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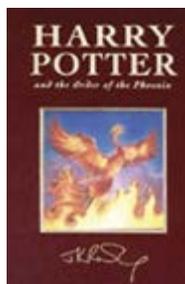
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## U.S. & World News

### [Harry Potter foe loses fourth challenge](#)

Harry Potter detractor Laura Mallory has lost yet another attempt to get the popular series removed from the Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Schools. Georgia Superior Court Judge Ronnie Batchelor upheld May 29 a December 2006 decision by the state board of education to retain the series in the school system's library media centers. The ruling came at the conclusion of the hearing....



### [Filtering bill stalls in Illinois Senate](#)

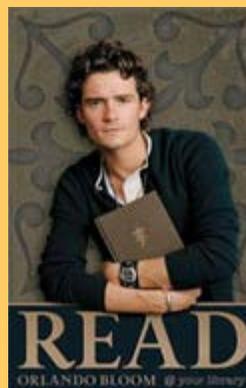
According to Illinois lawmakers, the Internet Screening in Public Libraries Act (H.B. 1727), a bill that would require filters on all public libraries in the state, appears unlikely to make it out of committee in the Illinois Senate. The legislation passed 63–51 in the state House of Representatives May 2, which prompted many Illinois public libraries to protest by taking part in a May 14 Illinois Library Association-sponsored "day of unity" by shutting off or limiting their internet access and expressing their concerns to state senators....

### [Laura Bush announces \\$1.3 million in school library grants](#)

In its 2007 round of grants, First Lady Laura Bush's foundation is awarding nearly \$1.3 million to 263 school libraries to expand their book collections. Mrs. Bush made the announcement May 30 at the 104-year-old P.S. 188 Island School on Manhattan's Lower East Side, accompanied by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and city schools Chancellor Joel Klein....



Check out the Annual Conference programs in [collection management and technical services](#).



Now appearing in *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*, [Orlando Bloom](#) is even more collectible as a READ poster now than he was in 2005. Save 20% at the ALA Store when you buy five or more regularly priced

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## ALA News

## [ALA supports OPEN Government Act](#)

ALA has asked Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) to support the [OPEN Government Act of 2007](#) (S. 849), and bring this important legislation to the floor in early June. On May 31, Sen. John Kyl (R-Ariz.), who had previously remained anonymous, identified himself as the senator responsible for placing a hold on the bill and preventing it from being scheduled....

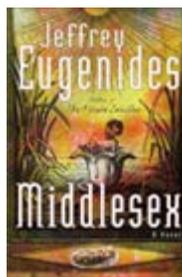
## [Ask Congress to sign up for READ posters](#)

As part of [Library Day on the Hill](#), Members of Congress will have the unique opportunity to make their own version of ALA's famous READ posters. Six senators and 23 representatives have signed up for this chance, but we still need more. Have them call the ALA Washington Office at 202-628-8410, ask for Melanie or Andy, to schedule....

District Dispatch blog, June 5

## [ALA organizational members can get Middlesex](#)

ALA public, middle school, high school, and community college organizational members are eligible to receive the latest Oprah's Book Club selection, [Middlesex: A Novel](#) by Jeffrey Eugenides. Organizational members current as of June 15 will receive from two to eight copies, depending on the size of their libraries. Picador USA, the publisher, will begin shipping after June 25....



## [ALA website redesign preview at Annual Conference](#)

ALA will have two kiosks showcasing representative possibilities for a new website design during the 2007 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 21–27. Each kiosk will display wireframes (rough sketches) that are intended to generate feedback on information architecture, navigation approach, and basic layout. The kiosks will be located in the ALA registration area at the conference....

## [How to celebrate Banned Books Week](#)

The week of September 29 through October 6 marks the 26th anniversary of [Banned Books Week](#), ALA's annual celebration of the freedom to read. Here are some [suggestions](#) from the Office for Intellectual Freedom to help you celebrate the week. If you can think of other ways to celebrate the week, please [share them](#) with OIF. Your ideas may inspire others....

Don Wood: Library 2.0, June 1



## [2008 Emerging Leaders program](#)

Spend two workshop days with Maureen Sullivan and Connie Paul at the 2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference, participating in projects, networking with 119 of your peers, getting an inside look into ALA structure, and having an opportunity to serve your profession. The program will enable 120 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership....

Emerging Leaders wiki, May 31

## [Wendy Prellwitz on the ALA Diversity Office](#)

Gwendolyn ("Wendy") Prellwitz, program

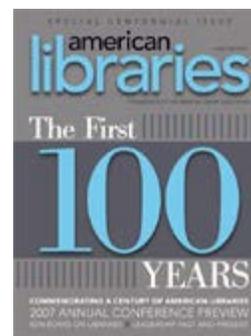
posters. **A classic!**  
From ALA Graphics.



The [ALA Cultural Communities Fund](#) is an endowment to support cultural programming in libraries. The National Endowment for the Humanities has offered a challenge grant of matching funds in response. The five-year challenge grant campaign has a goal of \$1 million, with yearly targets to receive matching funds from the NEH. **Your gift** will help us meet our 2007 goal of raising an additional \$277,000 **by July 31**.

## In this issue

June/July 2007



### An AL Timeline

### ALA Presidents Speak across a Century

### Ken Burns Archives America

### Librarians of Congress

officer for the ALA Office for Diversity, chats with ALA Manager for Membership Development John Chrastka about what her office is up to, its search for a new director, the various grants it is working on, the Spectrum Scholarship program, and how she ended up at ALA. Produced by *American Libraries* for its AL Focus series of videos....

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### Conference Preview

### Career Leads from



**Supervisory Technical Information Specialist.** The Office of Legislative Information of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) is seeking an Assistant Head of the Bill Digest Office, which is responsible for creating and publishing summaries for all legislation and for managing legislative status information. This critical content management system supports the congressional Legislative Information System as well as the THOMAS system available to the public from the Library of Congress....

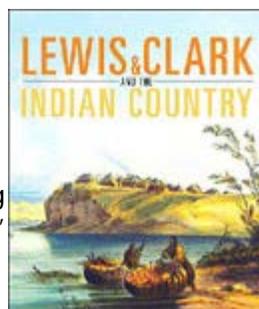
@ [More jobs...](#)

### Diversity and Outreach Fair participants (updated)

OLOS has announced that two new exhibitors joined the fair since the initial announcement last week. They are the Teri Rose Memorial Library at the Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago and "Creative Responses to Aging in America," a joint exhibit of the Cleveland (Ohio) and Alameda County (Calif.) Public Libraries....

### Libraries chosen for Lewis and Clark exhibit...

The Public Programs Office, in partnership with the Newberry Library and the National Endowment for the Humanities, has selected 23 public and academic libraries to host the traveling exhibit, "Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country," based on a display at the Newberry in 2005. The libraries selected for the tour will host the 1,000-square-foot exhibit for a six-week period between October 2007 and November 2011....



### ...and Benjamin Franklin traveling exhibit

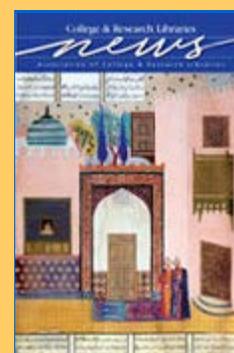
The Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary in Philadelphia, has selected 20 public and academic libraries to host the traveling exhibition, "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World," based on a display at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia until April 2006. The libraries selected for the tour will host the 1,000-square-foot exhibit for a six-week period between December 2007 and June 2011....



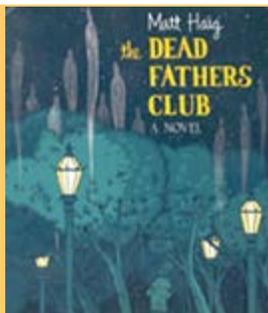
# Booklist ONLINE

### Featured review: Media

Haig, Matt. *The Dead Fathers Club*. Read by Andrew Dennis. Apr. 2007. 7 hrs. High Bridge, CD (978-1-59887-087-9). Grieving over his father's death, 11-year-old Philip Nobel is shocked when his dad's ghost appears, telling him that Uncle Allen is responsible for his



Delta State University



“accidental” death. Furthermore, the ghost asks Philip to exact revenge upon Uncle Allen or his father will suffer from “the terrors.” Philip mulls over this request, deciding to act on it after he realizes his mother and uncle are romantically involved. He grabs a “how-to murder book” and plots retribution in this contemporary take on *Hamlet*....

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

Serials Librarian Paula L. Webb writes about [YouTube and academic libraries](#) in the June issue of *College & Research Libraries News*.

## D.C. Update

### [The National Zoo](#)

Part of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo is the nation’s zoo. It is a 163-acre zoological park set amid Rock Creek National Park in the heart of D.C. You can visit the zoo 364 days a year to see 2,000 individual animals of 400 different species. The new Asia Trail features sloth bears, clouded leopards, a Japanese giant salamander, and giant pandas in the [Fujifilm Giant Panda Habitat](#) (complete with PandaCam)....

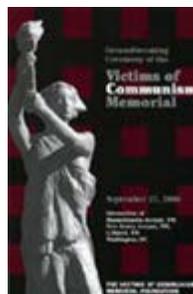
Smithsonian National Zoo



### [Victims of Communism Memorial](#)

A Victims of Communism Memorial will be dedicated June 12. Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, will give the keynote address while Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) will deliver remarks. The Memorial is at the intersection of Massachusetts Ave., New Jersey Ave., and G St., N.W., two blocks from Union Station and within view of the U.S. Capitol....

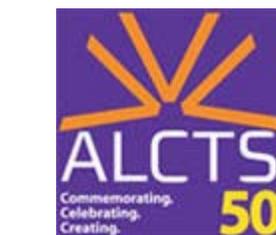
Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation



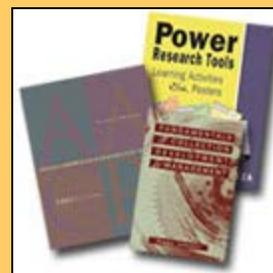
### [Art Museum of the Americas](#)

Please note that the museum is currently closed through June 30 for the changing of exhibits....

Art Museum of the Americas



Check out these [poster sessions](#) for the 50th ALCTS National Conference in Washington, D.C., June 20–21.



### Is there a book lurking within you?

Consider ALA Editions as your publisher. Check the Editions website for [proposal guidelines](#) and an [FAQ](#).

## Division News

### [Armistead Maupin will keynote PLA President’s Program](#)

Acclaimed author Armistead Maupin will present the keynote address at the PLA President’s Program at

**Public Perception**  
How the World Sees Us

ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 25, 5–6:30 p.m. Due to a campaign-related scheduling conflict, Elizabeth Edwards will not be attending the program. Maupin is the author of *Tales of the City* and *Babycakes*....



### [LITA President's Program to explore digital audio and Penn Tags](#)

The LITA President's Program, titled "Tag! Your IT!: Online Digital Audio Collections Meet PennTags," will take place Sunday, June 24. The program is a combination of two hot topics—digital audio libraries and the social tagging system PennTags. Chuck Haddix and Michael Winkler are the featured speakers....

### [Passport to Teen Read Week contest](#)

Visitors to the exhibits at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., can win an iPod Shuffle or one of four messenger bags filled with goodies from YALSA. The first 1,000 to show their completed Teen Read Week passport (right) at the YALSA booth in the ALA Pavilion will be entered into the contest. The passports also include tips for planning a successful TRW celebration, plus details about YALSA's upcoming WrestleMania Reading Challenge. The grand prize drawing will be held June 26....



### [ALCTS announces Annual Conference forums](#)

ALCTS is offering a number of events at ALA Annual Conference in its continuing forum series of hot topics, among them bibliographic control, ALCTS 50th anniversary, RDA update, and others....

## Round Table News

### [Video Round Table preconference](#)

The Video Round Table will cohost a preconference on "User Rights at Risk in Video and Film: Issues for Librarians Interested in Copyright Law and Fair Use" on Friday, June 22, 2–6 p.m., at the Washington College of Law. The event will feature discussion of a new national initiative to encourage reliance on fair use....

## Awards

### [New award to honor promotion of baseball and literacy](#)

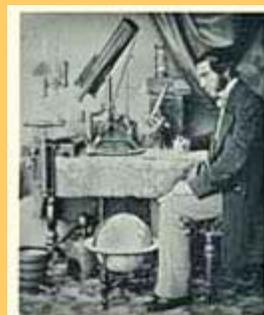
Applications are available for "Batting for literacy @ your library," a new award in conjunction with ALA's Step Up to the Plate @ your library program. The award will honor an individual librarian who has used baseball to enhance literacy or library service. The recipient will be awarded a trip to the 2008 Baseball Hall of Fame Game, an annual exhibition game between two major league teams at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in



**"Libraries are classically known as soul-sucking places ruled by authoritative librarians that most people avoid."**

—Purdue University Summer Reporter Connie Lee, writing on university library renovations, in *The Exponent*, May 30.

## From the CentennialAL Blog



Geschichte der Fotografie

[The First Killer App, 1923–1943.](#) The first technological development that truly got major coverage in the *ALA Bulletin*, the "killer app" of this post's title, was microphotography. Between mid-1936 and late 1938, the *Bulletin* published nearly monthly articles on the topic. (Several of these articles have been digitized and are available online at the [New Deal Network](#).) It began in August 1936, with coverage of a microphotography symposium at the ALA

Cooperstown, New York....

### [Freund to receive My Favorite Martian award](#)

LeiLani Freund, chair of humanities and social sciences services at the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Libraries, is the 2007 recipient of RUSA's Machine-Assisted Reference Section (MARS) Recognition Certificate, also known as the My Favorite Martian award....

### **Emerald Research Grants awarded**

[Lisa G. O'Connor and Diane M. Owens](#) of the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science and [Y. Diana Wu](#) of San Jose State University are recipients of the 2007 Emerald Research Grant Awards administered by the RUSA Business Reference and Services Section. O'Connor and Owens are receiving the grant to research the information-seeking behaviors of amateur financial investors, and Wu is conducting a study on information literacy and workplace expectations....

### [LITA/Ex Libris Student Writing Award](#)

Timothy Dickey, currently enrolled in the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University, is the winner of the 2007 LITA/Ex Libris Student Writing Award. His paper examines the challenges and benefits of reorganizing an OPAC to take advantage of the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records....

### [LC's Laura Campbell recognized](#)

Laura E. Campbell, associate librarian for strategic initiatives and chief information officer for the Library of Congress, on June 4 received the prestigious 2007 EMC Information Leadership Award from the Computerworld Honors Program. For almost two decades, Computerworld Honors has acknowledged individuals and organizations that have used information technology to benefit society. Campbell leads both LC's National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program and its National Digital Library Program....

Library of Congress, June 6



## Seen Online

### [Pickens library program yanked after witchcraft charge](#)

A library program in Easley, South Carolina, described by some parents as promoting witchcraft, has been canceled. The Pickens County Library System's youth Summer Reading Program was discontinued after officials received complaints objecting to its content. The 12 weekly sessions included a variety of activities, including palmistry, Tarot card reading, T-shirt tie-dyeing, and scrapbooking....

Greenville (S.C.) News, June 6



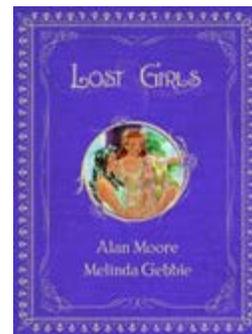
### [Vamos goes to court](#)

To some in Miami, the children's book *Vamos a Cuba* (A Visit to Cuba) is offensive and should be removed from school libraries, even though it

Annual Conference in Richmond (p. 719-723). See the [CentennialAL Blog](#) for more....



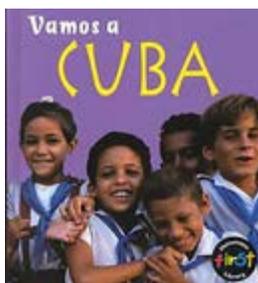
### Ask the ALA Librarian



***Q. I had a parent come in, very agitated about the content and images in some of the graphic novels that her children got from our library. She said she had no idea that the term "graphic novel" should be taken literally. It seems that our library's parents have heard of graphic novels, but aren't aware that some of them deal with rather mature issues and situations and are therefore very different from the more light-hearted comics they read when they were teens. How should I handle challenges to our graphic novels collection?***

contains no obscenities or profanities, nor any mention of sex or drugs. It also doesn't contain any criticism of Fidel Castro or his communist government, which is why the Miami-Dade County School District is asking a federal appeals court June 6 for permission to remove the 49 copies from its libraries....

*Miami Herald*, June 5



### [Inside an outsourced library](#)

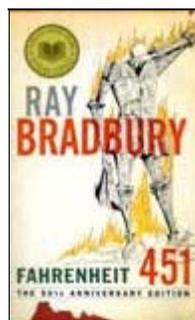
Just two hours south of Jackson County, Oregon, the city of Redding, California, decided to outsource the running of its three libraries in Shasta County to Library Systems and Services (LSSI) in September 2006. Shasta County had struggled for decades to try to keep libraries open and went through financial downturns similar to what Jackson County faced leading up to the closure of all its branches. But Redding opened up a new \$20-million library two months ago....

*Medford (Oreg.) Mail Tribune*, June 3

### [Ray Bradbury: Fahrenheit 451 misinterpreted](#)

Author [Ray Bradbury](#) still has a lot to say, especially about how people do not understand his most literary work, *Fahrenheit 451*, published in 1953. The book is not, he says firmly, a story about government censorship. Nor was it a response to Senator Joseph McCarthy, whose investigations had already instilled fear and stifled the creativity of thousands. It is, in fact, a story about how television destroys interest in reading literature....

*L.A. Weekly*, May 30



### [Censorship will change the face of the internet](#)

Amnesty International has warned that the internet "could change beyond all recognition" unless action is taken against the erosion of online freedoms. The warning comes ahead of a conference organized by Amnesty, where victims of repression will outline their plights....

BBC News, June 6

### [Bookcart contest sparks linguistic controversy](#)

The Racine (Wis.) Public Library is putting "pimp" to work, using the word to promote a contest aimed at attracting teens to the library. Some people praised the contest, dubbed "Pimp My Cart!," as a fresh way to reach kids and give flash to the decidedly undecorated carts that move books around the library. Others abhor the casual use of "pimp," even if the verb form of the word now can mean to make something look sharp and new....

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, June 2

### [Photos from Greensburg](#)

On May 5, the day after an EF-5 tornado hit his home town of Greensburg, Kansas, acclaimed landscape photographer [Larry Schwarm](#) returned to assist stricken friends and neighbors and photograph the damage. One of those images included

A. The [Dealing with Challenges to Graphic Novels](#) page from ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom provides much advice on this subject, including a list of suggested responses to some very pointed questions about the graphic novels collection. See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for further assistance.

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

## Calendar

### Aug. 1–3: [American Association for State and Local History.](#)

"Digitizing Historic Collections" workshop, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, Tenn. Contact: [Bethany Hawkins](#), 615-320-3203.

### Aug. 2–6: [6th National Conference of African American Librarians.](#)

Convention Center, Fort Worth, Tex. "Culture Keepers VI: Preserving the Past, Sustaining the Future." Contact: [Rosa Burnett](#).

### Aug. 3–5: [3rd Annual Wikimania Conference.](#) Taipei,

the devastated Kiowa County Library (right). Note the card catalog in the lower right corner. The full body of Schwarm's work will be displayed at the Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art Gallery in Kansas City in November....

*Kansas City (Mo.) Star, June 2*



### [Portrait of a copyright miser](#)

On June 1, a San Jose federal judge awarded attorney fees to a Stanford University English professor whose suit against the estate of James Joyce was settled recently. Carol Loeb Shloss's suit against the Joyce estate sheds light on an ironic, and maybe inevitable, trend in intellectual property: As copyright becomes harder to defend, many copyright holders are becoming less realistic about the limitations of their ownership....

*Los Angeles Times, June 5*

### [Moline's "My Favorite Book" exhibit](#)

The faces in Moline (Ill.) Public Library's "My Favorite Book" project vary as much as the books they feature, perfectly capturing the variety patrons find when they walk into the library. Photojournalist Todd Mizener took 156 images of library patrons posing with their favorite books to help celebrate the library's grand opening last fall. Now they are hanging in the library and [accessible online](#)....

*Moline (Ill.) Dispatch, May 30*

### [City-county library merger appears to be on track](#)

The merger of Minneapolis and Hennepin County library systems remains alive, even after Gov. Tim Pawlenty's veto of \$4.5 million in state aid, local officials said May 31. "Absolutely," said Minneapolis Library Director Kit Hadley a day after Pawlenty rejected funding that would have been used for transitional costs. "No one connected with this merger, though, anticipated this [the veto]."...

*Minneapolis Star-Tribune, May 31*

### [Reed Elsevier quits organizing arms fairs](#)

Anti-arms trade campaigners and writers at Reed Elsevier's scientific journals today welcomed the publisher's move to pull out from organizing defense shows. Reed said earlier it would sever its ties to arms fairs, bowing to pressure that included complaints from customers, shareholders, and academics writing for its major titles. It plans to pull out of the industry by the end of this year....

*The Guardian (U.K.), June 1*

Taiwan. Contact: [Wikimania](#).

### [Aug. 5-11: 30th International Wittgenstein Symposium](#)

Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria. "Philosophy of the Information Society." Contact: [Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society](#).

### [Aug. 8-10: 23rd Annual Conference on Distance Teaching and Learning](#)

University of Wisconsin, Madison. Contact: [Kimary Peterson](#).

### [Aug. 13-16: 6th International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science](#)

Borås, Sweden. "Featuring the Future." Contact: [Rebecca Landmér](#).

### [Aug. 19-23: World Library and Information Congress](#)

IFLA, Durban, South Africa. "Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnerships." Contact: [IFLA](#).

### [Aug. 20-23: Search Engine Strategies Conference and Expo](#)

San Jose,

## Tech Talk

## [Google Custom Search Engine: Some examples](#)

Google Software Engineer R. V. Guha gives examples of sites that have customized the Google search engine to enhance results. He writes: "What can you do with Google Custom Search Engine? At the most basic level, you can restrict your searches to only the sites and documents you want to include in your results. You can also offer [search refinements](#) that make it easier for your users to find the information they're looking for."...

*Google Librarian Newsletter*, no. 8 (May)

## [Microsoft Surface to offer tabletop computing](#)

After years of covert development, Microsoft says it will release a computer that uses the tabletop as its high-resolution display, recognizes objects placed on the surface, and skips the traditional keyboard and mouse in favor of fingers on the screen. In one example of how this could be used, people place a card on the table to call up a virtual stack of digital photos from a computer server and then rotate, resize, and spread them across the table using their hands. In another, diners split a tab by dragging icons of their meals to their credit cards....

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, May 30



## [What's next? The challenge](#)

AL columnist Andrew Pace writes: "Major consolidation of the library automation market, the emergence of viable open source software solutions and new business models for supporting them, and a somewhat rancorous and impatient customer base that fears that profit and efficiency have out-gunned innovation and service—all this makes for a dangerous cocktail. What's a vendor to do? What's a library to do? The challenge for libraries is realizing that perfect is the enemy of good."...

Hectic Pace blog, June 6

## [LexisNexis survey on librarians and Web 2.0](#)

Content provider LexisNexis announced the results of a nationwide survey that shows how information professionals are adding value to their organizations through technology and knowledge management. 93% of librarians say they currently use intranets for managing and distributing information, and see collaborative workspaces (57%), wireless (44%), and portals (51%) as very important for the future....

LexisNexis, June 3

## [Ask goes 3D](#)

John Battelle writes: "Ask today launched [Ask3D](#), which, according to documents sent to me by Ask, 'synthesizes the best of our technologies across the three dimensions of search: Expression, Results, and Content.' This is Ask, a perennial 4th-place player in an increasingly one-player market, doing what only a 4th-place player can do: throwing caution to the wind and betting on a new interface, one that abandons the 'ten blue links' approach that has dominated search for so long." [More analysis](#) from Ask.com's Gary Price....

John Battelle's Searchblog, June 4; Resource Shelf, June 5



California. Contact: [Incisive Media](#).

**Aug. 27–28:**  
[4th International Conference on Knowledge Management](#), Vienna, Austria. Contact: [Christoph Schmid](#).

**Aug. 27–28:**  
[1st Simposio Internacional sobre Organizacion del Conocimiento: Bibliotecologia y Terminologia](#), Mexico City.

**Aug. 27–31:**  
[International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications](#), Singapore. Contact: [DC-2007](#).

**Aug. 29–Sept. 2:**  
[Society of American Archivists](#), Annual Meeting, Chicago. Contact: [SAA](#).

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### [Endnote X1 for Windows](#)

Publisher Thomson Scientific has upgraded its Endnote bibliographic management software for Windows. The enhancements include custom groups to view and manage subsets of references and "Cite While You Write" capability, which allows users to create bibliographies while writing in Microsoft Word....

Thomson Scientific, June 4

### [Manage employee vacation time](#)

[WhosOff](#) is an online workplace leave-management service that makes organizing time off easy. WhosOff is not simply an administrator-controlled database where information is gathered. WhosOff supports full employee access; employees can submit requests for leave or even log sick days. Appointed administrators can then accept or decline requests no matter where they are; as a web-based platform, it decentralizes user access....



TechCrunch, June 3

### [Tagging: No longer fun nor easy](#)

Mark Gibbs writes: "Give most people a blog or a web page and a field named 'tags,' and they'll start stuffing in text with wild abandon in the hopes that their content will be easily found by people who are desperately searching for information and opinion on feline hairball cures or cycling in the Ozarks or whatever their particular hobby is. Alas, all these folks are doing is polluting the Web."...

Network World, Feb. 5

## **Actions & Answers**

### [Al Gore at SLA](#)

Former Vice President Al Gore was the keynote speaker at the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference opening general session June 3 in Denver. Stephen Leary offers a summary: "Gore characterized the theme of his new book, *The Assault on Reason*, as an investigation into the role information should play in the decisions we make together as a nation. This book 'bubbled up inside' Gore while he was writing *An Inconvenient Truth*, he said. Librarians play a key role and are needed now more than ever, because of the information explosion and the growth of the internet."...

SLA Blog, June 3



### [12-university consortium joins Google Book Search](#)

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation, a consortium of 12 Midwestern research universities, announced a collective agreement June 6 to digitize selected collections in all its libraries, up to 10 million volumes, as part of the Google Book Search project. The collections are global in scope and include Northwestern University's Africana collection, the University of Chicago's South Asia holdings, the University of Minnesota's Scandinavian and forestry collections, and the history and culture of Chicago collection from the University of Illinois at Chicago....

Committee on Institutional Cooperation, June 6

### [Ghent University joins Google Book](#)

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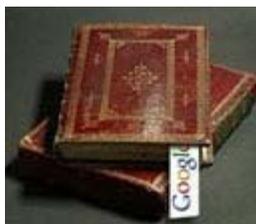
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## [Search](#)

Google announced May 23 that its first Belgian partner has joined the Google Book Search program. The addition of the Ghent University Library collection will add at least 300,000 French- and Dutch-language titles to the search index, which already includes more than a million books....

Ghent University, May 23



## [Internet Safety Month: Online safety metasites](#)

Adam Thierer writes: "The Senate recently passed a resolution (S. Res. 205) declaring June National Internet Safety Month ([PDF file](#)).

There is so much good information on the internet about online child safety that parents would be wise to rely on some of the metasites that aggregate helpful tips, tools, and other information all in one place. Here are some of the best."...

Technology Liberation Front blog, June 3



## [Be ready for privacy challenges](#)

Don't find out the hard way that you and your staff do not know how to respond when the police come knocking on your door in search of information that's contained in your library's customer records. You may believe that you are prepared, but unless you have thoroughly addressed this issue with your staff and have done structured training that's been repeated over time, you may find yourself in an awkward position that could create havoc in your library....

*Computers in Libraries* 27, no. 6 (June)

## [Library workers: Facts and figures](#)

The AFL-CIO's Department for Professional Employees has issued an expanded and updated version of its fact sheet on library workers. This handy, annotated compilation includes employment statistics and projections, notes on diversity and pay inequity, the wage gap, institutional variance, benefits, and unionization in the library profession....

Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO



## [ALA: What is to be done?](#)

Former *AL* columnist and veteran blogger Karen Schneider writes: "The membership roll is huge and conference attendance is bullish. By all accounts, ALA has never been healthier. Two conferences a year, a magazine every month, publications galore, and so many committees we are limited in the cities we can meet in. But the question is, what kind of ALA do we want for the next 50 years? My suggestions below are just a beginning, but are based on years of discussions with other members."...

Free Range Librarian blog, May 29

## [A field guide to Generation Y](#)

Generation Y: Its members are different in many respects, from their upbringing to their politics. But it might be their effect on the workplace that makes them truly noteworthy. They're ambitious, they're demanding, and they question everything, so if they don't have a good reason to do something, don't expect them to do it. When it comes to loyalty, the places they work for



are last on their list. As baby boomers begin to retire, many organizations are realizing that they may have no choice but to accommodate these curious Gen Y creatures....

*Fortune*, May 15

### [The case for gaming in the library](#)

Jared Newman writes: "Three years ago, Eli Neiburger was just an IT guy at the Ann Arbor District Library in Michigan. It was no secret at work that Neiburger loves videogames—he has a Triforce tattooed on his arm—so when Erin Helmrich, a librarian who focuses on teens, wanted to bring gaming into the library, she turned to him for advice."...

*The Escapist*, no. 99



### [Culture morph](#)

Historically, it's been an unavoidable truth: IT people and library people have not been inclined to come to the concept of service with the same view. For IT, it's been all about keeping the servers and systems up; for library professionals, service has meant keeping multimedia information and reference accessible. The fact is, when these two essential campus areas work together well, magic happens—and that is especially true in small, private institutions of higher education....

*Campus Technology*, June 1

### [Wanted: Speakers and storytellers who sign](#)

Janice Rosen of the District of Columbia Public Library is compiling names for the Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action "Speakers and Storytellers Sign @ your library" directory. The directory lists deaf and hearing speakers and storytellers in the United States and other countries who are interested in making presentations in sign language at public libraries. Fill out the application form ([PDF file](#))....

Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action, May 25

### [Harry and the Potters summer tour](#)

Wizard rock band Harry and the Potters (Joe and Paul DeGeorge of Norwood, Mass.) has launched its 2007 tour, with libraries featured prominently on the venue. The duo will cover 34 states and Canada through August 19. They've also issued their recommended [reading list](#) of five books, which includes Lois Lowry's *The Giver*....

Harry and the Potters



### [How to evaluate your library's physical environment](#)

Julia Cooper has developed a system to help you take a fresh look at your library, just in time to gear up for the summer programming season. She writes: "I call it a Sensory Perception Audit. One way to

market your library is through creating a physical environment that both fosters and reflects the needs and wants of people in your community. By being aware of the environment, the impression it makes, and the simple changes you can make, you can significantly improve both your customers' and your staff members' experiences."...

*Marketing Library Services* 21, no. 3 (May/June)

### [Being transparent isn't enough](#)

AL columnist Meredith Farkas writes: "Transparency is no substitute for actually doing something about the things patrons identify as problems. I'm going to illustrate this with two examples from the corporate world. In both examples, these organizations dealt with complaints with transparency, but only one of them did it successfully. If you're going to be open in that way, you will also have to do something about the things that people bring up as problems."...

Information Wants to Be Free blog, June 3

### [Want to help cure muscular dystrophy? Sign up here](#)



The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, is one of 301,111 registered organizations and individuals partnering with the [World Community Grid](#) to donate idle computer time. PLCMC configures its public access computers to run the grid agent during hours the library is closed. The WCG is a nonprofit collective that has created a huge public computing grid to tackle projects that benefit humanity, such as a muscular dystrophy cure, genome comparisons, and human proteome folding....

Library Bytes blog, May 31; World Community Grid

### [Cornell aids HBCU digital project](#)

A digital collection that chronicles the founding of America's black colleges and universities will continue to expand, thanks to a \$450,000 grant to Cornell University Library from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Cornell is sharing its expertise in digital imaging, preservation, and management with librarians and archivists from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Alliance to lay the foundation for an HBCU digital library....

Cornell University, June 1

### [Geisel family gift sires new librarian slot](#)

Audrey Geisel, philanthropist and widow of the late Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel, has continued her long-running support of the University of California at San Diego Libraries with a \$1-million donation—the largest the system has received in its history. The gift will inaugurate the Audrey Geisel University Librarianship chair, a position for which Geisel handpicked UCSD's current chief librarian, Brian E. C. Schottlaender....



*UCSD Guardian*, May 21

### [Hemmingway the BookWorm](#)

Hemmingway (right) brings the mayor to the library to show that it can offer much more than the internet can. This video (1:58) by the Towson (Md.) Public Library is one of five finalists in the Thomson Gale "I Love My Library!" video



contest. You can cast your vote for the one that you think best conveys a love for the library and its resources at the [Librereo website](#). The deadline is June 11....  
YouTube, May 23

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U.S. & World News

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Harry Potter foe loses fourth challenge

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/potterfourth.cfm>]

Harry Potter detractor Laura Mallory has lost yet another attempt to get the popular series removed from the Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Schools. Georgia Superior Court Judge Ronnie Batchelor upheld May 29 a December 2006 decision by the state board of education to retain the series in the school system's library media centers. The ruling came at the conclusion of the hearing....

Filtering bill stalls in Illinois Senate

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/illstalls.cfm>]

According to Illinois lawmakers, the Internet Screening in Public Libraries Act (H.B. 1727), a bill that would require filters on all public libraries in the state, appears unlikely to make it out of committee in the Illinois Senate. The legislation passed 63&ndash;51 in the state House of Representatives May 2, which prompted many Illinois public libraries to protest by taking part in a May 14 Illinois Library Association-sponsored &ldquo;day of unity&rdquo; by shutting off or limiting their internet access and expressing their concerns to state senators....

Laura Bush announces \$1.3 million in school library grants

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/bushgrants.cfm>]

In its 2007 round of grants, First Lady Laura Bush's foundation is awarding nearly \$1.3 million to 263 school libraries to expand their book collections. Mrs. Bush made the announcement May 30 at the 104-year-old P.S. 188 Island School on Manhattan's Lower East Side, accompanied by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and city schools Chancellor Joel Klein....

## ALA News

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### ALA supports OPEN Government Act

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/opengov2007.htm>]

ALA has asked Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) to support the OPEN Government Act of 2007 [<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=s110-849>] (S. 849), and bring this important legislation to the floor in early June. On May 31, Sen. John Kyl (R-Ariz.), who had previously remained anonymous, identified himself as the senator responsible for placing a hold on the bill and preventing it from being scheduled....

### Ask Congress to sign up for READ posters

[[http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=remind\\_your\\_members\\_of\\_congress\\_to\\_sign\\_&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=remind_your_members_of_congress_to_sign_&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

As part of Library Day on the Hill [<http://www.ala.org/dayonthehill>], Members of Congress will have the unique opportunity to make their own version of ALA's famous READ posters. Six senators and 23 representatives have signed up for this chance, but we still need more. Have them call the ALA Washington Office at 202-628-8410, ask for Melanie or Andy, to schedule....

District Dispatch blog, June 5

### Middlesex [<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/membership/oprahbooks/OprahBookInfo.htm>]

ALA public, middle school, high school, and community college organizational members are eligible to receive the latest Oprah's Book Club selection, Middlesex: A Novel [[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=385364](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=385364)] by Jeffrey Eugenides. Organizational members current as of June 15 will receive from two to eight copies, depending on the size of their libraries. Picador USA, the publisher, will begin shipping after June 25....

### ALA website redesign preview at Annual Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/ALAwesiteredesign.htm>]

ALA will have two kiosks showcasing representative possibilities for a new website design during the 2007 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 21&ndash;27. Each kiosk will display wireframes (rough sketches) that are intended to generate feedback on information architecture, navigation approach, and basic layout. The kiosks will be located in the ALA registration area at the conference....

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/actionguide/actionguide.htm>]  
How to celebrate Banned Books Week [[http://donwood.alablog.org/blog/\\_archives/2007/6/1/2991606.html](http://donwood.alablog.org/blog/_archives/2007/6/1/2991606.html)]

The week of September 29 through October 6 marks the 26th anniversary of Banned Books Week [<http://www.ala.org/bbooks>], ALA's annual celebration of the freedom to read. Here are some suggestions [<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/actionguide/actionguide.htm>] from the Office for Intellectual Freedom to help you celebrate the week. If you can think of other ways to celebrate the week, please share them [<mailto:oif@ala.org>] with OIF. Your ideas may inspire others....  
Don Wood: Library 2.0, June 1

## 2008 Emerging Leaders program

[[http://wikis.ala.org/emergingleaders/index.php/2008\\_Emerging\\_Leaders\\_Program\\_Information](http://wikis.ala.org/emergingleaders/index.php/2008_Emerging_Leaders_Program_Information)]

Spend two workshop days with Maureen Sullivan and Connie Paul at the 2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference, participating in projects, networking with 119 of your peers, getting an inside look into ALA structure, and having an opportunity to serve your profession. The program will enable 120 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership....

Emerging Leaders wiki, May 31

Wendy Prellwitz on the ALA Diversity Office [<http://blip.tv/file/248750>]

Gwendolyn (“Wendy”) Prellwitz, program officer for the ALA Office for Diversity, chats with ALA Manager for Membership Development John Chrastka about what her office is up to, its search for a new director, the various grants it is working on, the Spectrum Scholarship program, and how she ended up at ALA. Produced by American Libraries for its AL Focus series of videos....

Blip.tv

Diversity and Outreach Fair participants (updated)

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/Updated2007DiversityFair.htm>]

OLOS has announced that two new exhibitors joined the fair since the initial announcement last week. They are the Teri Rose Memorial Library at the Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago and “Creative Responses to Aging in America,” a joint exhibit of the Cleveland (Ohio) and Alameda County (Calif.) Public Libraries....

Libraries chosen for Lewis and Clark exhibit...

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/23librariesLewisandClark.htm>]

The Public Programs Office, in partnership with the Newberry Library and the National Endowment for the Humanities, has selected 23 public and academic libraries to host the traveling exhibit, “Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country,” based on a display at the Newberry in 2005. The libraries selected for the tour will host the 1,000-square-foot exhibit for a six-week period between October 2007 and November 2011....

...and Benjamin Franklin traveling exhibit

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/20librariesBenjaminFrank.htm>]

The Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary in Philadelphia, has selected 20 public and academic libraries to host the traveling exhibition, “Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World,” based on a display at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia until April 2006. The libraries selected for the tour will host the 1,000-square-foot exhibit for a six-week period between December 2007 and June 2011....

## Booklist Online

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Featured review: Media [[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1982464](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1982464)]  
Haig, Matt. The Dead Fathers Club. Read by Andrew Dennis. Apr. 2007. 7 hrs. High Bridge, CD (978-1-59887-087-9).

Grieving over his father’s death, 11-year-old Philip Nobel is shocked when his dad’s ghost appears, telling him that Uncle Allen is responsible for his “accidental” death. Furthermore, the ghost asks Philip to exact revenge upon Uncle Allen or his father will suffer from “the terrors.” Philip mulls over this request, deciding to act on it after he realizes his mother and uncle are romantically involved. He grabs a “how-to murder book” and plots retribution in this contemporary take on Hamlet....

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

## D.C. Update

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The National Zoo [<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/visit/>]

Part of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo is the nation's zoo. It is a 163-acre zoological park set amid Rock Creek National Park in the heart of D.C. You can visit the zoo 364 days a year to see 2,000 individual animals of 400 different species. The new Asia Trail features sloth bears, clouded leopards, a Japanese giant salamander, and giant pandas in the Fujifilm Giant

Panda Habitat [<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Animals/GiantPandas/default.cfm>] (complete with PandaCam)....

Smithsonian National Zoo

Victims of Communism Memorial [<http://www.victimsofcommunism.org/>]

A Victims of Communism Memorial will be dedicated June 12. Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, will give the keynote address while Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) will deliver remarks. The Memorial is at the intersection of Massachusetts Ave., New Jersey Ave., and G St., N.W., two blocks from Union Station and within view of the U.S. Capitol....

Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

Art Museum of the Americas [<http://www.museum.oas.org/>]

Please note that the museum is currently closed through June 30 for the changing of exhibits....

Art Museum of the Americas

## Division News

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Armistead Maupin will keynote PLA President's Program

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/MaupinPLAProgram.htm>]

Acclaimed author Armistead Maupin will present the keynote address at the PLA President's Program at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 25, 5–6:30 p.m. Due to a campaign-related scheduling conflict, Elizabeth Edwards will not be attending the program. Maupin is the author of *Tales of the City* and *Babycakes*....

LITA President's Program to explore digital audio and Penn Tags

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/LITAPresidentsProgram.htm>]

The LITA President's Program, titled "Tag! Your IT!: Online Digital Audio Collections Meet PennTags," will take place Sunday, June 24. The program is a combination of two hot topics—digital audio libraries and the social tagging system PennTags. Chuck Haddix and Michael Winkler are the featured speakers....

Passport to Teen Read Week contest

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/YALSAPassporttoTRW.htm>]

Visitors to the exhibits at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., can win an iPod Shuffle or one of four messenger bags filled with goodies from YALSA. The first 1,000 to show their completed Teen Read Week passport (right) at the YALSA booth in the ALA Pavilion will be entered into the contest. The passports also include tips for planning a successful TRW celebration, plus details about YALSA's upcoming WrestleMania Reading Challenge. The grand prize drawing will be held June 26....

## ALCTS announces Annual Conference forums

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/ALCTSConferenceforums.htm>]

ALCTS is offering a number of events at ALA Annual Conference in its continuing forum series of hot topics, among them bibliographic control, ALCTS 50th anniversary, RDA update, and others....

## Round Table News

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### Video Round Table preconference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/ALAVidoRoundTable.htm>]

The Video Round Table will cohost a preconference on "User Rights at Risk in Video and Film: Issues for Librarians Interested in Copyright Law and Fair Use" on Friday, June 22, 2–6 p.m., at the Washington College of Law. The event will feature discussion of a new national initiative to encourage reliance on fair use....

## Awards

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### New award to honor promotion of baseball and literacy

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/baseballaward.htm>]

Applications are available for "Batting for literacy @ your library," a new award in conjunction with ALA's Step Up to the Plate @ your library program. The award will honor an individual librarian who has used baseball to enhance literacy or library service. The recipient will be awarded a trip to the 2008 Baseball Hall of Fame Game, an annual exhibition game between two major league teams at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York....

### Freund to receive My Favorite Martian award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/MartianAward.htm>]

LeiLani Freund, chair of humanities and social sciences services at the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Libraries, is the 2007 recipient of RUSA's Machine-Assisted Reference Section (MARS) Recognition Certificate, also known as the My Favorite Martian award....

### Emerald Research Grants awarded

Lisa G. O'Connor and Diane M. Owens

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/EmeraldGrantAward.htm>] of the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science and Y. Diana Wu

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/WuEmeraldGrantaward.htm>] of San Jose State University are recipients of the 2007 Emerald Research Grant Awards administered by the RUSA

Business Reference and Services Section. O'Connor and Owens are receiving the grant to research the information-seeking behaviors of amateur financial investors, and Wu is conducting a study on information literacy and workplace expectations....

### LITA/Ex Libris Student Writing Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/LITAEExLibrisAward.htm>]

Timothy Dickey, currently enrolled in the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University, is the winner of the 2007 LITA/Ex Libris Student Writing Award. His paper examines the challenges and benefits of

reorganizing an OPAC to take advantage of the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records....

LC&#8217;s Laura Campbell recognized [<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2007/07-127.html>]

Laura E. Campbell, associate librarian for strategic initiatives and chief information officer for the Library of Congress, on June 4 received the prestigious 2007 EMC Information Leadership Award from the Computerworld Honors Program. For almost two decades, Computerworld Honors has acknowledged individuals and organizations that have used information technology to benefit society. Campbell leads both LC's National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program and its National Digital Library Program....

Library of Congress, June 6

Seen Online

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Pickens library program yanked after witchcraft charge

[<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070606/PCN/70606007/1004/NEWS01>]

A library program in Easley, South Carolina, described by some parents as promoting witchcraft, has been canceled. The Pickens County Library System's youth Summer Reading Program was discontinued after officials received complaints objecting to its content. The 12-weekly sessions included a variety of activities, including palmistry, Tarot card reading, T-shirt tie-dyeing, and scrapbooking....

Greenville (S.C.) News, June 6

Vamos [<http://www.miamiherald.com/775/story/129207.html>] goes to court

[<http://www.miamiherald.com/775/story/129207.html>]

To some in Miami, the children's book Vamos a Cuba (A Visit to Cuba) is offensive and should be removed from school libraries, even though it contains no obscenities or profanities, nor any mention of sex or drugs. It also doesn't contain any criticism of Fidel Castro or his communist government, which is why the Miami-Dade County School District is asking a federal appeals court

June 6 for permission to remove the 49 copies from its libraries....

Miami Herald, June 5

Inside an outsourced library

[<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070603/NEWS/706030315>]

Just two hours south of Jackson County, Oregon, the city of Redding, California, decided to outsource the running of its three libraries in Shasta County to Library Systems and Services (LSSI) in September 2006. Shasta County had struggled for decades to try to keep libraries open and went through financial downturns similar to what Jackson County faced leading up to the closure of all its branches. But Redding opened up a new \$20-million library two months ago....

Medford (Oreg.) Mail Tribune, June 3

misinterpreted

[<http://www.laweekly.com/news/news/ray-bradbury-fahrenheit-451-misinterpreted/16524/>]

Author Ray Bradbury [[http://www.raybradbury.com/at\\_home\\_clips.html](http://www.raybradbury.com/at_home_clips.html)] still has a lot to say, especially about how people do not understand his most literary work, Fahrenheit 451, published in 1953. The book is not, he says firmly, a story about government censorship. Nor was it a response to Senator Joseph McCarthy, whose investigations had already instilled fear and stifled the creativity of thousands. It is, in fact, a story about how television destroys interest in reading literature....

L.A. Weekly, May 30

Censorship will change the face of the internet [<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/6724531.stm>]

Amnesty International has warned that the internet “could change beyond all recognition” unless action is taken against the erosion of online freedoms. The warning comes ahead of a conference organised by Amnesty, where victims of repression will outline their plights....

BBC News, June 6

Bookcart contest sparks linguistic controversy [<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=613484>]

The Racine (Wis.) Public Library is putting “pimp” to work, using the word to promote a contest aimed at attracting teens to the library. Some people praised the contest, dubbed “Pimp My Cart!,” as a fresh way to reach kids and give flash to the decidedly undecorated carts that move books around the library. Others abhor the casual use of “pimp,” even if the verb form of the word now can mean to make something look sharp and new....

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, June 2

Photos from Greensburg [<http://www.kansascity.com/entertainment/story/130926.html>]

On May 5, the day after an EF-5 tornado hit his home town of Greensburg, Kansas, acclaimed landscape photographer Larry Schwarm [<http://www.larryschwarm.com>] returned to assist stricken friends and neighbors and photograph the damage. One of those images included the devastated Kiowa County Library (right). Note the card catalog in the lower right corner. The full body of

Schwarm’s work will be displayed at the Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art Gallery in Kansas City in November....

Kansas City (Mo.) Star, June 2

Portrait of a copyright miser

[<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-cavanaugh5jun05,0,2402066.story?coll=la-opinion-center>]

On June 1, a San Jose federal judge awarded attorney fees to a Stanford University English professor whose suit against the estate of James Joyce was settled recently. Carol Loeb Shloss’s suit against the Joyce estate sheds light on an ironic, and maybe inevitable, trend in intellectual property: As copyright becomes harder to defend, many copyright holders are becoming

less realistic about the limitations of their ownership....

Los Angeles Times, June 5

Moline’s My Favorite Book exhibit

[<http://qconline.com/archives/qco/display.php?id=340574>]

The faces in Moline (Ill.) Public Library’s “My Favorite Book” project vary as much as the books they feature, perfectly capturing the variety patrons find when they walk into the library. Photojournalist Todd Mizener took 156 images of library patrons posing with their favorite books to help celebrate the library’s grand opening last fall. Now they are hanging in the library and

accessible online [<http://www.qconline.com/multimedia/MyFavoriteBook/>]....

Moline (Ill.) Dispatch, May 30

City-county library merger appears to be on track

[<http://www.startribune.com/462/story/1218515.html>]

The merger of Minneapolis and Hennepin County library systems remains alive, even after Gov. Tim Pawlenty’s veto of \$4.5 million in state aid, local officials said May 31. “Absolutely,” said Minneapolis Library Director Kit Hadley a day after Pawlenty rejected funding that would have been used for transitional costs. “No one connected with this merger, though, anticipated this [the veto].” ...

Minneapolis Star-Tribune, May 31

Reed Elsevier quits organizing arms fairs [<http://business.guardian.co.uk/story/0,,2093273,00.html>]

Anti-arms trade campaigners and writers at Reed Elsevier’s scientific journals today welcomed the publisher’s move to pull out from organizing defense shows. Reed said earlier it would sever its ties to arms fairs, bowing to pressure that included complaints from customers, shareholders, and academics writing for its major titles. It plans to pull out of the industry by the end of this

year....

The Guardian (U.K.), June 1

Tech Talk

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Google Custom Search Engine: Some examples

[[http://www.google.com/librariancenter/articles/0705\\_02.html](http://www.google.com/librariancenter/articles/0705_02.html)]

Google Software Engineer R. V. Guha gives examples of sites that have customized the Google search engine to enhance results. He writes: "What can you do with Google Custom Search Engine? At the most basic level, you can restrict your searches to only the sites and documents you want to include in your results. You can also offer search refinements

[<http://www.google.com/coop/docs/cse/faq.html#14>] that make it easier for your users to find the information they're looking for."...

Google Librarian Newsletter, no. 8 (May)

Microsoft Surface to offer tabletop computing

[[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/business/317737\\_msftdevice30.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/business/317737_msftdevice30.html)]

After years of covert development, Microsoft says it will release a computer that uses the tabletop as its high-resolution display, recognizes objects placed on the surface, and skips the traditional keyboard and mouse in favor of fingers on the screen. In one example of how this could be used, people place a card on the table to call up a virtual stack of digital photos from a computer server and then rotate, resize, and spread them across the table using their hands. In another, diners split a tab by dragging icons of their meals to their credit cards....

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, May 30

What's next? The challenge

[[http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=what\\_next\\_part\\_3\\_challenge&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=what_next_part_3_challenge&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

AL columnist Andrew Pace writes: "Major consolidation of the library automation market, the emergence of viable open source software solutions and new business models for supporting them, and a somewhat rancorous and impatient customer base that fears that profit and efficiency have out-gunned innovation and service—all this makes for a dangerous cocktail. What's a vendor to do?

What's a library to do? The challenge for libraries is realizing that perfect is the enemy of good."...

Hectic Pace blog, June 6

LexisNexis survey on librarians and Web 2.0 [<http://www.lexisnexis.com/about/releases/0980.asp>]

Content provider LexisNexis announced the results of a nationwide survey that shows how information professionals are adding value to their organizations through technology and knowledge management. 93% of librarians say they currently use intranets for managing and distributing information, and see collaborative workspaces (57%), wireless (44%), and portals (51%) as very important for the future....

LexisNexis, June 3

Ask goes 3D [<http://battellemedia.com/archives/003691.php>]

John Battelle writes: "Ask today launched Ask3D, [<http://ask.com>] which, according to documents sent to me by Ask, 'synthesizes the best of our technologies across the three dimensions of search: Expression, Results and Content.' This is Ask, a perennial 4th-place player in an increasingly one-player market, doing what only a 4th-place player can do: throwing caution to the wind and betting on a new interface, one that abandons the 'ten blue links' approach that has dominated search for so long." More analysis

[<http://www.resourceshelf.com/2007/06/05/askcom-debuts-ask-3d-say-hello-to-morph-technology/>] from Ask.com's Gary Price....

John Battelle's Searchblog, June 4; Resource Shelf, June 5

#### Endnote X1 for Windows

[<http://sev.prnewswire.com/computer-electronics/20070604/NEM15204062007-1.html>]

Publisher Thomson Scientific has upgraded its Endnote bibliographic management software for Windows. The enhancements include custom groups to view and manage subsets of references and "Cite While You Write" capability, which allows users to create bibliographies while writing in Microsoft Word....

Thomson Scientific, June 4

#### Manage employee vacation time

[<http://www.techcrunch.com/2007/06/03/whosoff-easy-workplace-leave-management/>]

WhosOff [<http://www.whosoff.com>] is an online workplace leave-management service that makes organizing time off easy. WhosOff is not simply an administrator-controlled database where information is gathered. WhosOff supports full employee access; employees can submit requests for leave or even log sick days. Appointed administrators can then accept or decline requests no matter where they are; as a web-based platform, it decentralizes user access....

TechCrunch, June 3

Tagging: No longer fun nor easy [<http://www.networkworld.com/columnists/2007/020507-backspin.html>]

Mark Gibbs writes: "Give most people a blog or a web page and a field named 'tags,' and they'll start stuffing in text with wild abandon in the hopes that their content will be easily found by people who are desperately searching for information and opinion on feline hairball cures or cycling in the Ozarks or whatever their particular hobby is.

Alas, all these

folks are doing is polluting the Web."...

Network World, Feb. 5

#### Actions & Answers

Al Gore at SLA [[http://slablogger.typepad.com/sla\\_blog/2007/06/al\\_gores\\_speech.html](http://slablogger.typepad.com/sla_blog/2007/06/al_gores_speech.html)]

Former Vice President Al Gore was the keynote speaker at the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference opening general session June 3 in Denver. Stephen Leary offers a summary: "Gore characterized the theme of his new book, *The Assault on Reason*, as an investigation into the role information should play in the decisions we make together as a nation. This book 'bubbled up inside' Gore while he was writing *An Inconvenient Truth*, he said. Librarians play a key role and are needed now more than ever, because of the information explosion and the growth of the internet."...

SLA Blog, June 3

#### 12-university consortium joins Google Book Search

[<http://www.cic.uiuc.edu/programs/CenterForLibraryInitiatives/Archive/PressRelease/LibraryDigitization/index.shtml>]

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation, a consortium of 12 Midwestern research universities, announced a collective agreement June 6 to digitize selected collections in all its libraries, up to 10 million volumes, as part of the Google Book Search project. The collections are global in scope and include Northwestern University's Africana collection, the University of Chicago's South Asia holdings, the University of Minnesota's Scandinavian and forestry collections, and the history and culture of Chicago collection from the University of Illinois at Chicago....

Committee on Institutional Cooperation, June 6

### Ghent University joins Google Book Search

[[http://lib1.ugent.be/cmsites/Default.aspx?alias=BO\\_wwwboekentorenbe\\_google\\_pressrelease](http://lib1.ugent.be/cmsites/Default.aspx?alias=BO_wwwboekentorenbe_google_pressrelease)]

Google announced May 23 that its first Belgian partner has joined the Google Book Search program. The addition of the Ghent University Library collection will add at least 300,000 French- and Dutch-language titles to the search index, which already includes more than a million books....

Ghent University, May 23

### Internet Safety Month: Online safety metasites [<http://www.techliberation.com/archives/042421.php>]

Adam Thierer writes: “The Senate recently passed a resolution (S. Res. 205) declaring June National Internet Safety Month (PDF file

[[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110\\_cong\\_bills&docid=f:sr205ats.txt.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_bills&docid=f:sr205ats.txt.pdf)]). There is so much good information on the internet about online child safety that parents would be wise to rely on some of the metasites that aggregate helpful tips, tools, and other information all in one place. Here are some of the best.”...

Technology Liberation Front blog, June 3

### Be ready for privacy challenges [<http://www.infotoday.com/cilmag/jun07/Bernstein.shtml>]

Don’t find out the hard way that you and your staff do not know how to respond when the police come knocking on your door in search of information that’s contained in your library’s customer records. You may believe that you are prepared, but unless you have thoroughly addressed this issue with your staff and have done structured training that’s

been repeated over time, you may find yourself in an awkward position that could create havoc in your library....

Computers in Libraries 27, no. 6 (June)

### Library workers: Facts and figures

[[http://www.dpeaflcio.org/programs/factsheets/fs\\_2007\\_library\\_workers.htm](http://www.dpeaflcio.org/programs/factsheets/fs_2007_library_workers.htm)]

The AFL-CIO’s Department for Professional Employees has issued an expanded and updated version of its fact sheet on library workers. This handy, annotated compilation includes employment statistics and projections, notes on diversity and pay inequity, the wage gap, institutional variance, benefits, and unionization in the library profession....

Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO

### ALA: What is to be done? [<http://freerangelibrarian.com/2007/05/29/ala-what-is-to-be-done/>]

Former AL columnist and veteran blogger Karen Schneider writes: “The membership roll is huge and conference attendance is bullish. By all accounts, ALA has never been healthier. Two conferences a year, a magazine every month, publications galore, and so many committees we are limited in the cities we can meet in. But the question is, what kind of ALA do we want for the next 50 years? My

suggestions below are just a beginning, but are based on years of discussions with other members.”...

Free Range Librarian blog, May 29

### A field guide to Generation Y

[[http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortune\\_archive/2007/05/28/100033934/](http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortune_archive/2007/05/28/100033934/)]

Generation Y: Its members are different in many respects, from their upbringing to their politics. But it might be their effect on the workplace that makes them truly noteworthy. They’re ambitious, they’re demanding, and they question everything, so if they don’t have a good reason to do something, don’t expect them to do it. When it comes to loyalty, the places they work for are last

on their list. As baby boomers begin to retire, many organizations are realizing that they may have no choice but to accommodate these curious Gen Y creatures....

Fortune, May 15

### The case for gaming in the library [<http://www.escapistmagazine.com/issue/99/13>]

Jared Newman writes: “Three years ago, Eli Neiburger was just an IT guy at the Ann Arbor District Library in Michigan. It was no secret at work that Neiburger loves videogames—he has a Triforce tattooed on his arm—so when Erin Helmrich, a librarian who focuses on teens, wanted to bring gaming into the library, she turned to him for advice.”...

The Escapist, no. 99

Culture morph [<http://www.campustechnology.com/articles/48247/>]

Historically, it's been an unavoidable truth: IT people and library people have not been inclined to come to the concept of service with the same view. For IT, it's been all about keeping the servers and systems up; for library professionals, service has meant keeping multimedia information and reference accessible. The fact is, when these two essential campus areas work

together well, magic happens—and that is especially true in small, private institutions of higher education....

Campus Technology, June 1

Wanted: Speakers and storytellers who sign [<http://www.folda.net/contacts/speakers.html>]

Janice Rosen of the District of Columbia Public Library is compiling names for the Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action "Speakers and Storytellers Sign @ your library" directory. The directory lists deaf and hearing speakers and storytellers in the United States and other countries who are interested in making presentations in sign language at public libraries. Fill out the application

form (PDF file [<http://www.folda.net/contacts/DirectorySpeakersTitleApplication.pdf>])....

Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action, May 25

Harry and the Potters summer tour [<http://www.eskimolabs.com/hp/shows.htm>]

Wizard rock band Harry and the Potters (Joe and Paul DeGeorge of Norwood, Mass.) has launched its 2007 tour, with libraries featured prominently on the venue. The duo will cover 34 states and Canada through August 19. They've also issued their recommended reading list [<http://www.eskimolabs.com/hp/news.htm>] of five books, which includes Lois Lowry's *The Giver*....

Harry and the Potters

How to evaluate your library's physical environment

[<http://www.infotoday.com/MLS/may07/Cooper.shtml>]

Julia Cooper has developed a system to help you take a fresh look at your library, just in time to gear up for the summer programming season. She writes: "I call it a Sensory Perception Audit. One way to market your library is through creating a physical environment that both fosters and reflects the needs and wants of people in your community. By being aware of the environment, the impression it makes, and the simple changes you can make, you can significantly improve both your customers' and your staff members' experiences."...

Marketing Library Services 21, no. 3 (May/June)

Being transparent isn't enough

[<http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php/2007/06/03/being-transparent-isnt-enough/>]

AL columnist Meredith Farkas writes: "Transparency is no substitute for actually doing something about the things patrons identify as problems. I'm going to illustrate this with two examples from the corporate world. In both examples, these organizations dealt with complaints with transparency, but only one of them did it successfully. If you're going to be open in

that way, you will also have to do something about the things that people bring up as problems."...

Information Wants to Be Free blog, June 3

Want to help cure muscular dystrophy? Sign up here

[<http://www.librarybytes.com/2007/05/public-library-leads-researchers-in.html>]

The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, is one of 301,111 registered organizations and individuals partnering with the World Community Grid [<http://www.worldcommunitygrid.org/index.jsp>] to donate idle computer time. PLCMC configures its public access computers to run the grid agent during hours the library is closed. The WCG is a

nonprofit collective that has created a huge public computing grid to tackle projects that benefit humanity, such as a muscular dystrophy cure, genome comparisons, and human proteome folding....

Library Bytes blog, May 31; World Community Grid

Cornell aids HBCU digital project [<http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/530513/>]

A digital collection that chronicles the founding of America’s black colleges and universities will continue to expand, thanks to a \$450,000 grant to Cornell University Library from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Cornell is sharing its expertise in digital imaging, preservation, and management with librarians and archivists from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Alliance to lay the foundation for an HBCU digital library....  
Cornell University, June 1

Geisel family gift sires new librarian slot

[<http://ucsdguardian.org/viewarticle.php?story=news03&year=2007&month=05&day=21>]

Audrey Geisel, philanthropist and widow of the late Theodor “Dr. Seuss” Geisel, has continued her long-running support of the University of California at San Diego Libraries with a \$1-million donation—the largest the system has received in its history. The gift will inaugurate the Audrey Geisel University Librarianship chair, a position for which Geisel handpicked UCSD’s current chief librarian, Brian E. C. Schottlaender....  
UCSD Guardian, May 21

Hemmingway the BookWorm [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSEbdW7Pvnc>]

Hemmingway (right) brings the mayor to the library to show that it can offer much more than the internet can. This video (1:58) by the Towson (Md.) Public Library is one of five finalists in the Thomson Gale “I Love My Library!” video contest. You can cast your vote for the one that you think best conveys a love for the library and its resources at the Librereo website [<http://www.gale.com/librereo/>]. The deadline is June 11....  
YouTube, May 23

### Ask the ALA Librarian

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Q. I had a parent come in, very agitated about the content and images in some of the graphic novels that her children got from our library. She said she had no idea that the term “graphic novel” should be taken literally. It seems that our library’s parents have heard of graphic novels, but aren’t aware that some of them deal with rather mature issues and situations and are therefore very different from the more light-hearted comics they read when they were teens. How should I handle challenges to our graphic novels collection?

A. The Dealing with Challenges to Graphic Novels

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/ifissues/graphicnovels.htm>] page from ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom provides much advice on this subject, including a list of suggested responses to some very pointed questions about the graphic novels collection. See the ALA Professional Tips wiki [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Graphic\\_novels](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Graphic_novels)] for further assistance.

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

### Calendar

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Aug. 1–3:

American Association for State and Local History. [<http://www.aaslh.org/DigitizationAgenda.htm>]  
“Digitizing Historic Collections” workshop, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, Tenn. Contact:  
Bethany Hawkins, [[mailto: hawkins@aaslh.org](mailto:hawkins@aaslh.org)] 615-320-3203.

Aug. 2–6:

6th National Conference of African American Librarians,  
[[http://bcala.org/NCAAL\\_participation/index.html](http://bcala.org/NCAAL_participation/index.html)] Convention Center, Fort Worth, Tex. “Culture  
Keepers VI: Preserving the Past, Sustaining the Future,” Contact: Rosa Burnett.  
[<mailto:rburnett@southwest.tn.edu>]

Aug. 3–5:

3rd Annual Wikimania Conference, [[http://wikimania2007.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://wikimania2007.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)] Taipei,  
Taiwan. Contact: Wikimania. [<mailto:wikimania-info@wikimedia.org>]

Aug. 5–11:

30th International Wittgenstein Symposium, [<http://www.sbg.ac.at/phs/alws/wittgenstein07.htm>]  
Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria. “Philosophy of the Information Society.” Contact: Austrian Ludwig  
Wittgenstein Society. [<mailto:alws@nexttra.at>]

Aug. 8–10:

23rd Annual Conference on Distance Teaching and Learning, [<http://www.uwex.edu/disted/conference/>]  
University of Wisconsin, Madison. Contact: Kimary Peterson. [<mailto:distel2@education.wisc.edu>]

Aug. 13–16:

6th International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science,  
[<http://www.hb.se/colis/>] Borås, Sweden. “Featuring the Future.” Contact: Rebecca Landmer.  
[<mailto:rebecca.landmer@hb.se>]

Aug. 19–23:

World Library and Information Congress, [<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/index.htm>] IFLA, Durban,  
South Africa. “Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnerships.” Contact: IFLA.  
[<mailto:ifla@ifla.org>]

Aug. 20–23:

Search Engine Strategies Conference and Expo,  
[<http://www.searchenginestrategies.com/sew/sj07/index.html>] San Jose, California. Contact:  
Incisive Media. [<mailto:registration@incisivemedia.com>]

Aug. 27–28:

4th International Conference on Knowledge Management,  
[<http://www.executiveacademy.at/executive-academy-mainsite/ickm/>] Vienna, Austria. Contact:  
Christoph Schmid. [<mailto:christoph.schmid@wu-wien.ac.at>]

Aug. 27–28:

1st Simposio Internacional sobre Organizacion del Conocimiento: Bibliotecologia y Terminologia,  
[[http://cuib.unam.mx/Convocatoria\\_1er\\_Simposio.pdf](http://cuib.unam.mx/Convocatoria_1er_Simposio.pdf)] Mexico City.

Aug. 27–31:

International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications, [<http://www.dc2007.sg/>]  
Singapore. Contact: DC-2007. [<mailto:dc2007@nlb.gov.sg>]

Aug. 29–

Sept. 2:

Society of American Archivists, [<http://www.archivists.org/conference/chicago2007/index.asp>]  
Annual Meeting, Chicago. Contact: SAA. [<mailto:info@archivists.org>]

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## U.S. & World News

### [12 CIC universities join Google Library Project](#)

The 12 universities that make up the Committee on Institutional

Cooperation announced June 6 that they would join the Google Books Library Project, making up to 10 million volumes from their collections available for digitization and access through Google's search engine....



### [Miami appeals court hears \*Vamos\* case](#)

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments June 6 in a lawsuit against the Miami-Dade County School Board for ordering the removal of the children's book *Vamos a Cuba* and its English-language counterpart *A Visit to Cuba* from elementary school libraries. The board's attorney, Richard Ovelmen, told the judges that "The books are rife with factual omissions, misrepresentations, and inaccuracies that render them educationally unsuitable," adding that they fail to mention that Cuba is a dictatorship....

### [Occult concerns jinx teen read program](#)

Pickens County (S.C.) Library System officials have withdrawn the library's participation in a nationwide teen reading program (right) within days of its scheduled June 7 launch due to 11th-hour threats against the library, PCLS Director Marguerite Keenan told *American Libraries*. "My understanding is that it was announced at a church service that we were promoting witchcraft and teaching other religions in our young adult program," Keenan explained....



### [Laura Bush opens American collection at German library](#)

First Lady Laura Bush presented 100 books in English and spoke to around 60



**As the demand for library service continues to climb,** more than 20,000 library professionals and supporters will gather in Washington, D.C., from June 21 to 27 at the Washington Convention Center for the [ALA Annual Conference](#), the largest library conference in the world.



Judy Nichols's [Storytimes for Two-Year-Olds](#) outlines techniques and

children as part of the June 6 launch of the "America @ your library" program at the Schwerin City Library in Schwerin, Germany. The program, introduced to the country by the U.S. embassy in 2005, is available in 18 public libraries, 12 of which were once part of communist East Germany....

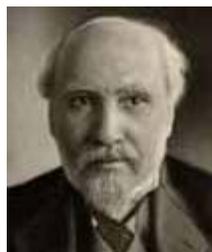


### [Arkansas court rules against 2005 library appropriations](#)

The Arkansas Supreme Court ruled June 7 that money approved by the state legislature in 2005 for two library projects was appropriated unconstitutionally. Lawmakers had allocated \$190,000 for a new facility for the Jacksonville branch of the Central Arkansas Library System and \$50,000 for the Cleburne County Library in Heber Springs directly from the General Improvement Fund, rather than making the funds available to the Arkansas State Library to disburse....

### [Hill Reference Library closes railroad magnate's archive](#)

After more than 30 years of owning the personal papers of railroad magnate James J. Hill (1838–1916), the James J. Hill Reference Library is looking for a new home for them. The private business reference library in Saint Paul, Minnesota, closed the archive June 1 after announcing that it no longer matched the library's mission of providing practical information to the global business community....



### [British publishers, universities donate 300 textbooks to Iraq](#)

A delivery of some 300 academic textbooks donated by 21 British academic libraries and publishers was delivered to the Iraq National Library and Archives in Baghdad this week. Worth an estimated \$30,000, the books are the gift of the British Library's Higher Education section, working with the Society of College, National, and University Libraries, which launched an appeal in February for undergraduate and postgraduate English texts in the social sciences....



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### [President's Program features Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)

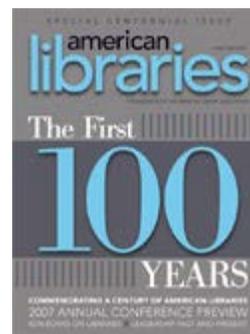
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will join ALA President Leslie Burger for a discussion on the important role of our nation's Environmental Protection Agency libraries. The

programs proven to engage young audiences—ultimately making them lifelong readers. This classic bestseller, first published in 1987 and expanded in 1998, returns in a refreshed third edition in 2007. **A classic! From ALA Editions.**



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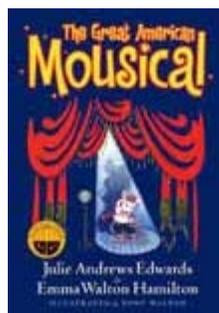
**Ken Burns Archives America**

program, titled "A Contract With Our Future," will be held June 24 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. during ALA Annual Conference. Kennedy and Burger will discuss what steps need to be taken in order to ensure that future generations have access to environmental information, and live in an environment that is safe, clean, and beautiful....



### [Julie Andrews to sign books for 100 lucky buyers](#)

In the prefunction area outside Ballroom C immediately following her June 25 program, stage and screen legend Julie Andrews will sign books for 100 lucky holders of a voucher available with purchase of an Andrews title from the ALA Store, where her latest books will be on sale—*The Great American Mousical* and *Thanks to You: Wisdom from Mother and Child*....



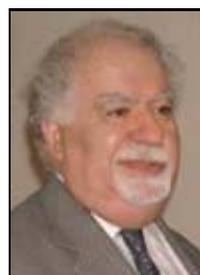
### [President-Elect Roy honored with Native American dance](#)

On Friday, June 22, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., hundreds will gather at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian at Fourth Street and Independence Ave., S.W., in Washington, D.C., to recognize ALA President-Elect Lorie Roy with an honor dance and drum music. The event recognizes Roy's accomplishment as the first American Indian to serve as ALA president....



### [Vartan Gregorian to speak at Opening Session](#)

Vartan Gregorian, president of the philanthropic Carnegie Corporation of New York, will speak at the ALA Annual Conference Opening General Session, sharing the stage with former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. The program is scheduled for June 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Hall D of the Washington Convention Center, and will begin with a screening of *100 Years of American Libraries in Three Minutes*, a rapid-fire video history of the magazine on the occasion of its centennial....



### [Many Voices, One Nation](#)

ALA will showcase the diverse voices of our world at the "Many Voices, One Nation" program, an evening of literature and performance during Annual Conference, June 22, from 7 to 10 p.m. Join Nancy Garden, Patrice Gaines, E. Ethelbert Miller, and other writers and artists as they weave a tapestry of spoken words, song, and dance celebrating our fundamental unity within the global human family....



### [Free internet safety bookmarks available at Annual Conference](#)

### Librarians of Congress

### Conference Preview

### Career Leads from

ALA JobLIST

### [Content Services Manager.](#)

WebJunction, Seattle, Washington.

WebJunction is hiring immediately for a Content Services Manager to oversee the team running several web content programs and services. The Content Services Manager will manage all existing and new web content products and services, and will leverage online community building tools to increase the value of content offerings....

@ [More jobs...](#)



Casey Bisson, with the help of Jessamyn

ALA is joining with MySpace and the Illinois Library Association to distribute one million free bookmarks containing tips on internet safety at the 2007 Annual Conference. The bookmarks are printed as a series, each aimed at a specific audience including kids, teens, and parents. By distributing these bookmarks, MySpace and the library community hope to help educate youth and parents to make safe and informed decisions online....



### [REFORMA program on English-only censorship](#)

Congressman Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz., right) and Office for Intellectual Freedom Director Judith Krug will speak about the impact that English-only initiatives have on children and young adult library services. The program will be held 1:30–3:30 p.m., June 24. The program will address the critical need for library workers to learn how to confront English-only initiatives....



### [Panel features tech writers and exhibitors](#)

*American Libraries* "Technically Speaking" columnist Andrew Pace and *Smart Libraries Newsletter* writer Marshall Breeding will moderate a first-ever panel discussion with leading technologists from seven major library vendors. Titled "Speaking Technically: A Conversation about Cutting Edge Library Automation and Technology," the session will take place on the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage in the exhibit hall on Sunday, June 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon....

### [Best of ALA-APA Library Worklife](#)

The ALA–Allied Professional Association: The Organization for the Advancement of Library Employees is sending out a [free special issue](#) of its electronic newsletter, *Library Worklife: HR E-News for Today's Leaders* to individual and institutional ALA members. Twenty-six of the most popular articles since 2004 are included....



## AL Focus

### [American Libraries launches AL Focus video site](#)

*American Libraries* has launched [AL Focus](#), a video component of the [American Libraries Online](#) website. AL Focus is the creation of AL Associate Editor Daniel Kraus and ALA Internet Development Specialist Jenny Levine. Kraus is an accomplished filmmaker whose works include the documentaries *Sheriff* and the feature film *Ball of Wax*. He will be in charge of producing and editing video and audio for the new site....

### [Bibliotheca Alexandrina 5th anniversary](#)

*American Libraries* Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel visits (4:42) the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Alexandria,

West and Ryan Eby, reports on **open source software** and its use and importance in libraries in the [May/June issue](#) of *Library Technology Reports*.



### [Library Day on the Hill](#)

On Tuesday, June 26, busloads of librarians and library supporters from across the country will descend upon Capitol Hill to call attention to the value of today's libraries, as well as the issues the library community is facing. The event is free but does require registration. There will be buses leaving from the 7th St. entrance of the Convention Center and going to a drop point on Capitol Hill.

### Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

**"I am inclined to think, sir, that perhaps the two most valuable and satisfactory characteristic products of American civilization are the librarian, on the one hand, and the cocktail on the**

Egypt, for the library's 5th anniversary. Kniffel takes in some of the local sights (including the ancient library at Serapeum, circa 297 A.D.), and speaks to Library Director Ismail Serageldin and Chief Librarian Sohair Wastawy, among others....



### [ALA Wheel of Confusion #1](#)

TESLA? ANSS? ECRR? Join us in a lighthearted look (5:22) at those confounding ALA acronyms with staff members Charles Wilt, Marci Merola, and Adam Burling. Can any of them overcome the mighty wheel? Featuring host extraordinaire John Chrastka and the woman with the answers (most of them, anyway), Karen Muller....



### [Donavan Vicha on ASCLA and RUSA](#)

ALA Manager for Membership Development John Chrastka sits down (or stands up, actually) with Donovan Vicha, Web Program Officer for ASCLA and RUSA (10:37). John finds Donovan right in the middle of an online class being held in the virtual world of Second Life, and they use the opportunity to chat about avatars, virtual book talks, voice-to-voice interface, Moodle, and RUSA's section of ALA/Arts Island in Second Life....



**other. I will not attempt, sir, the delicate question of deciding which is best, but I am given to understand that some of us have sampled both and found them equally satisfactory and equally stimulating."**

—Croydon (England) Public Librarian L. Stanley Jast, responding on behalf of overseas visitors to a welcoming address by Louisiana Purchase Exposition President David Francis, at the first session of ALA Annual Conference, Oct. 17, 1904, held at the St. Louis World's Fair.

### From the CentennialAL Blog



*American Libraries* has just introduced [AL Focus](#), a new site for video content. But it's not even our first attempt at a regular video series: That was [Library Video Magazine](#), whose story began in 1983. A brief news mention in the February issue (p. 105) announced the availability of "a pioneering 'ALA-TV Conference '83' telecast" for people unable to attend

## Booklist ONLINE

### Featured review: Reference

Shearer, Benjamin F., editor. *Home Front Heroes: A Biographical Dictionary of Americans during Wartime*. Jan. 2007. 3 vols., 935p. Greenwood (978-0-313-33420-7).

Here is a unique A-Z biographical dictionary that profiles 1,001 individuals whose actions "affected how the United States made, supported, perceived, and protested its major war efforts from the Revolution to Gulf War II." The editor is a librarian who has written and edited several reference works, and the 65 contributors are experts in history and other relevant areas. Numerous black-and-white portraits enhance the biographical sketches, which highlight the subjects' wartime contributions (although some oddly allude to multiple marriages and offspring when those details



seem irrelevant)....

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

## D.C. Update

### [A guide to dining in D.C.'s Penn's Quarter](#) (PDF file)

In this Annual Conference restaurant guide, DC Public Library's Elena Tscherny reveals that Washington is the culinary paradise of the East. She writes: "My husband Alex, already enjoying his retirement from the Library of Congress, is my constant companion in our weekly explorations of the wonderful downtown restaurants offering local and international cuisines."...

*American Libraries* 38, no. 6 (June/July): 112–117



### [Family and friends at ALA Annual Conference](#)

You can purchase one of three types of passes for your people: *Exhibits Only* at \$25, *Exhibits Plus* at \$35, or *Exhibits Supreme* at \$50. You can purchase them on site. All passes are four-day passes, but can be used on any single day or combination of days....

### [U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)

The museum, located at 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W., has an ongoing special exhibition on the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. "A Dangerous Lie" explores the continuing impact of the most widely distributed antisemitic publication of modern times. Today, technology has made the *Protocols* available to anyone with internet access, and it continues to be circulated by those who promote hatred, violence, and even genocide....

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum



### [Drumming, anyone?](#)

If you missed the drum circle at the ACRL National Conference, you can catch another at Annual. Ethnomusicologist Arthur Hull, the father of the modern-day community drum circle movement, will lead a two-hour community group drumming event open to everyone at all levels (cost is \$5), and with drums and other percussion instruments provided. It will be Saturday, June 23, 3 to 5 p.m., at the [National Music Center](#), 801 K Street, N.W. Contact [Keith Russell](#) for more details....

Village Music Circles



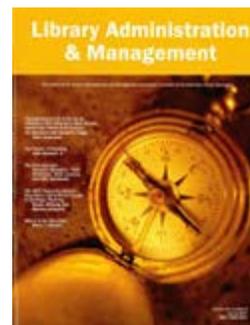
## Division News

### [YA authors LIVE on stage](#)

Join YALSA Monday, June 25, for an afternoon featuring contemporary young adult authors at the LIVE! @ your library

Annual. AL Editor Art Plotnik coordinated production of the program, a five-hour telecast of conference highlights and a live "bibliographic institute" with call-in questions, viewed by 2,500 people at about 120 sites around the United States and Canada. Appearing in the broadcast were library leaders such as Plotnik, Henriette Avram, Linda Crismond, and Peggy Barber, and celebrities like Ray Bradbury, Richard Attenborough, and LeVar Burton....

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



Discover 50 years of LAMA's legacy in "A Brief History and Timeline of the Library Administration and Management Association, 1957–2007," by Robert Daugherty and Robert F. Moran Jr. in the Summer issue of *Library Administration & Management* ([PDF file](#)).

Reading Stage at the ALA Annual Conference. The event will feature Carolyn Mackler, Nick Hornby, Gene Luen Yang, and others....

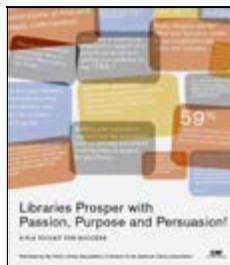
### [New LITA guide on interactive technologies](#)

LITA Guide #13, *Using Interactive Technologies in Libraries*, is now available for preordering. Edited by Katherine Hanson and H. Frank Cervone and published by Neal-Schuman and LITA, the guide will be available on June 13. Leading information professionals offer helpful forecasts for the future of such major technologies as RSS, wikis, blogs, and podcasting....



### [PLA introduces new Toolkit for Success](#)

PLA will introduce its latest publication, *Libraries Prosper with Passion, Purpose and Persuasion: A PLA Toolkit for Success*, at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The toolkit provides guidance for the entire advocacy planning process, including goal setting, audience analysis and identification, message and strategy development, and tactic evaluation and selection. PLA will present a demonstration of the contents and application of the toolkit on Sunday, June 24, from 1:30 to 3:30....



## Round Table News

### [CLENERT Annual Conference events](#)

"Learning When There Is No Time to Learn" and "Learning for Library Staff" are two Continuing Library Education and Networking Exchange Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

### [FAFLRT Annual Conference events](#)

The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table is offering tours of the U.S. Census Bureau Library at Annual Conference....

### [GLBTRT Annual Conference events](#)

"Aging Issues for GLBT Patrons" and "Addressing the Information Needs of Female-to-Male Transsexuals" are two Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

### [IRRT Annual Conference events](#)

"International Library Partnerships" and "Opportunities to Participate in Global Library Development" are two International Relations Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

### [LHRT Annual Conference events](#)

"Washington, the Nation, and the World: Papers in Honor of John Y. Cole" and "Library Policies of American Occupation: Japan Was Not Iraq" are two Library History Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

### [LIRT Annual Conference events](#)

The Library Instruction Round Table is hosting a program on "It's Showtime for Instruction Librarians! The Making of Short Films for Marketing and Instruction" at Annual Conference....

## Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q.** *Due to staff shortages in recent years, our collection hasn't been weeded in a while. With some recent new hires and volunteers, we began the process. But it's become abundantly clear that there will be many discards, and we don't have the space to sell all of these to the patrons. We'd be willing to donate them. Do you know of anyone that could use them?*

**A.** We're glad you've been able to return to weeding, which is an important (if sometimes misunderstood) step in [collection evaluation and development](#). See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for further assistance.

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

## Calendar

### ALA Courses

July 1–30: [Pain in](#)

### [LRRT Annual Conference events](#)

"Information Seeking Behavior from Childhood through College" and "Research: A User Experience" are two Library Research Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

### [LSSIRT Annual Conference events](#)

The Library Support Staff Interests Round Table is co-hosting the "Conference Within a Conference" at Annual Conference....

### [MAGERT Annual Conference events](#)

"Library Security for Maps" and "200 Years of the Coast Survey" are two Map and Geography Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

### [NMRT Annual Conference events](#)

"Navigating the Rapids: Myths and Realities of Intergenerational Workplaces" and "Using Past Lives to Launch Your Library Career" are two New Members Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

### [SORT Annual Conference events](#)

The Staff Organizations Round Table is sponsoring walking tours to explore historic sites near DuPont Circle at Annual Conference....

### [SRRT Annual Conference events](#) (PDF file)

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Multicultural Idea Exchange" and "Darfur: The Library's Responsibility and Our Community's Need to Know" are two Social Responsibilities Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

## Awards

### [FTRF Roll of Honor Award](#)

Lucille C. Thomas, immediate past president of the Brooklyn Public Library's board of trustees and former assistant director of the New York City Board of Education's Office of Library, Media, and Telecommunications, is the recipient of the 2007 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award. Thomas is a longtime advocate of the principles of intellectual freedom and equity of access to information in public and school libraries....



### [W. Y. Boyd Literary Award](#)

Robert Mrazek's novel *The Deadly Embrace* is the winner of the W. Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction for 2007. "It is a very compelling tale that enables the reader to obtain a perspective of what it was really like in war-weary England in the days before the Allied invasion of France on June 6, 1944," said jury chair Robert Schnare....



### [Six Spectrum doctoral fellows announced](#)

The first six recipients of the Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship have been announced by ALA and the University of Pittsburgh School of Information Sciences: Janet Ceja Alcalá (University of Pittsburgh),

[the Brain: Adolescent Development and Library Behavior](#), [Power Programming for Teens](#), and [Using Electronic Databases with Teens](#). Online courses offered by YALSA. Register by June 15.

**July 1–Aug. 10:** [Making the Match: Finding the Right Book for the Right Teen at the Right Time](#). Online course offered by YALSA. Register by June 15.

**July 22–24:** [Gaming, Learning, and Libraries Symposium](#), Chicago. Sponsored by ALA TechSource.

**July 23–Aug. 17:** [Selecting Spanish-Language Materials for Adults](#). Online course offered by ASCLA.

**Aug. 5–10:** [ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians](#), Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Ongoing:** ALA and the Southeast Florida Library Information Network offer ALA members more than 1,500 [e-learning courses](#) from Element K.

**Ongoing:** AASL offers licenses to host a one-day regional institute, [Collaborative Leadership](#).

**Ongoing:** LITA offers licenses to host several one-day regional institutes: [User Centered Design: Design Process and](#)

Tammy Mays (University of Wisconsin at Madison), Liladhar Pendse (University of California at Los Angeles), Elisabeth Rodriguez (University of Pittsburgh), J. Brenton Stewart (University of Wisconsin at Madison), and Vivian Wong (University of California at Los Angeles)....

### [AASL Distinguished School Administrators Award](#)

Nathan S. Greenberg has won AASL's 2007 Distinguished School Administrators Award. Greenberg is superintendent of schools in the Londonderry (N.H.) School District and a member of the Board of Directors of the New England School Development Council....

### [Miriam Braverman Memorial Prize](#)

Marcel LaFlamme has been awarded the 2007 Miriam Braverman Memorial Prize by the Progressive Librarians Guild for his essay titled "Towards a Progressive Discourse on Community Needs Assessment: Perspectives from Collaborative Ethnography and Action Research." LaFlamme is enrolled in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College in Boston....

Progressive Librarians Guild, June 6

### [FLICC awards for federal librarianship](#)

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee has announced the winners of its national awards for federal librarianship, which recognize the many innovative ways that federal libraries, librarians, and library technicians fulfill the information demands of government, business, and scholarly communities and the American public. The award for Federal Librarian of the Year went to Carla Pomager, systems/acquisition librarian for the Army General Library Program....

Library of Congress, June 12

## Seen Online

### [Inmates file lawsuit over book ban](#)

Inmates at the federal prison camp in Otisville, New York, were stunned at what they saw at the chapel library on Memorial Day: Hundreds of books missing from the shelves, part of a post-Sept. 11 federal directive designed to prevent radical religious texts from falling into the hands of violent inmates. Three prisoners have filed a lawsuit over the policy, saying their constitutional rights were violated. They say all religions were affected—Islamic prayer books, Christian books, and ancient Jewish texts were among those removed....

Associated Press, June 10

### [Kentucky library identifies rare sculpture](#)

Late last year, a sculpture sitting inside the front entrance of the [Paris-Bourbon County \(Ky.\) Public Library](#) for 30 years was an artwork created by Edmonia Lewis in the 1870s and long considered lost. *The Bride of Spring* (right) is a rare creation by the first African-American and Native American female sculptor to gain international fame....

*Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader*, June 10; Paris-Bourbon County Public Library



### [Incoming freshmen and summer reading](#)

Many of next fall's first-year college students have thrown their

[Usability, Establishing an Institutional Repository, Wireless Networks in Libraries, and XML and Libraries.](#)

**Ongoing:** LAMA offers licenses to host several one-day [regional institutes](#).

**Ongoing:** PLA offers a variety of online courses through [e-Learning @ PLA](#).

**Ongoing:** ACRL offers a series of [podcasts](#) on issues in academic librarianship.

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tasseled caps in the air and are ready to pick up the sunscreen and surfboards, but there may be another item to put in the beach bag: a book assigned by the university. In an attempt to welcome students to the college classroom experience before they even move into the dorms, a growing number of universities are dishing out summer reading assignments to their first-year students....

*U.S. News & World Report, June 7*

## [Santa Clara University's Second Life](#)

With the completion of Santa Clara Island imminent, Santa Clara University is expanding into the internet game called Second Life. The island features three digital replicas of campus buildings: the de Saisset Museum, Mission Church, and a completed version of the library currently under construction. The virtual library has the most functionality. A small staff of librarians and assistants can help visitors through chatting and possibly voice communications when that feature is added to the game....

*The Santa Clara, May 24*



## [America's obsession with secrecy](#)

Case Western Reserve University Journalism Professor Ted Gup writes: "Today the nation's obsession with secrecy is redefining public and private institutions and taking a toll on the lives of ordinary citizens. Excessive secrecy is at the root of multiple scandals—the phantom weapons of mass destruction, the collapse of Enron, the tragedies traced to Firestone tires and the arthritis drug Vioxx, and more. In this self-proclaimed Information Age, our country is on the brink of becoming a secretocracy, a place where the right to know is being replaced by the need to know."...

*Washington Post, June 10*

## [Egypt says university must allow veils](#)

An Egyptian court ruled June 9 that a U.S.-accredited university in Cairo was wrong to bar a female scholar who wears an Islamic face veil from using its facilities. The American University in Cairo, seen as a bastion of Western liberal education in Egypt, had revoked Iman al-Zainy's longstanding library privileges after she donned the niqab, a face veil that leaves only the wearer's eyes uncovered....

*Reuters, June 9*



## Tech Talk

### [Drupal, Joomla, and Moodle: Tools to use](#)

With Drupal and Joomla, you can build a website that contains forums, bulletin boards, chat rooms, blogs, media, document editing, newsletters, customizable RSS feeds, calendars, and much more. Moodle combines many of the social software tools we love, like RSS and wikis, with the functionality and layout of a traditional course management tool....



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ALA TechSource blog, June 6

### [Ebrary's e-book survey](#) (PDF file)

Content provider ebrary has compiled the results of its informal e-book survey conducted to better understand the digital content needs of the library community. Anyone interested in receiving a copy may [register](#) or visit the ebrary booth at ALA Annual Conference. One finding was that respondents ranked Google and other search engines as the least prevalent factor driving e-book usage....

Ebrary, June 11

### [LibGuides integrates with Facebook](#)

LibGuides is a system for publishing information and creating social networks centered around library resources. Librarians create Guides that contain any kind of content, then publish them online for users to interact with. LibGuides is also available from [Facebook](#), enabling users to access the library content, chat with reference librarians, and even search the catalog, all from their facebook homepages....

Springshare

### [Shameless self-promotion](#)

Andrew Pace writes: "Many of you have perhaps heard that I am moderating a debate at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., titled 'The Ultimate Debate,' Saturday, June 23, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. I hope you will join me and the debaters—Karen Schneider, Joe Janes, and Stephen Abram—as we discuss 'Do Libraries Innovate?' For pre-debate rabble-rousing, see the [LITA-L list archives!](#)"...

Hectic Pace blog, June 13



### [Browser keyboard shortcuts](#)

Mozilla offers a complete list of Firefox keyboard shortcuts and their Internet Explorer and Opera equivalents. Discover the wonders of Alt + Home, Ctrl + U, Ctrl + L, and Ctrl + Plus sign....

Mozilla.com

### [How Bluetooth works](#)

There are lots of different ways that electronic devices can connect to one another. This article takes a look at a method of connecting devices called Bluetooth that can streamline the process. A Bluetooth connection is wireless and automatic, and it has a number of interesting features that can simplify our daily lives....

How Stuff Works



### [A historical glimpse into library automation](#)

Andrew Pace writes: "I love those old volumes of the *Journal of Library Automation*, precursor to *Information Technology and Libraries*, LITA's scholarly publication. The forefathers of library automation (sorry, they seem to have been all men in that first issue) were there for the 1968 inaugural issue—Ned Morris, Richard Johnson, Robert Wedgeworth, Richard Chapin, Dale Pretzer, and, one of my absolute favorites, Richard De Gennaro. They wrote about Texas A&I's acquisitions system, Stanford's book catalog, Brown's fund-accounting system, machine-readable shelf lists, and the nascent history of library automation."...

"Technically Speaking," *American Libraries* 38, no. 6 (June/July): 52

## Actions & Answers

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## [Web 2.0: The sleep of reason](#)

Michael Gorman expresses his views on the internet and credulity to get the ball rolling in an ongoing forum on [Web 2.0](#): "Bloggers are called 'citizen journalists'; alternatives to Western medicine are increasingly popular, though we can thank our stars there is no discernable 'citizen surgeon' movement." In [part 2](#), he rants, "Digital Maoism is an unholy brew made up of the digital utopianism that hailed the internet as the second coming of Haight-Ashbury—everyone's tripping and it's all free; pop sociology derived from misreading books such as James Surowiecki's 2004 *The Wisdom of Crowds*."...

Britannica Blog, June 11–12

## [Book ads: The Golden Age, 1962–1973](#)

Advertisements for books have been around nearly as long as books themselves, and in the *New York Times*, they've appeared since shortly after the first issue of the newspaper went to press in September 1851. The *Times Paper Cuts* blog takes a look at ads from the Golden Age, when they were fresh, pushy, serious, and wry, often all at the same time. There was a new sense of electricity in the culture and in the book world....

Paper Cuts, June 11



## [Lit 50: Who really books in Chicago](#)

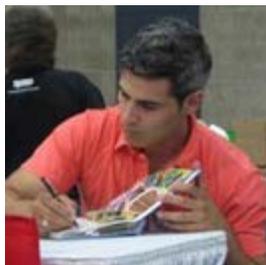
The Chicago literary community has entered one of its most tumultuous times, what with the prospects of a major Borders retreat and the closing of the Virgin Megastore and Tower Records, along with the near-death experience of one of Chicago's best-known independents, Women and Children First. But there are many Chicago literary movers and shakers who keep the books in the stores and in our minds....

*NewCity Chicago*, June 5

## [Char's BookExpo superlatives](#)

Char Gwizdala, a librarian at Queens (N.Y.) Library, offers her take on the best events at BookExpo this year, among them the most patient author (Matthew Reinhart, right), the yummiest give-away, the coolest picture-taking event, the most socially conscious exhibitor, the coolest and most unassuming couple, and the best swag....

Char's blog, June 3



## [Bartlesville update](#)

Maureen Johnson, whose book *The Bermudez Triangle* is under reconsideration by the Bartlesville (Okla.) Mid-High school, writes: "The first thing is that the only librarian on the committee, the only person who stood up for the book . . . was removed from her position as a chair of one of the library committees by Janet Vernon, the head of the committee, and the person who *still* refuses to talk to me about the book."...

Maureen's Blog, June 8

## [Google adjusts privacy policy](#)

Google will make the data it stores about end users anonymous in its server logs after 18 months, according to a June 11 [blog post](#) by the company's



global privacy counsel. Previously, Google had [said](#) it would make the data anonymous after 18 to 24 months. The decision comes in the wake of a letter ([PDF file](#)) sent in May from a European Union data protection working group regarding the company's privacy policies and a [report](#) released June 9 by Privacy International that [ranked](#) Google worse than any other internet company in protecting user privacy....

*Computerworld*, June 12

### [LC to name National Ambassador for Young People's Literature](#)

The Library of Congress has created the post of National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Appointed for a two-year term by the Librarian of Congress, the ambassador will speak to the importance of fiction and nonfiction in the lives of young people. The appointment of the first ambassador will be announced in January 2008....

Library of Congress, June 7

### [FSU chemist preserves LC materials](#)

This summer, a Florida State University chemist will use his knowledge of cellulose, a key component of paper, to help the world's largest library find ways to preserve its vast treasure trove of books, manuscripts, maps, newspapers, and pamphlets, many irreplaceable. André Striegel, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry at FSU, has been invited to serve as the first Preservation Research and Testing Professor in Residence at the Library of Congress Preservation Research and Testing Division....



Florida State University, June 4

### [Grants to Native American libraries](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services June 12 awarded Native American tribes across the country \$1.3 million in grants to improve library services. In all, 229 grants will strengthen library service for 237 Native American tribal communities and Alaska Native villages....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 12

### [Literacy and learning at the Multnomah County Library](#)

Produced by Portfolio Productions for the Library Foundation in Portland, Oregon, this video (3:55) illustrates how Multnomah County Library's innovative literacy and reading programs inspire the practice of reading for life....



YouTube, May 24

### [National Library of Australia to add WorldCat records](#)

The National Library of Australia has agreed to add some 12 million bibliographic records to WorldCat, making these records visible to web searchers worldwide. Australian libraries will use WorldCat to

catalog, find, and share library materials....  
OCLC, June 11

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12 CIC universities join Google Library Project

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/cicgoogle.cfm>]

The 12 universities that make up the Committee on Institutional Cooperation announced June 6 that they would join the Google Books Library Project, making up to 10 million volumes from their collections available for digitization and access through Google's search engine....

case [<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/vamosappeal.cfm>]

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments June 6 in a lawsuit against the Miami-Dade County School Board for ordering the removal of the children's book *Vamos a Cuba* and its English-language counterpart *A Visit to Cuba* from elementary school libraries. The board's attorney, Richard Ovelmen, told the judges that "The books are rife with factual omissions, misrepresentations, and inaccuracies that render them educationally unsuitable," adding that they fail to mention that Cuba is a dictatorship....

Occult concerns jinx teen read program

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/occulteasley.cfm>]

Pickens County (S.C.) Library System officials have withdrawn the library's participation in

a nationwide teen reading program (right) within days of its scheduled June 7 launch due to 11th-hour threats against the library, PCLS Director Marguerite Keenan told American Libraries. "My understanding is that it was announced at a church service that we were promoting witchcraft and teaching other religions in our young adult program," Keenan explained....

#### Laura Bush opens American collection at German library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/bushgermany.cfm>]

First Lady Laura Bush presented 100 books in English and spoke to around 60 children as part of the June 6 launch of the "America @ your library" program at the Schwerin City Library in Schwerin, Germany. The program, introduced to the country by the U.S. embassy in 2005, is available in 18 public libraries, 12 of which were once part of communist East Germany....

#### Arkansas court rules against 2005 library appropriations

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/arkspcourt.cfm>]

The Arkansas Supreme Court ruled June 7 that money approved by the state legislature in 2005 for two library projects was appropriated unconstitutionally. Lawmakers had allocated \$190,000 for a new facility for the Jacksonville branch of the Central Arkansas Library System and \$50,000 for the Cleburne County Library in Heber Springs directly from the General Improvement Fund, rather than making the funds available to the Arkansas State Library to disburse....

#### Hill Reference Library closes railroad magnate's archive

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/hillreflibrary.cfm>]

After more than 30 years of owning the personal papers of railroad magnate James J. Hill (1838-1916), the James J. Hill Reference Library is looking for a new home for them. The private business reference library in Saint Paul, Minnesota, closed the archive June 1 after announcing that it no longer matched the library's mission of providing practical information to the global business community....

#### British publishers, universities donate 300 textbooks to Iraq

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/britiraqbooks.cfm>]

A delivery of some 300 academic textbooks donated by 21 British academic libraries and publishers was delivered to the Iraq National Library and Archives in Baghdad this week. Worth an estimated \$30,000, the books are the gift of the British Library's Higher Education section, working with the Society of College, National, and University Libraries, which launched an appeal in February for undergraduate and postgraduate English texts in the social sciences....

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#### ALA News

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#### President's Program features Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/alapp07.htm>]

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will join ALA President Leslie Burger for a discussion on the important role of our nation's Environmental Protection Agency libraries. The program, titled "A Contract With Our Future," will be held June 24 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. during ALA Annual Conference. Kennedy and Burger will discuss what steps need to be taken in order to ensure that future generations have access to environmental information, and live in an environment that is safe, clean, and

beautiful....

Julie Andrews to sign books for 100 lucky buyers

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/JulieAndrewstosignbooks.htm>]

In the prefunction area outside Ballroom C immediately following her June 25 program, stage and screen legend Julie Andrews will sign books for 100 lucky holders of a voucher available with purchase of an Andrews title from the ALA Store, where her latest books will be on sale—The Great American Mousical and Thanks to You: Wisdom from Mother and Child....

President-Elect Roy honored with Native American dance

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/honordance.htm>]

On Friday, June 22, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., hundreds will gather at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian at Fourth Street and Independence Ave., S.W., in Washington, D.C., to recognize ALA President-Elect Loriene Roy with an honor dance and drum music. The event recognizes Roy’s accomplishment as the first American Indian to serve as ALA president....

Vartan Gregorian to speak at Opening Session

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/VartanGregoriantospeak.htm>]

Vartan Gregorian, president of the philanthropic Carnegie Corporation of New York, will speak at the ALA Annual Conference Opening General Session, sharing the stage with former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. The program is scheduled for June 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Hall D of the Washington Convention Center, and will begin with a screening of 100 Years of American Libraries in Three Minutes, a rapid-fire video history of the magazine on the occasion of its centennial....

Many Voices, One Nation

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/BuildingOneNationManyVoi.htm>]

ALA will showcase the diverse voices of our world at the “Many Voices, One Nation” program, an evening of literature and performance during Annual Conference, June 22, from 7 to 10 p.m. Join Nancy Garden, Patrice Gaines, E. Ethelbert Miller, and other writers and artists as they weave a tapestry of spoken words, song, and dance celebrating our fundamental unity within the global human family....

Free internet safety bookmarks available at Annual Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/ALAMySpaceILAonlinesaf.htm>]

ALA is joining with MySpace and the Illinois Library Association to distribute one million free bookmarks containing tips on internet safety at the 2007 Annual Conference. The bookmarks are printed as a series, each aimed at a specific audience including kids, teens, and parents. By distributing these bookmarks, MySpace and the library community hope to help educate youth and parents to make safe and informed decisions online....

REFORMA program on English-only censorship

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/jkeo.htm>]

Congressman Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz., right) and Office for Intellectual Freedom Director Judith Krug will speak about the impact that English-only initiatives have on children and young adult library services. The program will be held 1:30–3:30 p.m., June 24. The program will address the critical need for library workers to learn how to confront English-only initiatives....

Panel features tech writers and exhibitors

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/ALtechpanel.htm>]

American Libraries “Technically Speaking” columnist Andrew Pace and Smart Libraries Newsletter writer Marshall Breeding will moderate a first-ever panel discussion with leading technologists from seven major library vendors. Titled “Speaking Technically: A Conversation about Cutting-Edge Library Automation and Technology,” the session will take place on the

LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage in the exhibit hall on Sunday, June 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon....

Library Worklife [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/LibraryWorklifenewslette.htm>]  
The ALA–Allied Professional Association: The Organization for the Advancement of Library Employees is sending out a free special issue [<http://www.ala-apa.org/newsletter/4nspecial.html>] of its electronic newsletter, Library Worklife: HR E-News for Today’s Leaders to individual and institutional ALA members. Twenty-six of the most popular articles since 2004 are included....

## AL Focus

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launches AL Focus video site

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/ALFocusVideoSite.htm>]

American Libraries has launched AL Focus, [<http://alfocus.ala.org/>] a video component of the American Libraries Online [<http://www.ala.org/ala/alonline/index.cfm>] website. AL Focus is the creation of AL Associate Editor Daniel Kraus and ALA Internet Development Specialist Jenny Levine. Kraus is an accomplished filmmaker whose works include the documentaries *Sheriff* and the feature film *Ball of Wax*. He will be in charge of producing and editing video and audio for the new site....

Bibliotheca Alexandrina 5th anniversary [<http://alfocus.ala.org/node/17>]

American Libraries Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel visits (4:42) the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Alexandria, Egypt, for the library’s 5th anniversary. Kniffel takes in some of the local sights (including the ancient library at Serapeum, circa 297 A.D.), and speaks to Library Director Ismail Serageldin and Chief Librarian Sohair Wastawy, among others....

ALA Wheel of Confusion #1 [<http://alfocus.ala.org/node/23>]

TESLA? ANSS? ECRR? Join us in a lighthearted look (5:22) at those confounding ALA acronyms with staff members Charles Wilt, Marci Merola, and Adam Burling. Can any of them overcome the mighty wheel? Featuring host extraordinaire John Chrastka and the woman with the answers (most of them, anyway), Karen Muller....

Donavan Vicha on ASCLA and RUSA [<http://alfocus.ala.org/node/20>]

ALA Manager for Membership Development John Chrastka sits down (or stands up, actually) with Donavan Vicha, Web Program Officer for ASCLA and RUSA (10:37). John finds Donavan right in the middle of an online class being held in the virtual world of Second Life, and they use the opportunity to chat about avatars, virtual book talks, voice-to-voice interface, Moodle, and RUSA’s section of ALA/Arts Island in Second Life....

Featured review: Reference

[[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1900288](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1900288)]

Shearer, Benjamin F., editor. *Home Front Heroes: A Biographical Dictionary of Americans during Wartime*. Jan. 2007. 3 vols., 935p. Greenwood (978-0-313-33420-7).

Here is a unique A–Z biographical dictionary that profiles 1,001 individuals whose actions “affected how the United States made, supported, perceived, and protested its major war efforts from the Revolution to Gulf War II.” The editor is a librarian who has written and edited several reference works, and the 65 contributors are experts in history and other relevant

areas. Numerous black-and-white portraits enhance the biographical sketches, which highlight the subjects' wartime contributions (although some oddly allude to multiple marriages and offspring when those details seem irrelevant)....

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

## D.C. Update

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A guide to dining in D.C.'s Penn's Quarter

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/online/resources/selectedarticles/0607restaurant\\_guide.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/online/resources/selectedarticles/0607restaurant_guide.pdf)] (PDF file)

In this Annual Conference restaurant guide, DC Public Library's Elena Tscherny reveals that Washington is the culinary paradise of the East. She writes: "My husband Alex, already enjoying his retirement from the Library of Congress, is my constant companion in our weekly explorations of the wonderful downtown restaurants offering local and international cuisines."...

American Libraries 38, no. 6 (June/July): 112-117

Family and friends at ALA Annual Conference

[[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2007/index.php/Bring\\_the\\_Family/\\_Friends](http://wikis.ala.org/annual2007/index.php/Bring_the_Family/_Friends)]

You can purchase one of three types of passes for your people: Exhibits Only at \$25, Exhibits Plus at \$35, or Exhibits Supreme at \$50. You can purchase them on site. All passes are four-day passes, but can be used on any single day or combination of days....

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum [<http://www.ushmm.org/>]

The museum, located at 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W., has an ongoing special exhibition on the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. "A Dangerous Lie" explores the continuing impact of the most widely distributed antisemitic publication of modern times. Today, technology has made the Protocols available to anyone with internet access, and it continues to be circulated by those who promote hatred, violence, and even genocide....

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Drumming, anyone? [<http://www.drumcircle.com/vmc/arthur.html>]

If you missed the drum circle at the ACRL National Conference, you can catch another at Annual. Ethnomusicologist Arthur Hull, the father of the modern-day community drum circle movement, will lead a two-hour community group drumming event open to everyone at all levels (cost is \$5), and with drums and other percussion instruments provided. It will be Saturday, June 23, 3 to 5 p.m., at the National Music Center [<http://www.nationalmusiccenter.org/>], 801 K Street, N.W. Contact Keith Russell [<mailto:krussell@ku.edu>] for more details....

Village Music Circles

## Division News

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YA authors LIVE on stage

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/YALSALIVEyourlibrary.htm>]

Join YALSA Monday, June 25, for an afternoon featuring contemporary young adult authors at the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage at the ALA Annual Conference. The event will feature Carolyn

Mackler, Nick Hornby, Gene Luen Yang, and others....

New LITA guide on interactive technologies

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/LITAGuidepreorder.htm>]

LITA Guide #13, Using Interactive Technologies in Libraries, is now available for preordering. Edited by Katherine Hanson and H. Frank Cervone and published by Neal-Schuman and LITA, the guide will be available on June 13. Leading information professionals offer helpful forecasts for the future of such major technologies as RSS, wikis, blogs, and podcasting....

PLA introduces new Toolkit for Success

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/PLAToolkitforSuccess.htm>]

PLA will introduce its latest publication, Libraries Prosper with Passion, Purpose and Persuasion: A PLA Toolkit for Success, at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The toolkit provides guidance for the entire advocacy planning process, including goal setting, audience analysis and identification, message and strategy development, and tactic evaluation and selection. PLA will present a demonstration of the contents and application of the toolkit on Sunday, June 24, from 1:30 to 3:30....

Round Table News

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CLENERT Annual Conference events [<http://www.ala.org/ala/clenert/conferences/conferences.htm>]  
“Learning When There Is No Time to Learn” and “Learning for Library Staff” are two Continuing Library Education and Networking Exchange Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

FAFLRT Annual Conference events [<http://www.ala.org/ala/faflrt/Default3440.htm>]  
The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table is offering tours of the U.S. Census Bureau Library at Annual Conference....

GLBTRT Annual Conference events [<http://isd.usc.edu/~trimmer/glbtrt/alaannual2007sch.html>]  
“Aging Issues for GLBT Patrons” and “Addressing the Information Needs of Female-to-Male Transsexuals” are two Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

IRRT Annual Conference events [<http://www.ala.org/ala/irrt/annualmtgs.htm>]  
“International Library Partnerships” and “Opportunities to Participate in Global Library Development” are two International Relations Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

LHRT Annual Conference events  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/lhrt/conferenceinfo/conferenceinformation.htm>]  
“Washington, the Nation, and the World: Papers in Honor of John Y. Cole” and “Library Policies of American Occupation: Japan Was Not Iraq” are two Library History Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

LIRT Annual Conference events [<http://www3.baylor.edu/LIRT/program.html>]  
The Library Instruction Round Table is hosting a program on “It’s Showtime for Instruction Librarians! The Making of Short Films for Marketing and Instruction” at Annual Conference....

LRRT Annual Conference events  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/lrrt/conferenceinformationab/lrrtconfinfo.htm>]  
“Information Seeking Behavior from Childhood through College” and “Research: A User Experience” are two Library Research Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

#### LSSIRT Annual Conference events

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/supportstaff.htm>]

The Library Support Staff Interests Round Table is co-hosting the “Conference Within a Conference” at Annual Conference....

MAGERT Annual Conference events [<http://www.ala.org/ala/magert/meetingsa/ann2007.htm>]

“Library Security for Maps” and “200 Years of the Coast Survey” are two Map and Geography Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

#### NMRT Annual Conference events

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/nmrt/conferencesmeetings/washingtonannual2007/annual2007.htm>]

“Navigating the Rapids: Myths and Realities of Intergenerational Workplaces” and “Using Past Lives to Launch Your Library Career” are two New Members Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

SORT Annual Conference events [<http://www.ala.org/ala/sort/sortatconference/sortconference.htm>]

The Staff Organizations Round Table is sponsoring walking tours to explore historic sites near DuPont Circle at Annual Conference....

SRRT Annual Conference events [<http://libr.org/srrt/news/srrt158.pdf>] (PDF file)

“Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Multicultural Idea Exchange” and “Darfur: The Library’s Responsibility and Our Community’s Need to Know” are two Social Responsibilities Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

#### Awards

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#### FTRF Roll of Honor Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/ThomasFreedomtoReadAward.htm>]

Lucille C. Thomas, immediate past president of the Brooklyn Public Library’s board of trustees and former assistant director of the New York City Board of Education’s Office of Library, Media, and Telecommunications, is the recipient of the 2007 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award. Thomas is a longtime advocate of the principles of intellectual freedom and equity of access to information in public and school libraries....

#### W. Y. Boyd Literary Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/WYBoydLiteraryAward.htm>]

Robert Mrazek’s novel *The Deadly Embrace* is the winner of the W. Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction for 2007. “It is a very compelling tale that enables the reader to obtain a perspective of what it was really like in war-weary England in the days before the Allied invasion of France on June 6, 1944,” said jury chair Robert Schnare....

#### Six Spectrum doctoral fellows announced

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/Inaugural6Spectrum.htm>]

The first six recipients of the Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship have been announced by ALA and the University of Pittsburgh School of Information Sciences: Janet Ceja Alcalá (University of Pittsburgh), Tammy Mays (University of Wisconsin at Madison), Liladhar Pendse (University of California at Los Angeles), Elisabeth Rodriguez (University of Pittsburgh), J. Brenton Stewart (University of Wisconsin at Madison), and Vivian Wong (University of California at Los Angeles)....

#### AASL Distinguished School Administrators Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/2007AASLDistinguishedAwa.htm>]

Nathan S. Greenberg has won AASL's 2007 Distinguished School Administrators Award. Greenberg is superintendent of schools in the Londonderry (N.H.) School District and a member of the Board of Directors of the New England School Development Council....

Miriam Braverman Memorial Prize [<http://libr.org/plg/2007Braverman.php>]

Marcel LaFlamme has been awarded the 2007 Miriam Braverman Memorial Prize by the Progressive Librarians Guild for his essay titled "Towards a Progressive Discourse on Community Needs Assessment: Perspectives from Collaborative Ethnography and Action Research." LaFlamme is enrolled in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College in Boston....

Progressive Librarians Guild, June 6

FLICC awards for federal librarianship [<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2007/07-130.html>]

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee has announced the winners of its national awards for federal librarianship, which recognize the many innovative ways that federal libraries, librarians, and library technicians fulfill the information demands of government, business, and scholarly communities and the American public. The award for Federal Librarian of the Year went to Carla Pomager, systems/acquisition librarian for the Army General Library Program....

Library of Congress, June 12

## Seen Online

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Inmates file lawsuit over book ban

[<http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newyork/ny-bc-ny--prisonbookban0610jun10,0,1153411.story>]

Inmates at the federal prison camp in Otisville, New York, were stunned at what they saw at the chapel library on Memorial Day: Hundreds of books missing from the shelves, part of a post-Sept. 11 federal directive designed to prevent radical religious texts from falling into the hands of violent inmates. Three prisoners have filed a lawsuit over the policy, saying their constitutional rights were violated. They say all religions were affected—Islamic prayer books, Christian books, and ancient Jewish texts were among those removed....

Associated Press, June 10

Kentucky library identifies rare sculpture [<http://www.kentucky.com/139/story/93651.html>]

Late last year, a sculpture sitting inside the front entrance of the Paris&#8211;Bourbon County (Ky.) Public Library [<http://www.bourbonlibrary.org/brideofspring.htm>] for 30 years was an artwork created by Edmonia Lewis in the 1870s and long considered lost. The Bride of Spring (right) is a rare creation by the first African-American and Native American female sculptor to gain international fame....

Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader, June 10; Paris-Bourbon County Public Library

Incoming freshmen and summer reading [<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/articles/070607/7summer.htm>]

Many of next fall's first-year college students have thrown their tasseled caps in the air and are ready to pick up the sunscreen and surfboards, but there may be another item to put in the beach bag: a book assigned by the university. In an attempt to welcome students to the college classroom experience before they even move into the dorms, a growing number of universities are dishing out summer reading assignments to their first-year students....

U.S. News & World Report, June 7

Santa Clara University&#8217;s Second Life

[<http://media.www.thesantaclara.com/media/storage/paper946/news/2007/05/24/Scene/Santa.Clara.Enters.Virtual.World.In.second.Life-2907420.shtml>]

With the completion of Santa Clara Island imminent, Santa Clara University is expanding into the internet game called Second Life. The island features three digital replicas of campus buildings: the de Saisset Museum, Mission Church, and a completed version of the library currently under construction. The virtual library has the most functionality. A small staff of librarians and assistants can help visitors through chatting and possibly voice communications when that feature is added to the game....

The Santa Clara, May 24

America's obsession with secrecy

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/08/AR2007060802496.html>]

Case Western Reserve University Journalism Professor Ted Gup writes: "Today the nation's obsession with secrecy is redefining public and private institutions and taking a toll on the lives of ordinary citizens. Excessive secrecy is at the root of multiple scandals—the phantom weapons of mass destruction, the collapse of Enron, the tragedies traced to Firestone tires and the arthritis drug Vioxx, and more. In this self-proclaimed Information Age, our country is on the brink of becoming a secretocracy, a place where the right to know is being replaced by the need to know."...

Washington Post, June 10

Egypt says university must allow veils

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/09/AR2007060900641.html>]

An Egyptian court ruled June 9 that a U.S.-accredited university in Cairo was wrong to bar a female scholar who wears an Islamic face veil from using its facilities. The American University in Cairo, seen as a bastion of Western liberal education in Egypt, had revoked Iman al-Zainy's longstanding library privileges after she donned the niqab, a face veil that leaves only the wearer's eyes uncovered....

Reuters, June 9

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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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Drupal, Joomla, and Moodle: Tools to use

[<http://www.techsource.ala.org/blog/2007/06/unsucking-online-education-part-two.html>]

With Drupal and Joomla, you can build a website that contains forums, bulletin boards, chat rooms, blogs, media, document editing, newsletters, customizable RSS feeds, calendars, and much more. Moodle combines many of the social software tools we love, like RSS and wikis, with the functionality and layout of a traditional course management tool....

ALA TechSource blog, June 6

Ebrary's e-book survey [[http://www.ebrary.com/corp/newspdf/ebrary\\_survey\\_release.pdf](http://www.ebrary.com/corp/newspdf/ebrary_survey_release.pdf)] (PDF file)

Content provider ebrary has compiled the results of its informal e-book survey conducted to better understand the digital content needs of the library community. Anyone interested in receiving a copy may register [<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=kqxPd1nXcrb9lRVf9ZWjQQ%3d%3d>] or visit the ebrary booth at ALA Annual Conference. One finding was that respondents ranked Google and other search engines as the least prevalent factor driving e-book usage....

Ebrary, June 11

LibGuides integrates with Facebook [<http://www.springshare.com/libguides/index.html>]  
LibGuides is a system for publishing information and creating social networks centered around library resources. Librarians create Guides that contain any kind of content, then publish them online for users to interact with. LibGuides is also available from Facebook [<http://www.springshare.com/libguides/facebook.html>], enabling users to access the library content, chat with reference librarians, and even search the catalog, all from their facebook homepages....  
Springshare

#### Shameless self-promotion

[[http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=shameless\\_self\\_promotion&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=shameless_self_promotion&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]  
Andrew Pace writes: “Many of you have perhaps heard that I am moderating a debate at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., titled ‘The Ultimate Debate,’ Saturday, June 23, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. I hope you will join me and the debaters—Karen Schneider, Joe Janes, and Stephen Abram—as we discuss ‘Do Libraries Innovate?’ For pre-debate rabble-rousing, see the LITA-L list archives [<http://lists.ala.org/www/arc/lita-l>]!”...  
Hectic Pace blog, June 13

[<http://www.mozilla.org/support/firefox/keyboard>] Browser keyboard shortcuts  
[<http://www.mozilla.org/support/firefox/keyboard>]  
Mozilla offers a complete list of Firefox keyboard shortcuts and their Internet Explorer and Opera equivalents. Discover the wonders of Alt + Home, Ctrl + U, Ctrl + L, and Ctrl + Plus sign....  
Mozilla.com

How Bluetooth works [<http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/bluetooth.htm>]  
There are lots of different ways that electronic devices can connect to one another. This article takes a look at a method of connecting devices called Bluetooth that can streamline the process. A Bluetooth connection is wireless and automatic, and it has a number of interesting features that can simplify our daily lives....  
How Stuff Works

A historical glimpse into library automation  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/techspeaking/2007columns/techjune.cfm>]  
Andrew Pace writes: “I love those old volumes of the Journal of Library Automation, precursor to Information Technology and Libraries, LITA’s scholarly publication. The forefathers of library automation (sorry, they seem to have been all men in that first issue) were there for the 1968 inaugural issue—Ned Morris, Richard Johnson, Robert Wedgeworth, Richard Chapin, Dale Pretzer, and, one of my absolute favorites, Richard De Gennaro. They wrote about Texas A&I’s acquisitions system, Stanford’s book catalog, Brown’s fund-accounting system, machine-readable shelf lists, and the nascent history of library automation.”...  
“Technically Speaking,” American Libraries 38, no. 6 (June/July): 52

#### Actions & Answers

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Web 2.0: The sleep of reason  
[<http://blogs.britannica.com/blog/main/2007/06/web-20-the-sleep-of-reason-part-i/>]  
Michael Gorman expresses his views on the internet and credulity to get the ball rolling in an ongoing forum on Web 2.0 [<http://blogs.britannica.com/blog/main/category/web-20-forum/>]: “Bloggers are called ‘citizen journalists’; alternatives to Western medicine are increasingly popular, though we can thank our stars there is no discernable ‘citizen surgeon’ movement.” In part 2

[<http://blogs.britannica.com/blog/main/2007/06/web-20-the-sleep-of-reason-part-ii/>], he rants, “Digital Maoism is an unholy brew made up of the digital utopianism that hailed the internet as the second coming of Haight-Ashbury&mdash;everyone&rsquo;s tripping and it&rsquo;s all free; pop sociology derived from misreading books such as James Surowiecki&rsquo;s 2004 *The Wisdom of Crowds*.”...

Britannica Blog, June 11–12

Book ads: The Golden Age, 1962&#8211;1973

[<http://papercuts.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/06/11/book-ads-the-golden-age-1962-1973/>]

Advertisements for books have been around nearly as long as books themselves, and in the New York Times, they&rsquo;ve appeared since shortly after the first issue of the newspaper went to press in September 1851. The Times Paper Cuts blog takes a look at ads from the Golden Age, when they were fresh, pushy, serious, and wry, often all at the same time. There was a new sense of electricity in the culture and in the book world....

Paper Cuts, June 11

Lit 50: Who really books in Chicago [<http://www.newcitychicago.com/chicago/6583.html>]

The Chicago literary community has entered one of its most tumultuous times, what with the prospects of a major Borders retreat and the closing of the Virgin Megastore and Tower Records, along with the near-death experience of one of Chicago’s best-known independents, Women and Children First. But there are many Chicago literary movers and shakers who keep the books in the stores and in our minds....

NewCity Chicago, June 5

Char&#8217;s BookExpo superlatives

[<http://kittylady5.blogspot.com/2007/06/book-expo-nyc-2007-chars-annual-awards.html>]

Char Gwizdala, a librarian at Queens (N.Y.) Library, offers her take on the best events at BookExpo this year, among them the most patient author (Matthew Reinhart, right), the yummiest give-away, the coolest picture-taking event, the most socially conscious exhibitor, the coolest and most unassuming couple, and the best swag....

Char’s blog, June 3

Bartlesville update [<http://maureenjohnson.blogspot.com/2007/06/big-bad-bartlesville-update.html>]

Maureen Johnson, whose book *The Bermudez Triangle* is under reconsideration by the Bartlesville (Okla.) Mid-High school, writes: “The first thing is that the only librarian on the committee, the only person who stood up for the book . . . was removed from her position as a chair of one of the library committees by Janet Vernon, the head of the committee, and the person who still refuses to talk to me about the book.”...

Maureen’s Blog, June 8

Google adjusts privacy policy

[<http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9024403>]

Google will make the data it stores about end users anonymous in its server logs after 18 months, according to a June 11 blog post [<http://googleblog.blogspot.com/>] by the company’s global privacy counsel. Previously, Google had said

[<http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9013159>] it would make the data anonymous after 18 to 24 months. The decision comes in the wake of a letter (PDF file [[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/fsj/privacy/news/docs/pr\\_google\\_16\\_05\\_07\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/fsj/privacy/news/docs/pr_google_16_05_07_en.pdf)]) sent in May from a European Union data protection working group regarding the company’s privacy policies and a report [[http://www.privacyinternational.org/article.shtml?cmd\[347\]=x-347-553961](http://www.privacyinternational.org/article.shtml?cmd[347]=x-347-553961)] released June 9 by Privacy International that ranked

[<http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9024239>] Google worse than any other internet company in protecting user privacy....

Computerworld, June 12

LC to name National Ambassador for Young People's Literature

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2007/07-128.html>]

The Library of Congress has created the post of National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Appointed for a two-year term by the Librarian of Congress, the ambassador will speak to the importance of fiction and nonfiction in the lives of young people. The appointment of the first ambassador will be announced in January 2008....

Library of Congress, June 7

FSU chemist preserves LC materials [<http://www.fsu.edu/news/2007/06/04/library.preservation/>]

This summer, a Florida State University chemist will use his knowledge of cellulose, a key component of paper, to help the world's largest library find ways to preserve its vast treasure trove of books, manuscripts, maps, newspapers, and pamphlets, many irreplaceable. André Striegel, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry at FSU, has been invited to serve as the first Preservation Research and Testing Professor in Residence at the Library of Congress Preservation Research and Testing Division....

Florida State University, June 4

Grants to Native American libraries [<http://www.ims.gov/news/2007/061207.shtm>]

The Institute of Museum and Library Services June 12 awarded Native American tribes across the country \$1.3 million in grants to improve library services. In all, 229 grants will strengthen library service for 237 Native American tribal communities and Alaska Native villages....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 12

Literacy and learning at the Multnomah County Library [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QP7uexIzotQ>]

Produced by Portfolio Productions for the Library Foundation in Portland, Oregon, this video (3:55) illustrates how Multnomah County Library's innovative literacy and reading programs inspire the practice of reading for life....

YouTube, May 24

National Library of Australia to add WorldCat records

[<http://www.oclc.org/news/releases/200664.htm>]

The National Library of Australia has agreed to add some 12 million bibliographic records to WorldCat, making these records visible to web searchers worldwide. Australian libraries will use WorldCat to catalog, find, and share library materials....

OCLC, June 11

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/geninfo.htm>]

As the demand for library service continues to climb, more than 20,000 library professionals and supporters will gather in Washington, D.C., from June 21 to 27 at the Washington Convention Center for the ALA Annual Conference, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/acr07.htm>] the largest library conference in the world.

[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=1294](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&_pn=product_detail&_op=1294)]

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## Judy Nichols's Storytimes for Two-Year-Olds

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governanceb/electioninfo/alaelectioninfo.htm>]

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alctscontent/alctslrts50/alctslrts50.htm>]

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/pressoffice/registrationopen.htm>]

[<http://www.ala-apa.org/salaries/confprograms.html>]

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litanationalforum2007denver/forum2007.cfm>]

[<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/registration-en.htm>]

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/whatsnew/annual2007.htm>]

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[<http://joblist.ala.org/>]

Content Services Manager,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=6614>] WebJunction, Seattle, Washington. WebJunction is hiring immediately for a Content Services Manager to oversee the team running several web content programs and services. The Content Services Manager will manage all existing and new web content products and services, and will leverage online community building tools to increase the value of content offerings....

@ More jobs [<http://joblist.ala.org/>]...

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/crlnews/backissues2007/jun07/jun07.htm>]

[<http://www.techsource.ala.org/ltr/open-source-software-for-libraries.html>]

Casey Bisson, with the help of Jessamyn West and Ryan Eby, reports on open source software and its use and importance in libraries in the May/June issue

[<http://www.techsource.ala.org/ltr/open-source-software-for-libraries.html>] of Library Technology Reports.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/woannual/dayonthehill/dayonthehill.cfm?CFID=11313872&CFTOKEN=59782366>]

Library Day on the Hill.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/woannual/dayonthehill/dayonthehill.cfm?CFID=11313872&CFTOKEN=59782366>] On Tuesday, June 26, busloads of librarians and library supporters from across the

country will descend upon Capitol Hill to call attention to the value of today's libraries, as

well as the issues the library community is facing. The event is free but does require

registration. There will be buses leaving from the 7th St. entrance of the Convention Center and going to a drop point on Capitol Hill.

Public Perception

How the World

Sees Us

"I am inclined to think, sir, that perhaps the two most valuable and satisfactory characteristic products of American civilization are the librarian, on the one hand, and the cocktail on the other. I will not attempt, sir, the delicate question of deciding which is best, but I am given to understand that some of us have sampled both and found them equally satisfactory and equally stimulating."

?Croydon (England) Public Librarian L. Stanley Jast, responding on behalf of overseas visitors to a welcoming address by Louisiana Purchase Exposition President David Francis, at the first session of ALA Annual Conference, Oct. 17, 1904, held at the St. Louis World's Fair.

From the CentenniAL Blog

American Libraries has just introduced AL Focus [<http://alfocus.ala.org>], a new site for video content. But it's not even our first attempt at a regular video series: That was Library Video Magazine,

[[http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=the\\_library\\_video\\_magazine\\_experiment&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=the_library_video_magazine_experiment&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)] whose story began in 1983. A brief news mention in the February issue (p. 105) announced the availability of "a pioneering 'ALA-TV Conference '83' telecast" for people unable to attend Annual. AL Editor Art Plotnik coordinated production of the program, a five-hour telecast of conference highlights and a live "bibliographic institute" with call-in questions, viewed by 2,500 people at about 120 sites around the United States and Canada. Appearing in the broadcast were library leaders such as Plotnik, Henriette Avram, Linda Crismond, and Peggy Barber, and celebrities like Ray Bradbury, Richard Attenborough, and LeVar Burton....

See the Blog

[[http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=technology\\_coverage\\_part\\_2\\_the\\_first\\_kil\\_1943&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=technology_coverage_part_2_the_first_kil_1943&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)] for more....

[<http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php>]

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alctscontent/alctslrts50/alctslrts50.htm>]

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/lama/lamapublications/laandm/lamhome/lamonline.htm>]

Discover 50 years of LAMA's legacy in "A Brief History and Timeline of the Library Administration and Management Association, 1957–2007," by Robert Daugherty and Robert F. Moran Jr. in the Summer issue of Library Administration & Management (PDF file

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/lama/lamapublications/laandm/lamhome/21n3\\_daugherty\\_moran.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/lama/lamapublications/laandm/lamhome/21n3_daugherty_moran.pdf)]).

Ask the ALA Librarian

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Q. Due to staff shortages in recent years, our collection hasn't been weeded in a while. With some recent new hires and volunteers, we began the process. But it's become abundantly clear that there will be many discards, and we don't have the space to sell all of these to the patrons. We'd be willing to donate them. Do you know of anyone that could use them?

A. We're glad you've been able to return to weeding, which is an important (if sometimes misunderstood) step in collection evaluation and development.

[[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Collection\\_Development](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Collection_Development)] See the ALA Professional Tips wiki [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Weeding\\_and\\_Library\\_Discards](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Weeding_and_Library_Discards)] for further assistance.

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

Calendar

## ALA Courses

July 1&ndash;30: Pain in the Brain: Adolescent Development and Library Behavior [<http://www.ala.org/yalsa>], Power Programming for Teens [<http://www.ala.org/yalsa>], and Using Electronic Databases with Teens [<http://www.ala.org/yalsa>]. Online courses offered by YALSA. Register by June 15.

July 1&ndash;Aug. 10: Making the Match: Finding the Right Book for the Right Teen at the Right Time [<http://www.ala.org/yalsa>]. Online course offered by YALSA. Register by June 15.

July 22&ndash;24: Gaming, Learning, and Libraries Symposium [[http://gaming.techsource.ala.org/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://gaming.techsource.ala.org/index.php/Main_Page)], Chicago. Sponsored by ALA TechSource.

July 23&ndash;Aug. 17: Selecting Spanish-Language Materials for Adults [<HTTP://www.ala.org/ascla/>]. Online course offered by ASCLA.

Aug. 5&ndash;10: ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians [<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlevents/leadershipinstitute.htm>], Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Ongoing: ALA and the Southeast Florida Library Information Network offer ALA members more than 1,500 e-learning courses [<HTTP://www.libraryelearning.org/ala/>] from Element K.

Ongoing: AASL offers licenses to host a one-day regional institute, Collaborative Leadership [<HTTP://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/aaslregionalinstitutes/collaboration.htm>].

Ongoing: LITA offers licenses to host several one-day regional institutes: User Centered Design: Design Process and Usability [<HTTP://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litaregionalinst/litaregional.htm>], Establishing an Institutional Repository [<HTTP://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litaregionalinst/litaregional.htm>], Wireless Networks in Libraries [<HTTP://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litaregionalinst/litaregional.htm>], and XML and Libraries. [<HTTP://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litaregionalinst/litaregional.htm>]

Ongoing: LAMA offers licenses to host several one-day regional institutes [<HTTP://www.ala.org/ala/lama/lamaevents/lamaregionalinstitutes/lamaregionalinst/lamaregional.htm>].

Ongoing: PLA offers a variety of online courses through e-Learning @ PLA [<HTTP://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaevents/elearningpla/elearningpla.htm>].

Ongoing: ACRL offers a series of podcasts [<http://blogs.ala.org/acrlpodcast.php>] on issues in academic librarianship.

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## U.S. & World News

### [New York City budget provides for service six days a week](#)

In a \$59-billion budget agreement announced June 12, New York City public libraries will be funded for six-day-a-week service for the first time in six years. Based on a record \$4.4-billion surplus, the budget will also reduce property taxes by 7% and provide some sales tax relief on clothing and shoe purchases of over \$110....



### [Providence Public Library approves city contract](#)

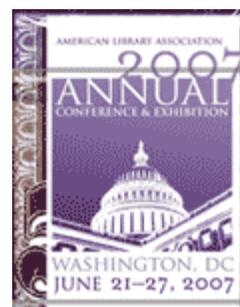
Trustees of the Providence (R.I.) Public Library voted June 13 to accept a one-year municipal contract that increases the city's funding of the library by \$300,000 and establishes an advisory committee to oversee PPL's budget. The agreement ends a dispute over the level of city financing, governance of the branch libraries, staffing levels, and hours that began in July 2004 when the library cut staff and services in response to several years of level funding by the city and state....

### [Fearing radicals, prisons remove religious books](#)

Officials at the federal prison in Otisville, New York, removed hundreds of books from the chapel library on Memorial Day, mostly titles of a religious nature. The action was part of a belated response to an April 2004 Department of Justice review of the way prisons choose providers of Muslim religious services that resulted in a federal directive designed to prevent violent inmates from access to radical Islamic religious texts....

### [Supreme Court asked to repeal library worship ban](#)

The Alliance Defense Fund, a law firm representing the Faith Center Church Evangelistic Ministries, asked the U.S. Supreme Court June 7 to overturn a September 20 federal appeals court ban on conducting worship services at the Contra Costa County (Calif.) Library's Antioch branch....



**As of June 8**, a total of 13,852 have registered for Annual Conference (not including exhibitor personnel). This compares with 8,498 for New Orleans in 2006 (at a comparable time two weeks before the event), 13,371 for Chicago in 2005, and 10,033 for Orlando in 2004.

**450 international librarians from 87 countries** will be attending ALA Annual Conference this year. Please say "hello" and welcome them when you see them.

**Applied Science & Technology Index Retrospective: 1913-1983**

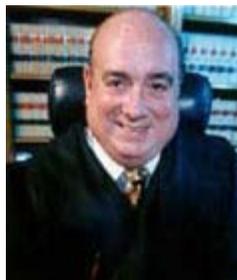
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## ALA News

### [Former FISA Court judge to speak at Annual Conference](#)

Former Chief Judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court Royce Lamberth will speak in an open session at Annual Conference about the inner workings of the secretive court and how it has changed since passage of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. Lamberth will talk on Saturday, June 23, from 8-10:15 AM in Room 143-B of the Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, D.C....



### [ALA files comments on three telecom issues](#)

ALA recently filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission in relation to several key telecommunications policy issues and how they relate to America's libraries: deployment of broadband to public libraries, subscriptions to broadband services, and net neutrality....

District Dispatch blog, June 19

### [Loriene Roy on health information issues](#)

ALA President-Elect Loriene Roy will address health information issues and library resources for Hispanics and Latinos at the 2007 Trejo Foster Foundation Institute, July 13, 7 p.m., at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The TFF Institute brings together leaders, practitioners, and students in the library and information fields to discuss and advocate for issues, policies, and practices that affect Hispanic and Latino communities and individuals....

### [Parade of Bookmobiles](#)

The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services will hold a Parade of Bookmobiles during ALA Annual Conference on Tuesday, June 26. The event will feature bookmobiles making their way from the Washington Convention Center to Franklin Square at Eye and 13th Streets. Once at Franklin Square, the bookmobiles will be open to the public for pictures and tours from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m....



### [ALA welcomes two new Library Champions](#)

The Development Office has announced two new ALA Library Champions: [Innovative Interfaces](#) and [Mirrorstone](#). Corporate Library Champions demonstrate the importance and value of libraries as dynamic, modern community centers for learning, information, and entertainment. Visit Innovative Interfaces at booths 4132 and 3205, and Mirrorstone at booth 2947 at ALA Annual Conference in



Join the *American Libraries* editors and columnists for **100th birthday cake** at the ALA Pavilion, Saturday, June 23, 12:15–1:15 p.m., and Tuesday, June 26, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Toddlers will be ready for reading action with this 100% cotton [Born to Read t-shirt](#). **A classic! From ALA Graphics.**



[Registration](#) will be available onsite at Annual Conference for the June 22 **Advocacy Institute**.

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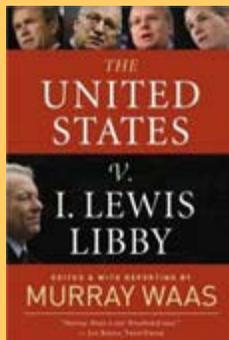
# Booklist

ONLINE

## Featured review: Adult books

Waas, Murray, and Jeff Lomonaco (editors). *The United States v. I. Lewis Libby*. June 2007. 584p. Sterling/Union Square, paperback (978-1-4027-5259-9).

Some pundits have claimed that the Scooter Libby case was merely an inside-the-Beltway story, given that no one was prosecuted for the actual crime of leaking the name of CIA agent Valerie Plame. Longtime investigative journalist Waas begs to differ. In a fascinating introduction, he takes readers through the events that led up to the Libby prosecution. The rest of the text in this thick volume is primarily a history of the trial, complete with a transcript, various time lines, and an extensive cast of characters. Throughout it all, Waas injects short, incisive explanations and commentary that not only show how Washington works but also reveal the lengths to which the Bush administration (and, one suspects, any administration) will go to see that its will is not thwarted....



## Booklist editors march on Washington

With Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., fast approaching, Keir Graff put together this handy guide to the programs and events where attendees will find *Booklist* and Booklist Online editors. Come by the *Booklist* booth (#2517) to meet the editors, share ideas, and pick up a free *Booklist* desk calendar....

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

## D.C. Update

### Conference Center 411

See this wiki for directions on getting to the Washington Convention Center from airports, by Metro or MARC trains, as well as other useful convention center information (e.g., parking, business center services)....

### The Library of Congress at Annual Conference

On Monday, June 25, at 4 p.m. in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium, ALA members and LC staff are invited to attend a conversation between Librarian of Congress James Billington and Brian Lamb of C-SPAN on issues of importance to libraries. LC staff will be conducting several [tours and programs](#), as well as staging a full schedule of



Don't miss this year's **Book Cart Drill Team World Championship**, sponsored once again by Demco. It will be held Sunday, June 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.



Be at Washington Convention Center Hall D at **7:30 p.m. on June 22** for the world premiere of [The Hollywood Librarian](#), a film by writer and director Ann Seidl that focuses on the work and lives of librarians in the entertaining and appealing context of American movies.

## Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

**"The library does some absolutely wonderful things for regular people."**

—Billionaire Blackstone Group Chairman and New York Public Library Trustee Stephen A. Schwarzman, in remarks at a June 18 fundraising dinner that earned \$2.2 million for the library, *Wall Street Journal*, June 19.

**From the CentennialAL**

programming at the LC booth (#1741) at the Convention Center....  
Library of Congress blog, June 19

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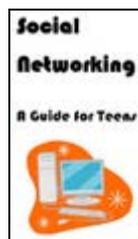
### [YALSA to celebrate 50 years at President's Program](#)

YALSA will present its 50th Anniversary President's Program, "A Day in the Life of a Teenager: Five Decades with YALSA," on June 25 at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The program will also feature a panel discussion, moderated by Michael Cart (right), on the past five decades of young adult literature with an eye toward future trends....



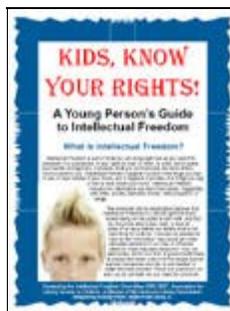
### [Social networking for teens](#)

In honor of National Internet Safety Month, YALSA has released a brochure to assist librarians in educating teens about safe use of online social networking software, including sites like Facebook, MySpace, Flickr, YouTube, and LiveJournal. *Social Networking: A Guide for Teens* is available as a downloadable [PDF file](#) on YALSA's website....



### [Intellectual freedom for kids](#)

ALSC has just released *Kids, Know Your Rights! A Young Person's Guide to Intellectual Freedom*. This four-page, full-color, [PDF brochure](#) is free to download and speaks directly to kids in grades 5 and up, using simplified, kid-friendly language to tackle such difficult, abstract ideas as challenges to the First Amendment, how censorship affects children, and how they can defend their right to read, privacy and confidentiality, and respecting the opinions of others....

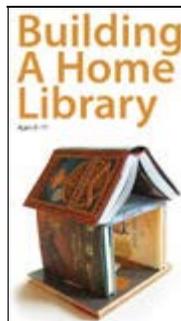


### [Special collections in children's literature](#)

An ALSC committee has created a Special Collections in Children's Literature [Wikiography](#) to provide an easily accessible clearinghouse with helpful information about 14 special collections that are used by researchers studying children or their literature....

### [New bibliographies boast the best in children's literature](#)

The ALA-Children's Book Council Joint Committee, in cooperation with the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee, has released a set of four bibliographies intended to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for children at home. The bibliographies are available as full-color PDFs on the [ALSC](#) and [CBC](#) websites and are free to download, copy, and distribute....



### [2007 LITA National Forum](#)

Online [registration](#) now is available for the 2007 LITA National Forum, "Technology with Altitude: 10 Years of the LITA National Forum," to be held October 4-7, 2007, at the Marriott City Center in

## Blog



### [Meet Me in St. Louis.](#)

Imagine an ALA Annual Conference where for six days you meet in one large room from 9:30 a.m. to only half past noon, after which you are free to go wandering around an exhibit and amusement area 13 times the size of Disney's Magic Kingdom in Florida. Imagine a conference where, after listening to a "characteristic address" by Melvil Dewey—"full of the enthusiasm of invention and the ardor of prophecy, which never fails to kindle a responsive spark in his audience"—you venture out to ride on the biggest Ferris Wheel in the world, eat a new-fangled treat called an ice cream cone, watch Alexander Graham Bell participate in a kite-flying contest, listen to rousing performances by John Philip Sousa's band, or thrill to reenactments of Spanish-American War naval battles and the Boer War Battle of Colenso. Read about 1904, **when ALA met at the St. Louis World's Fair....**



Denver. Jeffrey Kiehl, National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado, will open the Forum with *The Scientific and Social Challenges of Global Warming...*

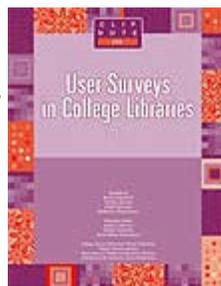
### [New editor of C&RL News](#)

ACRL has appointed David Free editor-in-chief of *College and Research Libraries News*, effective July 16. Free comes to ACRL from the Decatur Campus of Georgia Perimeter College, where he served as public services librarian. He is an acknowledged pioneer in the world of academic library podcasting....



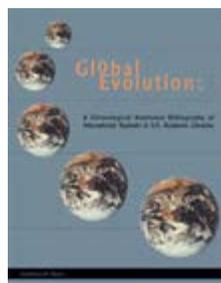
### [New edition of User Services in College Libraries](#)

ACRL has published a new edition of *User Surveys in College Libraries*, compiled by Doreen Kopycinski of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Kimberley Sando of DeSales University in Center Valley, Pennsylvania. It is number 38 in ACRL's College Libraries Section's CLIP Notes series. Using the CLIP Notes guidelines, the compilers developed a survey based on that found in the 1995 edition to allow for an historical comparison....



### [ACRL on global evolution](#)

ACRL has published *Global Evolution: A Chronological Annotated Bibliography of International Students in U.S. Academic Libraries*, by Kaetrena D. Davis of Georgia State University in Atlanta. This chronological, annotated bibliography shows the evolution of the issues concerning undergraduate and graduate international students in American academic libraries and contains many possible guidelines and ideas for meeting the basic and advanced information needs of an increasingly diverse patron group....



### [Marc Truitt named ITAL editor](#)

The LITA Board of Directors has appointed Marc Truitt editor of its *Information Technology and Libraries (ITAL)* journal. Truitt is associate director of information technology resources and services at the University of Alberta Libraries....

## Round Table News

### [SupERTuesday closing reception](#)

Don't miss the SupERTuesday Closing Reception at Annual Conference, with food and prizes, sponsored by Exhibits Round Table, your exhibitors, and ALA. Fill out the SupERTuesday entry form in the ActionAd Booklet (received at Registration) or in the Tuesday edition of *Cognotes* and drop it in the free drawing boxes in the exhibit hall. Drawings will be held on Tuesday, June 26, at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.; the Grand Prize Drawing will be held at 2:30 p.m. You must be present to win.

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



### Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q. When did libraries start having bookmobiles? And how many libraries still have them?**

**A.** The first bookmobile was a horse-drawn buggy at the Hagerstown (Md.) Public Library, now part of the Washington County Free Library, in 1905 (above). In celebration of its centennial in 2005, ALA's Office for Library Outreach Services prepared an online "parade" or slide show ([133 PowerPoint slides](#)). At the Annual Conference there will be a [parade](#) of today's bookmobiles celebrating this form of library service. According to the most currently available

## [EMIERT Annual Conference events](#)

"Libraries, Immigrants, and the American Experience" is one of the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

## Awards

### [ALA and others receive \\$28 million in 21st Century grants](#)

On June 19, the Institute of Museum and Library Services announced grants of almost \$28 million under the 2007 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. The program supports tuition assistance, curriculum development, service expectations, job placement, recruitment of nontraditional library students, and support for doctoral candidates to teach library science and research. ALA received funds for more Spectrum Scholarships in its Reach 21 program, a support staff certification pilot project, and the Online Resource Center for Library Cultural Programming....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 19

### [Scholastic will get the AASL Crystal Apple](#)

AASL President Cyndi Phillip has selected Scholastic Library Publishing as the recipient of the 2007 Crystal Apple Award. The award is given at the discretion of the AASL president to an individual or group with a significant impact on school libraries and students. Phillip specifically cited Scholastic's support for the school library media field through its production and distribution of "School Libraries Work," a compilation of state studies on the impact of school library media programs on student achievement....



### [AASL Innovative Reading Grant](#)

Nancy Baumann, school library media specialist at Barnett Shoals Elementary School in Athens, Georgia, has been awarded AASL's first Innovative Reading Grant. The \$2,500 grant is intended to support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program that encourages reading for children, especially those who struggle with literacy....

### [Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty awarded to the four John Does](#)

In a ceremony June 15 at its Biennial Conference in Seattle, the American Civil Liberties Union presented the [Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty](#) awards to four Connecticut librarians and the president of a New York internet service provider who stood up against the Patriot Act and refused to violate the privacy of their patrons and clients....

American Civil Liberties Union, June 15

## Seen Online

### [Knox County branch move runs afoul of civil rights](#)

Tennessee officials say the Knox County government violated the federal Civil Rights Act by deciding to move its Burlington branch library farther from the center of East Knoxville's black population before getting public input. As a result, Tennessee Secretary of State

[report](#) from the National Center for Library Statistics, *Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2004*, there are 844 bookmobiles delivering library services in the U.S. See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for further assistance.

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

## Calendar

### July 14–17:

[American Association of Law Libraries](#), Annual Meeting and Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. "Rise to the Challenge."

### Aug. 2–6:

[Black Caucus of the ALA](#), National Conference of African American Librarians, Fort Worth, Texas. "Culture Keepers VI: Preserving the Past, Sustaining the Future."

### Aug. 8–11:

[Pacific Northwest Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Delta Edmonton, South Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. "The Boom to the Echo: The Multigenerational Impact on Libraries."

### Aug. 14:

[Library Camp NYC](#), Baruch College, New York City.

Riley Darnell has frozen grant funding for the library system until the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services determines whether to refer the matter to the U.S. Department of Justice....

*Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel*, June 20

### [Life after Harry Potter?](#)

July 21 is the release date for *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final chapter in J. K. Rowling's popular saga. But without Harry Potter, will teens keep reading? The answer is an emphatic yes. Books for teens are in a period of unprecedented growth, with its success beginning with the boy wizard himself. (This article is adapted in part from a chapter in the third edition of YALSA's *Best Books for Young Adults*, edited by Holly Koelling.)...

*Today Show* (NBC), June 13

### [Schwarzman helps NYPL raise \\$2.2 million](#)

Blackstone Group Chairman Stephen A. Schwarzman, whose buyout fund is about to go public, raised money for another cause June 18—the New York Public Library. Schwarzman, a member of the library's board, was honored at a dinner that brought in \$2.2 million to modernize the 13 million-volume collection....

*Bloomberg*, June 19

### [UIUC grad to catalog Abbey's incunabula](#)

Although he's not yet 25, Christopher Cook already is regarded as an expert in his trade. Cook is off to London on June 24 to begin cataloging the Westminster Abbey library's collection of incunabula, or early printed books. The recent GSLIS graduate and new rare book cataloging project manager at the Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Illinois hopes, he said, to "provide a descriptive bibliography of the Abbey's collection of 15th-century imprints, shedding light on book distribution, collecting habits, and binding practices in early modern England."...

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 12



### [Sacramento library probes maintenance firm](#)

The Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library has launched an internal investigation into a company that paid a contractor to replace light bulbs and paint curbs, then as much as tripled some prices to the library. A May 21 Public Records Act request to examine invoices billed by Hagginwood Services Inc. revealed bills of \$410 to unplug a toilet, \$411 to fix a leaking water fountain, and \$2,423 for repairing lights in one room....

*Sacramento (Calif.) Bee*, June 20

### [Jackie's story](#)

Jackie Ramseur sits outside the Clearwater (Fla.) Public Library on a park bench, her bags at her feet, smoking roll-your-own cigarettes. She's homeless, but in her bag, she has library books. There's *Valley of Silence*, a Nora Roberts romance novel about Celtic vampires. She has *Stargirl*, a young adult novel about teenagers confronting high school cliques. And *Second Wave: Acorna's Children*, a sci-fi novel she picked up off a library display because it had a cat on the cover, and she loves animals....

*St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times*, June 8

### [Oak Park builds a transgender resource collection](#)

Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library has received a \$3,000 LSTA grant to

### **Sept. 26–28:**

[Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#), Annual Conference, Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus, Ohio.

### **Oct. 5–6:**

[Georgia Conference on Information Literacy](#), Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah.

### **Oct. 11–12:**

[Long Island Library Resources Council](#).

Annual Conference on Libraries and the Future, Dowling College, Oakdale, New York. "Engaging Environment: Creating Tomorrow's Library Experience."

### **Oct. 18–19:**

[International Reading Association](#), Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, Billings, Montana.

### **Oct. 19–24:**

[American Society for Information Science and Technology](#).

Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science."

### **Oct. 23–25:**

[Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Conference](#), Oklahoma City. "Guardians of Language, Memory, and Lifeways."

### **Oct. 24–26:**

[International](#)

create the first focused transgender resource collection in a U.S. public library. The library is purchasing materials that will serve, reflect, and welcome transgender people. The collection will also increase public awareness and understanding of gender identity and gender expression issues....

*Chicago Tribune*, June 18

### [Putin creates a Yeltsin Presidential Library](#)

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree creating a Presidential Library named after former President Boris Yeltsin. The library will be located in the Synod building in St. Petersburg and will have branches in all regions of the Russian Federation....

*Itar-TASS*, June 19

### [Swindon Library closes its loo](#)

The main library in Swindon, England, has shut its toilets for good after drug addicts left them in a disgusting state. Library staff and visitors were regularly confronted with a mess and vandalism, so the council decided to close them permanently. With the new £9-million central library in Regent Circus not due to open until next summer, the town's main reading rooms will be without any toilets until then....

*Swindon (UK) Advertiser*, June 18

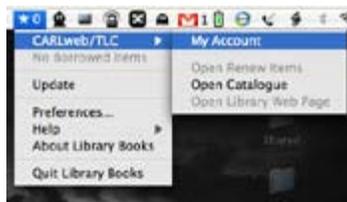


## Tech Talk

### [13 book hacks for bibliophiles](#)

Adam Pash writes: "From your local library to the classroom to the bookstore, there are a lot of tools available to help you save time and money when it comes to the bound world of information. Today, in the interest of lifehacking your bookshelf, I'm rounding up my favorite 13 'book hacks' for getting the most from your bound literature. The first three hacks provide ways to integrate your computer with your local library, from a web-based notification tool to a Firefox extension to a killer Mac-only menu bar app."...

*Lifehacker*, June 19



### [National Fiber to the Library initiative](#)

The Community TeleStructure Initiative has announced plans for a series of workshops on a National Fiber to the Library effort with the goal of connecting every library in the United States with fiber-speed internet by 2010. The first workshop will be held in Sausalito, California, on July 2, and will include broadband policy and market leaders in California joined by key national policy leaders from the American Library Association, the Fiber to the Home Council, and the FCC....

*Community TeleStructure Initiative*, June 13

### [Geotag your flickr photos](#)

You may have recently noticed an extra

[Cultural Heritage Informatics Meeting](#), Toronto.

**Oct. 29–30:**  
[Internet@Schools West Conference](#),  
Monterey, California.

**Oct. 29–30:**  
[PALINET Conference and Vendor Fair](#),  
Tremont Plaza  
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Baltimore.

**Oct. 29–31:**  
[Internet Librarian](#),  
Monterey, California.

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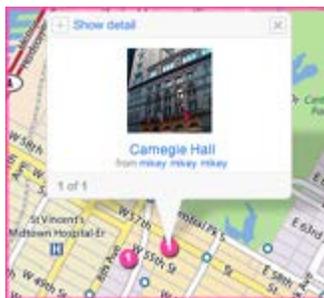
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Infodoodads blog, June 13



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## [Meredith Farkas's top tech trends](#)

Meredith Farkas writes: "Unfortunately, I'm set to speak at another session [at Annual Conference] that is at the exact same time as the Technology Trends panel, but I thought I'd contribute my trends virtually. So, in addition to the text version of my trends (which contain links to examples), I created a Flash movie (screencast) of my trends with narration. I figured it would be the closest thing to actually being there and you can actually see the applications I'm talking about."...

LITA Blog, June 15

## [Welcome to the Twitterverse](#)

Soon-to-be *C&RL News* Editor David Free explains the essence of the social networking tool Twitter. He advises: "Of course, if you don't just want to be talking to yourself, you will need to add friends to Twitter." Free shows you how....

Bigwig Social Software Showcase



## [NISO programs get a boost from Mellon Foundation](#)

The National Information Standards Organization has received a \$196,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation under its Scholarly Communications Program. The award will be used to transform and invigorate the standards process by supporting the adoption of technology tools for collaboration and the incubation of new community initiatives via a series of Thought Leader meetings....

National Information Standards Organization, June 18

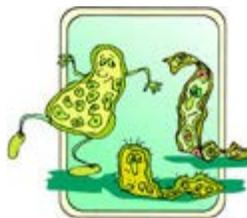
## [EBSCO acquires two ABC-CLIO databases](#)

Publisher ABC-CLIO and EBSCO Publishing announced a new alliance June 15 designed to benefit history scholars, teachers, and students. As part of the undertaking, EBSCO has acquired two of ABC-CLIO's databases, *Historical Abstracts* and *America: History and Life*. ABC-CLIO editorial staff will continue producing content for the databases and the two databases will be made available via EBSCOhost....

EContent, June 19

## [Bacteria and keyboards](#)

The Krafty Librarian writes: "Don't do it, don't look at your keyboard too closely. Ignorance is bliss in this instance, trust me. I looked and I am horrified to say my keyboard looks worse than the dirt-catching crevices of my car. So what is a person to do? First inclination is to run screaming for the hand sanitizer and call hazmat to dispose of the thing. But the folks at NPR had an idea."...



## Actions & Answers

### What book got you hooked?

Was it *The Cat in the Hat*? Or Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*? Or was it *Daddy's Roommate*? From now until July 31, Idearc Media and First Book want you to let them know what book got you hooked on reading and why. In August, First Book will post a list of the top 50 children's books with the most votes....

First Book



### Librarians in popular culture

Ruth A. Kneale offers a synopsis of her talk at the 2007 Special Libraries Association Annual Conference on how librarians are portrayed in the movies, in music (such as this speed-metal band from Seattle, Blöodhag), on TV, in books and comics, with some toys and t-shirts thrown in....

Librarian-image.net



### The siren song of the internet

Michael Gorman continues his blogging on Web 2.0: "A common feature of call-in talk shows and even blogs is the person claiming to have 'done research' into the topic under discussion. What invariably follows is a torrent of half-baked ideas, urban myths, and political vituperation, the former two being attributed to 'the internet.' Research, properly used, signifies complete and critical investigation of, or experimentation in, a particular subject resulting in new conclusions or discoveries. To many, it now means a few minutes noodling around to see which shards of data a search engine can retrieve and, worse, a delusion that one is now in possession of all pertinent facts."...

Britannica Blog, June 19



### I'm no antidigitalist

David Lee King has composed a song based on Michael Gorman's [recent posts](#) on the Britannica Blog. He writes: "Last week, as I was reading everyone's responses to Michael Gorman's blog posts, I re-read a couple of the posts myself . . . and this phrase from his earlier 'blog people' article started running through my head . . . and wouldn't leave. So I did what any self-respecting closet musician would do on his day off—I wrote a song!"...

David Lee King's blog, June 18

### The Peloponnesian War and research libraries (PDF file)

LC Reference Librarian Thomas Mann writes about the differences between scholarship and quick information seeking: "A single reference question on 'tribute payments in the Peloponnesian War' may indeed be trifling in the grand scheme of things, but when we take it apart and look at its implications for the future of both scholarship and librarianship, it takes on quite a bit more significance. We must not yield to the temptations to let either the technologies themselves or transient fashions constrict our vision of what needs to be done to promote scholarship of the highest possible quality."...

Library of Congress Professional Guild (AFSCME 2910), June 13

## [Use WorldCat to make lists](#)

WorldCat now has a list-making capability.

You can group library-owned items you have found while using WorldCat, keep track of items of interest and refer back to them whenever you want to, or share lists with friends and colleagues. Some ideas for lists are books to recommend, secondary research sources, or movies to check out....

WorldCat



## [Helping the world use digital resources](#)

Siân Harris writes: "Retired University of Florida librarian Lenny Rhine (right) has been spending much of his time travelling the world. He's not in search of a great sun tan, though; his aim is to train librarians in the developing world how to use digital resources. Rhine runs training courses to teach medical librarians and health workers how to use the massive array of resources that have now become available to them through UN programs."...

*Research Information, June/July*



## [Chronicling America offers 310,000 newspaper pages](#)

Approximately 310,000 digitized newspaper pages, dating from 1900 to 1910, are now accessible through the [Chronicling America](#) website. The site is a project of the National Digital Newspaper Program, a partnership between the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities....

Library of Congress, June 15



## [Readex enhances access to historical maps](#)

Readex, a division of NewsBank, will provide customers with access to the more than 50,000 maps within its digital edition of the *U.S. Congressional Serial Set, 1817-1980*. The company is adding cartographic records monthly and will continue until every Serial Set map carries a record. Renowned works include the *American Civil War Atlas*, maps delineating the boundary between the United States and Mexico, and John C. Fremont's Oregon map (above)....

EContent, June 14



## [Welcoming Google into the reference interview](#)

Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn College Library reference librarian, writes: "Google is famously user-friendly, and its output doesn't require distillation or translation. As a result, the reference interview has evolved from a mediated dialogue into a three-way exchange with information moving in all directions: between librarian and patron, between librarian and Google, and between patron and Google."...

*Library Philosophy and Practice (2007)*

## [The 2007 Tehran Book Fair](#)

Iranian-American Ali A. Parsa sheds some

light on Persian humor after a visit to the Tehran Book Fair. He writes: "There are many bookstores in Tehran and the annual Tehran Book Fair, a huge feat lasting several days, is worth visiting. It draws a huge crowd, mostly the young who seem to come with the double purpose of watching each other and purchasing books." ALA also had a presence (above) at the fair, thanks to Homan Sharif with Medcom Information Services, who told us that the Stephen Hawking READ poster got the most comments....



*Persian Mirror*; Homan Sharif

### [Camels as bookmobiles in Kenya](#)

In order to address illiteracy while working within the limitations of the region, a small group of Kenyans started a mobile book-lending service that delivers books to 3,500 villagers and nomads around Garissa. On each visit they bring 200 books, lending each for a period of two weeks and then retrieving them to share with the next community. This short [video](#) documents the library's mission and activities....



WorldChanging, June 14; Rocketboom, June 13

### [Is online freedom of speech dying?](#)

Jon Newton writes: "In 2007, anybody with more dollars than sense now feels free to sue websites for the slightest slight. That's bad enough, but things have now reached ridiculous extremes. If the Net is about anything, it's about freedom of speech and hyperlinking—directly connecting stories, data, and information—is absolutely integral to it. Now, however, it's being claimed that merely linking to something someone somewhere doesn't like is sufficient grounds for a civil complaint."...

People to People Net, June 18

### [Dexter's Library](#)

Dexter, the star of the Cartoon Network's *Dexter's Laboratory*, is asked by the school librarian to "keep an eye on things" while she is at a staff meeting. This gives him an opportunity to enforce the rules as never before, with the help of *War of the Worlds*-like spaceships. The episode first aired April 25, 2003....



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## U.S. & World News

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New York City budget provides for service six days a week

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/nybudget.cfm>]

In a \$59-billion budget agreement announced June 12, New York City public libraries will be funded for six-day-a-week service for the first time in six years. Based on a record \$4.4-billion surplus, the budget will also reduce property taxes by 7% and provide some sales tax relief on clothing and shoe purchases of over \$110....

Providence Public Library approves city contract

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/providencedeal.cfm>]

Trustees of the Providence (R.I.) Public Library voted June 13 to accept a one-year municipal contract that increases the city's funding of the library by \$300,000 and establishes an advisory committee to oversee PPL's budget. The agreement ends a dispute over the level of city financing, governance of the branch libraries, staffing levels, and hours that began in July 2004 when the library cut staff and services in response to several years of level funding by the city and state....

Fearing radicals, prisons remove religious books

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/prisons.cfm>]

Officials at the federal prison in Otisville, New York, removed hundreds of books from the chapel library on Memorial Day, mostly titles of a religious nature. The action was part of a belated response to an April 2004 Department of Justice review of the way prisons choose providers of Muslim religious services that resulted in a federal directive designed to prevent violent inmates from access to radical Islamic religious texts....

Supreme Court asked to repeal library worship ban

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/worshipban.cfm>]

The Alliance Defense Fund, a law firm representing the Faith Center Church Evangelistic Ministries, asked the U.S. Supreme Court June 7 to overturn a September 20 federal appeals court ban on conducting worship services at the Contra Costa County (Calif.) Library's Antioch branch....

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Former FISA Court judge to speak at Annual Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160309>]

Former Chief Judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court Royce Lamberth will speak in an open session at Annual Conference about the inner workings of the secretive court and how it has changed since passage of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. Lamberth will talk on Saturday, June 23, from 8-10:15 AM in Room 143-B of the Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, D.C....

ALA files comments on three telecom issues

[[http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=ala\\_files\\_comments\\_to\\_fcc\\_on\\_three\\_telec&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/districtdispatch.php?title=ala_files_comments_to_fcc_on_three_telec&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

ALA recently filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission in relation to several key telecommunications policy issues and how they relate to America's libraries: deployment of broadband to public libraries, subscriptions to broadband services, and net neutrality....

District Dispatch blog, June 19

Loriene Roy on health information issues

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160086>]

ALA President-Elect Loriene Roy will address health information issues and library resources for Hispanics and Latinos at the 2007 Trejo Foster Foundation Institute, July 13, 7 p.m., at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The TFF Institute brings together leaders, practitioners, and students in the library and information fields to discuss and advocate for issues, policies, and practices that affect Hispanic and Latino communities and individuals....

Parade of Bookmobiles

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160162>]

The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services will hold a Parade of Bookmobiles during ALA Annual Conference on Tuesday, June 26. The event will feature bookmobiles making their way from the Washington Convention Center to Franklin Square at Eye and 13th Streets. Once at Franklin Square, the bookmobiles will be open to the public for pictures and tours from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m....

ALA welcomes two new Library Champions

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160033>]

The Development Office has announced two new ALA Library Champions: Innovative Interfaces [<http://www.iii.com/>] and Mirrorstone. [<http://ww2.wizards.com/Books/Mirrorstone/Home.aspx>] Corporate Library Champions demonstrate the importance and value of libraries as dynamic, modern community centers for learning, information, and entertainment. Visit Innovative Interfaces at booths 4132 and 3205, and Mirrorstone at booth 2947 at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C....

Picturing America grant recipients

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=159761>]

The ALA Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Humanities, has selected more than 1,500 schools to receive Picturing America, a new grant opportunity for schools and school libraries. Picturing America will provide a collection of 40 large-scale reproductions of American artworks and related materials to promote the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture....

Executive Board recognizes Spectrum Scholarship Program

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160004>]

In action taken at their spring meeting held April 12–15 in Chicago, the ALA Executive Board formally recognized the outstanding achievements of the Spectrum Scholarship Program on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Established in 1997, the Spectrum Scholarship Program is ALA's national diversity and recruitment effort....

AL Focus

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article, from beginning to end [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/one-article-beginning-end>]

What kind of work goes into producing a single column in American Libraries magazine? More than you imagine. See every drop of blood, sweat, and tears in this fast-paced, high-powered, behind-the-scenes look (5:40) at AL's daily grind. (A higher-res Quicktime version [<http://www.blip.tv/file/271431?filename=Alfocus-OneArticleFromBeginningToEnd548.mov>] that takes a bit longer to load reduces the distortion created by fast camera tracking in the low-res Flash version on our website.)...

ALA Wheel of Confusion #2 [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/wheel-confusion-2>]

If you thought the last episode was a brain-buster, brace yourself as ALA Librarian Karen Muller tells host John Chrastka about the longest acronym in ALA history. Will it be seven letters long? Ten? Not even close! It takes a 1:26 video to just say what the acronym stands for....

Beth Yoke on YALSA [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/beth-yoke-executive-director-yalsa>]

In this episode (6:30) of "ALA in Focus," ALA Manager for Membership Services John Chrastka chats with Beth Yoke, executive director of YALSA, about the events, meetings, and parties at the 2007

Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Yoke also talks about the 10th anniversary of Teen Read Week, how to establish YALSA discussion and interest groups, and the multiple hats she tried on in West Virginia....

Featured review: Adult books

[[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=2076098](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2076098)]

Waas, Murray, and Jeff Lomonaco (editors). *The United States v. I. Lewis Libby*. June 2007. 584p. Sterling/Union Square, paperback (978-1-4027-5259-9).

Some pundits have claimed that the Scooter Libby case was merely an inside-the-Beltway story, given that no one was prosecuted for the actual crime of leaking the name of CIA agent Valerie Plame. Longtime investigative journalist Waas begs to differ. In a fascinating introduction, he takes readers through the events that led up to the Libby prosecution. The rest of the text in this thick volume is primarily a history of the trial, complete with a transcript, various time lines, and an extensive cast of characters. Throughout it all, Waas injects short, incisive explanations and commentary that not only show how Washington works but also reveal the lengths to which the Bush administration (and, one suspects, any administration) will go to see that its will is not thwarted....

editors march on Washington

[<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2007/06/14/booklist-editors-march-on-washington/>]

With Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., fast approaching, Keir Graff put together this handy guide to the programs and events where attendees will find Booklist and Booklist Online editors. Come by the Booklist booth (#2517) to meet the editors, share ideas, and pick up a free Booklist desk calendar....

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

## D.C. Update

Conference Center 411 [[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2007/index.php/Conference\\_Center\\_411](http://wikis.ala.org/annual2007/index.php/Conference_Center_411)]

See this wiki for directions on getting to the Washington Convention Center from airports, by Metro or MARC trains, as well as other useful convention center information (e.g., parking, business center services)....

The Library of Congress at Annual Conference [<http://www.loc.gov/blog/?p=142>]

On Monday, June 25, at 4 p.m. in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium, ALA members and LC staff are invited to attend a conversation between Librarian of Congress James Billington and Brian Lamb of C-SPAN on issues of importance to libraries. LC staff will be conducting several tours and programs [<http://www.loc.gov/ala/tours/index.html>], as well as staging a full schedule of programming at the LC booth (#1741) at the Convention Center....

Library of Congress blog, June 19

## Division News

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### YALSA to celebrate 50 years at President's Program

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160015>]

YALSA will present its 50th Anniversary President's Program, "A Day in the Life of a Teenager: Five Decades with YALSA," on June 25 at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The program will also feature a panel discussion, moderated by Michael Cart (right), on the past five decades of young adult literature with an eye toward future trends....

### Social networking for teens

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160227>]

In honor of National Internet Safety Month, YALSA has released a brochure to assist librarians in educating teens about safe use of online social networking software, including sites like Facebook, MySpace, Flickr, YouTube, and LiveJournal. Social Networking: A Guide for Teens is available as a downloadable PDF file [[http://www.ala.org/Source/teen\\_sn\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.ala.org/Source/teen_sn_brochure.pdf)] on YALSA's website....

### Intellectual freedom for kids

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=159988>]

ALSC has just released Kids, Know Your Rights! A Young Person's Guide to Intellectual Freedom. This four-page, full-color, PDF brochure

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscpubs/KidsKnowYourRights.pdf>] is free to download and speaks directly to kids in grades 5 and up, using simplified, kid-friendly language to tackle such difficult, abstract ideas as challenges to the First Amendment, how censorship affects children, and how they can defend their right to read, privacy and confidentiality, and respecting the opinions of others....

### Special collections in children's literature

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=159997>]

An ALSC committee has created a Special Collections in Children's Literature Wikiography

[[http://wikis.ala.org/alsc/index.php/SPECIAL\\_COLLECTIONS\\_IN\\_CHILDREN%27S\\_LITERATURE\\_WIKIOGRAPHY](http://wikis.ala.org/alsc/index.php/SPECIAL_COLLECTIONS_IN_CHILDREN%27S_LITERATURE_WIKIOGRAPHY)]

to provide an easily accessible clearinghouse with helpful information about 14 special collections that are used by researchers studying children or their literature....

### New bibliographies boast the best in children's literature

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160298>]

The ALA-Children's Book Council Joint Committee, in cooperation with the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee, has released a set of four bibliographies intended to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for children at home. The bibliographies are available as full-color PDFs on the ALSC

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/alacbcbuildingahomelibrary/ALACBCBuildingHomeLbry.htm>] and CBC [<http://www.cbcbooks.org/>] websites and are free to download, copy, and distribute....

### 2007 LITA National Forum

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160226>]

Online registration

[<http://www.lita.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litanationalforum2007denver/forum2007.cfm>] now is available for the 2007 LITA National Forum, "Technology with Altitude: 10 Years of the LITA National Forum," to be held October 4–7, 2007, at the Marriott City Center in Denver. Jeffrey Kiehl, National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado, will open the Forum with The Scientific and Social Challenges of Global Warming....

#### C&RL News

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160019>]

ACRL has appointed David Free editor-in-chief of College and Research Libraries News, effective July 16. Free comes to ACRL from the Decatur Campus of Georgia Perimeter College, where he served as public services librarian. He is an acknowledged pioneer in the world of academic library podcasting....

#### User Services in College Libraries

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160174>]

ACRL has published a new edition of User Surveys in College Libraries, compiled by Doreen Kopycinski of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Kimberley Sando of DeSales University in Center Valley, Pennsylvania. It is number 38 in ACRL's College Libraries Section's CLIP Notes series. Using the CLIP Notes guidelines, the compilers developed a survey based on that found in the 1995 edition to allow for an historical comparison....

#### ACRL on global evolution

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160181>]

ACRL has published Global Evolution: A Chronological Annotated Bibliography of International Students in U.S. Academic Libraries, by Kaetrena D. Davis of Georgia State University in Atlanta. This chronological, annotated bibliography shows the evolution of the issues concerning undergraduate and graduate international students in American academic libraries and contains many possible guidelines and ideas for meeting the basic and advanced information needs of an increasingly diverse patron group....

#### editor

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=159866>]

The LITA Board of Directors has appointed Marc Truitt editor of its Information Technology and Libraries (ITAL) journal. Truitt is associate director of information technology resources and services at the University of Alberta Libraries....

#### Round Table News

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#### SupERTuesday closing reception

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/exhibits.htm>]

Don't miss the SupERTuesday Closing Reception at Annual Conference, with food and prizes, sponsored by Exhibits Round Table, your exhibitors, and ALA. Fill out the SupERTuesday entry form in the ActionAd Booklet (received at Registration) or in the Tuesday edition of Cognotes and drop it in the free drawing boxes in the exhibit hall. Drawings will be held on Tuesday, June 26, at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.; the Grand Prize Drawing will be held at 2:30 p.m. You must be present to win.

EMIERT Annual Conference events

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/olosprograms/olosprograms/AC07prog.htm#emiert>]

“Libraries, Immigrants, and the American Experience” is one of the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table programs at Annual Conference....

Awards

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ALA and others receive \$28 million in 21st Century grants

[<http://www.ims.gov/news/2007/061907.shtm>]

On June 19, the Institute of Museum and Library Services announced grants of almost \$28 million under the 2007 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. The program supports tuition assistance, curriculum development, service expectations, job placement, recruitment of nontraditional library students, and support for doctoral candidates to teach library science and research. ALA received funds for more Spectrum Scholarships in its Reach 21 program, a support staff certification pilot project, and the Online Resource Center for Library Cultural Programming....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 19

Scholastic will get the AASL Crystal Apple

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160025>]

AASL President Cyndi Phillip has selected Scholastic Library Publishing as the recipient of the 2007 Crystal Apple Award. The award is given at the discretion of the AASL president to an individual or group with a significant impact on school libraries and students. Phillip specifically cited Scholastic’s support for the school library media field through its production and distribution of “School Libraries Work,” a compilation of state studies on the impact of school library media programs on student achievement....

AASL Innovative Reading Grant

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=159865>]

Nancy Baumann, school library media specialist at Barnett Shoals Elementary School in Athens, Georgia, has been awarded AASL’s first Innovative Reading Grant. The \$2,500 grant is intended to support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program that encourages reading for children, especially those who struggle with literacy....

Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty awarded to the four John Does

[<http://www.aclu.org/about/30137prs20070615.html>]

In a ceremony June 15 at its Biennial Conference in Seattle, the American Civil Liberties Union presented the Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty [<http://www.aclu.org/about/28001res20070116.html>] awards to four Connecticut librarians and the president of a New York internet service provider who stood up against the Patriot Act and refused to violate the privacy of their patrons and clients....

American Civil Liberties Union, June 15

Seen Online

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Knox County branch move runs afoul of civil rights

[[http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/local\\_news/article/0,1406,KNS\\_347\\_5593755,00.html](http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/local_news/article/0,1406,KNS_347_5593755,00.html)]

Tennessee officials say the Knox County government violated the federal Civil Rights Act by deciding to move its Burlington branch library farther from the center of East Knoxville's black population before getting public input. As a result, Tennessee Secretary of State Riley Darnell has frozen grant funding for the library system until the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services determines whether to refer the matter to the U.S. Department of Justice....

Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel, June 20

Bowling Green closes a branch

[[http://nl.newsbank.com/nl-search/we/Archives?p\\_action=doc&p\\_docid=119E02AD1E709E28&p\\_docnum=5](http://nl.newsbank.com/nl-search/we/Archives?p_action=doc&p_docid=119E02AD1E709E28&p_docnum=5)]

In the wake of budget cuts from Warren County, the Bowling Green (Ky.) Public Library board of directors voted June 18 to close the Smiths Grove library branch, effective September 1. To recoup a \$225,000 total loss, the board decided to close the branch and eliminate Sunday hours at all branches effective July 1....

Bowling Green (Ky.) Daily News, June 19

Life after Harry Potter? [<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/19035151/>]

July 21 is the release date for Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the seventh and final chapter in J. K. Rowling's popular saga. But without Harry Potter, will teens keep reading? The answer is an emphatic yes. Books for teens are in a period of unprecedented growth, with its success beginning with the boy wizard himself. (This article is adapted in part from a chapter in the third edition of YALSA's Best Books for Young Adults, edited by Holly Koelling.)...

Today Show (NBC), June 13

Schwarzman helps NYPL raise \$2.2 million

[<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601088&sid=a6QGIRJU3F4s>]

Blackstone Group Chairman Stephen A. Schwarzman, whose buyout fund is about to go public, raised money for another cause June 18—the New York Public Library. Schwarzman, a member of the library's board, was honored at a dinner that brought in \$2.2 million to modernize the 13 million-volume collection....

Bloomberg, June 19

UIUC grad to catalog Abbey's incunabula [<http://www.news.uiuc.edu/news/07/0612cook.html>]

Although he's not yet 25, Christopher Cook already is regarded as an expert in his trade. Cook is off to London on June 24 to begin cataloging the Westminster Abbey library's collection of incunabula, or early printed books. The recent GSLIS graduate and new rare book cataloging project manager at the Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Illinois hopes, he said, to "provide a descriptive bibliography of the Abbey's collection of 15th-century imprints, shedding light on book distribution, collecting habits, and binding practices in early modern England."

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 12

Sacramento library probes maintenance firm [<http://www.sacbee.com/101/story/231946.html>]

The Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library has launched an internal investigation into a company that paid a contractor to replace light bulbs and paint curbs, then as much as tripled some prices to the library. A May 21 Public Records Act request to examine invoices billed by Hagginwood Services Inc. revealed bills of \$410 to unplug a toilet, \$411 to fix a leaking water fountain and \$2,423 for repairing lights in one room....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, June 20

Jackie's story [[http://www.sptimes.com/2007/06/08/Floridian/Jackie\\_s\\_story.shtml](http://www.sptimes.com/2007/06/08/Floridian/Jackie_s_story.shtml)]

Jackie Ramseur sits outside the Clearwater (Fla.) Public Library on a park bench, her bags at her feet, smoking roll-your-own cigarettes. She's homeless, but in her bag, she has library books. There's Valley of Silence, a Nora Roberts romance novel about Celtic vampires. She has Stargirl, a

young adult novel about teenagers confronting high school cliques. And *Second Wave: Acorna's Children*, a sci-fi novel she picked up off a library display because it had a cat on the cover, and she loves animals....

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, June 8

Oak Park builds a transgender resource collection

[[http://blogs.chicagotribune.com/news\\_columnists\\_ezorn/2007/06/another\\_tourism.html](http://blogs.chicagotribune.com/news_columnists_ezorn/2007/06/another_tourism.html)]

Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library has received a \$3,000 LSTA grant to create the first focused transgender resource collection in a U.S. public library. The library is purchasing materials that will serve, reflect, and welcome transgender people. The collection will also increase public awareness and understanding of gender identity and gender expression issues....

Chicago Tribune, June 18

Putin creates a Yeltsin Presidential Library

[<http://www.itar-tass.com/eng/level2.html?NewsID=11639928&PageNum=0>]

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree creating a Presidential Library named after former President Boris Yeltsin. The library will be located in the Synod building in St. Petersburg and will have branches in all regions of the Russian Federation....

Itar-TASS, June 19

Swindon Library closes its loo

[[http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/search/display.var.1477876.0.drugusers\\_force\\_closure\\_of\\_library\\_toilets.php](http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/search/display.var.1477876.0.drugusers_force_closure_of_library_toilets.php)]

The main library in Swindon, England, has shut its toilets for good after drug addicts left them in a disgusting state. Library staff and visitors were regularly confronted with a mess and vandalism, so the council decided to close them permanently. With the new £9-million central library in Regent Circus not due to open until next summer, the town's main reading rooms will be without any toilets until then....

Swindon (UK) Advertiser, June 18

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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

13 book hacks for bibliophiles

[<http://lifehacker.com/software/hack-attack/13-book-hacks-for-the-library-crowd-269953.php>]

Adam Pash writes: "From your local library to the classroom to the bookstore, there are a lot of tools available to help you save time and money when it comes to the bound world of information. Today, in the interest of lifehacking your bookshelf, I'm rounding up my favorite 13 'book hacks' for getting the most from your bound literature. The first three hacks provide ways to integrate your computer with your local library, from a web-based notification tool to a Firefox extension to a killer Mac-only menu bar app."...

Lifehacker, June 19

National Fiber to the Library initiative [<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2007/6/prweb532855.htm>]

The Community TeleStructure Initiative has announced plans for a series of workshops on a National Fiber to the Library effort with the goal of connecting every library in the United States with

fiber-speed internet by 2010. The first workshop will be held in Sausalito, California, on July 2, and will include broadband policy and market leaders in California joined by key national policy leaders from the American Library Association, the Fiber to the Home Council, and the FCC... Community TeleStructure Initiative, June 13

Geotag your flickr photos [<http://infodoodads.com/?p=106>]

You may have recently noticed an extra option available when viewing the detail on your own flickr photos. Under additional information there is an option to place this photo on a map. This is a mash-up between flickr and Yahoo Maps&mdash;only fitting since they share the same mother company. On your main flickr page, under the You menu, you can select My Map to begin. From here there is a search box to navigate to a specific location and another toolbar to choose which photos you want to play with....

Infodoodads blog, June 13

Meredith Farkas's top tech trends

[<http://litablog.org/2007/06/15/meredith-farkas-top-technology-trends/>]

Meredith Farkas writes: "Unfortunately, I'm set to speak at another session [at Annual Conference] that is at the exact same time as the Technology Trends panel, but I thought I'd contribute my trends virtually. So, in addition to the text version of my trends (which contain links to examples), I created a Flash movie (screencast) of my trends with narration. I figured it would be the closest thing to actually being there and you can actually see the applications I'm talking about."...

LITA Blog, June 15

Welcome to the Twitterverse [[http://showcase.litablog.org/index.php/David\\_Free](http://showcase.litablog.org/index.php/David_Free)]

Soon-to-be C&RL News Editor David Free explains the essence of the social networking tool Twitter. He advises: "Of course, if you don't just want to be talking to yourself, you will need to add friends to Twitter." Free shows you how....

Bigwig Social Software Showcase

NISO programs get a boost from Mellon Foundation

[<http://www.niso.org/news/releases/pr-NISO-mellon-6-07.html>]

The National Information Standards Organization has received a \$196,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation under its Scholarly Communications Program. The award will be used to transform and invigorate the standards process by supporting the adoption of technology tools for collaboration and the incubation of new community initiatives via a series of Thought Leader meetings....

National Information Standards Organization, June 18

EBSCO acquires two ABC-CLIO databases

[<http://www.econtentmag.com/Articles/ArticleReader.aspx?ArticleID=36702>]

Publisher ABC-CLIO and EBSCO Publishing announced a new alliance June 15 designed to benefit history scholars, teachers, and students. As part of the undertaking, EBSCO has acquired two of ABC-CLIO's databases, Historical Abstracts and America: History and Life. ABC-CLIO editorial staff will continue producing content for the databases and the two databases will be made available via EBSCOhost....

EContent, June 19

Bacteria and keyboards [<http://kraftylibrarian.com/2007/06/bacteria-and-keyboards.html>]

The Krafty Librarian writes: "Don't do it, don't look at your keyboard too closely. Ignorance is bliss in this instance, trust me. I looked and I am horrified to say my keyboard looks worse than the dirt catching crevices of my car. So what is a person to do? First inclination is to run screaming for the hand sanitizer and call hazmat to dispose of the thing. But the folks at NPR had an idea."...

Actions & Answers

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What book got you hooked? [<http://www2.firstbook.org/whatbook/>]

Was it *The Cat in the Hat*? Or Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*? Or was it *Daddy's Roommate*? From now until July 31, Idearc Media and First Book want you to let them know what book got you hooked on reading and why. In August, First Book will post a list of the top 50 children's books with the most votes....

First Book

Librarians in popular culture [<http://www.librarian-image.net/img07/>]

Ruth A. Kneale offers a synopsis of her talk at the 2007 Special Libraries Association Annual Conference on how librarians are portrayed in the movies, in music (such as this speed-metal band from Seattle, Blöðhag), on TV, in books and comics, with some toys and t-shirts thrown in....

Librarian-image.net

The siren song of the internet

[<http://blogs.britannica.com/blog/main/2007/06/the-siren-song-of-the-internet-part-ii/>]

Michael Gorman continues his blogging on Web 2.0: "A common feature of call-in talk shows and even blogs is the person claiming to have 'done research' into the topic under discussion. What invariably follows is a torrent of half-baked ideas, urban myths, and political vituperation, the former two being attributed to 'the internet.' Research, properly used, signifies complete and critical investigation of, or experimentation in, a particular subject resulting in new conclusions or discoveries. To many, it now means a few minutes noodling around to see which shards of data a search engine can retrieve and, worse, a delusion that one is now in possession of all pertinent facts."...

Britannica Blog, June 19

I'm no antidigitalist

[<http://www.davidleeking.com/2007/06/18/im-no-antidigitalist-a-song-about-gormangate/>]

David Lee King has composed a song based on Michael Gorman's recent posts

[<http://blogs.britannica.com/blog/main/2007/06/web-20-the-sleep-of-reason-part-ii/>] on the

Britannica Blog. He writes: "Last week, as I was reading everyone's responses to Michael Gorman's blog posts, I re-read a couple of the posts myself . . . and this phrase from his earlier 'blog people' article started running through my head . . . and wouldn't leave. So I did what any self-respecting closet musician would do on his day off—I wrote a song!"...

David Lee King's blog, June 18

The Peloponnesian War and research libraries

[<http://www.guild2910.org/Peloponnesian%20War%20June%2013%202007.pdf>] (PDF file)

LC Reference Librarian Thomas Mann writes about the differences between scholarship and quick information seeking: "A single reference question on 'tribute payments in the Peloponnesian War' may indeed be trifling in the grand scheme of things, but when we take it apart and look at its implications for the future of both scholarship and librarianship, it takes on quite a bit more significance. We must not yield to the temptations to let either the technologies themselves or transient fashions constrict our vision of what needs to be done to promote scholarship of the highest possible quality."...

Library of Congress Professional Guild (AFSCME 2910), June 13

Use WorldCat to make lists [<http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/help/en/lists/default.htm>]

WorldCat now has a list-making capability. You can group library-owned items you have found while using WorldCat, keep track of items of interest and refer back to them whenever you want to, or share lists with friends and colleagues. Some ideas for lists are books to recommend, secondary research sources, or movies to check out....

WorldCat

Helping the world use digital resources

[[http://www.researchinformation.info/features/feature.php?feature\\_id=136](http://www.researchinformation.info/features/feature.php?feature_id=136)]

Siân Harris writes: “Retired University of Florida librarian Lenny Rhine (right) has been spending much of his time travelling the world. He’s not in search of a great sun tan, though; his aim is to train librarians in the developing world how to use digital resources. Rhine runs training courses to teach medical librarians and health workers how to use the massive array of resources that have now become available to them through UN programs.”...

Research Information, June/July

Chronicling America offers 310,000 newspaper pages [<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2007/07-132.html>]

Approximately 310,000 digitized newspaper pages, dating from 1900 to 1910, are now accessible through the Chronicling America [<http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>] website. The site is a project of the National Digital Newspaper Program, a partnership between the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities....

Library of Congress, June 15

Readex enhances access to historical maps

[<http://www.econtentmag.com/Articles/ArticleReader.aspx?ArticleID=36705>]

Readex, a division of NewsBank, will provide customers with access to the more than 50,000 maps within its digital edition of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set, 1817–1980. The company is adding cartographic records monthly and will continue until every Serial Set map carries a record.

Renowned works include the American Civil War Atlas, maps delineating the boundary between the United States and Mexico, and John C. Fremont’s Oregon map (above)....

EContent, June 14

Welcoming Google into the reference interview

[<http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~mbolin/cirasella.htm>]

Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn College Library reference librarian, writes: “Google is famously user-friendly, and its output doesn’t require distillation or translation. As a result, the reference interview has evolved from a mediated dialogue into a three-way exchange with information moving in all directions: between librarian and patron, between librarian and Google, and between patron and Google.”...

Library Philosophy and Practice (2007)

The 2007 Tehran Book Fair

[[http://persianmirror.com/Article\\_det.cfm?id=1450&getArticleCategory=41&getArticleSubCategory=3](http://persianmirror.com/Article_det.cfm?id=1450&getArticleCategory=41&getArticleSubCategory=3)]

Iranian-American Ali A. Parsa sheds some light on Persian humor after a visit to the Tehran Book Fair. He writes: “There are many bookstores in Tehran and the annual Tehran Book fair, a huge feat lasting several days, is worth visiting. It draws a huge crowd, mostly the young who seem to come with the double purpose of watching each other and purchasing books.” ALA also had a presence (above) at the fair, thanks to Homan Sharif with Medcom Information Services, who told us that the Stephen Hawking READ poster got the most comments....

Persian Mirror; Homan Sharif

Camels as bookmobiles in Kenya [<http://www.worldchanging.com/archives/006893.html>]

In order to address illiteracy while working within the limitations of the region, a small group of Kenyans started a mobile book-lending service that delivers books to 3,500 villagers and nomads around Garissa. On each visit they bring 200 books, lending each for a period of two weeks and

then retrieving them to share with the next community. This short video [http://www.rocketboom.com/stories/rb\_07\_jun\_13] documents the library's mission and activities... WorldChanging, June 14; Rocketboom, June 13

Is online freedom of speech dying? [http://p2pnet.net/story/12531]  
Jon Newton writes: "In 2007, anybody with more dollars than sense now feels free to sue websites for the slightest slight. That's bad enough, but things have now reached ridiculous extremes. If the Net is about anything, it's about freedom of speech and hyperlinking—directly connecting stories, data, and information—is absolutely integral to it. Now, however, it's being claimed that merely linking to something someone somewhere doesn't like is sufficient grounds for a civil complaint."...  
People to People Net, June 18

Dexter's Library [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqJFTIjIdUA]  
Dexter, the star of the Cartoon Network's Dexter's Laboratory, is asked by the school librarian to "keep an eye on things" while she is at a staff meeting. This gives him an opportunity to enforce the rules as never before, with the help of War of the Worlds-like spaceships. The episode first aired April 25, 2003....  
You Tube

[http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/geninfo.htm]

As of June 8, a total of 13,852 have registered for Annual Conference (not including exhibitor personnel). This compares with 8,498 for New Orleans in 2006 (at a comparable time two weeks before the event), 13,371 for Chicago in 2005, and 10,033 for Orlando in 2004.

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450 international librarians from 87 countries will be attending ALA Annual Conference this year. Please say "hello" and welcome them when you see them.

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Join the American Libraries editors and columnists for 100th birthday cake at the ALA Pavilion, Saturday, June 23, 12:15&ndash;1:15 p.m., and Tuesday, June 26, 10:30&ndash;11:30 a.m.

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Chief of Bibliographic Services,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=6735>] Baltimore County Public Library, Towson, Maryland.

Responsible for the bibliographic records for the BCPL catalog. Works with Integrated Library Systems, Information Services, and Collection Development departments as well as branches to provide catalog access to BCPL resources....

@ More jobs [<http://joblist.ala.org/>]...

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/crlnews/backissues2007/jun07/jun07.htm>]

[<http://www.techsource.ala.org/ltr/open-source-software-for-libraries.html>]

Don't miss this year's Book Cart Drill Team World Championship, sponsored once again by Demco. It will be held Sunday, June 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/woannual/dayonthehill/dayonthehill.cfm?CFID=11313872&CFTOKEN=59782366>]

Be at Washington Convention Center Hall D at 7:30 p.m. on June 22 for the world premiere of The Hollywood Librarian,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/specialevents.htm#hollywood>] a film by writer and director Ann Seidl that focuses on the work and lives of librarians in the entertaining and appealing context of American movies.

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“The library does some absolutely wonderful things for regular people.”

?Billionaire Blackstone Group Chairman and New York Public Library Trustee Stephen A. Schwarzman, in remarks at a June 18 fundraising dinner that earned \$2.2 million for the library, Wall Street Journal, June 19.

## From the CentenniAL Blog

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/americanlibraries/570528678/>]

### Meet Me in St. Louis.

[[http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=meet\\_me\\_in\\_st\\_louis&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=meet_me_in_st_louis&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)] Imagine an ALA Annual Conference where for six days you meet in one large room from 9:30 a.m. to only half past noon, after which you are free to go wandering around an exhibit and amusement area 13 times the size of Disney's Magic Kingdom in Florida. Imagine a conference where, after listening to a “characteristic address” by Melvil Dewey—“full of the enthusiasm of invention and the ardor of prophecy, which never fails to kindle a responsive spark in his audience”—you venture out to ride on the biggest Ferris Wheel in the world, eat a new-fangled treat called an ice cream cone, watch Alexander Graham Bell participate in a kite-flying contest, listen to rousing performances by John Philip Sousa's band, or thrill to reenactments of Spanish-American War naval battles and the Boer War Battle of Colenso. Read about 1904, when ALA met at the St. Louis World's Fair....

See the Blog [[http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=meet\\_me\\_in\\_st\\_louis&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/AL100.php?title=meet_me_in_st_louis&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)] for more....

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## Ask the ALA Librarian

[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=1992](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=1992)]

Q. When did libraries start having bookmobiles? And how many libraries still have them?

A. The first bookmobile was a horse-drawn buggy at the Hagerstown (Md.) Public Library, now part of the Washington County Free Library, in 1905 (above). In celebration of its centennial in 2005, ALA's Office for Library Outreach Services prepared an online "parade" or slide show (133 PowerPoint slides

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/bookmobile\\_slideshow.ppt](http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/bookmobile_slideshow.ppt)]). At the Annual Conference there will be a parade

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=160162>] of today's bookmobiles celebrating this form of library service. According to the most currently available report [<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2006349>] from the National Center for Library Statistics, Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2004, there are 844 bookmobiles delivering library services in the U.S.

See the ALA Professional Tips wiki

[[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Bookmobile\\_History](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Bookmobile_History)] for further assistance.

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

## Calendar

July 14–17:

American Association of Law Libraries, [<http://www.aallnet.org/events/index.asp>] Annual Meeting and Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. "Rise to the Challenge."

Aug. 2–6:

Black Caucus of the ALA, [[http://www.bcala.org/NCAAL\\_participation/index.html](http://www.bcala.org/NCAAL_participation/index.html)] National Conference of African American Librarians, Fort Worth, Texas. "Culture Keepers VI: Preserving the Past, Sustaining the Future."

Aug. 8–11:

Pacific Northwest Library Association, [<http://www.pnla.org/events/conference07/index.htm>] Annual Conference, Delta Edmonton, South Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. "The Boom to the Echo: The Multigenerational Impact on Libraries."

Aug. 14:

Library Camp NYC [<http://librarycampnyc.wikispaces.org>], Baruch College, New York City.

Sept. 26–28:

Association for Rural and Small Libraries, [<http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/great.htm>] Annual Conference, Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus, Ohio.

Oct. 5–6:

Georgia Conference on Information Literacy [<HTTP://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/infolit.html>], Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah.

Oct. 11–12:

Long Island Library Resources Council [[http://www.lilrc.org/calendars/cont\\_edcalendar.php](http://www.lilrc.org/calendars/cont_edcalendar.php)], [[http://www.lilrc.org/calendars/cont\\_edcalendar.php](http://www.lilrc.org/calendars/cont_edcalendar.php)] Annual Conference on Libraries and the Future, Dowling College, Oakdale, New York. &ldquo;Engaging Environment: Creating Tomorrow's Library Experience.&rdquo;

Oct. 18–19:

International Reading Association, [[http://www.reading.org/association/meetings/12\\_rockymountain.html](http://www.reading.org/association/meetings/12_rockymountain.html)] Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, Billings, Montana.

Oct. 19–24:

American Society for Information Science and Technology [<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM07/am07cfp.html>], [<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM07/am07cfp.html>] Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. &ldquo;Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science.&rdquo;

Oct. 23–25:

Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Conference [<HTTP://www.tribalconference.org>], Oklahoma City. &ldquo;Guardians of Language, Memory, and Lifeways.&rdquo;

Oct. 24–26:

International Cultural Heritage Informatics Meeting [<HTTP://www.archimuse.com/ichim07/>], Toronto.

Oct. 29–30:

Internet@Schools West Conference [<http://www.infoday.com/Internet@Schools/>], Monterey, California.

Oct. 29–30:

PALINET Conference and Vendor Fair [[http://www.palinet.org/newsevents\\_latestnews.aspx#58](http://www.palinet.org/newsevents_latestnews.aspx#58)], Tremont Plaza Hotel/Tremont Grand, Baltimore.

Oct. 29–31:

Internet Librarian [<http://www.infoday.com/il2007/default.shtml>], Monterey, California.

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## U.S. & World News

### [Gates Foundation gives WebJunction \\$12.6 million](#)

On June 21 as the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., was opening, Ohio-based library cooperative group OCLC announced that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Initiative would give \$12.6 million to its online community portal [WebJunction](#). The five-year grant "will help us to sustain the programs that many library professionals are really beginning to depend on," Bob Murphy of OCLC told *American Libraries*....



Where minds meet.



For news of ALA Annual Conference, see *AL Direct's* first-ever special post-conference issue, to be emailed Friday, June 29.

### [Naming flap costs Santa Fe library \\$1 million](#)

The family of late businessman Michael J. Maloof has withdrawn an offer to donate \$1 million to the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, to support its new Southside branch library, after controversy erupted over a plan to name the branch after Maloof. Director of Libraries Patricia Hodapp told *American Libraries* that the Friends followed the city's naming policy, which requires soliciting nominees from the public, permits buildings to be named only for deceased individuals, and allows the board to consider nominees' character and donations of time or money....



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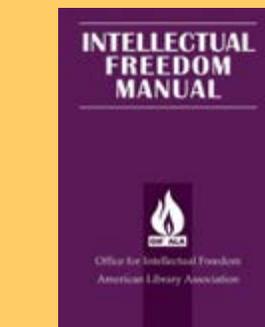
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## ALA News

### [New advocacy website targets the public](#)

**ilovelibraries.org**

ALA launched its new public advocacy website, [I Love Libraries](#), at the start of the ALA 2007 Annual Conference, June 21-27. The site



Libraries, havens for the free exchange of ideas and information, face wide-ranging challenges relating to privacy and censorship from government, special interest groups, and others. With the updated seventh edition of the [Intellectual Freedom](#)

contains a variety of features designed to attract—and hold the attention of—library lovers of all kinds: reviews of new and award-winning books, fast-breaking library news, library spotlights, a “find a library” feature, blogs and newsfeeds, as well as library-related links on YouTube and flickr....

### [Loriene Roy inaugurated 2007–08 president](#)

Loriene Roy, professor at the University of Texas at Austin’s School of Information, began her term as 2007–2008 ALA president on June 28. In 1999, Roy founded “If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything,” a national reading club for Native American children. She also directs “Honoring Generations,” an Institute for Museum and Library Services–funded scholarship program for indigenous students....



### [IMLS awards ALA \\$1.6 million in three matching grants](#)

ALA will receive more than \$1.6 million of the nearly \$28 million in librarian recruitment and education awards [announced](#) June 19 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the 2007 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. The multifaceted grant program supports tuition assistance, curriculum development, service expectations, job placement, recruitment of nontraditional library students, and support for doctoral candidates to teach library science and research....

## Booklist ONLINE

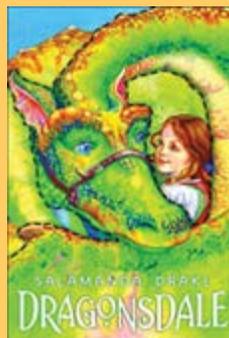
### [Featured review: Books for youth](#)

Drake, Salamandra. *Dragonsdale*.

Illustrated by Gilly Marklew. May 2007.

288p. Grades 3–6. Scholastic/Chicken House, hardcover (978-0-439-87173-0).

Illustrated chapter books that don’t belong to cookie-cutter paperback series are increasingly rare; the same goes for light, straightforward fantasies for early middle-grade readers. This title, the first in a hardcover series by an author who claims to be a 16-year-old resident of its made-up world, fills both needs with unusual flair. Set in a land where dragons and their (mostly female) riders train to compete in equestrian-style tournaments, this will delight precisely the audience it’s meant to—young girls who find tame dragons captivating. The story centers on Caroline, who lives and works among dragons but is forbidden to ride....



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[Manual](#), prepared by the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, librarians have practical support at hand to address these troubling problems. **A classic!** From ALA Editions.

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[Librarian](#), Art Institute of Chicago. To catalog and classify new materials in all languages for the Libraries’ collection and provide scheduled reference services....

## Division News

### [New LITA officers elected](#)

Andrew Pace, head of information technology at North Carolina State University libraries, is the new vice-president/president-elect of LITA. His term, and that of newly elected LITA board members, begins after the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. He has extensive experience with LITA programming, having served as a member of the National Forum Planning Committee and as a member of the Regional Institutes Committee....



### [PLA receives Gates Foundation grant](#)

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded PLA a \$7.7-million grant to develop and provide a national advocacy training program for public librarians over the next three years. PLA's training program will provide librarians with the skills and resources necessary to seek increased funding, create community partnerships, and build alliances with local and regional decision makers....

### [Register for AASL Conference at early-bird rates](#)

July 6 is the last day to register at low early-bird registration rates for the AASL 13th National Conference in Reno, Nevada. Attendees who take advantage of the early-bird rates can save \$100 off the regular registration prices. The conference will be held October 25–28....

### [Follett to sponsor AASL Closing Night Gala in Reno](#)

Follett Software Company and Follett Library Resources have teamed up to sponsor the Closing Night Gala at the AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada. Full conference registrants will be invited to enjoy the event at the National Automobile Museum on Saturday evening, October 27....

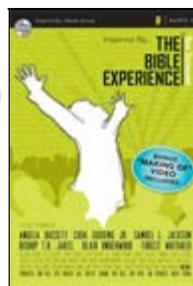


## Awards

### [Audiobook of the year](#) (PDF file)

The Audio Publishers Association announced the winners of the 2007 Audie awards at its June 4 gala in New York City's Rainbow Room. The winners were announced in 32 categories, including a special Judges' Award for titles in the politics category and the highlight of the evening, the Audiobook of the Year Award, presented to Zondervan Publishing for *Inspired by...The Bible Experience: New Testament...*

Audio Publishers Association, June 4



## Seen Online

### [Readers make do in library-less Jackson County](#)

There are no public libraries open in Medford, Oregon—or the rest of Jackson County and

@ [More jobs...](#)



### The 2007 [National Book Festival](#).

organized and sponsored by the Library of Congress and hosted by Laura Bush, will be held from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 29**, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., between 7th and 14th streets. Participating authors include fiction and fantasy writers Joyce Carol Oates, Jodi Picoult, Harry Turtledove, Edward P. Jones, and Terry Pratchett. The History and Biography pavilion will feature Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David Kennedy; Ken Burns and Geoffrey Ward, authors of *War: An Intimate History, 1941–1945*; Michael Beschloss, whose most recent book is *Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America*; and ABC News correspondent and author Jan Crawford Greenburg.

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**"The library does some absolutely wonderful things for**

adjacent Josephine County—but library lovers aren't taking the closures sitting down. They're sharing books over coffee or swapping them on the library steps. Even the small [Rogue Valley Metaphysical Library](#) in Ashland (right), with its tidy collection of titles on UFOs and spirituality, is reporting an uptick in traffic....

*Portland Oregonian*, June 20



### [Will Manley to step down as Tempe city manager](#)

Tempe, Arizona's city manager is calling it quits after a career that included running the library, giving advice about space aliens, and getting yelled at over a dead golfer. *American Libraries* and *Booklist* columnist Will Manley, 57, announced his retirement June 25 after six-and-a-half years of running the city of 160,000. Manley said the job simply wore him out....

*East Valley (Ariz.) Tribune*, June 26



### [Billington says talking-book fund is sufficient](#)

Librarian of Congress James Billington recently told a key appropriator that funding for a National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program, which fell about \$7 million short of his original request, was sufficient. LC originally requested \$19.1 million for a talking-book program, which would transition to digital from analog technology. But Billington said he was satisfied with the funding level allocated in the spending bill....

*The Hill*, June 26

### [The Big Read gets bigger](#)

National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Dana Gioia promises the Big Read will be in 400 U.S. cities next year, meaning town-wide celebrations of works by American writers Zora Neale Hurston, Ernest Hemingway, Harper Lee, Ray Bradbury, Amy Tan, and others will be in all 50 states and in every congressional district. Four international Big Read programs are coming online next year in Mexico, Russia, Egypt and China....

CNN, June 25

### [Librarians describe life under an FBI gag order](#)

Life in an FBI muzzle is no fun. Two Connecticut librarians on Sunday described what it was like to be slapped with an FBI National Security Letter and accompanying gag order. It sounded like a spy movie or, gulp, something that happens under a repressive foreign government. Peter Chase and Barbara Bailey, librarians in Plainville, Connecticut, received an NSL to turn over computer records in 2005....

*Wired*, June 24

### [Free speech or smut?](#)

A recent trip to the public library to research birds with his teenage son has turned into a kind of crusade for Richard Greathouse of Cedar Hill, Missouri. Greathouse, 60, said he and his 13-year-old son went to the Northwest branch of the Jefferson County Public Library on June 16 where he picked up a



regular people."

—Billionaire Blackstone Group Chairman and New York Public Library Trustee Stephen A. Schwarzman, in remarks at a June 18 fundraising dinner that earned \$2.2 million for the library, *Wall Street Journal*, June 19.

## From the CentennialAL Blog



[Fashionistas of the ALA](#). Greg Landgraf writes: "As I prepare to leave for Annual, I'd like to share a conference-related curiosity from the middle years of the *ALA Bulletin*: Fashion advice. From 1935 through 1961 (though not in every year), the *Bulletin* offered suggestions on what to wear at conference. These articles covered the type of weather to expect, but in most cases they also provided style guidance—in detail simultaneously delightful and

copy of the *Riverfront Times*, which contained "smutty" advertising....  
*Suburban Journals of St. Louis*, June 26

### [D.C. Public Library to begin renovations](#)

The District of Columbia Public Library is moving forward with major renovations of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, while designs for a new facility have been tabled—for now. Improvements to the outdated and long-neglected MLK Library in Mount Vernon Square address pressing needs, said Monica Lewis, library spokeswoman. The library system is expected to spend more than \$2 million in modernization....

*The Examiner*, June 27

### [Food, toiletry items pay for fines](#)

People who owe overdue fines to the Wethersfield (Conn.) Library can pay them off with pasta, canned foods, or items such as toothpaste. The library is collecting food and toiletries needed for the food bank in exchange for forgiving fines on overdue books and materials....

*Stamford (Conn.) Advocate*, June 26

### [Library trustee charged with embezzling](#)

The longtime president of the Penns Grove–Carney's Point (N.J.) Public Library Association was arrested June 21 and charged with embezzling more than \$75,000 from the library. H. Donald Stewart Jr. is alleged to have embezzled the funds between November 1993 and May 2007. The money is said to have helped Stewart afford a lavish lifestyle that included a Cadillac Escalade that may have been paid for in part through library funds, authorities said....

*Gloucester County (N.J.) Times*, June 22

### [King collection starts to pay off for Atlanta](#)

It's been a year since Atlanta did what many thought was impossible: The city bought the Martin Luther King Jr. Collection in an eleventh-hour deal, avoiding an auction and returning more than 10,000 of the civil rights hero's personal papers and books to his hometown. The collection is already beginning to pay off for King's hometown and for his alma mater, Morehouse College....

Associated Press, June 24



### [In a university, not far away](#)

UC Berkeley has the world's premiere collection on Mark Twain—and Yale an unmatched trove of rare medieval manuscripts. But for research on Captain Kirk, Frankenstein, or Harry Potter, nothing tops the 110,000-volume Eaton collection at UC Riverside, the world's largest library of science fiction, fantasy, and horror books....

*Los Angeles Times*, June 21



### [Murray Archive exhibition opens in Edinburgh](#)

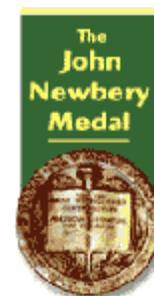
A £45-million archive containing correspondence by Charles Darwin, Lord Byron, Benjamin Disraeli, Sir Walter Scott, and David Livingstone is to go on display in Edinburgh June 27. Among the exhibits from the John Murray Archive to go on

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### Ask the ALA Librarian



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## Tech Talk

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## Calendar

### Apply for:

**By July 31:** The National Endowment for the Arts, the Institute for Museum and Library Services, and Arts Midwest seek applications for [Big Read](#) grants of \$2,500–\$20,000 that will be awarded to approximately 200 organizations of varying sizes nationwide to participate in The Big Read program. Submitting an intention to apply by June 29 is encouraged, though not required.

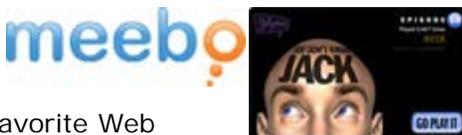
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ALA TechSources blog, June 21

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Over the course of 20 days in May and June, the community of Webware.com users voted for its favorite Web applications. These are the results: the top 100 Web apps, 10 in each of 10 categories, determined by Webware readers and the fans of the sites that made the final cut....

Webware.com



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### [Who will be the YouTube of live video?](#)

Nick Gonzalez writes: "The growth of YouTube and its subsequent \$1.65-billion buyout left behind a bevy of competing video sites. Since then, competitors have been seeking to differentiate themselves by focusing on longer videos, higher (bitrate) quality videos, professional content, and paying their users. However, one approach to differentiation has been streaming live video over the internet. If social live video gets big traction down the road, it's most likely going to be led by one of these startups."...

TechCrunch blog, June 22



### [Assessing the ILS](#) (PDF file)

The University of Windsor has released a background document intended as a first step in evaluating the current environment with respect to Integrated Library Systems. To date ILSs have been proprietary, monolithic systems encompassing the major operations of the library: circulation, acquisitions, cataloging, and a public catalog....

University of Windsor, June 17

### [Bowker acquires Medialab Solutions](#)

Bibliographic information management

**By Sept. 15:** The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation awards [\\$500 minigrants](#) to school and public libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children.

**Ongoing:** [Libri Foundation Books For Children Grants](#) will match \$50 to \$350 raised by local sponsors on a 2-to-1 ratio to help small, rural public libraries buy children's books. The foundation makes grants three times a year, with deadlines of April 15, July 15, and December 15.

**Ongoing:** *The Staples Foundation for Learning* makes [quarterly grants](#) to programs from 501(c)(3) organizations that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Upcoming deadlines are April 6, August 3, and December 7.

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company R.R. Bowker announced June 22 that it has acquired Medialab Solutions by Amsterdam, creators of the highly regarded AquaBrowser Library search-and-discovery platform used by more than 60-million patrons in public libraries throughout the U.S. and Europe. The acquisition represents the alignment of the richest collection of bibliographic data with the most popular and user-friendly, visual faceted search technology in the library industry, improving Bowker's ability to deliver new products that enhance the user experience in libraries....

Marketwire, June 22

## Actions & Answers

### [The library fix](#)

Garrison Keillor writes: "When politics gets mean and dumb, you can cheer yourself up by walking into a public library, one of the nobler expressions of democracy. Candidates don't mention libraries—they're more likely to talk about putting people behind bars. Yet when I walk into the library near my house and see a couple hundred teenagers studying, most of them Hmong or Vietnamese, I see the old cheerful America that Washington has lost touch with, the land of opportunity."...

Salon, June 27

### [Emory's alternative to Google](#)

After Google announced a major expansion of its Library Project this month, Emory University announced a different approach to digitizing collections. Unlike the Google model, Emory was only digitizing works that are no longer under copyright and was retaining control over sale of the works (through print on demand). On June 21, two companies working with Emory announced that they plan to take that model to many other colleges and universities....

Inside Higher Education, June 22

### [NYPL installs Espresso Book Machine](#)

While it looks like it's still a ways from setting up shop next to more traditional vending machines, those in New York City can now get their instant-book fix from the very first (non-beta) [Espresso Book Machine](#), which has found a home in the New York Public Library's Science, Industry and Business Library. For the time being, most of the books on offer appear to be ones in the public domain, including over 200,000 titles from the Open Content Alliance database....

Engadget, June 21



### [Pimp My Bookcart II](#)

Ever since the end of [last year's](#) Pimp My Bookcart contest, people have been telling Unshelved how they plan to customize, trick out, augment, or otherwise pimp out their bookcarts for 2007. The comic strip folks announce that this year's contest is now officially open, this time sponsored by Highsmith....

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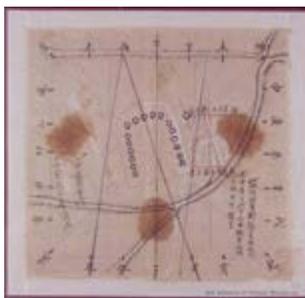
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## **Register**

Thirty-eight items of documentary heritage of exceptional value have just been added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register, bringing the total number of inscriptions since 1997 to 158. The register lists documentary heritage endorsed by UNESCO as corresponding to the selection criteria for world significance. The new items include convict records of Australia, Qing Dynasty Yangshi Lei archives, Persian illustrated and illuminated manuscripts, and the Bayeux Tapestry....

UNESCO, June 20



## **Structure and form of folksonomy tags**

Louise F. Spiteri writes: "Folksonomies have the potential to add much value to public library catalogs by enabling clients to store, maintain, and organize items of interest in the catalog using their own tags. Tags were acquired over a 30-day period from the daily tag logs of three folksonomy sites, Del.icio.us, Furl, and Technorati. The tags were evaluated against section 6 (choice and form of terms) of the National Information Standards Organization guidelines for the construction of controlled vocabularies."...

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Gates Foundation gives WebJunction \$12.6 million

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/webjunction.cfm>]

On June 21 as the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., was opening, Ohio-based library cooperative group OCLC announced that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Initiative would give \$12.6 million to its online community portal WebJunction. [<http://www.webjunction.org>] The five-year grant "will help us to sustain the programs that many library professionals are really beginning to depend on," Bob Murphy of OCLC told American Libraries....

Naming flap costs Santa Fe library \$1 million

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/nameflap.cfm>]

The family of late businessman Michael J. Maloof has withdrawn an offer to donate \$1 million to the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, to support its new Southside branch library, after controversy erupted over a plan to name the branch after Maloof. Director of Libraries Patricia Hodapp told American Libraries that the Friends followed the city's naming policy, which requires soliciting nominees from the public, permits buildings to be named only for deceased individuals, and allows the board to consider nominees' character and donations of time or money....

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## ALA News

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### New advocacy website targets the public

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/III07.htm>]

ALA launched its new public advocacy website, I Love Libraries, [<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/>] at the start of the ALA 2007 Annual Conference, June 21–27. The site contains a variety of features designed to attract—and hold the attention of—library lovers of all kinds: reviews of new and award-winning books, fast-breaking library news, library spotlights, a “find a library” feature, blogs and newsfeeds, as well as library-related links on YouTube and flickr....

### Loriene Roy inaugurated 2007–2008 president

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/Iri07.htm>]

Loriene Roy, professor at the University of Texas at Austin’s School of Information, began her term as 2007–2008 ALA president on June 28. In 1999, Roy founded “If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything,” a national reading club for Native American children. She also directs “Honoring Generations,” an Institute for Museum and Library Services–funded scholarship program for indigenous students....

### IMLS awards ALA \$1.6 million in three matching grants

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2007/june2007/alaimlsgrants.cfm>]

ALA will receive more than \$1.6 million of the nearly \$28 million in librarian recruitment and education awards announced [[http://www.ims.gov/news/2007/061907\\_list.shtm](http://www.ims.gov/news/2007/061907_list.shtm)] June 19 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the 2007 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. The multifaceted grant program supports tuition assistance, curriculum development, service expectations, job placement, recruitment of nontraditional library students, and support for doctoral candidates to teach library science and research....

## Booklist Online

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Books for youth [[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=1946258](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=1946258)]

Drake, Salamandera. Dragonsdale. Illustrated by Gilly Marklew. May 2007. 288p. Grades 3–6.

Scholastic/Chicken House, hardcover (978-0-439-87173-0).

Illustrated chapter books that don’t belong to cookie-cutter paperback series are increasingly rare; the same goes for light, straightforward fantasies for early middle-grade readers. This title, the first in a hardcover series by an author who claims to be a 16-year-old

resident of its made-up world, fills both needs with unusual flair. Set in a land where dragons and their (mostly female) riders train to compete in equestrian-style tournaments, this will delight precisely the audience it's meant to—young girls who find tame dragons captivating. The story centers on Caroline, who lives and works among dragons but is forbidden to ride....

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## Division News

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New LITA officers elected [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/LITAofficers.htm>]  
Andrew Pace, head of information technology at North Carolina State University libraries, is the new vice-president/president-elect of LITA. His term, and that of newly elected LITA board members, begins after the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. He has extensive experience with LITA programming, having served as a member of the National Forum Planning Committee and as a member of the Regional Institutes Committee....

### PLA receives Gates Foundation grant

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/plagates07.htm>]

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded PLA a \$7.7-million grant to develop and provide a national advocacy training program for public librarians over the next three years. PLA's training program will provide librarians with the skills and resources necessary to seek increased funding, create community partnerships, and build alliances with local and regional decision makers....

### Register for AASL Conference at early-bird rates

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/AASLEarlyregistration.htm>]

July 6 is the last day to register at low early-bird registration rates for the AASL 13th National Conference in Reno, Nevada. Attendees who take advantage of the early-bird rates can save \$100 off the regular registration prices. The conference will be held October 25–28....

### Follett to sponsor AASL Closing Night Gala in Reno

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/AASLClosingNightGala.htm>]

Follett Software Company and Follett Library Resources have teamed up to sponsor the Closing Night Gala at the AASL 13th National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada. Full conference registrants will be invited to enjoy the event at the National Automobile Museum on Saturday evening, October 27....

## Awards

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Audiobook of the year [<http://www.audiopub.org/files/public/Audieswinnersrelease.pdf>] (PDF file)

The Audio Publishers Association announced the winners of the 2007 Audie awards at its June 4 gala in New York City's Rainbow Room. The winners were announced in 32 categories, including a special

Judges&rsquo; Award for titles in the politics category and the highlight of the evening, the Audiobook of the Year Award, presented to Zondervan Publishing for Inspired by...The Bible Experience: New Testament....

Audio Publishers Association, June 4

## Seen Online

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Readers make do in library-less Jackson County

[<http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/news/1182309935147430.xml&coll=7>]

There are no public libraries open in Medford, Oregon—or the rest of Jackson County and adjacent Josephine County—but library lovers aren't taking the closures sitting down. They're sharing books over coffee or swapping them on the library steps. Even the small Rogue Valley Metaphysical Library [<http://www.rvml.org/>] in Ashland (right), with its tidy collection of titles on UFOs and spirituality, is reporting an uptick in traffic....

Portland Oregonian, June 20

Will Manley to step down as Tempe city manager [<http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/92230>]

Tempe, Arizona&rsquo;s city manager is calling it quits after a career that included running the library, giving advice about space aliens, and getting yelled at over a dead golfer. American Libraries and Booklist columnist Will Manley, 57, announced his retirement June 25 after six-and-a-half years of running the city of 160,000. Manley said the job simply wore him out....

East Valley (Ariz.) Tribune, June 26

Billington says talking-book fund is sufficient

[<http://thehill.com/leading-the-news/library-of-congress-head-talking-books-funds-sufficient-2007-06-26.html>]

Librarian of Congress James Billington recently told a key appropriator that funding for a National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program, which fell about \$7 million short of his original request, was sufficient. LC originally requested \$19.1 million for a talking-book program, which would transition to digital from analog technology. But Billington said he was satisfied with the funding level allocated in the spending bill....

The Hill, June 26

The Big Read gets bigger [<http://www.cnn.com/2007/SHOWBIZ/books/06/25/nea.bigread/>]

National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Dana Gioia promises the Big Read will be in 400 U.S. cities next year, meaning town-wide celebrations of works by American writers Zora Neale Hurston, Ernest Hemingway, Harper Lee, Ray Bradbury, Amy Tan, and others will be in all 50 states and in every congressional district. Four international Big Read programs are coming online next year in Mexico, Russia, Egypt and China....

CNN, June 25

Librarians describe life under an FBI gag order

[<http://blog.wired.com/27bstroke6/2007/06/librarians-desc.html>]

Life in an FBI muzzle is no fun. Two Connecticut librarians on Sunday described what it was like to be slapped with an FBI National Security Letter and accompanying gag order. It sounded like a spy movie or, gulp, something that happens under a repressive foreign government. Peter Chase and Barbara Bailey, librarians in Plainville, Connecticut, received an NSL to turn over computer records on in 2005....

Wired, June 24

Free speech or smut?

[[http://suburbanjournals.stltoday.com/articles/2007/06/26/news/sj2tn20070623-0624ndj\\_rft.ii1.txt](http://suburbanjournals.stltoday.com/articles/2007/06/26/news/sj2tn20070623-0624ndj_rft.ii1.txt)]

A recent trip to the public library to research birds with his teenage son has turned into a kind of crusade for Richard Greathouse of Cedar Hill, Missouri. Greathouse, 60, said he and his 13-year-old son went to the Northwest branch of the Jefferson County Public Library on June 16 where he picked up a copy of the Riverfront Times, which contained “smutty” advertising....

Suburban Journals of St. Louis, June 26

D.C. Public Library to begin renovations

[[http://www.examiner.com/a-801220~D\\_C\\_Public\\_Library\\_to\\_begin\\_renovations\\_at\\_MLK\\_Memorial.html](http://www.examiner.com/a-801220~D_C_Public_Library_to_begin_renovations_at_MLK_Memorial.html)]

The District of Columbia Public Library is moving forward with major renovations of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, while designs for a new facility have been tabled&mdash;for now. Improvements to the outdated and long-neglected MLK Library in Mount Vernon Square address pressing needs, said Monica Lewis, library spokeswoman. The library system is expected to spend more than \$2 million in modernization....

The Examiner, June 27

Food, toiletry items pay for fines

[<http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/local/state/hc-26070940.apds.m0957.bc-ct-brf--jun26,0,6921421.story?coll=hc-headlines-local-wire>]

People who owe overdue fines to the Wethersfield (Conn.) Library can pay them off with pasta, canned foods, or items such as toothpaste. The library is collecting food and toiletries needed for the food bank in exchange for forgiving fines on overdue books and materials....

Stamford (Conn.) Advocate, June 26

Library trustee charged with embezzling

[<http://www.nj.com/news/gloucester/local/index.ssf?/base/news-6/118249181112980.xml&coll=8>]

The longtime president of the Penns Grove&mdash;Carney’s Point (N.J.) Public Library Association was arrested June 21 and charged with embezzling more than \$75,000 from the library. H. Donald Stewart Jr. is alleged to have embezzled the funds between November 1993 and May 2007. The money is said to have helped Stewart afford a lavish lifestyle that included a Cadillac Escalade that may have been paid for in part through library funds, authorities said....

Gloucester County (N.J.) Times, June 22

King collection starts to pay off for Atlanta

[<http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/atlanta/stories/2007/06/23/0624metking.html>]

It’s been a year since Atlanta did what many thought was impossible: The city bought the Martin Luther King Jr. Collection in an eleventh-hour deal, avoiding an auction and returning more than 10,000 of the civil rights hero’s personal papers and books to his hometown. The collection is already beginning to pay off for King’s hometown and for his alma mater, Morehouse College....

Associated Press, June 24

In a university, not far away

[<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-scifi21jun21,0,6121281.story?coll=la-home-center>]

UC Berkeley has the world’s premiere collection on Mark Twain&mdash;and Yale an unmatched trove of rare medieval manuscripts. But for research on Captain Kirk, Frankenstein, or Harry Potter, nothing tops the 110,000-volume Eaton collection at UC Riverside, the world’s largest library of science fiction, fantasy, and horror books....

Los Angeles Times, June 21

Murray Archive exhibition opens in Edinburgh

[<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/index.cfm?id=998452007>]

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Pew Internet and American Life, June 20

Who will be the YouTube of live video?  
[<http://www.techcrunch.com/2007/06/22/will-live-video-catch-on-like-youtube/>]  
Nick Gonzalez writes: "The growth of YouTube and its subsequent \$1.65-billion buyout left behind a bevy of competing video sites. Since then, competitors have been seeking to differentiate themselves by focusing on longer videos, higher (bitrate) quality videos, professional content, and paying their users. However, one approach to differentiation has been streaming live video over the internet. If social live video gets big traction down the road, it's most likely going to be led by one of these startups."...  
TechCrunch blog, June 22

Assessing the ILS [<http://infoservices.uwindsor.ca/dist/backgrounder.pdf>] (PDF file)  
The University of Windsor has released a background document intended as a first step in evaluating the current environment with respect to Integrated Library Systems. To date ILSs have been proprietary, monolithic systems encompassing the major operations of the library: circulation, acquisitions, cataloging, and a public catalog....  
University of Windsor, June 17

Bowker acquires Medialab Solutions [<http://www.marketwire.com/2.0/release.do?id=745341>]  
Bibliographic information management company R.R. Bowker announced June 22 that it has acquired Medialab Solutions by Amsterdam, creators of the highly regarded AquaBrowser Library search-and-discovery platform used by more than 60-million patrons in public libraries throughout the U.S. and Europe. The acquisition represents the alignment of the richest collection of bibliographic data with the most popular and user-friendly, visual faceted search technology in the library industry, improving Bowker's ability to deliver new products that enhance the user experience in libraries....  
Marketwire, June 22

## Actions & Answers

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The library fix [<http://www.salon.com/opinion/feature/2007/06/27/keillor/>]

Garrison Keillor writes: “When politics gets mean and dumb, you can cheer yourself up by walking into a public library, one of the nobler expressions of democracy. Candidates don’t mention libraries—they’re more likely to talk about putting people behind bars. Yet when I walk into the library near my house and see a couple hundred teenagers studying, most of them Hmong or Vietnamese, I see the old cheerful America that Washington has lost touch with, the land of opportunity.”...

Salon, June 27

Emory’s alternative to Google [<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2007/06/22/digitize>]

After Google announced a major expansion of its Library Project this month, Emory University announced a different approach to digitizing collections. Unlike the Google model, Emory was only digitizing works that are no longer under copyright and was retaining control over sale of the works (through print on demand). On June 21, two companies working with Emory announced that they plan to take that model to many other colleges and universities....

Inside Higher Education, June 22

NYPL installs Espresso Book Machine

[[http://www.mediabistro.com/galleycat/web\\_tech/nypl\\_installs\\_first\\_espresso\\_book\\_machine\\_61567.asp](http://www.mediabistro.com/galleycat/web_tech/nypl_installs_first_espresso_book_machine_61567.asp)]

While it looks like it’s still a ways from setting up shop next to more traditional vending machines, those in New York City can now get their instant-book fix from the very first (non-beta) Espresso Book Machine,

[<http://www.engadget.com/2006/12/21/the-espresso-from-on-demand-books-brews-you-up-a-copy-right-fres/>] which has found a home in the New York Public Library’s Science, Industry and Business Library. For the time being, most of the books on offer appear to be ones in the public domain, including over 200,000 titles from the Open Content Alliance database....

Engadget, June 21

Pimp My Bookcart II [<http://www.unshelved.com/pimpmymybookcart/>]

Ever since the end of last year [<http://www.unshelved.com/blog.aspx?post=745>]’s Pimp My Bookcart contest, people have been telling Unshelved how they plan to customize, trick out, augment, or otherwise pimp out their bookcarts for 2007. The comic strip folks announce that this year’s contest is now officially open, this time sponsored by Highsmith....

Unshelved

UNESCO’s Memory of the World Register

[[http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=38423&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=38423&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)]

Thirty-eight items of documentary heritage of exceptional value have just been added to UNESCO’s Memory of the World Register, bringing the total number of inscriptions since 1997 to 158. The register lists documentary heritage endorsed by UNESCO as corresponding to the selection criteria for world significance. The new items include convict records of Australia, Qing Dynasty Yangshi Lei archives, Persian illustrated and illuminated manuscripts, and the Bayeux Tapestry....

UNESCO, June 20

Structure and form of folksonomy tags [<http://www.webology.ir/2007/v4n2/a41.html>]

Louise F. Spiteri writes: “Folksonomies have the potential to add much value to public library catalogs by enabling clients to store, maintain, and organize items of interest in the catalog

using their own tags. Tags were acquired over a 30-day period from the daily tag logs of three folksonomy sites, Del.icio.us, Furl, and Technorati. The tags were evaluated against section 6 (choice and form of terms) of the National Information Standards Organization guidelines for the construction of controlled vocabularies.”...  
Webology 4, no. 2 (June)

## Ask the ALA Librarian

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[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=1992](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=1992)]

Q. I had a student come in to the library wanting to see the Newbery Medal acceptance speech for Katherine Paterson’s *Bridge to Terabithia*, which is from 1978! How can I find this?

A. The speech can be found in book form in Horn Book’s 1986 publication, *Newbery and Caldecott Medal Books, 1976–1985: With Acceptance Papers, Biographies, and Related Material Chiefly from the Horn Book Magazine*, which may be at your local public library. For more books in the series, see the ALA Professional Tips wiki [[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Newbery\\_and\\_Caldecott\\_Medal\\_Acceptance\\_Speeches](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Newbery_and_Caldecott_Medal_Acceptance_Speeches)] for further assistance.

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

## Calendar

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Apply for:

By July 31: The National Endowment for the Arts, the Institute for Museum and Library Services, and Arts Midwest seek applications for Big Read [<http://www.neabigread.org>] grants of \$2,500–\$20,000 that will be awarded to approximately 200 organizations of varying sizes nationwide to participate in The Big Read program. Submitting an intention to apply by June 29 is encouraged, though not required.

By Sept. 15: The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation awards \$500 minigrants [<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/>] to school and public libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children.

Ongoing: Libri Foundation Books For Children Grants [[HTTP://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html](http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html)] will match \$50 to \$350 raised by local sponsors on a 2-to-1 ratio to help small, rural public libraries buy children’s books. The foundation makes grants three times a year, with deadlines of April 15, July 15, and December 15.

Ongoing: The Staples Foundation for Learning makes quarterly grants [<http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundhome.html>] to programs from 501(c)(3) organizations that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on

disadvantaged youth. Upcoming deadlines are April 6, August 3, and December 7.

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

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## Conference Highlights



### [Julie Andrews celebrates \*American Libraries'\* centennial](#)

Entertainer and children's author Julie Andrews reminded conference attendees on Monday of the magical wonder of musical theatre and books. After a montage of film clips spanning her half-century career, she congratulated *American Libraries* on 100 years of publication and expressed her appreciation in being chosen as chair for National Library Week 2008....

*Cognotes*, Tuesday, pp. 1, 12



### [Bill to improve school libraries introduced](#)

In conjunction with ALA Annual Conference in Washington, on Tuesday U.S. Senators Jack Reed (D-R.I., left) and Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) and U.S. Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz., right) introduced the bipartisan Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLS) Act. The legislation reauthorizes and strengthens the Improving Literacy through School Libraries portion of the No Child Left Behind Act and will ensure that more schools have qualified library media specialists and the resources they need to help students find the right information....



### [A grand total of 28,635 registrations](#)

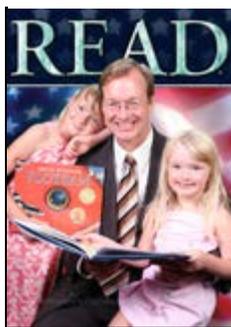
made the 2007 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., ALA's **largest ever**. The conference, which topped the record set at ALA's 2005 Annual Conference in Chicago of 27,962 attendees, served as a national forum for discussions on key library issues.

### Public Perception

Heard and overheard at Annual

**"I far prefer that my children and grandchildren learn the meaning of the word 'scrotum' from the library than an internet website."**

—Actress, singer, and author Julie Andrews, in her



### ALA's Day on the Hill

At least 1,000 librarians and library supporters from around the country, wearing red "Support Libraries" T-shirts, lobbied members of Congress on the urgent need for funding libraries threatened by closures, shortened hours, staff shortages, and diminished services; the importance of school libraries to the success of No Child Left Behind; and other critical issues. In the Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Building, some 50 Senators and Representatives posed for READ posters using a setup provided by Polaris Library Systems.



### [The Blue Wave hits D.C.: Libraries Build Communities](#)

The Yellow Swarm of New Orleans turned into a Blue Wave this year. Building on the volunteer efforts last summer, 200 attendees rose Friday morning, donned blue T-shirts, and fanned across the city to help libraries, build houses, refurbish parks, and feed the hungry to show that "Libraries Build Communities..."

*Cognotes*, Saturday, p. 1

### [The Hollywood Librarian world premiere](#)

Andrea Mercado writes: "The world premiere screening of [The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians through Film](#) does an excellent job of using clips from movies like *Desk Set*, *The Music Man*, *Love Story*, *Party Girl*, and others, to juxtapose the image of librarians in film against the realities of librarianship. The movie obviously moved the audience and instilled a sense of vindication. After the screening, writer and director Ann Seidl (above) explained her interesting distribution method for the film." Watch the [trailer](#). "I hope this movie busts some myths," said attendee [Nathan Bomer](#), a 29-year-old librarian from Tulsa. "Our profession is in need of a serious image change." See also Norman Oder's *Library Journal* [review](#)....



PLA Blog, June 22; *Washington Post*, June 24; Dynamic Librarian blog, June 24; *LJ*, June 23

American Libraries—sponsored talk at ALA Annual Conference, June 25.

**"It's actually about \$28, but we had to scale it back to have Jeb Bush in Florida believe it."**

—Stephen Abram, on the statistic that libraries return \$6.50 per dollar invested.

**"The next time you find yourself saying Wikipedia is crap, fix the entry!"**

—Joe Janes, in the "Next Generation Libraries" session.

**"God did not create life with two computers."**

—Vartan Gregorian, at the Opening General Session.

**"The most important resource in any library goes home at night."**

—Tom Galante, at the "Transforming Your Staff" session.

**"There's a lot of sexy librarian energy in this room."**

—Steve Almond, at the FOLUSA "The Laugh's on Us" program.

**"The 2006 amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 are largely due to librarians, and the changes are for the better."**

—Former FISA Court Judge Royce Lamberth.

Read more of Greg Landgraf's "Heard and Overheard" on [Ning](#).

## [Honor Dance celebrates President Lorienne Roy](#)

American Indian communities demonstrate support and recognition for individuals with an Honor Dance. One was held Friday at the National Museum of the American Indian for incoming President Lorienne Roy. The dance featured a Piscataway opening prayer and blessing, a procession of women dancers, a male drum group, and a circle dance that included members of Roy's family and members of the audience....

*Cognotes*, Sunday, p. 11



## [ALA/Proquest CSA Scholarship Bash](#)

Comedian Mark Russell and the comedy group The Capitol Steps provided political humor and musical parodies at the funniest Scholarship Bash ever on Saturday night. The Capitol Steps performed a Supreme Court sketch as part of their routine....

*Cognotes*, Monday, p. 6

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## Speakers



## [Ken Burns explores the power of history](#)

Filmmaker Ken Burns opened the Auditorium Speaker Series Saturday morning with a discussion of his latest project, a documentary about World War II, followed by a sneak peek of the film. Burns spoke eloquently about the function of memory and the astonishing paradoxes of war. [Terry Ballard](#) writes: "I'm more convinced than ever that this film will be huge. Burns is very articulate when he says that no war is ever 'good,' but this war had the effect of bringing the nation together in a way that is unimaginable in these fractured times."...

*Cognotes*, Sunday, pp. 1, 20; Librarian on the Edge blog, June 26

## [Patricia Cornwell delights, inspires audience](#)

Award-winning crime writer Patricia Cornwell engaged

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a packed audience in a first-class presentation Saturday morning. She said, "My life would be completely different if it hadn't been for librarians, who introduced me to books and research, long before all of this technology." Her new novel, *Book of the Dead*, due out in October, took her two years to complete....

*Cognotes*, Sunday, pp. 1, 6



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### **Kennedy on fighting the subversion of democracy**

At Sunday's President's Program, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. delivered a fiery indictment of the Bush administration's environmental record and the lack of a strong critical press resulting in an uninformed public. Kennedy, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper, emphasized that we have 230 years of stewardship of democratic ideals to protect against the actions of the "worst administration in history" with regard to the environment....

*Cognotes*, Monday, p. 1



### **Bradley urges collective caring, individual action**

ALA President Leslie Burger presided over the Opening General Session Saturday, culminating in a keynote address by former Senator Bill Bradley. Bradley called for changes in America's economy, public health, education, and its addiction to oil. "The duty of a good citizen," he said, "is to stay informed. And in America, there's no better place to stay informed than in a library."...

*Cognotes*, Monday, p. 5



### **Irshad Manji praises the power of asking questions**

Muslim dissident and feminist writer Irshad Manji shared with her audience on Monday the "power of asking questions," which started for her in 1972 when her family fled Idi Amin's Uganda. She asserted that "faith never needs to be threatened by questions, but dogma [which is brittle] is." David Durant has a full [report](#)....

*Cognotes*, Tuesday, pp. 3, 12; Heretical Librarian blog, June 28



### **Fighting for rights and security**

Anthony Romero, head of the American Civil Liberties Union since September 2001, on Sunday told of his travels around the country on a mission to protect civil rights. Since 9/11 he has had to deal with the side-effects of government efforts to strengthen national security....

*Cognotes*, Monday, pp. 8, 18



### **Nancy Pearl on Book Crush**

Rick Roche writes: "The young librarian in a

Mohawk, clicking her knitting needles, laughed at Nancy Pearl's stories. I laughed, too. I did not do my homework, so I did not realize that Pearl's new book *Book Crush* is aimed at children and young adult readers' advisory until she began speaking. She told us that a teen librarian had recommended the title and concept to her. Because she was looking for a new project and because her *More Book Lust* had included some recommendations for teens, she decided the idea was good for her to target young readers."...



Ricklibrarian blog, June 24

### [Judy Blume on writing](#)

Linda Friel writes: "I attended YA author Judy Blume's presentation in the ballroom. She has not presented at ALA for a number of years and was thrilled to be there. The bulk of her presentation dealt with how she became a writer and was both informative and moving. Judy thanked all of us for supporting her throughout her career and indicated that she still has many things to write and will continue writing books."...



MSLA Does DC blog, June 25

### [Keillor praises libraries as temples of democracy](#)

Lauding libraries as the "noblest form of democracy," Closing General Session speaker Garrison Keillor told a packed auditorium Tuesday, "When politics turns mean and nasty in our country, you can recover your civic happiness by walking into your local library [and] looking at all those heads bent down over those books." [Paul Piper](#) writes: "At times moving, boring, whimsical, enlightening, hysterical, Keillor is a true American legend and a champion of the word, the book as object, and—like Kerouac, Whitman, and others—the true, honest, and generous American landscape."...



Cognates, Highlights issue; Piper at the Gates of Dawn blog, June 26

## ALA Publishing



### **American Libraries' 100th-birthday cake**

The AL editors and columnists hosted a centennial birthday cake (left) at the ALA Pavilion on the exhibit floor on Saturday and Tuesday. Many ALA members stopped by for a bite and picked up "First 100 Years" notepads, stickers, and temporary tattoos. AL "Youth Matters" columnist Jennifer Burek Pierce (center) was on hand to model the new *American Libraries* T-shirt, and Associate Editor

Pam Goodes and CentenniAL Blogger Greg Landgraf (right) greeted passersby.



### [AL's been everywhere, man](#)

100 years of *American Libraries* in just over three minutes: That's what you will see in this rapid-fire history of ALA's official magazine. If you missed the video's premiere at Annual Conference, here's your chance to stroll—or rush—down memory lane with the *AL* editors....

AL Focus, June 28

### **He reads, she reads**

Readers' advisory experts David Wright and Kaite Mediatore Stover went live with their popular *Booklist* column and discussed the question, "Are there such things as guy reading and girl reading?" The answer was an entertaining "Yes!" Guys like to read about "blowing things up," Wright said, and Stover added that girls are finally getting into graphic novels.



### [Editions authors move and shake](#)

An Editions-related gathering at Etrusco Friday night brought together *Library Journal* Mover and Shaker alums Rob Cullin, Kim Bolan, and Chrystie Hill. Rob and Kim are the authors of [Technology Made Simple](#), and Kim is starting work on a new edition of her popular [Teen Spaces](#). Chrystie is working with Steven Cohen on the final manuscript stage of *Inside, Outside, and Online*, a book about libraries and community building....



ALA Editions blog, June 23

## D.C. from Your Desktop

### [See the sights virtually](#)

For those who were too busy at Annual Conference and those who could not attend, D.C. residents have pointed out flickr groups that show photos of Washington tourist spots. There are groups for Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian, the Washington Monument, and the Library of Congress....

Photos from D.C. Locals



## Division Sessions

### [Sizing up America's school libraries](#)

Keith Curry Lance gave an impressive overview of the preliminary findings of the first AASL longitudinal survey, *School Libraries Count!* In a Saturday session, Lance described the preliminary findings with the modifying reminder that the complete results will be presented in Reno this October at the AASL National Conference....

AASL Blog, June 24

### [Reinventing Reference 3: Michael Stephens](#)

Cindi Trainor writes: "Michael Stephens was the first speaker in RUSA's Reinventing Reference 3



preconference. It was great to see him speak—he's very dynamic and engaging. He gave an excellent basic introduction to Web 2.0, how it is affecting libraries everywhere, and why we should be involved." [Jami Haskell](#) has more details on the entire preconference....

Chronicles of Bean blog, June 22; Librarian Like Me blog, June 22

### [To iPods and beyond](#)

Beth Gallaway writes: "Joseph Wilk, Tanya J. Brown, and Christina Roest did a fantastic job at presenting on MP3 collections. They explained everything, down to defining jargon like widgets and giving step-by-step instructions on how to connect, shop, and download. Joseph covered PC/Mac and iPod/Shuffle differences as well as talked about setting options for purchase, sharing, and storage. His examples were a very diverse mix of music, ranging from American Idol albums to Asian R&B Hip Hop."...

YALSA blog, June 24

### [Wiking the dog](#)

Rick Roche writes: "Jed Moffitt of the King County (Wash.) Library System began Monday's PLA-sponsored 'Wiking the Blog and Walking the Dog' with family stories that somehow led to a disclosure that the topic of social software in libraries is not so cutting-edge as it was 18 months ago when the topic was chosen for the conference. The topic has matured a bit. He thought it was still worth discussing. The overflow crowd agreed."...



PLA blog, June 26

### [Bringing in the boys](#)

Youth Services Lead Librarian Amy Brown and Children's Librarian Molly Meyers of Worthington (Ohio) Public Library spoke enthusiastically Saturday to a standing- and floor-sitting-only audience on methods they have used to generate more interest for libraries among young males. The ALSC presentation centered on the use of Multiple Intelligences Theory....

*Cognotes*, Monday, p. 11

### [A day in the life of an American teenager](#)

Joseph Wilk writes: "We then started 'A Day in the Life of an American Teenager—Five Decades with YALSA' on Monday. Four delightful young teens gave an enthusiastic rundown of YALSA's

history and the history of teen library services over the last few years. It was so entertaining that I couldn't think to take notes. You had to have been there when they unleashed a massive sword in their performance of Robin McKinley [*The Hero and the Crown*]. What an awesome job! I got quite verklempt during Stargirl."...

YALSA blog, June 25

### [When digital natives go to the library](#)

College and university librarians got some unconventional advice Saturday: Play more video games. George M. Needham, OCLC vice president for member services, stressed that he wasn't suggesting that college libraries "tear up the stacks to put in arcades," but that they rethink many assumptions. "The librarian as information priest is as dead as Elvis," Needham said. The whole gestalt of the academic library has been set up like a church, he said, with various parts of a reading room acting like "the stations of the cross," all leading up to the "altar of the reference desk," where "you make supplication and if you are found worthy, you will be helped."...

*Inside Higher Ed*, June 25

### [Hosting video game tournaments](#)

Kelly Czarnecki writes: "Ann Arbor's Erin Helmrich and Eli Nieburger's YALSA presentation on Sunday is here ([large PDF file](#)), which doesn't capture all the great commentary, but is definitely helpful! What most interested me was they both said they don't use gaming as a 'bait and switch' to get people in the door in the hopes that they check out a book. Not surprisingly, patrons find the services in an organic way and on their own without having to do it for them."...

YALSA Blog, June 27

### [The Google Five libraries](#)

Rick Roche writes: "Is there no downside to being a library partner in the Google Library Project? Only until pressed by members of the audience, the five-member panel convened by LITA admitted it was a lot of work and the lawsuits were annoying. The panelists all seemed almost unconcerned that they really do not know what the ramifications of the project are."...

PLA Blog, June 23

### [Do libraries innovate?](#)

Chad Haefele writes:

"Moderated by Andrew Pace, this LITA session was in the



format of a Q&A/debate among panelists Stephen Abram, Joseph Janes, and Karen Schneider. One major point that all three agreed on is that the profession should not be so afraid to take risks. If something fails, so what? We tried. Learn from it and apply that knowledge to something else."...

Hidden Peanuts blog, June 23

### [E-books 2.0](#)

Stephen Leary writes: "E-book usage is up, but how are they used? That's the Big Question that emerged from the ALCTS E-books 2.0 forum, which included reps from Island Press, Ebrary, Ingram Digital Group, National University, and the University of Denver. Leslie Lees of Ebrary said the development of e-books is dependent on librarians and their tolerance, as well as trial and error."...

The Reflective Librarian blog, June 25

### [Networking at the LITA Happy Hour](#)

Chill writes: "A great crowd met on Saturday night at the Capitol City Brewing Company for LITA's Happy Hour. This was the place to be . . . to catch up with colleagues, sample the wide selection of cool ales and a bit of the hot cuisine! Those popular, glowing blue LITA necklaces, handed out by Mary Taylor, LITA Executive Director, identified members in the packed locale."...

LITA Blog, June 24



### [Can blogs be trusted?](#)

Marc Meola writes: "At a Saturday program sponsored by ACRL's Law and Political Science Section, Jason Zengerle of the *New Republic* raised questions about the objectivity and reliability of political blogs that went beyond the simple and oft-heard objection 'anyone can write a blog, so they're not authoritative'."...

ACRLLog, June 27

### [Communicating with chief academic officers](#)

During Monday's "The Art of Persuasion: Strategies for Effective Communication with Chief Academic Officers," organized by ACRL, the provosts and vice presidents for academic affairs on the panel shared a list of their do's and don'ts when approaching new college officials in their positions: Don't seek out the president for funding requests without first asking the provost. Do list the main assets of the library. Don't submit a bill that highlights inflation costs and expect provosts to pay for it, no questions asked....

*Inside Higher Ed*, June 26

### [Harnessing the hive](#)

Ken Liss writes: "RUSA's 'Harnessing the Hive: Social Networks and Libraries' was a well-attended Sunday program with three speakers. Matt Bejeune, an assistant professor of library science at Purdue and a doctoral student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, kicked things off. He's studying the use of wikis in libraries and has looked at 35 examples pulled together from the LIS literature, the Library Success wiki, and a handful of listservs."...

Tracking Changes/Changing Tracks blog, June 27

### [AASL Affiliate Assembly celebrates 30 years](#)

AASL celebrated the 30th anniversary of its Affiliate Assembly during Annual Conference. The Affiliate Assembly, a group of state delegates from school library media organizations nationwide, held its official celebration during its Friday evening meeting. It provides a channel of communication between AASL members and leadership, brings concerns to the AASL Board of Directors, and facilitates discussion on important issues facing school library media specialists nationwide....

## Other Events

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### [Membership Forum](#)

Rebecca Blakiston writes: "Went to the ALA Membership Forum, where the topic was 'Should ALA Take a Stance on the Iraq War and other non-library issues?' Anyone was able to speak at the 'pro' or 'con' mic, but nearly everyone that did was an ALA Councilor or someone holding office in ALA already. I noticed this and found it interesting today when I read John Berry's column in *Library Journal*

and found him questioning the same thing. It would be nice to hear more outside voices that don't get much of another chance to speak out."...

Steadfast Librarian blog, June 27

### [36th Annual Stonewall Book Awards](#)

Karen Schneider writes: "One of the best: The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Round Table book awards brunch, which not only featured a very respectable buffet—the eggs were creamy and hot, the grapefruit juice was tart and cold, and the cheese blintzes were just plain naughty—but won us over with funny, thoughtful speeches by pioneer gay library activist Jim Carmichael and *Fun Home* author Alison Bechdel (right)."...



Free Range Librarian, June 28

### [Careers in federal libraries](#)

"Careers in Federal Libraries" was an ALA preconference session presented at the Library of Congress by the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table. The program was webcast, and the video from the session will be posted on [FLICC's website](#). The majority of the session featured 11 federal librarians providing an overview of the libraries they work at, with a brief Q&A at the end of each speech. Chris Zammarelli offers a blow by blow. (Read part two of this post [here](#).)...

Libraryola blog, June 23–24

### [Street Lit](#)

Kathy Lowe writes: "I was intrigued when I saw a session on the program on Street Lit sponsored by Friends of Libraries USA. It turned out to be a panel of three authors—Darren Coleman, T. N. Baker, and none other than Teri Woods herself. My students would be beside themselves if they know I had met Teri. She has an inspiring story for kids who are growing up on the street."...



MSLA Does DC blog, June 25

### [International connections](#)

Johan Koren writes: "At a panel program on Sunday about library education in Europe, three library educators from Europe (one from Germany, one from Estonia, and the third from Croatia) presented descriptions of news in their respective countries in the development of a European Union–mandated process toward a common European higher education system, the so-called Bologna process (no, they're not making sausages—it's named for the Italian city!). This program was sponsored in part by the Goethe-Institut in New York, a German cultural program."...

Murray Library Media blog, June 27

### **50 years celebration for Peter May**

At the International Librarians' reception at the Library of Congress on Monday, International Relations Round Table Chair Susan Schnuer presented Blackwell Publishing Sales Manager Peter May with a pair of honorary bookends on his 50 years of service to the company.



## [Why join a chapter?](#)

Curtis Rogers writes: "Saturday I attended a really good session for Chapter Leaders (i.e., state association vice presidents and presidents). During the membership portion I thought of some really good reasons why you should join your state association and adapted these to the South Carolina Library Association."...

Libraries and Life blog, June 23

## **Poets and authors LIVE! @ your library**

New and established authors and poets read from their works at the LIVE! @ your library reading stage in the exhibition hall. Booklist Online Editor Keir Graff (right) read from his new novel, *My Fellow Americans*, published in October by Severn House.



## [Learning when there is no time \(or money\) to learn](#)

Maurice Coleman writes: "Pat Carterette got a room full of staff development specialists and trainers to talk about what you are doing in your training life and to show how your system can learn when there is no time. This was a well-constructed presentation by CLENE about learning, online learning and organizational learning cultures, patterns, and how to create and foster a culture of learning in a library system including peer training in your system."...

Chronicles of the (Almost) Bald Technology Trainer, June 23

## [Young librarians participating](#)

Cindi Trainor writes: "I am a 'next generation' librarian, librarian 2.0 (1.5!), 'young librarian,' whatever you want to call me, and I recently made the choice to get involved in ALA. Rather than continuing to believe that it's hard to get involved, I chose to show up and agitate—ask people how to get onto committees, talk to those around me who are already involved in the organization, not be shy about talking to presenters, giving out my card, the whole nine yards."...

Chronicles of Bean, June 24



## [On the exhibit floor](#)

Maurice Coleman managed to visit the entire vast exhibit hall, talk to numerous vendors, take photos, blog about the experience in [two posts](#), and still go to a few conference programs. He writes: "The best parts about trade areas are two things. First, seeing the booths and what swag the vendors come up with to keep them in your mind. BWI had a rocking parrot and Heery International had a blue 1952 Chevy matchbox pickup. Second, to see how much stuff people can take home with them."...

Chronicles of the (Almost) Bald Technology Trainer, June 24–25



## **Awards**

### [SirsiDynix Building Better Communities Awards](#)

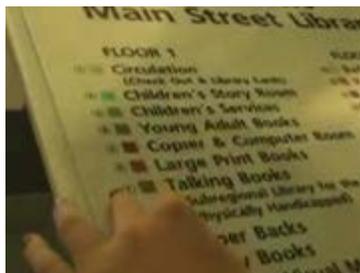
On Sunday afternoon the East Peoria (Ill.) Alliance Library System and Second Life Info Island were recognized as one of six \$10,000 winners of the [SirsiDynix Building Better Communities Award](#). This award recognizes libraries that are stepping outside of their comfort zone, exhibiting innovation and creativity in how they serve their users through technology....



Alliance Library System news, June 24; SirsiDynix

### [Thomson Gale announces top library video](#)

Dozier Middle School and Main Street Libraries in Newport News, Virginia, won \$10,000 in Thomson Gale's "librareo" contest for best "I Love My Library" video with its "Library Code" entry. The 1:59 [video](#) depicts two students on their quest to find the information they need to complete a school project. They start with an internet search, but when it yields less than reliable information, they head to the library....



Thomson Gale

### [Book Cart Drill Team champions](#)

The Book Divas drill team from the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District in Houston took the Gold Cart award with their first-place "Reading Is Riveting" act dressed as Rosie the Riveter. Other entrants were the Delaware Diamonds and "Gett Down with your Funky Self" from the Musselman Library at Gettysburg (Pa.) College. The Book Cart Drill Team [championship](#) is sponsored by Demco....



Federal Info Pro blog, June 26; *Christian Science Monitor*, June 27

### [John and Hank Green and the Printz awards](#)

In this 3:14 video, author John Green forces many people at conference to say hello to his brother Hank. He also includes a portion of his acceptance speech for a Printz Honor Book award for his novel *An Abundance of Katherines*....



YouTube, June 27

### [Blair Tom wins first annual BookPage award](#)

*BookPage* magazine announced Saturday that Blair Tom, customer service and public relations manager for the Muskingum County Library System in Zanesville, Ohio, is the winner of its first annual Spotlight Award for Public Librarians. Tom was chosen from nearly 2,000 librarians nominated by public library patrons across the country....



*Cognotes*, Monday, p. 14



## Tech Events

### [ALA's BIGWIG Unconference](#)

Michelle Boule, Jason Griffey (right), and Karen Coombs came up with a reinvention of the conference session, which made it possible to benefit whether you attended ALA or not. The BIGWIG Social Software Showcase was an online unconference occurring simultaneously with Annual Conference. On its [wiki](#), you will find 11 presentations on cutting-edge technology and social software by librarians and leaders in the field. On Saturday they held a face-to-face roundtable with some of their presenters at the Renaissance Mayflower....

A Wandering Eyre blog; Social Software Showcase wiki



### **Vendors open up about open source**

Is the open source movement a threat to traditional, proprietary library automation vendors? The answer is an emphatic "no," according to a panel of seven software developers representing major technology firms Sunday at "Speaking Technically," moderated by *American Libraries* columnist Andrew Pace (left) and Marshall Breeding of *Smart Libraries*.



### [RDA Update Forum](#)

Karen Coyle reports on the RDA Update Forum held Saturday: "LC's Beacher Wiggins gave the 'staying the course' talk, basically describing RDA as on course and under control. The main four members of the Committee of Principles (Library of Congress, Collections Canada, British Library, and National Library of Australia) are about to officially issue their statements of support for RDA and their intention to begin working on coordinated implementation projects."...

Digiblog: ALCTS and the Future of Tech Services, June 23

### [Ten cool technologies](#)

Marie Kaddell writes: "When I saw that Stephen Abram was talking on cool technologies at 8 a.m. Sunday, I groaned and then resolved to head out extra early to the Washington Convention Center to attend. Although I wished I could have found a rationalization for sleeping in, I could not lie to myself. I had to go because when Stephen talks, I always learn something interesting."...

Federal Info Pro blog, June 24



### [Transform your library](#)

Jami Haskell writes: "I went to the Saturday afternoon session of the

President's Transformation track with Alan Kirk Gray, John Blyberg, [Lori Ayre](#), [Casey Bisson](#), and Roy Tennant. They talked about how we need to transform our services by using technologies. Some of the points they covered were: We need to transform our spaces—use them in completely different ways. We need to transform the way that we deliver materials. Administration needs to make a commitment to supporting change/innovation in your library; this means giving it staff and money and the means to accomplish the tasks that it needs." [Theresa Cummings](#) has more....

Librarian Like Me blog, June 23; PLA blog, June 25; Lori Bowen Ayre's blog, June 27; maisonbisson, June 26

### [The future of information retrieval](#)

Rick Roche writes: "Monday began with an overflow crowd to an obviously inadequate room for the hot-topic Exhibits Round Table presentation, 'The Future of Information Retrieval.' Four panelists (Maydee Ojala, Joe Datema, Mike Buschman, and R. David Lankes) discussed the trends that they foresee in professional and amateur research."...

Ricklibrarian blog, June 26

### [The names are changin'](#)

Andrew Pace writes: "ProQuest has a new name. It's Proquest. Nope, you read that right. Took me a second, too, but as you will recall, Cambridge Information Group bought Proquest a little while back. Proquest has more recognition and rolls off the tongue a little easier, I guess. That company controls quite a suite of products now, so I think we can expect some interesting changes in the future."...

Hectic Pace, June 24

### [XRefer is now Credo Reference](#)



Roy Tennant writes: "Saturday night I went to a reception where XRefer unveiled their new corporate identity as Credo Reference. Meant to imply a solid, dependable, and authoritative presence, this vendor of reference information is seeking to move beyond a rather awkward name into a new level of maturity and corporate branding."...

Tennant: Digital Libraries, June 24

## Seen Online

### [Judge criticizes wiretap program](#)

A federal judge who used to authorize wiretaps in terrorist and espionage cases on Saturday criticized President Bush's decision to order warrantless surveillance after the Sept. 11 attacks. Royce C. Lamberth (right) of federal district court in Washington, said it was proper for executive branch agencies to conduct such surveillances. His presentation at the program, sponsored by the ALA Washington Office, was probably the most revealing discussion to date of actions by the FISA court, which since 1978 has approved wiretaps and other secret surveillance activities involving foreign intelligence and terrorism cases. Visit the ALA Washington Office website for a complete [videocast](#) of his talk....

Washington Post, June 26



### [Do we need libraries anymore?](#)

Marc Fisher writes: "With more than 25,000 librarians pouring into

town for the ALA convention, now is the time to ask: Exactly what is the function of a library now? Let's be real: Most schoolkids are more eager to go to Borders or B&N than to visit local libraries that can seem musty and decrepit. Many adults now do research at home or work that they once did at the library. And budget cuts have left too many libraries with collections that are thin, old, and irrelevant."

Make sure you read the responses....

*Washington Post*, June 22

### [Librarians get organized](#)

Sara Quinn Thompson writes: "Last night, despite many of us saying that we were too old for that sort of thing, Librarians from Facebook gathered at [Regional Food and Drink](#) here in D.C. and had a great time. This photo was taken near the beginning of the evening . . . one of the many creative ways librarians use to break the ice with people they don't know."...



Librarienne blog, June 24

### [Conference on a budget](#)

Diane Chen writes: "For those of you who dismiss the concept of attending due to finances, I want to tell you that you can do this conference on a limited budget. I drove this year. Friends with me are providing the gas. Another friend with us took the van on to his friend's house for free parking (vs. \$30 per day). Two other friends (Margaret and Lynn) who have their room provided by the state organization are allowing me to crash in their room."...

Deep Thinking blog, June 24

### [If it's broken...](#)

Lazygal writes: "One overriding theme I hear is that [ALA is broken](#). I'd argue that's not far off the mark. Here's an example: the room assignments. Another? The insistence on face-to-face meetings to conduct business. Why ALA isn't using nings and wikis and blogs better, I have no idea. It's that whole 'this works, why change' attitude that is so frustrating to newer members and (I think) inhibits participation."...

Killin' Time Being Lazy blog, June 26

### [Final reflections](#)

In this YALSA podcast you can listen as Connie Urquhart and Lisa Lindsay, both of the Fresno County (Calif.) Public Library, talk about their conference experiences—what they learned, what they enjoyed, and why Annual Conference is worth attending....

YALSA blog, June 26

### [Mississippi Fred McDowell](#)

A performance of *Goin' Down to the River*, sung by Mississippi Fred McDowell for those at conference whose feet were so tired that you just felt like "sittin' down on the ground" or who "could hardly rest at night" or who got the blues while waiting for delayed or [canceled](#) flights. Suggested in a [post](#) by blogger Maggie Moran....



YouTube, Apr. 5, 2006; Maggie Reads, June 26; *Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram*, June 28

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## Highlights

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centennial [<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]  
Entertainer and children's author Julie Andrews reminded conference attendees on Monday of the magical wonder of musical theatre and books. After a montage of film clips spanning her half-century career, she congratulated American Libraries on 100 years of publication and expressed her appreciation in being chosen as chair for National Library Week 2008....  
Cognotes, Tuesday, pp. 1, 12

Bill to improve school libraries introduced  
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/skillsactpr.htm>]  
In conjunction with ALA Annual Conference in Washington, on Tuesday U.S. Senators Jack Reed (D-R.I., left) and Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) and U.S. Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz., right) introduced the bipartisan Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLS) Act. The legislation reauthorizes and strengthens the Improving Literacy through School Libraries portion of the No Child Left Behind Act and will ensure that more schools have qualified library media specialists and the resources they need to help students find the right information....

## ALA's Day on the Hill

At least 1,000 librarians and library supporters from around the country, wearing red "Support Libraries" T-shirts, lobbied members of Congress on the urgent need for funding libraries threatened by closures, shortened hours, staff shortages, and diminished services; the importance of school libraries to the success of No Child Left Behind; and other critical issues. In the Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Building, some 50 Senators and Representatives posed for READ posters using a setup provided by Polaris Library Systems.

## The Blue Wave hits D.C.: Libraries Build Communities

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

The Yellow Swarm of New Orleans turned into a Blue Wave this year. Building on the volunteer efforts last summer, 200 attendees rose Friday morning, donned blue T-shirts, and fanned across the city to help libraries, build houses, refurbish parks, and feed the hungry to show that "Libraries Build Communities."...

Cognotes, Saturday, p. 1

world premiere [<http://plablog.org/2007/06/the-hollywood-librarian-world-premiere.html>]

Andrea Mercado writes: "The world premiere screening of The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians through Film [<http://www.hollywoodlibrarian.com/index.html>] does an excellent job of using clips from movies like Desk Set, The Music Man, Love Story, Party Girl, and others, to juxtapose the image of librarians in film against the realities of librarianship. The movie obviously moved the audience and instilled a sense of vindication. After the screening, writer and director Ann Seidl (above) explained her interesting distribution method for the film." Watch the trailer [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8kd4fC1bwo>]. "I hope this movie busts some myths," said [<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/23/AR2007062301378.html>] attendee Nathan Bomer, [<http://dynamiclibrarian.blogspot.com/2007/06/hollywood-librarian.html>] a 29-year-old librarian from Tulsa. "Our profession is in need of a serious image change." See also Norman Oder's Library Journal review

[<http://www.libraryjournal.com/blog/1010000101/post/1060011106.html>]....

PLA Blog, June 22; Washington Post, June 24; Dynamic Librarian blog, June 24; LJ, June 23

## Honor Dance celebrates President Lorie Roy

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

American Indian communities demonstrate support and recognition for individuals with an Honor Dance. One was held Friday at the National Museum of the American Indian for incoming President Lorie Roy. The dance featured a Piscataway opening prayer and blessing, a procession of women dancers, a male drum group, and a circle dance that included members of Roy's family and members of the audience....

Cognotes, Sunday, p. 11

## ALA/Proquest CSA Scholarship Bash

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

Comedian Mark Russell and the comedy group The Capitol Steps provided political humor and musical parodies at the funniest Scholarship Bash ever on Saturday night. The Capitol Steps performed a Supreme Court sketch as part of their routine....

Cognotes, Monday, p. 6

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## Speakers

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Ken Burns explores the power of history

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

Filmmaker Ken Burns opened the Auditorium Speaker Series Saturday morning with a discussion of his latest project, a documentary about World War II, followed by a sneak peek of the film. Burns spoke eloquently about the function of memory and the astonishing paradoxes of war. Terry Ballard [<http://librariansonedge.blogspot.com/2007/06/capitol-ideas-saturday.html>] writes: "I'm more convinced than ever that this film will be huge. Burns is very articulate when he says that no war is ever 'good,' but this war had the effect of bringing the nation together in a way that is unimaginable in these fractured times."...

Cognotes, Sunday, pp. 1, 20; Librarian on the Edge blog, June 26

Patricia Cornwell delights, inspires audience

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

Award-winning crime writer Patricia Cornwell engaged a packed audience in a first-class presentation Saturday morning. She said, "My life would be completely different if it hadn't been for librarians, who introduced me to books and research, long before all of this technology." Her new novel, *Book of the Dead*, due out in October, took her two years to complete....

Cognotes, Sunday, pp. 1, 6

Kennedy on fighting the subversion of democracy

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

At Sunday's President's Program, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. delivered a fiery indictment of the Bush administration's environmental record and the lack of a strong critical press resulting in an uninformed public. Kennedy, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper, emphasized that we have 230 years of stewardship of democratic ideals to protect against the actions of the "worst administration in history" with regard to the environment....

Cognotes, Monday, p. 1

Bradley urges collective caring, individual action

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

ALA President Leslie Burger presided over the Opening General Session Saturday, culminating in a keynote address by former Senator Bill Bradley. Bradley called for changes in America's economy, public health, education, and its addiction to oil. "The duty of a good citizen," he said, "is to stay informed. And in America, there's no better place to stay informed than in a library."...

Cognotes, Monday, p. 5

Irshad Manji praises the power of asking questions

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

Muslim dissident and feminist writer Irshad Manji shared with her audience on Monday the "power of asking questions," which started for her in 1972 when her family fled Idi Amin's Uganda. She asserted that "faith never needs to be threatened by questions, but dogma [which is brittle] is."

David Durant has a full report

[<http://hereticallibrarian.blogspot.com/2007/06/irshad-manji-report.html>]....

Cognotes, Tuesday, pp. 3, 12; Heretical Librarian blog, June 28

Fighting for rights and security

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

Anthony Romero, head of the American Civil Liberties Union since September 2001, on Sunday told of his travels around the country on a mission to protect civil rights. Since 9/11 he has had to deal with the side-effects of government efforts to strengthen national security....

Cognotes, Monday, pp. 8, 18

Book Crush [<http://ricklibrarian.blogspot.com/2007/06/nancy-pearl-on-book-crush.html>]

Rick Roche writes: "The young librarian in a Mohawk, clicking her knitting needles, laughed at Nancy Pearl's stories. I laughed, too. I did not do my homework, so I did not realize that Pearl's new book Book Crush is aimed at children and young adult readers' advisory until she began speaking. She told us that a teen librarian had recommended the title and concept to her. Because she was looking for a new project and because her More Book Lust had included some recommendations for teens, she decided the idea was good for her to target young readers."...

Ricklibrarian blog, June 24

Judy Blume on writing [<http://msladoesdc.blogspot.com/2007/06/three-days-and-counting.html>]

Linda Friel writes: "I attended YA author Judy Blume's presentation in the ballroom. She has not presented at ALA for a number of years and was thrilled to be there. The bulk of her presentation dealt with how she became a writer and was both informative and moving. Judy thanked all of us for supporting her throughout her career and indicated that she still has many things to write and will continue writing books."...

MSLA Does DC blog, June 25

Keillor praises libraries as temples of democracy

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

Lauding libraries as the "noblest form of democracy," Closing General Session speaker Garrison Keillor told a packed auditorium Tuesday, "When politics turns mean and nasty in our country, you can recover your civic happiness by walking into your local library [and] looking at all those heads bent down over those books." Paul Piper

[<http://pipergates.blogspot.com/2007/06/ala-garrison.html>] writes: "At times moving, boring, whimsical, enlightening, hysterical, Keillor is a true American legend and a champion of the word, the book as object, and—like Kerouac, Whitman, and others—the true, honest, and generous American landscape."...

Cognotes, Highlights issue; Piper at the Gates of Dawn blog, June 26

## ALA Publishing

### American Libraries' 100th-birthday cake

The AL editors and columnists hosted a centenniAL birthday cake (left) at the ALA Pavilion on the exhibit floor on Saturday and Tuesday. Many ALA members stopped by for a bite and picked up "First 100 Years" notepads, stickers, and temporary tattoos. AL "Youth Matters" columnist Jennifer Burek Pierce (center) was on hand to model the new American Libraries T-shirt, and Associate Editor Pam Goodes and CentenniAL Blogger Greg Landgraf (right) greeted passersby.

AL's been everywhere, man [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/weve-been-everywhere>];s been everywhere, man [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/weve-been-everywhere>]

100 years of American Libraries in just over three minutes: That's what you will see in this

rapid-fire history of ALA's official magazine. If you missed the video's premiere at Annual Conference, here's your chance to stroll—or rush—down memory lane with the AL editors....  
AL Focus, June 28

#### He reads, she reads

Readers' advisory experts David Wright and Kaite Mediatore Stover went live with their popular Booklist column and discussed the question, "Are there such things as guy reading and girl reading?" The answer was an entertaining "Yes!" Guys like to read about "blowing things up," Wright said, and Stover added that girls are finally getting into graphic novels.

#### Editions authors move and shake

[<http://blog.alaeditions.org/2007/06/23/friday-ok-saturday-photo-editions-authors-move-and-shake/>]

An Editions-related gathering at Etrusco Friday night brought together Library Journal Mover and Shaker alums Rob Cullin, Kim Bolan, and Chrystie Hill. Rob and Kim are the authors of Technology Made Simple,

[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=1989](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=1989)] and Kim is starting work on a new edition of her popular Teen Spaces.

[[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?\\_sn=catalog2&\\_pn=product\\_detail&\\_op=1143](http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=1143)] Chrystie is working with Steven Cohen on the final manuscript stage of Inside, Outside, and Online, a book about libraries and community building....

ALA Editions blog, June 23

#### D.C. from Your Desktop

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See the sights virtually [[http://www.flickr.com/groups/ala\\_annual\\_2007/discuss/72157594551000233/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/ala_annual_2007/discuss/72157594551000233/)]  
For those who were too busy at Annual Conference and those who could not attend, D.C. residents have pointed out flickr groups that show photos of Washington tourist spots. There are groups for Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian, the Washington Monument, and the Library of Congress....  
Photos from D.C. Locals

#### Division Sessions

#### Sizing up America's school libraries

[[http://blogs.ala.org/aasl.php?title=sizing\\_up\\_america\\_s\\_school\\_libraries\\_the&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/aasl.php?title=sizing_up_america_s_school_libraries_the&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

Keith Curry Lance gave an impressive overview of the preliminary findings of the first AASL longitudinal survey, School Libraries Count! In a Saturday session, Lance described the preliminary findings with the modifying reminder that the complete results will be presented in Reno this October at the AASL National Conference....

AASL Blog, June 24

#### Reinventing Reference 3: Michael Stephens

[<http://alreadygone.blogspot.com/2007/06/reinventing-reference-3-keynote-by.html>]

Cindi Trainor writes: "Michael Stephens was the first speaker in RUSA's Reinventing Reference 3 preconference. It was great to see him speak—he's very dynamic and engaging. He gave an excellent

basic introduction to Web 2.0, how it is affecting libraries everywhere, and why we should be involved.” Jami Haskell

[<http://librarianlikeme.wordpress.com/2007/06/22/reinvented-reference-iii-emerging-technologies-for-reference-services/>] has more details on the entire preconference....

Chronicles of Bean blog, June 22; Librarian Like Me blog, June 22

To iPods and beyond [[http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=toipodsandbeyond\\_1&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=toipodsandbeyond_1&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

Beth Gallaway writes: “Joseph Wilk, Tanya J. Brown, and Christina Roest did a fantastic job at presenting on MP3 collections. They explained everything, down to defining jargon like widgets and giving step-by-step instructions on how to connect, shop, and download. Joseph covered PC/Mac and iPod/Shuffle differences as well as talked about setting options for purchase, sharing, and storage. His examples were a very diverse mix of music, ranging from American Idol albums to Asian R&B Hip Hop.”...

YALSA blog, June 24

Wiking the dog

[<http://plablog.org/2007/06/wiking-the-blog-and-walking-the-dog-social-software-virtual-reality-and-authority-everywhere.html>]

Rick Roche writes: “Jed Moffitt of the King County (Wash.) Library System began Monday’s PLA-sponsored ‘Wiking the Blog and Walking the Dog’ with family stories that somehow led to a disclosure that the topic of social software in libraries is not so cutting-edge as it was 18 months ago when the topic was chosen for the conference. The topic has matured a bit. He thought it was still worth discussing. The overflow crowd agreed.”...

PLA blog, June 26

Bringing in the boys [<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]

Youth Services Lead Librarian Amy Brown and Children’s Librarian Molly Meyers of Worthington (Ohio) Public Library spoke enthusiastically Saturday to a standing- and floor-sitting-only audience on methods they have used to generate more interest for libraries among young males. The ALSC presentation centered on the use of Multiple Intelligences Theory....

Cognotes, Monday, p. 11

A day in the life of an American teenager

[[http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=yalsa\\_president\\_s\\_program\\_aamp\\_membershi&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=yalsa_president_s_program_aamp_membershi&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

Joseph Wilk writes: “We then started ‘A Day in the Life of an American Teenager—Five Decades with YALSA’ on Monday. Four delightful young teens gave an enthusiastic rundown of YALSA’s history and the history of teen library services over the last few years. It was so entertaining that I couldn’t think to take notes. You had to have been there when they unleashed a massive sword in their performance of Robin McKinley [The Hero and the Crown]. What an awesome job! I got quite verklempt during Stargirl.”...

YALSA blog, June 25

When digital natives go to the library [<http://insidehighered.com/news/2007/06/25/games>]

College and university librarians got some unconventional advice Saturday: Play more video games.

George M. Needham, OCLC vice president for member services, stressed that he wasn’t suggesting that college libraries “tear up the stacks to put in arcades,” but that they rethink many assumptions. “The librarian as information priest is as dead as Elvis,” Needham said. The whole gestalt of the academic library has been set up like a church, he said, with various parts of a reading room acting like “the stations of the cross,” all leading up to the “altar of the reference desk,” where “you make supplication and if you are found worthy, you will be helped.”...

Inside Higher Ed, June 25

Hosting video game tournaments

[[http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=video\\_games\\_as\\_a\\_service\\_hosting\\_tournam&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=video_games_as_a_service_hosting_tournam&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]  
Kelly Czarnecki writes: “Ann Arbor’s Erin Helmrich and Eli Nieburger’s YALSA presentation on Sunday is here (large PDF file [<http://www.aadl.org/files/ala-gaming.pdf>]), which doesn’t capture all the great commentary, but is definitely helpful! What most interested me was they both said they don’t use gaming as a ‘bait and switch’ to get people in the door in the hopes that they check out a book. Not surprisingly, patrons find the services in an organic way and on their own without having to do it for them.”...

YALSA Blog, June 27

The Google Five libraries

[<http://plablog.org/2007/06/the-google-five-libraries-two-years-six-months-and-seven-days-in-the-life-of-google-library-project.html>]

Rick Roche writes: “Is there no downside to being a library partner in the Google Library Project? Only until pressed by members of the audience, the five-member panel convened by LITA admitted it was a lot of work and the lawsuits were annoying. The panelists all seemed almost unconcerned that they really do not know what the ramifications of the project are.”...

PLA Blog, June 23

Do libraries innovate?

[<http://www.hiddenpeanuts.com/archives/2007/06/23/ala-2007-the-ultimate-debate-do-libraries-innovate/>]

Chad Haeefele writes: “Moderated by Andrew Pace, this LITA session was in the format of a Q&A/debate among panelists Stephen Abram, Joseph Janes, and Karen Schneider. One major point that all three agreed on is that the profession should not be so afraid to take risks. If something fails, so what? We tried. Learn from it and apply that knowledge to something else.”...

Hidden Peanuts blog, June 23

E-books 2.0 [<http://blog.stephenleary.com/2007/06/ebooks-20.html>]

Stephen Leary writes: "E-book usage is up, but how are they used? That’s the Big Question that emerged from the ALCTS E-books 2.0 forum, which included reps from Island Press, Ebrary, Ingram Digital Group, National University, and the University of Denver. Leslie Lees of Ebrary said the development of e-books is dependent on librarians and their tolerance, as well as trial and error."...

The Reflective Librarian blog, June 25

Networking at the LITA Happy Hour

[<http://litablog.org/2007/06/24/lita-happy-hour-stout-ale-chili-and-more/>]

Chill writes: “A great crowd met on Saturday night at the Capitol City Brewing Company for LITA’s Happy Hour. This was the place to be . . . to catch up with colleagues, sample the wide selection of cool ales and a bit of the hot cuisine! Those popular, glowing blue LITA necklaces, handed out by Mary Taylor, LITA Executive Director, identified members in the packed locale.”...

LITA Blog, June 24

Can blogs be trusted? [<http://acrlblog.org/2007/06/27/can-political-blogs-be-trusted/>]

Marc Meola writes: “At a Saturday program sponsored by ACRL’s Law and Political Science Section, Jason Zengerle of the New Republic raised questions about the objectivity and reliability of political blogs that went beyond the simple and oft-heard objection ‘anyone can write a blog, so they’re not authoritative’;...”

ACRLog, June 27

Communicating with chief academic officers [<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2007/06/26/ala>]

During Monday’s “The Art of Persuasion: Strategies for Effective Communication with Chief Academic Officers,” organized by ACRL, the provosts and vice presidents for academic

affairs on the panel shared a list of their do's and don'ts when approaching new college officials in their positions: Don't seek out the president for funding requests without first asking the provost. Do list the main assets of the library. Don't submit a bill that highlights inflation costs and expect provosts to pay for it, no questions asked....  
Inside Higher Ed, June 26

Harnessing the hive [<http://muddyriver.us/newlib/?p=51>]

Ken Liss writes: "RUSA's 'Harnessing the Hive: Social Networks and Libraries' was a well-attended Sunday program with three speakers. Matt Bejeune, an assistant professor of library science at Purdue and a doctoral student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, kicked things off. He's studying the use of wikis in libraries and has looked at 35 examples pulled together from the LIS literature, the Library Success wiki, and a handful of listservs...."

Tracking Changes/Changing Tracks blog, June 27

AASL Affiliate Assembly celebrates 30 years

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/AASLAffiliateAssembly.htm>]

AASL celebrated the 30th anniversary of its Affiliate Assembly during Annual Conference. The Affiliate Assembly, a group of state delegates from school library media organizations nationwide, held its official celebration during its Friday evening meeting. It provides a channel of communication between AASL members and leadership, brings concerns to the AASL Board of Directors, and facilitates discussion on important issues facing school library media specialists nationwide....

## Other Events

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### Membership Forum

[<http://steadfastlibrarian.wordpress.com/2007/06/27/two-days-of-ala-madness-day-one/>]

Rebecca Blakiston writes: "Went to the ALA Membership Forum, where the topic was 'Should ALA Take a Stance on the Iraq War and other non-library issues?' Anyone was able to speak at the 'pro' or 'con' mic, but nearly everyone that did was an ALA Councilor or someone holding office in ALA already. I noticed this and found it interesting today when I read John Berry's column in Library Journal and found him questioning the same thing. It would be nice to hear more outside voices that don't get much of another chance to speak out...."

Steadfast Librarian blog, June 27

### 36th Annual Stonewall Book Awards

[<http://freerangelibrarian.com/2007/06/28/ala-annual-2007-the-best-and-the-worst-of-it-all/>]

Karen Schneider writes: "One of the best: The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Round Table book awards brunch, which not only featured a very respectable buffet—the eggs were creamy and hot, the grapefruit juice was tart and cold, and the cheese blintzes were just plain naughty—but won us over with funny, thoughtful speeches by pioneer gay library activist Jim Carmichael and Fun Home author Alison Bechdel (right)."

Free Range Librarian, June 28

### Careers in federal libraries

[<http://www.libraryola.com/2007/06/23/ala-2007-careers-in-federal-libraries-pt-1/>]

"Careers in Federal Libraries" was an ALA preconference session presented at the Library of Congress by the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table. The program was

webcast, and the video from the session will be posted on FLICC's website.

[<http://www.loc.gov/flicc/video/webcast.html>] The majority of the session featured 11 federal librarians providing an overview of the libraries they work at, with a brief Q&A at the end of each speech. Chris Zammarelli offers a blow by blow. (Read part two of this post here. [<http://www.libraryola.com/2007/06/24/ala-2007-careers-in-federal-libraries-pt-2/>]...) Libraryola blog, June 23–24

Street Lit [<http://msladoesdc.blogspot.com/2007/06/steet-lit.html>]

Kathy Lowe writes: "I was intrigued when I saw a session on the program on Street Lit sponsored by Friends of Libraries USA. It turned out to be a panel of three authors—Darren Coleman, T. N. Baker, and none other than Teri Woods herself. My students would be beside themselves if they know I had met Teri. She has an inspiring story for kids who are growing up on the street."... MSLA Does DC blog, June 25

International connections

[<http://murraylibrarymedia.org/blog/2007/06/27/ala-day-4-international-connections/>]

Johan Koren writes: "At a panel program on Sunday about library education in Europe, three library educators from Europe (one from Germany, one from Estonia, and the third from Croatia) presented descriptions of news in their respective countries in the development of a European Union–mandated process toward a common European higher education system, the so-called Bologna process (no, they're not making sausages—it's named for the Italian city!). This program was sponsored in part by the Goethe-Institut in New York, a German cultural program."...

Murray Library Media blog, June 27

50 years celebration for Peter May

At the International Librarians' reception at the Library of Congress on Monday, International Relations Round Table Chair Susan Schnuer presented Blackwell Publishing Sales Manager Peter May with a pair of honorary bookends on his 50 years of service to the company.

Why join a chapter? [<http://curtisrogers.blogspot.com/2007/06/chapter-relations-session.html>]

Curtis Rogers writes: "Saturday I attended a really good session for Chapter Leaders (i.e., state association vice presidents and presidents). During the membership portion I thought of some really good reasons why you should join your state association and adapted these to the South Carolina Library Association."...

Libraries and Life blog, June 23

Poets and authors LIVE! @ your library

New and established authors and poets read from their works at the LIVE! @ your library reading stage in the exhibition hall. Booklist Online Editor Keir Graff (right) read from his new novel, *My Fellow Americans*, published in October by Severn House.

Learning when there is no time (or money) to learn

[<http://baldgeek.wordpress.com/2007/06/23/ala-2007-learning-when-there-is-no-time-or-money-to-learn/>]

Maurice Coleman writes: "Pat Carterette got a room full of staff development specialists and trainers to talk about what you are doing in your training life and to show how your system can learn when there is no time. This was a well-constructed presentation by CLENE about learning, online learning and organizational learning cultures, patterns, and how to create and foster a culture of learning in a library system including peer training in your system."...

Chronicles of the (Almost) Bald Technology Trainer, June 23

Young librarians participating

[<http://alreadygone.blogspot.com/2007/06/par-tic-i-pa-tion-or-37-pieces-of.html>]

Cindi Trainor writes: "I am a 'next generation' librarian, librarian 2.0 (1.5!), 'young

librarian,' whatever you want to call me, and I recently made the choice to get involved in ALA. Rather than continuing to believe that it's hard to get involved, I chose to show up and agitate—ask people how to get onto committees, talk to those around me who are already involved in the organization, not be shy about talking to presenters, giving out my card, the whole nine yards.”...

Chronicles of Bean, June 24

On the exhibit floor

[<http://baldgeek.wordpress.com/2007/06/24/ala-2007-trade-show-travelogue-part-one/>]

Maurice Coleman managed to visit the entire vast exhibit hall, talk to numerous vendors, take photos, blog about the experience in two posts,

[<http://baldgeek.wordpress.com/2007/06/25/ala-into-the-breach-trade-show-travelogue-part-two/>] and

still go to a few conference programs. He writes: “The best parts about trade areas are two things. First, seeing the booths and what swag the vendors come up with to keep them in your mind.

BWI had a rocking parrot and Heery International had a blue 1952 Chevy matchbox pickup. Second, to see how much stuff people can take home with them.”...

Chronicles of the (Almost) Bald Technology Trainer, June 24–25

Awards

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SirsiDynix Building Better Communities Awards

[<http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/article.cfm?id=1617>]

On Sunday afternoon the East Peoria (Ill.) Alliance Library System and Second Life Info Island were recognized as one of six \$10,000 winners of the SirsiDynix Building Better Communities Award.

[[http://www.sirsidynix.com/Company/bbc\\_awards.php](http://www.sirsidynix.com/Company/bbc_awards.php)] This award recognizes libraries that are stepping outside of their comfort zone, exhibiting innovation and creativity in how they serve their users through technology....

Alliance Library System news, June 24; SirsiDynix

Thomson Gale announces top library video [<http://www.gale.com/librereo/index.htm>]

Dozier Middle School and Main Street Libraries in Newport News, Virginia, won \$10,000 in Thomson Gale's “librereo” contest for best “I Love My Library” video with its “Library Code” entry. The

1:59 video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBJcZOGPEFw>] depicts two students on their quest to find the information they need to complete a school project. They start with an internet search, but when it yields less than reliable information, they head to the library....

Thomson Gale

Book Cart Drill Team champions

[[http://www.federalinfopro.com/federal\\_info\\_pro/2007/06/drill-team-2-dr.html](http://www.federalinfopro.com/federal_info_pro/2007/06/drill-team-2-dr.html)]

The Book Divas drill team from the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District in Houston took the Gold Cart award with their first-place “Reading Is Riveting” act dressed as Rosie the Riveter.

Other entrants were the Delaware Diamonds and “Gett Down with your Funky Self” from the Musselman Library at Gettysburg (Pa.) College. The Book Cart Drill Team championship

[<http://www.csmonitor.com/2007/0627/p20s01-1gn.html>] is sponsored by Demco....

Federal Info Pro blog, June 26; Christian Science Monitor, June 27

John and Hank Green and the Printz awards [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8I0GEKj0VFE>]

In this 3:14 video, author John Green forces many people at conference to say hello to his brother Hank. He also includes a portion of his acceptance speech for a Printz Honor Book award for his

novel An Abundance of Katherines....  
YouTube, June 27

Blair Tom wins annual BookPage award [<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/cognotes.htm>]  
BookPage magazine announced Saturday that Blair Tom, customer service and public relations manager for the Muskingum County Library System in Zanesville, Ohio, is the winner of its first annual Spotlight Award for Public Librarians. Tom was chosen from nearly 2,000 librarians nominated by public library patrons across the country....  
Cognotes, Monday, p. 14

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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 Events

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### ALA's BIGWIG Unconference

[<http://wanderingeyre.com/2007/06/08/a-funny-thing-happened-on-the-way-to-the-session/>]  
Michelle Boule, Jason Griffey (right), and Karen Coombs came up with a reinvention of the conference session, which made it possible to benefit whether you attended ALA or not. The BIGWIG Social Software Showcase was an online unconference occurring simultaneously with Annual Conference. On its wiki, [[http://showcase.litablog.org/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://showcase.litablog.org/index.php/Main_Page)] you will find 11 presentations on cutting-edge technology and social software by librarians and leaders in the field. On Saturday they held a face-to-face roundtable with some of their presenters at the Renaissance Mayflower....

A Wandering Eyre blog; Social Software Showcase wiki

### Vendors open up about open source

Is the open source movement a threat to traditional, proprietary library automation vendors? The answer is an emphatic "no," according to a panel of seven software developers representing major technology firms Sunday at "Speaking Technically," moderated by American Libraries columnist Andrew Pace (left) and Marshall Breeding of Smart Libraries.

### RDA Update Forum

[[http://blogs.ala.org/digiblog.php?title=rda\\_update\\_forum\\_june\\_24&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/digiblog.php?title=rda_update_forum_june_24&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]  
Karen Coyle reports on the RDA Update Forum held Saturday: "LC's Beacher Wiggins gave the 'staying the course' talk, basically describing RDA as on course and under control. The main four members of the Committee of Principles (Library of Congress, Collections Canada, British Library, and National Library of Australia) are about to officially issue their statements of support for RDA and their intention to begin working on coordinated implementation projects."...

Digiblog: ALCTS and the Future of Tech Services, June 23

### Ten cool technologies [[http://www.federalinfopro.com/federal\\_info\\_pro/2007/06/stephen-abram.html](http://www.federalinfopro.com/federal_info_pro/2007/06/stephen-abram.html)]

Marie Kaddell writes: "When I saw that Stephen Abram was talking on cool technologies at 8 a.m. Sunday, I groaned and then resolved to head out extra early to the Washington Convention Center to attend. Although I wished I could have found a rationalization for sleeping in, I could not lie to myself. I had to go because when Stephen talks, I always learn something interesting."...

Federal Info Pro blog, June 24

Transform your library

[<http://librarianlikeme.wordpress.com/2007/06/23/transform-your-library-with-technology/>]

Jami Haskell writes: "I went to the Saturday afternoon session of the President's

Transformation track with Alan Kirk Gray, John Blyberg, Lori Ayre,

[<http://www.galecia.com/weblog/mt/archives/000268.php>] Casey Bisson,

[<http://maisonbisson.com/blog/post/11853/#presentation-transforming-your-library-with-technology>]

and Roy Tennant. They talked about how we need to transform our services by using technologies.

Some of the points they covered were: We need to transform our spaces—use them in completely

different ways. We need to transform the way that we deliver materials. Administration needs to

make a commitment to supporting change/innovation in your library; this means giving it staff and

money and the means to accomplish the tasks that it needs." Theresa Cummings

[<http://plablog.org/2007/06/transforming-your-library-and-your-library%E2%80%99s-future-with-technology.html>]

has more....

Librarian Like Me blog, June 23; PLA blog, June 25; Lori Bowen Ayre's blog, June 27; maisonbisson,

June 26

The future of information retrieval

[<http://ricklibrarian.blogspot.com/2007/06/future-of-information-retrieval.html>]

Rick Roche writes: "Monday began with an overflow crowd to an obviously inadequate room for the

hot-topic Exhibits Round Table presentation, 'The Future of Information Retrieval.' Four panelists

(Maydee Ojala, Joe Datema, Mike Buschman, and R. David Lankes) discussed the trends that they

foresee in professional and amateur research."...

Ricklibrarian blog, June 26

The names are changin'!

[[http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=annual\\_day\\_two\\_aamp\\_three\\_news\\_from\\_the\\_&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/pace.php?title=annual_day_two_aamp_three_news_from_the_&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)]

Andrew Pace writes: "ProQuest has a new name. It's Proquest. Nope, you read that right. Took me a

second, too, but as you will recall, Cambridge Information Group bought Proquest a little while

back. Proquest has more recognition and rolls off the tongue a little easier, I guess. That

company controls quite a suite of products now, so I think we can expect some interesting changes

in the future."...

Hectic Pace, June 24

XRefer is now Credo Reference [<http://www.libraryjournal.com/blog/1090000309/post/1100011110.html>]

Roy Tennant writes: "Saturday night I went to a reception where XRefer unveiled their new

corporate identity as Credo Reference. Meant to imply a solid, dependable, and authoritative

presence, this vendor of reference information is seeking to move beyond a rather awkward name

into a new level of maturity and corporate branding."...

Tennant: Digital Libraries, June 24

Seen Online

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Judge criticizes wiretap program

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/25/AR2007062501901.html>]

A federal judge who used to authorize wiretaps in terrorist and espionage cases on Saturday

criticized President Bush's decision to order warrantless surveillance after the Sept. 11

attacks. Royce C. Lamberth (right) of federal district court in Washington, said it was proper for

executive branch agencies to conduct such surveillances. His presentation at the program, sponsored by the ALA Washington Office, was probably the most revealing discussion to date of actions by the FISA court, which since 1978 has approved wiretaps and other secret surveillance activities involving foreign intelligence and terrorism cases. Visit the ALA Washington Office website for a complete videocast [<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/woannual/annualconfwo.cfm#events>] of his talk.... Washington Post, June 26

Do we need libraries anymore?

[[http://blog.washingtonpost.com/rawfisher/2007/06/random\\_friday\\_question\\_do\\_we\\_n.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/rawfisher/2007/06/random_friday_question_do_we_n.html)] Marc Fisher writes: “With more than 25,000 librarians pouring into town for the ALA convention, now is the time to ask: Exactly what is the function of a library now? Let’s be real: Most schoolkids are more eager to go to Borders or B&N than to visit local libraries that can seem musty and decrepit. Many adults now do research at home or work that they once did at the library. And budget cuts have left too many libraries with collections that are thin, old, and irrelevant.” Make sure you read the responses.... Washington Post, June 22

Librarians get organized [<http://librarienne.wordpress.com/2007/06/24/librarians-get-shushed/>] [<http://librarienne.wordpress.com/2007/06/24/librarians-get-shushed/>] Sara Quinn Thompson writes: “Last night, despite many of us saying that we were too old for that sort of thing, Librarians from Facebook gathered at Regional Food and Drink [<http://www.lovethebeer.com/rfd.html>] here in D.C. and had a great time. This photo was taken near the beginning of the evening . . . one of the many creative ways librarians use to break the ice with people they don’t know.”... Librarienne blog, June 24

Conference on a budget [<http://deepthinking.blogsome.com/2007/06/24/ala-mini-notes/>] Diane Chen writes: “For those of you who dismiss the concept of attending due to finances, I want to tell you that you can do this conference on a limited budget. I drove this year. Friends with me are providing the gas. Another friend with us took the van on to his friend’s house for free parking (vs. \$30 per day). Two other friends (Margaret and Lynn) who have their room provided by the state organization are allowing me to crash in their room.”... Deep Thinking blog, June 24

If it’s broken... [<http://lazygal.blogspot.com/2007/06/if-its-broken.html>] Lazygal writes: “One overriding theme I hear is that ALA is broken [<http://improveala.pbwiki.com/>]. I’d argue that’s not far off the mark. Here’s an example: the room assignments. Another? The insistence on face-to-face meetings to conduct business. Why ALA isn’t using nings and wikis and blogs better, I have no idea. It’s that whole ‘this works, why change’ attitude that is so frustrating to newer members and (I think) inhibits participation.”... Killin’ Time Being Lazy blog, June 26

Final reflections

[[http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=yalsa\\_annual\\_07\\_podcast\\_4\\_final\\_reflecti&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1](http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=yalsa_annual_07_podcast_4_final_reflecti&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1)] In this YALSA podcast you can listen as Connie Urquhart and Lisa Lindsay, both of the Fresno County (Calif.) Public Library, talk about their conference experiences—what they learned, what they enjoyed, and why Annual Conference is worth attending.... YALSA blog, June 26

Mississippi Fred McDowell [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TyzAAwJnIw>]

A performance of Goin’ Down to the River, sung by Mississippi Fred McDowell for those at conference whose feet were so tired that you just felt like “sittin’ down on the ground” or who “could hardly rest at night” or who got the blues while waiting for delayed or canceled [<http://www.star-telegram.com/407/story/152502.html>] flights. Suggested in a post

[<http://maggiereads.blogspot.com/2007/06/mississippi-fred-mcdowell-goin-down-to.html>] by blogger Maggie Moran....

YouTube, Apr. 5, 2006; Maggie Reads, June 26; Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, June 28

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/geninfo.htm>]

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