: "Messaging and Talking with Congress" online course

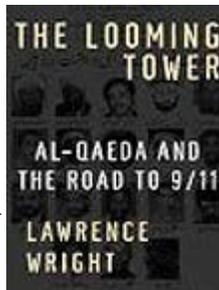
Designed for both veteran library advocates and those who are new to Capitol Hill, the three-part online course "Messaging and Talking with Congress: An Interactive Workshop" will help library supporters build or hone effective messages and successfully communicate library needs to Congress. The ALA Washington Office is making this course, led by popular Advocacy Guru Stephanie Vance of AdVanced Consulting, available free to ALA members....



### Featured review: Adult books

Wright, Lawrence. *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*. Aug. 2006. 464p. Knopf, hardcover. (0-375-41486-X).

Wright, a talented *New Yorker* staff writer with a diverse portfolio and a long-standing personal interest in the Middle East, was on the al-Qaeda beat within hours of the 9/11 attacks. The product of his efforts is more deeply researched and engagingly narrated



through the end of September.



AASL will hold its **13th National Conference** October 25–28, 2007, in Reno, Nevada. One way to seek permission and funding from your school administrator to attend is to speak in a concurrent session or participate in an Exploratorium presentation. What principal would turn down an opportunity to place the school in the national spotlight? Find out how to [submit](#) a proposal.

## Classifieds

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES LIBRARIAN,

Murrieta (Calif.) Public Library. The Children's Librarian provides programs, reader, and homework assistance as well as other services to children, parents, and teachers....



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than nearly all of the looming stack of books on Osama bin Laden and his cohorts published in the past five years....

## DIVISION NEWS

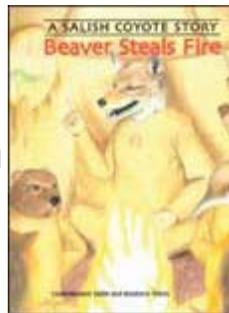
### [ALSC to sponsor an Emerging Leader](#)

ALSC has announced its support of the Emerging Leaders 2007 initiative. The division will provide stipends of \$500 per conference to one selected applicant to attend the Emerging Leaders curriculum designed by ALA President Leslie Burger....

## AWARDS

### [American Indian Youth Literature Award winners announced](#)

The American Indian Library Association has announced the recipients of its American Indian Youth Literature Award, a new literary award created to identify and honor the best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians. The winner in the picture-book category is *Beaver Steals Fire: A Salish Coyote Story* (University of Nebraska, 2005) by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, illustrated by Sam Sandoval....



### [Call for nominations for 2007 ASCLA awards](#)

The purpose of ASCLA awards is to recognize outstanding achievement in networking, enrichment, and educational opportunities, and service by library agencies, libraries serving special populations, multitype library organizations, and independent librarians. The deadline is December 15....

### [Nominations for 2007 RUSA awards](#)

RUSA is seeking nominations for its 17 awards in 2007. The division is interested in learning about innovative and outstanding achievements in the field of reference and adult services librarianship. The deadline for most is December 15....

### [2007 ALCTS awards await nominees](#)

Nominations are being accepted for the 2007 ALCTS awards. ALCTS presents 10 awards to honor individuals whose work represents the finest achievements in research, collaboration, creative work,



***Loss and Recovery: Librarians Bear Witness to September 11, 2001***, a one-hour video in DVD or VHS format, consists of interviews with librarians who were in or near the World Trade Center on that horrific day. In their own words, they describe what they saw and how it affected them personally and professionally. An *American Libraries* production, the video is **[distributed](#)** by the Library Video Network. You can also **[view](#)** a three-minute QuickTime excerpt.

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leadership, and service in the field of library collections and technical services. December 1 is the deadline....

### [MLA now coordinating Minnesota Book Awards](#)

The Minnesota Library Association is the new coordinator of the Minnesota Book Awards, according to MLA Executive Director Barbara Vaughan. The program's future was in doubt late in August, when the Minnesota Humanities Commission announced it could no longer administer the 18-year-old book awards, which honor the state's writers, illustrators, and publishers....

*St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press, Sept. 1*



The phrase **library automation** has many diverse meanings in the literature of librarianship. This [ALA Library Fact Sheet](#) offers a selection of print and web resources on the issues to consider when moving from the card catalog to the computerized catalog, upgrading from one present ILS to another, or considering virtual reference services.

## SEEN ONLINE

### [Do the crime, serve the time in the library](#)

Reading your way out of trouble is possible in Duncanville, Texas, where teens are sentenced to the public library to undergo a literature-based program sponsored by ALA's [Great Stories CLUB](#). Teens hoping to keep their records clean after minor offenses are referred by the Duncanville Teen Court as part of a sentence that includes community service, educational classes, counseling, and teen court jury service....

*Dallas Morning News, Sept. 1*

### [Plans for San Diego Public Library are in trouble](#)

Despite nearly two years of fundraising, a lack of money is threatening plans for a landmark downtown San Diego library and putting a state grant in jeopardy. There is even talk of paving over the undeveloped site for a parking lot....

*San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, Sept. 2*



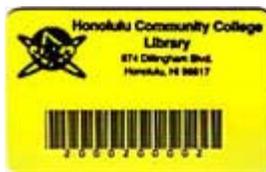
### [Rutgers budget cuts will affect library service](#)

In light of unprecedented, across-the-board budget cuts and an \$80-million shortfall, library services at Rutgers University have been sideswiped. The New Jersey Reading Room will now close Mondays, restricting access to the state's most comprehensive collection of New Jersey primary-source materials, while total library hours on the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses will be reduced by 109 hours per week this fall....

*East Brunswick (N.J.) Home News Tribune, Sept. 5*

### [Phoenix College librarian holds all the cards](#)

Some people collect shot glasses, matchbooks, or baseball cards, but not Carla Smith of Tempe, Arizona. The Phoenix College reference librarian has an impressive collection of library cards from around the world, from Äänekoski, Finland, to Yuma, Arizona. With national [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#) starting this week, ALA encourages people to obtain just one card each....



## Poll

### What do YOU think?

**Where does your library shelve its collection of graphic novels?**

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

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

### Results of the August 30 poll:

This year marks the 25th observance of Banned Books Week. Do you feel more or less pressure to remove materials from your school or library, or to not buy what might be considered controversial for your collection, as compared

Arizona Republic (Phoenix), Aug. 31

### [The gloves are off in academia](#)

White gloves are worn in many American research libraries to handle rare books and documents, but Randy Silverman, a preservation librarian at the University of Utah with 26 years' experience in book conservation, has launched a quiet campaign to "stop the white glove." He and a colleague, conservation consultant Cathleen A. Baker, have published a paper, *Misperceptions about White Gloves* ([PDF file](#)), in which they call for the wearing of gloves to be replaced with a policy of people simply washing their hands....

*The Guardian* (UK), Sept. 4

### [Signage will help in Seattle's downtown library](#)

For all the architectural artistry of Rem Koolhaas's downtown Seattle library, there was just one little problem with the building: People kept getting lost inside. So the Seattle Public Library hired Lynne Faulk this year to help book borrowers and tourists navigate the \$170-million library, which features fluorescent, chartreuse escalators, but not many signs....

*Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer*, Sept. 5



### [Police suspect arson in West Virginia library fire](#)

Beckley police are awaiting word on the damage caused by an arsonist who struck the Raleigh County (W.Va.) Public Library on North Kanawha Street early in the morning of September 5. Beckley Police Detective Cpl. Sam McClure said firefighters and police discovered an accelerant had been doused throughout the building....

*Beckley (W.Va.) Register-Herald*, Sept. 6

### [MU journalism library battles moldy mess](#)

The University of Missouri journalism library in Columbia is closed for at least the next few weeks due to the discovery of an undisclosed number of moldy books. Library officials said that the mold is due to the combination of a broken air conditioner and recent hot temperatures and high humidity....

*The Missourian*, Aug. 31

### [Des Plaines library connects with Mexican biblioteca](#)

Through its recent connection with the Biblioteca Benjamin Franklin of the Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, the Des Plaines (Ill.) Public Library hopes to promote the exchange of ideas among librarians and learn more about issues facing public libraries of both countries. Mutual visits have been the highlights....

*Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald*, Sept. 2

## ACTIONS & ANSWERS

### [Google debuts 200-year news archive search](#)

News and history junkies take heart: Google's new News Archive Search lets you search back over 20 decades worth of historical content, including scads of articles not previously available via the search engine. Google has partnered with news organizations including *Time*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, and the *Washington Post*, and aggregators including Factiva, LexisNexis, Thomson Gale, and HighBeam Research, to index

to five years ago?

**MORE**.....28%  
**LESS**.....31%  
**SAME**.....33%  
**N/A**.....6%

(85 responses)

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

## Thus Said

**"Worthing Borough Council are closing the public toilets, and the space will become a new IT computer suite in the library."**

—"Goring Library's Information Techno-loo-gy Boost," *Worthing (UK) Herald*, July 31.

## In This Issue

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**The Next Big Issue: Public Access to Research**

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**Break Out the Pinstripe Suits: Are You Ready for the For-Profit World?**

full-text content going back 200 years....  
Search Engine Watch, Sept. 6

### [Library 2.0: Service for the next-generation library](#)

Michael E. Casey and Laura C. Savastinuk spell out how this new model of library service will revitalize the way we serve and interact with our customers. Library 2.0 encourages constant and purposeful change, inviting user participation in the creation of both the physical and the virtual services users want, supported by consistent and frequent evaluation....

*Library Journal* 131, no. 14 (Sept. 1)

### [OhioLINK offers advice on open access](#)

There is no guarantee that Ohio residents will have access to research produced by the state's own scholars as the costs and quantity of scholarly journals keep rising beyond the reach of Ohio higher education. OhioLINK has released recommendations ([PDF file](#)) that will help authors and their institutions retain the right to disseminate their works electronically, thereby assuring access to Ohio research for the Ohio scholarly community and beyond....

OhioLINK, Aug. 30

### [How NARA and the JFK Library recovered missing Kennedy materials](#)

Kennedy Library Archivist James M. Roth describes how many pilfered historical items—some taken by thieves, others possibly removed by Evelyn Lincoln, former secretary to President John F. Kennedy—were returned to their rightful place....

*Prologue* 38, no. 2 (Summer)



### [Packing up a library](#) ([PDF file](#))

Education Director Robert Adler Peckerar relates his experiences retrieving a large collection of Yiddish books from Montevideo, Uruguay, for the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts....

*Pakn Treger*, no. 51 (Summer 2006)

### [Salaries of academic librarians in the West and Southwest](#) ([PDF file](#))

The salaries of academic librarians, like many in the library field, are affected by their position, the type of library they are working in, and where their library is located. The data indicates that a majority of academic librarians in the West and Southwest received annual salaries lower than the national average. Most affected were librarians at four-year colleges who received below national average salaries....

*Fast Facts* (Colorado Library Research Service), Aug. 22

### [Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Each year from September 15 to October 15, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the economic, cultural, and social contributions of the more than 41.3 million Latinos residing in the U.S. The dates were selected to include the Independence Day celebrations of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile, and to incorporate October 12 (*Día de la Raza*), a holiday celebrated in Mexico to observe the colonization, exploration, and multicultural



## Datebook

### Upcoming:

**Sept. 16:**

#### [Assistive Technology Expo](#),

Bronx Library Center, 310 East Kingsbridge Road, New York. Vendors and representatives from nonprofit organizations will showcase products and services for adults, young adults, and children with mobility, hearing, and visual disabilities. Contact: 718-579-4244.

**Oct. 22–24:**

#### [New England Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Burlington, Vermont. "Peak Performance." Contact: [NELA](#).

**Oct. 24–27:**

#### [Mississippi Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Grand Casino, Tunica. "Libraries Help Re-Build Communities." Contact: 601-981-4586.

**Oct. 25–27:**

#### [Nebraska Library Association/ Nebraska Educational Media Association](#),

Conference, Qwest Center, Omaha. "Libraries: Vital, Vibrant, Visionary." Contact: [NLA](#).

### Exhibits:

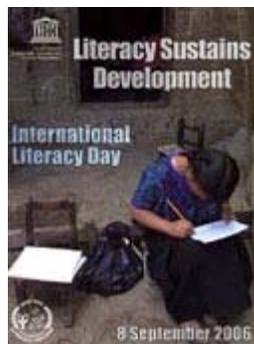
heritage of the Americas....

National Council of La Raza

### [International Literacy Day](#)

September 8, UNESCO's International Literacy Day, is a timely reminder to the world about the importance of literacy for individuals, families, communities, and whole societies. This year's theme, "Literacy sustains development," emphasizes that literacy is not only a positive outcome of development processes, but also a lever of change and an instrument for achieving further social progress....

UNESCO



### [Phishing expeditions on the rise](#)

Ipswitch, a leading developer of network management and file transfer solutions, announced the results of its fifth Spamometer survey August 31, revealing that 70% of all email received is spam. The increase stems from a massive rise in phishing emails—the inherently dangerous spam messages that ask the recipient to supply personal information that can lead to identity theft....

Ipswitch, Aug. 31

### [The five types of content on library websites](#)

David Lee King, Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library acting IT director, classifies the types of content most often presented on library web pages....

David Lee King blog, Aug. 22

### [The Wave Books Poetry Bus Tour](#)

Stopping at 50 cities in 50 days, the Wave Books Poetry Bus Tour began September 4 and ends October 27. Over 100 poets, along with musicians, filmmakers, and journalists, are participating as the bus traverses North America, bringing innovative poetry to big cities and small towns across the U.S. and Canada....

Wave Books

**Until Oct. 22:**

### [Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art](#)

Amherst, Mass. "The Wonderful Art of Oz," organized in honor of the 150th anniversary of Oz series creator, L. Frank Baum.

Contact: [Eric Carle Museum](#), 413-658-1100.

**Until Dec. 17:**

### [University of Southern California](#)

Los Angeles. "Five Days of Freedom:

Photographs from the Hungarian Revolution of 1956."

Contact: [Patty Johnson](#).

**Until Jan. 1:**

### [National Archives](#)

Washington, D.C.

"Eyewitness:

American Originals from the National Archives." Letters, diaries, audio and film recordings that chronicle dramatic moments in U.S.

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