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## U.S. & World News

### [National Security Letters Reform Act introduced](#)

Bipartisan legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives July 26 that will provide crucial checks against the National Security Letters authority expanded under the USA Patriot Act. At an event in the Cannon House Office Building, the National Security Letters Reform Act of 2007 was introduced by Reps. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), William Delahunt (above, D-Mass.), and Ron Paul (R-Tex.). ALA Washington Office Executive Director Emily Sheketoff (right) said the legislation would "minimize this unconstitutional intrusion into library patrons' records."...



### [Senators hear arguments for internet safety education](#)

The U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation held hearings July 24 to review steps that Congress could take to protect children from online predators. The hearings were called to solicit input on a revised version of the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act (S. 49) that Committee Vice Chairman Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) said his staff is working on, following the bill's failure to come up for a vote....

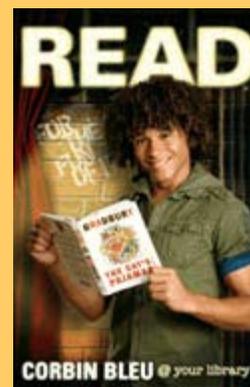
### [Strike closes Vancouver's 22 branches](#)

Some 790 employees of the Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library went on strike July 26, the first such walkout in the library's 77 years as a unionized workplace. The action shut down the system's 22 branches as well as its online services....



### [Michigan man loses nonresident lawsuit](#)

A resident of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has lost an appeal to the state Supreme Court of his claim that Michigan public libraries must sell nonresidents library cards on request. The July 26 decision ended plaintiff George Goldstone's quest to regain borrowing privileges at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, which ceased offering those services to Bloomfield Hills residents in 2003 after the municipality



18-year-old *High School Musical* star [Corbin Bleu](#) takes a look at Ray Bradbury's *The Cat's Pajamas* in this ALA Read poster. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**



September is [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#), a time to remind parents and kids that a library card is the most important school supply of all. [See examples](#) from libraries that have used the huge (and [downloadable](#))

declined to renew a 39-year contract with BTPL by rejecting a proposed \$187,550 fee increase....

### [Toronto cuts Sunday hours, cancels purchases](#)

The Toronto (Ont.) Public Library board voted July 25 to eliminate Sunday service at 16 of its more than 100 branches, including the downtown reference library (right), and cancel the purchase of 14,000 items. The actions were among measures taken to cut \$1.2 million from the library budget as part of a citywide effort to make up a \$575-million shortfall....



### [Pepper spray likely cause of sickened patrons](#)

Seven people were treated at two local hospitals July 25 after a mysterious substance caused many patrons of the Ann Arbor (Mich.) District Library branch in the Westgate Shopping Center—as well as those at a neighboring Kroger supermarket—to complain of a strange smell, nausea, burning eyes and skin, and difficulty breathing. After receiving a call from the library around 9 p.m., emergency crews arrived at the shopping center and treated as many as 25 people....

## ALA News

### [Sibel Edmonds at Annual Conference](#)

During the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and Committee on Legislation cosponsored a program that featured Sibel Edmonds, president and founder of the National Security Whistleblowers Coalition. Edmonds gained worldwide attention in 2002 after she was fired by the FBI for reporting shoddy work and security breaches that may have prevented the 9/11 attacks. Also speaking was Stephen Kohn, president of the National Whistleblower Center....



Don Wood: Library 2.0 blog, July 26

### [Gaming, Learning, and Libraries Symposium: A Wrapup](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "GLLS 2007 turned out even better than I had hoped. All of our nonlibrarian keynote speakers saw great potential for librarians in the areas of gaming and participatory culture. Nintendo lent us a Wii to play with and a second one to give away to one lucky attendee. After a brutal round of [Big Brain Academy: Wii Degree](#) and then a victory in the final playing [Marble Madness](#), I'm happy to announce that Marcie Smedley (above) from the Henderson (Nev.) Libraries was our Wii champion." Pictures of the event are available on Flickr in [two places](#)....



The Shifted Librarian blog, Aug. 1

### [Nominate a Copyright Scholar](#)

The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy is seeking individuals interested in serving as

"Smartest Card" to create giant photo opportunities and tips for putting it to work in your community.

### In this issue August 2007



**A Library 2.0 Manifesto**

**Library Stamps of 1982**

**The Ventriloquist Who Changed the World**

**Annual Conference Roundup**

### Digital Library of the Week



**[In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience](#)**

is hosted by the New York Public Library's Schomburg Center for

## Copyright advisory network

Copyright Scholar for the [Copyright Advisory Network](#), a forum where librarians discuss copyright dilemmas and concerns online. Since 2005, eight librarians have served as Copyright Scholars on the forum. It is time to recruit a new batch of librarians who are keenly interested in copyright and want to volunteer their time to the network....

District Dispatch blog, July 26

## Harry Potter and the censor's flames

Office for Intellectual Freedom Director Judith Krug (right) writes: "Harry Potter snuck up on me. In 1999, I'd yet to read *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* when a South Carolina librarian reported that parents were seeking to remove the book from school libraries and classrooms. Naturally, I was curious as to what was behind this attempt to censor a popular children's book that, by all reports, was encouraging even reluctant readers to settle in for hours of reading."...

ILoveLibraries.org, July 30



Research in Black Culture. Featuring more than 16,500 pages of text, 8,300 illustrations, and more than 60 maps, the site is organized around 13 defining migrations that have formed and transformed African Americans and the nation.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this new *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#)

## Graduated dues research study

ALA has issued a Request for Information ([PDF file](#)) for a Graduated Dues Research Study. The Association is seeking information including project scope, recommendations, and cost estimates from individuals or organizations interested in conducting research and facilitating focus group discussions as part of the study....

## Blogging for the ALA Katrina Relief Fund

Blogathon 2007 participant Mary McCoy completed her 24 hours of straight blogging at 6 a.m. on July 29 and gathered a total of \$2,102 in pledges for the [ALA Katrina Library Relief Fund](#), making her one of the top 10 Blogathon fundraisers. McCoy blogged about Gulf Coast literature, dispatches from libraries hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, testimonials from library patrons in the Gulf Coast, historical tidbits, and contests related to southern culture, art, and history....

This Book Is for You blog, July 29



## Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

**"Good librarians read and know who Will Rogers was."**

—One of a list of nine "things to make a good librarian," suggested by Kent Shaklee in the *Enid (Okla.) News*, July 29.

## Lawyers for Libraries in Colorado

The Rocky Mountain Regional "Lawyers for Libraries" Training Institute will be held in Denver on November 8 as a preconference to the Colorado Association of Libraries' Annual Conference. It is the 11th of a series of regional institutes following two national institutes in 1997 and 1998. The workshop is intended to equip attorneys with tools they need to effectively defend the First Amendment in libraries....



## Catholic Library Association joins ALA as affiliate

ALA Council granted the Catholic Library Association, headquartered in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, affiliate status



## From the CentennialAL Blog



[Ads, Toons, Image.](#)

during Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., joining 23 other nonprofit membership organizations....

## AL Focus

### [Honor dance for Loriene Roy](#)

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian played host June 22 to a traditional honor dance to celebrate the inauguration of ALA President-Elect Loriene Roy. In this 3:25 video shot during the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., Master of Ceremonies Dennis Zotigh encourages the large crowd to participate in a "round dance," followed by a short speech from Roy....



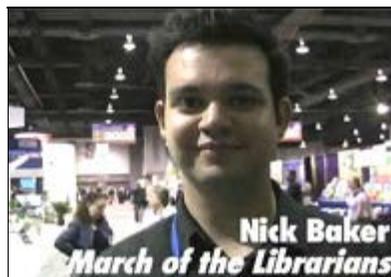
### ["Speaking Technically" panel discussion](#)

*American Libraries* "Technically Speaking" columnist Andrew Pace joins Marshall Breeding to moderate "Speaking Technically," an exhibit-hall discussion with several top library vendors. In this brief snapshot from the panel, representatives from TLC, OCLC, SirsiDynix, Talis, Medialab, Innovative Interfaces, and Ex Libris talk about how to balance technology and business decisions in the field of library automation....



### [Interview: Nick Baker](#)

[March of the Librarians](#): It was just a short parody video about the 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, but it became an internet sensation. *American Libraries* Associate Editor Daniel Kraus catches up with librarian/filmmaker Nick Baker on the floor of the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., where Baker was in the midst of shooting—you guessed it—a sequel, [Grand March of the Librarians](#)....



## Booklist ONLINE

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

Rowling, J. K. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Read by Jim Dale. July 2007. 21hr. Listening Library, CS (978-0-7393-6040-8).

British actor Jim Dale, who is cited in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for creating more than 200 voices for the Harry Potter books, turns in another virtuoso performance in this series finale. As in previous Harry Potter recordings, the sheer number of characters is astonishing; even more

### [and Entertainment.](#)

Greg Landgraf writes: "This week, a roundup of brief and hopefully amusing nuggets from the history of *American Libraries*. The *Bulletin* published a series of cartoons in 1936 and 1937 detailing life in various types of libraries or library departments. In May 1949 (p. 181), there was a sequel with 'The Bookmobile Arrives' (above). I'm especially fond of the pilot who's reading as he's about to crash into a tree, although maybe I'm just in a weird mood."...

See the [CentennialAL Blog](#) for more....



### Career Leads from

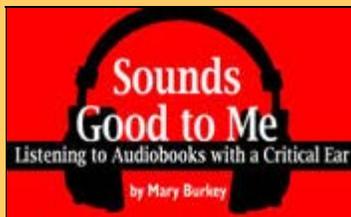


[Director of User Services and Outreach](#), Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania. This position emerged as a top priority recommendation of the Library's recent strategic planning initiative. Outreach is at the core. This librarian will work closely with library work groups dedicated to exhibits and events, as well as marketing....

astonishing, though, is Dale's ability to imbue each character with an unforgettable identity and personality. The verbal acrobatics he employs as he moves between voices and narrative passages are equally amazing. A single word of "Silence!" uttered in Voldemort's menacing hiss will evoke shivers of terror, and even minor distractions—a song sung by Peeves the poltergeist, for example—are highly memorable....

### [Listening to audiobooks critically](#)

Mary Burkey writes: "Many facets beyond mere re-creation of the text are considered when evaluating audiobooks. The interplay between content and technical production is a balancing act between two sides of a seesaw. An award-winning book might result in a poorly produced audio with lackluster narration and poor technical qualities. On the other hand, a marginal print title might find a quirky interpretation featuring a gifted narrator who raises the quality and reinvents the work. A truly effective audiobook maintains a perfect balance between meaningful content and faultless production values."...



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The March/April 2007 issue of AASL's [Knowledge Quest](#) has an amusing look by Alice Yucht on "The Dress for Success Field Guide for the Intrepid Exhibits Stalker" ([PDF file](#)), with notes on plumage, vocalizations, and nesting materials.

## Division News

### [AASL National Conference school tours](#)

The AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada, will offer four school tours with separate focus on rural, elementary, independent, and public schools. Planned as full or half-day excursions on Wednesday, October 24, and Thursday, October 25, the tours will showcase examples of excellence in a wide range of school library media programs....



### [A closer look at the Harris poll data](#)

Linda Braun writes: "I've been looking over the raw numbers from the Harris Interactive poll ([PDF file](#)) that asked 8- to 18-year-olds about their use of libraries both in person and online. When I heard about the survey, I was curious about what the data said regarding use of libraries by teens. Looking at the raw data, I see quite a bit to take in, but here are some of the things I noticed."...

YALSA blog, July 31

### [Mirrorstone to sponsor Teen Read Week](#)

Mirrorstone, an imprint of Wizards of the Coast, will be the 2007 Corporate Sponsor of YALSA's Teen Read Week, October 14–21. Founded in 2004, Mirrorstone publishes fantasy fiction for



## Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q. What does the ALA have to help my small library with establishing a compensation plan?**

**A.** There are several elements to a compensation plan: salary grades and levels, for which you would want to consult [salary surveys](#); goal setting and assessment processes; and [budgeting](#). The ALA

children and teens with a goal of turning reluctant readers into lifelong readers, which meshes well with TRW's mission to encourage teens to read just for the fun of it....

## Round Table News

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### [Map Collection Security Guidelines](#) (PDF file)

The MAGERT Task Force on Library Security for Cartographic Resources has distributed a draft of its Map Collection Security Guidelines for comment. The guidelines discuss marking, cataloging, inventory, establishing value, copying and scanning, monitoring access, staffing levels, and reader access policies. Send comments to [David A. Cobb](#)....

Map and Geography Round Table

## Awards

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### [Carnegie-Whitney grants](#)

The ALA Publishing Committee will award Carnegie-Whitney grants of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library. Proposals must be received by November 5....

### [UNESCO 2007 Literacy Prize winners](#)

Literacy projects in China, the United States, Nigeria, Senegal, and Tanzania are the winners of the five UNESCO Literacy Prizes this year.

One of the two UNESCO Confucius Prizes for Literacy went to [Reach Out and Read](#), an organization based in Boston that works closely with health care groups to reach low-income children most at risk of school failure by offering literacy guidance to their families and by promoting a reading culture....

UNESCO, July 17



## Seen Online

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### [Bill seeks disclosure on presidential library fundraising](#)

Legislation requiring organizations that raise money for presidential libraries to disclose who is funneling donations to their efforts is set to be considered by a Senate panel, despite unresolved objections from one committee member. Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) argued that the legislation would unfairly force President Bush to disclose donors for his presidential library while he's still in the midst of raising funds....

*CQ Today*, Aug. 1

### [Amazon to copy and sell National Archives footage](#)

The National Archives and Records Administration announced July 30 that it has reached a nonexclusive agreement with Amazon.com to reproduce and sell to the public copies of thousands of historic films and videotapes in the Archives holdings. The arrangement allows Amazon and a California subsidiary, CustomFlix Labs, to make

### [Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment](#)

has as part of its mission a focus on "policies and practices in the areas of management and human resources which best serve the needs of libraries and their employees." With this in mind, HRDR communicates with libraries on issues relating to management and human resources and acts as an advocate for best practices in these areas, collected generally at [Library Employment Resources](#). Some selected print and other materials are included under [human resources](#). See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for further assistance.

The [ALA Librarian](#) welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

### **Sept. 11:** [International Literacy Day](#)

celebration, National Geographic Society headquarters, Washington, D.C. "Literacy: A Human Right." Contact: [International Reading Association](#).

### **Sept. 26–28:** [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#), joint

conference with the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship, Columbus, Ohio.

digitized copies of historical footage. Spokeswoman Stacey Hurwitz said the first six DVDs became available on Amazon July 16 and are already selling....

*Washington Post*, July 31

### [Elizabeth Martinez to head Salinas library](#)

Former ALA Executive Director Elizabeth Martinez has accepted the position of director of the Salinas (Calif.) Public Library, effective in September. Library supporters gathered at the City Hall rotunda on July 27 to welcome Martinez, who will be the first Salinas library director in three years. Martinez, who was at ALA from 1994 to 1997, has been an instructor at the San Jose State University SLIS since 1998....



*Monterey County (Calif.) Herald*, July 28

### [Blowback from closed Medford libraries](#)

A few businesses near the downtown Medford, Oregon, library are reeling from a drop-off in customers after the busy 80,000-square-foot building closed April 6. "We were getting killed," said Ben Tresser, owner of the Yellow Submarine Sandwich Shop, which closed for the first time this summer because his business declined sharply immediately after the library shut down. Mellelo's Coffee Roasters, which leases space in the library building, had also been successful until all 15 branches in Jackson County closed their doors....

*Medford (Oreg.) Mail-Tribune*, July 29

### [Flood had benefits for CSU library](#)

No one saw the benefits when an 8-foot wall of water smashed through the bottom floor of the Morgan Library on the Colorado State University campus in Fort Collins in 1997. But today, many say the flood swept in needed change to Morgan and made it one of the technological leaders among college libraries in the country....



*Denver Post*, July 30

### [Overdue books? No computer access at Waco](#)

More library scofflaws are paying their overdue fines, thanks to a new policy that denies computer access to those who don't pony up. Waco-McLennan County (Tex.) Library system patrons are now prohibited from using library computers if they have \$5 or more in fines on their account. Since the policy took effect in April, the fine collection rate has risen about 10%....

*Waco (Tex.) Tribune-Herald*, July 28

### [Library DVD thief gets choice of sentences](#)

A judge called a mother who used her young children to steal thousands of dollars worth of DVDs from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County a "female Fagin," straight out of Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*. Judge Ethna Cooper gave Maria Daniels a choice July 30—six months in prison and then probation during which she'll have to pay almost \$17,000 restitution to the library, or two years behind bars. She must decide by August 30....

*Cincinnati Enquirer*, July 31

### [Floods delay Bodleian Library construction](#)

Oxford University has postponed plans for a £29 million (\$59 million U.S.) extension to the world-famous Bodleian Library at Osney Mead

Contact: [ARSL](#), 814-393-2014.

**Oct. 4–6:**  
[Georgia Conference on Information Literacy](#), Savannah. Contact: [Sharon Herndon](#), 912-681-5360.

**Oct. 6:**  
[Painted Words and Written Pictures](#), A Conference for Authors, Illustrators, Teachers, Librarians, Collectors, and Fans of Children's and Young Adult Literature. California State University, Fresno. Contact: [ANC](#), 559-278-8116.

**Nov. 7–10:**  
[National Association for the Education of Young Children](#), Annual Conference & Expo, McCormick Place, Chicago. Contact: [NAEYC](#).

**Nov. 15–16:**  
[Middle East Librarians Association](#), Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec. Contact: [Kristen Kern](#).

**Nov. 15–18:**  
[California School Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Ontario, Calif. Contact: [CSLA](#).

**Nov. 28–29:**  
[Northeast Document Conservation Center](#) conference, Seattle. "Persistence of Memory: Stewardship of Digital Assets." A conference on digital preservation for

along the banks of the Thames while the impact of severe flooding is assessed. University authorities remain confident the proposed repository, which will hold nearly 8 million books, will withstand flooding even on the scale seen in recent days when hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes....

*The Guardian* (U.K.), July 27

### [York school libraries approved for thumbprint recognition](#)

Schools in York, England, have been given the go-ahead to continue thumbprinting their pupils for use in high-tech library systems. Greg Knight, Member of Parliament for East Yorkshire, issued new guidelines on the controversial issue, saying that data must only be used for its stated purpose, it must not be shared with anyone else, and it must be destroyed as soon as the pupil in question leaves the school....

*York* (U.K.) Press, Aug. 1

librarians, archivists, museum professionals, information technology professionals, and administrators responsible for managing and preserving digital resources. Contact: [Julie Carlson](#).

@ [More...](#)



## Tech Talk

### [World survey analyzes how youth use technology](#)

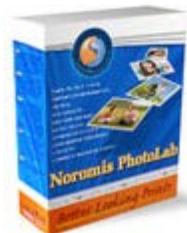
Globally, the average young person connected to digital technology has 94 phone numbers in his or her mobile phone, 78 people on a messenger buddy list, and 86 people in his or her social networking community. Yet despite their technological immersion, digi-kids are not geeks—59% of 8–14 year-olds still prefer their TV to their PCs, and only 20% of 14–24 year-olds admitted to being “interested” in technology. They are, however, expert multitaskers and can filter different channels of information....

PRNewswire, July 24

### [Simple photo editors](#)

Jan Ozer writes: “Cameras are usually sold bundled with image-editing apps, but which is right for you? At a high level, there are three key areas to care about: First is how much you intend to organize your images; second, how much you want to edit them; and finally, how you’d like to use them. I’ll cover each in turn, and a table will highlight the key features of each program.”...

*PC Magazine*, July 11



### [Microsoft's photo standard comes into focus](#)

In coming months, 16 national standards groups will formally vote on whether the Joint Photographic Experts Group, after which the JPEG file format is named, should make [Microsoft's relatively new HD Photo format](#) (formerly called Windows Media Photo) a standard. Getting to this stage is a good sign in Microsoft's view, and the company has hopes the format will be accepted as a standard called JPEG XR by mid-2008, said Robert Rossi, principal program manager at Microsoft for



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emerging image and video technology....  
C|Net news.com, July 31

### [Ten things your IT department won't tell you](#)

Vauhina Vara writes: "For many of us, our work computer is a home away from home. So in between typing up reports, we use our office PCs to keep up with our lives. However, our employers sometimes don't like it and ask the IT employees to block us from doing our home work. Here, then, are 10 secrets your IT department doesn't want you to know, the risks you'll face if you use them—and tips about how to keep yourself (and your job) safe while you're at it."...  
*Wall Street Journal*, July 30

### [Glossary of spam terms](#)

Sophos, an Anglo-American company that makes antivirus and antispam software, has compiled a spam glossary that includes definitions of terms like "dictionary attack," "munging," "ratware," "social engineering," and "tarpitting."....  
Sophos

### [Five tech mistakes to avoid](#)

Joel Durham Jr. offers this list of five common tech tasks that many people overlook: leaving your wireless network unprotected, failing to update firmware, failing to update drivers, installing memory modules in the wrong slots, and failing to provide enough airflow in your computer case....  
Extreme Tech blog, July 25

## Actions & Answers

### [LC's Packard Campus ushers in a new AV era](#)

Audiovisual conservation work by the Library of Congress took a giant leap forward as the Library acquired its new Packard Campus for Audio-Visual Conservation in a July 26 signing ceremony. The 415,000-square-foot Packard Campus in Culpeper, Va., will consolidate audiovisual collections from across four states and the District of Columbia and will enhance the library's efforts to make accessible the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of moving images and sound recordings....

Library of Congress, July 26



### [Ithaka report on university publishing](#)

In American colleges and universities, access to the Web is ubiquitous; consequently nearly all intellectual effort results in some form of "publishing." Yet universities do not treat this function as an important, mission-centric endeavor. The result has been a scholarly publishing industry that many in the university community find to be increasingly out of step with the important values of the academy. *University Publishing in a Digital Age* argues that a renewed commitment to publishing in its broadest sense can enable universities to more fully realize the potential global impact of their academic programs....

Ithaka, July 23

### [Guidelines for Library Services to Babies and Toddlers](#) (PDF file)

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

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The IFLA Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section has coordinated the development of a set of guidelines for services to babies and toddlers. The document includes an assessment checklist and a sampling of best practices from libraries around the world....

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

### [Barbara Ford reelected to IFLA governing board](#)

Barbara J. Ford, director of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Mortensen Center for International Library Programs, was reelected to another two-year term on the board of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions....

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, June 27

### [Take the 2007 survey of the biblioblogsphere](#)

AL columnist Meredith Farkas writes: "In August 2005, I conducted a [survey](#) of people in the LIS profession who blog to get some sense of the demographic characteristics of bibliobloggers. After two years, it doesn't take a survey to see that the library blogosphere has changed a great deal. Nonetheless, I decided to design a survey for 2007. If you consider yourself a biblioblogger, consider [taking this survey](#) and pass the word on to other library-related bloggers."...

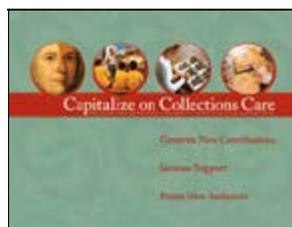
Information Wants to Be Free blog, July 29

### [Fundraising for collections care](#)

(PDF file)

Collections care can be an engaging and colorful resource for generating contributions, increasing membership, and attracting visitors. This [Heritage Preservation](#) publication outlines some principles and strategies that can help garner support from the private and public sectors. Examples from a variety of collecting institutions show how to raise the visibility of collections care so that fundraising for preservation and conservation can be successful....

Heritage Preservation



### [Rupert Giles slated for BBC-TV movie](#)

The former Sunnydale High School librarian, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer's* Rupert Giles (played by actor Anthony Stewart Head), will be starring in his own 90-minute TV movie for the BBC. *Ripper* tells the story of Giles back in London after he leaves the craziness of Sunnydale and winds up getting sucked back into the craziness of Watcherdom....

Firefox News, July 29



### [Blind Date: A teacher and a school librarian](#)

Texas elementary school librarian Doug Valentine (right) created this parody video (6:04) of the *Blind Date* reality TV series to explore classroom teacher/librarian collaboration, complete with pop-ups that reveal what the characters are really thinking (such as "Sounds like it's time for our boy to make his move")....



TeacherLibrarianNing, July 27

### [First library to land on Mars](#)

In May 2008, the spacecraft Phoenix will land in the northern polar regions of the planet Mars. Nestled among busy instruments, a small DVD called *Visions of Mars*, prepared by the Planetary Society, will carry personal messages from leading space visionaries of our time, as well as a priceless collection of Mars literature and art. H. G. Wells, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Ray Bradbury, Poul Anderson, Percival Lowell, Judith Merrill, and Carl Sagan will all be represented....

Planetary Society



### [Browse celebrities' bookshelves](#)

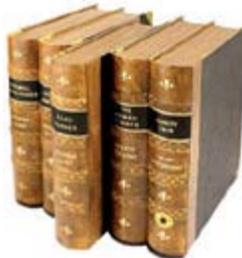
Ever wonder what famous people read in their spare time? No? Well, Oprah Winfrey's *O, the Oprah Magazine* did, and you can now see what books Dan Brown, J. K. Rowling, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kathy Bates, Kenneth Branagh, Don Cheadle, Cate Blanchett, Anderson Cooper, Claire Danes, and other celebrities have been perusing....

*O, the Oprah Magazine*

### [Possessed Books a bit lame](#)

These "Possessed Books" might be an economical (\$25) way to freak out your youngest patrons during the Halloween season. Looking like a standard set of Victorian-era staples, the set contains a motion detector to spot passers-by, and slides *Silas Marner* toward them as if moved by a ghostly hand. What actually happens, however, is that a loud servo whirs as the book clunks in and out, accompanied by a badly-cropped 8khz sample fizzling like potassium in a bucket. Watch the [videoclip](#)....

*Wired* Gadget Lab, July 30



### [Semi-postal stamps helped Philippine libraries in 1949](#)

Larry Nix writes: "World War II devastated public libraries in the Philippines. On April 1, 1949, the Philippine postal administration issued a set of three semi-postal stamps to raise funds to help rehabilitate the public libraries. Semi-postals have two values assigned, one to pay the postage and the other to go to some charitable activity. This set of stamps included the first semi-postals for the Philippine Republic."...

Library History Buff



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## U.S. & World News

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### National Security Letters Reform Act introduced

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/july2007/nslreformact.htm>]

Bipartisan legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives July 26 that will provide crucial checks against the National Security Letters authority expanded under the USA Patriot Act. At an event in the Cannon House Office Building, the National Security Letters Reform Act of 2007 was introduced by Reps. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), William Delahunt (above, D-Mass.), and Ron Paul (R-Tex.). ALA Washington Office Executive Director Emily Sheketoff (right) said the legislation would “minimize this unconstitutional intrusion into library patrons’ records.”...

### Senators hear arguments for internet safety education

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/july2007/senatehearings.cfm>]

The U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation held hearings July 24 to review steps that Congress could take to protect children from online predators. The hearings were called to solicit input on a revised version of the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act (S. 49) that Committee Vice Chairman Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) said his staff is working on, following

the bill's failure to come up for a vote....

#### Strike closes Vancouver's 22 branches

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/july2007/vancouverstrike.cfm>]

Some 790 employees of the Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library went on strike July 26, the first such walkout in the library's 77 years as a unionized workplace. The action shut down the system's 22 branches as well as its online services....

#### Michigan man loses nonresident lawsuit

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/july2007/bloomfieldsuit.cfm>]

A resident of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has lost an appeal to the state Supreme Court of his claim that Michigan public libraries must sell nonresidents library cards on request. The July 26 decision ended plaintiff George Goldstone's quest to regain borrowing privileges at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, which ceased offering those services to Bloomfield Hills residents in 2003 after the municipality declined to renew a 39-year contract with BTPL by rejecting a proposed \$187,550 fee increase....

#### Toronto cuts Sunday hours, cancels purchases

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/july2007/torontocuts.cfm>]

The Toronto (Ont.) Public Library board voted July 25 to eliminate Sunday service at 16 of its more than 100 branches, including the downtown reference library (right), and cancel the purchase of 14,000 items. The actions were among measures taken to cut \$1.2 million from the library budget as part of a citywide effort to make up a \$575-million shortfall....

#### Pepper spray likely cause of sickened patrons

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/july2007/pepperannarbor.cfm>]

Seven people were treated at two local hospitals July 25 after a mysterious substance caused many patrons of the Ann Arbor (Mich.) District Library branch in the Westgate Shopping Center—and as well as those at a neighboring Kroger supermarket—to complain of a strange smell, nausea, burning eyes and skin, and difficulty breathing. After receiving a call from the library around 9 p.m., emergency crews arrived at the shopping center and treated as many as 25 people....

#### ALA News

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#### Sibel Edmonds at Annual Conference

[[http://donwood.alablog.org/blog/\\_archives/2007/7/26/3120544.html](http://donwood.alablog.org/blog/_archives/2007/7/26/3120544.html)]

During the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and Committee on Legislation cosponsored a program that featured Sibel Edmonds, President and Founder of the National Security Whistleblowers Coalition. Edmonds gained worldwide attention in 2002 after she was fired by the FBI for reporting shoddy work and security breaches that may have prevented the 9/11 attacks. Also speaking was Stephen Kohn, President of the National Whistleblower Center....

Don Wood: Library 2.0 blog, July 26

#### Gaming, Learning, and Libraries Symposium: A Wrapup

[[http://www.theshiftedlibrarian.com/archives/2007/08/01/glls2007\\_wrap\\_up.html](http://www.theshiftedlibrarian.com/archives/2007/08/01/glls2007_wrap_up.html)]

Jenny Levine writes: "GLLS 2007 turned out even better than I had hoped. All of our nonlibrarian keynote speakers saw great potential for librarians in the areas of gaming and participatory culture. Nintendo lent us a Wii to play with and a second one to give away to one lucky attendee.

After a brutal round of Big Brain Academy: Wii Degree [<http://wii.nintendo.com/site/bba/>] and then a victory in the final playing Marble Madness [[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marble\\_Madness](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marble_Madness)], I'm happy to announce that Marcie Smedley (above) from the Henderson (Nev.) Libraries was our Wii champion." Pictures of the event are available on Flickr in two [<http://www.flickr.com/photos/alapublishing/sets/72157601109909944/>] places [<http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/glls2007/>]....  
The Shifted Librarian blog, Aug. 1

#### Nominate a Copyright Scholar

[[http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=call\\_for\\_copyright\\_scholar\\_nominations&more=1&c=1&t=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=call_for_copyright_scholar_nominations&more=1&c=1&t=1&pb=1)]

The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy is seeking individuals interested in serving as Copyright Scholar for the Copyright Advisory Network, [<http://www.librarycopyright.net/>] a forum where librarians discuss copyright dilemmas and concerns online. Since 2005, eight librarians have served as Copyright Scholars on the forum. It is time to recruit a new batch of librarians who are keenly interested in copyright and want to volunteer their time to the network....

District Dispatch blog, July 26

#### Harry Potter and the censor's flames

[<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/news/topstories/potteroped.cfm>]

Office for Intellectual Freedom Director Judith Krug (right) writes: "Harry Potter snuck up on me. In 1999, I'd yet to read Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone when a South Carolina librarian reported that parents were seeking to remove the book from school libraries and classroom. Naturally, I was curious as to what was behind this attempt to censor a popular children's book that, by all reports, was encouraging even reluctant readers to settle in for hours of reading."...

ILoveLibraries.org, July 30

#### Graduated dues research study [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/july2007/rfistudy07.htm>]

ALA has issued a Request for Information (PDF file

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/ors/RFI\\_GraduatedDuesStudy.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/ors/RFI_GraduatedDuesStudy.pdf)]) for a Graduated Dues Research Study. The Association is seeking information including project scope, recommendations, and cost estimates from individuals or organizations interested in conducting research and facilitating focus group discussions as part of the study....

#### Blogging for the ALA Katrina Relief Fund

[<http://thisbookisforyou.blogspot.com/2007/07/blogathon-post-index.html>]

Blogathon 2007 participant Mary McCoy completed her 24 hours of straight blogging at 6 a.m. on July 29 and gathered a total of \$2,102 in pledges for the ALA Katrina Library Relief Fund, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/cro/katrina/katrina.htm>] making her one of the top 10 Blogathon fundraisers. McCoy blogged about Gulf Coast literature, dispatches from libraries hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, testimonials from library patrons in the Gulf Coast, historical tidbits, and contests related to southern culture, art, and history....

This Book Is for You blog, July 29

#### Lawyers for Libraries in Colorado

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/july2007/oiflforl07.htm>]

The Rocky Mountain Regional "Lawyers for Libraries" Training Institute will be held in Denver on November 8 as a preconference to the Colorado Association of Libraries' Annual Conference. It is the 11th of a series of regional institutes following two national institutes in 1997 and 1998. The workshop is intended to equip attorneys with tools they need to effectively defend the First Amendment in libraries....

#### Catholic Library Association joins ALA as affiliate

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/july2007/CLAaffiliate07.htm>]

ALA Council granted the Catholic Library Association, headquartered in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, affiliate status during Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., joining 23 other nonprofit membership organizations....

## AL Focus

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Honor dance for Loriene Roy [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/honor-dance-loriene-roy>]  
The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian played host June 22 to a traditional honor dance to celebrate the inauguration of ALA President-Elect Loriene Roy. In this 3:25 video shot during the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., Master of Ceremonies Dennis Zotigh encourages the large crowd to participate in a "round dance," followed by a short speech from Roy....

&#8220;Speaking Technically&#8221; panel discussion [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/speaking-technically-panel-discussion>]  
American Libraries "Technically Speaking" columnist Andrew Pace joins Marshall Breeding to moderate "Speaking Technically," an exhibit-hall discussion with several top library vendors. In this brief snapshot from the panel, representatives from TLC, OCLC, SirsiDynix, Talis, Medialab, Innovative Interfaces, and Ex Libris talk about how to balance technology and business decisions in the field of library automation....

Interview: Nick Baker [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/nick-baker-interview>]  
March of the Librarians [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td92210NoDQ>]: It was just a short parody video about the 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, but it became an internet sensation. American Libraries Associate Editor Daniel Kraus catches up with librarian/filmmaker Nick Baker on the floor of the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., where Baker was in the midst of shooting—you guessed it—a sequel, Grand March of the Librarians [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqINI2dAdVU>]....

## Booklist Online

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Featured review: Media [[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=2164186](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2164186)]  
Rowling, J. K. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Read by Jim Dale. July 2007. 21hr. Listening Library, CS (978-0-7393-6040-8).  
British actor Jim Dale, who is cited in the Guinness Book of World Records for creating more than 200 voices for the Harry Potter books, turns in another virtuoso performance in this series finale. As in previous Harry Potter recordings, the sheer number of characters is astonishing; even more astonishing, though, is Dale's ability to imbue each character with an unforgettable identity and personality. The verbal acrobatics he employs as he moves between voices and narrative passages are equally amazing. A single word of "Silence!" uttered in Voldemort's menacing hiss will evoke shivers of terror, and even minor distractions—a song sung by Peeves the poltergeist, for example—are highly memorable....

Listening to audiobooks critically

[[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1951170](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1951170)]

Mary Burkey writes: "Many facets beyond mere re-creation of the text are considered when evaluating audiobooks. The interplay between content and technical production is a balancing act between two sides of a seesaw. An award-winning book might result in a poorly produced audio with lackluster narration and poor technical qualities. On the other hand, a marginal print title might find a quirky interpretation featuring a gifted narrator who raises the quality and reinvents the work. A truly effective audiobook maintains a perfect balance between meaningful content and faultless production values."...

@ Visit Booklist Online [<http://www.booklistonline.com/>] for other reviews and much more....

## Division News

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AASL National Conference school tours

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/july2007/aaslconf07.htm>]

The AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada, will offer four school tours with separate focus on rural, elementary, independent, and public schools. Planned as full or half-day excursions on Wednesday, October 24, and Thursday, October 25, the tours will showcase examples of excellence in a wide range of school library media programs....

A closer look at the Harris poll data

[[http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=what\\_the\\_data\\_says&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=what_the_data_says&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

Linda Braun writes: "I've been looking over the raw numbers from the Harris Interactive poll (PDF file [<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/HarrisYouthPoll.pdf>]) that asked 8- to 18-year-olds about their use of libraries both in person and online. When I heard about the survey, I was curious about what the data said regarding use of libraries by teens. Looking at the raw data, I see quite a bit to take in, but here are some of the things I noticed."...

YALSA blog, July 31

Mirrorstone to sponsor Teen Read Week

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/july2007/trwsponsor07.htm>]

Mirrorstone, an imprint of Wizards of the Coast, will be the 2007 Corporate Sponsor of YALSA's Teen Read Week, October 14–21. Founded in 2004, Mirrorstone publishes fantasy fiction for children and teens with a goal of turning reluctant readers into lifelong readers, which meshes well with TRW's mission to encourage teens to read just for the fun of it....

## Round Table News

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Map Collection Security Guidelines [<http://www.ala.org/ala/magert/MapSecurityGuidelines2007.pdf>] (PDF file)

The MAGERT Task Force on Library Security for Cartographic Resources has distributed a draft of its Map Collection Security Guidelines for comment. The guidelines discuss marking, cataloging, inventory, establishing value, copying and scanning, monitoring access, staffing levels, and

reader access policies. Send comments to David A. Cobb....  
Map and Geography Round Table

## Awards

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Carnegie-Whitney grants [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/july2007/cwgrants07.htm>]  
The ALA Publishing Committee will award Carnegie-Whitney grants of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library. Proposals must be received by November 5....

UNESCO 2007 Literacy Prize winners  
[[http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=38843&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=38843&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)]  
Literacy projects in China, the United States, Nigeria, Senegal, and Tanzania are the winners of the five UNESCO Literacy Prizes this year. One of the two UNESCO Confucius Prizes for Literacy went to Reach Out and Read [<http://www.reachoutandread.org/>], an organization based in Boston that works closely with health care groups to reach low-income children most at risk of school failure by offering literacy guidance to their families and by promoting a reading culture....  
UNESCO, July 17

## Seen Online

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Bill seeks disclosure on presidential library fundraising  
[[http://www.nytimes.com/cq/2007/08/01/cq\\_3202.html](http://www.nytimes.com/cq/2007/08/01/cq_3202.html)]  
Legislation requiring organizations that raise money for presidential libraries to disclose who is funneling donations to their efforts is set to be considered by a Senate panel, despite unresolved objections from one committee member. Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) argued that the legislation would unfairly force President Bush to disclose donors for his presidential library while he&rsquo;s still in the midst of raising funds....  
CQ Today, Aug. 1

Amazon to copy and sell National Archives footage  
[[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/07/30/AR2007073001589\\_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/07/30/AR2007073001589_pf.html)]  
The National Archives and Records Administration announced July 30 that it has reached a nonexclusive agreement with Amazon.com to reproduce and sell to the public copies of thousands of historic films and videotapes in the Archives holdings. The arrangement allows Amazon and a California subsidiary, CustomFlix Labs, to make digitized copies of historical footage. Spokeswoman Stacey Hurwitz said the first six DVDs became available on Amazon July 16 and are already selling....  
Washington Post, July 31

Elizabeth Martinez to head Salinas library [[http://www.montereyherald.com/ci\\_6486852](http://www.montereyherald.com/ci_6486852)]  
Former ALA Executive Director Elizabeth Martinez has accepted the position of director of the Salinas (Calif.) Public Library, effective in September. Library supporters gathered at the City

Hall rotunda on July 27 to welcome Martinez, who will be the first Salinas library director in three years. Martinez, who was at ALA from 1994 to 1997, has been an instructor at the San Jose State University SLIS since 1998....

Monterey County (Calif.) Herald, July 28

Blowback from closed Medford libraries

[<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070729/NEWS/707290315/-1/LIFE>]

A few businesses near the downtown Medford, Oregon, library are reeling from a drop-off in customers after the busy 80,000-square-foot building closed April 6. "We were getting killed," said Ben Tresser, owner of the Yellow Submarine Sandwich Shop, which closed for the first time this summer because his business declined sharply immediately after the library shut down. Mellelo's Coffee Roasters, which leases space in the library building, had also been successful until all 15 branches in Jackson County closed their doors....

Medford (Oreg.) Mail-Tribune, July 29

Flood had benefits for CSU library [[http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci\\_6495586](http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci_6495586)]

No one saw the benefits when an 8-foot wall of water smashed through the bottom floor of the Morgan Library on the Colorado State University campus in Fort Collins in 1997. But today, many say the flood swept in needed change to Morgan and made it one of the technological leaders among college libraries in the country....

Denver Post, July 30

Overdue books? No computer access at Waco

[<http://www.wacotrib.com/hp/content/news/stories/2007/07/28/07282007wacoverduelibrary.html>]

More library scofflaws are paying their overdue fines, thanks to a new policy that denies computer access to those who don't pony up. Waco-McLennan County (Tex.) Library system patrons are now prohibited from using library computers if they have \$5 or more in fines on their account. Since the policy took effect in April, the fine collection rate has risen about 10%....

Waco (Tex.) Tribune-Herald, July 28

Library DVD thief gets choice of sentences

[<http://news.enquirer.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070731/NEWS01/707310391/-1/all>]

A judge called a mother who used her young children to steal thousands of dollars worth of DVDs from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County a "female Fagin," straight out of Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*. Judge Ethna Cooper gave Maria Daniels a choice July 30—six months in prison and then probation during which she'll have to pay almost \$17,000 restitution to the library, or two years behind bars. She must decide by August 30....

Cincinnati Enquirer, July 31

Floods delay Bodleian Library construction

[<http://education.guardian.co.uk/higher/news/story/0,,2136204,00.html>]

Oxford University has postponed plans for a £29 million (\$59 million U.S.) extension to the world famous Bodleian Library at Osney Mead along the banks of the Thames while the impact of severe flooding is assessed. University authorities remain confident the proposed repository, which will hold nearly 8 million books, will withstand flooding even on the scale seen in recent days when hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes....

The Guardian (U.K.), July 27

York school libraries approved for thumbprint recognition

[[http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/yorknews/display.var.1587503.0.schools\\_can\\_carry\\_on\\_fingerprinting.php](http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/yorknews/display.var.1587503.0.schools_can_carry_on_fingerprinting.php)]

Schools in York, England, have been given the go-ahead to continue thumbprinting their pupils for use in high-tech library systems. Greg Knight, Member of Parliament for East Yorkshire, issued new guidelines on the controversial issue, saying that data must only be used for its stated purpose,

it must not be shared with anyone else, and it must be destroyed as soon as the pupil in question leaves the school....

York (U.K.) Press, Aug. 1

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[[http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_content=AL%2BDirect](http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=AL%2BDirect)]  
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## Tech Talk

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World survey analyzes how youth use technology

[<http://sev.prnewswire.com/multimedia-online-internet/20070724/NYTU10924072007-1.html>]

Globally, the average young person connected to digital technology has 94 phone numbers in his or her mobile phone, 78 people on a messenger buddy list, and 86 people in his or her social networking community. Yet despite their technological immersion, digi-kids are not geeks—59% of 8–14 year-olds still prefer their TV to their PCs, and only 20% of 14–24 year-olds admitted to being “interested” in technology. They are, however, expert multitaskers and can filter different channels of information....

PRNewswire, July 24

Simple photo editors [<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2156601,00.asp>]

Jan Ozer writes: “Cameras are usually sold bundled with image-editing apps, but which is right for you? At a high level, there are three key areas to care about: First is how much you intend to organize your images; second, how much you want to edit them; and finally, how you’d like to use them. I’ll cover each in turn, and a table will highlight the key features of each program.”...

PC Magazine, July 11

Microsoft’s photo standard comes into focus

[[http://news.com.com/Microsoft+photo+standard+comes+into+focus/2100-1041\\_3-6199840.html](http://news.com.com/Microsoft+photo+standard+comes+into+focus/2100-1041_3-6199840.html)]

In coming months, 16 national standards groups will formally vote on whether the Joint Photographic Experts Group, after which the JPEG file format is named, should make Microsoft’s relatively new HD Photo format

[[http://news.com.com/Vista+to+give+HD+Photo+format+more+exposure/2100-1045\\_3-6153730.html](http://news.com.com/Vista+to+give+HD+Photo+format+more+exposure/2100-1045_3-6153730.html)]

(formerly called Windows Media Photo) a standard. Getting to this stage is a good sign in Microsoft’s view, and the company has hopes the format will be accepted as a standard called JPEG XR by mid-2008, said Robert Rossi, principal program manager at Microsoft for emerging image and video technology....

C|Net news.com, July 31

Ten things your IT department won’t tell you

[[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB118539543272477927.html?mod=fpa\\_mostpop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB118539543272477927.html?mod=fpa_mostpop)]

Vauhina Vara writes: “For many of us, our work computer is a home away from home. So in between typing up reports, we use our office PCs to keep up with our lives. However, our employers sometimes don’t like it and ask the IT employees to block us from doing our home work. Here, then, are 10 secrets your IT department doesn’t want you to know, the risks you’ll face if you use them—and tips about how to keep yourself (and your job) safe while you’re at it.”...

Wall Street Journal, July 30

Glossary of spam terms [<http://www.sophos.com/security/spam-glossary.html>]

Sophos, an Anglo-American company that makes antivirus and antispam software, has compiled a spam glossary that includes definitions of terms like “dictionary attack,” “munging,” “ratware,” “social engineering,” and “tarpitting.”....

Sophos

Five tech mistakes to avoid [<http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,1697,2162144,00.asp>]

Joel Durham Jr. offers this list of five common tech tasks that many people overlook: leaving your wireless network unprotected, failing to update firmware, failing to update drivers, installing memory modules in the wrong slots, and failing to provide enough airflow in your computer case....

Extreme Tech blog, July 25

## Actions & Answers

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LC#8217;s Packard Campus ushers in a new AV era [<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2007/07-149.html>]

Audiovisual conservation work by the Library of Congress took a giant leap forward as the Library acquired its new Packard Campus for Audio-Visual Conservation in a July 26 signing ceremony. The 415,000-square-foot Packard Campus in Culpeper, Va., will consolidate audiovisual collections from across four states and the District of Columbia and will enhance the library’s efforts to make accessible the world’s largest and most comprehensive collection of moving images and sound recordings....

Library of Congress, July 26

Ithaka report on university publishing

[<http://www.ithaka.org/strategic-services/university-publishing>]

In American colleges and universities, access to the Web is ubiquitous; consequently nearly all intellectual effort results in some form of “publishing.” Yet universities do not treat this function as an important, mission-centric endeavor. The result has been a scholarly publishing industry that many in the university community find to be increasingly out of step with the important values of the academy. University Publishing in a Digital Age argues that a renewed commitment to publishing in its broadest sense can enable universities to more fully realize the potential global impact of their academic programs....

Ithaka, July 23

Guidelines for Library Services to Babies and Toddlers

[<http://www.ifla.org/VII/d3/pub/Profrep100.pdf>] (PDF file)

The IFLA Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section has coordinated the development of a set of guidelines for services to babies and toddlers. The document includes an assessment checklist and a sampling of best practices from libraries around the world....

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

Barbara Ford reelected to IFLA governing board [<http://www.ifla.org/III/gb/2007/gb-results07.htm>]

Barbara J. Ford, director of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s Mortensen Center for International Library Programs, was reelected to another two-year term on the board of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions....

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, June 27

Take the 2007 survey of the biblioblogsphere

[<http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php/2007/07/29/2007-survey-of-the-biblioblogosphere/>] AL columnist Meredith Farkas writes: “In August 2005, I conducted a survey [<http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php/2005/09/12/survey-of-the-biblioblogosphere-results/>] of people in the LIS profession who blog to get some sense of the demographic characteristics of bibliobloggers. After two years, it doesn’t take a survey to see that the library blogosphere has changed a great deal. Nonetheless, I decided to design a survey for 2007. If you consider yourself a biblioblogger, consider taking this survey [[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=lgHiz2\\_2fTt9LWE4xx3OydlA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=lgHiz2_2fTt9LWE4xx3OydlA_3d_3d)] and pass the word on to other library-related bloggers.”...

Information Wants to Be Free blog, July 29

Fundraising for collections care [<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PDFS/COClo.pdf>] (PDF file)

Collections care can be an engaging and colorful resource for generating contributions, increasing membership, and attracting visitors. This Heritage Preservation [<https://www.heritagepreservation.org/catalog/product.asp?intProdID=38>] publication outlines some principles and strategies that can help garner support from the private and public sectors. Examples from a variety of collecting institutions show how to raise the visibility of collections care so that fundraising for preservation and conservation can be successful....

Heritage Preservation

Rupert Giles slated for BBC-TV movie

[<http://firefox.org/news/articles/537/1/SDCC-Joss-Whedon-Announces-039Ripper039-Movie/Page1.html>]

The former Sunnydale High School librarian, Buffy the Vampire Slayer’s Rupert Giles (played by actor Anthony Stewart Head), will be starring in his own 90-minute TV movie for the BBC. Ripper tells the story of Giles back in London after he leaves the craziness of Sunnydale and winds up getting sucked back into the craziness of Watcherdom....

Firefox News, July 29

Blind Date: A teacher and a school librarian

[<http://teacherlibrarian.ning.com/video/video/show?id=672799%3AVideo%3A11012>]

Texas elementary school librarian Doug Valentine (right) created this parody video (6:04) of the Blind Date reality TV series to explore classroom teacher/ librarian collaboration, complete with pop-ups that reveal what the characters are really thinking (such as “Sounds like it’s time for our boy to make his move”)....

TeacherLibrarianNing, July 27

First library to land on Mars [<http://www.planetary.org/programs/projects/messages/vom.html>]

In May 2008, the spacecraft Phoenix will land in the northern polar regions of the planet Mars. Nestled among busy instruments, a small DVD called Visions of Mars, prepared by the Planetary Society, will carry personal messages from leading space visionaries of our time, as well as a priceless collection of Mars literature and art. H. G. Wells, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Ray Bradbury, Poul Anderson, Percival Lowell, Judith Merril, and Carl Sagan will all be represented....

Planetary Society

Browse celebrities&#8217; bookshelves [[http://www.oprah.com/obc/omag/obc\\_omag\\_main.jhtml](http://www.oprah.com/obc/omag/obc_omag_main.jhtml)]

Ever wonder what famous people read in their spare time? No? Well, Oprah Winfrey’s O, the Oprah Magazine did, and you can now see what books Dan Brown, J. K. Rowling, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kathy Bates, Kenneth Branagh, Don Cheadle, Cate Blanchett, Anderson Cooper, Claire Danes, and other celebrities have been perusing....

O, the Oprah Magazine

Possessed Books a bit lame [<http://blog.wired.com/gadgets/2007/07/possessed-books.html>]

These “Possessed Books” might be an economical (\$25) way to freak out your youngest patrons during

the Halloween season. Looking like a standard set of Victorian-era staples, the set contains a motion detector to spot passers-by, and slides Silas Marner toward them as if moved by a ghostly hand. What actually happens, however, is that a loud servo whirs as the book clunks in and out, accompanied by a badly-cropped 8khz sample fizzling like potassium in a bucket. Watch the videoclip [[http://www.thingsyouneverknew.com/website/store/product\\_detail.asp?UID=2007071810561729&item\\_no=82924&keyword=F1JS&cat\\_keyword=F1JS&search\\_page\\_no=3&WT.svl=82924](http://www.thingsyouneverknew.com/website/store/product_detail.asp?UID=2007071810561729&item_no=82924&keyword=F1JS&cat_keyword=F1JS&search_page_no=3&WT.svl=82924)]....

Wired Gadget Lab, July 30

Semi-postal stamps helped Philippine libraries in 1949 [<http://www.libraryhistorybuff.org/>]  
Larry Nix writes: “World War II devastated public libraries in the Philippines. On April 1, 1949, the Philippine postal administration issued a set of three semi-postal stamps to raise funds to help rehabilitate the public libraries. Semi-postals have two values assigned, one to pay the postage and the other to go to some charitable activity. This set of stamps included the first semi-postals for the Philippine Republic.”...  
Library History Buff

## Ask the ALA Librarian

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Q. What does the ALA have to help my small library with establishing a compensation plan?

A. There are several elements to a compensation plan: salary grades and levels, for which you would want to consult salary surveys [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Salary\\_Surveys](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Salary_Surveys)]; goal setting and assessment processes; and budgeting. [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Budgeting\\_and\\_Finance](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Budgeting_and_Finance)]  
The ALA Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment [<http://www.ala.org/ala/hrdr/abouthrdr/abouthrdr.htm>] has as part of its mission a focus on “policies and practices in the areas of management and human resources which best serve the needs of libraries and their employees.” With this in mind, HRDR communicates with libraries on issues relating to management and human resources and acts as an advocate for best practices in these areas, collected generally at Library Employment Resources. [<http://www.ala.org/ala/hrdr/libraryempresources/libraryemployment.htm>] Some selected print and other materials are included under human resources. [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Human\\_Resources](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Human_Resources)] See the ALA Professional Tips wiki [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Prison\\_Library\\_Support](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Prison_Library_Support)] for further assistance.

The ALA Librarian [<mailto:AskTheLibrarian@ala.org>] welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

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Sept. 11:  
International Literacy Day [[http://www.reading.org/association/meetings/ILD\\_DC.html](http://www.reading.org/association/meetings/ILD_DC.html)] celebration, National Geographic Society headquarters, Washington, D.C. “Literacy: A Human Right.” Contact: International Reading Association. [<mailto:pubinfo@reading.org>]

Sept. 26–28:

Association for Rural and Small Libraries, [<http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/great.htm>] joint conference with the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship, Columbus, Ohio. Contact: ARSL, [<mailto:arsl@clarion.edu>] 814-393-2014.

Oct. 4–6:

Georgia Conference on Information Literacy, [<http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/infolit.html>] Savannah. Contact: Sharon Herndon, [<mailto:sharonherndon@georgiasouthern.edu>] 912-681-5360.

Oct. 6:

Painted Words and Written Pictures, [[http://www.arnenixoncenter.org/SCBWI\\_07/SCBWI%20flyer.pdf](http://www.arnenixoncenter.org/SCBWI_07/SCBWI%20flyer.pdf)] A Conference for Authors, Illustrators, Teachers, Librarians, Collectors, and Fans of Children’s and Young Adult Literature. California State University, Fresno. Contact: ANC, [<mailto:anc@listserv.csufresno.edu>] 559-278-8116.

Nov. 7–10:

National Association for the Education of Young Children, [<http://www.annualconference.naeyc.org/>] Annual Conference & Expo, McCormick Place, Chicago. Contact: NAEYC. [<mailto:naeyc@naeyc.org>]

Nov. 15–16:

Middle East Librarians Association, [<http://www.mela.us/montreal.html>] Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec. Contact: Kristen Kern. [<mailto:vice-president@mela.us>]

Nov. 15–18:

California School Library Association, [<http://www.csla.net/conf2007/>] Annual Conference, Ontario. Contact: CSLA. [<mailto:csla@pacbell.net>]

Nov. 28–29:

Northeast Document Conservation Center [<http://www.nedcc.org/education/conferences/pom/description.php>] conference, Seattle. “Persistence of Memory: Stewardship of Digital Assets.” A conference on digital preservation for librarians, archivists, museum professionals, information technology professionals, and administrators responsible for managing and preserving digital resources. Contact: Julie Carlson. [<mailto:jcarlson@nedcc.org>]

@ More [<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/datebook/datebook.cfm>]

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## U.S. & World News

### [National Security Letters Reform Act introduced](#)

Designed to counter Justice Department abuse of National Security Letters as reported in an internal FBI audit in March, the National Security Letters Reform Act of 2007 (H.R. 3189) was introduced July 26 by a bipartisan group that included Reps. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), William Delahunt (D-Md.), and Ron Paul (R-Tex.). The Justice Department's handling of NSLs in libraries has been controversial, most notably in the case of the "Connecticut John Does."...

### [Tax reform measures have Florida libraries bracing for major cuts](#)

A property-tax rollback passed by the Florida legislature in June is sending libraries scrambling to prepare for significant cuts; but even worse consequences loom if voters approve a constitutional amendment on the January ballot. The June measure, which goes into effect at the start of the next fiscal year on October 1, is a tax cut and cap that requires cities and counties to roll back their annual tax rates to 2006–07 levels, as well as mandating additional cuts....



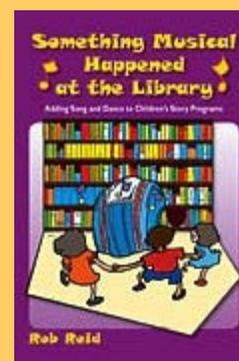
### [Patron abuse prompts trial of social-network filtering](#)

One branch of the 18-facility Kent District Library system, which serves greater Grand Rapids, Michigan, began blocking access July 23 to the popular social-networking sites MySpace, Facebook, and Bebo on 34 of its 40 workstations. The six unfiltered machines face the reference desk, and so facilitate adult supervision of online users, including a number of alleged gang members who, police claim, have been using the social-networking sites as a means to intimidate rivals....



### [UCLA report proposes Taser policy changes](#)

The University of California at Los Angeles released August 1 an independent report that found that a university police officer violated the university police department's guidelines for acceptable use of force in using a Taser on a student in November 2006. The student, Mostafa Tabatabaiejad, is suing the university, the campus police,



**Children's music has been strangely silent in library storytimes—until now.** Rob Reid, renowned children's programming expert, offers a companion to accompany *Children's Jukebox, Second Edition*. [Something Musical Happened at the Library](#) is a comprehensive guide to make music an integral and engaging part of children's story hour!. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**



**Urgent action needed on SKILLS Act**

On August 2, congressional representatives sent a Dear Colleague letter

and six individual officers over the incident....

## ALA News

### [ALA-APA finds out how rural librarians rate their salaries](#)

The ALA-Allied Professional Association asked the constituents served by the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services what they thought of their salaries, and the results make up the 27-page *Rural Libraries Staff Salary Survey* ([PDF file](#)), which was presented for a panel discussion at the Annual Conference in Washington, D.C....

### [PPO receives IMLS grant](#)

The Public Programs Office has received a \$358,000 grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. The award comes from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians Program, and will fund development of an Online Resource Center for Library Cultural Programming over the three-year project term....

## AL Focus

### [International Librarians Reception](#)

This 3:35 video of the June 25 International Relations Round Table's International Librarians Reception at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., features brief words from IRRT's Susan Schuer, LC's Deanna Marcum, ALA President-Elect Loriene Roy, and attendees from locations as varied as India, Los Angeles, Canada, and Bulgaria....



### [Irshad Manji's appearance at Annual](#)

Irshad Manji, author of *The Trouble with Islam Today*, delights a crowd at the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., with a poem from Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, then speaks about how public libraries aided in her development as an intellectual, a citizen, and a Muslim in this 2:19 video....



asking Members of Congress to co-sponsor H.R. 2864, The Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries or SKILLS Act, which among other things requires school districts to ensure that every school employs at least one highly qualified school library media specialist in each school library. Learn more at the ALA Washington Office's [District Dispatch](#) blog.

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## Booklist ONLINE

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

Booth, Heather. *Serving Teens through Readers' Advisory*. May 2007. 160p. ALA Editions, paperback, \$36 (978-0-8389-0930-0). As the teen specialist at Downers Grove (Ill.) Public Library, Booth brings together her experience working with an active readers'-

advisory department as well as her knowledge of teen library patrons to cover all aspects of readers' advisory for teens. The first few chapters discuss teen reading habits and why readers' advisory for this group is different and also provide "Tips for the Generalist" who may not be an expert in teen fiction. Other chapters cover elements of the readers'-advisory interaction ("Opening the Readers' Advisory Interview," "Detecting Interest," "Articulating Appeal") and survey the various resources and tools that are available for identifying appropriate books....

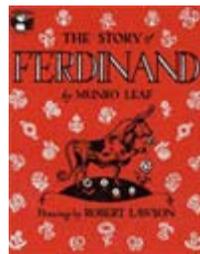


@ Visit [Booklist Online](#) for other reviews and much more....

## Division News

### [ALSC joins Read for the Record campaign](#)

In August 2006, more than 150,000 children read with an adult to support early literacy and set a reading world record. This year Jumpstart is partnering with ALSC to expand the reach of this award-winning campaign, and invite you to share Munroe Leaf's *The Story of Ferdinand* with children in your communities on September 20. [Read for the Record](#) aims to raise awareness about America's early education crisis....



### [ALSC and Candlewick "Light the Way" with grant](#)

ALSC and Candlewick Press are pleased to announce "Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved," a one-time grant of \$5,000 for a library conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations. Special population children may include those who have learning or physical differences, speak English as a second language, are in a non-traditional school environment or a non-traditional family setting....

### [Scholastic to sponsor AASL's Exhibit Hall Block Party](#)

AASL is pleased to announce that Scholastic Library Publishing will sponsor the Exhibit Hall Block Party at the AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada, October 25–28. The event serves as the official exhibits opening ceremony and provides a no-conflict time for attendees to get a first look at the products and services offered by the more than 200 exhibiting companies....

### [ALCTS announces new publications and resources](#)

ALCTS has released several new publications and resources for

## Career Leads from

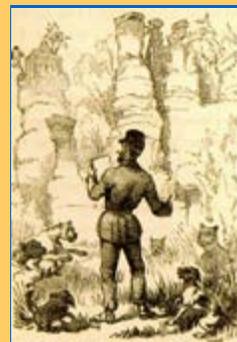


### [Library Web Manager](#)

The Loudoun County Public Library in Leesburg, Virginia, is looking for a Library Web Manager to help create a new library website that will incorporate current technology and will provide a vibrant and intuitive presentation of our online and e-services....

@ [More jobs...](#)

## Digital Library of the Week

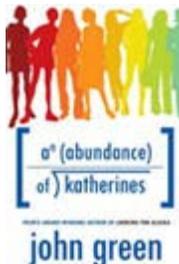


[The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War](#) details life in Augusta County, Virginia, and Franklin County,

technical services librarians and library staff, including *SALSA de Tópicos=Subjects in SALSA, Perspectives on Serials in the Hybrid Environment*, and more....

### [Penguin to give away books to new YALSA members](#)

YALSA is looking for new regular members who want to "LOL @ your library." The first 50 new members to join YALSA and celebrate Teen Read Week will receive nine Michael L. Printz Award-winning titles courtesy of Penguin Books for Young Readers, including *An Abundance of Katherines* by John Green....



## Round Table News

### [GODORT database registry reaches over 46 states](#)

The ALA Government Documents Round Table State and Local Documents Task Force efforts to create a [50-state registry](#) of state agency-produced databases is nearing the end of its initial setup phase. With the help of 30 named volunteers, GODORT has created content for 46 states and the District of Columbia. The remaining four states have prospective volunteers who should be filling in content soon. You don't have to be a named volunteer to [help with the project](#). To get a small taste of what is becoming available through the Registry, check out the unofficial project blog [State Databases of the Day](#)....

Free Government Information

### [MAGERT seeks input on map security](#)

(PDF file)

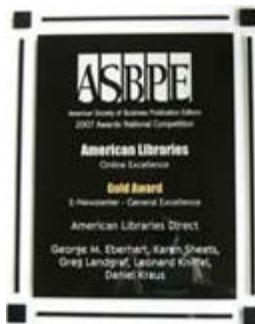
The Map and Geography Round Table conference program featured four speakers who discussed the impacts and implications of map collection thefts and map collection security, with David Cobb of the Harvard University Map Collection as moderator. The MAGERT Task Force on Library Security for Cartographic Resources invites you to comment on the draft map security guidelines ([PDF file](#)) by September 15....



## Awards

### [AL Direct takes ASBPE gold prize](#)

The American Society of Business Publications Editors has awarded *American Libraries Direct* first prize in the "E-newsletter" category in ASBPE's 29th Annual Awards competition. Launched in January 2006, the membership e-newsletter was cited for General Excellence. *AL Direct* Editor George M. Eberhart accepted the award at the society's National Editorial Conference in New York City August 2....



### [Germain receives France's highest honor](#)

Claire Germain, the Law School's Edward Cornell University Law Librarian and professor of law, received the Chevalier de La Légion d'Honneur July

Pennsylvania, from the 1850s to the 1870s. This digital archive, created with the support of the University of Virginia's Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities, offers thousands of letters, diaries, newspapers, speeches, maps, images, and census and church records that tell forgotten stories from the Civil War era.

**Do you know** of a digital library collection that we can mention in this new *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#)



**Subscribe to ALA TechSource's *Smart Libraries Newsletter*** to stay in touch with renowned experts covering the latest in library technology. The [July issue](#) includes Marshall Breeding's The ILS Scoop and Tom Peters on the developing Web 2.0/Library 2.0 technologies.

### Public Perception How the World Sees Us

**"A major challenge in identifying radiological threats on land is sorting them out from background radiation. 'It's like trying to hear**



17 for her efforts in bridging the American and French legal cultures. The award, which originated in 1802 under Napoleon Bonaparte and is considered France's highest honor, recognizes outstanding achievements in military and civil life....

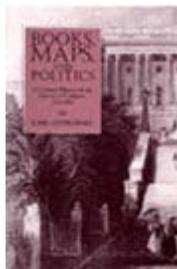
Cornell University Law School, July 19

### [LRRT announces 2007 award recipients](#)

The Library Research Round Table has announced the 2007 winners of the Ingenta Research Award, the Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research, and the Jesse H. Shera Award for the Support of Dissertation Research, which honors work that advances library research....

### [LHRT announces 2007 award recipients](#)

The Library History Round Table has announced the 2007 winners of the Justin Winsor Prize Essay Award (Dr. Jean L. Preer, an associate professor at the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science in Indianapolis), and the Eliza Atkins Gleason Book Award honoring the best writers on the topic of library history, awarded this year to Carl Ostrowski for *Books, Maps, and Politics: A Cultural History of the Library of Congress, 1783-1861*....



### [Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship awarded](#)

Christopher David Case, a cataloger at Johns Hopkins University, is the recipient of the 2007 Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship of \$3,000, awarded to individuals currently working as library support staff and to be used towards studies for a master's degree in library and information science. Case will attend the University of Maryland at College Park....

### [Tony B. Leisner Scholarship presented](#)

Elizabeth Aspen Walker is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 Tony B. Leisner Scholarship, awarded to a library support staff member pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Walker desires to be a public librarian and will be attending Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas....

### [Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship recipient named](#)

Anna Lea Foote of Kansas City, Missouri, is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship, which Foote plans to use when she enrolls at the University of Missouri. The award is given to an ALA or library support staff member to help finance studies toward a master's degree in library and information studies....

### [Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship awarded](#)

Chelsea Couillard of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, is the 2007 recipient of the \$5,000 Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship, awarded to persons pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Couillard's long-term goal is to work in special collections in a university or public library, and she plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison....

someone through a crowded restaurant,' [physicist George] Lasche said. At sea, there is significantly less background noise. 'It's more like trying to hear a whisper in a library,' he said."

—Writer Betsy Mason on the mobile radiation detectors being tested by the Department of Homeland Security, *Contra Costa (Calif.) Times*, Aug. 1.

## Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q. I just started a new job and can't believe the library doesn't have a policy about parents leaving their children in the library! Where can I find resources to develop one... quickly?**

**A.** As stated in ALA's 2000 publication, [Unattended Children in the Public Library: A Resource Guide](#): "Research is the first step in developing your policy. Start with your own library by

### [Mary V. Gaver Scholarship presented](#)

Wendy Brown of Jamaica Plains, New York, is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 Mary V. Gaver Scholarship, awarded to a person pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies with a specialty in youth services. Brown currently attends Simmons College in Boston....

### [Marshall Cavendish Scholarship recipient named](#)

Jill E. Golden of Syracuse, New York, is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 Marshall Cavendish Scholarship, awarded to a person pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Golden attends Syracuse University and hopes to work as a librarian for the U.S. Department of State or for an international organization....

### [David H. Clift Scholarship awarded](#)

Kristen Allen of Beavercreek, Ohio, is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 David H. Clift Scholarship, awarded to individuals pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Allen attends Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis in Indianapolis, and works as a substitute reference librarian at the Dayton (Ohio) Metro Library....

### [Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship presented](#)

Allison L. Snell of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is the 2007 recipient of the \$1,500 Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship. Snell attends Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and worked as the student liaison and program coordinator for an ALA preconference program entitled "Careers in Federal Libraries."...

## Seen Online

### [Your cheatin' listenin' ways](#)

Janice Raspen, a librarian at Conway Elementary School in Fredericksburg, Va., came clean with her book club a couple years ago. They were discussing *A Fine Balance*, a novel set in India in the 1970s by Rohinton Mistry and an Oprah's Book Club pick, when she told the group—all fellow teachers—that rather than read the book, she had listened to an audio version. Is it acceptable, they debated within and among themselves, to listen to that month's book rather than read it? Or is that cheating, like watching the movie instead of reading the book?...

*New York Times*, Aug. 2

### [Bishop's name removed from university library](#)

In a special meeting of the St. Ambrose University Board of Directors, the board voted to remove the late Bishop Gerald O'Keefe's name from the Davenport, Iowa, university's O'Keefe Library. The request maintained that the removal was warranted because of the bishop's failure to take the necessary precautions to protect children from clergy sexual abuse that occurred during his tenure as bishop of the Davenport Diocese....

Associated Press, Aug. 3



### [Historical mural waits to be found](#)

Her painted eyes watched over the history of

reviewing any current policies to see if they adequately address unattended children. You may have a policy on disruptive behavior that does not refer specifically to unattended children but does define unacceptable behavior. In order to have a policy that is internally consistent and easy for staff to use and patrons to understand, it is helpful to cross-reference similar parts of the policy. The unattended children policy should be consistent with other sections of policy dealing with patron behavior." See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for more....

The [ALA Librarian](#) welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

**Sept. 15–18:**  
[International Digital Arts and Culture Conference](#), Perth, Australia. Contact: [Cathy Higgs](#).

**Sept. 17–18:**  
[WebSearch University Preconference workshops](#), Washington Marriott, Washington, D.C. Contact: [Walter McQuillan](#), 800-300-9868, ext. 201.

**Sept. 18–21:**  
[Reforma National Conference](#), El Paso, Texas. Contact: [Selina Gómez-Beloz](#), 360-264-2369.

Kansas City as the famous and the not-so-famous entered the columned marble halls of the old Kansas City Public Library. Certainly Walt Disney would have seen her perched above the grand fireplace mantel as he checked out books on animation. But "The Call of Missouri"—Kansas City's first World War I memorial—is lost. The painting, the size of a single-car garage door, disappeared sometime in the early 1980s. Who is watching over her now?...

*Kansas City Star*, Aug. 5



### [Nazi archive internet access unlikely](#)

The largest closed collection of Nazi documents is managed by the International Tracing Service, created by the International Committee of the Red Cross in the chaotic aftermath of World War II to track down missing persons and help reunite families. After years of pressure from victims groups and from the United States, the 11 nations that govern the Tracing Service decided in May 2006 to make them accessible for the first time to researchers and to survivors—but the decision required ratification by all 11 countries....

Associated Press, Aug. 2



### [Simic named as 15th U.S. poet laureate](#)

American poet Charles Simic was named August 2 the United States' 15th poet laureate by the Library of Congress, which described his poetry as accessible with some flashes of ironic humor. Simic, 69, who was born in Yugoslavia but immigrated to the United States when he was 16, will take up his duties in the fall, opening the Library's annual literary series, Librarian of Congress James Billington said in a statement....

Reuters, Aug. 2



### [Faulkner manuscript donated to SE Missouri State University](#)

Most of the works of literary master William Faulkner chronicle a troubled, tortured South. But an original handwritten "sorority pledge" donated to Southeast Missouri State University's Center for Faulkner Studies shows his generous, funny side. The university announced the acquisition to its collection of Faulkner letters, manuscripts, and artifacts on July 31....

Associated Press, Aug. 4

### [Budget cuts put law library in limbo](#)

Law librarian Teresa Cassella knows the woes of fighting a child custody battle all too well. One recent afternoon, a divorcing father told her a story of his struggle to keep his children, and he hoped one of the Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Justice Center's A. Max Brewer Memorial Law Library's books held the answer to his dilemma. Cassella was able to help, but legal proponents worry the library may be on the chopping block in the face of budget cut talks surrounding property tax reform and space needs for courthouse expansion....

Melbourne *Florida Today*, Aug. 6

### [Venezuela's four-legged mobile libraries](#)

**Sept. 21–23:**  
[Nova Scotia Library Association Conference](#),  
Antigonish, NS,  
Canada. Contact:  
[Stanislav Orlov](#).

**Sept. 26–28:**  
[North Dakota Library Association Annual Conference](#),  
Jamestown, North  
Dakota. Contact:  
[Donna James](#), 701-  
845-7276.

**Oct. 3–5:**  
[Missouri Library Association Conference](#),  
University Plaza Hotel,  
Springfield, Missouri.  
Contact: [Melissa  
Davis](#), 417-874-8140.

**Oct. 4–7:**  
[Library and Information Technology National Forum](#), Marriott City  
Center, Denver,  
"Technology with  
Altitude." Contact:  
[Valerie A. Edmonds](#),  
312-280-4269.

**Oct. 10–12:**  
[Iowa Library Association Annual Conference](#),  
Coralville Marriott  
Hotel, Coralville, Iowa,  
"Cultivating the  
Future." Contact:  
[Iowa Library  
Association](#), 515-273-  
5322.

**Oct. 10–14:**  
[Frankfurt Book Fair](#),  
Frankfurt, Germany.  
Contact: [Ausstellungs-  
und Messe-GmbH des  
Börsenvereins](#).

Mules are too tough to bother being sweet. They do a hard job that no other animal or human invention can do as well. But these mules are rather special. They are known as *bibliomulas* (book mules) and they are helping to spread the benefits of reading to people who are isolated from much of the world around them. The idea of loading mules with books and taking them into the mountain villages was started by the Universidad Valle del Momboy in Valera, Venezuela....  
BBC News, Aug.4

### [D.C. library patrons indignant at lack of classic titles](#)

D.C. Public Library officials say they're reinventing the neighborhood library by culling their shelves, restocking with popular titles, and focusing on digital media and self-help books. But some activists say the library is dumbing down its collection in a city where cultural standards and literacy rates are already shameful....

*The Washington (D.C.) Examiner*, Aug. 2

### [Behold the 15-minute publisher](#)

On August 1, in the lobby of a Midtown branch of the New York Public Library, three visitors—a graduate student, a Hong Kong publishing executive, and a sixth grader—stood in various states of awe as a Rube Goldberg contraption produced a book from digital code to hefty paperback in under 15 minutes. The book machine is a demonstration project of On Demand Books....

*New York Times*, Aug. 2



### [Millions in state funds released for Hawaii library](#)

For years, Baldwin High School students in Wailuku, Hawaii, have squeezed into a 3,500-square-foot library without air conditioning. On August 1, Gov. Linda Lingle released \$9.5 million for a new 13,000-square-foot library at Baldwin, much to the excitement of students and staff. "We're just ecstatic about it," said librarian Sande Trenholme. "We're very thankful it's finally happening." The governor also released \$8.7 million for a new eight-classroom building at Maui Waena Intermediate School....

*Maui (Hawaii) News*, Aug. 2

### [Denver patron accused of selling his library books](#)

A library patron suspected of selling hundreds of books, tapes, and DVDs he had borrowed has cost Denver-area libraries tens of thousands of dollars, officials said. Thomas Pilaar, 33, was suspected of using different names to obtain seven library cards from the Denver Public Library, then checking out 300 items per card and selling at least some of the items....

Yahoo News, Aug. 5



### [Senators take another stab at shielding kids online](#)

Here's another bill to add to the heap of congressional proposals offered in the spirit of combating child pornography and keeping kids safe from predators on the internet: It's called the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. If the 11-page bill seen by C|Net on August 3 becomes law, ISPs would face tripled fines for failing to report child pornography on their servers—up to \$150,000 for failing to report child pornography the first time, and up to \$300,000 for each subsequent failure....

**Oct. 21–24:**  
[International Conference in Trends for Scientific Information Professionals](#), Hotel Meliá, Barcelona, Spain. Contact: [Infonortics](#).

**Nov. 2:**  
[Brick and Click Libraries Symposium](#), J. W. Jones Student Union, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri. Contact: [Pat Wyatt](#), 660-562-1639.

**Nov. 20–21:**  
[Eva/Minerva, the Jerusalem Conference on the Digitisation of Cultural Heritage](#), Jerusalem, Israel. Contact: [Dov Winer](#).

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C|Net news.com, Aug. 3

## [Recycling library a fresh idea in Mantoloking, N.J.](#)

"Take what you would enjoy. Give what you want to share." That sentiment is on the sign placed on two bookcases in the lobby of borough hall at 202 Downer Ave. in Mantoloking, New Jersey, the site of the borough's new recycling library. The bookcases are overflowing with books contributed by the community's avid readers, whose own libraries also were overflowing with books....

*Asbury Park (N.J.) Press*, Aug. 4



## [Public libraries in Saigon sinking into oblivion](#)

With diverse types of entertainment like computer games and cinemas, the reading culture in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, whose pillar is the local public library system, seems to be going through its less glorious days. Twenty is the average number of visitors per day to the public library of Phu Nhuan district, the population of which is around 10,000 times as many....

*Saigon (Vietnam) Giai Phong*, Aug. 7

## [Enemy agents at the library?](#)

Scott La Counte writes: "When the patron told me members of the international community were watching her because she had knowledge of secret documents in the government's possession and not to be surprised if federal investigators soon questioned me, I knew it was going to be an interesting night. Working in a public library, I have come across a number of strange things and an even larger number of strange people."...

*Orange County (Calif.) Register*, July 31

## [Seattle's Central Library: the perfect public space?](#)

In a world where third spaces—the places where we spend time away from work and home—are increasingly privately owned, how can we make our public spaces outstanding? Those looking for inspiration might turn to Seattle, whose citizens voted to spend nearly \$200 million to create or revamp 27 public libraries, including rebuilding its landmark Central Library. But blogger Michael Lieberman has a [less-rosy take](#) on the subject, and Seattlest compiles some more mixed [reactions](#)....

CNN, Aug. 2; Book Patrol blog, Aug. 2; Seattlest, Aug. 3



## [Fire guts school library](#)

A fire, which may have been caused by a lightning strike, gutted a historic building that contained the library of the private Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York, August 4, school officials said. The building, constructed in 1903, included Kaskel Library, with more than 35,000 volumes; a wing that contained computer labs; and a second wing with classrooms and librarians' offices, Johnson said....

*New York Times*, Aug. 5

## [Dixie Chicks' flick in Waco, Texas? Only at the library](#)

John Young writes: "I kept waiting for [the 2006 documentary about the Dixie Chicks] *Shut Up and Sing* to pop up on the 'new releases' marquee at the video rental I patronize. When I asked, an employee

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told me that the store had abstained because of the film's controversial theme. So, I started calling a succession of Waco's video stores, mostly chains. No *Shut Up* for rental. Hmm. I did find two copies for purchase at separate retailers. That's the \$19.95 I had no intention of surrendering. What to do?" Hint: The answer involves the Waco-McLennan County Library....

*Waco (Tex.) Tribune-Herald, Aug. 7*



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## Tech Talk

### [It's time for social networks to open up](#)

Scott Gilbertson writes: "Damn the Facebooks and the MySpaces. The last time we checked, there was this thing called the internet that had 6 billion users. It's time to put our personal data back where it belongs—free and open on the open web. Social networks like Facebook and MySpace are taking the Web by storm because they make it easy to manage your personal data and keep in touch with people you know. But to get value out, you have to put something in."...

*Wired, Aug. 6*

### [Color-coding Wikipedia entries to indicate trustworthiness](#)

The online reference site Wikipedia enjoys immense popularity despite nagging doubts about the reliability of entries written by its all-volunteer team. A new program developed at the University of California, Santa Cruz, aims to help with the problem by color-coding an entry's individual phrases based on contributor past performance. It then shades the text in deepening hues of orange to signal dubious content. Watch a demo [here](#)....

University of California, Santa Cruz, Aug. 2



### [TV-blocking bill clears Senate panel](#)

The Senate Commerce Committee August 2 unanimously adopted a bill (S. 602) that requires the Federal Communications Commission to study the availability of "advanced blocking technologies" to filter not just TV programming, but also internet content. The bill was different from the version introduced in February, which contained language that allowed the FCC to mandate use of blocking devices "across a wide variety of distribution platforms, including wired, wireless, and Internet platforms."...

Multichannel News, Aug. 2



## [Hakia search engine prepares to challenge Google](#)

Hannah writes: "The bulk of what's new and impressive about [Hakia](#) can be found in its 'ScoopBar.' The ScoopBar (which, unfortunately, only works with IE right now) takes your search, highlights the relevant items in the search results that are returned, and when you click on a result, even takes you to the appropriate place on the page where your topic is being discussed." Hakia explains how semantic searching differs from popularity searching here....

Infodoodads, July 30; Hakia



## Actions & Answers

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### [Minnesota librarians shocked by bridge collapse](#)

Martha Hardy writes: "When I left work around 6:00 pm yesterday, I heard several sirens, quite nearby. I decided they must be going to the university hospital and continued home, driving across the Washington Avenue Bridge. It wasn't until I reached home and turned on the television that I realized what had happened: The 35W bridge had plunged into the Mississippi River during rush hour. The homepage of the University of Minnesota Government Publications Library currently features [documents](#) relevant to the bridge collapse." LISNews is also [calling for updates](#) from Twin Cities librarians....

The Vital Library, Aug. 2; University of Minnesota; LISNews, Aug. 2

### [Technology transforms librarian perceptions](#)

Due to the advances in technology, librarians have become information professionals who combine traditional "librarian" duties with the rapidly evolving technology users have become accustomed to. "Evolution of the field and technology go hand-in-hand," says Loriene Roy, a professor at the University of Texas/Austin's School of Information and president of the ALA. Josephine Sche, Nancy Moscoso-Guzman, and John Jessen also discuss the changes taking place....

New Haven *Connecticut Business News Journal*, Aug. 6

### [C-Span delves into presidential libraries](#)

C-Span, with extensive assistance from the National Archives, is introducing a new television series that offers a behind-the-scenes look at the modern American presidency. *Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered* is a 12-week series airing live on location from the 12 presidential libraries spanning Herbert Hoover to Bill Clinton. Debuting on September 7, the series demonstrates the evolution of the modern presidency with extensive use of never- or rarely seen film, video, private home movies (including those of Lyndon Johnson, pictured), sound recordings, photographs, documents, and more....



C-Span, Aug. 3

### [Presidential libraries podcast launched](#)

Using technology to bring its unique holdings to the public, the Presidential Libraries of the National Archives and Records Administration has announced its podcast series, "Presidential Archives Uncovered." Based on the [Presidential Timeline](#) website, "Presidential Archives Uncovered" broadcasts audio clips from the Libraries' collection....

National Archives, Aug. 2

### [Reactions to FISA wiretapping bill](#)

The ALA Washington Office compiles varied reactions to the Congress's passage and President Bush's signing of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act wiretapping bill, which met with significant controversy from various civil liberties organizations....

District Dispatch blog, Aug. 6

### [Siskel & Ebert & Roeper archived](#)

Roger Ebert writes: "The various incarnations of *Siskel & Ebert & Roeper* represent more than 1,000 TV programs, on which the three of us, and various guest critics, reviewed more than 5,000 movies. And now at last an online archive exists with all of those reviews. Starting Thursday, August 2, visitors will be able to search for and watch all of those past debates, including the film clips that went along with them, plus the 'ten best' and other special shows we did. The new archive will be at [www.atthemoviestv.com](http://www.atthemoviestv.com), and will be the Web's largest collection of streaming reviews."...

RogerEbert.com, July 31



### [Academic Film Archive looking for rare film uploads](#)

The Academic Film Archive of North America's "Save a Film" initiative encourages people to sponsor the uploading of a rare film from their 6,000-plus 16mm film archive to the Internet Archive for free public viewing. The website allows browsing of the [eligible films](#), describes the sponsorship program, and lists the [movies](#) already uploaded to the archive....

Academic Film Archive of North America



### [Library for blind and handicapped dedicate new facility](#)

The New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped a bureau of the New Jersey State Library, and the Department of Human Services' Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired celebrated the grand opening and dedication of the Regional Technical Assistance Center on July 30 at its headquarters in Trenton. The event showcased the newly-opened Regional Technical Assistance Center....

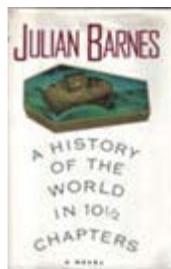
New Jersey Department of Human Services, Aug. 1



### [More 20th-century literary genres in a nutshell](#)

George Eberhart winds up his list of literary schools and movements defining the content and styles of novelists, poets, and dramatists who have flourished in the past 100 years. Puzzled by Postmodernism? Stymied by Symbolism? Tense about Tremendismo? Discover definitions and examples here....

Britannica Blog, Aug. 6



### [The future of small press journals is digital](#)

Karen Schneider writes: "The future is digital, and that's partly my fault. I've spent my library career as a technophile, and I'll continue

to play that role. But it's one thing to promote access to electronic information as a common good and quite another to insist that a discipline's needs are well-met by replacing a well-known, beloved form with an incomplete, disembodied, fletcherized stream of 'information.'" ...

Critical Mass blog, Aug. 1

AL Direct, August 8, 2007

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## U.S. & World News

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### National Security Letters Reform Act introduced

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/nslact.cfm>]

Designed to counter Justice Department abuse of National Security Letters as reported in an internal FBI audit in March, the National Security Letters Reform Act of 2007 (H.R. 3189) was introduced July 26 by a bipartisan group that included Reps. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), William Delahunt (D-Md.), and Ron Paul (R-Tex.). The Justice Department's handling of NSLs in libraries has been controversial, most notably in the case of the "Connecticut John Does."...

### Tax reform measures have Florida libraries bracing for major cuts

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/floridacuts.cfm>]

A property-tax rollback passed by the Florida legislature in June is sending libraries scrambling to prepare for significant cuts; but even worse consequences loom if voters approve a constitutional amendment on the January ballot. The June measure, which goes into effect at the start

of the next fiscal year on October 1, is a tax cut and cap that requires cities and counties to roll back their annual tax rates to 2006&ndash;07 levels, as well as mandating additional cuts....

Patron abuse prompts trial of social-network filtering

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/grandrapids.cfm>]

One branch of the 18-facility Kent District Library system, which serves greater Grand Rapids, Michigan, began blocking access July 23 to the popular social-networking sites MySpace, Facebook, and Bebo on 34 of its 40 workstations. The six unfiltered machines face the reference desk, and so facilitate adult supervision of online users, including a number of alleged gang members who, police claim, have been using the social-networking sites as a means to intimidate rivals....

UCLA report proposes Taser policy changes

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/uc-lataser.cfm>]

The University of California at Los Angeles released August 1 an independent report that found that a university police officer violated the university police department&rsquo;s guidelines for acceptable use of force in using a Taser on a student in November 2006. The student, Mostafa Tabatabaiejad, is suing the university, the campus police, and six individual officers over the incident....

ALA News

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ALA&#8211;APA finds out how rural librarians rate their salaries

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/olos07.htm>]

The ALA–Allied Professional Association asked the constituents served by the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services what they thought of their salaries, and the results make up the 27-page Rural Libraries Staff Salary Survey (PDF file

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/aboutolos/oloscommittees/rnt/RuralLibSalarySurvey.pdf>]), which was presented for a panel discussion at the Annual Conference in Washington, D.C....

PPO receives IMLS grant

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/ppogrant07.htm>]

The Public Programs Office has received a \$358,000 grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. The award comes from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians Program, and will fund development of an Online Resource Center for Library Cultural Programming over the three-year project term....

AL Focus

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## International Librarians Reception

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/international-librarians-reception>]

This 3:35 video of the June 25 International Relations Round Table's International Librarians Reception at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., features brief words from IRRT's Susan Schuer, LC's Deanna Marcum, ALA President-Elect Loriene Roy, and attendees from locations as varied as India, Los Angeles, Canada, and Bulgaria....

## Irshad Manji's appearance at Annual

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/irshad-manji-appearance>]

Irshad Manji, author of *The Trouble with Islam Today*, delights a crowd at the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., with a poem from Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, then speaks about how public libraries aided in her development as an intellectual, a citizen, and a Muslim in this 2:19 video....

## Booklist Onlien

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### Featured review: Reference

[[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=2020919](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2020919)]

Booth, Heather. *Serving Teens through Readers' Advisory*. May 2007. 160p. ALA Editions, paperback, \$36 (978-0-8389-0930-0).

As the teen specialist at Downers Grove (Ill.) Public Library, Booth brings together her experience working with an active readers'-advisory department as well as her knowledge of teen library patrons to cover all aspects of readers' advisory for teens. The first few chapters discuss teen reading habits and why readers' advisory for this group is different and also provide "Tips for the Generalist" who may not be an expert in teen fiction. Other chapters cover elements of the readers'-advisory interaction ("Opening the Readers' Advisory Interview," "Detecting Interest," "Articulating Appeal") and survey the various resources and tools that are available for identifying appropriate books....

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## Division News

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### ALSC joins Read for the Record campaign

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/projectspartners/projectspartnerships.htm>]

In August 2006, more than 150,000 children read with an adult to support early literacy and set a reading world record. This year Jumpstart is partnering with ALSC to expand the reach of this award-winning campaign, and invite you to share Munroe Leaf's *The Story of Ferdinand* with

children in your communities on September 20. Read for the Record [<http://www.readfortherecord.org/>] aims to raise awareness about America's early education crisis....

ALSC and Candlewick &#8220;Light the Way&#8221; with grant [<http://www.ala.org/committeetemplate.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=163058>]

ALSC and Candlewick Press are pleased to announce &ldquo;Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved,&rdquo; a one-time grant of \$5,000 for a library conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations. Special population children may include those who have learning or physical differences, speak English as a second language, are in a non-traditional school environment or a non-traditional family setting....

Scholastic to sponsor AASL&#8217;s Exhibit Hall Block Party [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/aaslbp07.htm>]  
AASL is pleased to announce that Scholastic Library Publishing will sponsor the Exhibit Hall Block Party at the AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada, October 25–28. The event serves as the official exhibits opening ceremony and provides a no-conflict time for attendees to get a first look at the products and services offered by the more than 200 exhibiting companies....

ALCTS announces new publications and resources [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/alcts07.htm>]  
ALCTS has released several new publications and resources for technical services librarians and library staff, including SALSA de Tópicos=Subjects in SALSA, Perspectives on Serials in the Hybrid Environment, and more....

Penguin to give away books to new YALSA members [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/trwga07.htm>]  
YALSA is looking for new regular members who want to “LOL @ your library.” The first 50 new members to join YALSA and celebrate Teen Read Week will receive nine Michael L. Printz Award-winning titles courtesy of Penguin Books for Young Readers, including An Abundance of Katherines by John Green....

## Round Table News

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GODORT database registry reaches over 46 states [<http://freegovinfo.info/node/1345>]  
The ALA Government Documents Round Table State and Local Documents Task Force efforts to create a 50-state registry [[http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/State\\_Agency\\_Databases](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/State_Agency_Databases)] of state agency–produced databases is nearing the end of its initial setup phase. With the help of 30 named volunteers, GODORT has created content for 46 states and the District of Columbia. The remaining four states have prospective volunteers who should be filling in content soon. You don't have to be a named volunteer to help with the project

[[http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Four\\_ways\\_to\\_help](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Four_ways_to_help)]. To get a small taste of what is becoming available through the Registry, check out the unofficial project blog State Databases of the Day [<http://statedatabase.blogspot.com/>]....  
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MAGERT seeks input on map security

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/magert/MAGERTMapSecurityarticleALDirect082007.pdf>] (PDF file)

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he Map and Geography Round Table conference program featured four speakers who discussed the impacts and implications of map collection thefts and map collection security, with David Cobb of the Harvard University Map Collection as moderator. The MAGERT Task Force on Library Security for Cartographic Resources invites you to comment on the draft map security guidelines (PDF file

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/magert/MapSecurityGuidelines2007.pdf>]) by September 15....

## Awards

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takes ASBPE gold prize

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/ald07.htm>]

The American Society of Business Publications Editors has awarded American Libraries Direct first prize in the "E-newsletter" category in ASBPE's 29th Annual Awards competition. Launched in January 2006, the membership e-newsletter was cited for General Excellence. AL Direct Editor George M. Eberhart accepted the award at the society's National Editorial Conference in New York City August 2....

Germain receives France's highest honor

[<http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/newsstory.cfm?pageid=58417>]

Claire Germain, the Law School's Edward Cornell University Law Librarian and professor of law, received the Chevalier de La Légion d'Honneur July 17 for her efforts in bridging the American and French legal cultures. The award, which originated in 1802 under Napoleon Bonaparte and is considered France's highest honor, recognizes outstanding achievements in military and civil life....

Cornell University Law School, July 19

LRRT announces 2007 award recipients

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/lrrt07.htm>]

The Library Research Round Table has announced the 2007 winners of the Ingenta Research Award, the Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research, and the Jesse H. Shera Award for the Support of Dissertation Research, which honors work that advances library research....

LHRT announces 2007 award recipients

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/lhrt07.htm>]  
The Library History Round Table has announced the 2007 winners of the Justin Winsor Prize Essay Award (Dr. Jean L. Preer, an associate professor at the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science in Indianapolis), and the Eliza Atkins Gleason Book Award honoring the best writers on the topic of library history, awarded this year to Carl Ostrowski for *Books, Maps, and Politics: A Cultural History of the Library of Congress, 1783–1861*....

Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship awarded  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/dsr07.htm>]  
Christopher David Case, a cataloger at Johns Hopkins University, is the recipient of the 2007 Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship of \$3,000, awarded to individuals currently working as library support staff and to be used towards studies for a master's degree in library and information science. Case will attend the University of Maryland at College Park....

Tony B. Leisner Scholarship presented  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/lsr07.htm>]  
Elizabeth Aspen Walker is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 Tony B. Leisner Scholarship, awarded to a library support staff member pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Walker desires to be a public librarian and will be attending Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas....

Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship recipient named  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/hrn07.htm>]  
Anna Lea Foote of Kansas City, Missouri, is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship, which Foote plans to use when she enrolls at the University of Missouri. The award is given to an ALA or library support staff member to help finance studies toward a master's degree in library and information studies....

Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship awarded  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/hsr07.htm>]  
Chelsea Couillard of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, is the 2007 recipient of the \$5,000 Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship, awarded to persons pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Couillard's long-term goal is to work in special collections in a university or public library, and she plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison....

Mary V. Gaver Scholarship presented  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/mvg07.htm>]  
Wendy Brown of Jamaica Plains, New York, is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 Mary V. Gaver Scholarship, awarded to a person pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies with a specialty in youth services. Brown currently attends Simmons College in Boston....

Marshall Cavendish Scholarship recipient named  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/csr.htm>]  
Jill E. Golden of Syracuse, New York, is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 Marshall Cavendish Scholarship, awarded to a person pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Golden attends

Syracuse University and hopes to work as a librarian for the U.S. Department of State or for an international organization....

David H. Clift Scholarship awarded

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/dhc07.htm>]

Kristen Allen of Beavercreek, Ohio, is the 2007 recipient of the \$3,000 David H. Clift Scholarship, awarded to individuals pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Allen attends Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis in Indianapolis, and works as a substitute reference librarian at the Dayton (Ohio) Metro Library....

Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship presented

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/cpm07.htm>]

Allison L. Snell of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is the 2007 recipient of the \$1,500 Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship. Snell attends Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and worked as the student liaison and program coordinator for an ALA preconference program entitled "Careers in Federal Libraries." ...

Seen Online

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Your cheating and listening ways

[[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/02/fashion/02cheat.html?pagewanted=1&\\_r=2&th&emc=th](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/02/fashion/02cheat.html?pagewanted=1&_r=2&th&emc=th)]

Janice Raspen, a librarian at Conway Elementary School in Fredericksburg, Va., came clean with her book club a couple years ago. They were discussing *A Fine Balance*, a novel set in India in the 1970s by Rohinton Mistry and an Oprah's Book Club pick, when she told the group—all fellow teachers—that rather than read the book, she had listened to an audio version. Is it acceptable, they debated within and among themselves, to listen to that month's book rather than read it? Or is that cheating, like watching the movie instead of reading the book?...

New York Times, Aug. 2

Bishop's name removed from university library

[<http://wqad.com/Global/story.asp?s=6883285>]

In a special meeting of the St. Ambrose University Board of Directors, the board voted to remove the late Bishop Gerald O'Keefe's name from the Davenport, Iowa, university's O'Keefe Library. The request maintained that the removal was warranted because of the bishop's failure to take the necessary precautions to protect children from clergy sexual abuse that occurred during his tenure as bishop of the Davenport Diocese....

Associated Press, Aug. 3

Historical mural waits to be found

[<http://www.kansascity.com/105/story/219959.html>]

Her painted eyes watched over the history of Kansas City as the famous and the not-so-famous entered the columned marble halls of the old Kansas City Public Library. Certainly Walt Disney would have seen her perched

above the grand fireplace mantel as he checked out books on animation. But "The Call of Missouri"—Kansas City's first World War I memorial—is lost. The painting, the size of a single-car garage door, disappeared sometime in the early 1980s. Who is watching over her now?...  
Kansas City Star, Aug. 5

Nazi archive internet access unlikely  
[<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/08/03/africa/ME-FEA-GEN-The-Holocaust-Papers-Accessing-Archives.php>]  
The largest closed collection of Nazi documents is managed by the International Tracing Service, created by the International Committee of the Red Cross in the chaotic aftermath of World War II to track down missing persons and help reunite families. After years of pressure from victims groups and from the United States, the 11 nations that govern the Tracing Service decided in May 2006 to make them accessible for the first time to researchers and to survivors—but the decision required ratification by all 11 countries....  
Associated Press, Aug. 2

Simic named as 15th U.S. poet laureate  
[<http://www.reuters.com/article/peopleNews/idUSN0221527820070803>]  
American poet Charles Simic was named August 2 the United States' 15th poet laureate by the Library of Congress, which described his poetry as accessible with some flashes of ironic humor. Simic, 69, who was born in Yugoslavia but immigrated to the United States when he was 16, will take up his duties in the fall, opening the Library's annual literary series, Librarian of Congress James Billington said in a statement....  
Reuters, Aug. 2

Faulkner manuscript donated to SE Missouri State University  
[<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20124645/>]  
Most of the works of literary master William Faulkner chronicle a troubled, tortured South. But an original handwritten "sorority pledge" donated to Southeast Missouri State University's Center for Faulkner Studies shows his generous, funny side. The university announced the acquisition to its collection of Faulkner letters, manuscripts, and artifacts on July 31....  
Associated Press, Aug. 4

Budget cuts put law library in limbo  
[<http://www.floridatoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070806/NEWS01/708060321>]  
Law librarian Teresa Cassella knows the woes of fighting a child custody battle all too well. One recent afternoon, a divorcing father told her a story of his struggle to keep his children, and he hoped one of the Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Justice Center's A. Max Brewer Memorial Law Library's books held the answer to his dilemma. Cassella was able to help, but legal proponents worry the library may be on the chopping block in the face of budget cut talks surrounding property tax reform and space needs for courthouse expansion....  
Melbourne Florida Today, Aug. 6

Venezuela's four-legged mobile libraries

[[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from\\_our\\_own\\_correspondent/6929404.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/6929404.stm)]

Mules are too tough to bother being sweet. They do a hard job that no other animal or human invention can do as well. But these mules are rather special. They are known as bibliomulas (book mules) and they are helping to spread the benefits of reading to people who are isolated from much of the world around them. The idea of loading mules with books and taking them into the mountain villages was started by the Universidad Valle del Momboy in Valera, Venezuela....

BBC News, Aug.4

D.C. library patrons indignant at lack of classic titles

[[http://www.examiner.com/a-859884~Library\\_patrons\\_indignant\\_at\\_Southeast\\_Library\\_s\\_lack\\_of\\_classic\\_titles.html](http://www.examiner.com/a-859884~Library_patrons_indignant_at_Southeast_Library_s_lack_of_classic_titles.html)]

D.C. Public Library officials say they're reinventing the neighborhood library by culling their shelves, restocking with popular titles, and focusing on digital media and self-help books. But some activists say the library is dumbing down its collection in a city where cultural standards and literacy rates are already shameful....

The Washington (D.C.) Examiner, Aug. 2

Behold the 15-minute publisher

[[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/02/nyregion/02books.html?\\_r=1&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/02/nyregion/02books.html?_r=1&oref=slogin)]

On August 1, in the lobby of a Midtown branch of the New York Public Library, three visitors—a graduate student, a Hong Kong publishing executive, and a sixth grader—stood in various states of awe as a Rube Goldberg contraption produced a book from digital code to hefty paperback in under 15 minutes. The book machine is a demonstration project of On Demand Books....

New York Times, Aug. 2

Millions in state funds released for Hawaii library

[<http://mauinews.com/story.aspx?id=32814>]

For years, Baldwin High School students in Wailuku, Hawaii, have squeezed into a 3,500-square-foot library without air conditioning. On August 1, Gov. Linda Lingle released \$9.5 million for a new 13,000-square-foot library at Baldwin, much to the excitement of students and staff.

"We're just ecstatic about it," said librarian Sande Trenholme. "We're very thankful it's finally happening." The governor also released \$8.7 million for a new eight-classroom building at Maui Waena Intermediate School....

Maui (Hawaii) News, Aug. 2

Denver patron accused of selling his library books

[[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070805/ap\\_on\\_fe\\_st/odd\\_borrowing\\_bandit](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070805/ap_on_fe_st/odd_borrowing_bandit)]

A library patron suspected of selling hundreds of books, tapes, and DVDs he had borrowed has cost Denver-area libraries tens of thousands of dollars, officials said. Thomas Pilaar, 33, was suspected of using different names to obtain seven library cards from the Denver Public Library, then checking out 300 items per card and selling at least some of the items....

Yahoo News, Aug. 5

Senators take another stab at shielding kids online

[[http://news.com.com/8301-10784\\_3-9754434-7.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1\\_3-0-5](http://news.com.com/8301-10784_3-9754434-7.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1_3-0-5)]

Here's another bill to add to the heap of congressional proposals offered in the spirit of combating child pornography and keeping kids safe from predators on the internet: It's called the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. If the 11-page bill seen by C|Net on August 3 becomes law, ISPs would face tripled fines for failing to report child pornography on their servers—up to \$150,000 for failing to report child pornography the first time, and up to \$300,000 for each subsequent failure....

C|Net news.com, Aug. 3

Recycling library a fresh idea in Mantoloking, N.J.

[<http://www.app.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070804/COMMUNITY/708040343/1065/COMMUNITY>]

“Take what you would enjoy. Give what you want to share.” That sentiment is on the sign placed on two bookcases in the lobby of borough hall at 202 Downer Ave. in Mantoloking, New Jersey, the site of the borough's new recycling library. The bookcases are overflowing with books contributed by the community's avid readers, whose own libraries also were overflowing with books....

Asbury Park (N.J.) Press, Aug. 4

Public libraries in Saigon sinking into oblivion

[<http://english.vietnamnet.vn/lifestyle/2007/08/726853/>]

With diverse types of entertainment like computer games and cinemas, the reading culture in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, whose pillar is the local public library system, seems to be going through its less glorious days. Twenty is the average number of visitors per day to the public library of Phu Nhuan district, the population of which is around 10,000 times as many....

Saigon (Vietnam) Giai Phong, Aug. 7

Enemy agents at the library?

[[http://www.ocregister.com/ocregister/life/article\\_1792599.php](http://www.ocregister.com/ocregister/life/article_1792599.php)]

Scott La Counte writes: “When the patron told me members of the international community were watching her because she had knowledge of secret documents in the government's possession and not to be surprised if federal investigators soon questioned me, I knew it was going to be an interesting night. Working in a public library, I have come across a number of strange things and an even larger number of strange people.”...

Orange County (Calif.) Register, July 31

Seattle's Central Library: the perfect public space?

[<http://edition.cnn.com/2007/TECH/08/02/seattle.library/index.html#cnnSTCText>]

In a world where third spaces—the places where we spend time away from work and home—are increasingly privately owned, how can we make our public spaces outstanding? Those looking for inspiration might turn to Seattle, whose citizens voted to spend nearly \$200 million to create or revamp 27 public libraries, including rebuilding its landmark Central Library. But blogger Michael Lieberman has a less-rosy take [<http://blog.seattlepi.nwsourc.com/bookpatrol/archives/119342.asp>] on the subject, and Seattlest compiles some more mixed reactions

[[http://seattlest.com/2007/08/03/does\\_anyone\\_act.php](http://seattlest.com/2007/08/03/does_anyone_act.php)]...  
CNN, Aug. 2; Book Patrol blog, Aug. 2; Seattlest, Aug. 3

Fire guts school library

[[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/05/nyregion/05fire.html?\\_r=1&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/05/nyregion/05fire.html?_r=1&oref=slogin)]

A fire, which may have been caused by a lightning strike, gutted a historic building that contained the library of the private Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York, August 4, school officials said. The building, constructed in 1903, included Kaskel Library, with more than 35,000 volumes; a wing that contained computer labs; and a second wing with classrooms and librarians' offices, Johnson said....

New York Times, Aug. 5

Dixie Chicks' flick in Waco, Texas? Only at the library

[[http://www.wacotrib.com/hp/content/shared/news/stories/2007/08/08/YOUNG\\_CO\\_LUMN\\_0807\\_COX.html](http://www.wacotrib.com/hp/content/shared/news/stories/2007/08/08/YOUNG_CO_LUMN_0807_COX.html)]

John Young writes: "I kept waiting for [the 2006 documentary about the Dixie Chicks] Shut Up and Sing to pop up on the 'new releases' marquee at the video rental I patronize. When I asked, an employee told me that the store had abstained because of the film's controversial theme. So, I started calling a succession of Waco's video stores, mostly chains. No Shut Up for rental. Hmmm. I did find two copies for purchase at separate retailers. That's the \$19.95 I had no intention of surrendering. What to do?" Hint: The answer involves the Waco-McLennan County Library....

Waco (Tex.) Tribune-Herald, Aug. 7

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[[http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_content=AL%2BDirect](http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=AL%2BDirect)]  
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Tech Talk

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It's time for social networks to open up

[[http://www.wired.com/software/webservices/news/2007/08/open\\_social\\_net](http://www.wired.com/software/webservices/news/2007/08/open_social_net)]

Scott Gilbertson writes: "Damn the Facebooks and the MySpaces. The last time we checked, there was this thing called the internet that had 6 billion users. It's time to put our personal data back where it belongs—free and open on the open web. Social networks like Facebook and MySpace are taking the Web by storm because they make it easy to manage your personal data and keep in touch with people you know. But to get value out, you have to put something in."...

Wired, Aug. 6

Color-coding Wikipedia entries to indicate trustworthiness

[[http://www.ucsc.edu/news\\_events/press\\_releases/text.asp?pid=1471](http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/press_releases/text.asp?pid=1471)]

The online reference site Wikipedia enjoys immense popularity despite nagging doubts about the reliability of entries written by its all-volunteer team. A new program developed at the University of California, Santa Cruz, aims to help with the problem by color-coding an

entry's individual phrases based on contributor past performance. It then shades the text in deepening hues of orange to signal dubious content.

Watch a demo here [<http://trust.cse.ucsc.edu/>]....

University of California, Santa Cruz, Aug. 2

TV-blocking bill clears Senate panel

[<http://www.multichannel.com/article/CA6465207.html>]

The Senate Commerce Committee August 2 unanimously adopted a bill (S. 602) that requires the Federal Communications Commission to study the availability of "advanced blocking technologies" to filter not just TV programming, but also internet content. The bill was different from the version introduced in February, which contained language that allowed the FCC to mandate use of blocking devices "across a wide variety of distribution platforms, including wired, wireless, and Internet platforms."

Multichannel News, Aug. 2

Hakia search engine prepares to challenge Google

[<http://infodoodads.com/?p=146>]

Hannah writes: "The bulk of what's new and impressive about Hakia [<http://hakia.com/>] can be found in its 'ScoopBar.' The ScoopBar (which, unfortunately, only works with IE right now) takes your search, highlights the relevant items in the search results that are returned, and when you click on a result, even takes you to the appropriate place on the page where your topic is being discussed." Hakia explains how semantic searching differs from popularity searching here....

Infodoodads, July 30; Hakia

## Actions & Answers

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Minnesota librarians shocked by bridge collapse

[<http://vitallibrary.blogspot.com/2007/08/crossing-river-bridge-collapse-in.html>]

Martha Hardy writes: "When I left work around 6:00 pm yesterday, I heard several sirens, quite nearby. I decided they must be going to the university hospital and continued home, driving across the Washington Avenue Bridge. It wasn't until I reached home and turned on the television that I realized what had happened: The 35W bridge had plunged into the Mississippi River during rush hour. The homepage of the University of Minnesota Government Publications Library currently features documents [<http://govpubs.lib.umn.edu/>] relevant to the bridge collapse." LISNews is also calling for updates

[<http://lisnews.org/articles/07/08/02/1152222.shtml>] from Twin Cities librarians....

The Vital Library, Aug. 2; University of Minnesota; LISNews, Aug. 2

Technology transforms librarian perceptions

[[http://www.conntact.com/article\\_page.lasso?id=41188](http://www.conntact.com/article_page.lasso?id=41188)]

Due to the advances in technology, librarians have become information professionals who combine traditional "librarian" duties with the rapidly

evolving technology users have become accustomed to. "Evolution of the field and technology go hand-in-hand," says Lorie Roy, a professor at the University of Texas/Austin's School of Information and president of the ALA. Josephine Sche, Nancy Moscoso-Guzman, and John Jessen also discuss the changes taking place....

New Haven Connecticut Business News Journal, Aug. 6

C-Span delves into presidential libraries

[<http://www.c-span.org/presidentiallibraries/>]

C-Span, with extensive assistance from the National Archives, is introducing a new television series that offers a behind-the-scenes look at the modern American presidency. Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered is a 12-week series airing live on location from the 12 presidential libraries spanning Herbert Hoover to Bill Clinton. Debuting on September 7, the series demonstrates the evolution of the modern presidency with extensive use of never- or rarely seen film, video, private home movies (including those of Lyndon Johnson, pictured), sound recordings, photographs, documents, and more....

C-Span, Aug. 3

Presidential libraries podcast launched

[<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2007/nr07-123.html>]

Using technology to bring its unique holdings to the public, the Presidential Libraries of the National Archives and Records Administration has announced its podcast series, "Presidential Archives Uncovered." Based on the Presidential Timeline [<http://www.presidentialtimeline.org/>] website, "Presidential Archives Uncovered" broadcasts audio clips from the Libraries' collection....

National Archives, Aug. 2

Reactions to FISA wiretapping bill

[[http://blogs.ala.org/oif.php?title=news\\_roundup\\_amp\\_reaction\\_to\\_fisa\\_wire\\_t&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/oif.php?title=news_roundup_amp_reaction_to_fisa_wire_t&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

The ALA Washington Office compiles varied reactions to the Congress's passage and President Bush's signing of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act wiretapping bill, which met with significant controversy from various civil liberties organizations....

District Dispatch blog, Aug. 6

Siskel & Ebert & Roeper archived

[<http://rogerebert.suntimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070731/COMMENTARY/70731002>]

Roger Ebert writes: "The various incarnations of Siskel & Ebert & Roeper represent more than 1,000 TV programs, on which the three of us, and various guest critics, reviewed more than 5,000 movies. And now at last an online archive exists with all of those reviews. Starting Thursday, August 2, visitors will be able to search for and watch all of those past debates, including the film clips that went along with them, plus the 'ten best' and other special shows we did. The new archive will be at [www.atthemoviestv.com](http://www.atthemoviestv.com) [<http://www.atthemoviestv.com>], and will be the Web's largest collection of streaming reviews."...

RogerEbert.com, July 31

Academic Film Archive looking for rare film uploads

[<http://www.afana.org/saveafilm.htm>]

The Academic Film Archive of North America's "Save a Film" initiative encourages people to sponsor the uploading of a rare film from their 6,000-plus 16mm film archive to the Internet Archive for free public viewing. The website allows browsing of the eligible films

[<http://www.afana.org/uploadable.htm>], describes the sponsorship program, and lists the movies [[http://www.archive.org/details/academic\\_films](http://www.archive.org/details/academic_films)] already uploaded to the archive....

Academic Film Archive of North America

Library for blind and handicapped dedicate new facility

[<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/Press-2007/RTAC.htm>]

The New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped a bureau of the New Jersey State Library, and the Department of Human Services's Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired celebrated the grand opening and dedication of the Regional Technical Assistance Center on July 30 at its headquarters in Trenton. The event showcased the newly-opened Regional Technical Assistance Center....

New Jersey Department of Human Services, Aug. 1

More 20th-century literary genres in a nutshell

[<http://blogs.britannica.com/blog/main/2007/08/20th-century-literary-genres-in-a-nutshell-part-4/>]

George Eberhart winds up his list of literary schools and movements defining the content and styles of novelists, poets, and dramatists who have flourished in the past 100 years. Puzzled by Postmodernism? Stymied by Symbolism? Tense about Tremendismo? Discover definitions and examples here....

Britannica Blog, Aug. 6

The future of small press journals is digital

[<http://bookcriticscircle.blogspot.com/2007/08/survival-of-small-press-journals.html>]

Karen Schneider writes: "The future is digital, and that's partly my fault. I've spent my library career as a technophile, and I'll continue to play that role. But it's one thing to promote access to electronic information as a common good and quite another to insist that a discipline's needs are well-met by replacing a well-known, beloved form with an incomplete, disembodied, fletcherized stream of 'information.'"...

Critical Mass blog, Aug. 1

[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=2249](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2249)]

[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=2336](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2336)]

Children's music has been strangely silent in library storytimes—until now. Rob Reid, renowned children's programming expert, offers a companion to accompany Children's Jukebox, Second Edition. Something Musical Happened at the Library

[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=2336](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2336)] is a comprehensive guide to make music an integral and

engaging part of children's story hour!. NEW! From ALA Editions.

## Ask the ALA Librarian

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Q. I just started a new job and can't believe the library doesn't have a policy about parents leaving their children in the library! Where can I find resources to develop one... quickly?

A. As stated in ALA's 2000 publication, *Unattended Children in the Public Library: A Resource Guide* [<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=viewallbooks&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=58176>]: "Research is the first step in developing your policy. Start with your own library by reviewing any current policies to see if they adequately address unattended children. You may have a policy on disruptive behavior that does not refer specifically to unattended children but does define unacceptable behavior. In order to have a policy that is internally consistent and easy for staff to use and patrons to understand, it is helpful to cross-reference similar parts of the policy. The unattended children policy should be consistent with other sections of policy dealing with patron behavior." See the ALA Professional Tips wiki [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Unattended\\_Children](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Unattended_Children)] for more....

The ALA Librarian [<mailto:AskTheLibrarian@ala.org>] welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

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Sept. 15–18:  
International Digital Arts and Culture Conference [<http://beap.org/dac/>],  
Perth, Australia. Contact: Cathy Higgs [<mailto:beap@casm.com.au>].

Sept. 17–18:  
WebSearch University Preconference workshops  
[<http://www.websearchu.com/>], Washington Marriott, Washington, D.C.  
Contact: Walter McQuillan [<mailto:walter.mcquillan@infotoday.com>],  
800-300-9868, ext. 201.

Sept. 18–21:  
Reforma National Conference [<http://www.reforma.org/>], El Paso, Texas.  
Contact: Selina G&acute;mez-Beloz [<mailto:selina-reforma@comcast.net>],  
360-264-2369.

Sept. 21–23:

Nova Scotia Library Association Conference

[<http://nsla.ns.ca/conference2007/conference2007.html>], Antigonish, NS, Canada. Contact: Stanislav Orlov [<mailto:stan.orlov@msvu.ca>].

Sept. 26–28:

North Dakota Library Association Annual Conference

[<http://www.ndla.info/Conference/07conf.htm>], Jamestown, North Dakota.

Contact: Donna James [<mailto:donna.james@vcsu.edu>], 701-845-7276.

Oct. 3–5:

Missouri Library Association Conference

[<http://molib.org/Conference.html>], University Plaza Hotel, Springfield,

Missouri. Contact: Melissa Davis, [[mia2007@mail.sgcl.org](mailto:mia2007@mail.sgcl.org)] 417-874-8140.

Oct. 4–7:

Library and Information Technology National Forum

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litanationalforum2007denver/forum2007.cfm>], Marriott City Center, Denver, “Technology with Altitude.”

Contact: Valerie A. Edmonds [<mailto:vedmonds@ala.org>], 312-280-4269.

Oct. 10–12:

Iowa Library Association Annual Conference

[<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm>]

[<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm>], Coralville

Marriott Hotel, Coralville, Iowa, “Cultivating the Future.” Contact: Iowa

Library Association

[<mailto:executivedirector@iowalibraryassociation.org>], 515-273-5322.

Oct. 10–14:

Frankfurt Book Fair

[[http://www.frankfurt-book-fair.com/en/index.php?content=/en/buchmesse\\_frankfurt/tlp.html](http://www.frankfurt-book-fair.com/en/index.php?content=/en/buchmesse_frankfurt/tlp.html)], Frankfurt, Germany. Contact: Ausstellungs-und Messe-GmbH

des B&ouml;rservereins [<mailto:info@book-fair.com>].

Oct. 21–24:

International Conference in Trends for Scientific Information

Professionals [<http://www.infonortics.com/chemical/index.html>], Hotel

Meliá, Barcelona, Spain. Contact: Infonortics [[contact-1@infonortics.com](mailto:contact-1@infonortics.com)].

Nov. 2:

Brick and Click Libraries Symposium [<http://brickandclick.org/>], J. W.

Jones Student Union, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville,

Missouri. Contact: Pat Wyatt [<mailto:pjp@nwmissouri.edu>], 660-562-1639.

Nov. 20–21:

Eva/Minerva, the Jerusalem Conference on the Digitisation of Cultural

Heritage [<http://www.digital-heritage.org.il/>], Jerusalem, Israel.

Contact: Dov Winer [<mailto:dovw@savion.huji.ac.il>].

@ More [<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/datebook/datebook.cfm>]...

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## U.S. & World News

### [Iraq National Library director resists military intrusions](#)

Saad Eskander, director of the Iraq National Library and Archive in Baghdad, issued a plea to the international library community August 9 for support in his efforts to resist the unlawful entry of Iraqi National Guard troops, which, he believes, endangers the INLA's staff and collections.

According to Eskander, a group of guards forced their way into the main building August 8 as the government declared a four-day curfew, which kept the director in his home....



### [LC announces digital preservation partnerships](#)

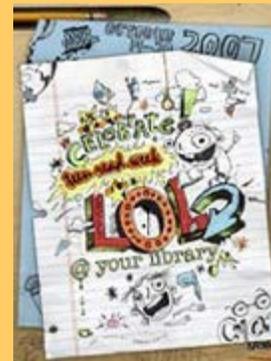
The Library of Congress announced eight partnerships August 3 as part of its new Preserving Creative America initiative, which targets the digital preservation of creative media, including movies, sound recordings, digital photography, and video games....

### [Senate committee passes TV content-blocking legislation](#)

The Senate Commerce Committee passed August 2 the Child Safe Viewing Act of 2007 (S. 602), which requires the Federal Communications Commission to assess new blocking technologies similar to the television V-chip for use in broadcast, pay TV, internet, and other media delivery systems. The bill would give the FCC approximately one year to review developing technologies and give Congress recommendations to help parents navigate indecent or violent content....

### [Spokane schools halve K-8 librarians' hours](#)

Despite two months of protest and negotiations from parents and teacher-librarians, the board of the Spokane (Wash.) Public Schools unanimously approved August 8 the reduction to part-time status of librarians serving 10 elementary schools as part of the district's 2007-08 budget. Culminating several years of cutting other elementary-school librarians' hours, the action leaves the second-



**Laugh out loud!** This year's Teen Read Week theme is LOL @ your library, which encourages teens to use the resources at their libraries to find books, magazines, comics, graphic novels, audiobooks, and other resources that are entertaining or humorous. **Teen Read Week** will take place October 14-20. (YALSA will help you find things to laugh about on its [Teen Read Week wiki](#).) The poster above is **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.



largest school district in Washington without a single full-time K–8 teacher-librarian....

### [Indiana, ChaCha partner on librarian-guided search platform](#)

A deal between Indiana University and Carmel, California–based search engine firm ChaCha to install the company's software on university websites and develop a new search platform that combines machine-based searches with expert human guidance has provoked controversy over the revelation that the school's new president recently left the ChaCha board....



### [Departing director aids efforts to reopen Jackson County libraries](#)

"I did everything I could here," Ted Stark, interim director of the shuttered Jackson County (Oreg.) Libraries, told *American Libraries* about his resigning effective August 17 to head the Menomonie (Wis.) Public Library. Stark succeeded Ronnie Budge, who retired just before the 15-branch system was shuttered in April due to lack of operating funds....

### [Colorado man investigated in massive theft scheme](#)

A Denver man is being investigated for allegedly checking out more than \$45,000 worth of materials, largely DVDs, from four area library systems with the intent to sell them online. Thomas Pilaar, 33, is suspected of getting seven library cards under different names from Denver Public Library, checking out 300 items per card, and selling at least some of the borrowed materials....

### [Bishop's name removed from university library](#)

The board of directors of St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, voted to remove the name of the late Bishop Gerald F. O'Keefe from the university's library August 3. The board acted after considering the request of Mark Powell, a St. Ambrose alumnus and a victim of sexual abuse by priests in the Davenport Diocese in the late 1970s, when O'Keefe was bishop there....



### [Library-book drug smugglers sentenced](#)

A Fort Worth, Texas, inmate and his girlfriend, who were convicted in April of smuggling methamphetamine into federal prison in the spines of books that the prison library received via interlibrary loan from local public libraries, were sentenced August 6....

## ALA News

### [Be on an ALA committee](#)

ALA Vice-President/President-Elect Jim Rettig is seeking applicants and nominations for appointments to 2008–2009 ALA and Council [committees](#). All applicants must submit a committee volunteer form by December 3. Appointees will receive notifications in late March 2008....

### [School library opinions needed on copyright](#)

The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy will be preparing a

### [Banned Books Week:](#)

Celebrating the Freedom to Read is observed during the last week of September each year. Observed since 1982, this annual ALA event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. This year, 2007, marks BBW's 26th anniversary (September 29–October 6). The Office for Intellectual Freedom offers BBW [posters, T-shirts, and bookmarks](#); tips on [how to celebrate](#); and [lists of challenged books](#).

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### **In this issue** August 2007



**A Library 2.0 Manifesto**

**Library Stamps of 1982**

**The Ventriloquist Who Changed the World**

book focused on copyright issues and topics in the school environment. OITP is interested in what school library media specialists think about copyright and how they grapple with copyright at their schools. To help produce a book that reflects your concerns and needs, you can complete a [short survey](#). All data gathered from the survey will remain anonymous....

District Dispatch blog, Aug. 13

### [Free PSAs for Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)

ALA has released five new radio public service announcements that will help libraries promote Library Card Sign-up Month in September and the library card as the "smartest card in your wallet." The PSAs can be [downloaded](#) in 10, 15, and 30-second MP3 formats for use by local radio stations....



### [Sixteen chapters endorse NSL resolution](#)

To date, 16 state associations have adopted ALA's [Resolution on the Use and Abuse of National Security Letters](#): Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Vermont....

Office for Intellectual Freedom blog, Aug. 15

## AL Focus

### [Lon Dickerson: On recovering from Katrina](#)

Lon Dickerson of the Jefferson Parish (La.) Library talks in this 2:38 video about the ongoing recovery efforts in his area following Hurricane Katrina, how six of the 15 parish libraries are still closed, the \$10–\$14 million in repairs that are needed, and how the 2006 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans served as "a shot in the arm."...



### Annual Conference Roundup

#### Career Leads from



#### [Assistant Curator for Special Collections](#)

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. Supervises the acquisition, preservation, and cataloging of published materials for the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections; collaborates with the head of Special Collections to develop the Rare Book and McIlhenny Collections; provides outreach and instruction to enhance use of Special Collections....

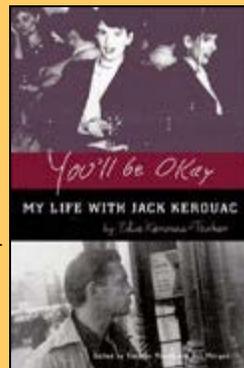
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## Booklist ONLINE

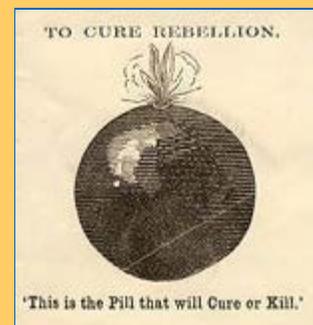
### [Featured review: Adult books](#)

Kerouac-Parker, Edie; edited by Timothy Moran and Bill Morgan. *You'll Be Okay: My Life with Jack Kerouac*. Sept. 2007. 288p. City Lights, paperback (978-0-87286-464-1).

Kerouac's first wife, Edie Parker, played a pivotal role in his literary evolution, but her side of the story hasn't been fully known until now. A pampered and venturesome 17-year-old when she first spies handsome Jack pushing Cole Porter in a wheelchair near Columbia University, she falls madly in love. Against her family's wishes, she valiantly marries Kerouac in 1944 in



### Digital Library of the Week



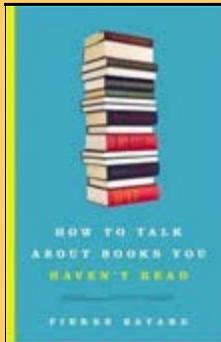
The New-York Historical Society's Department of Prints, Photographs, and Architectural Collections owns approximately 3,000 [unused](#)

order to spring him from a Bronx jail after he was arrested as an accomplice to their friend Lucien Carr's murder of the stalker David Kammerer....

### [Secrets of the readers' advisors](#)

Kaite Mediatore Stover writes: "I think we've been outed. Pierre Bayard has blatantly stated what we librarians only whisper to each other in dark corners of conferences, confess in encrypted emails to our closest pals, grudgingly admit over the fourth or fifth bookardi and cola at Librarian's Anonymous meetings. We haven't read everything."....

Likely Stories blog, Aug. 10



@ Visit [Booklist Online](#) for other reviews and much more....

### [envelopes dating from the Civil War years.](#)

Of these, 490 were scanned for this project. Measuring approximately 3 x 5 1/2 inches, they are printed or embossed with caricatures, allegories, slogans, portraits, etc., relating to Civil War events and personalities. The vast majority is Union-oriented; most were produced by New York printers ca. 1861-1865. Some are quite crude; others are beautifully designed and executed, many in color, some gilt. Featured in the Library of Congress's American Memory Project.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this new *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#)

## Division News

### [Win a visit from Tiffany Trent](#)

The library with the best celebration in honor of YALSA's Teen Read Week will win a visit from renowned young adult author Tiffany Trent. Trent is the author of the recently released *In the Serpent's Coils*, the first novel in the Hallowmere series. All current YALSA members who intend to hold a special 2007 Teen Read Week celebration may enter the contest by reading the [contest rules](#) and downloading the application form....



### [Register for September CPLA courses](#)

PLA is now accepting registrations for five specialized continuing education [courses](#) to be offered in September in partnership with local library systems. Each of these courses has been approved for the Certified Public Library Administrator program, and registration is open to CPLA candidates as well as librarians looking for quality, specialized continuing education....



### [Statistical report highlights key YA data](#)

PLA's [2007 PLDS Statistical Report](#) includes a special section on young adult library services. Some findings in this special section include: Young adults comprise an average of 11.28% of a public library's service area, and about half of all libraries surveyed have at least one full-time equivalent librarian dedicated to YA services....

### [RUSA to offer four online courses](#)

In upcoming months, RUSA will offer four online continuing education courses on reference services and marketing: business reference, marketing basics, readers' advisory, and the reference interview....

### [AASL to launch Advocacy Institute in Reno](#)

### Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

**"One of the most obvious changes you'll notice is that library staff members are now easy to identify. In response to customer suggestions, and in an attempt to reduce the avalanche of daily 'Do you work here?' inquiries, all staff now wear teal-coloured golf shirts with our logo—Welcome to the World of Information—on the back. Additionally, all staff members will be sporting the**

AASL will launch its new Advocacy Institute as a full-day preconference during the 13th AASL National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada. The AASL Advocacy Institute will be presented as an all-day preconference on October 24 in cooperation with the ALA Office for Library Advocacy and led by experienced presenters Deb Levitov and Nance Nassar....



**familiar white and navy blue colours of footwear donated by Swoosh, the library's official athletic shoe."**

—Ron MacSpadyen, program manager of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, in a parody on public libraries run as businesses, *Toronto Star*, Aug. 14.

## Round Table News

### [Library Research Seminar IV](#)

The Library and Information Science Program at the University of Western Ontario will host [Library Research Seminar IV](#), October 10–12, in London, Ontario. The conference theme is "The Library in Its Socio-Cultural Context: Issues for Research and Practice." ALA's Library History Round Table, which initiated and sponsors the conference, encourages those with an interest to attend....



## Awards

### [John Cotton Dana PR Award competition](#)

Competition is open now for the 2008 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award contest, sponsored by the H. W. Wilson Company, the H. W. Wilson Foundation, and LAMA. The deadline for entries is December 6. Inaugurated in 1946, the John Cotton Dana Award honors the art and craft of getting the right message to the right audience at the right time and getting the right results....



### [PLA awards applications available online](#)

PLA is now accepting applications for its 2008 awards. Members can nominate their colleagues and libraries through the PLA website. The deadline for submitting an application is December 3....

### [Connecting to Collections: Statewide planning grants](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services invites proposals for statewide, collaborative planning grants to address the recommendations of the [Heritage Health Index](#), a landmark study conducted by Heritage Preservation in partnership with IMLS. HHI found the collections held in the public trust by libraries, museums, and archives to be at great risk. These grants are aimed at fostering effective partnerships among organizations that have a strong commitment to the collections stewardship goals of a given state, commonwealth, or territory....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Aug. 14

### [2008 Barbara Bush Literacy Grant competition](#)

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has announced its 2008 national grant competition. The foundation's grantmaking program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care

## From the CentennialAL Blog



### [Long road to the White House](#)

Greg Landgraf writes: "The first White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS) was, quite literally, decades in the making. It was first proposed in 1957, and finally took place November 15–19, 1979.

"Not surprisingly, *American Libraries* covered WHCLIS's development extensively throughout the 1970s, mostly in reports of the surprisingly twisty path to the passage of a bill authorizing it. A July-August 1973 report, for example, claimed (erroneously) that the idea for a White House Conference 'Was born on the eve of the worst image setback

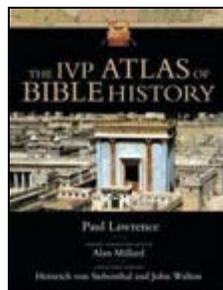
givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000. Deadline is September 7....

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

### [2007 Christian Book Award winners](#)

The Evangelical Christian Publishers Association announced the winners of the 2007 Christian Book Awards for 2007, honoring the year's finest in Christian publishing. Since 1978 the Christian Book Awards (formerly the Gold Medallion Awards) have awarded excellence in six categories: Bibles, Bible reference and study, children and youth, inspiration and gift, Christian life, and fiction....

Evangelical Christian Publishers Association, July 9



## Seen Online

### [Brooke Astor \(1902–2007\)](#)

Brooke Astor, 105, whose marriage into one of America's oldest fortunes made her a mainstay of New York high society and philanthropy for five decades as she gave away about \$200 million, died August 13 at her estate in Briarcliff Manor, New York. No one played a more pivotal role in promoting and supporting the welfare of the New York Public Library than Astor. Her many [substantial gifts](#), made through the Vincent Astor Foundation, supported collections, programs, staff, and facilities throughout the NYPL system....

Washington Post, Aug. 14; New York Public Library



### [Library issues back on the table in Vancouver](#)

Vancouver's striking library workers agreed to renew talks with the city August 15—but negotiations with inside and outside workers remain at a standstill. Library talks are resuming at the request of the city. Spokesman Jerry Dobrovolny said the library workers were approached to resume talks because they began negotiations later than others and therefore "had not had as much time" to bargain. The primary issue is pay equity. For more on the strike, see the ALA [COSWL blog](#) and the [Union Librarian blog](#)....

Vancouver (B.C.) Province, Aug. 15



### [High school reading lists get a modern makeover](#)

Precious summer minutes spent poring over Shakespeare or Nathaniel Hawthorne may seem less than appealing to teens, so some experts say there is a slowly growing trend to infuse more modern literature into summer reading. As a result, the revered literary canon of classics may be due for a shake-up. "The natural evolution of these lists is that they expand and include voices that are underrepresented," says ALA President Loriene Roy....

Christian Science Monitor, Aug. 8

### [Alms for error](#) (subscription required)

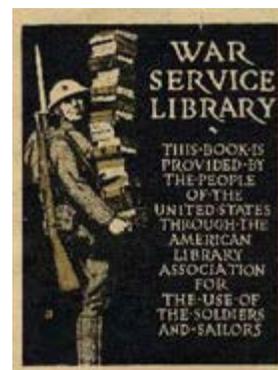
Cambridge University Press may ask libraries that

suffered by the American library community at the hands of a federal administration'— President Richard Nixon's March request that Congress not fund libraries in the 1974 budget (p. 410). The Conference was proposed for 1976, 'in connection with' the Bicentennial."...

See the [Centennial Blog](#) for more....



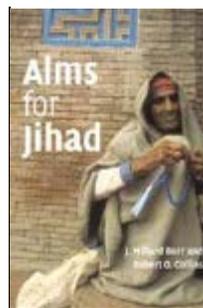
## Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q. Mixed in with some donations dropped off at our library recently was an older title with a bookplate that says "War Service Library—This book is provided by the people of the United States through the American Library Association for the use of the soliders and sailors." What is the significance of this?**

have acquired the 2006 book *Alms for Jihad: Charity and Terrorism in the Islamic World* by J. Millard Burr and Robert O. Collins to remove it from their shelves. The press agreed to pulp its remaining copies in response to a libel claim filed in Britain by Khalid bin Mahfouz, a Saudi banker who the book erroneously claims financed terrorism in Sudan and elsewhere during the 1990s. Unless there is an order from a U.S. court, the British settlement is [unenforceable](#) in the United States, and libraries are under no legal obligation to return or destroy the book....

*Chronicle of Higher Education*, Aug. 10; OIF blog, Aug. 14



### [Pennsylvania libraries offer big returns](#)

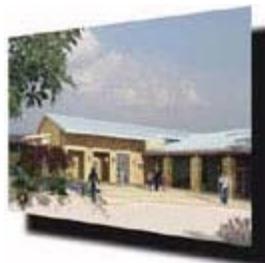
Pennsylvania public libraries provide a return on investment of \$5.50 for every \$1 of taxpayer funding, according to a new study. Commissioned by the state Department of Education's Office of Commonwealth Libraries, the study was funded with about \$110,000 from an annual federal grant, said Glenn Miller, Pennsylvania Library Association executive director....

*Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Times Leader*, Aug. 7

### [First Lady launches Austin library named in her honor](#)

Dubbed the "first lady of libraries" at an August 14 event in her honor, Laura Bush helped launch the Laura Bush Community Library, the first library in the United States to be named for her alone. To be built as a branch of the Westbank Community Library in Austin, Texas, the \$5.8-million construction project will begin next year....

*Austin (Tex.) American-Statesman*, Aug. 14



### [San Francisco public libraries are wildly popular](#)

They begin to line up on the sidewalk as much as an hour before the doors open. At 10 a.m. they make a mad dash through all three entrances. Security guards estimate they are 200 to 300 strong, race-walking in their eagerness to get inside. San Francisco's Main Library has such a rush of visitors every morning when it opens that one staffer jokingly refers to it as "the running of the bulls."...

*San Francisco Chronicle*, Aug. 12

### [AL Editor's documentary has sneak preview in Chicago](#)

Daniel Kraus, *American Libraries* associate editor and mastermind behind the AL Focus series of videos, announced that his newest documentary, *Musician*—a profile of one of Chicago's hardest-working jazz figures, Ken Vandermark—will have a sneak preview August 24 at the Gene Siskel Film Center in Chicago. Then it's off to the theatrical opening at New York's Pioneer Theater, September 5–11, with a Vandermark solo set preceding each screening....

Gene Siskel Film Center



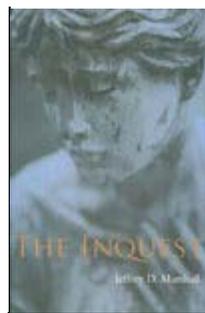
### [Vermont librarian writes novel on 1830 abortion incident](#)

**A.** The bookplate—sometimes a label—is one of several versions affixed to books furnished to sailors and soldiers by the American Library Association during World War I. In [1917](#), ALA established the Committee on Mobilization and War Service Plans (later the War Service Committee). ALA's wartime program, known as the [Library War Service](#), was directed by Herbert Putnam, Library of Congress, and later by Carl H. Milam. Between 1917 and 1920, ALA mounted two financial campaigns and raised \$5 million from public donations; erected 36 camp libraries with Carnegie Corporation funds; distributed approximately 10 million books and magazines; and provided library collections to 5,000 locations. Continuing byproducts of this effort are the [American Library in Paris](#) and military libraries all over the country and the world. The work is carried on by librarians who are members of the [Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table](#). See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for more....

The [ALA Librarian](#) welcomes your questions.

Jeffrey D. Marshall, special collections librarian and archivist at the University of Vermont, discovered a fascinating 12-page document in 1984 when he was cataloging papers in the Burlington, Vermont, courthouse. The document, written by Burlington's justice of the peace and dated September 18–19, 1830, is an inquest into the death of a Burlington woman, Experience "Speedy" Goodrich, who died after an abortion. In 2006, Marshall completed *The Inquest*, a novel based on the event....

*Worcester (Mass.) Telegram & Gazette*, Aug. 12



### [Retired cataloger donates rare books to Southern Maine](#)

A longtime employee of the University of Southern Maine library has bequeathed nearly 2,000 books, some of them five centuries old, to the library's special collections department. Albert A. Howard, who worked as a cataloger at the school's library for 35 years but is now retired, donated his rare book collection earlier this year, knowing it was the best way to preserve the collection he had begun working on in 1958....

*Portland (Me.) Press Herald*, Aug. 13

### [Library of the future planned in Aberdeen](#)

The University of Aberdeen in Scotland is planning a £57-million (U.S. \$113.8-million) "library of the future." The nine-story building will replace the existing Queen Mother Library. Danish architects schmidt hammer lassen, who created the famous Royal Danish Library in Copenhagen, were selected for the project.

Professor C. Duncan Rice, the university's principal and vice-chancellor, said the new library "will stand as one of the most significant new Scottish public buildings of the last hundred years."...  
BBC News, Aug. 13; University of Aberdeen



### [CILIP lambasts library spin doctoring](#)

The Chartered Institute for Library and Information Professionals, the professional body for UK librarians, has lambasted library chiefs for spin doctoring over plans to cut staff, and has called on the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, and Sport to intervene. CILIP Chief Executive Bob McKee says the future of the public library service is under threat. But the DCMS [declined](#) on August 15 to "micromanage the work of individual local library authorities."...

*The Bookseller*, Aug. 13, 15

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## Tech Talk

### [An entire bookshelf in your hands](#)

When Paul Biba, a lawyer in Bernardsville, New

## Calendar

**Sept. 1–30:**  
[Library Card Sign-up Month.](#)

**Sept. 29–Oct. 6:**  
[Banned Books Week.](#) "Ahoj! Treasure Your Freedom to Read and Get Hooked on a Banned Book."

**Oct. 4–7:**  
[LITA National Forum.](#) Denver. "Technology with Altitude: 10 Years of the LITA National Forum."

**Oct. 14–20:**  
[Teen Read Week.](#) "LOL @ your library."

**Oct. 25–28:**  
[AASL National Conference,](#) Reno, Nevada. "The Future Begins @ your library."

**Jan. 11–16, 2008:**  
[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#) Philadelphia.

**Mar. 2–8:**  
[Teen Tech Week.](#) "Tune In @ your library."

**Mar. 25–29:**  
[PLA National Conference,](#) Minneapolis.

**Apr. 13–19:**  
[National Library Week.](#) "Join the circle of knowledge @ your library."

Jersey, finds himself stuck waiting, he likes to pull out his Nokia E61i cellphone and read one of the 20 or so books he usually stores on it. More cellphones have screens with a resolution fine enough to rival that of the printed page. The bright virtual pages, along with other advantages like weight, capacity, and a built-in reading light, are gradually drawing readers from paper books, one of the last holdouts against digitization....

*New York Times*, Aug. 8



### [Tagmash for LibraryThing](#)

Tim Spalding at LibraryThing has gone live with a new feature called "tagmash," pages for the intersections of tags. He writes: "In getting past words or short phrases, tagmash closes some of the gap between tagging and professional subject classifications. For example, there is no good tag for 'France during WWII.' Most people just don't tag that verbosely. Tagmash allows for a page combining the two: [France. wwii](#). If you want to skip the novels, you can do [france. wwii. -fiction](#). The results are remarkably good."...

LibraryThing blog, July 24

### [E-newsletter tools and resources](#)

Even though social networks and group-management tools have become a good way to communicate among groups of people, some libraries may need a professional-looking e-newsletter to keep users, advocates, or staff up-to-date. Here are more than 30 email newsletter services which enable you to create and send professional newsletters to your audience....

Mashable Social Networking News, Aug. 10



### [EBSCOhost improves usability](#)

EBSCO Publishing has teamed with accessibility experts to make it easier to search EBSCOhost using screen readers and keyboard controls. Working with the EBSCO Accessibility Interest Group, led by the Illinois Center for Instructional Technology Accessibility at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, EBSCO was able to determine that Text Only interfaces (aka 508 compliance), the industry standard for web accessibility, were no longer enough....

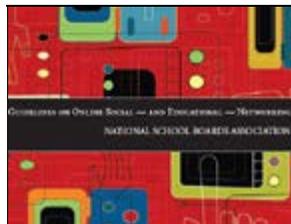
EBSCO Publishing, Aug. 9



## Actions & Answers

### [Report refutes claims of social networking dangers](#)

A study ([PDF file](#)) released this month by the National School Boards Association debunks the common assumption that MySpace and other social networking sites are breeding grounds for sexual predators seeking to harm students. The study, which surveyed students between the ages of 9 and 17, parents, and school-district leaders, found that less than 3% of students said that unwelcome strangers have tried repeatedly to communicate with them. On the other hand, 60% of the students report using social networking to discuss education-related topics.



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The study goes on to recommend that school districts reconsider the common practice of restricting student access to social networking tools....

National School Boards Association; *PC World*, Aug. 8

### [Invade the "Answer" sites!](#)

On Monday, September 10, librarians are invited to be a little bold and have a little fun by going to online "Answer" sites—such as Yahoo Answers, Amazon's Askville, and the Wikipedia Reference Desk—and answer queries all day. Make it clear that your answer was provided by a library professional. Add a link to your own library, and suggest that readers should consider finding answers in their own libraries, too....

Answer Board Librarians, Aug. 7

### [Web users read more, say less](#)

Internet users are spending nearly half their online time reading content, a 37% increase in share of time from four years ago, according to the Online Publishers Association. According to the OPA's Internet Activity Index, conducted by Nielsen//NetRatings, communications accounted for 46% of consumers' time online in 2003. A dramatic shift has taken place since then, with consumers now spending 47% of their time with content, compared with 34% four years ago....

Online Publishers Association, Aug. 13

### [See who's editing Wikipedia](#)

A new web tool called [Wikipedia Scanner](#)—the brainchild of CalTech computation and neural-systems graduate student Virgil Griffith—offers users a searchable database that ties millions of anonymous Wikipedia edits to the organizations where those edits apparently originated. Inspired by news that Congressional staffers had been editing their own entries, Griffith says he got curious and wanted to know whether big companies and other organizations (like Diebold, Pfizer, and the CIA) were doing things in a similarly self-interested vein....

*Wired*, Aug. 14



### [Search engines and privacy](#)

C|Net News.com recently polled the five leading search engine companies to see how long they retain search data, how they eventually dispose of it, whether they engage in behavioral targeting, and whether they use information they have from user sign-ups to guide which ads are displayed. The answers suggest that Ask.com was the most protective of user privacy. And Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, and AOL? [Results](#) were mixed....

C|Net News.com, Aug. 13

### [Law librarians like their jobs, but vendors are a problem](#)

Today's law library is tightly integrated with the rest of the firm. It's vital for finding case law and for finding new business. LawFirmInc.'s sixth annual survey of law-firm librarians reveals that they're continuing to move beyond legal research and into marketing and competitive intelligence, computer training, and knowledge management projects. But while job satisfaction rates remain high, headaches come from the vendors who sell access to electronic research tools....

Large Law Firm, Aug. 10

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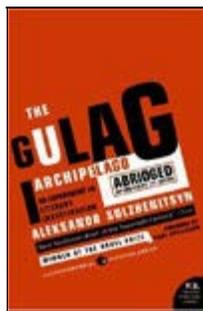
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## [Judging the covers of books](#)

Covers—a website maintained by a graphic design group in Portland, Denver, Cupertino, and Brooklyn called Fwis—is dedicated to the appreciation of book cover design. Anyone can submit a book-cover critique or post comments about those already on the site. About this cover of *Gulag*, Ben Pieratt writes: “A well-done call back to Russian constructivism without the usual cheese that comes with it. I especially like the fold in the ribbon of the white Nobel Prize bar.”...  
Covers



## [How do students conduct academic research?](#)

Alison J. Head used student discussion groups, content analysis, and a student survey to find that students may not be as reliant on public internet sites as previous research has reported. Students in her study at Saint Mary's College of California used a hybrid approach for conducting course-related research, and a majority leveraged both online and offline sources to overcome challenges with finding, selecting, and evaluating resources and gauging professors' expectations for quality research....

*First Monday* 12, no. 8 (Aug.)

## [Book circulation per public-library user since 1856](#)

FCC Senior Economist Douglas A. Galbi reviewed existing studies of library circulation statistics to show that from 1856 to 1978 users borrowed an average of 15 books per year from U.S. public libraries, but the rate has since dropped by 50%. He writes: “The growth of audiovisuals circulation, estimated at 25% of total circulation in 2004, accounts for about half of this decline. These figures depend on estimates and disparate samples of libraries with varying circulation and user accounting methods. Nonetheless, it suggests that historically established institutions significantly stabilize borrowing behavior.”...  
Galbi Think! Communications Industry and Policy Analysis, July 29



## [LibVibe library news podcasts](#)

Marv Kaminsky, a former broadcast radio personality and reference librarian living in Kansas, has been creating podcasts of library-related news for more than a year now. LibVibe offers concise, professional, and listenable news reports twice a week....  
LibVibe



## [OCLC opens office in Beijing](#)

Library cooperative OCLC opened an office in Beijing July 20 to better serve the growing information needs of libraries and other cultural heritage institutions in China and other parts of Asia. The OCLC office is located in Zhongguancun, the academic center of Beijing often called “the Silicon Valley of China.” Qiu Dongjiang, OCLC chief representative, is joined by three other OCLC staff members in the Beijing office....  
OCLC, Aug. 9

## [Cornell joins Google Book Search](#)

Cornell University Library is partnering with Google to digitize materials from its collections and make

them available online. Materials from Mann Library will be digitized as part of the agreement. Mann's collections include some of the following subject areas: biological sciences, natural resources, environmental sciences, applied economics, management and public policy, human development, textiles and apparel, nutrition, and food science....

Cornell University, Aug. 7



### **Evolution of a Librarian T-shirt**

The Student Association of the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin is selling T-shirts that portray the evolution of librarians, from *Informationus Primatus* to *Informationus Professionus*.



Four iSchool students came up with the drawings and concept....

Student Association of the School of Information, July 26

AL Direct, August 15, 2007

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[<http://www.schoolrooms.net>]

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## U.S. & World News

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### Iraq National Library director resists military intrusions

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/eskander.cfm>]

Saad Eskander, director of the Iraq National Library and Archive in Baghdad, issued a plea to the international library community August 9 for support in his efforts to resist the unlawful entry of Iraqi National Guard troops, which, he believes, endangers the INLA's staff and collections. According to Eskander, a group of guards forced their way into the main building August 8 as the government declared a four-day curfew, which kept the director in his home....

### LC announces digital preservation partnerships

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/lcpartners.cfm>]

The Library of Congress announced eight partnerships August 3 as part of

its new Preserving Creative America initiative, which targets the digital preservation of creative media, including movies, sound recordings, digital photography, and video games....

#### Senate committee passes TV content-blocking legislation

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/tvcontent.cfm>]

The Senate Commerce Committee passed August 2 the Child Safe Viewing Act of 2007 (S. 602), which requires the Federal Communications Commission to assess new blocking technologies similar to the television V-chip for use in broadcast, pay TV, internet, and other media delivery systems. The bill would give the FCC approximately one year to review developing technologies and give Congress recommendations to help parents navigate indecent or violent content....

#### Spokane schools halve librarians' hours

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/spokane.cfm>]

Despite two months of protest and negotiations from parents and teacher-librarians, the board of the Spokane (Wash.) Public Schools unanimously approved August 8 the reduction to part-time status of librarians serving 10 elementary schools as part of the district's 2007-08 budget. Culminating several years of cutting other elementary-school librarians' hours, the action leaves the second-largest school district in Washington without a single full-time K-8 teacher-librarian....

#### Indiana, ChaCha partner on librarian-guided search platform

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/chaacha.cfm>]

A deal between Indiana University and Carmel, California-based search engine firm ChaCha to install the company's software on university websites and develop a new search platform that combines machine-based searches with expert human guidance has provoked controversy over the revelation that the school's new president recently left the ChaCha board....

#### Departing director aids efforts to reopen Jackson County libraries

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/jacksoncounty.cfm>]

"I did everything I could here," Ted Stark, interim director of the shuttered Jackson County (Oreg.) Libraries, told American Libraries about his resigning effective August 17 to head the Menomonie (Wis.) Public Library. Stark succeeded Ronnie Budge, who retired just before the 15-branch system was shuttered in April due to lack of operating funds....

#### Colorado man investigated in massive theft scheme

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/denverthief.cfm>]

A Denver man is being investigated for allegedly checking out more than \$45,000 worth of materials, largely DVDs, from four area library systems with the intent to sell them online. Thomas Pilaar, 33, is suspected of getting seven library cards under different names from Denver Public

Library, checking out 300 items per card, and selling at least some of the borrowed materials....

Bishop's name removed from university library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/bishop.cfm>]

The board of directors of St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, voted to remove the name of the late Bishop Gerald F. O'Keefe from the university's library August 3. The board acted after considering the request of Mark Powell, a St. Ambrose alumnus and a victim of sexual abuse by priests in the Davenport Diocese in the late 1970s, when O'Keefe was bishop there....

Library-book drug smugglers sentenced

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/smugglers.cfm>]

A Fort Worth, Texas, inmate and his girlfriend, who were convicted in April of smuggling methamphetamine into federal prison in the spines of books that the prison library received via interlibrary loan from local public libraries, were sentenced August 6....

ALA News

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Be on an ALA committee [<http://cs.ala.org/rettig/volunteer.html>]

ALA Vice-President/President-Elect Jim Rettig is seeking applicants and nominations for appointments to 2008-2009 ALA and Council committees.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/committees/committees.htm>] All applicants must submit a committee volunteer form by December 3.

Appointees will receive notifications in late March 2008....

School library opinions needed on copyright

[[http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=school\\_library\\_opinions\\_needed\\_on\\_copyri&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=school_library_opinions_needed_on_copyri&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy will be preparing a book focused on copyright issues and topics in the school environment. OITP is interested in what school library media specialists think about copyright and how they grapple with copyright at their schools. To help produce a book that reflects your concerns and needs, you can complete a short survey

[[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=UGc5xxU5v9iG\\_2f4YghgWP1A\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=UGc5xxU5v9iG_2f4YghgWP1A_3d_3d)].

All data gathered from the survey will remain anonymous....

District Dispatch blog, Aug. 13

Free PSAs for Library Card Sign-Up Month

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/psalcs07.htm>]

ALA has released five new radio public service announcements that will help libraries promote Library Card Sign-up Month in September and the library card as the "smartest card in your wallet." The PSAs can be downloaded

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/otherinit/card/librarycard.htm>] in 10, 15,

and 30-second MP3 formats for use by local radio stations....

Sixteen chapters endorse NSL resolution

[[http://blogs.ala.org/oif.php?title=state\\_chapters\\_endorse\\_ala\\_s\\_national\\_s\\_e&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/oif.php?title=state_chapters_endorse_ala_s_national_s_e&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

To date, 16 state associations have adopted ALA's Resolution on the Use and Abuse of National Security Letters

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=ifresolutions&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=161325>]: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Vermont....

Office for Intellectual Freedom blog, Aug. 15

## AL Focus

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Lon Dickerson: On recovering from Katrina

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/lon-dickerson-update-katrina-damaged-libraries>]

Lon Dickerson of the Jefferson Parish (La.) Library talks in this 2:38 video about the ongoing recovery efforts in his area following Hurricane Katrina, how six of the 15 parish libraries are still closed, the \$10-\$14 million in repairs that are needed, and how the 2006 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans served as "a shot in the arm."...

## Booklist Online

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Featured review: Adult books

[[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=2108050](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2108050)]

Kerouac-Parker, Edie; edited by Timothy Moran and Bill Morgan. *You'll Be Okay: My Life with Jack Kerouac*. Sept. 2007. 288p. City Lights, paperback (978-0-87286-464-1).

Kerouac's first wife, Edie Parker, played a pivotal role in his literary evolution, but her side of the story hasn't been fully known until now. A pampered and venturesome 17-year-old when she first spies handsome Jack pushing Cole Porter in a wheelchair near Columbia University, she falls madly in love. Against her family's wishes, she valiantly marries Kerouac in 1944 in order to spring him from a Bronx jail after he was arrested as an accomplice to their friend Lucien Carr's murder of the stalker David Kammerer....

Secrets of the readers' advisors

[<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2007/08/10/secrets-of-the-readers-advisors-revealed/>]

Kaite Mediatore Stover writes: "I think we've been outed. Pierre Bayard has blatantly stated what we librarians only whisper to each other

in dark corners of conferences, confess in encrypted emails to our closest pals, grudgingly admit over the fourth or fifth bookardi and cola at Librarian's Anonymous meetings. We haven't read everything."....

Likely Stories blog, Aug. 10

@ Visit Booklist Online [<http://www.booklistonline.com/>] for other reviews and much more....

## Division News

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### Win a visit from Tiffany Trent

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/trwtt07.htm>]

The library with the best celebration in honor of YALSA's Teen Read Week will win a visit from renowned young adult author Tiffany Trent. Trent is the author of the recently released *In the Serpent's Coils*, the first novel in the *Hallowmere* series. All current YALSA members who intend to hold a special 2007 Teen Read Week celebration may enter the contest by reading the contest rules

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2007/trw07contest.htm>]

and downloading the application form....

### Register for September CPLA courses

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/cpla07.htm>]

PLA is now accepting registrations for five specialized continuing education courses

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>] to be offered in September in partnership with local library systems. Each of these courses has been approved for the Certified Public Library Administrator program, and registration is open to CPLA candidates as well as librarians looking for quality, specialized continuing education....

### Statistical report highlights key YA data

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/ya07.htm>]

### PLA's 2007 PLDS Statistical Report

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plapubs/pldsstatreport/pldsstatistical.cfm>]

includes a special section on young adult library services. Some findings in this special section include: Young adults comprise an average of 11.28% of a public library's service area, and about half of all libraries surveyed have at least one full-time equivalent librarian dedicated to YA services....

### RUSA to offer four online courses

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/rusa07.htm>]

In upcoming months, RUSA will offer four online continuing education courses on reference services and marketing: business reference, marketing basics, readers' advisory, and the reference interview....

### AASL to launch Advocacy Institute in Reno

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/aas07.htm>]  
AASL will launch its new Advocacy Institute as a full-day preconference during the 13th AASL National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada. The AASL Advocacy Institute will be presented as an all-day preconference on October 24 in cooperation with the ALA Office for Library Advocacy and led by experienced presenters Deb Levitov and Nance Nassar....

## Round Table News

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Library Research Seminar IV [<http://www.ala.org/ala/lrrt/LRS4WOU.htm>]  
The Library and Information Science Program at the University of Western Ontario will host Library Research Seminar IV, [<http://lrs4.fims.uwo.ca/default.htm>] October 10–12, in London, Ontario. The conference theme is “The Library in Its Socio-Cultural Context: Issues for Research and Practice.” ALA’s Library History Round Table, which initiated and sponsors the conference, encourages those with an interest to attend....

## Awards

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John Cotton Dana PR Award competition  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/jcda08.htm>]  
Competition is open now for the 2008 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award contest, sponsored by the H. W. Wilson Company, the H. W. Wilson Foundation, and LAMA. The deadline for entries is December 6. Inaugurated in 1946, the John Cotton Dana Award honors the art and craft of getting the right message to the right audience at the right time and getting the right results....

PLA awards applications available online  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/pla07.htm>]  
PLA is now accepting applications for its 2008 awards. Members can nominate their colleagues and libraries through the PLA website. The deadline for submitting an application is December 3....

Connecting to Collections: Statewide planning grants  
[<http://www.ims.gov/news/2007/081407.shtm>]  
The Institute of Museum and Library Services invites proposals for statewide, collaborative planning grants to address the recommendations of the Heritage Health Index, [<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/HHI>] a landmark study conducted by Heritage Preservation in partnership with IMLS. HHI found the collections held in the public trust by libraries, museums, and archives to be at great risk. These grants are aimed at fostering effective partnerships among organizations that have a strong commitment to the collections stewardship goals of a given state, commonwealth, or territory....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Aug. 14

2008 Barbara Bush Literacy Grant competition

[<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/wn.html>]

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has announced its 2008 national grant competition. The foundation's grantmaking program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000. Deadline is September 7....

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

2007 Christian Book Award winners

[<http://www.ecpa.org/christianbookawards/winners2007.php>]

The Evangelical Christian Publishers Association announced the winners of the 2007 Christian Book Awards for 2007, honoring the year's finest in Christian publishing. Since 1978 the Christian Book Awards (formerly the Gold Medallion Awards) have awarded excellence in six categories: Bibles, Bible reference and study, children and youth, inspiration and gift, Christian life, and fiction....

Evangelical Christian Publishers Association, July 9

Seen Online

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Brooke Astor (1902-2007)

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/13/AR2007081300868.html>]

Brooke Astor, 105, whose marriage into one of America's oldest fortunes made her a mainstay of New York high society and philanthropy for five decades as she gave away about \$200 million, died August 13 at her estate in Briarcliff Manor, New York. No one played a more pivotal role in promoting and supporting the welfare of the New York Public Library than Astor. Her many substantial gifts [<http://www.nypl.org/news/astor.cfm>], made through the Vincent Astor Foundation, supported collections, programs, staff, and facilities throughout the NYPL system....

Washington Post, Aug. 14; New York Public Library

Library issues back on the table in Vancouver

[<http://www.canada.com/theprovince/news/story.html?id=0d00792d-a2aa-4e8e-bc47-9f79e7e8a428&k=44959>]

Vancouver's striking library workers agreed to renew talks with the city August 15—but negotiations with inside and outside workers remain at a standstill. Library talks are resuming at the request of the city.

Spokesman Jerry Dobrovoly said the library workers were approached to resume talks because they began negotiations later than others and therefore "had not had as much time" to bargain. The primary issue is pay equity. For more on the strike, see the ALA COSWL blog

[<http://blogs.ala.org/coswlcause.php>] and the Union Librarian blog

[<http://unionlibrarian.blogspot.com/>]....

Vancouver (B.C.) Province, Aug. 15

High school reading lists get a modern makeover

[<http://www.csmonitor.com/2007/0808/p13s01-legn.htm>]

Precious summer minutes spent poring over Shakespeare or Nathaniel Hawthorne may seem less than appealing to teens, so some experts say there is a slowly growing trend to infuse more modern literature into summer reading. As a result, the revered literary canon of classics may be due for a shake-up. "The natural evolution of these lists is that they expand and include voices that are underrepresented," says ALA President Loriene Roy....

Christian Science Monitor, Aug. 8

Alms for error [<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v53/i49/49a01201.htm?=&attw>]

(subscription required)

Cambridge University Press may ask libraries that have acquired the 2006 book *Alms for Jihad: Charity and Terrorism in the Islamic World* by J. Millard Burr and Robert O. Collins to remove it from their shelves. The press agreed to pulp its remaining copies in response to a libel claim filed in Britain by Khalid bin Mahfouz, a Saudi banker who the book erroneously claims financed terrorism in Sudan and elsewhere during the 1990s. Unless there is an order from a U.S. court, the British settlement is unenforceable

[[http://blogs.ala.org/oif.php?title=can\\_they\\_do\\_that&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/oif.php?title=can_they_do_that&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

in the United States, and libraries are under no legal obligation to return or destroy the book....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Aug. 10; OIF blog, Aug. 14

Pennsylvania libraries offer big returns

[[http://www.timesleader.com/news/20070807\\_07libraries\\_mg\\_ART.html](http://www.timesleader.com/news/20070807_07libraries_mg_ART.html)]

Pennsylvania public libraries provide a return on investment of \$5.50 for every \$1 of taxpayer funding, according to a new study. Commissioned by the state Department of Education's Office of Commonwealth Libraries, the study was funded with about \$110,000 from an annual federal grant, said Glenn Miller, Pennsylvania Library Association executive director....

Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Times Leader, Aug. 7

First Lady launches Austin library named in her honor

[<http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/08/15/0815lbushlibrary.html>]

Dubbed the "first lady of libraries" at an August 14 event in her honor, Laura Bush helped launch the Laura Bush Community Library, the first library in the United States to be named for her alone. To be built as a branch of the Westbank Community Library in Austin, Texas, the \$5.8-million construction project will begin next year....

Austin (Tex.) American-Statesman, Aug. 14

San Francisco public libraries are wildly popular

[<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2007/08/12/BAM4RGUC8.DTL>]

They begin to line up on the sidewalk as much as an hour before the doors open. At 10 a.m. they make a mad dash through all three entrances. Security guards estimate they are 200 to 300 strong, race-walking in their eagerness to get inside. San Francisco's Main Library has such a

rush of visitors every morning when it opens that one staffer jokingly refers to it as “the running of the bulls.”...

San Francisco Chronicle, Aug. 12

Editor’s documentary has sneak preview in Chicago

[<http://www.artic.edu/webspaces/siskelfilmcenter/2007/august/7.html>]

Daniel Kraus, American Libraries associate editor and mastermind behind the AL Focus series of videos, announced that his newest documentary, Musician [<http://www.workseries.com/musician/>]  
—a profile of one of Chicago’s hardest-working jazz figures, Ken Vandermark—will have a sneak preview August 24 at the Gene Siskel Film Center in Chicago. Then it’s off to the theatrical opening at New York’s Pioneer Theater, September 5–11, with a Vandermark solo set preceding each screening....

Gene Siskel Film Center

Vermont librarian writes novel on 1830 abortion incident

[<http://www.telegram.com/article/20070812/NEWS/708120458>]

Jeffrey D. Marshall, special collections librarian and archivist at the University of Vermont, discovered a fascinating 12-page document in 1984 when he was cataloging papers in the Burlington, Vermont, courthouse. The document, written by Burlington’s justice of the peace and dated September 18–19, 1830, is an inquest into the death of a Burlington woman, Experience “Speedy” Goodrich, who died after an abortion. In 2006, Marshall completed *The Inquest*, a novel based on the event....

Worcester (Mass.) Telegram & Gazette, Aug. 12

Retired cataloger donates rare books to Southern Maine

[<http://pressherald.maintoday.com/story.php?id=127124&ac=PHnws>]

A longtime employee of the University of Southern Maine library has bequeathed nearly 2,000 books, some of them five centuries years old, to the library’s special collections department. Albert A. Howard, who worked as a cataloger at the school’s library for 35 years but is now retired, donated his rare book collection earlier this year, knowing it was the best way to preserve the collection he had begun working on in 1958....

Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Aug. 13

Library of the future planned in Aberdeen

[[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/north\\_east/6944503.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/north_east/6944503.stm)]

The University of Aberdeen in Scotland is planning a £57-million (U.S. \$113.8-million) “library of the future.” The nine-story building will replace the existing Queen Mother Library. Danish architects Schmidt Hammer Lassen, who created the famous Royal Danish Library in Copenhagen, were selected for the project. Professor C. Duncan Rice, the university’s principal and vice-chancellor, said the new library “will stand as one of the most significant new Scottish public buildings of the last hundred years.”...

BBC News, Aug. 13; University of Aberdeen

CILIP lambasts library spin doctoring

[<http://www.thebookseller.com/news/43524-cilip-lambasts-library-spin-doctoring.html>]

The Chartered Institute for Library and Information Professionals, the

professional body for UK librarians, has lambasted library chiefs for spin doctoring over plans to cut staff, and has called on the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, and Sport to intervene. CILIP Chief Executive Bob McKee says the future of the public library service is under threat. But the DCMS declined  
[<http://www.thebookseller.com/news/43695-library-chiefs-reject-intervention-calls.html>] on August 15 to “micromanage the work of individual local library authorities.”...  
The Bookseller, Aug. 13, 15

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[[http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_content=AL%2BDirect](http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=AL%2BDirect)]

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## Tech Talk

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An entire bookshelf in your hands  
[<http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/08/08/business/basics.php>]  
When Paul Biba, a lawyer in Bernardsville, New Jersey, finds himself stuck waiting, he likes to pull out his Nokia E61i cellphone and read one of the 20 or so books he usually stores on it. More cellphones have screens with a resolution fine enough to rival that of the printed page. The bright virtual pages, along with other advantages like weight, capacity, and a built-in reading light, are gradually drawing readers from paper books, one of the last holdouts against digitization....  
New York Times, Aug. 8

Tagmash for LibraryThing  
[<http://www.librarything.com/blog/2007/07/tagmash.php>]  
Tim Spalding at LibraryThing has gone live with a new feature called “tagmash,” pages for the intersections of tags. He writes: “In getting past words or short phrases, tagmash closes some of the gap between tagging and professional subject classifications. For example, there is no good tag for ‘France during WWII.’ Most people just don’t tag that verbosely. Tagmash allows for a page combining the two: France, wwii  
[<http://www.librarything.com/tag/france,wwii>]. If you want to skip the novels, you can do france, wwii, -fiction  
[<http://www.librarything.com/tag/france,wwii,-fiction>]. The results are remarkably good.”...  
LibraryThing blog, July 24

E-newsletter tools and resources  
[<http://mashable.com/2007/08/10/email-newsletters/>]  
Even though social networks and group-management tools have become a good way to communicate among groups of people, some libraries may need a professional-looking e-newsletter to keep users, advocates, or staff up-to-date. Here are more than 30 email newsletter services which enable you to create and send professional newsletters to your audience....  
Mashable Social Networking News, Aug. 10

EBSCOhost improves usability

[<http://www.epnet.com/thisTopic.php?topicID=844&marketID=1>]

EBSCO Publishing has teamed with accessibility experts to make it easier to search EBSCOhost using screen readers and keyboard controls. Working with the EBSCO Accessibility Interest Group, led by the Illinois Center for Instructional Technology Accessibility at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, EBSCO was able to determine that Text Only interfaces (aka 508 compliance), the industry standard for web accessibility, were no longer enough....

EBSCO Publishing, Aug. 9

## Actions & Answers

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Report refutes claims of social networking dangers

[<http://www.pcworld.com/article/id,135687-c,techindustrytrends/article.html>]

A study (PDF file [<http://www.nsba.org/site/docs/41400/41340.pdf>]) released this month by the National School Boards Association debunks the common assumption that MySpace and other social networking sites are breeding grounds for sexual predators seeking to harm students. The study, which surveyed students between the ages of 9 and 17, parents, and school-district leaders, found that less than 3% of students said that unwelcome strangers have tried repeatedly to communicate with them. On the other hand, 60% of the students report using social networking to discuss education-related topics. The study goes on to recommend that school districts reconsider the common practice of restricting student access to social networking tools....

National School Boards Association; PC World, Aug. 8

Invade the "Answer" sites!

[<http://answerboards.wetpaint.com/page/Slam+the+Boards%21>]

On Monday, September 10, librarians are invited to be a little bold and have a little fun by going to online "Answer" sites—such as Yahoo Answers, Amazon's Askville, and the Wikipedia Reference Desk—and answer queries all day. Make it clear that your answer was provided by a library professional. Add a link to your own library, and suggest that readers should consider finding answers in their own libraries, too....

Answer Board Librarians, Aug. 7

Web users read more, say less

[<http://www.online-publishers.org/?pg=press&dt=081307>]

Internet users are spending nearly half their online time reading content, a 37% increase in share of time from four years ago, according to the Online Publishers Association. According to the OPA's Internet Activity Index, conducted by Nielsen/NetRatings, communications accounted for 46% of consumers' time online in 2003. A dramatic shift has taken place since then, with consumers now spending 47% of their time with content, compared with 34% four years ago....

Online Publishers Association, Aug. 13

See who's editing Wikipedia

[[http://www.wired.com/politics/onlinerights/news/2007/08/wiki\\_tracker](http://www.wired.com/politics/onlinerights/news/2007/08/wiki_tracker)]

A new web tool called Wikipedia Scanner

[<http://wikiscanner.virgil.gr/>]<sup>1</sup>—the brainchild of CalTech computation and neural-systems graduate student Virgil Griffith—offers users a searchable database that ties millions of anonymous Wikipedia edits to the organizations where those edits apparently originated. Inspired by news that Congressional staffers had been editing their own entries, Griffith says he got curious and wanted to know whether big companies and other organizations (like Diebold, Pfizer, and the CIA) were doing things in a similarly self-interested vein....

Wired, Aug. 14

Search engines and privacy [[http://news.com.com/2100-1029\\_3-6202068.html](http://news.com.com/2100-1029_3-6202068.html)]

C|Net News.com recently polled the five leading search engine companies to see how long they retain search data, how they eventually dispose of it, whether they engage in behavioral targeting, and whether they use information they have from user sign-ups to guide which ads are displayed. The answers suggest that Ask.com was the most protective of user privacy. And Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, and AOL? Results [[http://news.com.com/In+their+own+words+Search+engines+on+privacy/2100-1029\\_3-6202047.html](http://news.com.com/In+their+own+words+Search+engines+on+privacy/2100-1029_3-6202047.html)] were mixed....

C|Net News.com, Aug. 13

Law librarians like their jobs, but vendors are a problem

[<http://www.law.com/jsp/llf/PubArticleLLF.jsp?id=1186650119943>]

Today's law library is tightly integrated with the rest of the firm. It's vital for finding case law and for finding new business. LawFirmInc.'s sixth annual survey of law-firm librarians reveals that they're continuing to move beyond legal research and into marketing and competitive intelligence, computer training, and knowledge management projects. But while job satisfaction rates remain high, headaches come from the vendors who sell access to electronic research tools....

Large Law Firm, Aug. 10

Judging the covers of books [<http://covers.fwis.com/>]

Covers—a website maintained by a graphic design group in Portland, Denver, Cupertino, and Brooklyn called Fwis—is dedicated to the appreciation of book cover design. Anyone can submit a book-cover critique or post comments about those already on the site. About this cover of Gulag, Ben Pieratt writes: “A well-done call back to Russian constructivism without the usual cheese that comes with it. I especially like the fold in the ribbon of the white Nobel Prize bar.”...

Covers

How do students conduct academic research?

[[http://www.firstmonday.org/issues/issue12\\_8/head/index.html](http://www.firstmonday.org/issues/issue12_8/head/index.html)]

Alison J. Head used student discussion groups, content analysis, and a student survey to find that students may not be as reliant on public internet sites as previous research has reported. Students in her study at Saint Mary's College of California used a hybrid approach for conducting course-related research, and a majority leveraged both online and offline sources to overcome challenges with finding, selecting, and

evaluating resources and gauging professors' expectations for quality research....

First Monday 12, no. 8 (Aug.)

Book circulation per public-library user since 1856

[<http://www.galbithink.org/libraries/circulation.htm>]

FCC Senior Economist Douglas A. Galbi reviewed existing studies of library circulation statistics to show that from 1856 to 1978 users borrowed an average of 15 books per year from U.S. public libraries, but the rate has since dropped by 50%. He writes: "The growth of audiovisuals circulation, estimated at 25% of total circulation in 2004, accounts for about half of this decline. These figures depend on estimates and disparate samples of libraries with varying circulation and user accounting methods. Nonetheless, it suggests that historically established institutions significantly stabilize borrowing behavior."...

Galbi Think! Communications Industry and Policy Analysis, July 29

LibVibe library news podcasts [<http://libvibe.blogspot.com/>]

Marv Kaminsky, a former broadcast radio personality and reference librarian living in Kansas, has been creating podcasts of library-related news for more than a year now. LibVibe offers concise, professional, and listenable news reports twice a week....

LibVibe

OCLC opens office in Beijing

[<http://www.oclc.org/news/releases/200670.htm>]

Library cooperative OCLC opened an office in Beijing July 20 to better serve the growing information needs of libraries and other cultural heritage institutions in China and other parts of Asia. The OCLC office is located in Zhongguancun, the academic center of Beijing often called "the Silicon Valley of China." Qiu Dongjiang, OCLC chief representative, is joined by three other OCLC staff members in the Beijing office....

OCLC, Aug. 9

Cornell joins Google Book Search

[<http://pressoffice.cornell.edu/Aug07/google.library.shtml>]

Cornell University Library is partnering with Google to digitize materials from its collections and make them available online. Materials from Mann Library will be digitized as part of the agreement. Mann's collections include some of the following subject areas: biological sciences, natural resources, environmental sciences, applied economics, management and public policy, human development, textiles and apparel, nutrition, and food science....

Cornell University, Aug. 7

Evolution of a Librarian T-shirt

[[http://sentra.ischool.utexas.edu/~sasi/wordpress/?page\\_id=6](http://sentra.ischool.utexas.edu/~sasi/wordpress/?page_id=6)]

The Student Association of the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin is selling T-shirts that portray the evolution of librarians, from Informationus Primatus to Informationus Professionus.

Four iSchool students came up with the drawings and concept....

Student Association of the School of Information, July 26

## Ask the ALA Librarian

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Q. Mixed in with some donations dropped off at our library recently was an older title with a bookplate that says "War Service Library—This book is provided by the people of the United States through the American Library Association for the use of the soliders and sailors." What is the significance of this?

A. The bookplate— sometimes a label—is one of several versions affixed to books furnished to sailors and soldiers by the American Library Association during World War I. In 1917 [<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/1910s>], ALA established the Committee on Mobilization and War Service Plans (later the War Service Committee). ALA's wartime program, known as the Library War Service [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Library\\_War\\_Service](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Library_War_Service)], was directed by Herbert Putnam, Library of Congress, and later by Carl H. Milam. Between 1917 and 1920, ALA mounted two financial campaigns and raised \$5 million from public donations; erected 36 camp libraries with Carnegie Corporation funds; distributed approximately 10 million books and magazines; and provided library collections to 5,000 locations. Continuing byproducts of this effort are the American Library in Paris [<http://www.americanlibraryinparis.org/>] and military libraries all over the country and the world. The work is carried on by librarians who are members of the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table [<http://www.ala.org/template.cfm?Section=fafllrt>]. See the ALA Professional Tips wiki [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/War\\_Services\\_Library\\_books](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/War_Services_Library_books)] for more....

The ALA Librarian [<mailto:AskTheLibrarian@ala.org>] welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

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Sept. 1–30:  
Library Card Sign-up Month  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/otherinit/card/librarycard.htm>].

Sept. 29&ndash;  
Oct. 6:  
Banned Books Week. [<http://www.ala.org/bbooks>] &ldquo;Ahoy! Treasure Your Freedom to Read and Get Hooked on a Banned Book.&rdquo;

Oct. 4&ndash;7:  
[<http://www.lita.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litanationalforum2007denver/forum2>

007.cfm]LITA National Forum,  
[<http://www.lita.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litanationalforum2007denver/forum2007.cfm>] Denver. &ldquo;Technology with Altitude: 10 Years of the LITA National Forum.&rdquo;

Oct. 14&ndash;20:  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenreading.htm>] Teen Read Week  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenreading.htm>]. &ldquo;LOL @ your library.&rdquo;

Oct. 25&ndash;28:  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/reno2007.htm>]AASL National Conference  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/reno2007.htm>], Reno, Nevada. &ldquo;The Future Begins @ your library.&rdquo;

Jan. 11&ndash;16, 2008:  
ALA Midwinter Meeting, [<http://www.ala.org/midwinter>] Philadelphia.

Mar. 2&ndash;8:  
[[http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen\\_Tech\\_Week](http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen_Tech_Week)]Teen Tech Week  
[[http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen\\_Tech\\_Week](http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen_Tech_Week)]. &ldquo;Tune In @ your library.&rdquo;

Mar. 25&ndash;29:  
[<http://www.placonference.org/2008/>]PLA National Conference  
[<http://www.placonference.org/2008/>], Minneapolis.

Apr. 13&ndash;19:  
[<http://www.ala.org/pio/nlw/>]National Library Week  
[<http://www.ala.org/pio/nlw/>]. &ldquo;Join the circle of knowledge @ your library.&rdquo;

June 26&ndash;  
July 2:  
ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim, California.

@ More [<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/datebook/datebook.cfm>]....

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## U.S. & World News

### [Indigenous knowledge matters at IFLA Conference in South Africa](#)

The 73rd World Library and Information Congress of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) convened August 19 in Durban, South Africa, with a new emphasis on indigenous knowledge and oral history in relation to "Libraries for the Future," the conference theme. The five-day conference offered some 3,100 delegates from 116 nations an opportunity to witness firsthand the transformations that have occurred in South African libraries and in the nation itself since the end of Apartheid in 1994....

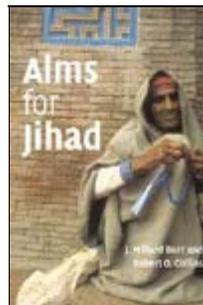


### [CILIP calls on government to intervene in UK library decline](#)

The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, Britain's professional library association, has asked UK Culture Secretary James Purnell to use his legal authority to stop local councils from further degrading public library service. In an August 8 letter, CILIP Chief Executive Bob McKee wrote that a number of council authorities were planning drastic staff reductions and even turning over libraries to inexperienced community groups in an effort to save money....

### [Cambridge contacts U.S. libraries over Alms for Jihad](#)

Cambridge University Press has requested some American libraries that own the 2006 book *Alms for Jihad: Charity and Terrorism in the Islamic World* by J. Millard Burr and Robert O. Collins to either remove it from their shelves or add an errata sheet. In an August 15 letter to libraries, Intellectual Property Director Kevin Taylor said that CUP intends to "take every reasonable measure to ensure that readers who may consult this book in the future are made aware of its erroneous statements and to ensure that this defamation is not perpetuated."...



### Software Donations for Libraries



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**Housing** for the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia will open October 1. Forms will be available in the October issue of *American Libraries*.

## [Bedford trustees ousted over opposing outsourcing proponent](#)

In the latest development over a controversial proposal to privatize the Bedford (Tex.) Public Library, the city council voted out three members of the library board August 14 after Councilman Charles Orean charged them with "character assassination." Orean serves as liaison between the council and the library board, and board members had accused him of a conflict of interest because he has been pushing for the outsourcing while serving as liaison....

## [Saugus inches back to full-time hours](#)

The Saugus (Mass.) Public Library must expand its hours to 50.4 per week by September 3 or it will have to repay a \$1.1-million grant to the state. Although the library closed indefinitely May 24 after voters rejected a tax-override proposal in April, the town set aside \$277,000 at its June 25 meeting for the library to reopen for 15 hours with eight part-time staff. Trustees later expanded the hours to 18.5—still a long way from its objective coming due in less than three weeks....



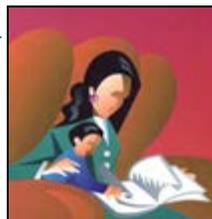
## [Waukesha County nixes fair funding again](#)

The absence of four supervisors at an August 14 Waukesha County (Wis.) Board of Supervisors meeting has cost the 16-member federated county library system an additional \$345,000 in long-sought additional revenue. The second time in four years that the funding-formula modification has been defeated by elected officials, the proposal would have shifted 13 cents per \$1 of property taxes for library capital expenses from Waukesha County towns containing libraries to people living in communities without a library....

# ALA News

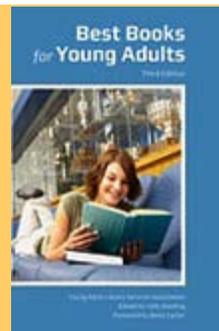
## [Prime Time Family Reading Time grants](#)

Created by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities in 1991, Prime Time Family Reading Time is an award-winning reading, discussion, and storytelling series based on illustrated children's books. Statewide organizations—including state libraries, state humanities councils, centers for the book, library associations, and library systems—are invited to [apply](#) for grant funding and materials to participate. The deadline for applications is November 1....



## [Freedom to Read Foundation Nominating Committee](#)

Robert P. Doyle will chair the Freedom to Read Foundation's Nominating Committee for its April 2008 election, which will fill five



[Best Books for Young Adults](#) is back and better than ever! The new third edition, edited by Holly Koelling, continues to be the most comprehensive and effective reference for great reading for young adults, including 40 years of best YA books. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**



The 96-minute [Hollywood Librarian](#) documentary film will be shown during **Banned Books Week**, September 29–October 6, 2007, at 45 screening locations in the United States and Canada. For a full list of locations, see the [map](#). The deadline to send in an [agreement](#) to screen the film is now August 24 at 5 p.m. Pacific time.

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positions on the 2008–2009 FTRF board of trustees. Also on the committee are Therese Bigelow and Candace Morgan....

## AL Focus

### [Gaming, Learning, and Libraries Symposium video series](#)

AL Focus offers an overview (7:07) of the ALA TechSource symposium, held in Chicago July 22–24, in addition to four full-length keynote addresses by Scott Nicholson, Liz Lawley, Gregory Trefry, and Henry Jenkins, in this series of five videos. Also in the overview: observations on Second Life, the importance of lemon candy, and why Donkey Kong marked a key moment in video game history. (For MP3 audio files of other GLLS sessions, see the [ALA TechSource site](#).)...



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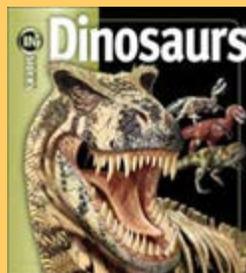
**Annual Conference Roundup**

## Booklist ONLINE

### [Featured review: Books for youth](#)

Long, John. *Dinosaurs*. July 2007. 64p. Simon & Schuster, Grades 3–5 (978-1-4169-3857-6).

Aiming for readers who devour the visually rich nonfiction of DK's Eyewitness series, the Insiders series debuts with *Egypt*, *Oceans*, *Space*, and this title on dinosaurs, sure to be the most popular. The eye-catching qualities of the unjacketed book begin with the embossed, metallic cover and extend to the interior, where unusually realistic renderings of the Mesozoic's denizens dominate each double-page spread. Like others in the series, this follows a two-part format, the first ("Introducing") offering broad background and the second ("In-Depth") going into greater detail about specific topics....



### [Reality TV for writers](#)

It doesn't exist. So Kaite Mediatore Stover offers some suggestions to make up for that lack, among them, "*Top Scribe*: Every week an unnamed publisher will provide a setting, two characters, a catch phrase, and a genre. Each writer-contestant will construct a proposal for a bankable bestseller that employs all elements. The winning proposal gets film rights. This week's challenge: In 24 hours, write a Hugo Award-winning book that includes the Korean War, one actuary, one librarian, and the phrase, 'This one time, at band camp...?' Use of a thesaurus or Red Bull will result in disqualification."...

Likely Stories blog, Aug. 14



The [American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression](#) is offering a Banned Books Week deep discount through October 6 on T-shirts, buttons, and stickers that incorporate its "freedom" logo. The T-shirts are newly designed and available in two fresh colors—charcoal and forest green—as well as the traditional blue and black.

**Career Leads from**

@ Visit [Booklist Online](#) for other reviews and much more....

## Division News

### [A greener AASL National Conference](#)

The AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada, October 25–28, is going green. All handouts and supporting materials will be available electronically to registered attendees prior to and during the conference. In addition to eliminating large volumes of paper, this will also save on dozens of boxes that would be needed to transport the handouts from the printing location to the convention center....



### [ALCTS fall/winter workshops](#)

Continuing education workshops in ALCTS's lineup include "Basic Subject Cataloging Using LCSH," "Electronic Serials Cataloging," "Integrating Resources Cataloging," "Fundamentals of Library of Congress Classification," "Fundamentals of Acquisitions" and "Metadata and Digital Library Development." The courses will be held in October, November, or January in either Chicago or Philadelphia....

### [ALCTS Non-English Access Steering Committee](#)

ALCTS has formed a Non-English Access Steering Committee that will be responsible for providing guidance and direction to the many groups identified for implementing recommendations in the report ([PDF file](#)) of the Task Force on Non-English Access. The group is chaired by Magda el-Sherbini of Ohio State University....

## Round Table News

### [Using past lives to launch your library career](#)

Holly Wilson writes: "This year's New Members Round Table annual conference program brought a panel of librarians together to discuss their diverse work backgrounds. Each panelist discussed their previous jobs and gave advice on how to transfer the skill set from a seemingly different scenario to obtain employment in the library field. Here is a snapshot of the advice given by each panelist."...

*NMRT Footnotes, Aug.*

## Awards

### [2007 Access to Learning Award](#)

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Libraries initiative presented its 2007 Access to Learning Award of \$1 million on August 20 to the Northern Territory Library, a regional public library system based in Darwin, Australia. The award, given at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions conference in



## JobLIST

[Membership Marketing Specialist](#), ALSC, American Library Association, Chicago, to build the division's membership by both attracting new members and improving retention rate. Analyze current membership statistics to identify target markets, develop and implement strategies to reach these markets, create marketing materials, and use various communication outlets (direct mail, email, web, advertising, etc.) that promote ALSC events, products, and effectively communicate the benefits and values of membership....

@ [More jobs...](#)

### Digital Library of the Week



The University of North Texas Libraries' [Portal to Texas History](#) program (watch the 1:58 [video](#)) is a digital gateway that works with 70 collaborative partners to provide access to historical materials across the state. The Moore Memorial Public Library

Durban, South Africa, honors NTL's innovative approach to bringing computer and internet technology to remote indigenous communities. NTL's groundbreaking Our Story database allows local people to preserve and share their cultural heritage by archiving digital recordings and photographs on library computers. Microsoft will donate \$224,000 in software and technology training curriculum to upgrade NTL's 300 computers....

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Aug. 20

### [IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellows](#)

OCLC President Jay Jordan named the IFLA/OCLC Fellows for 2008 during the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' World Library and Information Congress in Durban, South Africa, August 20. The program will support five library and information professionals from Morocco, India, Nepal, Uganda, and South Africa with advanced continuing education and exposure to a broad range of issues in information technologies....

OCLC, Aug. 20

### [Digital Media and Learning Competition](#)

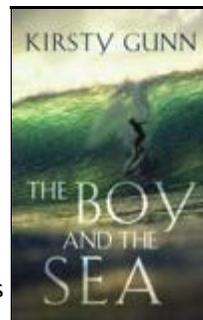
The HASTAC Initiative and the MacArthur Foundation are mobilizing the field of digital media and learning through a \$2-million open-call competition, supporting all generations of educators, learning entrepreneurs, and communicators. Innovation Awards of \$250,000 and \$100,000 will go to pioneers who are exploring new digital models of learning that build upon and enhance the informal, networked, and collaborative styles today, especially among youth. Knowledge-Networking Awards, \$30,000-\$75,000 each, will go to creative and dedicated communicators. Apply by October 15....

Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory (HASTAC)

### [New Zealander wins Scottish book award](#)

Kirsty Gunn has been named the inaugural winner of the Sundial Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year for her novella *The Boy and the Sea* (Faber and Faber, 2006). Gunn, a native New Zealander who teaches creative writing at Dundee University, was awarded the £25,000 prize at the Edinburgh International Book Festival on August 18. One thousand free copies of Gunn's book are being given away to travelers leaving Edinburgh Airport during the course of the festival....

*The Bookseller*, Aug. 20



## Seen Online

### [When did used books become contraband?](#)

Thanks to a controversial "approved vendor system," some state prisons are slowing the flow of books behind bars. Karla Starr writes: "Earlier this year, Carla McLean, a librarian and volunteer for the organization Books to Prisoners (the group's function is self-evident), struck up a correspondence with a Buddhist pen pal at the Airway Heights Corrections Center west of Spokane. He was getting books sent to him from both BTP and the Zen Mountain Monastery. Then one day, the packages stopped arriving."...

*Seattle Weekly*, Aug. 15



in Texas City contributed more than 300 photos of the [Texas City Disaster](#), the worst industrial accident in U.S. history, which took place April 16, 1947. Two ships loaded with 8,500 tons of ammonium nitrate exploded in the port, killing 581 people.

**Do you know** of a digital library collection that we can mention in this new *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#)



[ALSC members](#) are invited to participate in the [Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids](#) celebration on September 15. BGC Day for Kids is set aside each year to celebrate America's children through the gift of meaningful time with a positive adult.

### **Public Perception** How the World Sees Us

**"Bad information can spread like kudzu. A newspaper or magazine might print incorrect information, and then someone researching the topic picks up that bad information and uses it in a story or on a website. The process repeats until bad information blankets the Web.**

**"If this is a concern, try something really**

### [Federal court records, online and free](#)

The domination of two legal research services over the publication of federal and state court decisions is being challenged by an internet gadfly who has embarked on an ambitious project to make more than 10 million pages of case law available free online. The project is the latest effort of Carl Malamud, an activist who founded [public.resource.org](#) in March, with the broad intent of building "public works" accessible via the network, and with the specific plan to force the federal government to make information more publicly accessible....

*New York Times*, Aug. 20

### [University of Arizona Poetry Center gets new home](#)

The new Helen S. Schaefer building will soon be the permanent home of the [University of Arizona Poetry Center](#), which began moving in August 15. It will take some time to relocate the more than 60,000 items in the collection, one of the largest in the country, Executive Director Gail Browne said. The center has been in temporary buildings since it was founded in 1960 by Ruth Stephan. It is the first time the center will have space for all the works it owns, including books, journals, photographs, videos, and recordings. A Housewarming Festival will officially open the facility on October 14....

*Tucson (Ariz.) Citizen*, Aug. 16



### [Quilts stolen from Quincy library](#)

The artwork had been hung and more than 100 invitations had been mailed. But there was one glitch in the August 9 grand reception for the quilt exhibit at the Thomas Crane Public Library in Quincy, Massachusetts: Eight of the approximately 20 quilts by local quilters had been stolen from the library over the past few days. Information on the missing quilts is posted [here](#)....

*Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger*, Aug. 10

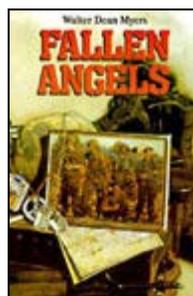


### [No restriction on \*Fallen Angels\* in Idaho](#)

A committee that reviews school library books that some parents think are inappropriate will recommend that the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, school board place no restrictions on two titles. The committee, made up of parents, teachers, administrators, a librarian, and a student, recommended August 20 that no restrictions be placed on *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou.

Three other titles that drew complaints by parent Mary Jo Finney, who has children in middle school and high school, are still under review....

*Associated Press*, Aug. 17

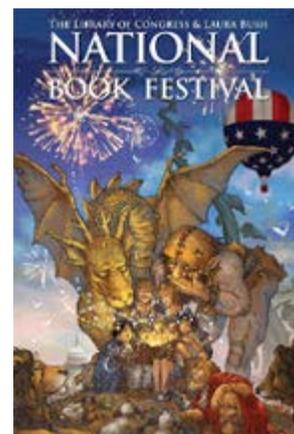


### [Legal issues holding up Bush Library decision](#)

Southern Methodist University President R. Gerald Turner said legal issues are delaying a final announcement between SMU and the Bush Library Selection Committee. Turner believes it "still looks good" that SMU will get the library complex, but at no point said that it is a done deal. Meanwhile, the [Dallas Morning News](#) reports that SMU started lobbying the White House for the library in early 2001....

**radical: Go to a library. Trained reference librarians have access to expensive commercial databases you can't affordably visit. And they have old-fashioned reference books."**

—Columnist Bill Husted, in "Used Properly, the Web Is a Great Research Tool," *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Aug. 3.



**Coming up soon!** The [2007 National Book Festival](#), organized and sponsored by the Library of Congress and hosted by First Lady Laura Bush, will be held on Saturday, **September 29**, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., between 7th and 14th streets. Free and open to the public, the festival will feature some 70 well-known authors.

**From the CentennialAL Blog**

SMU Daily Campus, Aug. 17; Dallas Morning News, Aug. 17



HOW DO YOU MAINTAIN PUBLIC COMPUTERS? Librarians want to know. Tell us **MaintainIT** www.maintainITproject.org

## Tech Talk

### Are you ready for virtual worlds?

Google, Second Life creator Linden Lab, IBM, and a bevy of additional companies are moving toward the day when you can stroll around a 3D Web using a virtual replica of yourself that you've created. They are working to establish technical standards, open to all programmers, that would allow the entire internet to become a galaxy of connected virtual worlds. As you walk by a sale at a virtual jeans store, web cameras in the real store let you see how crowded it actually is, in case a popular item is selling out. Your avatar, set to your body's measurements, tries on the jeans and spins around to show them to your pals....

*Business Week*, Aug. 13



### Five new ways to share files

Michael W. Muchmore writes: "If you've ever had an email inbox clogged with attachments from friends or coworkers, you've probably experienced an inbox slowdown or run up against its storage limit. Maybe you've tried to send or receive a humungous file through email, but the system wouldn't even allow your oversized attachment to be delivered. Web services that let you avoid these problems have arrived on the scene, and some of them don't require any tech savvy and won't cost you anything."...

*ExtremeTech*, Aug. 2



### Late-summer roundup

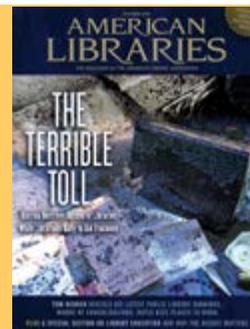
Andrew Pace writes: "I think we made it through the entire summer season without the loss, merger, or acquisition of a single ILS entity! Some attrition at ILS giant [SirsiDynix](#) continues, but the firm did appoint a new COO: Matthew Hawkins will be responsible for the company's Client Care, Implementation, and Consulting & Education organizations. The [Berkeley Electronic Press](#) announced that it would be purchasing Digital Commons, a turnkey Institutional Repository solution, from [ProQuest](#)."...

Hectic Pace blog, Aug. 21



### Primo now public at Vanderbilt

[Primo](#), described by Ex Libris as its next-generation "discovery and delivery tool" for academic libraries, has been unveiled at the Vanderbilt University Libraries in Nashville. Ex Libris has been working with Vanderbilt for over a year as a development partner toward the



### Worth remembering: ALA in New Orleans.

Judith Faust, business and economics librarian at California State University, East Bay, submitted this remembrance of Annual Conference in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. She writes: "As we pass the 2nd anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, I'm reminded that I have never been prouder of 'my' association than the day in November 2005, three months after the hurricane hit, when word came out that the ALA was going to meet its original commitment to hold the June 2006 Annual Conference in New Orleans, and that two days would be set aside for librarian volunteers to work on community service projects. As a librarian in the San Francisco Bay Area who had already been back to New Orleans to help my parents and sister with their homes, my eyes welled up when I heard the news, knowing how important this would be for the city's economy. I was ecstatic for New Orleans and fiercely proud of ALA."...

See the [CentenniAL](#)

creation of this new product, which includes features such as faceted search, relevancy ranking of results, content enrichment services, grouping of related items through FRBR, and much more....

Library Technology Guides blog, Aug. 20

### [A keyboard for night owls](#)

The Saitek Eclipse II keyboard gives you a choice of backlighting colors—purple, red, and blue—adjustable via a dimmer mechanism. The laser-etched key characters and keypad illuminate, making it useful in any lighting environment. The key clicks are quiet (also suitable for night-time use) and the base has large rubber feet to keep it securely planted to your desk. Also available through Amazon.com....

Saitek



### [Embed Google Maps with HTML](#)

Google Maps users can now add a map to their website or blog just by copying and pasting a snippet of HTML. This new functionality enables Google Maps users to share and disseminate geographic information in the same way that YouTube users share videos. Bloggers and webmasters no longer need an API key or knowledge of Java Script to put a Google Map on their website or blog....

Google, Aug. 21

### [Top 10 PDF tricks](#)

Gina Trapani writes: "The PDF file format is one of the best ways to publish, save, and exchange well-formatted documents that will look exactly the same regardless of the device or computer you open them on. Here are our top 10 list of techniques for converting, exchanging, sharing, managing, and editing PDF documents."...

Lifehacker blog, Aug. 15



### [A fast way for 100 people to view your screen](#)

Glance Networks said August 13 its [desktop-sharing service](#) can now support up to 100 guests watching the same computer screen, up from its previous limit of 15 viewers. Going from 15 to 100 viewers per session greatly expands the types of things groups can do with the service—including webinars, virtual conferencing, and training sessions....

Network World, Aug. 13

### [Computer history, in a barn](#)

C|Net presents a 4-minute video visit to the 10-year-old [DigiBarn Computer Museum](#)—located on a pig farm in the Santa Cruz Mountains of northern California—that houses vintage computing equipment going all the way back to 1887. Curator Bruce Damer seeks to capture personal stories and track technological evolution through a large collection of antique computer systems, manuals, videos, interviews, and other fossil relics of the "Cambrian explosion" of personal computing that ignited in 1975....

C|Net news.com, Aug. 20



[Blog](#) for more....



### Ask the ALA Librarian



***Q. I just read in the ALA Washington Office's [District Dispatch](#) blog that 70% of libraries do not have a disaster plan—and we're one of them! Where can I get help in writing one?***

**A.** There are a number of resources available to you. That same posting lists several web-based resources for [disaster readiness](#). Be sure to work with your local government and your state library, as your plan needs to work in concert with those developed for larger areas. Some state libraries or regional consortia will have resources of their own. The [Indiana State Library](#), for example, has a disaster plan template available. [SOLINET's Preservation Field Service Program](#) has extensive resources available for its members, as do other

## [Web Archiving Toolset performance tested at British Library](#)

Jackson Pope and Philip Beresford report on the British Library's testing of the [International Internet Preservation Consortium Toolset](#)—comprising the Web Curator Tool, NutchWax, and the Open Source Wayback Machine—for its evolving web archiving operations, in anticipation of legal depository legislation being introduced within the next few years....

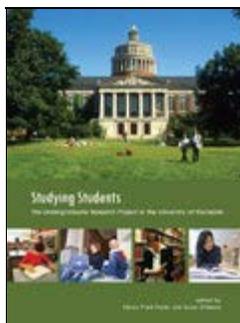
*Ariadne*, no. 52 (July)

## Actions & Answers

### [The anthropology of the undergraduate](#) (subscription required)

Several years ago, anthropologist Nancy Fried Foster was hired by the University of Rochester library to study undergraduates, to help shed light on how they do their research and write papers, and how they spend their days. The results of the study, which ACRL will publish in September in a book titled [Studying Students](#), helped guide a library renovation, influenced a website redesign, led to changes in the way the library markets itself to students, and, in some cases, completely changed the image of undergraduates in the eyes of Rochester librarians....

*Chronicle of Higher Education*, Aug. 17



### [New Orleans Index recovery report](#) (PDF file)

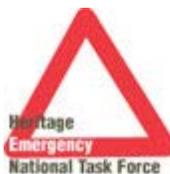
*The New Orleans Index*, a special report on key recovery indicators, says that although less than half of the public and private schools in New Orleans have reopened, some parish libraries are doing slightly better: "Two out of 12 libraries remain closed in St. Tammany. There are no libraries open in St. Bernard. Two out of three libraries are still closed in Plaquemines Parish. Five out of 16 libraries remain closed in Jefferson Parish. And four out of 13 libraries are still shuttered in Orleans Parish. Of the nine libraries in operation in Orleans Parish, two are operating out of FEMA trailers. Overall, of the 46 libraries that existed in those five parishes prior to Katrina, 70% are now reopened."...

*New Orleans Index*, special edition (Aug. 2007), pp. 13–16

### [Be prepared for disaster](#)

The ALA Washington Office recently updated its [Disaster Preparedness and Recovery page](#) and, in light of the hurricane season and recent events in the western states, it's vitally important to make sure your library and your community are both prepared should disaster strike. The [National Heritage Health Index](#) discovered that 70% of libraries did not have a disaster plan....

*District Dispatch* blog, Aug. 21



### [Ogden Museum library fundraiser](#)

Extensive restoration work is underway on the Patrick F. Taylor Library in New Orleans to preserve the treasure designed by the great American 19th-century architect, Henry Hobson Richardson, as an integral part of the historically significant complex of buildings that the Ogden Museum of Southern art calls home. This long-term preservation project has been characterized by attention to detail,

regional networks. There are also workshops, such as an [online one from SOLINET](#) or a tailored on-site workshop from the [Northeast Document Conservation Center](#). Again, check with your local consortium, state association, or state library to see what might be available in your area—or to see what would be entailed in bringing one of the workshops from [ALCTS](#), NEDCC, or SOLINET to your area. See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for more....

@ The [ALA Librarian](#) welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

### ALA courses and institutes

**Sept. 4–Oct. 11:** [Marketing Basics for Libraries](#). Online course sponsored by RUSA.

**Sept. 5–6:** [Planning and Management of Buildings](#), Ohio Library Council, Columbus. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

**Sept. 11–12:** [Budget and Finance](#), Kansas City (Mo.) Metropolitan Library and Information Network. Certified Public Library Administrator course

which included bringing stones from the original quarry in Massachusetts and milling floors from aged timber found in an old warehouse. However, there is still much work to be done....

Ogden Museum of Southern Art

### [Walking the Line: The Rally](#)

Graphic designer James Gemmill has put together a short film for CUPE 391, which represents the striking Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library workers, about the August 10 rally held at City Hall by the three main civic unions of the City of Vancouver, after negotiations had broken down the previous day. There are two other films in his "Civic Strike" series: [The Read In](#) and [The Blacked Out Week](#)....



James Gemmill

### [EBSCO shows its green side](#)

Database aggregator EBSCO Publishing has installed a photovoltaic array on the roof of its historic mill building on Union Street in Ipswich, Massachusetts. The system is among the largest installations on the North Shore of Boston and provides year-round electricity harvested from the sun. The solar-panel project is one of many green initiatives ([PDF file](#)) that EBSCO has instituted to decrease the company's impact on the environment....



EBSCO Publishing, Aug. 21

### [The Alliance Second Life Library: One year later](#) (PDF file)

A report on the first year of operation of the Alliance Second Life Library 2.0 Project—also known as the Alliance Information Archipelago—is available online. Compiled by Tom Peters of TAP Information Services with the assistance of Lori Bell and Beth Gallaway, the report spans activities from April 11, 2006, to April 18, 2007....



Alliance Library System, East Peoria, Ill.

### [What's the difference between a librarian and a media specialist?](#)

The Media Specialist Special Interest Group of the International Society for Technology in Education has a discussion on this question. Is it semantics, or training, or marketing? And what about the term "teacher-librarian"?...

International Society for Technology in Education SIGMS

### [Behind the scenes at Hatcher](#)

Ever wonder what transpires in the mysterious corridors of Technical Services? In this Flickr sequence of 46 photos, staffers at the University of Michigan's Hatcher Graduate Library show what happens to books before they are placed on the shelf. The idea came from Susan Wortman, Donna Hayward, Shevon Desai, and Karen Reiman-Sendi, librarians at Hatcher....



Flickr, Aug. 9

sponsored by PLA.

#### **Sept. 16–17:**

[Budget and Finance](#), Washington State Library, Olympia. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

#### **Sept. 17–Oct. 22:**

[Reference Interview](#). Online course sponsored by RUSA.

#### **Sept. 19–20:**

[Current Issues](#), Peninsula Library System, San Mateo, California. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

#### **Sept. 25–26:**

[Current Issues](#), Southern Adirondack Library System, Saratoga Springs, New York. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

#### **Sept. 26–27:**

[Marketing](#), Atlanta-Fulton County Central Library. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

#### **Oct. 1–Nov. 9:**

[Readers' Advisory 101](#). Online course sponsored by RUSA.

#### **Oct. 10–12:**

[Library Research Round Table Library Research Seminar IV](#), Station Park Hotel, London, Ontario. "The Library in its Socio-Cultural Context: Issues for Research and Practice." Sponsored by LRRT.

## [Affiliating with Amazon](#)

McMaster University Library in Hamilton, Ontario, has added a new feature to its [online catalog](#) that allows users, if they find a book they really like, to order it directly from Amazon.com. A "Buy it from Amazon" button appears in the item details pop-up window of any library book that is also available through the online bookseller. As members of the [Amazon associates program](#), the library benefits by earning a small referral fee from Amazon on each sale, paid through gift certificates....

McMaster University Library

## [Britannica's Global Reference Center](#)

不列颠袖珍百科  
Britannica Pocket Encyclopedia

Academic and school libraries that serve diverse ethnic populations can now offer a wider encyclopedic perspective with Britannica's new [Global Reference Center](#). The site combines Britannica encyclopedias in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and French. Several editorial teams, working in the countries of origin, spearheaded the creation of these encyclopedias....

Encyclopædia Britannica, July 25

## [Get topographical maps online](#)

The U.S. Geological Survey has launched a new USGS Map Locator and Downloader, a web tool designed to deliver topographic maps easier, faster, and less expensively. Using open source software and the Google Maps programming interface, the [Map Locator and Downloader](#) allows customers to find the topographic maps they need, by searching ZIP code, address, or navigating on an interactive map....



U.S. Geological Survey, Aug. 14

## [NASA photos to go online](#)

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Internet Archive said August 21 that they plan to scan and archive more than 12 million NASA photographs and 100,000 hours of film and video footage for free access online, under an exclusive five-year agreement.

The two organizations didn't specify when the new site will officially launch, but the project will presumably be well underway and public before NASA's 50th anniversary next year....

C|Net news blog, Aug. 21



## [Top 100 classic websites](#)

The Library of Congress [website](#) was one of 100 named by *PC Magazine* as the best the internet has to offer in 2007. Cited for "basically having any content you'd ever want to find," LC joined the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Amazon, Google, Technorati, eBay, Facebook, C|Net, and other familiar URLs as "best-of-breed in their respective categories."...

*PC Magazine*, Aug. 13

## [Find people with Pipl](#)

Gina Trapani writes: "Find your ex, former coworker, or long-lost high school pals at [Pipl](#), a people search engine that returned an impressive number of results



### **Oct. 22–23:**

[Strategic HR: Organization and Personnel Management](#), King County (Wash.) Library System. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

### **Oct. 24–25:**

[Serving Diverse Populations](#), Prairie Area Library System, Moline, Illinois. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

### **Oct. 29–Nov. 2:**

[PLA Results Boot Camp 3](#), Salt Lake City.

### **Nov. 5–Dec. 7:**

[Business Reference 101](#). Online course sponsored by RUSA.

### **Nov. 8:**

[Lawyers for Libraries Training Institute](#), Denver.

### **Nov. 8–9:**

[Fundraising](#), Houston Area Library System. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

### **Nov. 13–14:**

[Politics and Networking](#), Florida Library Association, Orlando. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

### **Dec. 4–5:**

[Fundraising](#), Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, Phoenix. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

for my own name, including my personal homepage, press mentions, SEC documents, MySpace page, Amazon wishlist, and profile—stuff I didn't realize or forgot was online. Pipl says its indexing bots interact with databases in the deep web to get more info than Google."...  
Lifehacker blog, Aug. 15

### [The reading habits of Americans](#)

One in four adults say they read no books at all in the past year, according to an [Associated Press–Ipsos poll](#) released August 21. Of those who did read, women and seniors were the most avid, and religious works and popular fiction were the top choices. Excluding those who hadn't read any, the usual number of books read was seven....

Associated Press, Aug. 21

### [UK youth lack basic literacy skills](#)

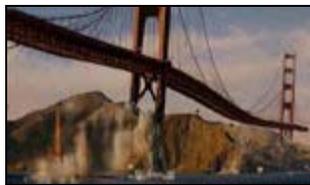
British secondary-school graduates might be tech-savvy, but they are increasingly entering the workplace without basic numerical and literacy skills, employers have warned. The Confederation of British Industry and Pertemps Employment Trends Survey found 92% of employers are happy with the IT skills of students taking qualification exams administered to students aged 14 to 16. But 52% were dissatisfied with the basic literacy of those who have completed secondary school, and half said the same about numerical skills....

C|Net News.com, Aug. 21

### [Hollywood blamed for scientific illiteracy](#)

Two University of Central Florida professors argue that the disregard for the laws of physics evident in Hollywood films is contributing to students' poor understanding of science. The paper, "Hollywood Blockbusters: Unlimited Fun But Limited Science Literacy" ([PDF file](#)), by Costas J. Efthimiou and R. A. Llewellyn, makes no effort to establish a causal link between viewing impossible physics and believing the world works the same way. Rather, it assumes exposure leads to ignorance....

Information Week, Aug. 15



### [The This Into That gallery of bookshelves](#)

Jim Rosenau, an artist and former publishing executive, creates artistically humorous bookshelves and bookcases from discarded books and maintains an online gallery of his works. He got the idea of "turning books into lumber" from reading two essays by Nicholson Baker, and actually sells a few from time to time....

This Into That



### [ALIA celebrates 70 years](#)

The Australian Library and Information Association officially marked its 70th anniversary August 20. The inaugural gathering of the Australian Institute of Librarians took place outside the Albert Hall in Canberra, August 20, 1937 (right). ALIA Executive Director Sue Hutley said, "The proof of our success is visible in the statistics—more than nine out of 10 Australians believe libraries are important—even if they don't use them."...



**Dec. 10–11:**

[Management of Technology](#), Houston Area Library System. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

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Australian Library and Information Association, Aug. 15

## [Russian State Library joins the European Library](#)

Viktor V. Fedorov, director-general of the Russian State Library in Moscow, signed a letter of agreement August 6 with the Conference of European National Librarians to join as a full participant in the European Library. Access to RSL holdings through the [European Library portal](#) will start in 2008 with the "Electronic Library of Dissertations" collection....

TELL Fleur blog, Aug. 17



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## U.S. & World News

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### Indigenous knowledge matters at IFLA Conference in South Africa

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/iflareportdurban.cfm>]

The 73rd World Library and Information Congress of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) convened August 19 in Durban, South Africa, with a new emphasis on indigenous knowledge and oral history in relation to "Libraries for the Future," the conference theme. The five-day conference offered some 3,100 delegates from 116 nations an opportunity to witness firsthand the transformations that have occurred in South African libraries and in the nation itself since the end of Apartheid in 1994....

### CILIP calls on government to intervene in UK library decline

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/cilipintervene.cfm>]

The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, Britain's professional library association, has asked UK Culture

Secretary James Purnell to use his legal authority to stop local councils from further degrading public library service. In an August 8 letter, CILIP Chief Executive Bob McKee wrote that a number of council authorities were planning drastic staff reductions and even turning over libraries to inexperienced community groups in an effort to save money....

#### Alms for Jihad

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/almsjihad.cfm>]

Cambridge University Press has requested some American libraries that own the 2006 book *Alms for Jihad: Charity and Terrorism in the Islamic World* by J. Millard Burr and Robert O. Collins to either remove it from their shelves or add an errata sheet. In an August 15 letter to libraries, Intellectual Property Director Kevin Taylor said that CUP intends to "take every reasonable measure to ensure that readers who may consult this book in the future are made aware of its erroneous statements and to ensure that this defamation is not perpetuated."

#### Bedford trustees ousted over opposing outsourcing proponent

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/bedfortoust.cfm>]

In the latest development over a controversial proposal to privatize the Bedford (Tex.) Public Library, the city council voted out three members of the library board August 14 after Councilman Charles Orea charged them with "character assassination." Orea serves as liaison between the council and the library board, and board members had accused him of a conflict of interest because he has been pushing for the outsourcing while serving as liaison....

#### Saugus inches back to full-time hours

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/saugusinch.cfm>]

The Saugus (Mass.) Public Library must expand its hours to 50.4 per week by September 3 or it will have to repay a \$1.1-million grant to the state. Although the library closed indefinitely May 24 after voters rejected a tax-override proposal in April, the town set aside \$277,000 at its June 25 meeting for the library to reopen for 15 hours with eight part-time staff. Trustees later expanded the hours to 18.5—still a long way from its objective coming due in less than three weeks....

#### Waukesha County nixes fair funding again

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/waukeshanix.cfm>]

The absence of four supervisors at an August 14 Waukesha County (Wis.) Board of Supervisors meeting has cost the 16-member federated county library system an additional \$345,000 in long-sought additional revenue. The second time in four years that the funding-formula modification has been defeated by elected officials, the proposal would have shifted 13 cents per \$1 of property taxes for library capital expenses from Waukesha County towns containing libraries to people living in communities without a library....

#### ALA News

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Prime Time Family Reading Time grants

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/ppoleh07.htm>]

Created by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities in 1991, Prime Time Family Reading Time is an award-winning reading, discussion, and storytelling series based on illustrated children's books. Statewide organizations—including state libraries, state humanities councils, centers for the book, library associations, and library systems—are invited to apply

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/currentprograms/primetime/primetimefamily.htm>]

for grant funding and materials to participate. The deadline for applications is November 1....

Freedom to Read Foundation Nominating Committee

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/ftfr07.htm>]

Robert P. Doyle will chair the Freedom to Read Foundation's Nominating Committee for its April 2008 election, which will fill five positions on the 2008&ndash;2009 FTRF board of trustees. Also on the committee are Therese Bigelow and Candace Morgan....

AL Focus

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Gaming, Learning, and Libraries Symposium video series

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/categories/glls-2007>]

AL Focus offers an overview (7:07) of the ALA TechSource symposium, held in Chicago July 22–24, in addition to four full-length keynote addresses by Scott Nicholson, Liz Lawley, Gregory Trefry, and Henry Jenkins, in this series of five videos. Also in the overview: observations on Second Life, the importance of lemon candy, and why Donkey Kong marked a key moment in video game history. (For MP3 audio files of other GLLS sessions, see the ALA TechSource site.

[<http://www.techsource.ala.org/blog/>]...

Featured review: Books for youth

[[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=2040765](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2040765)]

Long, John. *Dinosaurs*. July 2007. 64p. Simon & Schuster, Grades 3–5 (978-1-4169-3857-6).

Aiming for readers who devour the visually rich nonfiction of DK's Eyewitness series, the Insiders series debuts with *Egypt*, *Oceans*, *Space*, and this title on dinosaurs, sure to be the most popular. The eye-catching qualities of the unjacketed book begin with the embossed, metallic cover and extend to the interior, where unusually realistic renderings of the Mesozoic's denizens dominate each double-page spread. Like others in the series, this follows a two-part format, the first ("Introducing") offering broad background and the second ("In-Depth") going into greater detail about specific

topics....

### Reality TV for writers

[<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2007/08/14/so-you-think-you-can-write/>]  
It doesn't exist. So Kaite Mediatore Stover offers some suggestions to make up for that lack, among them, "Top Scribe: Every week an unnamed publisher will provide a setting, two characters, a catch phrase, and a genre. Each writer-contestant will construct a proposal for a bankable bestseller that employs all elements. The winning proposal gets film rights. This week's challenge: In 24 hours, write a Hugo Award-winning book that includes the Korean War, one actuary, one librarian, and the phrase, 'This one time, at band camp...?' Use of a thesaurus or Red Bull will result in disqualification."...  
Likely Stories blog, Aug. 14

@ Visit Booklist Online [<http://www.booklistonline.com/>] for other reviews and much more....

### Division News

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#### A greener AASL National Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/aaslgg07.htm>]  
The AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada, October 25-28, is going green. All handouts and supporting materials will be available electronically to registered attendees prior to and during the conference. In addition to eliminating large volumes of paper, this will also save on dozens of boxes that would be needed to transport the handouts from the printing location to the convention center....

#### ALCTS fall/winter workshops

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/alctsfw07.htm>]  
Continuing education workshops in ALCTS's lineup include "Basic Subject Cataloging Using LCSH," "Electronic Serials Cataloging," "Integrating Resources Cataloging," "Fundamentals of Library of Congress Classification," "Fundamentals of Acquisitions" and "Metadata and Digital Library Development." The courses will be held in October, November, or January in either Chicago or Philadelphia....

#### ALCTS Non-English Access Steering Committee

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/alctсне07.htm>]  
ALCTS has formed a Non-English Access Steering Committee that will be responsible for providing guidance and direction to the many groups identified for implementing recommendations in the report (PDF file [<http://www.ala.org/alcts/newslinks/currentissues/nonenglishaccess/Non-EnglishReport07.pdf>]) of the Task Force on Non-English Access. The group is chaired by Magda el-Sherbini of Ohio State University....

### Using past lives to launch your library career

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/nmrt/footnotes/august2007a/nmrtannualprogram2007.htm>]

Holly Wilson writes: "This year's New Members Round Table annual conference program brought a panel of librarians together to discuss their diverse work backgrounds. Each panelist discussed their previous jobs and gave advice on how to transfer the skill set from a seemingly different scenario to obtain employment in the library field. Here is a snapshot of the advice given by each panelist."...

NMRT Footnotes, Aug.

### Awards

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#### 2007 Access to Learning Award

[<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/GlobalDevelopment/GlobalLibraries/Announcements/Announce-070820.htm>]

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Libraries initiative presented its 2007 Access to Learning Award of \$1 million on August 20 to the Northern Territory Library, a regional public library system based in Darwin, Australia. The award, given at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions conference in Durban, South Africa, honors NTL's innovative approach to bringing computer and internet technology to remote indigenous communities. NTL's groundbreaking Our Story database allows local people to preserve and share their cultural heritage by archiving digital recordings and photographs on library computers. Microsoft will donate \$224,000 in software and technology training curriculum to upgrade NTL's 300 computers....

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Aug. 20

#### IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellows

[<http://www.oclc.org/news/releases/200671.htm>]

OCLC President Jay Jordan named the IFLA/OCLC Fellows for 2008 during the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' World Library and Information Congress in Durban, South Africa, August 20. The program will support five library and information professionals from Morocco, India, Nepal, Uganda, and South Africa with advanced continuing education and exposure to a broad range of issues in information technologies....

OCLC, Aug. 20

#### Digital Media and Learning Competition

[<http://www.dmlcompetition.net/home.php>]

The HASTAC Initiative and the MacArthur Foundation are mobilizing the field of digital media and learning through a \$2-million open-call competition, supporting all generations of educators, learning entrepreneurs, and communicators. Innovation Awards of \$250,000 and \$100,000 will go to pioneers who are exploring new digital models of learning that build upon and enhance the informal, networked, and

collaborative styles today, especially among youth. Knowledge-Networking Awards, \$30,000–\$75,000 each, will go to creative and dedicated communicators. Apply by October 15....  
Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory (HASTAC)

New Zealander wins Scottish book award

[<http://www.thebookseller.com/news/43878-gunn-wins-scottish-award.html>]

Kirsty Gunn has been named the inaugural winner of the Sundial Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year for her novella *The Boy and the Sea* (Faber and Faber, 2006). Gunn, a native New Zealander who teaches creative writing at Dundee University, was awarded the £25,000 prize at the Edinburgh International Book Festival on August 18. One thousand free copies of Gunn's book are being given away to travelers leaving Edinburgh Airport during the course of the festival....

The Bookseller, Aug. 20

Seen Online

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When did used books become contraband?

[<http://www.seattleweekly.com/2007-08-15/news/when-did-used-books-become-contraband.php>]

Thanks to a controversial "approved vendor system," some state prisons are slowing the flow of books behind bars. Karla Starr writes: "Earlier this year, Carla McLean, a librarian and volunteer for the organization Books to Prisoners (the group's function is self-evident), struck up a correspondence with a Buddhist pen pal at the Airway Heights Corrections Center west of Spokane. He was getting books sent to him from both BTP and the Zen Mountain Monastery. Then one day, the packages stopped arriving."...

Seattle Weekly, Aug. 15

Federal court records, online and free

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/20/technology/20westlaw.html>]

The domination of two legal research services over the publication of federal and state court decisions is being challenged by an internet gadfly who has embarked on an ambitious project to make more than 10 million pages of case law available free online. The project is the latest effort of Carl Malamud, an activist who founded [public.resource.org](http://public.resource.org) [http://public.resource.org] in March, with the broad intent of building "public works" accessible via the network, and with the specific plan to force the federal government to make information more publicly accessible....

New York Times, Aug. 20

University of Arizona Poetry Center gets new home

[<http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/daily/local/60315.php>]

The new Helen S. Schaefer building will soon be the permanent home of the University of Arizona Poetry Center,

[<http://www.poetrycenter.arizona.edu/new/library/collections.html>] which

began moving in August 15. It will take some time to relocate the more than 60,000 items in the collection, one of the largest in the country,

Executive Director Gail Browne said. The center has been in temporary

buildings since it was founded in 1960 by Ruth Stephan. It is the first time the center will have space for all the works it owns, including books, journals, photographs, videos and recordings. A Housewarming Festival will officially open the facility on October 14.... Tucson (Ariz.) Citizen, Aug. 16

#### Quilts stolen from Quincy library

[<http://ledger.southofboston.com/articles/2007/08/10/news/news08.txt>]  
The artwork had been hung and more than 100 invitations had been mailed. But there was one glitch in the August 9 grand reception for the quilt exhibit at the Thomas Crane Public Library in Quincy, Massachusetts: Eight of the approximately 20 quilts by local quilters had been stolen from the library over the past few days. Information on the missing quilts is posted here [<http://www.quilterscompass.com/stolenquilts.html>].... Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger, Aug. 10

in Idaho [<http://www.localnews8.com/Global/story.asp?S=6946812>]  
A committee that reviews school library books that some parents think are inappropriate will recommend that the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, school board place no restrictions on two titles. The committee, made up of parents, teachers, administrators, a librarian, and a student, recommended August 20 that no restrictions be placed on *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. Three other titles that drew complaints by parent Mary Jo Finney, who has children in middle school and high school, are still under review.... Associated Press, Aug. 17

#### Legal issues holding up Bush Library decision

[<http://media.www.smudailycampus.com/media/storage/paper949/news/2007/08/17/News/Legal.Issues.Holding.Up.Library.Decision-2931379.shtml>]  
Southern Methodist University President R. Gerald Turner said legal issues are delaying a final announcement between SMU and the Bush Library Selection Committee. Turner believes it "still looks good" that SMU will get the library complex, but at no point said that it is a done deal. Meanwhile, the Dallas Morning News [[http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/tv/stories/DN-s\\_mubush\\_17tex.ART.North.Edition1.4317303.html](http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/tv/stories/DN-s_mubush_17tex.ART.North.Edition1.4317303.html)] reports that SMU started lobbying the White House for the library in early 2001.... SMU Daily Campus, Aug. 17; Dallas Morning News, Aug. 17

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[[http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_content=AL%2BDirect](http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=AL%2BDirect)]  
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#### Tech Talk

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#### Are you ready for virtual worlds?

[[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/07\\_33/b4046064.htm?chan=search](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/07_33/b4046064.htm?chan=search)]  
h]  
Google, Second Life creator Linden Lab, IBM, and a bevy of additional

companies are moving toward the day when you can stroll around a 3D Web using a virtual replica of yourself that you've created. They are working to establish technical standards, open to all programmers, that would allow the entire internet to become a galaxy of connected virtual worlds. As you walk by a sale at a virtual jeans store, web cameras in the real store let you see how crowded it actually is, in case a popular item is selling out. Your avatar, set to your body's measurements, tries on the jeans and spins around to show them to your pals....

Business Week, Aug. 13

Five new ways to share files

[<http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,1697,2165271,00.asp>]

Michael W. Muchmore writes: "If you've ever had an email inbox clogged with attachments from friends or coworkers, you've probably experienced an inbox slowdown or run up against its storage limit. Maybe you've tried to send or receive a humungous file through email, but the system wouldn't even allow your oversized attachment to be delivered. Web services that let you avoid these problems have arrived on the scene, and some of them don't require any tech savvy and won't cost you anything."...

ExtremeTech, Aug. 2

Late-summer roundup

[[http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=still\\_here&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=still_here&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

Andrew Pace writes: "I think we made it through the entire summer season without the loss, merger, or acquisition of a single ILS entity! Some attrition at ILS giant SirsiDynix [<http://www.sirsidynix.com>] continues, but the firm did appoint a new COO: Matthew Hawkins will be responsible for the company's Client Care, Implementation, and Consulting & Education organizations. The Berkeley Electronic Press [<http://www.bepress.com/>] announced that it would be purchasing Digital Commons, a turnkey Institutional Repository solution, from ProQuest [<http://proquest.com/>]."...

Hectic Pace blog, Aug. 21

Primo now public at Vanderbilt

[<http://www.librarytechnology.org/blog.pl?ThreadID=15>]

Primo [<http://www.exlibrisgroup.com/primo.htm>], described by Ex Libris as its next-generation "discovery and delivery tool" for academic libraries, has been unveiled at the Vanderbilt University Libraries in Nashville. Ex Libris has been working with Vanderbilt for over a year as a development partner toward the creation of this new product, which includes features such as faceted search, relevancy ranking of results, content enrichment services, grouping of related items through FRBR, and much more....

Library Technology Guides blog, Aug. 20

A keyboard for night owls

[<http://www.saitekusa.com/usa/prod/eclipseii.htm>]

The Saitek Eclipse II keyboard gives you a choice of backlighting colors—purple, red, and blue—adjustable via a dimmer mechanism. The laser-etched key characters and keypad illuminate, making it useful in any lighting environment. The key clicks are quiet (also suitable for night-time use) and the base has large rubber feet to keep it securely planted to your desk. Also available through Amazon.com....

Saitek

Embed Google Maps with HTML

[[http://www.google.com/intl/en/press/annc/embed\\_maps.html](http://www.google.com/intl/en/press/annc/embed_maps.html)]

Google Maps users can now add a map to their website or blog just by copying and pasting a snippet of HTML. This new functionality enables Google Maps users to share and disseminate geographic information in the same way that YouTube users share videos. Bloggers and webmasters no longer need an API key or knowledge of Java Script to put a Google Map on their website or blog....

Google, Aug. 21

Top 10 PDF tricks

[<http://lifehacker.com/software/lifehacker-top-10/top-10-pdf-tricks-289583.php>]

Gina Trapani writes: “The PDF file format is one of the best ways to publish, save, and exchange well-formatted documents that will look exactly the same regardless of the device or computer you open them on. Here are our top 10 list of techniques for converting, exchanging, sharing, managing, and editing PDF documents.”...

Lifehacker blog, Aug. 15

A fast way for 100 people to view your screen

[<http://www.networkworld.com/community/node/18381>]

Glance Networks said August 13 its desktop-sharing service

[<http://www.glance.net>] can now support up to 100 guests watching the same computer screen, up from its previous limit of 15 viewers. Going from 15 to 100 viewers per session greatly expands the types of things groups can do with the service—including webinars, virtual conferencing, and training sessions....

Network World, Aug. 13

Computer history, in a barn

[<http://news.com.com/1606-2-6203525.html?tag=nefd.also>]

C|Net presents a 4-minute video visit to the 10-year-old DigiBarn

Computer Museum [<http://www.digibarn.com/index.html>]*—located on a pig farm in the Santa Cruz Mountains of northern California—that houses vintage computing equipment going all the way back to 1887. Curator Bruce Damer seeks to capture personal stories and track technological evolution through a large collection of antique computer systems, manuals, videos, interviews, and other fossil relics of the “Cambrian explosion” of personal computing that ignited in 1975....*

C|Net news.com, Aug. 20

Web Archiving Toolset performance tested at British Library

[<http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue52/pope-beresford/>]

Jackson Pope and Philip Beresford report on the British Library’s testing of the International Internet Preservation Consortium Toolset

[<http://netpreserve.org/software/toolkit.php>]*—comprising the Web Curator Tool, NutchWax, and the Open Source Wayback Machine—for its evolving web archiving operations, in anticipation of legal depository legislation being introduced within the next few years....*

Ariadne, no. 52 (July)

The anthropology of the undergraduate

[<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v53/i50/50a02601.htm>] (subscription required)

Several years ago, anthropologist Nancy Fried Foster was hired by the University of Rochester library to study undergraduates, to help shed light on how they do their research and write papers, and how they spend their days. The results of the study, which ACRL will publish in September in a book titled *Studying Students*, [[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=2434](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2434)] helped guide a library renovation, influenced a website redesign, led to changes in the way the library markets itself to students, and, in some cases, completely changed the image of undergraduates in the eyes of Rochester librarians....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Aug. 17

recovery report [<http://www.gnocdc.org/KI/KatrinaIndex.pdf>] (PDF file)

The New Orleans Index, a special report on key recovery indicators, says that although less than half of the public and private schools in New Orleans have reopened, some parish libraries are doing slightly better: “Two out of 12 libraries remain closed in St. Tammany. There are no libraries open in St. Bernard. Two out of three libraries are still closed in Plaquemines Parish. Five out of 16 libraries remain closed in Jefferson Parish. And four out of 13 libraries are still shuttered in Orleans Parish. Of the nine libraries in operation in Orleans Parish, two are operating out of FEMA trailers. Overall, of the 46 libraries that existed in those five parishes prior to Katrina, 70% are now reopened.”...

New Orleans Index, special edition (Aug. 2007), pp. 13–16

Be prepared for disaster

[[http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=make\\_sure\\_you\\_and\\_your\\_community\\_are\\_prepared&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=make_sure_you_and_your_community_are_prepared&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

The ALA Washington Office recently updated its Disaster Preparedness and Recovery page

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/woissues/disasterpreparedness/distrprep.cfm>]

and, in light of the hurricane season and recent events in the western states, it’s vitally important to make sure your library and your community are both prepared should disaster strike. The National Heritage Health Index [<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/HHI/index.html>] discovered that 70% of libraries did not have a disaster plan....

District Dispatch blog, Aug. 21

Ogden Museum library fundraiser

[<http://www.ogdenmuseum.org/library-campaign/index.html>]

Extensive restoration work is underway on the Patrick F. Taylor Library in New Orleans to preserve the treasure designed by the great American 19th-century architect, Henry Hobson Richardson, as an integral part of the historically significant complex of buildings that the Ogden Museum of Southern art calls home. This long-term preservation project has been characterized by attention to detail, which included bringing stones from the original quarry in Massachusetts and milling floors from aged timber found in an old warehouse. However, there is still much work to be

done....

Ogden Museum of Southern Art

Walking the Line: The Rally

[<http://jamesandannie.cyberflunk.com/portfolio/video14.html>]

Graphic designer James Gemmill has put together a short film for CUPE 391, which represents the striking Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library workers, about the August 10 rally held at City Hall by the three main civic unions of the City of Vancouver, after negotiations had broken down the previous day. There are two other films in his “Civic Strike” series:

The Read In [<http://jamesandannie.cyberflunk.com/portfolio/video12.html>]

and The Blacked Out Week

[<http://jamesandannie.cyberflunk.com/portfolio/video13.html>]....

James Gemmill

EBSCO shows its green side

[<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2007/08/prweb548001.htm>]

Database aggregator EBSCO Publishing has installed a photovoltaic array on the roof of its historic mill building on Union Street in Ipswich, Massachusetts. The system is among the largest installations on the North Shore of Boston and provides year-round electricity harvested from the sun. The solar-panel project is one of many green initiatives (PDF file [<http://www.ebscohost.com/careers/uploads/topicFile-171.pdf>]) that EBSCO has instituted to decrease the company’s impact on the environment....

EBSCO Publishing, Aug. 21

The Alliance Second Life Library: One year later

[<http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/pdf/07sllreport.pdf>] (PDF file)

A report on the first year of operation of the Alliance Second Life Library 2.0 Project—also known as the Alliance Information Archipelago—is available online. Compiled by Tom Peters of TAP Information Services with the assistance of Lori Bell and Beth Gallaway, the report spans activities from April 11, 2006, to April 18, 2007....

Alliance Library System, East Peoria, Ill.

What’s the difference between a librarian and a media specialist?

[<http://sigms.iste.wikispaces.net/What+is+the+difference+between+a+librarian+and+a+media+specialist%3F>]

The Media Specialist Special Interest Group of the International Society for Technology in Education has a discussion on this question. Is it semantics, or training, or marketing? And what about the term “teacher-librarian”?...

International Society for Technology in Education SIGMS

Behind the scenes at Hatcher

[[http://www.flickr.com/photos/alexis\\_medea/sets/72157601347637401/detail/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/alexis_medea/sets/72157601347637401/detail/)]

Ever wonder what transpires in the mysterious corridors of Technical Services? In this Flickr sequence of 46 photos, staffers at the University of Michigan’s Hatcher Graduate Library show what happens to books before they are placed on the shelf. The idea came from Susan Wortman, Donna Hayward, Shevon Desai, and Karen Reiman-Sendi, librarians at Hatcher....

Flickr, Aug. 9

### Affiliating with Amazon

[<http://library.mcmaster.ca/php/blog.php?id=735&display=full>]

McMaster University Library in Hamilton, Ontario, has added a new feature to its online catalog [<http://library.mcmaster.ca/>] that allows users, if they find a book they really like, to order it directly from Amazon.com.

A “Buy it from Amazon” button appears in the item details pop-up window of any library book that is also available through the online bookseller.

As members of the Amazon associates program,

[<http://affiliate-program.amazon.com/gp/associates/join>] the library benefits by earning a small referral fee from Amazon on each sale, paid through gift certificates....

McMaster University Library

### Britannica's Global Reference Center

[<http://corporate.britannica.com/press/releases/globalref.html>]

Academic and school libraries that serve diverse ethnic populations can now offer a wider encyclopedic perspective with Britannica's new Global Reference Center. [<http://global.eb.com/>] The site combines Britannica encyclopedias in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and French. Several editorial teams, working in the countries of origin, spearheaded the creation of these encyclopedias....

Encyclopædia Britannica, July 25

### Get topographical maps online

[<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=1718>]

The U.S. Geological Survey has launched a new USGS Map Locator and Downloader, a web tool designed to deliver topographic maps easier, faster, and less expensively. Using open source software and the Google Maps programming interface, the Map Locator and Downloader

[<http://store.usgs.gov/scripts/wgate/ZWW20/!~language=en&~theme=GP&OSTORE=USGSGP&~OKCODE=START>] allows customers to find the topographic maps they need, by searching ZIP code, address, or navigating on an interactive map....

U.S. Geological Survey, Aug. 14

### NASA photos to go online [[http://news.com.com/8301-10784\\_3-9763731-7.html](http://news.com.com/8301-10784_3-9763731-7.html)]

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Internet Archive said August 21 that they plan to scan and archive more than 12 million NASA photographs and 100,000 hours of film and video footage for free access online, under an exclusive five-year agreement. The two organizations didn't specify when the new site will officially launch, but the project will presumably be well underway and public before NASA's 50th anniversary next year....

C|Net news blog, Aug. 21

### Top 100 classic websites

[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2168282,00.asp>]

The Library of Congress website [<http://www.loc.gov>] was one of 100 named by PC Magazine as the best the internet has to offer in 2007. Cited for “basically having any content you'd ever want to find,” LC joined the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Amazon, Google, Technorati, eBay, Facebook, C|Net, and other familiar URLs as “best-of-breed in their respective categories.”...

PC Magazine, Aug. 13

Find people with Pipl

[<http://lifehacker.com/software/search-techniques/find-people-with-pipl-289655.php>]

Gina Trapani writes: “Find your ex, former coworker, or long-lost high school pals at Pipl, [<http://www.pipl.com/>] a people search engine that returned an impressive number of results for my own name, including my personal homepage, press mentions, SEC documents, MySpace page, Amazon wishlist, and profile&mdash;stuff I didn’t realize or forgot was online. Pipl says its indexing bots interact with databases in the deep web to get more info than Google.”...

Lifehacker blog, Aug. 15

The reading habits of Americans

[<http://www.cnn.com/2007/LIVING/wayoflife/08/21/reading.ap/index.html>]

One in four adults say they read no books at all in the past year, according to an Associated Press&#8211;Ipsos poll

[<http://www.ap-ipsosresults.com/>] released August 21. Of those who did read, women and seniors were the most avid, and religious works and popular fiction were the top choices. Excluding those who hadn’t read any, the usual number of books read was seven....

Associated Press, Aug. 21

UK youth lack basic literacy skills

[[http://news.com.com/Survey+U.K.s+tech-savvy+young+lack+basic+literacy+skills/2100-1030\\_3-6203594.html](http://news.com.com/Survey+U.K.s+tech-savvy+young+lack+basic+literacy+skills/2100-1030_3-6203594.html)]

British secondary-school graduates might be tech-savvy, but they are increasingly entering the workplace without basic numerical and literacy skills, employers have warned. The Confederation of British Industry and Pertemps Employment Trends Survey found 92% of employers are happy with the IT skills of students taking qualification exams administered to students aged 14 to 16. But 52% were dissatisfied with the basic literacy of those who have completed secondary school, and half said the same about numerical skills....

C|Net News.com, Aug. 21

Hollywood blamed for scientific illiteracy

[<http://www.informationweek.com/research/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=201800373>]

Two University of Central Florida professors argue that the disregard for the laws of physics evident in Hollywood films is contributing to students’ poor understanding of science. The paper, “Hollywood Blockbusters: Unlimited Fun But Limited Science Literacy” (PDF file [[http://arxiv.org/PS\\_cache/arxiv/pdf/0707/0707.1167v1.pdf](http://arxiv.org/PS_cache/arxiv/pdf/0707/0707.1167v1.pdf)]), by Costas J. Efthimiou and R. A. Llewellyn, makes no effort to establish a causal link between viewing impossible physics and believing the world works the same way. Rather, it assumes exposure leads to ignorance....

Information Week, Aug. 15

The This Into That gallery of bookshelves [<http://thisintothat.com/>]

Jim Rosenau, an artist and former publishing executive, creates artistically humorous bookshelves and bookcases from discarded books and maintains an online gallery of his works. He got the idea of “turning books into lumber” from reading two essays by Nicholson Baker, and

actually sells a few from time to time....

This Into That

ALIA celebrates 70 years [<http://alia.org.au/media.room/2007.08.15.html>]

The Australian Library and Information Association officially marked its 70th anniversary August 20. The inaugural gathering of the Australian Institute of Librarians took place outside the Albert Hall in Canberra, August 20, 1937 (right). ALIA Executive Director Sue Hutley said, “The proof of our success is visible in the statistics—more than nine out of 10 Australians believe libraries are important—even if they don’t use them.”...

Australian Library and Information Association, Aug. 15

Russian State Library joins the European Library

[<http://telfleur.wordpress.com/tag/news/>]

Viktor V. Fedorov, director-general of the Russian State Library in Moscow, signed a letter of agreement August 6 with the Conference of European National Librarians to join as a full participant in the European Library. Access to RSL holdings through the European Library portal [<http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/portal/index.html>] will start in 2008 with the “Electronic Library of Dissertations” collection....

TELL Fleur blog, Aug. 17

[<http://www.techsoup.org/stock/libraries/default.asp?cg=libad&sg=ald>]

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/midwinter/2008/geninfo.htm>]

Housing

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/midwinter/2008/faq.htm#travel> 1] for the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia will open October 1.

Forms will be available in the October issue of American Libraries.

[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=2339](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2339)]

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[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=2339](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2339)] is back and better than ever! The new third edition, edited by Holly Koelling, continues to be the most comprehensive and effective reference for great reading for young adults, including 40 years of best YA books. NEW! From ALA Editions.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek.htm>]

The 96-minute Hollywood Librarian [<http://www.hollywoodlibrarian.com/>] documentary film will be shown during Banned Books Week, September 29–October 6, 2007, at 45 screening locations in the United States and Canada. For a full list of locations, see the map.

[<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=10804>]

9457249243098895.000436bba872c93bb44d5&ll=37.095033,-98.773022&spn=35.13611  
5,59.765625&z=4&om=1] The deadline to send in an agreement  
[<http://www.hollywoodlibrarian.com/screen.html#Anchor-Requirements-14210>]  
to screen the film is now August 24 at 5 p.m. Pacific time.

[<https://www.libraryelearning.org/ala/>]

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[<http://www.abffe.com/bbw-sale.htm>]

The American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression  
[<http://www.abffe.com/bbw-sale.htm>] is offering a Banned Books Week deep  
discount through October 6 on T-shirts, buttons, and stickers that  
incorporate its “freedom” logo. The T-shirts are newly designed and  
available in two fresh colors—charcoal and forest green—as well as the  
traditional blue and black.

Career Leads from  
[<http://joblist.ala.org/>]

Membership Marketing Specialist,  
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=7513>] ALSC, American Library Association, Chicago, to build the  
division’s membership by both attracting new members and improving  
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markets, develop and implement strategies to reach these markets, create  
marketing materials, and use various communication outlets (direct mail,  
email, web, advertising, etc.) that promote ALSC events, products, and  
effectively communicate the benefits and values of membership....

@ More jobs [<http://joblist.ala.org/>]...

Digital Library of the Week

[<http://texashistory.unt.edu/permalink/meta-ptb-11803:1>]

The University of North Texas Libraries’ Portal to Texas History

[<http://texashistory.unt.edu/>] program (watch the 1:58 video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIDx9n4wFb0>]) is a digital gateway that works with 70 collaborative partners to provide access to historical materials across the state. The Moore Memorial Public Library in Texas City contributed more than 300 photos of the Texas City Disaster, [<http://texashistory.unt.edu/search/?q=Texas+City+Disaster,+1947&t=dc.subject>] the worst industrial accident in U.S. history, which took place April 16, 1947. Two ships loaded with 8,500 tons of ammonium nitrate exploded in the port, killing 581 people.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this new AL Direct feature? Tell us about it. [<mailto:aldirect@ala.org>]

#### ALSC members

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/projectspartners/projectspartnerships.htm>] are invited to participate in the Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids [<http://www.dayforkids.org/>] celebration on September 15. BGC Day for Kids is set aside each year to celebrate America's children through the gift of meaningful time with a positive adult.

#### Public Perception

How the World  
Sees Us

“Bad information can spread like kudzu. A newspaper or magazine might print incorrect information, and then someone researching the topic picks up that bad information and uses it in a story or on a website. The process repeats until bad information blankets the Web.

“If this is a concern, try something really radical: Go to a library. Trained reference librarians have access to expensive commercial databases you can't affordably visit. And they have old-fashioned reference books.”

?Columnist Bill Husted, in “Used Properly, the Web Is a Great Research Tool,” Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Aug. 3.

[<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>]

Coming up soon! The 2007 National Book Festival, [<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2007/07-133.html>] organized and sponsored by the Library of Congress and hosted by First Lady Laura Bush, will be held on Saturday, September 29, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., between 7th and 14th streets. Free and open to the public, the festival will feature some 70 well-known authors.

From the CentenniAL Blog

Worth remembering: ALA in New Orleans.

[[http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=worth\\_remembering&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=worth_remembering&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)] Judith Faust, business and economics librarian at California State University, East Bay, submitted this remembrance of Annual Conference in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. She writes: “As we pass the 2nd anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, I’m reminded that I have never been prouder of ‘my’ association than the day in November 2005, three months after the hurricane hit, when word came out that the ALA was going to meet its original commitment to hold the June 2006 Annual Conference in New Orleans, and that two days would be set aside for librarian volunteers to work on community service projects. As a librarian in the San Francisco Bay Area who had already been back to New Orleans to help my parents and sister with their homes, my eyes welled up when I heard the news, knowing how important this would be for the city’s economy. I was ecstatic for New Orleans and fiercely proud of ALA.”...

See the Blog [<http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php>] for more....

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Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. I just read in the ALA Washington Office’s District Dispatch blog [[http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=make\\_sure\\_you\\_and\\_your\\_community\\_are\\_prepared&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=make_sure_you_and_your_community_are_prepared&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)] that 70% of libraries do not have a disaster plan—and we’re one of them! Where can I get help in writing one?

A. There are a number of resources available to you. That same posting lists several web-based resources for disaster readiness [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Disaster\\_Readiness](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Disaster_Readiness)]. Be sure to work with your local government and your state library, as your plan needs to work in concert with those developed for larger areas. Some state libraries or regional consortia will have resources of their own. The Indiana State Library [<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/ldo/pol/plpolicies.html>], for example, has a disaster plan template available. SOLINET’s Preservation Field Service Program [[http://www.solinet.net/preservation/preservation\\_templ.cfm?doc\\_id=71](http://www.solinet.net/preservation/preservation_templ.cfm?doc_id=71)] has extensive resources available for its members, as do other regional networks. There are also workshops, such as an online one from SOLINET [[http://www.solinet.net/workshops/ws\\_details.cfm?doc\\_id=3004&WKSHPID=12DDP](http://www.solinet.net/workshops/ws_details.cfm?doc_id=3004&WKSHPID=12DDP)] or a tailored on-site workshop from the Northeast Document Conservation Center [<http://www.nedcc.org/education/offerings.php>]. Again, check with your local consortium, state association, or state library to see what might be available in your area—or to see what would be entailed in bringing one of the workshops from ALCTS [<http://www.ala.org/ALCTSTemplate.cfm?Section=alcts>], NEDCC, or SOLINET to your area. See the ALA Professional Tips wiki

[[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Preparing\\_a\\_Disaster\\_Plan](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Preparing_a_Disaster_Plan)]  
for more....

@ The ALA Librarian [<mailto:AskTheLibrarian@ala.org>] welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

### ALA courses and institutes

Sept. 4&ndash;Oct. 11:

#### Marketing Basics for Libraries

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/onlinemarketingbasicsforlibrariescourse/markbasics.htm>]. Online course sponsored by RUSA.

Sept. 5&ndash;6:

#### Planning and Management of Buildings

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/buildings/buildings.cfm>], Ohio Library Council, Columbus. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Sept. 11&ndash;12:

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>] Budget and Finance

[[http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/budgetandfinance/Budget\\_and\\_Finance.cfm](http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/budgetandfinance/Budget_and_Finance.cfm)], Kansas City (Mo.) Metropolitan Library and Information Network. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Sept. 16&ndash;17:

#### Budget and Finance

[[http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/budgetandfinance/Budget\\_and\\_Finance.cfm](http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/budgetandfinance/Budget_and_Finance.cfm)], Washington State Library, Olympia. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Sept. 17&ndash;Oct. 22: Reference Interview

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/onlinereferenceinterviewcourse/refinterview.htm>]. Online course sponsored by RUSA.

Sept. 19&ndash;20:

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>] Current Issues

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/trends/trends.cfm>], Peninsula Library System, San Mateo, California. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Sept. 25&ndash;26:

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>] Current Issues

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/trends/trends.cfm>],

Southern Adirondack Library System, Saratoga Springs, New York. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Sept. 26&ndash;27: Marketing

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/marketing/marketing.cfm>], Atlanta-Fulton County Central Library. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Oct. 1&ndash;Nov. 9: Readers&#8217; Advisory 101

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/onlinereadersadvisory101course/readadv101ce.htm>]. Online course sponsored by RUSA.

Oct. 10&ndash;12:

Library Research Round Table Library Research Seminar IV

[<http://lrs4.fims.uwo.ca/default.htm>], Station Park Hotel, London, Ontario. &ldquo;The Library in its Socio-Cultural Context: Issues for Research and Practice.&rdquo; Sponsored by LRRT.

Oct. 22&ndash;23:

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]Strategic HR: Organization and Personnel Management

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/strategichr/strategichr.cfm>], King County (Wash.) Library System. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Oct. 24&ndash;25:

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]

Serving Diverse Populations

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/diverse/diversepopulation.s.cfm>], Prairie Area Library System, Moline, Illinois. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Oct. 29&ndash;Nov. 2:

PLA Results Boot Camp 3

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/travelingwksp/resultsbootcamp/ResultsBootCamp.cfm>], Salt Lake City.

Nov. 5&ndash;Dec. 7: Business Reference 101

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/prodevonline.htm>]. Online course sponsored by RUSA.

Nov. 8:

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/oifprograms/lawforlib/lawyerslibraries.htm>]

Lawyers for Libraries Training Institute

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/oifprograms/lawforlib/lawyerslibraries.htm>], Denver.

Nov. 8&ndash;9:

Fundraising

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/fundraising/fundraising.cfm>], Houston Area Library System. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Nov. 13&ndash;14:

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]Politics and Networking

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/politics/politics.cfm>], Florida Library Association, Orlando. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Dec. 4&ndash;5:

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]Fundraising

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/fundraising/fundraising.cfm>], Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, Phoenix. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Dec. 10&ndash;11: Management of Technology

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/technology/technology.cfm>], Houston Area Library System. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

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## U.S. & World News

### [Vancouver library staff serve as they strike](#)

Five weeks into a strike over pay equity issues that city officials say could continue for months, Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library staff are keeping busy on the picket line with music, lectures, and public service. "It's very difficult to take the library out of the library worker," union President Alex Youngberg said. Staffer Todd Wong has entertained fellow members of CUPE Local 391 by performing on his accordion, and he has organized performances or readings by poets, choirs, and authors. A new [video](#) by James Gemmill, *Walking the Line*, is available concerning the strike....



### [Tax rollback strains Broward's joint-use model](#)

In implementing a 9% property-tax rollback triggered by the Florida legislature this spring, Broward County commissioners have run into a significant roadblock: the county's six-year-old joint-use agreement with Nova Southeastern University to share the collections and services of the NSU Davie campus's Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. Instead of agreeing to BCL Director Robert Cannon's request that the county's \$5.5-million annual support of Sherman be reduced by \$575,000, NSU has asked for \$940,000 more per year because library records indicate that more than 50% of its patrons are not affiliated with the university....



### [New Jersey borough sues its library for patrons' names](#)

The borough of Bloomingdale, New Jersey, filed a lawsuit August 3 in state Superior Court over its public library's refusal to provide the names and addresses of all its users. The borough council wanted demographic information on patrons so that it could close the library and negotiate a less expensive contract with neighboring Riverdale to provide library services. However, Bloomingdale Free Public Library



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Director Theresa J. Rubin declined to provide the names without a court order, citing the [state law](#) on confidentiality of library records....

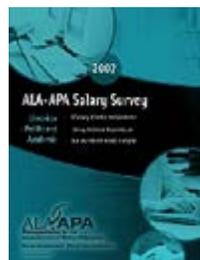
## [Senate hearing: Librarian laments lack of rural broadband in Arkansas](#)

David Burdick, director of the Pine Bluff/Jefferson County (Ark.) Library System, testified August 28 on the insufficiency of broadband in Arkansas libraries before a field hearing of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. The [hearing](#), "The State of Broadband in Arkansas," was organized by Sen. Mark Pryor (D-Ark.) and held at the downtown branch of the Central Arkansas Library System in Little Rock. Burdick testified to the difficulties in library connectivity at his local branches....

## ALA News

### [Salary survey results available](#)

Analysis of data from more than 800 public and academic libraries showed the mean salary for librarians with ALA-accredited master's degrees increased 2.8% from 2006, up \$1,550 to \$57,809. Salaries ranged from \$22,048 to \$225,000, with the median at \$53,000. Results from the 2007 *ALA-APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public and Academic* and *ALA-APA Salary Survey: Non-MLS—Public and Academic* are available by [subscription](#) or through the [ALA Store](#)....



### [Last call for Council nominees](#)

The Nominating Committee has extended the deadline through September 21 for nominees to run for councilor-at-large in the Spring 2008 ALA election. After that date, anyone seeking to run may file by petition. The committee will select no fewer than 53 candidates for the 35 at-large Council seats to be filled....

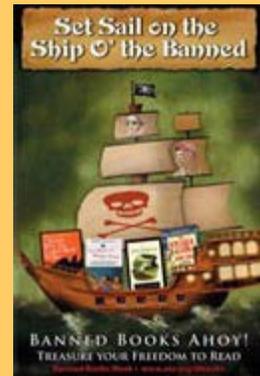
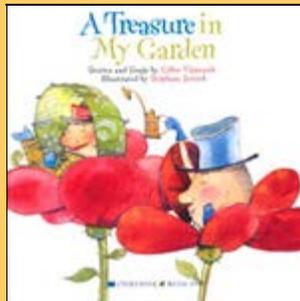
## Booklist ONLINE

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

*A Treasure in My Garden*. Apr. 2007. 50 min. Ryko, DVD (978-2-923163-14-7). PreSchool-K.

Imaginative lyrics spark delightful melodies backing 13 short animated music videos touching upon such topics as food, toys, sleep, feelings, parents, and make believe. Harder to categorize is the extremely creative

"Boxes," an intriguing, rhyming story of boxes with wheels that ride along a roller-coaster track carrying passengers. In "Teddy," a little girl convinces her dad to make different toys for her bear until she finally designs one for herself. "Scuttlebutt, What a Nut" involves a child who, in turn, becomes a pirate, acrobat, lion tamer, and rock hound. Finally, removing a hat with a flourish, the youngster reveals



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—pigtails! The musical styles vary from lullaby and folk song to western swing and feature both solo and group performances....

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## Division News

### [Young Adult Literature Symposium: Proposals wanted](#)

YALSA will hold its first biennial Young Adult Literature Symposium at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, November 7–9, 2008. [Proposals](#) for programs and unpublished scholarly papers will be accepted through October 1. The symposium theme, "How We Read Now," will investigate what, how, and why the burgeoning teen population reads....

### [Exploratorium to showcase best practices](#)

MetaMetrics Inc., developer of the Lexile Framework for Reading, will sponsor the Exploratorium at the AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada, October 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. This educational session consists of more than 50 individual learning stations and demonstrates best practices from the school library media community....



### [AASL e-Academy offers five fall courses](#)

Starting October 1, AASL e-Academy will offer five online CE programs in partnership with the University of North Texas LE@D project. The offerings include creating websites, children's literature, copyright, multicultural literature, and reluctant readers. [Registration](#) is available September 7–25....

### [YALSA has four fall courses](#)

YALSA will offer four online courses in October: booktalks, new technologies and literacies, gaming, and YALSA competencies. [Registration](#) opened August 27 and runs to September 17....

### [Two new YALSA discussion lists](#)

YALSA has created two new electronic discussion lists: teachyal, which offers resources and discussion for those currently teaching children's and young adult literature; and yalsa-lockdown, which discusses issues unique to librarians serving incarcerated youth. To subscribe, visit the [YALSA website](#)....

## Round Table News

### [Second Life hype vs. human needs](#)

John Gehner writes: "Last year, 85% of Illinois counties experienced an increase in poverty. I haven't yet looked at how the other 49 states compare. But it's disappointing at times to think that some of the best and brightest information professionals are devoting their substantial talents to the denizens of Second Life, a virtual world

September 2007



**The First Amendment Needs New Clothes**

**Rethinking the Library Bill of Rights**

**What's a Library Worth?**

**ALA Awards**



The mission of [OneWebDay](#), September 22, is to create, maintain, and promote a global day to celebrate online life. If you're interested in being part of a project to celebrate the net on OneWebday, go to the [ProjectWiki](#). Sample projects for you to consider: record oral histories on how the Web changes lives, explain how you work online, teach your boss how to IM, or run a website-building workshop.

**Career Leads from**



**[Manager, Media Asset Library](#)**, Middle East Broadcasting Networks,

founded on leisure time, rather than a real world with millions of people struggling for a Better Life every day."...  
SRRT Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force, Aug. 3

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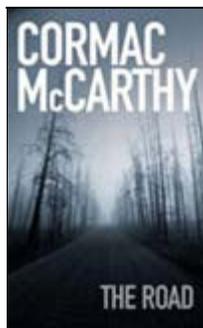
### [Kate DiCamillo wins 2007 Zarrow Award](#)

Newbery Medal-winning author Kate DiCamillo packed in the crowds two days in a row as she visited the Tulsa (Okla.) City-County Library August 24–25 to receive the Tulsa Library Trust's 2007 [Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature](#). DiCamillo, author of *Because of Winn-Dixie*, also presented awards to winners of the library's 2007 Young People's Creative Writing Contest and gave tips on how to write creatively to the crowd of more than 500 children and adults....  
*Tulsa (Okla.) World*, Aug. 25; Tulsa City-County Library, Aug. 28



### [Cormac McCarthy takes James Tait Black prize](#)

The American author Cormac McCarthy, long revered for the hardbitten poetry of his novels, has won the UK's oldest and most literary of book awards. McCarthy was awarded the James Tait Black memorial prize, worth £10,000, for his bleak vision of a post-apocalyptic America, *The Road*. The book won a Pulitzer earlier this year, was chosen as an Oprah book, and is being widely noised as a strong Nobel contender....  
*The Guardian* (U.K.), Aug. 28



### [SLA recognizes its military librarians](#)

During its Annual Conference in Denver in June, the Special Libraries Association honored the professionals who work tirelessly to ensure that the armed forces have the information resources they need both abroad and at home. The 300-plus members of the SLA Military Librarians Division were awarded the 2007 SLA Professional Award, which recognizes a special event, major achievement, or specific significant contribution to the field of librarianship or information science....  
Special Libraries Association, Aug. 23

## Seen Online

### [Gail Borden systems are "go" for September 5 space talk](#)

For the first time ever on September 5, kids in a library will talk directly to the International Space Station. If all goes as planned, youth from the Gail Borden Public Library District in Elgin, Illinois, will get approximately 10 minutes to speak directly to NASA astronaut Clay Anderson (right) as he glides overhead—horizon to horizon—on the space station orbiting 200 miles above the earth. Thanks to the library's "Space: Dare to Dream" exhibit and some local help, the library was granted a rare



Springfield, Virginia. MBN is a Washington, D.C.–based international multi-media corporation broadcasting [television](#) and FM/AM radio news and information in Arabic to the 22+ Arabic-speaking countries of the Middle East and North Africa as well as to Arabic speakers across Europe. The MAL Manager is the senior digital archivist responsible for MBN's Media Asset Library....

@ [More jobs...](#)

### Digital Library of the Week



The [U.S. Geological Survey Central Regional Library](#) in Denver has an online image collection providing access to more than 35,000 photographs, searchable by keyword, taken during geologic studies of the United States and its territories from 1868 to the present. It contains images of rock formations, fossils, mines and quarries, earthquakes, floods, volcanoes, national parks and monuments, archaeological sites, and geologists. The site is

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station contact....

Gail Borden Public Library District, Aug. 27

### [Victoria workers poised to strike](#)

The union representing Greater Victoria, British Columbia, library workers says a strike is "highly likely" after mediator Grant McArthur stepped out of negotiations between the two sides August 28. "It would take a miracle to prevent a strike," said Ed Seedhouse, president of CUPE 410, which represents 220 library workers. He couldn't say when the strike would begin....

*Victoria (B.C.) Times Colonist, Aug. 29*

### [Sen. Leahy donates Batman movie earnings to Montpelier library](#)

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) landed a speaking part in *The Dark Knight*, the latest in the Batman movie series, and has donated his \$2,000 appearance fee to the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier, Vermont. Leahy attributes his predilection for Batman and other comic-book heroes with summertime childhood reading both at home and in the library. "I had my first library card there when I was about four years old," Leahy said. "Jean Holbrook, who was the librarian then, would always pick out books for me to read."...

*Barre-Montpelier (Vt.) Times Argus, Aug. 11*



### [Ohio libraries closed due to flood damage](#)

The Findlay-Hancock County (Ohio) Public Library [closed indefinitely](#) after six feet of water flooded the lower level and parking garage August 21, causing extensive interior damage, according to Library Director Sybil Galer. Furniture, office supplies, and drywall in the lower level will have to be replaced. Materials in the Book Cellar, a used-book area operated by the Friends, were a total loss. All mechanical and electrical systems were on the lower level, and service can't resume until these are restored. The [Putnam County District Library](#) in nearby Ottawa and all its branches are also closed due to flood damage....

*Findlay (Ohio) Courier, Aug. 24; FHCPB log, Aug. 27*



### [Schwarzenegger budget a major disappointment for libraries](#)

Shortly after noon on August 24, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the 2007-08 state budget, 52 days late. Suffering significant cuts in an attempt to achieve a "zero deficit" budget were two major library programs: the Public Library Foundation and the Transaction Based Reimbursement Program, both reduced by \$7 million. Many libraries will feel the pinch; in [Marin County](#), about \$114,000 will be missing from the library system's \$13-million budget, said Carol Starr, director of county library services....

*California Library Association, Aug. 24; Marin (Calif.) Independent Journal, Aug. 27*

### [Bedford rejects outsourcing](#)

The city of Bedford, Texas, will continue to manage its library, the City Council decided August 28, ending a yearlong debate over whether operations should be

regularly updated with new photographs and collections.

**Do you know** of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#)



[Share your story](#) with ALA's Public Information Office about how your library is promoting [Library Card Sign-up Month](#) in September. Select stories will be used in ALA's media relations efforts.

### **Public Perception** How the World Sees Us

**"Library administrators often are left scrounging for funding as tax dollars are spent on law enforcement, levees, and other important needs. That's unfortunate, because some of the most professional, visionary, and caring people are working at libraries."**

—Editor Mike Klocke, in an editorial on plans for a new world-class library for Stockton, California, *Stockton (Calif.) Record*, Aug. 26.



outsourced to a private company. The council was evenly divided on whether to approve an outsourcing proposal from Library Systems and Services of Germantown, Maryland, which manages 47 public libraries across the country. Mayor Jim Story cast the deciding vote....

*Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, Aug. 29*

### [No prison for Ann Arbor ex-finance director](#)

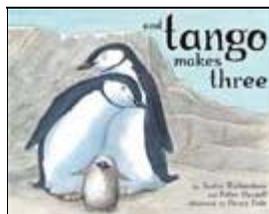
The former finance director for the Ann Arbor (Mich.) District Library again escaped a prison sentence August 28 after turning over money he posted for a jail bond and agreeing to have his wages garnished. Donald G. Dely, 61, was convicted in 2000 of embezzling \$119,387 from the library from 1997 to 2000. Since then, he has been accused of repeatedly violating the terms of his probation by failing to repay the money. He still owes the library \$91,827....

*Ann Arbor News, Aug. 29*

### [Tango tops book-challenge list](#)

Not all penguin stories are equal in the public's mind. *And Tango Makes Three*, an award-winning children's book by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell and based on a true story about two male penguins who raised a baby penguin, topped the ALA annual list of works that attracted the most complaints from parents, library patrons, and others. Overall, the number of challenged books in 2006 jumped to 546, more than 30% higher than the previous year....

*Associated Press, Aug. 28*



### [Spanish National Library director resigns after map loss](#)

The director of Spain's national library, 74-year-old prize-winning author Rosa Regás, resigned from her post August 27, saying she did not have the confidence of the nation's new culture minister, César Antonio Molina. Her resignation comes two days after the national library announced the theft of two maps from the Greek geographer Ptolemy's *Cosmographia* printed in 1482, but Regás said her decision to quit had nothing to do with the disappearance of the maps. Her left-wing opinions have won her criticism from Spain's conservative opposition....

*Agence France Press, Aug. 28; El Pais (Madrid), Aug. 28*



### [Amsterdam Public Library robbed](#)

The recently opened main branch of the Amsterdam Public Library was robbed the night of August 26 by several masked men who overpowered three security guards at gunpoint. Library Director Hans van Velzen said the men bound and blindfolded the guards, destroyed surveillance cameras, and set off the library sprinklers, causing some water damage. The guards were locked up for several hours, but managed ultimately to free themselves and call police. It is still unclear what the thieves were after....

*Expatica News, Aug. 27; De Telegraaf (Amsterdam), Aug. 27*

### [New Orleans Public Libraries update](#)



The [2007 LITA National Forum](#) is in Denver, October 4–7. Consult the [complete schedule](#) of talks, from global warming to library gaming.

### Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q.** I saw your [news item](#) about strains in the agreement for a joint-use facility at the Nova Southeastern University/Broward County Library Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. How common are such arrangements?

**A.** Such arrangements are more common in countries, such as Sweden or Australia, where they enable library service in thinly populated areas. Alan Bundy, in his *Joint-Use Libraries: The Ultimate Form of Cooperation* ([PDF file](#), 2003), sets the rate at 40% of libraries in Sweden. In the U.S., the number is much lower. A key to success seems to be a well-planned

Two years after Katrina, the New Orleans library system remains in disrepair, but a new leadership team is in place, an aggressive fundraising campaign is underway, and the long, hard, and occasionally sensitive process of planning and prioritizing repairs is finally moving forward. Tulane University Dean of Libraries Lance Query had stepped in as interim director, but he will relinquish the post on September 10 to Huntsville, Alabama, librarian Donna Schremser, who will be the key player in the recovery process....

*New Orleans Times-Picayune, Aug. 26*

### [90-year-old honored for library work](#)

*American Libraries* went in search of a 100-year-old librarian this year to help celebrate its centenary (Aug., p. 34). Instead, it found Frieda Greene, part-time staffer at the Boynton Beach (Fla.) City Library. "I'm not a librarian!" she tells you straight off. She's not a centenarian, either; Greene is a mere 90 years old. "She's sharp as a tack," says Joe Green, the library's head of public services. "You can't get anything by her and she's got a great sense of humor."...

*Palm Beach (Fla.) Post, Aug. 27*



### [16-year-old cracks \\$84-million Australian porn filter in half an hour](#)

A Melbourne schoolboy has cracked the Australian government's new \$84-million internet porn filter in minutes. Tom Wood, 16, said it took him just over 30 minutes to bypass the filter, released on August 21. His technique ensures the software's toolbar icon is not deleted, leaving parents with the impression the filter is still working. A former cyberbullying victim, Wood feared a computer-savvy child could work out the bypass and put it online for others to use....

*Melbourne (Vict.) Herald Sun, Aug. 26*

### [Alabama gets rare Proust material](#)

Thanks to decades of collecting and recent donations by University of Alabama at Birmingham professor and world-renowned Proust scholar William C. Carter, UAB's Mervyn H. Sterne Library now has what is believed to be the third-largest collection of Proust-related items in the world. Last week, Carter donated a treasure trove of rare books, photos, and memorabilia related to Proust, plus an extensive collection of items Carter amassed during a friendship and correspondence with Mississippi-born historian and novelist Shelby Foote, who was a great admirer of Proust....

*Birmingham (Ala.) News, Aug. 27*



### [Johns Hopkins doubles H. L. Mencken holdings](#)

Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore has acquired what is believed to be the largest privately held collection of items associated with writer and journalist H. L. Mencken—nearly 6,000 books, articles, letters, photographs, and other items amassed over 44 years by an Ohio accountant with a passion for the Sage of Baltimore. The collection, which more than doubles the university's Mencken-related holdings, will be housed at the George Peabody Library, which already has a significant research collection on Mencken....

Johns Hopkins University, Aug. 28



agreement, covering issues as enumerated in *Report of the Standing Committee on Joint-Use Libraries*, ([PDF file](#)) prepared January 30, 1996, at Florida's College Center for Library Automation. The Bundy article also has a checklist, as do the many other references on [joint-use libraries](#) we've gathered for "Joint-Use Libraries: A Bibliography" ([ALA Library Fact Sheet #20](#)). See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for more....

@ The [ALA Librarian](#) welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

**Oct. 1–3:** [West Virginia Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa, Morgantown. "Strength Through Change."

**Oct. 3–5:** [Missouri Library Association](#), Annual Conference, University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield.

**Oct. 3–6:** [Idaho Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Nampa Civic Center. "Get Groovy @ your library: Books, Blogs, & 2.0."

**Oct. 4–6:** [Nevada Library](#)

## [Library recalls potentially toxic dinosaur toys](#)

The Greenwood (Ind.) Public Library issued a notice August 27 informing the public that one of the incentive prizes used for its Summer Reading 2007 program contains unacceptable amounts of lead. The Johnson County Health Department alerted the library after testing showed the Bendable Dino toy has 374 milliliters of lead, while the acceptable amount is 200 milliliters. The toys were [distributed](#) by Kipp Brothers, a Carmel-based company, which purchased them from a manufacturer in China....  
*Indianapolis Star*, Aug. 27; WISH-TV, Aug. 28



## [D.C. sues contractor over library fire](#)

Washington is seeking more than \$13 million in damages from the Hyattsville, Maryland, contractor that was heading renovation of the Georgetown branch of the District of Columbia Public Library when a fire broke out there in late April. Officials allege negligence on the part of Dynamic Corp., which was handling exterior improvements at the historic branch....  
*Washington Post*, Aug. 22

## [Lost Constable sketch found in British Library](#)

A sketch of a churchyard by the English Romantic painter John Constable has been found more than a century after it was last heard of in a book that has been sitting on the shelves of the British Library for years. The undated pencil drawing was found by curator Felicity Myrone inside a 13-volume set of scrapbooks donated to the library by a businessman in 1919....  
*The Telegraph* (U.K.), Aug. 24



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## Tech Talk

### [ICE is nice](#)

Andrew Pace writes: "Bowker Syndetics now has an interesting catalog-enhancement product called [ICE \(Indexed Content Enrichment\)](#). What if you could have all the enrichment *and* index it with your MARC data? New catalogs, such as AquaBrowser, Endeca, Primo, and Encore, will certainly help this idea along, but we need more research. Indexing first chapters, reviews, tables of contents, flyleaves, and annotations, and turning media awards and fiction files into faceted navigation elements does not necessarily improve relevance ranking. It can provide recall where there was none before, but relevance is something different. And how will any of this compare with full-text (especially book-length text) relevance ranking?"...  
Hectic Pace blog, Aug. 29



[Association](#), Annual Conference, Carson City. "The Lighter Side of Libraries."

**Oct. 9–12:** [Illinois Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Springfield. "Changing Libraries, Changing Communities."

**Oct. 10–12:** [Ohio Library Council](#), Convention and Expo, Hyatt Regency, Columbus.

**Oct. 10–12:** [Iowa Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Coralville. "Iowa Libraries: Cultivating the Future."

**Oct. 14–17:** [Pennsylvania Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College. "Pennsylvania Libraries: Soaring to New Heights."

**Oct. 16–19:** [North Carolina Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hickory Metro Convention Center. "Telling Our Story."

**Oct. 16–19:** [Wisconsin Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Regency Suites and KI Convention Center, Green Bay. "Libraries Here and Now."

**Oct. 17–19:** [South Dakota Library Association](#), Annual Conference,

### [Take the automation trend survey](#)

Libraries are invited to participate in a survey that Marshall Breeding, director for innovative technologies and research at Vanderbilt University Libraries, is conducting on library automation products and companies. The survey consists of 11 questions about your satisfaction with the library automation system currently in place in your library, your opinion regarding the company that provides these products, and any general ideas that you may have for your next library automation system....

Library Technology Guides

### [It's time to stand up to your email](#)

Andrea Coombes writes: "Thanks to the avalanche of messages they receive every day, many professionals and office workers say they suffer from email overload. It doesn't have to be that way." One way to deal is the two-minute rule: "Anything you can finish in two minutes you should do right then." Others: "Push emails out of your in-box and onto a tasks list," and "turn off 'you have mail' alerts that interrupt you as you work."...

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 26

### [Finding DRM-free music online](#)

Mark Hendrickson writes: "Over the past half year we have seen arguably the most significant change in the online music industry since Apple launched their iTunes store in 2003. Following Steve Jobs's open letter clarifying Apple's position on digital rights management in February, major record companies have begun providing their music online free of piracy protection mechanisms. Try out the DRM-free online music retailers here to get better-quality music that plays on virtually any handheld music device, on any computer, and with any music program."...

TechCrunch blog, Aug. 24



### [Top 100 undiscovered websites](#)

OK, some of you undoubtedly know about many of these, but this is what *PC Magazine* editors have chosen as fun, new sites that grabbed their attention this year. You'll see a large collection of web applications and tech sites, blogs, offbeat social networks, and a handful of addictive Flash games for those slow days at work. Some of these sites are completely under the radar and get very little traffic; others are hugely popular within a specific demographic. Arranged by broad categories....

PC Magazine, Aug. 27



## Actions & Answers

### [Survey of the Biblioblogosphere 2007](#)

Meredith Farkas offers some findings from her recent survey of library bloggers: "33.6% of all library bloggers work in academic libraries and 29.3% are public librarians"; and "Want to be happy? Well, you may want to become a school librarian, work in a law library, or work for a consortium or library system, because those three got the highest scores for job satisfaction."...

Information Wants To Be Free blog, Aug. 25

Watertown. "Renew, Recruit, Celebrate."

### **Oct. 17–19:** [Georgia Council of Media Organizations](#)

Annual Conference, Jekyll Island.  
"Beaches, Blogs, and Books."

### **Oct. 17–20:** [New York Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Buffalo.  
"Libraries: Learning for Life."

### **Oct. 24–26:** [Minnesota Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Mankato.  
"All the World's a Stage: Becoming a Lead Player."

### **Oct. 24–26:** [Mississippi Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Vicksburg Convention Center.  
"Mississippi Libraries: Discover the World, Close to Home."

### **Oct. 24–26:** [Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association](#)

Annual Conference, Kearney.

### **Oct. 26–29:** [California Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Long Beach Convention Center. "Opportunity Knocks."

### **Oct. 31–Nov. 2:** [South Carolina Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Radisson Bush River Road, Columbia.

## [Nonfiction Connection grant](#)

The Making the Nonfiction Connection Grant from Heinemann-Raintree offers U.S. schools the opportunity to apply for up to \$5,000 worth of Heinemann Library or Raintree preK–secondary books. The purpose of the grant is to recognize and reward extraordinary educational programs that promote the use of series nonfiction and enhance nonfiction literacy. Applications must be received by October 1....

Heinemann-Raintree

## [Scratch-and-sniff e-books](#)

In a Zogby poll of 600 college students, 43% identified smell—either new-book smell or old—as the thing they most love about books as physical objects. So beginning in September, [CaféScribe](#), a company that sells e-textbooks, will send every purchaser a scratch-and-sniff sticker with a certifiably musty “old book” smell....

CaféScribe, Aug. 23



## [Calisthenics for the older mind](#)

Americans spend hundreds of millions of dollars on brain-building digital toys like Baby Einstein for preschoolers, so it was only a matter of time before a parade of “Grandpa Einsteins” followed suit. In the past year, some half-dozen programs, with names like Brain Fitness Program 2.0, MindFit, and Brain Age2, have aimed at aging consumers eager to keep their mental edge....

*New York Times*, Aug. 26



## [In Google they trust](#)

An eye-tracking experiment at Cornell University revealed that college students have a substantial trust in Google's ability to rank results by true relevance to the query. When participants selected a link to follow from Google's result pages, their decisions were strongly biased towards links higher in position, even if the abstracts themselves were less relevant. While the participants reacted to artificially reduced retrieval quality by greater scrutiny, they failed to achieve the same success rate....

*Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* 12, no. 3 (2007)

## [Changes at Google Scholar](#)

Barbara Quint writes: “In its own quiet way, Google Scholar has become a major force in scholarly communication. For many researchers, faculty, and students, it is the first search tool used, challenging the popularity and utility of veteran databases licensed—often at considerable cost—by academic and corporate libraries. Yet announcements about changes in the constantly evolving service seem to occur rarely and with little ballyhoo. For example, did you know that Google Scholar has launched its own digitization project, separate from the high-profile Google Book Search mass digitization?”....

*Information Today NewsBreaks*, Aug. 27

## [Evan Farber's writings collected](#)

Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, has published *College Libraries and the Teaching/Learning Process*, a 272-page collection of the writings of Evan Ira Farber, library director at Earlham from 1962 to

“Library 2.0: Taking South Carolina's Libraries to the People.”

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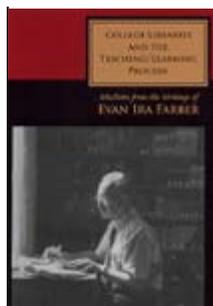
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Earlham College, Aug. 24



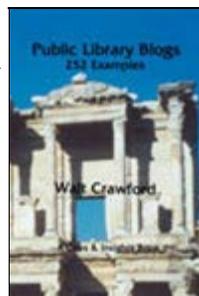
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### [Public library blogs](#)

Former *AL* columnist Walt Crawford has written a book called *Public Library Blogs: 252 Examples*, a [Cites & Insights book](#). He writes: "I'm hoping this book will help librarians see whether blogs might work for their library by offering a range of examples that speak more directly to their situation. I'm also hoping that showing the diversity of specialized public library blogs will be useful to those considering such blogs."...

Walt at Random blog, Aug. 27



### [Local and county histories to go online](#)

Thousands of published family histories, city and county histories, historic city directories, and related records are coming to the internet. The Allen County (Ind.) Public Library, Brigham Young University's Harold B. Lee Library, and FamilySearch's Family History Library in Salt Lake City announced the [joint project](#) August 15. When complete, it will be the most comprehensive free collection of city and county histories on the Web....

FamilySearch, Aug. 15

### [Harvard tops the student list of favorite academic libraries](#) (registration required)

Some 120,000 students voted for the top 20 universities in 62 different categories in 2008. *Princeton Review's The Best 366 Colleges* gives the top 20 libraries in the survey (and Princeton is in second place). Harvard and Princeton also made the top two spots in the *U.S. News & World Report* [survey](#) for 2008, which unfortunately did not ask about libraries....

*Princeton Review; U.S. News & World Report*, Aug. 17

### ["Tree of Books" desktop wallpaper](#)

Vladstudio is a design company run by graphics enthusiast and digital artist Vlad Gerasimov of Irkutsk, Russia. In his spare time he creates free computer desktop wallpaper, such as this "Tree of Books," which has a certain appeal for booklovers. He also has "[Google Library](#)" and a clever inverse [water-for-land map](#) that might appeal to map librarians....

Vladstudio



### [10,000 lists on WorldCat since June](#)

More than 10,000 personalized lists have been created within

WorldCat.org since its social networking feature was introduced in June. You can build as many lists as you like on any subject—lists like [Genealogy: What's New in 2007](#) or [Oddly Titled Government Documents](#). All you need is an email address to create a free WorldCat account....

OCLC

### [Old librarians don't die . . .](#)

This collection of clever aphorisms (MP3 file) on how various types of librarians don't die was written and performed by law librarians at the University of Minnesota. As they say, "Law librarians don't die, their statute of limitations just runs out."...

Law Librarian Blog, Aug. 17

### [Disco dancing for peace in the biblioblogosphere](#)

Libraryman Michael Porter took JibJab's "[Starring You](#)" disco video and pasted his and Michael Gorman's faces on the freestyling duo. He writes: "Think of the promos libraries could do with a carefully planned marketing program using something like this (perhaps letting patrons stick themselves in a famous book setting, etc?). I must confess that upon seeing the results I couldn't help but wonder 'should I have just read a chapter or two in a book instead of making this?' Naaaah, who am I kidding, this was time well spent!"...

Libraryman blog, Aug. 20



### [Another Library Man answers questions in Modesto](#)

Brad Barker, librarian at Mark Twain Junior High School in Modesto, California, has a new (potentially recurring) column in the *Modesto Bee* where he provides answers, some flippant, others informative, to such questions as: "Q: If the famous royal library at Alexandria hadn't been burned in ancient times, wouldn't human civilization be advanced hundreds of years ahead of where we are today? A: Yes, we'd all have flying cars like the Jetsons, and we'd never have invaded Iraq."...

*Modesto (Calif.) Bee*, Aug. 29

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## U.S. & World News

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### Vancouver library staff serve as they strike

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/morevancouverstrike.cfm>]

Five weeks into a strike over pay equity issues that city officials say could continue for months, Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library staff are keeping busy on the picket line with music, lectures, and public service. "It's very difficult to take the library out of the library worker," union President Alex Youngberg said. Staffer Todd Wong has entertained fellow members of CUPE Local 391 by performing on his accordion, and he has organized performances or readings by poets, choirs, and authors. A new video

[<http://jamesandannie.cyberflunk.com/portfolio/video15.html>] by James Gemmill, Walking the Line, is available concerning the strike....

### Tax rollback strains Broward's joint-use model

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/browardjoint.cfm>]

In implementing a 9% property-tax rollback triggered by the Florida legislature in July, Broward County commissioners have run into a significant roadblock: the county's six-year-old joint-use agreement with Nova Southeastern University to share the collections and services of the NSU Davie campus's Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

Instead of agreeing to BCL Director Robert Cannon's request that the county's \$5.5-million annual support of Sherman be reduced by \$575,000, NSU has asked for \$940,000 more per year because library records indicate that more than 50% of its patrons are not affiliated with the university....

New Jersey borough sues its library for patrons' names

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/bloomingdalesuit.cfm>]

The borough of Bloomingdale, New Jersey, filed a lawsuit August 3 in state Superior Court over its public library's refusal to provide the names and addresses of all its users. The borough council wanted demographic information on patrons so that it could close the library and negotiate a less expensive contract with neighboring Riverdale to provide library services. However, Bloomingdale Free Public Library Director Theresa J. Rubin declined to provide the names without a court order, citing the state law [<http://www.njla.org/statements/libraryrecords.html>] on confidentiality of library records....

Senate hearing: Librarian laments lack of rural broadband in Arkansas

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/Arkansasbroadband.htm>]

David Burdick, director of the Pine Bluff/Jefferson County (Ark.) Library System, testified August 28 on the insufficiency of broadband in Arkansas libraries before a field hearing of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. The hearing,

[<http://www.nwanews.com/adg/Business/199894/>] "The State of Broadband in Arkansas," was organized by Sen. Mark Pryor (D-Ark.) and held at the downtown branch of the Central Arkansas Library System in Little Rock. Burdick testified to the difficulties in library connectivity at his local branches....

## ALA News

Salary survey results available [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/alaapa07.htm>]

Analysis of data from more than 800 public and academic libraries showed the mean salary for librarians with ALA-accredited master's degrees increased 2.8% from 2006, up \$1,550 to \$57,809. Salaries ranged from \$22,048 to \$225,000, with the median at \$53,000. Results from the 2007 ALA-APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public and Academic and ALA-APA Salary Survey: Non-MLS—Public and Academic are available by subscription

[<http://cs.ala.org/websurvey/salariesurvey/salariesurveyform/form.cfm>] or through the ALA Store

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/>]....

Last call for Council nominees [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/cal07.htm>]

The Nominating Committee has extended the deadline through September 21 for nominees to run for councilor-at-large in the Spring 2008 ALA election. After that date, anyone seeking to run may file by petition. The committee will select no fewer than 53 candidates for the 35 at-large Council seats to be filled....

## Booklist Online

Featured review: Media [[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1956171](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1956171)]  
A Treasure in My Garden. Apr. 2007. 50 min. Ryko, DVD (978-2-923163-14-7). PreSchool–K.  
Imaginative lyrics spark delightful melodies backing 13 short animated music videos touching upon such topics as food, toys, sleep, feelings, parents, and make believe. Harder to categorize is the extremely creative &ldquo;Boxes,&rdquo; an intriguing, rhyming story of boxes with wheels that ride along a roller-coaster track carrying passengers. In &ldquo;Teddy,&rdquo; a little girl convinces her dad to make different toys for her bear until she finally designs one for herself. &ldquo;Scuttlebutt, What a Nut&rdquo; involves a child who, in turn, becomes a pirate, acrobat, lion tamer, and rock hound. Finally, removing a hat with a flourish, the youngster reveals&mdash;pigtails! The musical styles vary from lullaby and folk song to western swing and feature both solo and group performances....

@ Visit Booklist Online [<http://www.booklistonline.com/>] for other reviews and much more....

## Division News

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### Young Adult Literature Symposium: Proposals wanted

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/yalsals07.htm>]

YALSA will hold its first biennial Young Adult Literature Symposium at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, November 7–9, 2008. Proposals

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalitsymposium/symposium.htm>] for programs and unpublished scholarly papers will be accepted through October 1. The symposium theme, &ldquo;How We Read Now,&rdquo; will investigate what, how, and why the burgeoning teen population reads....

### Exploratorium to showcase best practices

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/aasle07.htm>]

MetaMetrics Inc., developer of the Lexile Framework for Reading, will sponsor the Exploratorium at the AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada, October 25, from 1 to 3 p.m.

This educational session consists of more than 50 individual learning stations and demonstrates best practices from the school library media community....

### AASL e-Academy offers five fall courses

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/aaslc07.htm>]

Starting October 1, AASL e-Academy will offer five online CE programs in partnership with the University of North Texas LE@D project. The offerings include creating websites, children's literature, copyright, multicultural literature, and reluctant readers. Registration

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aasleducation/onlinecontinuing/onlinecontinuing.cfm>] is available September 7–25....

### YALSA has four fall courses [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/yalsaac07.htm>]

YALSA will offer four online courses in October: booktalks, new technologies and literacies, gaming, and YALSA competencies. Registration [<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/onlinecourses/info.htm>] opened August 27 and runs to September 17....

### Two new YALSA discussion lists [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/august2007/yalsait07.htm>]

YALSA has created two new electronic discussion lists: teachyal, which offers resources and discussion for those currently teaching children's and young adult literature; and yalsa-lockdown, which discusses issues unique to librarians serving incarcerated youth. To subscribe, visit the YALSA website

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/electronicresourcesb/websitesmailing.htm#discussion>]....

## Round Table News

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Second Life hype vs. human needs [<http://hhptf.org/article/377/second-life-hype-vs-human-needs>]  
John Gehner writes: “Last year, 85% of Illinois counties experienced an increase in poverty. I haven’t yet looked how the other 49 states compare. But it’s disappointing at times to think that some of the best and brightest information professionals are devoting their substantial talents to the denizens of Second Life, a virtual world founded on leisure time, rather than a real world with millions of people struggling for a Better Life every day.”...  
SRRT Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force, Aug. 3

## Awards

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### Kate DiCamillo wins 2007 Zarrow Award

[[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?articleID=070825\\_1\\_A13\\_RWorl88381](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?articleID=070825_1_A13_RWorl88381)]  
Newbery Medal-winning author Kate DiCamillo packed in the crowds two days in a row as she visited the Tulsa (Okla.) City-County Library August 24–25 to receive the Tulsa Library Trust’s 2007 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers’ Literature.  
[<http://www.tulsalibrary.org/eventguide/press/zarrow.htm>] DiCamillo, author of *Because of Winn-Dixie*, also presented awards to winners of the library’s 2007 Young People’s Creative Writing Contest and gave tips on how to write creatively to the crowd of more than 500 children and adults....  
Tulsa (Okla.) World, Aug. 25; Tulsa City-County Library, Aug. 28

### Cormac McCarthy takes James Tait Black prize

[<http://books.guardian.co.uk/news/articles/0,,2157563,00.html>]  
The American author Cormac McCarthy, long revered for the hardbitten poetry of his novels, has won the UK’s oldest and most literary of book awards. McCarthy was awarded the James Tait Black memorial prize, worth £10,000, for his bleak vision of a post-apocalyptic America, *The Road*. The book won a Pulitzer earlier this year, was chosen as an Oprah book, and is being widely noised as a strong Nobel contender....  
The Guardian (U.K.), Aug. 28

### SLA recognizes its military librarians

[<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/pressroom/pressrelease/07pr/pr2718.cfm>]  
During its Annual Conference in Denver in June, the Special Libraries Association honored the professionals who work tirelessly to ensure that the armed forces have the information resources they need both abroad and at home. The 300-plus members of the SLA Military Librarians Division were awarded the 2007 SLA Professional Award, which recognizes a special event, major achievement, or specific significant contribution to the field of librarianship or information science....  
Special Libraries Association, Aug. 23

Seen Online

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Gail Borden systems are &#8220;go&#8221; for September 5 space talk

[<http://www.gailborden.info/LivewithISS.html>]

For the first time ever on September 5, kids in a library will talk directly to the International Space Station. If all goes as planned, youth from the Gail Borden Public Library District in Elgin, Illinois, will get approximately 10 minutes to speak directly to NASA astronaut Clay Anderson (right) as he glides overhead—horizon to horizon—on the space station orbiting 200 miles above the earth. Thanks to the library’s “Space: Dare to Dream” exhibit and some local help, the library was granted a rare Amateur Radio on the International Space Station contact....

Gail Borden Public Library District, Aug. 27

Victoria workers poised to strike

[[http://www.canada.com/victoriatimescolonist/news/capital\\_van\\_isl/story.html?id=40524a7c-bb4b-47da-8053-5a5862e53bd7&k=82313](http://www.canada.com/victoriatimescolonist/news/capital_van_isl/story.html?id=40524a7c-bb4b-47da-8053-5a5862e53bd7&k=82313)]

The union representing Greater Victoria, British Columbia, library workers says a strike is “highly likely” after mediator Grant McArthur stepped out of negotiations between the two sides August 28. “It would take a miracle to prevent a strike,” said Ed Seedhouse, president of CUPE 410, which represents 220 library workers. He couldn’t say when the strike would begin....

Victoria (B.C.) Times Colonist, Aug. 29

Sen. Leahy donates Batman movie earnings to Montpelier library

[<http://www.timesargus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070811/NEWS01/708110352/1002/NEWS01>]

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) landed a speaking part in The Dark Knight, the latest in the Batman movie series, and has donated his \$2,000 appearance fee to the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier, Vermont. Leahy attributes his predilection for Batman and other comic-book heroes with summertime childhood reading both at home and in the library. “I had my first library card there when I was about four years old,” Leahy said. “Jean Holbrook, who was the librarian then, would always pick out books for me to read.”...

Barre-Montpelier (Vt.) Times Argus, Aug. 11

Ohio libraries closed due to flood damage

[[http://www.thecourier.com/Issues/2007/Aug/ar\\_news\\_082407.asp#story6](http://www.thecourier.com/Issues/2007/Aug/ar_news_082407.asp#story6)]

The Findlay-Hancock County (Ohio) Public Library closed indefinitely

[<http://findlaylibrary.blogspot.com/>] after six feet of water flooded the lower level and parking garage August 21, causing extensive interior damage, according to Library Director Sybil Galer.

Furniture, office supplies, and drywall in the lower level will have to be replaced. Materials in the Book Cellar, a used-book area operated by the Friends, were a total loss. All mechanical and electrical systems were on the lower level, and service can’t resume until the these are restored.

The Putnam County District Library [<http://www.putnamco.lib.oh.us/>] in nearby Ottawa and all its branches are also closed due to flood damage....

Findlay (Ohio) Courier, Aug. 24; FHCPL blog, Aug. 27

Schwarzenegger budget a major disappointment for libraries

[[http://www.cla-net.org/weblog/mt/archives/cat\\_advocacylegislation.php#000329](http://www.cla-net.org/weblog/mt/archives/cat_advocacylegislation.php#000329)]

Shortly after noon on August 24, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the 2007–08 state budget, 52 days late. Suffering significant cuts in an attempt to achieve a “zero deficit” budget were two major library programs: the Public Library Foundation and the Transaction Based Reimbursement Program, both reduced by \$7 million. Many libraries will feel the pinch; in Marin County, [[http://www.marinij.com/marin/ci\\_6736793](http://www.marinij.com/marin/ci_6736793)] about \$114,000 will be missing from the library

system's \$13-million budget, said Carol Starr, director of county library services....  
California Library Association, Aug. 24; Marin (Calif.) Independent Journal, Aug. 27

Bedford rejects outsourcing [<http://www.star-telegram.com/407/story/216889.html>]  
The city of Bedford, Texas, will continue to manage its library, the City Council decided August 28, ending a yearlong debate over whether operations should be outsourced to a private company. The council was evenly divided on whether to approve an outsourcing proposal from Library Systems and Services of Germantown, Maryland, which manages 47 public libraries across the country. Mayor Jim Story cast the deciding vote....  
Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, Aug. 29

No prison for Ann Arbor ex-finance director  
[<http://www.mlive.com/news/annarbornews/index.ssf?/base/news-24/1188398612272300.xml&coll=2>]  
The former finance director for the Ann Arbor (Mich.) District Library again escaped a prison sentence August 28 after turning over money he posted for a jail bond and agreeing to have his wages garnished. Donald G. Dely, 61, was convicted in 2000 of embezzling \$119,387 from the library from 1997 to 2000. Since then, he has been accused of repeatedly violating the terms of his probation by failing to repay the money. He still owes the library \$91,827....  
Ann Arbor News, Aug. 29

tops book-challenge list [<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20480366/>]  
Not all penguin stories are equal in the public's mind. And Tango Makes Three, an award-winning children's book, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell and based on a true story about two male penguins who raised a baby penguin, topped the ALA annual list of works that attracted the most complaints from parents, library patrons, and others. Overall, the number of challenged books in 2006 jumped to 546, more than 30% higher than the previous year....  
Associated Press, Aug. 28

Spanish National Library director resigns after map loss  
[[http://www.expatica.com/actual/article.asp?subchannel\\_id=81&story\\_id=43313](http://www.expatica.com/actual/article.asp?subchannel_id=81&story_id=43313)]  
The director of Spain's national library, 74-year-old prize-winning author Rosa Regás, resigned from her post August 27, saying she did not have the confidence of the nation's new culture minister, César Antonio Molina. Her resignation comes two days after the national library announced the theft of two maps from the Greek geographer Ptolemy's *Cosmographia* printed in 1482, but Regás said her decision to quit had nothing to do with the disappearance of the maps. Her left-wing opinions have won her criticism from Spain's conservative opposition....  
Agence France Press, Aug. 28; El Pais (Madrid), Aug. 28

Amsterdam Public Library robbed  
[[http://www.expatica.com/actual/article.asp?subchannel\\_id=19&story\\_id=43253](http://www.expatica.com/actual/article.asp?subchannel_id=19&story_id=43253)]  
The recently opened main branch of the Amsterdam Public Library was robbed the night of August 26 by several masked men who overpowered three security guards at gunpoint. Library Director Hans van Velzen said the men bound and blindfolded the guards, destroyed surveillance cameras, and set off the library sprinklers causing some water damage. The guards were locked up for several hours, but managed ultimately to free themselves and call police. It is still unclear what the thieves were after....  
Expatica News, Aug. 27; De Telegraaf (Amsterdam), Aug. 27

New Orleans Public Libraries update  
[<http://www.nola.com/living/t-p/index.ssf?/base/living-8/1188110261271940.xml&coll=1>]  
Two years after Katrina, the New Orleans library system remains in disrepair, but a new leadership team is in place, an aggressive fundraising campaign is underway, and the long, hard, and occasionally sensitive process of planning and prioritizing repairs is finally moving forward. Tulane University Dean of Libraries Lance Query had stepped in as interim director, but he will

relinquish the post on September 10 to Huntsville, Alabama, librarian Donna Schremser, who will be the key player in the recovery process....

New Orleans Times-Picayune, Aug. 26

90-year-old honored for library work

[[http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/content/south/epaper/2007/08/27/s1b\\_frieda\\_0827.html](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/content/south/epaper/2007/08/27/s1b_frieda_0827.html)]

American Libraries went in search of a 100-year-old librarian this year to help celebrate its centenary (Aug., p. 34). Instead, it found Frieda Greene, part-time staffer at the Boynton Beach (Fla.) City Library. "I'm not a librarian!" she tells you straight off. She's not a centenarian, either; Greene is a mere 90 years old. "She's sharp as a tack," says Joe Green, the library's head of public services. "You can't get anything by her and she's got a great sense of humor."...

Palm Beach (Fla.) Post, Aug. 27

16-year-old cracks \$84-million Australian porn filter in half an hour

[[http://www.news.com.au/story/0,23599,22304224-2,00.html?from=public\\_rss](http://www.news.com.au/story/0,23599,22304224-2,00.html?from=public_rss)]

A Melbourne schoolboy has cracked the Australian government's new \$84-million internet porn filter in minutes. Tom Wood, 16, said it took him just over 30 minutes to bypass the filter, released on August 21. His technique ensures the software's toolbar icon is not deleted, leaving parents with the impression the filter is still working. A former cyberbullying victim, Wood feared a computer-savvy child could work out the bypass and put it online for others to use....

Melbourne (Vict.) Herald Sun, Aug. 26

Alabama gets rare Proust material

[<http://www.al.com/birminghamnews/stories/index.ssf?/base/news/1188203129121730.xml&coll=2>]

Thanks to decades of collecting and recent donations by University of Alabama at Birmingham professor and world-renowned Proust scholar William C. Carter, UAB's Mervyn H. Sterne Library now has what is believed to be the third-largest collection of Proust-related items in the world. Last week, Carter donated a treasure trove of rare books, photos, and memorabilia related to Proust, plus an extensive collection of items Carter amassed during a friendship and correspondence with Mississippi-born historian and novelist Shelby Foote, who was a great admirer of Proust....

Birmingham (Ala.) News, Aug. 27

Johns Hopkins doubles H. L. Mencken holdings

[<http://www.library.jhu.edu/about/news/releases/pressrel07/mencken.html>]

Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore has acquired what is believed to be the largest privately held collection of items associated with writer and journalist H. L. Mencken—nearly 6,000 books, articles, letters, photographs, and other items amassed over 44 years by an Ohio accountant with a passion for the Sage of Baltimore. The collection, which more than doubles the university's Mencken-related holdings, will be housed at the George Peabody Library, which already has a significant research collection on Mencken....

Johns Hopkins University, Aug. 28

Library recalls potentially toxic dinosaur toys

[<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070827/LOCAL/708270431/-1/LOCAL17>]

The Greenwood (Ind.) Public Library issued a notice August 27 informing the public that one of the incentive prizes used for its Summer Reading 2007 program contains unacceptable amounts of lead. The Johnson County Health Department alerted the library after testing showed the Bendable Dino toy has 374 milliliters of lead, while the acceptable amount is 200 milliliters. The toys were distributed [<http://www.wishtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=6990957&nav=0Rce>] by Kipp Brothers, a Carmel-based company, which purchased them from a manufacturer in China....

Indianapolis Star, Aug. 27; WISH-TV, Aug. 28

D.C. sues contractor over library fire

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/22/AR2007082201794.html>]

Washington is seeking more than \$13 million in damages from the Hyattsville, Maryland, contractor that was heading renovation of the Georgetown branch of the District of Columbia Public Library when a fire broke out there in late April. Officials allege negligence on the part of Dynamic Corp., which was handling exterior improvements at the historic branch....

Washington Post, Aug. 22

Lost Constable sketch found in British Library

[<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/08/24/nconstable124.xml>]

A sketch of a churchyard by the English Romantic painter John Constable has been found more than a century after it was last heard of in a book that has been sitting on the shelves of the British Library for years. The undated pencil drawing was found by curator Felicity Myrone inside a 13-volume set of scrapbooks donated to the library by a businessman in 1919....

The Telegraph (U.K.), Aug. 24

[[http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_content=AL%2BDirect](http://www.maintainitproject.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=AL%2BDirect)]

Tech Talk

[<http://www.bowker.com/syndetics/ICE/title.html>]  
ICE is nice

[[http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=ice\\_is\\_nice&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=ice_is_nice&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

Andrew Pace writes: "Bowker Syndetics now has an interesting catalog-enhancement product called ICE (Indexed Content Enrichment) [<http://www.bowker.com/syndetics/ICE/>]. What if you could have all the enrichment and index it with your MARC data? New catalogs, such as Aquabrowser, Endeca, Primo, and Encore, will certainly help this idea along, but we need more research. Indexing first chapters, reviews, tables of contents, fly leaves, and annotations, and turning media awards and fiction files into faceted navigation elements does not necessarily improve relevance ranking. It can provide recall where there was none before, but relevance is something different. And how will any of this compare with full-text (especially book-length text) relevance ranking?"...

Hectic Pace blog, Aug. 29

Take the automation trend survey [<http://www.librarytechnology.org/lwc-survey-2007.pl>]

Libraries are invited to participate in a survey that Marshall Breeding, director for innovative technologies and research at Vanderbilt University Libraries, is conducting on library automation products and companies. The survey consists of 11 questions about your satisfaction with the library automation system currently in place in your library, your opinion regarding the company that provides these products, and any general ideas that you may have for your next library automation system....

Library Technology Guides

It's time to stand up to your email [<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB118808578378509004.html>]

Andrea Coombes writes: "Thanks to the avalanche of messages they receive every day, many professionals and office workers say they suffer from email overload. It doesn't have to be that way." One way to deal is the two-minute rule: "Anything you can finish in two minutes you should do right then." Others: "Push emails out of your in-box and onto a tasks list," and "turn off 'you have mail' alerts that interrupt you as you work."...

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 26

Finding DRM-free music online [<http://www.techcrunch.com/2007/08/24/finding-drm-free-music-online/>]  
Mark Hendrickson writes: “Over the past half year we have seen arguably the most significant change in the online music industry since Apple launched their iTunes store in 2003. Following Steve Jobs’s open letter clarifying Apple’s position on digital rights management in February, major record companies have begun providing their music online free of piracy protection mechanisms. Try out the DRM-free online music retailers here to get better-quality music that plays on virtually any handheld music device, on any computer, and with any music program.”...  
TechCrunch blog, Aug. 24

[<http://www.footnote.com/>]Top 100 undiscovered websites  
[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2174685,00.asp>]  
OK, some of you undoubtedly know about many of these, but this is what PC Magazine editors have chosen as fun, new sites that grabbed their attention this year. You’ll see a large collection of web applications and tech sites, blogs, offbeat social networks, and a handful of addictive Flash games for those slow days at work. Some of these sites are completely under the radar and get very little traffic; others are hugely popular within a specific demographic. Arranged by broad categories....  
PC Magazine, Aug. 27

## Actions & Answers

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Survey of the Biblioblogosphere 2007  
[<http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php/2007/08/25/interesting-facts-from-the-survey-of-the-biblioblogosphere-2007/>]  
Meredith Farkas offers some findings from her recent survey of library bloggers: “33.6% of all library bloggers work in academic libraries and 29.3% are public librarians”; and “Want to be happy? Well, you may want to become a school librarian, work in a law library, or work for a consortium or library system, because those three got the highest scores for job satisfaction.”...  
Information Wants To Be Free blog, Aug. 25

Nonfiction Connection grant [<http://www.heinemannraintree.com/grant.asp>]  
The Making the Nonfiction Connection Grant from Heinemann-Raintree offers U.S. schools the opportunity to apply for up to \$5,000 worth of Heinemann Library or Raintree preK–secondary books. The purpose of the grant is to recognize and reward extraordinary educational programs that promote the use of series nonfiction and enhance nonfiction literacy. Applications must be received by October 1....  
Heinemann-Raintree

Scratch-and-sniff e-books  
[<http://www.cafescribe.com/media/e-textbook-site-launches-worlds-first-smelly-e-book.php>]  
In a Zogby poll of 600 college students, 43% identified smell—either new-book smell or old—as the thing they most love about books as physical objects. So beginning in September, CaféScribe [<http://www.cafescribe.com>], a company that sells e-textbooks, will send every purchaser a scratch-and-sniff sticker with a certifiably musty “old book” smell....  
CaféScribe, Aug. 23

Calisthenics for the older mind [<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/26/business/yourmoney/26games.html>]  
Americans spend hundreds of millions of dollars on brain-building digital toys like Baby Einstein for preschoolers, so it was only a matter of time before a parade of “Grandpa Einsteins” followed suit. In the past year, some half-dozen programs, with names like Brain Fitness Program 2.0, MindFit, and Brain Age2, have aimed at aging consumers eager to keep their mental edge....  
New York Times, Aug. 26

In Google they trust [<http://jcmc.indiana.edu/vol12/issue3/pan.html>]  
An eye-tracking experiment at Cornell University revealed that college students have a substantial trust in Google’s ability to rank results by true relevance to the query. When participants selected a link to follow from Google’s result pages, their decisions were strongly biased towards links higher in position, even if the abstracts themselves were less relevant. While the participants reacted to artificially reduced retrieval quality by greater scrutiny, they failed to achieve the same success rate....  
Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication 12, no. 3 (2007)

Changes at Google Scholar [<http://newsbreaks.infotoday.com/nbReader.asp?ArticleId=37309>]  
Barbara Quint writes: “In its own quiet way, Google Scholar has become a major force in scholarly communication. For many researchers, faculty, and students, it is the first search tool used, challenging the popularity and utility of veteran databases licensed—often at considerable cost—by academic and corporate libraries. Yet announcements about changes in the constantly evolving service seem to occur rarely and with little ballyhoo. For example, did you know that Google Scholar has launched its own digitization project, separate from the high-profile Google Book Search mass digitization?”...  
Information Today NewsBreaks, Aug. 27

Evan Farber’s writings collected [[http://www.earlham.edu/library/content/about/farber\\_book.html](http://www.earlham.edu/library/content/about/farber_book.html)]  
Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, has published College Libraries and the Teaching/Learning Process, a 272-page collection of the writings of Evan Ira Farber, library director at Earlham from 1962 to 1994. Farber’s many writings and talks have helped shape the thinking about academic library service over the past 40 years. This volume, edited by David Gansz, includes his articles on the role of the college library, the importance of bibliographic instruction, and the necessity for collaboration between the library and the teaching faculty....  
Earlham College, Aug. 24

Public library blogs [<http://walt.lishost.org/?p=610>]  
Former AL columnist Walt Crawford has written a book called Public Library Blogs: 252 Examples, a Cites & Insights book. [<http://www.lulu.com/content/1117701>] He writes: “I’m hoping this book will help librarians see whether blogs might work for their library by offering a range of examples that speak more directly to their situation. I’m also hoping that showing the diversity of specialized public library blogs will be useful to those considering such blogs.”...  
Walt at Random blog, Aug. 27

Local and county histories to go online [[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Home/News/frameset\\_news.asp?PAGE=Press/2007-8-15\\_Local\\_Histories\\_Online.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Home/News/frameset_news.asp?PAGE=Press/2007-8-15_Local_Histories_Online.asp)]  
Thousands of published family histories, city and county histories, historic city directories, and related records are coming to the internet. The Allen County (Ind.) Public Library, Brigham Young University’s Harold B. Lee Library, and FamilySearch’s Family History Library in Salt Lake City announced the joint project [<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/>] August 15. When complete, it will be the most comprehensive free collection of city and county histories on the Web....  
FamilySearch, Aug. 15

Harvard tops the student list of favorite academic libraries

[<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/research/rankings/rankingDetails.asp?categoryID=1&topicID=12>]  
(registration required)

Some 120,000 students voted for the top 20 universities in 62 different categories in 2008.

Princeton Review's The Best 366 Colleges gives the top 20 libraries in the survey (and Princeton is in second place). Harvard and Princeton also made the top two spots in the U.S. News & World Report survey

[[http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/brief/t1natudoc\\_brief.php](http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/brief/t1natudoc_brief.php)]  
] for 2008, which unfortunately did not ask about libraries....

Princeton Review; U.S. News & World Report, Aug. 17

&#8220;Tree of Books&#8221; desktop wallpaper [<http://www.vladstudio.com/wallpaper/?532>]

Vladstudio is a design company run by graphics enthusiast and digital artist Vlad Gerasimov of Irkutsk, Russia. In his spare time he creates free computer desktop wallpaper, such as this "Tree of Books," which has a certain appeal for booklovers. He also has "Google Library [<http://www.vladstudio.com/wallpaper/?486>]" and a clever inverse water-for-land map [<http://www.vladstudio.com/wallpaper/?510>] that might appeal to map librarians....

Vladstudio

10,000 lists on WorldCat since June [<http://www.oclc.org/news/briefs/brief151.htm>]

More than 10,000 personalized lists have been created within WorldCat.org since its social networking feature was introduced in June. You can build as many lists as you like on any subject—lists like Genealogy: What&#8217;s New in 2007

[<http://www.worldcat.org/profiles/TomKemp/lists/6357>] or Oddly Titled Government Documents.

[<http://worldcat.org/profiles/dcornwall/lists/5775>] All you need is an email address to create a free WorldCat account....

OCLC

Old librarians don&#8217;t die . . .

[[http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law\\_librarian\\_blog/2007/08/friday-fun-li-1.html](http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law_librarian_blog/2007/08/friday-fun-li-1.html)]

This collection of clever aphorisms (MP3 file) on how various types of librarians don't die was written and performed by law librarians at the University of Minnesota. As they say, "Law librarians don't die, their statute of limitations just runs out."...

Law Librarian Blog, Aug. 17

Disco dancing for peace in the biblioblogosphere

[<http://www.libraryman.com/blog/2007/08/20/disco-dancing-for-peace-in-the-biblioblogosphere/>]

Libraryman Michael Porter took JibJab's "Starring You [[http://www.jibjab.com/starring\\_you/](http://www.jibjab.com/starring_you/)]" disco video and pasted his and Michael Gorman's faces on the freestyling duo. He writes: "Think of the promos libraries could do with a carefully planned marketing program using something like this (perhaps letting patrons stick themselves in a famous book setting, etc?). I must confess that upon seeing the results I couldn't help but wonder 'should I have just read a chapter or two in a book instead of making this?' Naaaah, who am I kidding, this was time well spent!"...

Libraryman blog, Aug. 20

Another Library Man answers questions in Modesto

[<http://www.modbee.com/opinion/community/story/54059.html>]

Brad Barker, librarian at Mark Twain Junior High School in Modesto, California, has a new (potentially recurring) column in the Modesto Bee where he provides answers, some flippant, others informative, to such questions as: "Q: If the famous royal library at Alexandria hadn't been burned in ancient times, wouldn't human civilization be advanced hundreds of years ahead of where we are today? A: Yes, we'd all have flying cars like the Jetsons, and we'd never have invaded Iraq."...

Modesto (Calif.) Bee, Aug. 29

## Ask the ALA Librarian

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Q. I saw your news item

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/august2007/browardjoint.cfm>] about strains in the agreement for a joint use facility at the Nova Southeastern University/Broward County Library Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. How common are such arrangements?

A. Such arrangements are more common in countries, such as Sweden or Australia, where they enable library service in thinly populated areas. Alan Bundy, in his Joint-Use Libraries: The Ultimate Form of Cooperation (PDF file, [<http://www.library.unisa.edu.au/about/papers/jointuse.pdf>] 2003), sets the rate at 40% of libraries in Sweden. In the U.S., the number is much lower. A key to success seems to be a well-planned agreement, covering issues as enumerated in Report of the Standing Committee on Joint-Use Libraries, (PDF file [[http://www.ccla.lib.fl.us/docs/reports/joint\\_use.pdf](http://www.ccla.lib.fl.us/docs/reports/joint_use.pdf)]) prepared January 30, 1996, at Florida's College Center for Library Automation. The Bundy article also has a checklist, as do the many other references on joint use libraries

[<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Joint-Use>] we've gathered for "Joint-Use Libraries: A Bibliography" (ALA Library Fact Sheet #20 [<http://www.ala.org/ala/alibrary/libraryfactsheet/alibraryfactsheet20.cfm>]). See the ALA Professional Tips wiki [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Joint\\_Use\\_Facilities](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Joint_Use_Facilities)] for more....

@ The ALA Librarian [<mailto:AskTheLibrarian@ala.org>] welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

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Oct. 1–3:

West Virginia Library Association, [<http://wvla2007.blogspot.com/>] Annual Conference, Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa, Morgantown. &ldquo;Strength Through Change.&rdquo;

Oct. 3–5:

Missouri Library Association, [<http://molib.org/Conference.html>] Annual Conference, University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield.

Oct. 3–6:

Idaho Library Association, [<http://www.idaholibraries.org/node/190>] Annual Conference, Nampa Civic Center. "Get Groovy @ your library: Books, Blogs, & 2.0."

Oct. 4–6:

Nevada Library Association, [<http://www.nevadalibraries.org/conference07/index.html>] Annual

Conference, Carson City. &ldquo;The Lighter Side of Libraries.&rdquo;

Oct. 9–12:

Illinois Library Association, [<http://www.ila.org/events/index.htm>] Annual Conference, Springfield. &ldquo;Changing Libraries, Changing Communities.&rdquo;

Oct. 10–12:

Ohio Library Council, [[http://www.olc.org/ann\\_conf.asp](http://www.olc.org/ann_conf.asp)]  
[<http://www.olc.org/conventionandexpo.asp>] Convention and Expo, Hyatt Regency, Columbus.

Oct. 10–12:

Iowa Library Association, [<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm>]  
[<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm>] Annual Conference, Coralville.  
&ldquo;Iowa Libraries: Cultivating the Future.&rdquo;

Oct. 14–17:

Pennsylvania Library Association, [<http://www.palibraries.org/events-conf/ann-conf.asp>] Annual Conference, Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College. &ldquo;Pennsylvania Libraries: Soaring to New Heights.&rdquo;

Oct. 16–19:

North Carolina Library Association, [<http://www.nclaonline.org/conference/index.html>] Annual Conference, Hickory Metro Convention Center. &ldquo;Telling Our Story.&rdquo;

Oct. 16–19:

Wisconsin Library Association, [<http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/conferences/2007/index.htm>] Annual Conference, Regency Suites and KI Convention Center, Green Bay. &ldquo;Libraries Here and Now.&rdquo;

Oct. 17–19:

South Dakota Library Association,  
[[http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org/conf\\_planning\\_files/2007AnnualConference.asp](http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org/conf_planning_files/2007AnnualConference.asp)] Annual Conference, Watertown. &ldquo;Renew, Recruit, Celebrate.&rdquo;

Oct. 17–19:

Georgia Council of Media Organizations, [<http://www.georgiacomo.org/>] Annual Conference, Jekyll Island. &ldquo;Beaches, Blogs, and Books.&rdquo;

Oct. 17–20:

New York Library Association, [[http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page\\_id=70](http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=70)] Annual Conference, Buffalo. &ldquo;Libraries: Learning for Life.&rdquo;

Oct. 24–26:

Minnesota Library Association,  
[[http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/conf\\_2007/emlaprogram\\_2007.pdf](http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/conf_2007/emlaprogram_2007.pdf)] Annual Conference, Mankato.  
&ldquo;All the World&rsquo;s a Stege: Becoming a Lead Player.&rdquo;

Oct. 24–26:

Mississippi Library Association,  
[<http://www.misslib.org/index.php/2007/03/10/2007-mla-annual-conference-scheduled-for-october-24-27/>]  
] Annual Conference, Vicksburg Convention Center. &ldquo;Mississippi Libraries: Discover the World, Close to Home.&rdquo;

Oct. 24–26:

Nebraska Library Association/ Nebraska Educational Media Association,  
[<http://www.2007nla-nema.info/>] Annual Conference, Kearney.

Oct. 26–29:

California Library Association, [<http://www.cla-net.org/events/confexhibition.php>]  
[<http://www.cla-net.org/events/confexhibition.php>] Annual Conference, Long Beach Convention  
Center. &ldquo;Opportunity Knocks.&rdquo;

Oct. 31–

Nov. 2:  
South Carolina Library Association, [<http://www.scla.org/AnnualConference2007/HomePage>] Annual  
Conference, Radisson Bush River Road, Columbia. &ldquo;Library 2.0: Taking South Carolina&rsquo;s  
Libraries to the People.&rdquo;

@ More [<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/datebook/datebook.cfm>]....

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