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[Grassroots group grows school library support in Washington State](#)

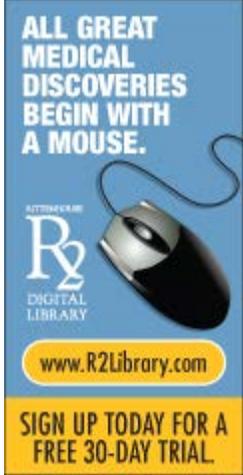
More than 100 people gathered in the rain at the state capitol steps in Olympia, Washington, February 1 to rally for school libraries (above), despite cold winds and a storm in the eastern half of the state that prevented many from attending, and which later caused Governor Christine Gregoire to declare a state of emergency for 15 counties. The rally and an all-day summit were the culmination of the work of a group of concerned Spokane mothers....

[Libraries to benefit from proposed Bush budget](#)

Increases in library funding embedded in the FY2009 budget proposed by President Bush will mean that many of America's libraries can continue to provide key programs and services to their communities, like bookmobiles and public access to the internet. In a budget where domestic discretionary spending was severely restricted and funding for 151 programs was cut or eliminated, the Library Services and Technology Act saw several key increases, including a boost of \$10.6 million in state grant funding over FY2008....

[Libraries brace for effects from latest Florida tax cuts](#)

A constitutional amendment overwhelmingly approved by Florida voters January 29 will cut property taxes by



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[The 2008 Empowerment Conference for Library Support Staff](#)

will be held during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 28–29. It will feature a variety of programs with nationally known speakers like Warren Graham, Jenny Levine, and Michael Stephens.

some \$9.3 billion over its first five years, with dire consequences likely for libraries already reeling from previous tax rollbacks. Amendment 1, which passed by a 64–36 margin, increases the homestead exemption by an average of \$15,000, allows homeowners to transfer up to \$500,000 in their tax savings to a new house under the 3% “Save Our Homes” assessment cap to a new house, and gives new tax breaks to businesses....



[New Jersey tax cap threatens dedicated library funding](#)

The New Jersey Library Association got major support from library users in January with its campaign to send thousands of postcards to legislators opposing any efforts to weaken local library funding. Volunteers, Friends, and trustees made themselves available in many city public libraries to help patrons fill out the cards and draft a personal message to Gov. Jon Corzine. The campaign focused on a bill that targets a dedicated library funding formula in place for more than 120 years. More than 25,000 people signed the cards over a two-week period....



[Archivist charged with hundreds of thefts](#)

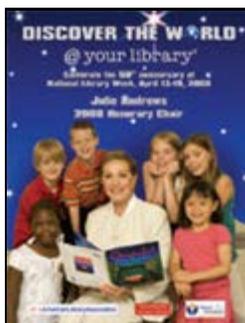
A New York state archivist has admitted stealing hundreds of historical artifacts beginning in 2002 from the New York State Library in Albany that he sold on the internet to pay for household repairs and his daughter's \$10,000 credit card bill. Daniel Lorello, accessioning and special project coordinator at the State Archives, was arraigned in city court January 28 on charges that included grand larceny and processing stolen property....



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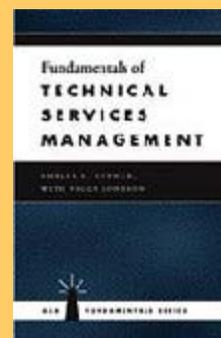
[Julie Andrews PSAs for National Library Week](#)

Academy Award-winning actress and children's author Julie Andrews, this year's honorary National Library Week chair, stars in a series of public service announcements now available to libraries for download. The PSAs are ready for use in local print, radio, and television ads to promote National Library Week, April 13–19. Each spot benefits from Andrews's proven appeal to children, as well as to adults who grew up watching her in such family classics as *Mary Poppins*....



[Three new Executive Board members](#)

Diane R. Chen (right), Joseph Eagan, and Em



In [Fundamentals of Technical Services Management](#),

seasoned expert Sheila Intner makes sense out of the chaos as she examines the roles and responsibilities of the technical services manager. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

In this issue

January/February
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From Hoops to Ink:
An Interview with
Kareem Abdul-
Jabbar

Welcome to Philly

Design Thinking

Librarians in the
Jury Box

Putting Students
First

Claire Knowles have been elected to serve on the ALA Executive Board. They were elected by the ALA Council in a vote taken at the 2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. Chen, Eagan, and Knowles will each serve three-year terms beginning in July 2008 and concluding in June 2011....



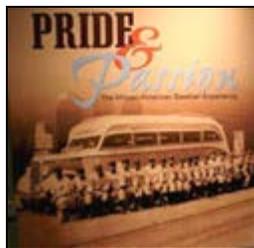
[New season of Step Up to the Plate @ your library](#)

ALA and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum are teaming up to promote season three of Step Up to the Plate @ your library. This year, it's a whole new ball game, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Librarians can register for free program tools to help promote the program locally....



[Exhibit "Pride and Passion" in your library](#)

The Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities are now accepting applications for "Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience," a traveling exhibition telling the story of black baseball players in the United States over the past century and a half. Online [applications](#) must be completed by April 4....



[John Adams's traveling library revealed in traveling exhibition](#)

The National Endowment for the Humanities and the ALA Public Programs Office are now accepting applications for "John Adams Unbound," a traveling exhibition based upon a larger exhibition of the same name recently on display at the Boston Public Library. Online [applications](#) must be completed by April 4....



[Need financial assistance for library school?](#)

The 2008 *Financial Assistance for Library and Information Studies Directory* is an annual directory of awards from state library agencies, national and state library associations, local libraries, academic institutions, and foundations that give some form of financial assistance for undergraduate and/or graduate education programs in library and information studies. Put together by the ALA Committee on Education, the directory is available for free [online](#)....

[RFP issued for membership study](#)

ALA has issued a Request for Proposal ([PDF file](#)) for a study of its membership. Individuals or organizations interested in conducting demographic research should submit a proposal that includes project scope, recommendations, and cost estimates. The information collected from the study will assist ALA in its long-range planning efforts....

[Nine CPLA candidates and one course approved](#)

At its Midwinter review, the Certified Public Library

Career Leads from



[Taxonomy Specialist](#),

Teragram Corporation, a leading linguistic information retrieval company located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is seeking to hire a Taxonomy Specialist to be part of a multidisciplinary team of engineers and linguists. The successful candidate must be able to play an important role in the development and maintenance of large-scale taxonomies and lexicons for information retrieval technologies....

@ [More jobs...](#)



Only four weeks until [Teen Tech Week](#), March 2-8!

Digital Library of the Week





Administrator Program Certification Review Committee approved nine new candidates and one more program course, "Planning and Management of Buildings" offered by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. CPLA now has 96 candidates and one graduate, representing public libraries of all sizes across the nation....

[Council calls for return of Iraqi documents](#)

At the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia on January 16, Council adopted a [resolution](#) calling for the return of documents to Iraq's National Library and Archives. It also condemns the U.S. and U.K. governments for the confiscation, which occurred after the invasion of 2003....

[Call for end to Kenya violence](#)

At the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, Council adopted a [resolution](#) addressing the crisis in Kenya. It calls for an end to the violence in Kenya as well as a return to the people of rights of the people that have been curtailed during the crisis....

AL Focus

[Kareem answers questions](#)

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar responds to audience questions at the ALA Midwinter Meeting President's Program, January 13, 2008, speaking about his greatest basketball memory, the reason he changed his name, Muslim tensions, how to get reluctant youth to read, his new book *On the Shoulders of Giants: My Journey Through the Harlem Renaissance*, in this video (5:30). Black Caucus of the ALA founder E. J. Josey makes a special appearance....



[YALSA gaming extravaganza](#)

Librarians at the Young Adult Library Services Association Gaming Extravaganza, held January 11 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, share how they're developing gaming in their libraries and the importance of creating a "safe place" for youth, while librarian/gamer/author Eli Neiburger runs a live tournament and explains the secret of getting 115 boys to come to his library on a Friday night (4:02)....



Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Adult books](#)

Giddings, Paula J. *Ida: A Sword among Lions*;
Ida B. Wells and the Campaign against

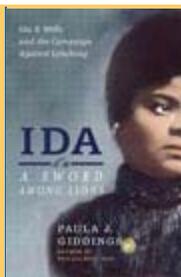
The **University of Arkansas Libraries Special Collections Department** has completed a major effort to digitize a large number of sources documenting the history of the civil rights movement in Arkansas. Launched February 1, the project, titled [Land of \(Unequal\) Opportunity: Documenting the Civil Rights Struggle in Arkansas](#), culminates the library's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Little Rock Central High School crisis of 1957. The website offers access to more than 2,000 pages of documents, photos, broadsides, pamphlets, drawings, cartoons, and other images. While the project gives emphasis to the 1957 crisis, it also documents the civil rights struggle in a number of fields in addition to race relations. Also included are interesting documents that detail the history of legal and civil rights for women (Arkansas was one of the early states in America to grant property rights to married women, in 1846), gays, and Japanese Americans who were relocated to Arkansas during World War II.

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

Public

Lynching. Mar. 2008. 816p.
HarperCollins/Amistad, hardcover (978-0-06-051921-6).

An iconic figure in American history, Wells was not always celebrated by her contemporaries for her groundbreaking activism because of her assertive politics and difficult personality. She is best known for her crusade against lynching—documenting the injustice often tied to false accusations of black men sexually assaulting white women. Wells understood and chronicled the connection between racism and sexuality as blacks and women asserted themselves in American culture. Giddings offers a look at how Wells's own self-assertion affected her relationships with family, friends, colleagues, and the broader American public as she evolved as a woman and an activist....



[Booklist and Book Links launch new e-newsletters](#)



In response to what readers have said will help them stay even better informed about recommended new titles to add to their collections, and how to integrate them into their programs or classes, Booklist Publications has started the year offering two new free e-newsletters. Booklist Online's [REAlert](#) features quick links to a hand-picked selection of book reviews, features, and special web-only content from Booklist Online. [Book Links Quick Tips](#) highlights one theme in each monthly issue, from poetry to mysteries to picture books....

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

Perception

How the World Sees Us

“When I was 13, I kissed Ann Podzervinsky on the lips in a Catholic library. Just kissing a girl was scary enough, but kissing in the same room with a nun was almost more than I could handle. Sister Mary Daniels did not see me, Ann decided she didn’t want a boyfriend, and I ended up with a book on early Christianity.”

—Retired air traffic controller Paul Lawson reminisces about a formative experience, in honor of National Love Your Library month, in an article by McMinnville librarians Jenny Berg and Hillary Garrett, “Loving Our Library,” *McMinnville (Oreg.) News-Register*, Feb. 2.

Division News

[Present a paper in Seattle](#)

ACRL invites proposal submissions for its 14th National Conference, which will be held March 12–15, 2009, in Seattle. The conference theme, “Pushing the Edge: Explore, Engage, Extend,” reflects the promise and the challenge of the Northwest. The ACRL National Conference Executive Committee invites applicants to send their edgiest, most “out-there” [proposals](#)....



[ACRL preconferences in Anaheim](#)

ACRL is offering three professional development preconferences in conjunction with the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 26. The topics are assessment, library instruction, and diversity....

[YALSA chooses programs for its Literature Symposium](#)



In the February/March 2008 issue of *Library Technology Reports*, Priscilla Kaplan lends her expert perspective on [“The Preservation of Digital Materials.”](#)

Ask the ALA

YALSA announced its program slate for its first-ever, biennial Young Adult Literature Symposium. The Young Adult Literature Symposium 2008 will be in Nashville, Tennessee, November 7–9, with the theme of “How We Read Now.” The symposium is funded in part by the William C. Morris Endowment....

Awards

[The wrong Card: A lesson in intellectual freedom](#)

Brian Kenney writes: “Here at *SLJ* we pay close attention to the [Margaret Edwards Award](#). What’s disturbing about the 2008 winner, Orson Scott Card, isn’t that he fails some politically correct litmus test, or that he’s merely socially conservative. It’s the [sheer virulence](#) of his many [remarks](#) about gays and lesbians. Am I happy about this year’s winner? Not at all. Do I support the committee’s decision? Unequivocally. In the end, as valid as one feels one’s reasons might be, we can’t tamper with freedom of expression as represented in the Library Bill of Rights and the ALA Code of Ethics.”...

School Library Journal, Feb. 2; YALSA statement; *Rhinoceros Times*, Feb. 15, 2004; *Sunstone Magazine*, 1990

[National Library Week Grant winner](#)

The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, is the winner of the 2008 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant. The \$5,000 grant, sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing and administered by the ALA Public Awareness Committee, is awarded annually for the best public awareness campaign proposal in support of National Library Week. PLCMC will partner with local businesses, municipal agencies, and the New York Public Library’s Donnell Children’s Room to promote reading and libraries....

[SirsiDynix–ALA-APA Award for Improving Salaries](#)

Brian Keith, human resources officer at the University of Florida Libraries, and Camilla B. Reid, associate director of the Augusta State University Library, are the winners of the fourth annual SirsiDynix–ALA APA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Promoting Salaries and Status for Library Workers. The award is given to an individual, group of individuals, or institution that have made an outstanding contribution to improving the salary and status of library workers in a local, regional, or national setting....



[2008 LITA Brett Butler Entrepreneurship Award](#)

Glenn Peterson is the 2008 recipient of the LITA Brett Butler Entrepreneurship Award for his development of [EngagedPatrons.org](#), which provides low-cost and free website services for public libraries. The site went live in May 2006, enabling even small- and medium-sized libraries the ability to offer high-quality web services to their patrons....



[2008 ACRL Samuel Lazerow Fellowships](#)

Ping Situ of the University of Arizona (left) and Shuyong Jiang of the University of Illinois at

Librarian



Q. I’m aware of ALA’s reading lists for children and teens. But what about books for adult patrons? Does ALA have any reading lists or suggested books for adults?

A. ALA produces several reading lists for adults—and is closely affiliated with several awards for adult literature. ALA’s Reference and User Services Association first compiled its annual Notable Books list in 1944. The RUSA Notable Books Council recently released its 2008 list of outstanding books for the general reader, dubbed “[The List for America’s Readers](#),” which includes fiction, nonfiction, and poetry titles. Also, in 2007 RUSA’s Collection Development and Evaluation Section established the Reading List Council, which seeks to highlight outstanding genre fiction that merits special attention by general adult readers and the librarians who work with them. The [inaugural juried list](#), which features established voices and debut novelists and suggests titles that will thrill avid fans and



Urbana-Champaign have been selected to receive the 2008 ACRL Samuel Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Technical Services or Acquisitions. Situ and Jiang were selected for the award for their research project on vendor-provided records and the experience of a research library in outsourcing cataloging service for its Chinese-language materials, including its backlogs....

[2008 ACRL Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship winner](#)

Donghua Tao, graduate student at the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Information Science and Learning Technology, has been awarded the 2008 ACRL Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for her proposal, "Using Theory of Reasoned Action in Understanding Selection and Use of Information Resources: An Information Resource Selection and Use Model." The fellowship, sponsored by Thomson Scientific, encourages and supports dissertation research....



[2008 ACRL Marta Lange/CQ Press Award](#)

Lisa Norberg, director of public services at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Libraries, has been named the 2008 recipient of the ACRL Law and Political Science Section's Marta Lange/CQ Press Award. The award, established in 1996, honors an academic or law librarian who has made distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science....



[2008 ACRL/EBSS Distinguished Librarian](#)

John William Collins III, librarian of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, has received the 2008 ACRL Education and Behavioral Sciences Section award. This award honors a distinguished academic librarian who has made an outstanding contribution as an education and/or behavioral sciences librarian through accomplishments and service to the profession....



[2008 ACRL Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award](#)

Craig Gibson, associate university librarian for research, instructional, and outreach services at George Mason University, is the winner of the ACRL Instruction Section's Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award. The honor recognizes a librarian who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of instruction in a college or research library environment....

[2008 ACRL distance learning award](#)

Harvey Gover, assistant campus librarian at Washington State University, Tri-Cities, has been named the 2008 recipient of the ACRL Distance Learning Section Haworth Press Distance Learning Librarian Conference Sponsorship Award. This annual award honors an ACRL member working in the field of—or contributing to the success of—distance learning librarianship or related library service in higher education....



entice new readers, includes books in eight different categories: adrenaline titles which include suspense, thrillers, and action adventure; Fantasy; Historical Fiction; Horror; Mystery; Romance; Science Fiction; and Women's Fiction. See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for more reading lists....

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

Calendar

Mar. 2–4:
[Ohio Digital Commons for Education 2008 Conference](#), Columbus. "The Convergence of Learning, Libraries, and Technology."

Mar. 5–7:
[WebWise Conference](#), Miami Beach, Florida. "WebWise 2.0: The Power of Community."

Mar. 6–7:
[The Emerging Research Library: Our Role in the Digital Future](#), University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City. Register by February 15.

Mar. 8:
[Virtual Worlds: Libraries, Education, and Museums Conference](#), New Media Consortium Conference Center, Second Life. The

[2008 YALSA Frances Henne Research Grant](#)

YALSA has named Arlene Weber Morales, a school library media specialist at Midwood High School in Brooklyn, New York, the 2008 recipient of the Frances Henne Research Grant. The \$500 grant provides seed money for small-scale projects that will encourage research that responds to the YALSA Research Agenda....

[2008 YALSA Sagebrush award](#)

YALSA has named Seth Cassel the winner of the 2008 YALSA/Sagebrush Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program. The award provides \$1,000 to support the recipient's attendance at the ALA Annual Conference....

[YALSA creates young adult nonfiction award](#)

Beginning in 2010, YALSA will name an annual winner of the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults. The award winner will be announced annually at the ALA Midwinter Meeting Youth Media Awards, with a short list of up to five titles named the first week of December....

[RUSA notable books list](#)

The RUSA Notable Books Council has compiled its year 2008 list of outstanding books for the general reader. These titles have been selected for their significant contribution to the expansion of knowledge and for the pleasure they can provide to adult readers....

[2008 Amelia Bloomer book list](#)

Sponsored by the Feminist Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table, the Amelia Bloomer list is a recommended reading list of feminist books for girls, ranging from beginning readers to teens, that feature strong, independent, female protagonists and that challenge what it means to be a woman, regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic background....

[2008 Rainbow Project book list](#)

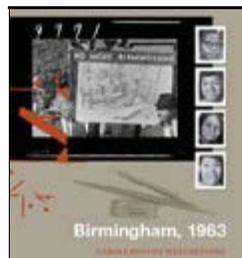
Cosponsored by the Social Responsibilities Round Table and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table, the Rainbow Project has compiled its first annual bibliography for young readers from birth through age 18. These 45 fictional and informational books that validate same-gender lifestyles and experiences were chosen for their high appeal to readers, quality writing and illustrations, and realistic portrayals of issues....

[Emerald Research Grant extension](#)

The submission deadline for the Emerald Research Grant Award has been extended to February 15. The award is sponsored by Emerald Group Publishing Limited and presented by the RUSA Business Reference and Services Section....

[2008 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award](#)

The winner of Pennsylvania State University's 2008 [Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award](#) is *Birmingham, 1963* (Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press) by Carole Boston Weatherford. The award was established in 1993 and is presented annually to an American poet or anthologist for the most outstanding new book of children's poetry published in the previous calendar year....



purpose of this conference is to provide a gathering place for librarians, information professionals, educators, museologists, and others to learn about and discuss the educational, informational, and cultural opportunities of virtual worlds. Proposals can still be made by February 11. Sponsored by the Alliance Library System, East Peoria, Illinois.

Mar. 12–14:

[South Carolina Association of School Librarians](#), Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. "Power Up @ your library."

Mar. 14–15:

[Northern Illinois University Children's Literature Conference](#), DeKalb. "Male Call: Boys and Books."

Mar. 18–21:

[Electronic Resources and Libraries](#), Atlanta, Georgia.

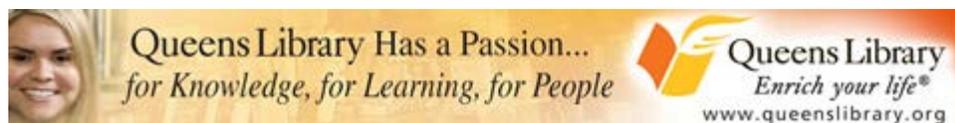
Mar. 19–22:

[Popular Culture Association/ American Culture Association](#), Conference, San Francisco Marriott. "Libraries, Archives, and Popular Culture."

Mar. 24–28:

[American Educational Research Association](#), Annual Meeting and Exhibition, New York City. "Research on Schools, Neighborhoods, and Communities: Toward Civic

Poetry for Children blog, Jan. 25



Seen Online

[Archives challenges Clinton papers case](#)

The National Archives wants a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit seeking quick access to records about a health care task force Hillary Rodham Clinton headed as first lady, or delay the release for about a year. Judicial Watch, a conservative public interest group, has complained in a lawsuit that the Archives isn't moving fast enough on its April 2006 request to see the documents. The archives says Judicial Watch is trying to jump ahead of those who made earlier FOIA requests....

Associated Press, Jan. 31

[African-American Research Library faces cuts](#)

Supporters of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, rallied February 5 to protect it from cuts expected from Broward County government in light of voter approval of a property-tax relief plan. A group of more than two dozen library supporters asked the County Commission to address staffing levels at the library. They also said the county must protect the library's status as one of only three public libraries in the nation focused on black history and culture....

Fort Lauderdale *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, Feb. 6



[Mayor calls for public library safety zones](#)

New Bedford, Massachusetts, Mayor Scott W. Lang called for new legislation February 4 to make libraries, schools, and playgrounds off-limits to serious sex offenders less than a week after a 6-year-old boy was molested in the downtown public library. The law would create buffer zones or safety zones aimed at protecting children. Lang also told library trustees that he had six recommendations to tighten up security at the New Bedford Free Public Library and its branches....

New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times, Feb. 5

[Swastika arrangement of library desks draws fire](#)

The new \$10-million West Hempstead (N.Y.) Public Library, which finally opened last fall after years of fits and starts, already faces a controversy—over the setup of the study desks. More than a dozen congregants at the nearby Orthodox synagogue have complained that new desks in the second-floor study area are in a configuration that resembles a swastika. But the arms are left-facing, actually forming the shape of an ancient Indian symbol that has a variety of meanings, including good fortune....

Long Island (N.Y.) *Newsday*, Feb. 2

[Stanford to get papers of paleontologist Gould](#)

The late Harvard paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould has bequeathed to Stanford University his priceless collection of books, papers, and

Responsibility."

Apr. 7–9:

[Computers in Libraries](#), Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia.

Apr. 9–12:

[Museums and the Web](#), Montreal, Quebec.

Apr. 10–14:

[Information Architecture Summit](#), Miami. "Experiencing Information."

Apr. 13–16:

[TechEd 2008](#), Ontario, California. "Realizing the Vision."

Apr. 15–18:

[Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians Annual Conference](#), Holiday Inn, Manitowoc.

Apr. 17–18:

[Center for Summer Learning National Conference](#), Hyatt Regency, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Apr. 26:

[University of South Carolina Celebration of Latino Children's Literature Conference](#), Columbia.

Apr. 30–

May 2:

[Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship Conference](#), Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus, Ohio. "From the Center City to the Exurbs: [Trends in] Public Library Realities."

Apr. 30–

May 3:

artifacts. Although the material hasn't been sorted and inventoried, it is believed to contain an early edition of Darwin's *Descent of Man*, a rare copy of *Mundus Subterraneus* by Jesuit scholar Athanasius Kircher, and a baseball fouled off DiMaggio's bat at Yankee Stadium in the 1940s and caught by a very young Gould....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Jan. 30

[Library remains unsafe after \\$2-million fire damage](#)

The Cathedral City (Calif.) Public Library has closed due to a fire late on the night of February 1 that burned a hole through the roof, causing an estimated \$2 million in damage—including the entire book collection. The fire may have been caused by roofing repairs that used propane torches to heat materials and meld them together....

Palm Springs (Calif.) Desert Sun, Feb. 5

[Emilio Estevez to shoot film about library's homeless persons](#)

Actor and director Emilio Estevez is preparing to film *The Public*, a social drama set in a public library that he wrote and will direct as his follow-up to *Bobby*. The story is based on a *Los Angeles Times* [op-ed piece](#) written by retired librarian Chip Ward, which discussed the issue of libraries becoming de facto shelters for the homeless and the mentally ill in light of many social-program cuts. Estevez hopes to get permission to shoot part of the film in the downtown Los Angeles Public Library despite its moratorium on shooting indoors....

Hollywood Reporter, Feb. 5

[Spanish town to pay kids to read](#)

A small-town Spanish mayor concerned about a high dropout rate in local schools has devised a way to keep kids studying—pay them. Agustín Jiménez Crespo (right), Socialist mayor of the central agricultural town of Noblejas, is recommending the town's children be given a euro (\$1.50 U.S.) for every hour they spend reading in the public or school library. The sweetener is part of a series of measures to be voted on by the Noblejas council in March....



Associated Press, Feb. 4; *El Digital Castillo-La Mancha* (Spain), Jan. 26

[Living the Future Conference](#), University of Arizona, Tucson.
"Transforming Libraries Through Collaboration."

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Tech Talk

[Microsoft bids \\$44.6 billion for Yahoo](#)



Microsoft went public February 1 with a \$44.6 billion cash-and-stock bid to acquire Yahoo. In its response, Yahoo called the Microsoft bid "unsolicited" but did not reject it. Microsoft and Yahoo are both struggling to compete against Google. Microsoft didn't mention Google by name in its announcement, but it did indicate that its acquisition bid was aimed squarely at its rival. Meanwhile, Google has [taken steps](#) to challenge the deal....

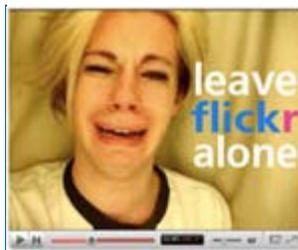
C|net news.com, Feb. 1; *New York Times*, Feb. 5

[Flickr rebellion brews at specter of](#)

[Microsoft acquisition](#)

A small but vocal minority on Flickr are already staging [online protests](#) at the prospect of a Microsoft takeover. Flickr is one of several popular Web 2.0 websites owned by Yahoo that loyal users fear will suffer under Microsoft ownership. Users began posting anti-Microsoft images, satirical "Flickr Live" logos and announcing they will abandon Flickr if it falls into Microsoft's hands, fearing such a move would mark the beginning of the end....

Wired Compiler blog, Feb. 1; Flickr



[Technology petting zoos](#)

Stephen Abram writes: "I often recommend that libraries try to set up technology petting zoos for staff to touch and connect with the plethora of devices that our users are using. Learning by doing seems to work well! We've had several of these types of sessions on a larger scale at SLA conferences where gadgets are shown and passed around. I think that these work even better with smaller groups. Anyway, here are some ideas that I've collected."...

Stephen's Lighthouse, Feb. 5

[Do terrorists lurk in Second Life?](#)

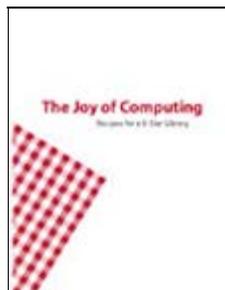
U.S. intelligence officials are cautioning that popular internet services like Second Life that enable computer users to adopt avatars are also creating security vulnerabilities by opening novel ways for terrorists and criminals to move money, organize, and conduct corporate espionage. Intelligence officials say the anonymity, global access, and an expanded ability to make financial transfers outside normal channels have turned virtual worlds into seedbeds for transnational threats....

Washington Post, Feb. 6

[Cooking up a plan for your public computers](#)

The MaintainIT Project is offering two cookbooks you can download for free and use to keep public computers running in your library. One is for small and rural libraries, with tips on locking down the computers and using a handy maintenance list. Another is for five-star libraries (right) and contains all the ingredients you need to install a secure wireless network, handle print management issues, and implement and maintain a sound laptop checkout program....

MaintainIT Project



[It's Twine time \(almost\)](#)

A San Francisco company, Radar Networks, is testing a free, web-based application called [Twine](#) that could provide some robotic secretarial help in organizing and retrieving documents. Currently in a beta, invite-only phase, Twine can scan almost any electronic document for the names of people, places, businesses, and many other entities that its algorithms recognize. Then it automatically tags or marks all of these items in orange and transfers them to an index on the right side of the screen....

New York Times, Feb. 3



[72 tips for safer computing](#)

Eric Griffith writes: "You might wonder if it's

even possible to have a safe computing experience in this day and age, beyond unplugging your broadband connection and never installing any software. Of course it's possible, but it will take some work on your part. You need to install tools to protect yourself, learn good practices, and most important: Exercise common sense. Here's what you need to do, from the bare minimum on up."...

PC Magazine, Feb. 1



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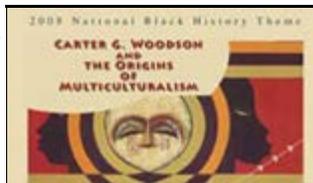
Homework Happenings! tutor.com

Actions & Answers

[Black History Month resources at LC](#)

The Library of Congress honors the memory of the nation's African-American forebears in recognizing the importance of ethnic diversity with the 2008 theme of "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism." Woodson (1875–1950), known as the "Father of Black History," devoted his life to increasing public awareness of African-American history. In 1926 he founded Negro History Week, the precursor of Black History Month....

Library of Congress



[Why students want simplicity](#)

Steven Bell writes: "The research process, by its very nature, can be both complicated and complex. Applying simple problem-solving approaches to complex problems is a contextual error that will lead to failure. The [Cynefin Framework](#) can help us understand why students apply simple approaches to complex problems, and how that is a formula for poor research results."...

ACRLog, Feb. 4

[Lafayette College postcards promote reference service](#)

Rebecca Metzger writes: "For the past seven years, the Lafayette College Libraries in Easton, Pennsylvania, have been creating and mailing humorous collectible postcards to students as a way of publicizing PRA (Personalized Research Assistance) sessions, which are essentially individual research consultations with reference librarians. PRA cards get the faces of reference librarians out to students in a comedic format that shakes up the stereotype of librarians as stodgy and serious, hopefully making us more approachable."...

Library Marketing blog, Jan. 25



[Courses I wish I'd had in library school](#)

Annoyed Librarian writes: "These are a few courses I could have used in library school but had to learn the hard way as a professional adapting to an alien world. I suppose that's what we call continuing education. They always say that whatever you learn in library school will date

quickly, and why would they lie? But some of the lessons you learn after library school, such as library politics, never date. The lack of these courses may also explain the poor social and fashion skills of so many librarians.”...

Annoyed Librarian blog, Jan. 30

[17 ways to create a peaceful, relaxed workday](#)

Leo Babauta writes: “The first step is the realization that you are in control of your day. For some people, that may mean taking some tough steps, if your boss or workplace is very controlling about how you do your work. For example, you might talk to your boss about restructuring your workday. It might also mean looking for a new job that’s more flexible, if you’re not happy with the way things are. Or it might just mean picking the tips below that work best for you and living with a certain amount of stress.”...

Zenhabits, Feb. 3



[EBSCO gets greener](#)

EBSCO Information Services has taken a major step on the road to carbon responsibility by partnering with an environmental consulting firm—Carbonfund.org—to measure its own carbon footprint and to establish a long-term green strategy. The company recently began several strategies, among them increased paper recycling, installing 192 solar panels, and sending electronic rather than paper invoices....

EBSCO, Dec. 4



[ABC-CLIO's History 2.0](#)

ABC-CLIO has released a 2.0 version of its eight online history, issues, and geography databases. Enhancements to the new versions include an “analyze” section that helps students examine key dilemmas in history, grapple with issues, and build historical inquiry skills. The eight databases have a common interface, cross-database searching capabilities, and a new filtered search option for refining queries. Developed in collaboration with leading historians, librarians, and educators, these resources are targeted to middle- and high-school students served by school and public libraries....

ABC-CLIO, Jan. 14



[Archives and archivists on postage stamps](#)

This list of postage stamps depicting archives and archivists was compiled by Larry T. Nix and Hans Krol. The compilation evolved from the efforts of Krol and the late John Henry Richter to develop a comprehensive list of libraries and librarians (and archives and archivists) on postage stamps. The collecting of postage stamps on these and related topics is called [bibliophilately](#). The 1976 Bulgarian stamp shown here celebrates the 25th anniversary of the State Archives in Sofia....

Library History Buff



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AL Direct, February 6, 2008

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

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U.S. & World News

Grassroots group grows school library support in Washington State
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/spokanemoms.cfm>]

More than 100 people gathered in the rain at the state capitol steps in Olympia, Washington, February 1 to rally for school libraries (above), despite cold winds and a storm in the eastern half of the state that prevented many from attending, and which later caused Governor Christine Gregoire to declare a state of emergency for 15 counties. The rally and an all-day summit were the culmination of the work of a group of concerned Spokane mothers....

Libraries to benefit from proposed Bush budget
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/fy08presbudget.htm>]
Increases in library funding embedded in the FY2009 budget proposed by President Bush will mean that many of America's libraries can continue to provide key programs and services to their communities, like bookmobiles

and public access to the internet. In a budget where domestic discretionary spending was severely restricted and funding for 151 programs was cut or eliminated, the Library Services and Technology Act saw several key increases, including a boost of \$10.6 million in state grant funding over FY2008....

Libraries brace for effects from latest Florida tax cuts

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/floridacut.cfm>]

A constitutional amendment overwhelmingly approved by Florida voters January 29 will cut property taxes by some \$9.3 billion over its first five years, with dire consequences likely for libraries already reeling from previous tax rollbacks. Amendment 1, which passed by a 64–36 margin, increases the homestead exemption by an average of \$15,000, allows homeowners to transfer up to \$500,000 in their tax savings to a new house under the 3% “Save Our Homes” assessment cap to a new house, and gives new tax breaks to businesses....

New Jersey tax cap threatens dedicated library funding

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/njtaxcap.cfm>]

The New Jersey Library Association got major support from library users in January with its campaign to send thousands of postcards to legislators opposing any efforts to weaken local library funding. Volunteers, Friends, and trustees made themselves available in many city public libraries to help patrons fill out the cards and draft a personal message to Gov. Jon Corzine. The campaign focused on a bill that targets a dedicated library funding formula in place for more than 120 years. More than 25,000 people signed the cards over a two-week period....

Archivist charged with hundreds of thefts

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/archivist.cfm>]

A New York state archivist has admitted stealing hundreds of historical artifacts beginning in 2002 from the New York State Library in Albany that he sold on the internet to pay for household repairs and his daughter’s \$10,000 credit card bill. Daniel Lorello, accessioning and special project coordinator at the State Archives, was arraigned in city court January 28 on charges that included grand larceny and processing stolen property....

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[<http://www.tech-logic.com/>]
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ALA News

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Julie Andrews PSAs for National Library Week

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/andrews08.htm>]

Academy Award-winning actress and children's author Julie Andrews, this year's honorary National Library Week chair, stars in a series of public service announcements now available to libraries for download. The PSAs

are ready for use in local print, radio, and television ads to promote National Library Week, April 13–19. Each spot benefits from Andrews’s proven appeal to children, as well as to adults who grew up watching her in such family classics as Mary Poppins....

Three new Executive Board members

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/eb08.htm>]

Diane R. Chen (right), Joseph Eagan, and Em Claire Knowles have been elected to serve on the ALA Executive Board. They were elected by the ALA Council in a vote taken at the 2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. Chen, Eagan, and Knowles will each serve three-year terms beginning in July 2008 and concluding in June 2011....

New season of Step Up to the Plate @ your library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/2008stepup.htm>]

ALA and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum are teaming up to promote season three of Step Up to the Plate @ your library. This year, it’s a whole new ball game, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the song “Take Me Out to the Ball Game.” Librarians can register for free program tools to help promote the program locally....

Exhibit “Pride and Passion”; in your library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/pride08.htm>]

The Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities are now accepting applications for “Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience,” a traveling exhibition telling the story of black baseball players in the United States over the past century and a half. Online applications

[http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/SGL_PrideAndPassion.html] must be completed by April 4....

John Adams’s traveling library revealed in traveling exhibition

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/adams08.htm>]

The National Endowment for the Humanities and the ALA Public Programs Office are now accepting applications for “John Adams Unbound,” a traveling exhibition based upon a larger exhibition of the same name recently on display at the Boston Public Library. Online applications [http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/SGL_JohnAdams.html] must be completed by April 4....

Need financial assistance for library school?

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/assist08.htm>]

The 2008 Financial Assistance for Library and Information Studies Directory is an annual directory of awards from state library agencies, national and state library associations, local libraries, academic institutions, and foundations that give some form of financial assistance for undergraduate and/or graduate education programs in library and information studies. Put together by the ALA Committee on Education, the directory is available for free online

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/hrdr/educprofdev/financialassistance.cfm>]....

RFP issued for membership study

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/responses08.htm>]

ALA has issued a Request for Proposal (PDF file

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ors/memresstudyrfp.pdf>]) for a study of its membership. Individuals or organizations interested in conducting demographic research should submit a proposal that includes project scope, recommendations, and cost estimates. The information collected from the study will assist ALA in its long-range planning efforts....

Nine CPLA candidates and one course approved

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/approved08.htm>]

At its Midwinter review, the Certified Public Library Administrator Program Certification Review Committee approved nine new candidates and one more program course, "Planning and Management of Buildings" offered by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. CPLA now has 96 candidates and one graduate, representing public libraries of all sizes across the nation....

Council calls for return of Iraqi documents

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/iraq08.htm>]

At the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia on January 16, Council adopted a resolution

[http://www.ala.org/ala/iro/awardsactivities/Resolution_on_the_Confiscation_of_Iraqi_Documents.cfm] calling for the return of documents to Iraq's National Library and Archives. It also condemns the U.S. and U.K. governments for the confiscation, which occurred after the invasion of 2003....

Call for end to Kenya violence

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/kenya08.htm>]

At the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, Council adopted a resolution [http://www.ala.org/ala/iro/awardsactivities/Resolution_on_the_Crisis_in_Kenya.cfm] addressing the crisis in Kenya. It calls for an end to the violence in Kenya as well as a return to the people of rights of the people that have been curtailed during the crisis....

AL Focus

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Kareem answers questions [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/q-kareem>]

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar responds to audience questions at the ALA Midwinter Meeting President's Program, January 13, 2008, speaking about his greatest basketball memory, the reason he changed his name, Muslim tensions, how to get reluctant youth to read, his new book *On the Shoulders of Giants: My Journey Through the Harlem Renaissance*, in this video (5:30). Black Caucus of the ALA founder E. J. Josey makes a special appearance....

YALSA gaming extravaganza

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/yalsa-gaming-extravaganza>]

Librarians at the Young Adult Library Services Association Gaming Extravaganza, held January 11 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, share how they're developing gaming in their libraries and the importance of creating a "safe place" for youth, while librarian/gamer/author Eli Neiburger runs a live tournament and explains the secret of getting 115 boys to come to his library on a Friday night

(4:02)....

Featured review: Adult books

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2443714]

Giddings, Paula J. *Ida: A Sword among Lions; Ida B. Wells and the Campaign against Lynching*. Mar. 2008. 816p. HarperCollins/Amistad, hardcover (978-0-06-051921-6).

An iconic figure in American history, Wells was not always celebrated by her contemporaries for her groundbreaking activism because of her assertive politics and difficult personality. She is best known for her crusade against lynching—documenting the injustice often tied to false accusations of black men sexually assaulting white women. Wells understood and chronicled the connection between racism and sexuality as blacks and women asserted themselves in American culture. Giddings offers a look at how Wells’s own self-assertion affected her relationships with family, friends, colleagues, and the broader American public as she evolved as a woman and an activist....

launch new e-newsletters

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/january2008/launch08.htm>]

In response to what readers have said will help them stay even better informed about recommended new titles to add to their collections, and how to integrate them into their programs or classes, Booklist Publications has started the year offering two new free e-newsletters.

Booklist Online’s REaD Alert

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=general_info&id=64]

features quick links to a hand-picked selection of book reviews, features, and special web-only content from Booklist Online. Book Links Quick Tips

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ProductsandPublications/periodicals/booklinks/enewsletter/ewnews.htm>] highlights one theme in each monthly issue, from poetry to mysteries to picture books....

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

Division News

Present a paper in Seattle

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/national08.htm>]

ACRL invites proposal submissions for its 14th National Conference, which will be held March 12–15, 2009, in Seattle. The conference theme, “Pushing the Edge: Explore, Engage, Extend,” reflects the promise and the challenge of the Northwest. The ACRL National Conference Executive Committee invites applicants to send their edgiest, most “out-there” proposals

[<http://acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlevents/seattle/program/program09.cfm>]....

ACRL preconferences in Anaheim

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/preconferences08.htm>]

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ACRL is offering three professional development preconferences in conjunction with the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 26. The topics are assessment, library instruction, and diversity....

YALSA chooses programs for its Literature Symposium

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/symposium08.htm>]

YALSA announced its program slate for its first-ever, biennial Young Adult Literature Symposium. The Young Adult Literature Symposium 2008 will be in Nashville, Tennessee, November 7–9, with the theme of “How We Read Now.” The symposium is funded in part by the William C. Morris Endowment....

Awards

The wrong Card: A lesson in intellectual freedom

[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6526712.html>]

Brian Kenney writes: “Here at SLJ we pay close attention to the Margaret Edwards Award [<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/edwardsstatement.cfm>].

What’s disturbing about the 2008 winner, Orson Scott Card, isn’t that he fails some politically correct litmus test, or that he’s merely socially conservative. It’s the sheer virulence [<http://www.ornery.org/essays/warwatch/2004-02-15-1.html>] of his many remarks [<http://www.nauvoo.com/library/card-hypocrites.html>] about gays and lesbians. Am I happy about this year’s winner? Not at all. Do I support the committee’s decision? Unequivocally. In the end, as valid as one feels one’s reasons might be, we can’t tamper with freedom of expression as represented in the Library Bill of Rights and the ALA Code of Ethics.”...

School Library Journal, Feb. 2; YALSA statement; Rhinoceros Times, Feb. 15, 2004; Sunstone Magazine, 1990

National Library Week Grant winner

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/january2008/2008nlwgrant.htm>]

The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, is the winner of the 2008 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant. The \$5,000 grant, sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing and administered by the ALA Public Awareness Committee, is awarded annually for the best public awareness campaign proposal in support of National Library Week. PLCMC will partner with local businesses, municipal agencies, and the New York Public Library’s Donnell Children’s Room to promote reading and libraries....

SirsiDynix-ALA-APA Award for Improving Salaries

[<http://ala-apa.org/news/news.html#sirsidynix08>]

Brian Keith, human resources officer at the University of Florida Libraries, and Camilla B. Reid, associate director of the Augusta State University Library, are the winners of the fourth annual SirsiDynix-ALA-APA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Promoting

Salaries and Status for Library Workers. The award is given to an individual, group of individuals, or institution that have made an outstanding contribution to improving the salary and status of library workers in a local, regional, or national setting....

2008 LITA Brett Butler Entrepreneurship Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/butler08.htm>]

Glenn Peterson is the 2008 recipient of the LITA Brett Butler Entrepreneurship Award for his development of EngagedPatrons.org, [<http://engagedpatrons.org/>] which provides low-cost and free website services for public libraries. The site went live in May 2006, enabling even small- and medium-sized libraries the ability to offer high-quality web services to their patrons....

2008 ACRL Samuel Lazerow Fellowships

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/Lazerow08.htm>]

Ping Situ of the University of Arizona (left) and Shuyong Jiang of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have been selected to receive the 2008 ACRL Samuel Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Technical Services or Acquisitions. Situ and Jiang were selected for the award for their research project on vendor-provided records and the experience of a research library in outsourcing cataloging service for its Chinese-language materials, including its backlogs....

2008 ACRL Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship winner

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/tao08.htm>]

Donghua Tao, graduate student at the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Information Science and Learning Technology, has been awarded the 2008 ACRL Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for her proposal, “Using Theory of Reasoned Action in Understanding Selection and Use of Information Resources: An Information Resource Selection and Use Model.” The fellowship, sponsored by Thomson Scientific, encourages and supports dissertation research....

2008 ACRL Marta Lange/CQ Press Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/marta08.htm>]

Lisa Norberg, director of public services at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Libraries, has been named the 2008 recipient of the ACRL Law and Political Science Section’s Marta Lange/CQ Press Award. The award, established in 1996, honors an academic or law librarian who has made distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science....

2008 ACRL/EBSS Distinguished Librarian

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/EBSS08.htm>]

John William Collins III, librarian of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, has received the 2008 ACRL Education and Behavioral Sciences Section award. This award honors a distinguished academic librarian who has made an outstanding contribution as an education and/or behavioral sciences librarian through accomplishments and service to the profession....

2008 ACRL Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/dudley08.htm>]

Craig Gibson, associate university librarian for research, instructional, and outreach services at George Mason University, is the winner of the ACRL Instruction Section's Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award. The honor recognizes a librarian who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of instruction in a college or research library environment....

2008 ACRL distance learning award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/dls08.htm>]

Harvey Gover, assistant campus librarian at Washington State University, Tri-Cities, has been named the 2008 recipient of the ACRL Distance Learning Section Haworth Press Distance Learning Librarian Conference Sponsorship Award. This annual award honors an ACRL member working in the field of—or contributing to the success of—distance learning librarianship or related library service in higher education....

2008 YALSA Frances Henne Research Grant

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/henne08.htm>]

YALSA has named Arlene Weber Morales, a school library media specialist at Midwood High School in Brooklyn, New York, the 2008 recipient of the Frances Henne Research Grant. The \$500 grant provides seed money for small-scale projects that will encourage research that responds to the YALSA Research Agenda....

2008 YALSA Sagebrush award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/sagebrush08.htm>]

YALSA has named Seth Cassel the winner of the 2008 YALSA/Sagebrush Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program. The award provides \$1,000 to support the recipient's attendance at the ALA Annual Conference....

YALSA creates young adult nonfiction award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/nonfiction08.htm>]

Beginning in 2010, YALSA will name an annual winner of the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults. The award winner will be announced annually at the ALA Midwinter Meeting Youth Media Awards, with a short list of up to five titles named the first week of December....

RUSA notable books list

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/notable08.htm>]

The RUSA Notable Books Council has compiled its year 2008 list of outstanding books for the general reader. These titles have been selected for their significant contribution to the expansion of knowledge and for the pleasure they can provide to adult readers....

2008 Amelia Bloomer book list [<http://libr.org/ftf/bloomer.html>]

Sponsored by the Feminist Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table, the Amelia Bloomer list is a recommended reading list of feminist books for girls, ranging from beginning readers to teens, that feature strong, independent, female protagonists and that challenge what it means to be a woman, regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic background....

2008 Rainbow Project book list

[<http://blog.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=blog.view&friendID=208368940&>]

blogID=354683070]

Cosponsored by the Social Responsibilities Round Table and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table, the Rainbow Project has compiled its first annual bibliography for young readers from birth through age 18. These 45 fictional and informational books that validate same-gender lifestyles and experiences were chosen for their high appeal to readers, quality writing and illustrations, and realistic portrayals of issues....

Emerald Research Grant extension

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/extend08.htm>]

The submission deadline for the Emerald Research Grant Award has been extended to February 15. The award is sponsored by Emerald Group Publishing Limited and presented by the RUSA Business Reference and Services Section....

2008 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award

[<http://poetryforchildren.blogspot.com/2008/01/2008-lee-bennett-hopkins-award-for.html>]

The winner of Pennsylvania State University's 2008 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award

[<http://www.pabook.libraries.psu.edu/activities/hopkins/index.html>] is

Birmingham, 1963 (Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press) by Carole Boston Weatherford. The award was established in 1993 and is presented annually to an American poet or anthologist for the most outstanding new book of children's poetry published in the previous calendar year....

Poetry for Children blog, Jan. 25

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[<http://www.queenslibrary.org/jobs>]

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Archives challenges Clinton papers case

[<http://www.mlive.com/elections/national/index.ssf?/base/politics-13/1201827541230380.xml&storylist=elections>]

The National Archives wants a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit seeking quick access to records about a health care task force Hillary Rodham Clinton headed as first lady, or delay the release for about a year.

Judicial Watch, a conservative public interest group, has complained in a lawsuit that the Archives isn't moving fast enough on its April 2006 request to see the documents. The archives says Judicial Watch is trying to jump ahead of those who made earlier FOIA requests....

Associated Press, Jan. 31

African-American Research Library faces cuts

[<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/broward/sfl-flblibrary0206sbf0602501005.story>]

Supporters of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center

in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, rallied February 5 to protect it from cuts expected from Broward County government in light of voter approval of a property-tax relief plan. A group of more than two dozen library supporters asked the County Commission to address staffing levels at the library. They also said the county must protect the library's status as one of only three public libraries in the nation focused on black history and culture....

Fort Lauderdale South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Feb. 6

Mayor calls for public library safety zones

[<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080205/NEWS/802050325>]

New Bedford, Massachusetts, Mayor Scott W. Lang called for new legislation February 4 to make libraries, schools, and playgrounds off-limits to serious sex offenders less than a week after a 6-year-old boy was molested in the downtown public library. The law would create buffer zones or safety zones aimed at protecting children. Lang also told library trustees that he had six recommendations to tighten up security at the New Bedford Free Public Library and its branches....

New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times, Feb. 5

Swastika arrangement of library desks draws fire

[<http://www.newsday.com/services/newspaper/printedition/saturday/longisland/ny-liswas025561626feb02,0,5949524.story>]

The new \$10-million West Hempstead (N.Y.) Public Library, which finally opened last fall after years of fits and starts, already faces a controversy—over the setup of the study desks. More than a dozen congregants at the nearby Orthodox synagogue have complained that new desks in the second-floor study area are in a configuration that resembles a swastika. But the arms are left-facing, actually forming the shape of an ancient Indian symbol that has a variety of meanings, including good fortune....

Long Island (N.Y.) Newsday, Feb. 2

Stanford to get papers of paleontologist Gould

[http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_8116664]

The late Harvard paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould has bequeathed to Stanford University his priceless collection of books, papers, and artifacts. Although the material hasn't been sorted and inventoried, it is believed to contain an early edition of Darwin's *Descent of Man*, a rare copy of *Mundus Subterraneus* by Jesuit scholar Athanasius Kircher, and a baseball fouled off DiMaggio's bat at Yankee Stadium in the 1940s and caught by a very young Gould....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Jan. 30

Library remains unsafe after \$2-million fire damage

[<http://www.mydesert.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008802050308>]

The Cathedral City (Calif.) Public Library has closed due to a fire late on the night of February 1 that burned a hole through the roof, causing an estimated \$2 million in damage—including the entire book collection. The fire may have been caused by roofing repairs that used propane torches to heat materials and meld them together....

Palm Springs (Calif.) Desert Sun, Feb. 5

Emilio Estevez to shoot film about library's homeless persons
[http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/hr/content_display/news/e3iea16e1ac946e523577f8d6835bdf4e9f]

Actor and director Emilio Estevez is preparing to film *The Public*, a social drama set in a public library that he wrote and will direct as his follow-up to *Bobby*. The story is based on a Los Angeles Times op-ed piece [<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/sunday/commentary/la-op-ward1apr01,0,5039843,full.story?coll=la-sunday-commentary>] written by retired librarian Chip Ward, which discussed the issue of libraries becoming de facto shelters for the homeless and the mentally ill in light of many social-program cuts. Estevez hopes to get permission to shoot part of the film in the downtown Los Angeles Public Library despite its moratorium on shooting indoors....

Hollywood Reporter, Feb. 5

Spanish town to pay kids to read

[<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5icqlhU49qDCxiS5oJXR85139OsgAD8UJJUA80>]

A small-town Spanish mayor concerned about a high dropout rate in local schools has devised a way to keep kids studying—pay them. Agustín Jiménez Crespo (right), Socialist mayor of the central agricultural town of Noblejas, is recommending the town's children be given a euro (\$1.50 U.S.) for every hour they spend reading in the public or school library. The sweetener is part of a series of measures to be voted on by the Noblejas council in March....

Associated Press, Feb. 4; El Digital Castillo—La Mancha (Spain), Jan. 26

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[<http://www.maintainITproject.org>]

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Tech Talk

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[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/creepysleepy/2239864947/>]Microsoft bids \$44.6 billion for Yahoo

[http://www.news.com/Microsoft-bids-44.6-billion-for-Yahoo/2100-1014_3-6228705.html]

Microsoft went public February 1 with a \$44.6 billion cash-and-stock bid to acquire Yahoo. In its response, Yahoo called the Microsoft bid “unsolicited” but did not reject it. Microsoft and Yahoo are both struggling to compete against Google. Microsoft didn't mention Google by name in its announcement, but it did indicate that its acquisition bid was aimed squarely at its rival. Meanwhile, Google has taken steps [<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/05/technology/05regulate.html>] to challenge the deal....

C|net news.com, Feb. 1; New York Times, Feb. 5

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jcrr/2234921585/>]Flickr rebellion brews at specter of Microsoft acquisition

[<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/2008/02/what-would-micr.html>]

A small but vocal minority on Flickr are already staging online protests

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/sonicwalker/2235830787/>] at the prospect of a Microsoft takeover. Flickr is one of several popular Web 2.0 websites owned by Yahoo that loyal users fear will suffer under Microsoft ownership. Users began posting anti-Microsoft images, satirical “Flickr Live” logos and announcing they will abandon Flickr if it falls into Microsoft’s hands, fearing such a move would mark the beginning of the end....

Wired Compiler blog, Feb. 1; Flickr

Technology petting zoos

[http://stephenslighthouse.sirsidynix.com/archives/2008/02/technology_pett.html]

Stephen Abram writes: “I often recommend that libraries try to set up technology petting zoos for staff to touch and connect with the plethora of devices that our users are using. Learning by doing seems to work well! We’ve had several of these types of sessions on a larger scale at SLA conferences where gadgets are shown and passed around. I think that these work even better with smaller groups. Anyway, here are some ideas that I’ve collected.”...

Stephen’s Lighthouse, Feb. 5

Do terrorists lurk in Second Life?

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/02/05/AR2008020503144.html>]

U.S. intelligence officials are cautioning that popular internet services like Second Life that enable computer users to adopt avatars are also creating security vulnerabilities by opening novel ways for terrorists and criminals to move money, organize, and conduct corporate espionage. Intelligence officials say the anonymity, global access, and an expanded ability to make financial transfers outside normal channels have turned virtual worlds into seedbeds for transnational threats....

Washington Post, Feb. 6

Cooking up a plan for your public computers

[<http://maintainitproject.org/cookbooks>]

The MaintainIT Project is offering two cookbooks you can download for free and use to keep public computers running in your library. One is for small and rural libraries, with tips on locking down the computers and using a handy maintenance list. Another is for five-star libraries (right) and contains all the ingredients you need to install a secure wireless network, handle print management issues, and implement and maintain a sound laptop checkout program....

MaintainIT Project

It’s Twine time (almost)

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/03/business/03novel.html>]

A San Francisco company, Radar Networks, is testing a free, web-based application called Twine [<http://twine.com>] that could provide some robotic secretarial help in organizing and retrieving documents.

Currently in a beta, invite-only phase, Twine can scan almost any electronic document for the names of people, places, businesses, and many other entities that its algorithms recognize. Then it automatically tags or marks all of these items in orange and transfers them to an index on the right side of the screen....

New York Times, Feb. 3

[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2087467,00.asp>]72 tips for safer computing [<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1759,2254028,00.asp>]
Eric Griffith writes: “You might wonder if it’s even possible to have a safe computing experience in this day and age, beyond unplugging your broadband connection and never installing any software. Of course it’s possible, but it will take some work on your part. You need to install tools to protect yourself, learn good practices, and most important: Exercise common sense. Here’s what you need to do, from the bare minimum on up.”...

PC Magazine, Feb. 1

[<mailto:homeworkhappenings@tutor.com>]

Actions & Answers

Black History Month resources at LC

[<http://www.loc.gov/topics/africanamericans/>]

The Library of Congress honors the memory of the nation’s African-American forebears in recognizing the importance of ethnic diversity with the 2008 theme of “Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism.” Woodson (1875–1950), known as the “Father of Black History,” devoted his life to increasing public awareness of African-American history. In 1926 he founded Negro History Week, the precursor of Black History Month....

Library of Congress

Why students want simplicity

[<http://acrlblog.org/2008/02/04/why-students-want-simplicity-and-why-it-fails-them-when-it-comes-to-research/>]

Steven Bell writes: “The research process, by its very nature, can be both complicated and complex. Applying simple problem-solving approaches to complex problems is a contextual error that will lead to failure. The Cynefin Framework [<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cynefin>] can help us understand why students apply simple approaches to complex problems, and how that is a formula for poor research results.”...

ACRLog, Feb. 4

Lafayette College postcards promote reference service

[<http://librarymarketing.blogspot.com/2008/01/what-bunch-of-cards-guest-post-from.html>]

Rebecca Metzger writes: “For the past seven years, the Lafayette College Libraries in Easton, Pennsylvania, have been creating and mailing humorous collectible postcards to students as a way of publicizing PRA (Personalized Research Assistance) sessions, which are essentially individual research consultations with reference librarians. PRA cards get the faces of reference librarians out to students in a comedic format

that shakes up the stereotype of librarians as stodgy and serious, hopefully making us more approachable.”...

Library Marketing blog, Jan. 25

Courses I wish I’d had in library school

[<http://annoyedlibrarian.blogspot.com/2008/01/courses-i-wish-id-had-in-library-school.html>]

Annoyed Librarian writes: “These are a few courses I could have used in library school but had to learn the hard way as a professional adapting to an alien world. I suppose that’s what we call continuing education. They always say that whatever you learn in library school will date quickly, and why would they lie? But some of the lessons you learn after library school, such as library politics, never date. The lack of these courses may also explain the poor social and fashion skills of so many librarians.”...

Annoyed Librarian blog, Jan. 30

17 ways to create a peaceful, relaxed workday

[<http://zenhabits.net/2008/02/17-unbeatable-ways-to-create-a-peaceful-relaxed-workday/>]

Leo Babauta writes: “The first step is the realization that you are in control of your day. For some people, that may mean taking some tough steps, if your boss or workplace is very controlling about how you do your work. For example, you might talk to your boss about restructuring your workday. It might also mean looking for a new job that’s more flexible, if you’re not happy with the way things are. Or it might just mean picking the tips below that work best for you and living with a certain amount of stress.”...

Zenhabits, Feb. 3

EBSCO gets greener

[<http://www2.ebsco.com/en-us/NewsCenter/thenews/Pages/goinggreen.aspx>]

EBSCO Information Services has taken a major step on the road to carbon responsibility by partnering with an environmental consulting firm—Carbonfund.org—to measure its own carbon footprint and to establish a long-term green strategy. The company recently began several strategies, among them increased paper recycling, installing 192 solar panels, and sending electronic rather than paper invoices....

EBSCO, Dec. 4

ABC-CLIO’s History 2.0

[<http://www.abc-clio.com/publishing/pressview.aspx?contentid=100299>]

ABC-CLIO has released a 2.0 version of its eight online history, issues, and geography databases. Enhancements to the new versions include an “analyze” section that helps students examine key dilemmas in history, grapple with issues, and build historical inquiry skills. The eight databases have a common interface, cross-database searching capabilities, and a new filtered search option for refining queries. Developed in collaboration with leading historians, librarians, and educators, these resources are targeted to middle- and high-school students served by school and public libraries....

ABC-CLIO, Jan. 14

Archives and archivists on postage stamps

[<http://www.libraryhistorybuff.org/archives.htm>]

This list of postage stamps depicting archives and archivists was compiled by Larry T. Nix and Hans Krol. The compilation evolved from the efforts of Krol and the late John Henry Richter to develop a comprehensive list of libraries and librarians (and archives and archivists) on postage stamps. The collecting of postage stamps on these and related topics is called bibliophilately

[<http://www.libraryhistorybuff.org/bibliophilately.htm>]. The 1976

Bulgarian stamp shown here celebrates the 25th anniversary of the State Archives in Sofia....

Library History Buff

[<http://www.rittenhouse.com>]

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/geninfo.htm>]

The 2008 Empowerment Conference for Library Support Staff

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/empowerment.htm>]

will be held during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 28–29. It will feature a variety of programs with nationally known speakers like Warren Graham, Jenny Levine, and Michael Stephens.

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2472]

In Fundamentals of Technical Services Management,

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2472] seasoned expert Sheila Intner makes sense out of the chaos

as she examines the roles and responsibilities of the technical services manager. NEW! From ALA Editions.

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

Taxonomy Specialist,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=9502>] Teragram Corporation, a leading linguistic information retrieval company located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is seeking to hire a Taxonomy Specialist to be part of a multidisciplinary team of engineers and linguists. The successful candidate must be able to play an important role in the development and maintenance of large-scale taxonomies and lexicons for information retrieval technologies.....

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

[http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Tune_In_@_Your_Library_resources]

Only four weeks until Teen Tech Week

[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6526727.html>], March 2–8!

Digital Library of the Week

[http://scipio.uark.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/digitaltest&CISOPTR=44&CISOBX=1&REC=15]

The University of Arkansas Libraries Special Collections Department has completed a major effort to digitize a large number of sources documenting the history of the civil rights movement in Arkansas. Launched February 1, the project, titled Land of (Unequal) Opportunity: Documenting the Civil Rights Struggle in Arkansas, [<http://scipio.uark.edu>] culminates the library's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Little Rock Central High School crisis of 1957. The website offers access to more than 2,000 pages of documents, photos, broadsides, pamphlets, drawings, cartoons, and other images. While the project gives emphasis to the 1957 crisis, it also documents the civil rights struggle in a number of fields in addition to race relations. Also included are interesting documents that detail the history of legal and civil rights for women (Arkansas was one of the early states in America to grant property rights to married women, in 1846), gays, and Japanese Americans who were relocated to Arkansas during World War II.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this AL Direct feature? Tell us about it. [<mailto:aldirect@ala.org>]

Public Perception

How the World

Sees Us

“When I was 13, I kissed Ann Podzervinsky on the lips in a Catholic library. Just kissing a girl was scary enough, but kissing in the same

room with a nun was almost more than I could handle. Sister Mary Daniels did not see me, Ann decided she didn't want a boyfriend, and I ended up with a book on early Christianity."

Retired air traffic controller Paul Lawson reminisces about a formative experience, in honor of National Love Your Library month, in an article by McMinnville librarians Jenny Berg and Hillary Garrett, "Loving Our Library," McMinnville (Oreg.) News-Register, Feb. 2.

[<http://www.techsource.ala.org/pr/digital-info-preserving-the-past-for-the-future.html>]

In the February/March 2008 issue of Library Technology Reports, Priscilla Kaplan lends her expert perspective on "The Preservation of Digital Materials";

[<http://www.techsource.ala.org/pr/digital-info-preserving-the-past-for-the-future.html>]

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. I'm aware of ALA's reading lists for children and teens. But what about books for adult patrons? Does ALA have any reading lists or suggested books for adults?

A. ALA produces several reading lists for adults—and is closely affiliated with several awards for adult literature. ALA's Reference and User Services Association first compiled its annual Notable Books list in 1944. The RUSA Notable Books Council recently released its 2008 list of outstanding books for the general reader, dubbed "The List for America's Readers

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=news&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=171744>],

which includes fiction, nonfiction, and poetry titles. Also, in 2007 RUSA's Collection Development and Evaluation Section established the Reading List Council, which seeks to highlight outstanding genre fiction that merits special attention by general adult readers and the librarians who work with them. The inaugural juried list,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/protocols/readinglist/lists/currentreadlist.cfm>

] which features established voices and debut novelists and suggests titles that will thrill avid fans and entice new readers, includes books in eight different categories: adrenaline titles which include suspense, thrillers, and action adventure; Fantasy; Historical Fiction; Horror; Mystery; Romance; Science Fiction; and Women's Fiction. See the ALA Professional Tips wiki

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Reading_Lists_for_Adult_Patrons] for more reading lists....

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

Calendar

Mar. 2–4:

Ohio Digital Commons for Education 2008 Conference
[<http://www.ohn.org/conferences/ODCE2008>], Columbus. “The Convergence of Learning, Libraries, and Technology.”

Mar. 5–7:

WebWise Conference [<http://www.imls.gov/news/2007/082307.shtm>], Miami Beach, Florida. “WebWise 2.0: The Power of Community.”

Mar. 6–7:

The Emerging Research Library: Our Role in the Digital Future
[<http://libraries.ou.edu/conference>], University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City. Register by February 15.

Mar. 8:

Virtual Worlds: Libraries, Education, and Museums Conference,
[<http://www.alliancelibraries.info/virtualworlds/>] New Media Consortium Conference Center, Second Life. The purpose of this conference is to provide a gathering place for librarians, information professionals, educators, museologists, and others to learn about and discuss the educational, informational, and cultural opportunities of virtual worlds. Proposals can still be made by February 11. Sponsored by the Alliance Library System, East Peoria, Illinois.

Mar. 12–14:

South Carolina Association of School Librarians [<http://www.scasl.net>], Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. “Power Up @ your library.”

Mar. 14–15:

Northern Illinois University Children’s Literature Conference,
[http://www.cedu.niu.edu/oep/children_lit.html] DeKalb. “Male Call: Boys and Books.”

Mar. 18–21:

Electronic Resources and Libraries
[<http://www.electroniclibrarian.org/ocs/index.php/erl/2008>], Atlanta, Georgia.

Mar. 19–22:

Popular Culture Association/ American Culture Association,
[<http://www.pcaaca.org/conference/national.php>] Conference, San Francisco Marriott. “Libraries, Archives, and Popular Culture.”

Mar. 24–28:

American Educational Research Association,
[http://www.aera.net/meetings/Default.aspx?menu_id=342&id=2936] Annual Meeting and Exhibition, New York City. “Research on Schools, Neighborhoods, and Communities: Toward Civic Responsibility.”

Apr. 7–9:
Computers in Libraries [<http://www.infotoday.com/cil2008/>], Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia.

Apr. 9–12:
Museums and the Web [<http://www.archimuse.com/mw2008/>], Montreal, Quebec.

Apr. 10–14:
Information Architecture Summit [<http://www.iasummit.org/2008/>], Miami. “Experiencing Information.”

Apr. 13–16:
TechEd 2008 [<http://www.techedevents.org/>], Ontario, California. “Realizing the Vision.”

Apr. 15–18:
Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians Annual Conference [<http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/waal/conferences/2008/>], Holiday Inn, Manitowoc.

Apr. 17–18:
Center for Summer Learning National Conference [http://www.summerlearning.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=105&Itemid=427], Hyatt Regency, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Apr. 26:
University of South Carolina Celebration of Latino Children’s Literature Conference, [<http://www.libsci.sc.edu/latinoconf/savedate.htm>] Columbia.

Apr. 30–
May 2:
Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship Conference [<http://news.clarion.edu/News/406.html>], Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus, Ohio. “From the Center City to the Exurbs: [Trends in] Public Library Realities.”

Apr. 30–
May 3:
Living the Future Conference [<http://www.library.arizona.edu/conferences/ltf/2008/>], University of Arizona, Tucson. “Transforming Libraries Through Collaboration.”

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[Union University library OK after Tennessee tornado](#)

Tornadoes that rampaged across three states February 5, killing 44 people, struck hard at [Union University](#) in Jackson, Tennessee. College President David S. Dockery credited emergency planning and broadcast warnings in the tornado-prone region with preventing fatalities, but the school's dormitories were severely hit and academic and administrative buildings destroyed. The university's Emma Waters Summar Library, however, was unharmed....



[Massachusetts library revisits security after child molested](#)

A convicted sex offender is being held without bail after allegedly raping a 6-year-old boy January 30 in a reference-room magazine aisle at New Bedford (Mass.) Public Library's Main Library. During the assault, the child's mother was working at a computer some 10 feet away in an adjacent hallway, NBPL Director Stephen Fulchino told *American Libraries*, and had given the child crayons and paper to keep him occupied....

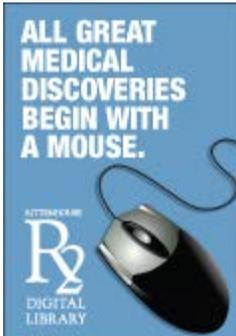
[FISA Amendments Act passes without safeguards](#)

The U.S. Senate passed the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Amendments Act (S. 2248) February 12 without important civil liberties safeguards that would have added some privacy protections to the surveillance standards in FISA. ALA had previously expressed its support for various civil liberties proposals, including the significant purpose amendment, the bulk collection amendment, the protecting Americans' international communications amendment, and other proposals that would have shortened FISA's sunset period....

District Dispatch, Feb. 12

[Fire closes Cathedral City library](#)

A February 1 roof fire caused an estimated \$2 million in damage to the roof of Cathedral City branch of the Riverside County (Calif.) Library System, forcing its closure for an estimated six to eight weeks. The fire



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Stephen J. Cannell and Vernon Jordan are two of the [Auditorium Speakers](#) at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2.

took place late in the evening and was extinguished within 40 minutes. It was caused by roofing repairs performed that day that used propane torches for welding....



ALA News

[Merola named director of ALA Office for Advocacy](#)

Marci Merola, interim director of the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, has been appointed the office's first full-time director. She assumed her new duties on February 11. OLA was established September 1, 2007, in response to ALA members naming advocacy as one of their top priorities in the ALA Strategic Plan. The office will focus its activity on providing resources and support to state and local advocacy efforts....



[Make your mark in the ALA election](#)

ALA wants your vote in the 2008 [election](#). The polls for this year's election open March 17. All paid ALA members as of January 31 are eligible to vote and free to choose either an online or a paper ballot. As in previous elections, there will be an extended period between the last date for requesting a paper ballot (March 3) and the last date for returning the ballots (April 24 at 11:59 p.m. CST)....

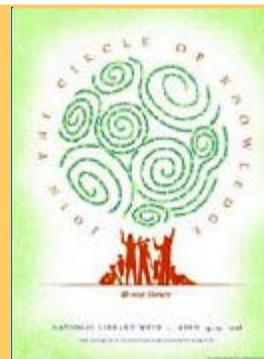
[Eight dynamic speakers set for Annual Conference](#)

The ALA Auditorium Speaker Series will feature eight distinguished speakers: TV producer and writer Stephen J. Cannell, lawyer and former Clinton administration advisor Vernon Jordan, literacy activist Greg Mortenson, author and librarian Don Borchert, pediatrician T. Berry Brazelton, actress Jamie Lee Curtis, astronaut Sally Ride (right), and scientist and author Tam O'Shaughnessy. The series is part of the ALA Annual Conference, held in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2....



[Women share a secret: "I got my start at the library"](#)

Continuing a seven-year partnership with ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries that has generated millions of dollars worth of editorial coverage on behalf of libraries, four entrepreneurs share their stories of how they started businesses using the



It's time to join the circle of knowledge for [National Library Week 2008](#), April 13–19, with a NLW poster. Remind your patrons that the library is the place to go to dream, explore, learn, and grow. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

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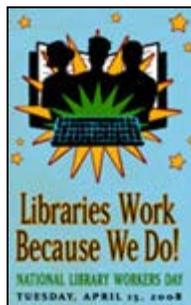


library in *Woman's Day* magazine's March issue ([PDF file](#)). Also included in the article is a sidebar with tips on how to "jump-start your small business at the library," written by reference librarian Celia Ross....



[Submit a star for National Library Workers Day](#)

Start the celebration early for National Library Workers Day, April 15, by [telling the world](#) what makes your favorite library employee special. This year, in addition to honoring library staff for delivering stellar service, the ALA-Allied Professional Association also wants to hear about library programming, equipment, and benefits that are helping staff improve their health. NLWD Stars and workplace wellness initiatives will be featured on the National Library Workers Day site for one year....



[Grants available for "Let's Talk About It: Love & Forgiveness"](#)



The ALA Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the Fetzer Institute's Campaign for Love and Forgiveness, is now accepting applications for "Let's Talk About It: Love and Forgiveness," a theme-based reading and discussion program. Complete application information, including program guidelines and reading lists, can be found [online](#). The deadline for applications is July 15....

[New Online Communities RFP](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "Today we're officially releasing the RFP ([PDF file](#)) to migrate our current [Online Communities](#) service to Drupal. Proposals are due by February 18 because we have a short turnaround time on this project and we need to get moving on it. A revamped Online Communities is one of the building blocks for a new version of [MyALA](#)." ...

ITTS Update, Feb. 7

AL Focus

[Yo, ALA! 2008 Midwinter Meeting wrap-up](#)

ALA visited Rocky Balboa's hometown of Philadelphia January 11-16 for the Midwinter Meeting, and this knockout video captures much of what made the week so hard-hitting: basketballers, whistleblowers, celebrity authors, catalogers, candidates, skulls, cheesesteaks, and more. Yo, ALA: We did it!...



Connect with hard-to-reach, underserved teens by conducting a **Great Stories CLUB** reading and discussion program in your library. [Online applications](#) will be accepted through Friday, **February 15**.

Career Leads from



[First-Year Experience Librarian](#)

University of Texas at Austin. The position will collaborate with the recently formed School of Undergraduate Studies and the Library Instruction Services team to develop and implement research and information-literacy skills programming for the campus' freshmen core curriculum. Responsibilities include collaborating with faculty, teaching library instruction sessions, and creating tutorials, research guides and assignments in print and online....

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Digital Library of the Week

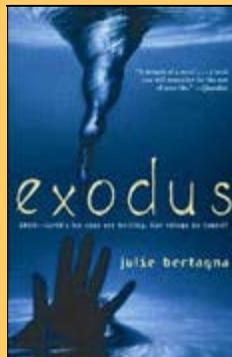
Booklist

ONLINE

Featured review: Books for youth

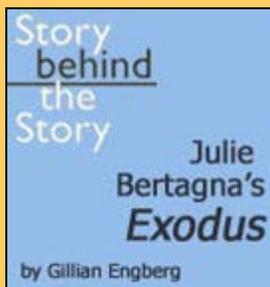
Bertagna, Julie. *Exodus*. Apr. 2008. 352p. Grades 6–10. Walker, hardcover (978-0-8027-9745-2).

Already a critical and popular success in the UK, where it was published in 2002, this sweeping, futuristic fantasy envisions a ravaged earth, submerged almost entirely in water after a century of global warming-induced ice melt and storms. After her tiny island is consumed by the sea, 15-year-old Mara, aided by an antique web-surfing device, guides her community to a towering city across the ocean. Her family is killed during the dangerous passage, and on arrival in glittering New Mungo, Mara and the islanders join a floating camp of desperate refugees who are barred from the heavily walled civilization....



The story behind Exodus

Julie Bertagna, author of *Exodus*, an epic youth novel that envisions the earth after polar ice melts have drowned the continents, believes, "there are no definites about climate change, although the evidence is piling up. I wasn't predicting the future," she explains, "I was wondering about it. But when you imagine and you wonder, you often take action. Imagining isn't a passive act." It was a "tiny snippet in the newspaper" that first prompted Bertagna to learn more about climate change. "In 1999, I read a story of some South Pacific islanders whose land had disappeared under the sea. I thought, 'What if this this was a Scottish island?' I started to do some research on global warming, and it made my heart stop."...



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The [Iowa Digital Library](#) contains more than 95,000 digital objects—photographs, maps, sound recordings, and documents—from libraries and archives at University of Iowa and their partnering institutions. The digital library also includes faculty research collections and bibliographic tools (holdings information for some library materials that are not otherwise accessible through the online catalog). Digital collections are coordinated by Digital Library Services, which manages the preservation, delivery, and structure of the libraries' digital content. A new segment of the digital library features [African-American women at the University of Iowa, 1910–1960](#). Though the University of Iowa was one of the first institutions to open admission to African Americans, African-American women students at the University have often had to overcome other barriers to an equal education. This collection brings together newspaper articles, photographs, correspondence, oral



Division News

[Tutor.com named Teen Tech Week promotional](#)

[partner](#)

YALSA announced that Tutor.com, provider of Live Homework Help through more than 1,800 libraries in North America, will once again be a promotional partner for the second annual Teen Tech Week, March 2–8. Judy Nelson of the Pierce County (Wash.) Library System will host a free webinar March 6 about the library’s experience offering Live Homework Help....

[Teen Tech Week mini-grant winners](#)

YALSA has announced the winners of its 20 Teen Tech Week mini-grants. The grants give each winning library \$450 cash and \$50 worth of official products to offer inventive activities, resources, and services to celebrate Teen Tech Week, March 2–8. The grants were made available by Dungeons & Dragons, a subsidiary of Wizards of the Coast....

[YALSA endowment fund](#)

YALSA’s new endowment received a boost at the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia when several past presidents led the charge at the all-committee meeting to help reach the division’s \$10,000 goal for creating an Endowment Fund. The division has surpassed its initial goal and has received a total of \$11,300 to date. The funds will go toward establishing leadership programs such as scholarships and institutes....

YALSA Blog, Feb. 9

[PLA’s Virtual Conference](#)

PLA will hold its first-ever Virtual Conference March 27–28 during the association’s 12th National Conference in Minneapolis. The Virtual Conference will provide public librarians and public library workers who can’t make the trip an opportunity to participate in all the excitement surrounding a PLA conference. The Virtual Conference will include many elements of the live conference, including high-quality educational programming, poster sessions, and networking opportunities with colleagues....



[Hear the ACRL candidates](#)

In this podcast (16:55), *College & Research Libraries News* editor-in-chief David Free interviews Lori Goetsch of Kansas State University and Janice Simmons-Welburn of Marquette University, the 2008 candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect....

[ACRL professional development presentations](#)

ACRL is inviting proposal submissions for half-day or full-day professional development programs to be held prior to the 2009 ALA Midwinter Meeting or the 2009 ALA Annual Conference. [Submissions](#) will be accepted through April 7. Professional development programs should allow participants to develop skills related to a specific topic and should focus on interactive learning through a variety of presentation styles....

[Try a virtual poster session](#)

PLA is seeking interested parties to submit virtual poster sessions as part of the upcoming PLA Virtual Conference (March 27–28). The topic of your poster session can be of your choosing, but it must be related to public librarianship. Virtual posters can be submitted as web pages, PowerPoint presentations, or other formats that can be mounted on the Web. Proposals are due by February 21. Email [Kathleen Hughes](#) with details....

histories, and other primary sources chronicling their university experiences.

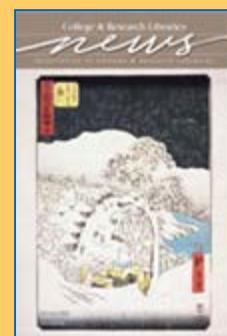
Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#)

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

“I sometimes wonder how any self-respecting author of speculative fiction can find fulfillment in writing novels for young readers.... Where’s the artistic satisfaction? Where’s the dignity?”

—“Across the Universe” columnist Dave Itzkoff in the *New York Times Sunday Book Review* section, Feb. 3.



In the February 2008 issue of ***College & Research Libraries News***, Susan Sharpless Smith and Lynn Sutton write of their experience as [Embedded Librarians](#) on a two-week Wake Forest University field course in sociology that took them on a tour of the Deep

Round Table News

[Design a logo for EMIERT](#)

The Ethnic and Multicultural Information Round Table is holding a competition for the most original and useful logo. They want a logo that will be appealing, gain attention, and reflect EMIERT's identity as the source for information, publications, and presentations on the diversity of ethnic and multicultural populations of the world. The winner(s) will receive a cash award of \$250. Entries are due by May 1....

[Notes from a new librarian](#)

Holly Wilson, assistant editor of the New Members Round Table's *Footnotes* newsletter, reviews her first year as a professional librarian in this article from the February issue. She writes: "After living in Chicago for 10 years, I accepted a position in Brooklyn, New York, and had approximately six weeks to get my husband and myself packed, moved, and ready to start my new position. Looking back on it, I would recommend planning out a fairly detailed timeline. It ended up being pretty down to the wire in my situation as far as getting ready for the move."...

NMRT Footnotes 37, no. 3 (Feb.)



Awards

[Duane Webster receives Lippincott Award](#)

Duane E. Webster, executive director of the Association of Research Libraries, is the 2008 recipient of the ALA Joseph W. Lippincott Award. The award, founded in 1938, is given annually to an individual for distinguished service to the profession of librarianship and consists of a 24K gold-framed citation and \$1,000 donated by the award founder's grandson, Joseph W. Lippincott III....



[Michael Cart wins award for service to young adults](#)

YALSA has named Michael Cart the inaugural winner of the Greenwood Publishing Group Service to Young Adults Achievement Award. The \$2,000 grant, given every other year, recognizes a YALSA member who has demonstrated unique and sustained devotion to young adult services through substantial work in several initiatives....



[ALA Presidential Citation to recognize gaming](#)

Gaming now has an official ALA presidential seal of approval, and that means a chance for libraries to shine a spotlight on their gaming programs. ALA President Lorie Roy is offering a 2008 Presidential Citation to libraries—and librarians of all kinds—that use games and gaming as tools for learning, literacy development, and community development. Citation winners will be announced at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The deadline for [applications](#) is April 21....

[Bill Harley nominated for 2008 Grammy](#)

Children's singer/storyteller Bill Harley was nominated for

South, focusing on race, class, and gender issues.

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. *Our winter weather is getting me down, so I'd like to think ahead to summer warmth and sun by planning our summer reading program. What resources does ALA have to help me?*

A. Although ALA does not set themes for [summer reading programs](#) we have a wide range of resources for you to tap into. Summer reading programs have proven successful in attracting children to libraries during the summer months, with research showing that kids who keep the reading habit through the long vacation do better when they return to school. Themes are locally developed, sometimes on a statewide basis, with a [number of states cooperating on common themes](#), for children, young adults, and adults. For tips on using books for specific themes, consider subscribing to the new online newsletter from the editors of [Booklinks](#). *Book Links Quick Tips*. [Quick Tips](#) highlights one theme in

a Grammy in the category of Best Musical Album for Children for his release *I Wanna Play*. Included on the album is the song "At Your Library," which ALSC had commissioned Harley to write for its [Kids! @ your library](#) campaign. Although he did not win this year, Harley won a Grammy in 2007 (right) for Best Spoken Word Album For Children, *Blah Blah Blah: Stories About Clams, Swamp Monsters, Pirates, and Dogs...*



[Teen Read Week author contest winner](#)

Elizabeth Kahn, librarian at the Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy in Jefferson, Louisiana, won YALSA's Teen Read Week "Win a Visit with Tiffany Trent Contest." Kahn's winning application detailed how her library reached out to its students during Teen Read Week 2007 with a program called LOL @ PFTSTA....



[2008 notable children's recordings](#)

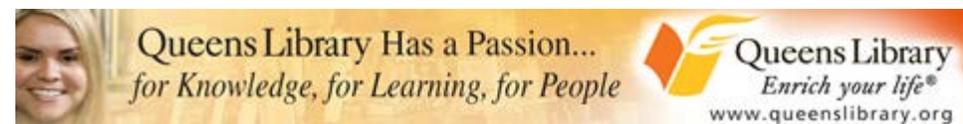
ALSC has selected its 2008 list of Notable Children's Recordings. The list includes recordings of especially commendable quality that demonstrate respect for young people's intelligence and imagination; exhibit venturesome creativity; and reflect and encourage the interests of children and young adolescents in exemplary ways....

[PLA award winners recognize excellence in public libraries](#)

PLA has announced the winners of eight awards that honor the best in public library service and innovation. The award winners will be honored on June 30 as a part of the PLA President's Program featuring Jamie Lee Curtis at Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

["Grow Your Own" institutional scholarship winners](#)

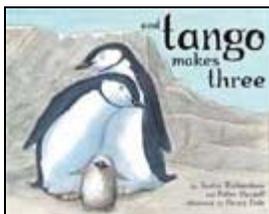
PLA has announced the winners of its "Grow Your Own @ your library" institutional scholarship pilot program. This year, PLA awarded eight public libraries grants of \$8,000 each to be distributed to staff members who are working to obtain a master's degree in library and information science. One library from eight of the nine Public Library Data Service population categories was selected....



Seen Online

[Where's Tango?](#)

An award-winning children's book was removed from general circulation recently at public elementary school libraries in Loudoun County, Virginia. After the parent of a child at Sugarland Elementary in Sterling appealed the school's decision to retain *And Tango Makes Three* by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson, School Superintendent Edgar B. Hatrick III ruled that the book should be taken out of general circulation at the



each monthly issue, from poetry to mysteries to picture books, with ideas for connecting children and books. See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for more reading lists....

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

Calendar

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

Mar. 14:
[Freedom of Information Day](#).

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

Apr. 5–8:
[SirsiDynix SuperConference 2008](#), Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Executive Conference theme: "Open Libraries."

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

Apr. 15:
[National Library Workers Day](#).
"Libraries Work Because We Do!"

May 8–12:
[Turin International Book Fair](#). Lingotto

elementary level and placed in each school's professional library....
Loudoun (Va.) Extra, Feb. 12

[Harvard chooses open access](#)

Harvard University's arts and sciences faculty approved a plan February 12 that will post finished academic papers online free, unless scholars specifically decide to opt out of the open-access program. While other institutions have similar repositories for their faculty's work, Harvard's is unique for making online publication the default option....

Inside Higher Ed, Feb. 13

[Michigan library hosts Iraq soldier's blog](#)

As director of the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland, Michigan, Cheryl Napsha's mission is to make sure that patrons have access to the best information on any topic, including the Iraq war. So she persuaded Army Capt. Adrian Massey, who is stationed in Baghdad, to write a [blog](#) about his experiences. It can be accessed through the library's [website](#)....

Detroit Free Press, Feb. 13



[Greenwich Library in lecture fracas](#)

Free speech issues and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have come to the Greenwich (Conn.) Library. A group critical of Israel and U.S. media coverage of the Middle East is defying a library ban on lectures by the group. The organization, If Americans Knew, criticizes Israeli actions toward Palestinians and says the media misinforms Americans about the conflict. Library officials said they canceled planned talks by Alison Weir of the Portland, Oregon-based group following complaints by some residents about her and the organization....

Associated Press, Feb. 13

[Dallas to use automated IM to tattle on naughty patrons](#)

The Dallas City Council's quality of life and government services committee unanimously voted February 12 to install internet monitoring software on publicly accessible library computers, but not install more restrictive filters that actively block web content. The recommended software would send an electronic message to librarians and internet users alike "when possibly inappropriate content is accessed" on a public library computer....

Dallas Morning News, Feb. 13

[Pine Bluff library talks tough to city](#)

Library officials trying to evict the Division II District Court out of the ground floor of the Pine Bluff-Jefferson County (Ark.) Library System's main building sent the city a strongly worded letter last week, saying that if a proposed agreement is not signed by March 1, all deals are off. The letter requires that the district court be moved out of the library building by April 3 and requires the city—which has been struggling to find money for city services and capital improvements—to begin paying \$1,000 monthly in rent for the space it has been using for \$1 per year....

Pine Bluff (Ark.) Commercial, Feb. 12



[Librarian is one of the best careers of 2008](#)

U.S. News & World Report says: "Librarians these days must be high-

Fiere, via Nizza 280, 10126, Turin, Italy. Israel is the guest country of honor.

May 13–14:
[National Library Legislative Day](#), Washington, D.C.

June 26– July 2:
[ALA Annual Conference](#), Anaheim, California.

Sept. 18–20:
[ALSC Institute](#), Salt Lake City.

Sept. 27– Oct. 4:
[Banned Books Week](#).

Oct. 16–19:
[LITA Forum](#), Cincinnati.

Oct. 17–19:
[AASL Fall Forum](#), Oak Brook, Illinois.

Nov. 7–9:
[YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium](#).

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tech information sleuths, helping researchers plumb the oceans of information available in books and digital records. It's an underrated career." Some of the other [best careers](#) include investment banker, urban planner, ghostwriter, locksmith, hairstylist, and editor....

U.S. News & World Report, Dec. 19

[A tight grip can choke creativity](#)

On February 8, Anthony Falzone filed his side's first big brief in the case of *Warner Bros. Entertainment and J. K. Rowling v. RDR Books*. Falzone is employed by Stanford Law School, where he heads up the Fair Use Project, founded several years ago by Lawrence Lessig, perhaps the law school's best-known professor. Falzone and the other lawyers at the Fair Use Project are siding with the defendant, RDR Books, publisher of the *Harry Potter Lexicon*. As you can see from the titans who have brought the suit, RDR Books needs all the legal firepower it can muster....

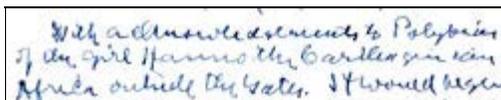
New York Times, Feb. 9

[The impossible art of deciphering manuscripts](#)

Megan Marshall writes: "In

January, charges were [raised](#) against a scholarly edition of Robert Frost's private notebooks. The work, first published in early 2007, had been heralded as offering a rare glimpse into the reclusive poet's creative process. But now the notebook transcriptions appear to be riddled with errors that make Frost look like 'a dyslexic and deranged speller,' who often 'made no sense,' according to poet William Logan, a professor at the University of Florida who compared sections of the published version with manuscript originals from the archives at Dartmouth College."...

Slate, Feb. 8; *New York Times*, Jan. 22



[Freeman papers to Columbia](#)

Columbia University's Rare Book and Manuscript Library has acquired a large collection of manuscripts, unpublished scores, librettos, correspondence, photographs, and ephemera from the estate of Harry Lawrence Freeman (1869-1954), one of the earliest composers in America to embellish an operatic score with jazz, blues, and spirituals....

Columbia University Library News, Feb. 5



[Gordon Parks papers to Wichita State](#)

Officials at Wichita State University announced February 7 that the library will receive Gordon Parks's collection of private papers, manuscripts, and other personal items. The collection includes nearly 150 boxes of papers and other material from the prolific author, photographer, filmmaker, poet, and composer, who was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, and died in 2006 at age 93....

Wichita (Kans.) Eagle, Feb. 8



[Church libraries offer religious learning](#)

Libraries are becoming a vital part of a church's educational services. At Central Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, the library is reopening after more than two years. Some of the popular choices are Christian fiction, non-fiction books about Christian living, current events from a Christian perspective, videos, DVDs, and books on tape....

Sioux Falls (S.Dak.) Argus Leader, Feb. 9

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[Picayune's Krewe of Seuss parade](#)

The Krewe of Seuss rolled at the West Side Elementary School in Picayune, Mississippi, February 1. The parade tradition started nine years ago when teacher Mary Douglas decided to incorporate the idea of celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2, with Mardi Gras. It's now tied into the school's participation in the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program. School media specialist Stacey Shaw got in on the fun by dressing as the Cat in the Hat....

Picayune (Miss.) Item, Feb. 6

[Yucaipa school library vandalized](#)

An alarm system hasn't deterred vandals from twice breaking into the library of Ridgeview Elementary School in Yucaipa, California, to ruin more than 1,400 books, smear feces, and damage computers, printers, and other property. Vandals first struck on New Year's Day, then again February 2, when they knocked books, computers, and other items off shelves and flooded the library....

Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise, Feb. 7



Tech Talk

[Shoot close-ups like a pro](#)

Take beautiful, detailed close-ups with your compact digital camera using DIY weblog Curbly's guide to macro photography. Macro mode is an excellent but underused feature available to most compact digital cameras that focuses sharply on a small, close-up area, leaving the background nicely blurred. A good introduction to macro photography can open up a new world to your point-and-click, so if you've never gone macro before, get ready to go on a snapping binge....

Lifehacker, Feb.12



[Top 100 web development cheat sheets](#)

Jessica Hupp writes: "With the vast array of web development knowledge available on the internet, there's certainly no shortage of cheat sheets to be found. However, finding a way to wrangle them all into one place isn't quite as easy. That's why we've compiled a list of some of the best cheat sheet collections out there. That's right: This is your newest cheat sheet for cheat sheeting."...

Virtual Hosting blog, Jan. 22

[Flash apps are taking over](#)

Rafe Needleman writes: "New Flash- and Flex-based web apps are putting traditional desktop apps to shame. The database [Blist](#), the widget maker [Sprout](#), and the photo manager [Joggle](#) are all web-based apps that give up almost nothing to run inside a browser. Flash-based applications are inherently cross-platform, and with Adobe's new AIR runtime environment being basically a wrapper for Flash and Flex, we can expect that many of these Flash apps will be released as independent app-like products."...

Webware, Feb. 10



[Adjustable surge strips](#)

The Socket Sense surge protector handles all power adapters with ease. The sockets are adjustable and set at an angle so that you can stack your adapters for a perfect fit. Compare this to a typical surge strip where power adapters typically block one or more sockets....

Ideative



[Better living through taxonomies](#)

Heather Hedden writes: "Large websites and intranets can benefit from improved methods of search and navigation. These include site maps, A-Z indexes, sophisticated search engines, and generally improved navigational design—and playing a potential role in all of these methods is well-planned taxonomy."...

Digital Web Magazine, Feb. 5

[Top 10 Blogger hacks and tips](#)

Karl L. Gechlik writes: "I jumped into the new Blogger almost immediately after its beta launch and then I wanted to customize



it. So I went out looking for how to do it. And here is that wisdom I uncovered. Consider it a gift from me to you. Poor old Blogger gets a bad rap, namely because people do not know how to manipulate it. I hope this article helps you out."...

MakeUseOf.com, Feb. 11

Actions & Answers

[25 great resources for Valentine's Day](#)

Mashable has gathered up some food recommendations, ideas for kids, suggestions for those of you in long-term relationships, and finally, suggestions for singles. [Apples4TheTeacher.com](#) has all sorts of activities for kids including party games, printable Valentine's Day cards, and activities....

Mashable, Feb. 12

[Dissin' the director](#)

Steven Bell writes: "I sense a growing tide of discontent with academic library directors. Are we experiencing an unprecedented wave of out-of-touch, incompetent, and power-hungry directors, or are frontline library workers increasingly less respectful of the library administration than in the past? Perhaps both library administrators and frontline staff could work towards improving their understanding of each other. Here are a few suggestions that might help to improve relationships."...

ACRLog, Feb. 12

[Turn out the lights on March 29](#)

Last year Sydney, Australia (followed by London and San Francisco) started a trend of turning off lights for one hour in a show of support for protecting the environment. This year the World Wildlife Fund is encouraging a global effort for Earth Hour 2008 and invites cities from every continent to participate for an hour at 8 p.m. on March 29. You can sign up online as an individual, company, school, or library by pledging your support and reading more information on how to save energy....



World Wildlife Fund

[Anti-racism girl](#)

Students at Oak Park High School in Winnipeg, Manitoba, created this exciting video (1:00) to celebrate March 21, the United Nations–designated [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#), proclaimed in 1966. They were helped by their advisor, social studies teacher Vincent Pearase, who writes: “Oak Park is known for its advanced Digital Film Program. Every year our students make a couple of hundred shorts (animated, live action, documentary) as well as an original student-made feature length movie.”...



YouTube, Jan. 19; BoingBoing, Feb. 11; Canadian Heritage

[Best practices for immigrant outreach](#)

Public library strategies that help communities successfully welcome new Americans are explored in a new publication from the Urban Libraries Council, *Welcome, Stranger: Public Libraries Build the Global Village* (ZIP file). Brookings Institution researcher Audrey Singer identifies five broad strategies for successful immigrant inclusion and community adaptation and shows how these strategies can be translated as public library outreach and programming....



Urban Libraries Council, Feb. 11

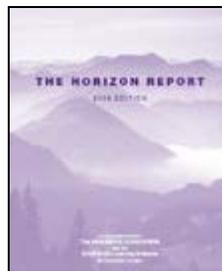
[Practical tips for library building design](#)

Joe Schallan collected responses to a question he posed on the Publib discussion list. What follows is the collected wisdom of 14 Publibbers offering practical tips on library building design. Some examples: “The toilet paper roll shouldn’t hit you on the hip,” and “Design buildings according to how people actually behave, not according to how you think they should behave.”...

Web Junction Illinois: Space Planning

[2008 Horizon Report](#)

New Media Consortium (NMC) and the Educause Learning Initiative (ELI) released the *2008 Horizon Report* ([PDF file](#)) at the ELI Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, January 30. The report describes the continuing work of the NMC’s Horizon Project, a research-oriented effort that seeks to identify and describe emerging technologies likely to have considerable impact on teaching, learning, and creative expression within higher education. The fifth edition in this annual series is again a collaboration between NMC and ELI....



New Media Consortium, Jan. 30

[GPO, depositories partner for online reference](#) (PDF file)

The U.S. Government Printing Office has joined the University of Illinois at Chicago and other Federal Depository libraries around the country to provide an online reference service to the American public. This free, web-based [Ask a Librarian](#) service will offer the public the opportunity to ask librarians questions about government resources....

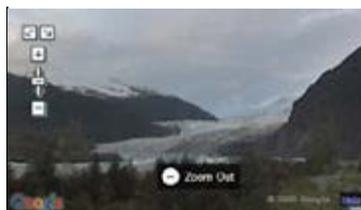


Government Printing Office, Feb. 13

[Twelve more Google street views](#)

Google announced it has street view capability in 12 new U.S. cities: Albany, Schenectady, Boise, Juneau, Kansas City, Manchester, Milwaukee, Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, San Antonio, and Salt Lake City. It includes Google's first street-view glacier, the Mendenhall (above), near Juneau....

Google Lat Long Blog, Feb. 12



[Another librarian-learning link](#)

New York State schools with certified librarians have higher scores on average on the 4th-grade English Language Arts test than those who don't, according to researchers at Syracuse University's School of Information Studies. Preliminary findings of research conducted by Ruth Small and graduate students in the Center for Digital Literacy show a statistically significant increase—with an almost 10-point difference—in the ELA test scores among 4th-grade students whose schools had certified librarians over students in schools without certified librarians....

New York Library Association, Feb. 8

[The faster you go deaf, the more time you have to read](#)

Death-metal band Blöodhag plays a gig (8:24) at the William G. Reed branch of the Timberland Regional Library in Shelton, Washington, forcing listeners to insert fingers in their ears. J. B. Stratton explains, "The basic idea is to show music fans the literary inspirations for their favorite songs by heavy-metal musicians." They call it "edu-core." The band locates on the library shelves the science-fiction novels they mention in their songs. Rated LL for loud literacy. A 2000 short film directed by Brad Vanderburg....

Wholphin magazine



[What I did learn in library school](#)

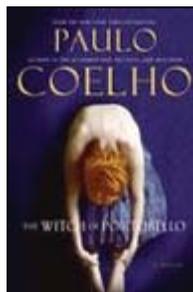
Melissa Mallon writes: "Since earning my degree, I've seen lots of comments on listservs and blogs about what people think they should have/wish they would have learned in library school. Well, I want to take a moment and say that I'm extremely happy with my MLIS education. Sure, there were plenty of things I didn't learn and have had to pick up on the job, but most of these seem specific to my library. So here's my list of things I'm glad I learned in library school."...

ACRLog, Feb. 10

[Free online books from HarperCollins](#)

In a new "Full Access" promotion announced February 11, HarperCollins is working with individual authors to test how free access affects book sales. For the next month, one book by each of the authors Paulo Coelho, Roger Director, Mark Halperin, Robert Irvine, Erin Hunter, and [Neil Gaiman](#) will be available in its entirety on the publisher's [website](#). A different book by Coelho will be available for each of the next 12 months....

HarperCollins, Feb. 11; Neil Gaiman's Journal, Feb. 9



[LC and IMLS to collaborate on preservation](#)

Millions of objects in museums and libraries across the country are at risk and will need immediate preservation attention in the next several years. The Preservation



Directorate of the Library of Congress has announced that Karen Motylewski from the Institute of Museum and Library Services will serve a one-year detail at the library as special projects liaison. She will help both agencies advance shared goals for preservation and conservation awareness and action throughout the nation....

Library of Congress, Feb. 11

[Van Gogh's boots kick off Europeana website](#)

Van Gogh's down-at-heel boots were the first thing to appear on the test website of the European Digital Library February 11. The website, branded [Europeana](#), will break new ground by bringing together millions of digitized resources from Europe's archives, museums, libraries, and audiovisual collections through a single portal. The site model was previewed at a conference in Frankfurt the previous week to holders of digital content, including curators, archivists, publishers, and librarians....



European Digital Library Network, Feb. 11

[The state of the Net](#)

Jonathan Kelley writes: "Last week, Nanette Perez and I spent an invigorating day in Washington, D.C., attending the 4th annual [State of the Net conference](#), hosted by the Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee. As the homepage says, the attendees and panelists were an impressive blend of academics, consumer/public interest groups (that's us), industry representatives, and federal government types. The speeches and panels were uniformly interesting, and several already are [available online](#)."...

Office for Intellectual Freedom blog, Feb. 7

[Lori Nix's Library](#)

Kansas photographer Lori Nix creates intricate miniature dioramas by hand with basic materials such as plaster, cardboard, Styrofoam, mixed with the occasional fur, plants, cat whiskers, and found objects. In her series ["The City"](#), Nix fabricates environments based on elements found in a city that has eroded with time. One of her photos is of a magnificently decayed library (above), reclaimed by nature....



Randall Scott Gallery blog, Nov. 7

[Why library journals should morph into blogs](#)

Marcus Banks writes: "I've become firmly convinced that the traditional journal model is antiquated for sharing research and knowledge among librarians. A better course is to develop and nurture excellent blogs, with multimedia capabilities and guaranteed preservation of the postings. This could be an entirely new blog that starts from scratch, or an established journal that evolves into a blog."...

Marcus' World, Feb. 10

[Help out Blake and win a Wii](#)

To thank Blake Carver for all of his efforts with [LISNews](#) since 1999, Michael Stephens and Jenny Levine are raffling off a Nintendo Wii to help show their appreciation in the form of a fundraiser. Everyone who donates \$10 or more through Paypal to [LISHost](#) by 11:59 p.m. on March 14 will be eligible to win the Wii....

Shifted Librarian blog, Feb. 13

[The libraries of literary ladies](#)

Abby Blachly writes: "[Thomas Jefferson's library](#) was only the beginning. LibraryThing members are on a roll, entering the library catalogs of famous readers. This month highlighted women, including [Isabella Stewart Gardner](#) (right), [Sylvia Plath](#), [Marie Antoinette](#), and [Susan B. Anthony](#). It started with a prompt from [Karen Schneider](#), and then a post from [Tim Spalding](#). A few short weeks later, and here we are!"...

LibraryThing blog, Feb. 8



[Sleepover fun and chaos at the library](#)

The Fifth Annual Sleepover at the Wolfville (Nova Scotia) Memorial Library took place February 1 and was [videoed](#) (8:33) by Angela Reynolds, who writes: "If you've never done this, I highly recommend it. Here's how they do it: Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 6–11 are invited. At 6:30, kids come in to 'Stake their territory.' This is when they choose their spot, set up camp, and get everything settled. Settled is a relative term, as this is a wild time." This year the guest of honor was children's author and storyteller Robert Munsch, who was [filmed](#) (2:41) separately....

ALSC Blog, Feb. 12; YouTube, Feb. 5–6



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[\[http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/uniontornado.cfm\]](http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/uniontornado.cfm)

Tornadoes that rampaged across three states February 5, killing 44 people, struck hard at Union University [<http://www.uurecovery.com/>] in Jackson, Tennessee. College President David S. Dockery credited emergency planning and broadcast warnings in the tornado-prone region with preventing fatalities, but the school's dormitories were severely hit and academic and administrative buildings destroyed. The university's Emma Waters Summar Library, however, was unharmed....

Massachusetts library revisits security after child molested

[\[http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/newbedford.cfm\]](http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/newbedford.cfm)

A convicted sex offender is being held without bail after allegedly raping a 6-year-old boy January 30 in a reference-room magazine aisle at

New Bedford (Mass.) Public Library's Main Library. During the assault, the child's mother was working at a computer some 10 feet away in an adjacent hallway, NBPL Director Stephen Fulchino told American Libraries, and had given the child crayons and paper to keep him occupied....

FISA Amendments Act passes without safeguards

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=367>]

The U.S. Senate passed the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Amendments Act (S. 2248) February 12 without important civil liberties safeguards that would have added some privacy protections to the surveillance standards in FISA. ALA had previously expressed its support for various civil liberties proposals, including the significant purpose amendment, the bulk collection amendment, the protecting Americans' international communications amendment, and other proposals that would have shortened FISA's sunset period....

District Dispatch, Feb. 12

Fire closes Cathedral City library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/cathedral.cfm>]

A February 1 roof fire caused an estimated \$2 million in damage to the roof of Cathedral City branch of the Riverside County (Calif.) Library System, forcing its closure for an estimated six to eight weeks. The fire took place late in the evening and was extinguished within 40 minutes. It was caused by roofing repairs performed that day that used propane torches for welding....

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[<http://www.tech-logic.com/>]
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ALA News

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Merola named director of ALA Office for Advocacy

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/merola08.htm>]

Marci Merola, interim director of the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, has been appointed the office's first full-time director. She assumed her new duties on February 11. OLA was established September 1, 2007, in response to ALA members naming advocacy as one of their top priorities in the ALA Strategic Plan. The office will focus its activity on providing resources and support to state and local advocacy efforts....

Make your mark in the ALA election

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/mark08.htm>]

ALA wants your vote in the 2008 election

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governanceofficeb/electioninfo/election2008.htm>]. The polls for this year's election open March 17. All paid ALA members as of January 31 are eligible to vote and free to choose either an online or a paper ballot. As in previous elections, there will be an extended period between the last date for requesting a paper ballot (March 3) and the last date for returning the ballots (April 24 at 11:59

p.m. CST)....

Eight dynamic speakers set for Annual Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/ass08.htm>]

The ALA Auditorium Speaker Series will feature eight distinguished speakers: TV producer and writer Stephen J. Cannell, lawyer and former Clinton administration advisor Vernon Jordan, literacy activist Greg Mortenson, author and librarian Don Borchert, pediatrician T. Berry Brazelton, actress Jamie Lee Curtis, astronaut Sally Ride (right), and scientist and author Tam O'Shaughnessy. The series is part of the ALA Annual Conference, held in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2....

Women share a secret: “I got my start at the library”

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/wdbusiness.htm>]

Continuing a seven-year partnership with ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries that has generated millions of dollars worth of editorial coverage on behalf of libraries, four entrepreneurs share their stories of how they started businesses using the library in Woman's Day magazine's March issue (PDF file

[http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/sponsorship/womansdaymagazine/small_business_lo.pdf]). Also included in the article is a sidebar with tips on how to "jump-start your small business at the library," written by reference librarian Celia Ross....

Submit a star for National Library Workers Day

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/star08.htm>]

Start the celebration early for National Library Workers Day, April 15, by telling the world [<http://www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwdstarsform.html>] what makes your favorite library employee special. This year, in addition to honoring library staff for delivering stellar service, the ALA–Allied Professional Association also wants to hear about library programming, equipment, and benefits that are helping staff improve their health. NLWD Stars and workplace wellness initiatives will be featured on the National Library Workers Day site for one year....

Grants available for “Let's Talk About It: Love & Forgiveness”

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/grants08.htm>]

The ALA Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the Fetzer Institute's Campaign for Love and Forgiveness, is now accepting applications for "Let's Talk About It: Love and Forgiveness," a theme-based reading and discussion program. Complete application information, including program guidelines and reading lists, can be found online

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/programs/currentprograms/letstalkaboutit/letstalkaboutit.cfm>]. The deadline for applications is July 15....

New Online Communities RFP

[http://blogs.ala.org/ittsupdate.php?title=new_online_communities_rfp]

Jenny Levine writes: "Today we're officially releasing the RFP (PDF file [<http://blogs.ala.org/media/blogs/ittsupdate.php/2008ALA-RFP-DrupalDeveloper.pdf>]) to migrate our current Online Communities

[<http://communities.ala.org/>] service to Drupal. Proposals are due by February 18 because we have a short turnaround time on this project and

we need to get moving on it. A revamped Online Communities is one of the building blocks for a new version of MyALA.

[http://blogs.ala.org/ittsupdate.php?title=myala_overview&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1]”...

ITTS Update, Feb. 7

AL Focus

Yo, ALA! 2008 Midwinter Meeting wrap-up

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/yo-ala-2008-midwinter-meeting-wrap>]

ALA visited Rocky Balboa’s hometown of Philadelphia January 11–16 for the Midwinter Meeting, and this knockout video captures much of what made the week so hard-hitting: basketballers, whistleblowers, celebrity authors, catalogers, candidates, skulls, cheesesteaks, and more. Yo, ALA: We did it!...

Featured review: Books for youth

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2312493]

Bertagna, Julie. Exodus. Apr. 2008. 352p. Grades 6–10. Walker, hardcover (978-0-8027-9745-2).

Already a critical and popular success in the UK, where it was published in 2002, this sweeping, futuristic fantasy envisions a ravaged earth, submerged almost entirely in water after a century of global warming-induced ice melt and storms. After her tiny island is consumed by the sea, 15-year-old Mara, aided by an antique web-surfing device, guides her community to a towering city across the ocean. Her family is killed during the dangerous passage, and on arrival in glittering New Mungo, Mara and the islanders join a floating camp of desperate refugees who are barred from the heavily walled civilization....

Exodus

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2543245]

Julie Bertagna, author of Exodus, an epic youth novel that envisions the earth after polar ice melts have drowned the continents, believes, “there are no definites about climate change, although the evidence is piling up. I wasn’t predicting the future,” she explains, “I was wondering about it. But when you imagine and you wonder, you often take action. Imagining isn’t a passive act.” It was a “tiny snippet in the newspaper” that first prompted Bertagna to learn more about climate change. “In 1999, I read a story of some South Pacific islanders whose land had disappeared under the sea. I thought, ‘What if this this was a Scottish island?’ I started to do some research on global warming, and it made my heart stop.”...

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

[<http://www.tutor.com/libraries/ttw/>]

Division News

Tutor.com named Teen Tech Week promotional partner

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/partner08.htm>]

YALSA announced that Tutor.com, provider of Live Homework Help through more than 1,800 libraries in North America, will once again be a promotional partner for the second annual Teen Tech Week, March 2–8. Judy Nelson of the Pierce County (Wash.) Library System will host a free webinar March 6 about the library's experience offering Live Homework Help....

Teen Tech Week mini-grant winners

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/mini08.htm>]

YALSA has announced the winners of its 20 Teen Tech Week mini-grants. The grants give each winning library \$450 cash and \$50 worth of official products to offer inventive activities, resources, and services to celebrate Teen Tech Week, March 2–8. The grants were made available by Dungeons & Dragons, a subsidiary of Wizards of the Coast....

YALSA endowment fund

[http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=yalsa_endowment&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1]

YALSA's new endowment received a boost at the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia when several past presidents led the charge at the all-committee meeting to help reach the division's \$10,000 goal for creating an Endowment Fund. The division has surpassed its initial goal and has received a total of \$11,300 to date. The funds will go toward establishing leadership programs such as scholarships and institutes....
YALSA Blog, Feb. 9

PLA's Virtual Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/virtual08.htm>]

PLA will hold its first-ever Virtual Conference March 27–28 during the association's 12th National Conference in Minneapolis. The Virtual Conference will provide public librarians and public library workers who can't make the trip an opportunity to participate in all the excitement surrounding a PLA conference. The Virtual Conference will include many elements of the live conference, including high-quality educational programming, poster sessions, and networking opportunities with colleagues....

Hear the ACRL candidates

[<http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/2008/02/11/acrl-podcast-2008-vice-president-president-elect-candidates-talk/>]

In this podcast (16:55), College & Research Libraries News editor-in-chief David Free interviews Lori Goetsch of Kansas State University and Janice Simmons-Welburn of Marquette University, the 2008

candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect....

ACRL professional development presentations

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/present09.htm>]

ACRL is inviting proposal submissions for half-day or full-day professional development programs to be held prior to the 2009 ALA Midwinter Meeting or the 2009 ALA Annual Conference. Submissions [<https://marvin.foresightint.com/surveys/Tier1Survey/ACRL/241>] will be accepted through April 7. Professional development programs should allow participants to develop skills related to a specific topic and should focus on interactive learning through a variety of presentation styles....

Try a virtual poster session

[<http://plablog.org/2008/02/be-a-part-of-plas-virtual-conference-with-virtual-poster-sessions.html>]

PLA is seeking interested parties to submit virtual poster sessions as part of the upcoming PLA Virtual Conference (March 27–28). The topic of your poster session can be of your choosing, but it must be related to public librarianship. Virtual posters can be submitted as web pages, PowerPoint presentations, or other formats that can be mounted on the Web. Proposals are due by February 21. Email Kathleen Hughes [<mailto:khughes@ala.org>] with details....

PLA Blog, Feb. 8

Round Table News

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Design a logo for EMIERT

[http://www.iro.ala.org/irowiki/index.php?title=The_Ethnic_and_Multicultural_Information_Round_Table_Logo_Contest]

The Ethnic and Multicultural Information Round Table is holding a competition for the most original and useful logo. They want a logo that will be appealing, gain attention, and reflect EMIERT's identity as the source for information, publications, and presentations on the diversity of ethnic and multicultural populations of the world. The winner(s) will receive a cash award of \$250. Entries are due by May 1....

Notes from a new librarian

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/nmrt/footnotes/february2008a/notesnewlibrarian.htm>]

Holly Wilson, assistant editor of the New Members Round Table's Footnotes newsletter, reviews her first year as a professional librarian in this article from the February issue. She writes: "After living in Chicago for 10 years, I accepted a position in Brooklyn, New York, and had approximately six weeks to get my husband and myself packed, moved, and ready to start my new position. Looking back on it, I would recommend planning out a fairly detailed timeline. It ended up being pretty down to the wire in my situation as far as getting ready for the move."...

NMRT Footnotes 37, no. 3 (Feb.)

Awards

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Duane Webster receives Lippincott Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/webster08.htm>]

Duane E. Webster, executive director of the Association of Research Libraries, is the 2008 recipient of the ALA Joseph W. Lippincott Award. The award, founded in 1938, is given annually to an individual for distinguished service to the profession of librarianship and consists of a 24K gold-framed citation and \$1,000 donated by the award founder's grandson, Joseph W. Lippincott III....

Michael Cart wins award for service to young adults

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/cart08.htm>]

YALSA has named Michael Cart the inaugural winner of the Greenwood Publishing Group Service to Young Adults Achievement Award. The \$2,000 grant, given every other year, recognizes a YALSA member who has demonstrated unique and sustained devotion to young adult services through substantial work in several initiatives....

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/gaming08.htm>]ALA Presidential Citation to recognize gaming

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/gaming08.htm>]

Gaming now has an official ALA presidential seal of approval, and that means a chance for libraries to shine a spotlight on their gaming programs. ALA President Lorlene Roy is offering a 2008 Presidential Citation to libraries—and librarians of all kinds—that use games and gaming as tools for learning, literacy development, and community development. Citation winners will be announced at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The deadline for applications

[<http://creator.zoho.com/olos/2008-presidential-gaming-citations/form/1/>] is April 21....

Bill Harley nominated for 2008 Grammy

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/grammy.htm>]

Children's singer/storyteller Bill Harley was nominated for a Grammy in the category of Best Musical Album for Children for his release I Wanna Play. Included on the album is the song "At Your Library," which ALSC had commissioned Harley to write for its Kids! @ your library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/projects/partners/kidsyourlibrary.cfm>]

campaign. Although he did not win this year, Harley won a Grammy in 2007 (right) for Best Spoken Word Album For Children, Blah Blah Blah: Stories About Clams, Swamp Monsters, Pirates, and Dogs....

Teen Read Week author contest winner

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/trw08.htm>]

Elizabeth Kahn, librarian at the Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy in Jefferson, Louisiana, won YALSA's Teen Read Week "Win a Visit with Tiffany Trent Contest." Kahn's winning application detailed how her library reached out to its students during Teen Read Week 2007 with a program called LOL @ PFTSTA....

2008 notable children's recordings

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/notabler08.htm>]

ALSC has selected its 2008 list of Notable Children's Recordings. The list includes recordings of especially commendable quality that demonstrate respect for young people's intelligence and imagination;

exhibit venturesome creativity; and reflect and encourage the interests of children and young adolescents in exemplary ways....

PLA award winners recognize excellence in public libraries

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/excellence08.htm>]

PLA has announced the winners of eight awards that honor the best in public library service and innovation. The award winners will be honored on June 30 as a part of the PLA President's Program featuring Jamie Lee Curtis at Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

“Grow Your Own” institutional scholarship winners

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/grow08.htm>]

PLA has announced the winners of its "Grow Your Own @ your library" institutional scholarship pilot program. This year, PLA awarded eight public libraries grants of \$8,000 each to be distributed to staff members who are working to obtain a master's degree in library and information science. One library from eight of the nine Public Library Data Service population categories was selected....

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[<http://www.queenslibrary.org/jobs>]
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Where’s Tango?

[<http://loudounextra.washingtonpost.com/blogs/living-loco/2008/feb/11/where-s-tango/>]

An award-winning children's book was removed from general circulation recently at public elementary school libraries in Loudoun County, Virginia. After the parent of a child at Sugarland Elementary in Sterling appealed the school's decision to retain *And Tango Makes Three* by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson, School Superintendent Edgar B. Hatrick III ruled that the book should be taken out of general circulation at the elementary level and placed in each school's professional library....

Loudoun (Va.) Extra, Feb. 12

Harvard chooses open access

[<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/02/13/openaccess>]

Harvard University's arts and sciences faculty approved a plan February 12 that will post finished academic papers online free, unless scholars specifically decide to opt out of the open-access program. While other institutions have similar repositories for their faculty's work, Harvard's is unique for making online publication the default option....

Inside Higher Ed, Feb. 13

Michigan library hosts Iraq soldier's blog

[<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080213/NEWS02/802130367/1004/NEWS>]

As director of the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland, Michigan, Cheryl Napsha's mission is to make sure that patrons have access to the best information on any topic, including the Iraq war. So she persuaded Army Capt. Adrian Massey, who is stationed in Baghdad, to write a blog [<http://poetadrianmassey.blogspot.com/>] about his experiences. It can be accessed through the library's website [<http://westland.lib.mi.us/>]....
Detroit Free Press, Feb. 13

Greenwich Library in lecture fracas
[http://www.boston.com/news/local/connecticut/articles/2008/02/13/greenwich_library_in_fracas_over_mideast_lectures/]
Free speech issues and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have come to the Greenwich (Conn.) Library. A group critical of Israel and U.S. media coverage of the Middle East is defying a library ban on lectures by the group. The organization, If Americans Knew, criticizes Israeli actions toward Palestinians and says the media misinforms Americans about the conflict. Library officials said they canceled planned talks by Alison Weir of the Portland, Oregon-based group following complaints by some residents about her and the organization....
Associated Press, Feb. 13

Dallas to use automated IM to tattle on naughty patrons
[http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-libr_aryporn_13met.ART0.State.Edition1.4543a50.html]
The Dallas City Council's quality of life and government services committee unanimously voted February 12 to install internet monitoring software on publicly accessible library computers, but not install more restrictive filters that actively block web content. The recommended software would send an electronic message to librarians and internet users alike "when possibly inappropriate content is accessed" on a public library computer....
Dallas Morning News, Feb. 13

Pine Bluff library talks tough to city
[<http://www.pbcommercial.com/articles/2008/02/12/news/news2.txt>]
Library officials trying to evict the Division II District Court out of the ground floor of the Pine Bluff-Jefferson County (Ark.) Library System's main building sent the city a strongly worded letter last week, saying that if a proposed agreement is not signed by March 1, all deals are off. The letter requires that the district court be moved out of the library building by April 3 and requires the city—which has been struggling to find money for city services and capital improvements—to begin paying \$1,000 monthly in rent for the space it has been using for \$1 per year....
Pine Bluff (Ark.) Commercial, Feb. 12

Librarian is one of the best careers of 2008
[<http://www.usnews.com/articles/business/best-careers/2007/12/19/librarian-executive-summary.html>]
U.S. News & World Report says: "Librarians these days must be high-tech information sleuths, helping researchers plumb the oceans of information available in books and digital records. It's an underrated career." Some of the other best careers
[<http://www.usnews.com/features/business/best-careers/best-careers-2008.htm>]

I] include investment banker, urban planner, ghostwriter, locksmith, hairstylist, and editor....

U.S. News & World Report, Dec. 19

A tight grip can choke creativity

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/09/business/09nocera.html>]

On February 8, Anthony Falzone filed his side's first big brief in the case of Warner Bros. Entertainment and J. K. Rowling v. RDR Books. Falzone is employed by Stanford Law School, where he heads up the Fair Use Project, founded several years ago by Lawrence Lessig, perhaps the law school's best-known professor. Falzone and the other lawyers at the Fair Use Project are siding with the defendant, RDR Books, publisher of the Harry Potter Lexicon. As you can see from the titans who have brought the suit, RDR Books needs all the legal firepower it can muster....

New York Times, Feb. 9

The impossible art of deciphering manuscripts

[<http://www.slate.com/id/2183903/nav/ais/>]

Megan Marshall writes: "In January, charges were raised

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/22/books/22frost.html>] against a scholarly edition of Robert Frost's private notebooks. The work, first published in early 2007, had been heralded as offering a rare glimpse into the reclusive poet's creative process. But now the notebook transcriptions appear to be riddled with errors that make Frost look like 'a dyslexic and deranged speller,' who often 'made no sense,' according to poet William Logan, a professor at the University of Florida who compared sections of the published version with manuscript originals from the archives at Dartmouth College."...

Slate, Feb. 8; New York Times, Jan. 22

Freeman papers to Columbia

[<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/news/libraries/2008/2008-02-05.freeman.html>]

Columbia University's Rare Book and Manuscript Library has acquired a large collection of manuscripts, unpublished scores, librettos, correspondence, photographs, and ephemera from the estate of Harry Lawrence Freeman (1869–1954), one of the earliest composers in America to embellish an operatic score with jazz, blues, and spirituals....

Columbia University Library News, Feb. 5

Gordon Parks papers to Wichita State

[<http://www.kansas.com/news/story/305510.html>]

Officials at Wichita State University announced February 7 that the library will receive Gordon Parks's collection of private papers, manuscripts, and other personal items. The collection includes nearly 150 boxes of papers and other material from the prolific author, photographer, filmmaker, poet, and composer, who was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, and died in 2006 at age 93....

Wichita (Kans.) Eagle, Feb. 8

Church libraries offer religious learning

[<http://www.argusleader.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080209/LIFE/802090308/1004>]

Libraries are becoming a vital part of a church's educational services. At Central Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, the library is reopening after more than two years. Some of the popular choices are Christian fiction, non-fiction books about Christian living, current events from a Christian perspective, videos, DVDs, and books on tape....
Sioux Falls (S.Dak.) Argus Leader, Feb. 9

Picayune's Krewe of Seuss parade
[http://www.picayuneitem.com/features/local_story_037171311.html]
The Krewe of Seuss rolled at the West Side Elementary School in Picayune, Mississippi, February 1. The parade tradition started nine years ago when teacher Mary Douglas decided to incorporate the idea of celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2, with Mardi Gras. It's now tied into the school's participation in the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program. School media specialist Stacey Shaw got in on the fun by dressing as the Cat in the Hat....
Picayune (Miss.) Item, Feb. 6

Yucaipa school library vandalized
[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_B_blibrary08.4217a37.html]
An alarm system hasn't deterred vandals from twice breaking into the library of Ridgeview Elementary School in Yucaipa, California, to ruin more than 1,400 books, smear feces, and damage computers, printers, and other property. Vandals first struck on New Year's Day, then again February 2, when they knocked books, computers, and other items off shelves and flooded the library....
Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise, Feb. 7

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[<http://www.maintainITproject.org>]
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Shoot close-ups like a pro
[<http://lifehacker.com/355555/shoot-close+up-like-a-pro-with-macro-photography>]
Take beautiful, detailed close-ups with your compact digital camera using DIY weblog Curbly's guide to macro photography. Macro mode is an excellent but underused feature available to most compact digital cameras that focuses sharply on a small, close-up area, leaving the background nicely blurred. A good introduction to macro photography can open up a new world to your point-and-click, so if you've never gone macro before, get ready to go on a snapping binge....
Lifehacker, Feb.12

[<http://www.virtualhosting.com/blog/2008/the-cheat-sheet-cheat-sheet-top-100-lists-of-web-development-cheat-sheets/>]Top 100 web development cheat sheets

[<http://www.virtualhosting.com/blog/2008/the-cheat-sheet-cheat-sheet-top-10-0-lists-of-web-development-cheat-sheets/>]

Jessica Hupp writes: "With the vast array of web development knowledge available on the internet, there's certainly no shortage of cheat sheets to be found. However, finding a way to wrangle them all into one place isn't quite as easy. That's why we've compiled a list of some of the best cheat sheet collections out there. That's right: This is your newest cheat sheet for cheat sheeting..."

Virtual Hosting blog, Jan. 22

Flash apps are taking over

[http://www.webware.com/8301-1_109-9868874-2.html]

Rafe Needleman writes: "New Flash- and Flex-based web apps are putting traditional desktop apps to shame. The database Blist

[<http://www.blist.com/>], the widget maker Sprout

[<http://www.sproutbuilder.com/>], and the photo manager Joggle

[<http://www.joggle.com/>] are all web-based apps that give up almost nothing to run inside a browser. Flash-based applications are inherently cross-platform, and with Adobe's new AIR runtime environment being basically a wrapper for Flash and Flex, we can expect that many of these Flash apps will be released as independent app-like products..."

Webware, Feb. 10

Adjustable surge strips [<http://www.ideativeinc.com/socketsense.cfm>]

The Socket Sense surge protector handles all power adapters with ease.

The sockets are adjustable and set at an angle so that you can stack your adapters for a perfect fit. Compare this to a typical surge strip where power adapters typically block one or more sockets....

Ideative

Better living through taxonomies

[http://www.digital-web.com/articles/better_living_through_taxonomies/]

Heather Hedden writes: "Large websites and intranets can benefit from improved methods of search and navigation. These include site maps, A-Z indexes, sophisticated search engines, and generally improved navigational design—and playing a potential role in all of these methods is well-planned taxonomy..."

Digital Web Magazine, Feb. 5

Top 10 Blogger hacks and tips

[<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/top-10-blogger-hacks-and-tips/>]

Karl L. Gechlik writes: "I jumped into the new Blogger almost immediately after its beta launch and then I wanted to customize it. So I went out looking for how to do it. And here is that wisdom I uncovered. Consider it a gift from me to you. Poor old Blogger gets a bad rap, namely because people do not know how to manipulate it. I hope this article helps you out..."

MakeUseOf.com, Feb. 11

Actions & Answers

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25 great resources for Valentine's Day

[<http://mashable.com/2008/02/12/valentines-day-resources/>]
Mashable has gathered up some food recommendations, ideas for kids, suggestions for those of you in long-term relationships, and finally, suggestions for singles. Apples4TheTeacher.com [<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/valentines-day/index.html>] has all sorts of activities for kids including party games, printable Valentine's Day cards, and activities....
Mashable, Feb. 12

Dissin; the director
[<http://acrlblog.org/2008/02/12/dissin-the-director-the-library-workers-favorite-pastime/>]
Steven Bell writes: "I sense a growing tide of discontent with academic library directors. Are we experiencing an unprecedented wave of out-of-touch, incompetent, and power-hungry directors, or are frontline library workers increasingly less respectful of the library administration than in the past? Perhaps both library administrators and frontline staff could work towards improving their understanding of each other. Here are a few suggestions that might help to improve relationships."...
ACRLog, Feb. 12

Turn out the lights on March 29 [<http://www.earthhour.org/>]
Last year Sydney, Australia (followed by London and San Francisco) started a trend of turning off lights for one hour in a show of support for protecting the environment. This year the World Wildlife Fund is encouraging a global effort for Earth Hour 2008 and invites cities from every continent to participate for an hour at 8 p.m. on March 29. You can sign up online as an individual, company, school, or library by pledging your support and reading more information on how to save energy....
World Wildlife Fund

Anti-racism girl [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvieohqHoXY>]
Students at Oak Park High School in Winnipeg, Manitoba, created this exciting video (1:00) to celebrate March 21, the United Nations-designated International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, [<http://www.pch.gc.ca/march-21-mars/>] proclaimed in 1966. They were helped by their advisor, social studies teacher Vincent Pearase, who writes: "Oak Park is known for its advanced Digital Film Program. Every year our students make a couple of hundred shorts (animated, live action, documentary) as well as an original student-made feature length movie."...
YouTube, Jan. 19; BoingBoing, Feb. 11; Canadian Heritage

Best practices for immigrant outreach
[<http://www.urbanlibraries.org/stranger021108.html>]
Public library strategies that help communities successfully welcome new Americans are explored in a new publication from the Urban Libraries Council, Welcome, Stranger: Public Libraries Build the Global Village (ZIP file). Brookings Institution researcher Audrey Singer identifies five broad strategies for successful immigrant inclusion and community adaptation and shows how these strategies can be translated as public library outreach and programming....
Urban Libraries Council, Feb. 11

Practical tips for library building design

[<http://il.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=19482>]

Joe Schallan collected responses to a question he posed on the Publib discussion list. What follows is the collected wisdom of 14 Publibbers offering practical tips on library building design. Some examples: "The toilet paper roll shouldn't hit you on the hip," and "Design buildings according to how people actually behave, not according to how you think they should behave."...

Web Junction Illinois: Space Planning

2008 Horizon Report [<http://www.nmc.org/news/nmc/2008-horizon-report>]
New Media Consortium (NMC) and the Educause Learning Initiative (ELI) released the 2008 Horizon Report (PDF file

[<http://www.nmc.org/pdf/2008-Horizon-Report.pdf>]) at the ELI Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, January 30. The report describes the continuing work of the NMC's Horizon Project, a research-oriented effort that seeks to identify and describe emerging technologies likely to have considerable impact on teaching, learning, and creative expression within higher education. The fifth edition in this annual series is again a collaboration between NMC and ELI....

New Media Consortium, Jan. 30

GPO, depositories partner for online reference

[<http://www.gpo.gov/news/2008/08news06.pdf>] (PDF file)

The U.S. Government Printing Office has joined the University of Illinois at Chicago and other Federal Depository libraries around the country to provide an online reference service to the American public. This free, web-based Ask a Librarian [<http://govtinfo.org/>] service will offer the public the opportunity to ask librarians questions about government resources....

Government Printing Office, Feb. 13

Twelve more Google street views

[<http://google-latlong.blogspot.com/2008/02/dozen-more-cities-in-street-view.html>]

Google announced it has street view capability in 12 new U.S. cities: Albany, Schenectady, Boise, Juneau, Kansas City, Manchester, Milwaukee, Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, San Antonio, and Salt Lake City. It includes Google's first street-view glacier, the Mendenhall (above), near Juneau....

Google Lat Long Blog, Feb. 12

Another librarian-learning link

[http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=1509]

New York State schools with certified librarians have higher scores on average on the 4th-grade English Language Arts test than those who don't, according to researchers at Syracuse University's School of Information Studies. Preliminary findings of research conducted by Ruth Small and graduate students in the Center for Digital Literacy show a statistically significant increase—with an almost 10-point difference—in the ELA test scores among 4th-grade students whose schools had certified librarians over students in schools without certified librarians....

New York Library Association, Feb. 8

The faster you go deaf, the more time you have to read

[<http://www.wholphindvd.com/wordpress/film-bloodhag-the-faster-you-go-deaf-the-more-time-you-have-to-read/>]

Death-metal band Blöödhag plays a gig (8:24) at the William G. Reed branch of the Timberland Regional Library in Shelton, Washington, forcing listeners to insert fingers in their ears. J. B. Stratton explains, “The basic idea is to show music fans the literary inspirations for their favorite songs by heavy-metal musicians.” They call it “edu-core.” The band locates on the library shelves the science-fiction novels they mention in their songs. Rated LL for loud literacy. A 2000 short film directed by Brad Vanderburg....

Wholphin magazine

learn in library school

[<http://acrlblog.org/2008/02/10/what-i-did-learn-in-library-school/>]

Melissa Mallon writes: “Since earning my degree, I’ve seen lots of comments on listservs and blogs about what people think they should have/wish they would have learned in library school. Well, I want to take a moment and say that I’m extremely happy with my MLIS education. Sure, there were plenty of things I didn’t learn and have had to pick up on the job, but most of these seem specific to my library. So here’s my list of things I’m glad I learned in library school.”...

ACRLog, Feb. 10

Free online books from HarperCollins

[<http://www.harpercollins.com/footer/release.aspx?id=644&b=&year=2008>]

In a new “Full Access” promotion announced February 11, HarperCollins is working with individual authors to test how free access affects book sales. For the next month, one book by each of the authors Paulo Coelho, Roger Director, Mark Halperin, Robert Irvine, Erin Hunter, and Neil Gaiman [<http://journal.neilgaiman.com/2008/02/birthday-thing.html>] will be available in its entirety on the publisher’s website

[http://www.harpercollins.com/book/browseinsidemain.aspx?HCHP=Tile_R_BIFullAccess_021108]. A different book by Coelho will be available for each of the next 12 months....

HarperCollins, Feb. 11; Neil Gaiman’s Journal, Feb. 9

LC and IMLS to collaborate on preservation

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2008/08-029.html>]

Millions of objects in museums and libraries across the country are at risk and will need immediate preservation attention in the next several years. The Preservation Directorate of the Library of Congress has announced that Karen Motylewski from the Institute of Museum and Library Services will serve a one-year detail at the library as special projects liaison. She will help both agencies advance shared goals for preservation and conservation awareness and action throughout the nation....

Library of Congress, Feb. 11

Van Gogh’s boots kick off Europeana website

[<https://arl.org/Lists/SPARC-OAForum/Message/4213.html>]

Van Gogh's down-at-heel boots were the first thing to appear on the test website of the European Digital Library February 11. The website, branded Europeana [<http://www.europeana.eu/>], will break new ground by bringing together millions of digitized resources from Europe's archives, museums, libraries, and audiovisual collections through a single portal. The site model was previewed at a conference in Frankfurt the previous week to holders of digital content, including curators, archivists, publishers, and librarians....

European Digital Library Network, Feb. 11

The state of the Net

[http://blogs.ala.org/oif.php?title=state_of_the_net_report&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1]

Jonathan Kelley writes: "Last week, Nanette Perez and I spent an invigorating day in Washington, D.C., attending the 4th annual State of the Net conference [<http://www.netcaucus.org/conference/2008/>], hosted by the Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee. As the homepage says, the attendees and panelists were an impressive blend of academics, consumer/public interest groups (that's us), industry representatives, and federal government types. The speeches and panels were uniformly interesting, and several already are available online.

[<http://www.netcaucus.org/conference/2008/agenda.shtml>]"...

Office for Intellectual Freedom blog, Feb. 7

Lori Nix's Library

[<http://randallscottgallery.blogspot.com/2007/11/lori-nix-city.html>]

Kansas photographer Lori Nix creates intricate miniature dioramas by hand with basic materials such as plaster, cardboard, Styrofoam, mixed with the occasional fur, plants, cat whiskers, and found objects. In her series "The City,"

[<http://www.lorinix.net/inside.php3?kateg=21>] Nix fabricates environments based on elements found in a city that has eroded with time. One of her photos is of a magnificently decayed library (above), reclaimed by nature....

Randall Scott Gallery blog, Nov. 7

Why library journals should morph into blogs

[http://mbanks.typepad.com/my_weblog/2008/02/why-blogs-shoul.html]

Marcus Banks writes: "I've become firmly convinced that the traditional journal model is antiquated for sharing research and knowledge among librarians. A better course is to develop and nurture excellent blogs, with multimedia capabilities and guaranteed preservation of the postings. This could be an entirely new blog that starts from scratch, or an established journal that evolves into a blog."...

Marcus' World, Feb. 10

Help out Blake and win a Wii

[<http://theshiftedlibrarian.com/archives/2008/02/13/win-a-wii-and-thank-blake-all-at-the-same-time.html>]

To thank Blake Carver for all of his efforts with LISNews

[<http://www.lisnews.org/>] since 1999, Michael Stephens and Jenny Levine are raffling off a Nintendo Wii to help show their appreciation in the form of a fundraiser. Everyone who donates \$10 or more through Paypal to LISHost [<http://lishost.org/>] by 11:59 p.m. on March 14 will be eligible

to win the Wii....

Shifted Librarian blog, Feb. 13

The libraries of literary ladies

[<http://www.librarything.com/blog/2008/02/libraries-of-literary-ladies.php>]

Abby Blachly writes: “Thomas Jefferson’s library

[<http://www.librarything.com/blog/2008/01/happy-1815-thomas-jefferson-in-do>

ne.php] was only the beginning. LibraryThing members are on a roll, entering the library catalogs of famous readers. This month highlighted women, including Isabella Stewart Gardner

[<http://www.librarything.com/profile/BelleStewartGardner>] (right), Sylvia

Plath [<http://www.librarything.com/profile/SylviaPlathLibrary>], Marie

Antoinette [<http://www.librarything.com/profile/MarieAntoinette>], and

Susan B. Anthony [<http://www.librarything.com/profile/SusanBAnthony>]. It

started with a prompt from Karen Schneider

[[http://freerangelibrarian.com/2008/01/15/librarythings-i-see-dead-peoples-](http://freerangelibrarian.com/2008/01/15/librarythings-i-see-dead-peoples-books/)

books/], and then a post from Tim Spalding

[<http://www.librarything.com/talktopic.php?topic=27859>]. A few short

weeks later, and here we are!”...

LibraryThing blog, Feb. 8

Sleepover fun and chaos at the library

[<http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/?p=269>]

The Fifth Annual Sleepover at the Wolfville (Nova Scotia) Memorial

Library took place February 1 and was videoed

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91qm48weUoE>] (8:33) by Angela Reynolds,

who writes: “If you’ve never done this, I highly recommend it.

Here’s how they do it: Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Ages

6–11 are invited. At 6:30, kids come in to ‘Stake their territory.’ This

is when they choose their spot, set up camp, and get everything settled.

Settled is a relative term, as this is a wild time.” This year the guest

of honor was children’s author and storyteller Robert Munsch, who was

filmed [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxZHjMyNW0>] (2:41) separately....

ALSC Blog, Feb. 12; YouTube, Feb. 5–6 [<http://www.rittenhouse.com>]

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/geninfo.htm>]

Stephen J. Cannell and Vernon Jordan are two of the Auditorium Speakers

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/pressrelease.htm>

] at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2.

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&_pn=product_detail&_op=2443]

It’s time to join the circle of knowledge for National Library Week 2008,

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&_pn=product_detail&_op=2443]

April 13–19, with a NLW poster. Remind your patrons that the

library is the place to go to dream, explore, learn, and grow. NEW! From

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Connect with hard-to-reach, underserved teens by conducting a Great Stories CLUB reading and discussion program in your library. Online applications

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/programs/currentprograms/greatstories/club.cfm>]
will be accepted through Friday, February 15.

Career Leads from
[<http://joblist.ala.org/>]

First-Year Experience Librarian,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=9584>] University of Texas at Austin. The position will collaborate with the recently formed School of Undergraduate Studies and the Library Instruction Services team to develop and implement research and information-literacy skills programming for the campus's freshmen core curriculum. Responsibilities include collaborating with faculty, teaching library instruction sessions, and creating tutorials, research guides and assignments in print and online....

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

Digital Library of the Week

[<http://cdm.lib.uiowa.edu/cdm4/document.php?CISOROOT=/aawiowa&CISOPTR=1385&CISOSHOW=1378>]

The Iowa Digital Library [<http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/>] contains more than 95,000 digital objects—photographs, maps, sound recordings, and documents—from libraries and archives at University of Iowa and their partnering institutions. The digital library also includes faculty research collections and bibliographic tools (holdings information for

some library materials that are not otherwise accessible through the online catalog). Digital collections are coordinated by Digital Library Services, which manages the preservation, delivery, and structure of the libraries' digital content. A new segment of the digital library features African-American women at the University of Iowa, 1910-1960. [<http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/aaws/>] Though the University of Iowa was one of the first institutions to open admission to African Americans, African-American women students at the University have often had to overcome other barriers to an equal education. This collection brings together newspaper articles, photographs, correspondence, oral histories, and other primary sources chronicling their university experiences.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this AL Direct feature? Tell us about it. [<mailto:aldirect@ala.org>]

Public Perception How the World Sees Us

“I sometimes wonder how any self-respecting author of speculative fiction can find fulfillment in writing novels for young readers.... Where's the artistic satisfaction? Where's the dignity?”

?“Across the Universe” columnist Dave Itzkoff in the New York Times Sunday Book Review section, Feb. 3.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/crlnews/backissues2008/february08/february081.cfm>]

In the February 2008 issue of College & Research Libraries News, Susan Sharpless Smith and Lynn Sutton write of their experience as Embedded Librarians [<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/crlnews/backissues2008/february08/embeddedlib.cfm>] on a two-week Wake Forest University field course in sociology that took them on a tour of the Deep South, focusing on race, class, and gender issues.

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. Our winter weather is getting me down, so I'd like to think ahead to summer warmth and sun by planning our summer reading program. What resources does ALA have to help me?

A. Although ALA does not set themes for summer reading programs [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Summer_Reading_Programs] we have a wide range of resources for you to tap into. Summer reading programs have proven successful in attracting children to libraries during the summer months, with research showing that kids who keep the reading habit through the long vacation do better when they return to school. Themes are locally developed, sometimes on a statewide basis, with a number of states cooperating on common themes, [<http://cslpreads.org>] for children, young adults, and adults. For tips on using books for specific themes, consider subscribing to the new online newsletter from the editors of Booklinks, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/ProductsandPublications/periodicals/booklinks/booklinks.htm>] Book Links Quick Tips. Quick Tips [<http://www.ala.org/ala/productsandpublications/periodicals/booklinks/booklinks.htm>] highlights one theme in each monthly issue, from poetry to mysteries to picture books, with ideas for connecting children and books. See the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Summer_Reading] for more reading lists....

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

Calendar

Mar. 2–8:
Teen Tech Week [http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen_Tech_Week].
“Tune In @ your library.”

Mar. 14:
Freedom of Information Day
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/freedomofinfo/freedominformation.cfm>].

Mar. 25–29:
PLA National Conference, [<http://www.placonference.org/2008/>] Minneapolis.

Apr. 5–8:
SirsiDynix SuperConference 2008,
[<http://www.superconference.info/index.html>] Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Executive Conference theme: “Open Libraries.”

Apr. 13–19:
National Library Week. [<http://www.ala.org/pio/nlw/>] “Join the circle of knowledge @ your library.”

Apr. 15:
National Library Workers Day. [<http://www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwd.html>]
“Libraries Work Because We Do!”

May 8–12:

Turin International Book Fair. [<http://www.fieralibro.it/>] Lingotto Fiere, via Nizza 280, 10126, Turin, Italy. Israel is the guest country of honor.

May 13–14:
National Library Legislative Day
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/nlld2008.cfm>],
Washington, D.C.

June 26–
July 2:
ALA Annual Conference [<http://www.ala.org/annual>], Anaheim, California.

Sept. 18–20:
ALSC Institute
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscevents/NationalInstitute2008.htm>], Salt Lake City.

Sept. 27–
Oct. 4:
Banned Books Week
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek.htm>].

Oct. 16–19:
LITA Forum,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litaforum2008/proposals.cfm>]
Cincinnati.

Oct. 17–19:
AASL Fall Forum,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/fallforum/fallforum.cfm>]
Oak Brook, Illinois.

Nov. 7–9:
YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium.
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalitsymposium/symposium.cfm>]

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[House allows warrantless wiretaps law to expire](#)

A dramatic showdown between House Republicans and Democrats February 14 has led to Congress beginning a one-week break without sending any surveillance legislation to the White House. The result is the February 16 expiration of the Protect America Act, which since its enactment in August 2007 has permitted the National Security Agency to eavesdrop without a court order on foreign communications, including phone calls and email exchanges, between someone “reasonably believed to be outside the United States” and a person on U.S. soil, as well as communications traveling to or from U.S. libraries....



[Markey introduces broadband policy bill in House](#)

Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), chair of a House subcommittee on telecommunications and the internet, introduced a bill February 13 that calls on the Federal Communications Commission to take a more active role in ensuring a free flow of information over broadband networks. The [Internet Freedom Preservation Act of 2008](#) (H.R. 5353), cosponsored by Chip Pickering (R-Miss.), calls on internet service providers to refrain from “unreasonable interference” or “discrimination” in traffic flow, but lacks the enforcement provisions that have derailed earlier efforts to enact net neutrality legislation....

[Harvard faculty approve open access policy](#)

Harvard University’s arts and sciences faculty voted unanimously February 12 to publish their scholarly articles online, making them available to the public at no charge. Under the plan, the university’s library will oversee a newly created Office of Scholarly Communication that will serve as a repository for the material. Faculty members will retain the copyright to their articles, subject to the university’s license, and can request a waiver of the license for particular articles in special cases....



[Indianapolis settles with eight construction companies](#)

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Still pondering whether to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2? Find out what Anaheim is really like in this [AL Focus video](#). Early bird [registration](#) ends March 7.

After months of court-ordered mediation, Indianapolis–Marion County (Ind.) Public Library announced a \$17.65-million settlement February 14 with eight construction companies for litigation claims related to a parking garage that is a part of a recent Central Library expansion. The project ran into long delays beginning in 2004 with the discovery of multiple defects in the underground garage, which also served as the foundation for a six-story addition....



[Greenwich library faces Mideast lecture controversy](#)

Greenwich (Conn.) Library officials decided February 14 to allow a speaker to proceed with two scheduled lectures on Israeli-Palestinian relations at the library's Cole Auditorium. The permission was a reversal of a previous action to cancel the lectures after the library received a number of complaints from community members....

[Victoria to lock out public library staff](#)

The Greater Victoria (B.C.) Public Library board voted February 13 to lock out unionized employees at all nine branches beginning at 5 p.m. February 17. The workers have been in legal strike position over a pay equity dispute since September 4, 2007....



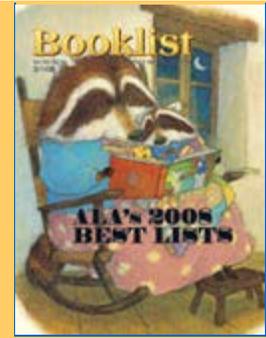
ALA News

[ALA's social responsibility mission](#)

ALA was one of several associations spotlighted as global change agents in a [new initiative](#) by the American Society of Association Executives that focuses on social responsibility. In its case study, ASAE says that social responsibility "is imbedded in ALA's stated mission, core values, and policy statements as critical to promoting high-quality library and information services and public access to information. The appendix to ALA's *Ahead to 2010* document, [Envisioned Future and Organizational Values](#), also recommits to 'social responsibility and the public good.'"... American Society of Association Executives

[New Woman's Day initiative](#)

From now until May 11, *Woman's Day* magazine, in conjunction with ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries, is [collecting stories](#) on how its readers have used the library to improve a family member's or their own health. The magazine announced the initiative in its March issue, where it asks its readers aged 18 and over to [submit](#) their stories in 700 words or less. Up to four of the submissions will be featured in the March



The March 1 issue of [Booklist](#) features all of ALA's notable and best books and media, as well as the annual interview with the winner of the Printz award, Geraldine McCaughrean. **NEW! From *Booklist*.**

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**Librarians in the
Jury Box**

**Putting Students
First**



2009 issue....

[Workplace wellness posters wanted](#)

The ALA Workplace Wellness Task Force will host a Wellness Fair on June 29 during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. In conjunction with this event, the task force invites poster session proposals relating to the program's theme, "Be Well at Work." Selected posters will be displayed during the Wellness Fair. The deadline for submissions is March 15....

AL Focus

[The rally for Washington school libraries](#)

More than 100 people gathered at the state capitol steps in Olympia, Washington, February 1 to rally for school libraries. The rally, as well as an all-day summit, was the culmination of the work of a group of concerned Spokane mothers troubled at the cuts to school library media programs.



This video (4:24) presents speeches and images from the summit and rally, as well as words from the mothers themselves....

Support the [ALA Cultural Communities Fund](#) by **July 31**, and your gift will be matched by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The five-year Challenge Grant campaign has a goal of raising \$1.4 million, with yearly targets to receive matching funds from the NEH.

Career Leads from JobLIST

[Librarian](#). American Numismatic Society, New York City. This endowed position serves the society's curatorial staff, the annual Eric P. Newman Summer Seminar in numismatics, scholars, and collectors with collections of books, articles, catalogs, and primary documents covering the full range of subjects relevant to the history of the world's currencies and medallic art. The librarian's duties include the continued development of this distinctive collection and a range of services to users. The librarian will lead the move of the collections to new quarters in the summer of 2008 and the migration of its collection and catalog to conform to modern standards....

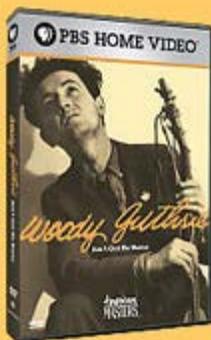
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Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Media](#)

Woody Guthrie: Ain't Got No Home. Nov. 2007. 90min. PBS, DVD (978-0-7936-9391-7).

Ain't Got No Home is an apt subtitle for this profile of singer and songwriter Guthrie (1912–1967), who traversed the country looking for inspiration. As the writer of such well-known songs as "This Land Is Your Land," "Mule Skinner Blues," and "Oklahoma Hills," Guthrie found a home in American popular song. His music, which inspired the 1960s folk revival, told stories of Dust Bowl migrants taking harrowing, often fruitless treks to California; roused labor organizers in the 1940s; and prompted patriotic fervor during World War II. Against a remarkable backdrop of archival footage, photos, and music, the documentary follows Guthrie's sporadic bursts of creativity in music, writing, and painting as well as chronicling attempts to satisfy his family life....



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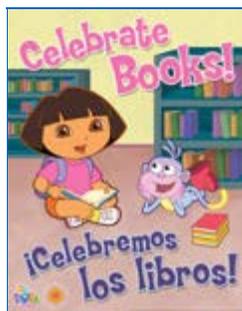
Division News

[Teaching teens skills during Teen Tech Week](#)

During Teen Tech Week, March 2–8, more than 1,500 libraries across the country will showcase technology available to teens that will enhance their information literacy skills—and show teens and their parents how to be safe while doing so. As information technology professionals, librarians play a vital role in empowering teens to make smart decisions about their online activities. Clearly, teen librarians are a much-needed resource....

[Dora the Explorer helps celebrate Día](#)

For 2008, libraries across the country will join Dora the Explorer and members of ALSC and Reforma in celebrating El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), also known as Día, on April 30. Día celebrates the importance of advocating literacy for every child, regardless of linguistic and cultural background. Dora the Explorer—the popular children's character seen on the Nickelodeon channel who invites children to share her adventures in learning—is featured in the Día 2008 brochure, poster, and bookmark....



[Housing opens for Young Adult Literature Symposium](#)

YALSA opened housing requests and listed its registration rates for its inaugural Young Adult Literature Symposium, November 7–9, at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Registration opens May 1, with special early bird pricing available until September 1 and advance registration from September 2 to October 3....

[AASL seeks presenter](#)

AASL is seeking a presenter for its "Reading and the Secondary School Library Media Specialist" institute. The deadline to apply to serve as presenter is March 14. The presenter will be responsible for presenting content, developed and supplied by AASL, to regions throughout the United States, starting at the 2008 ALA Annual Conference....

[ACRL: Getting greener in 2009](#)

ACRL's new Green Conference Committee intends to reduce the environmental impact of the division's 2009 National Conference in Seattle, educate and inform participants about the environmental costs of attending the conference, and set a precedent for greener conferences in the future for both ACRL and ALA. Fill out this [survey](#) and help them keep the conference green....

ACRL Insider, Feb. 14

[Tour outstanding California libraries with LAMA](#)

Participants will be able to tour two of Southern California's most highly regarded library buildings and a major library furniture accessory company during the ALA 2008 Annual Conference, June 27, in Anaheim, California. The LAMA Buildings and Equipment Section will offer an all-day bus tour to the award-winning Santa Monica and Cerritos (above) main libraries before continuing to Doug Mockett & Company....



The [Missouri Valley Special Collections Digital Gallery](#) offers more than 11,000 images of archival material such as letters, photographs, postcards, advertising cards, and maps from the holdings of the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library. You'll find not only historical photos of Kansas City like early downtown street scenes and businesses, schools, and churches, but also photographs of celebrities like Jean Harlow, Joan Crawford, and Walt Disney. Special features of the Gallery include over 300 locally written biographies of well-known deceased Kansas Cityans, profiles of over 25 significant Kansas City buildings, and the [Local History index](#) to numerous articles in magazines, newsletters, newspapers, books, as well as factual entries on topics of interest to the Missouri Valley area and Kansas City specifically.

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

Public Perception
How the World Sees Us

"The FBI, which did

[LAMA leadership preconference](#)

LAMA will present "An Inside Look at Leadership" in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 27. This preconference is presented in partnership with the Pacific Institute, and is intended for everyone in leadership positions as well as those moving toward leadership roles within their organizations or lives....

[LAMA: Live with a balanced scorecard](#)

Experienced presenters will take attendees through a day-long case study during "Living the Balanced Scorecard," a preconference program presented by the LAMA Buildings and Equipment Section. This program will be presented June 27 in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

[RUSA selects Spectrum Scholar intern](#)

RUSA has selected Bergis Jules as its Spectrum Scholar Intern for 2009. Jules, a 2008 Spectrum Scholar, is pursuing dual master's degrees with the School of Library and Information Science and the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University at Bloomington....



[LAMA seeks mentors and mentees](#)

LAMA's Mentoring Committee is accepting applications for participants in a formal mentoring program. The 10-month formal program is designed to encourage and nurture current and future leaders and to develop and promote outstanding leadership and management practices. Participants will meet each other at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

Awards

[New information literacy award](#)

World Book and ALA have created a new Information Literacy Goal Award, which will provide a combined \$10,000 annually to a promising public library and a promising school library literacy program. The World Book/ALA Information Literacy Goal Award replaces the World Book-ALA Goal Grant Award. Established in 1960, this award has supported nearly 60 research projects advancing library services over the years....

[Jane Greenberg to receive Kilgour Research Award](#)

Jane Greenberg, a metadata expert and faculty member at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science, is the winner of the 2008 Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology. The Kilgour Award, sponsored by OCLC and LITA, recognizes outstanding research that advances information science and information retrieval....



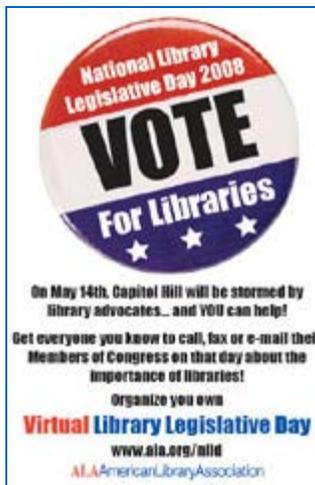
[John Cotton Dana Award raised to \\$5,000](#)

The H.W. Wilson Company, sponsor of the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award since 1946, has increased the cash prize that comes with the award by \$2,000. Libraries that receive the award this year will enjoy a \$5,000 development grant....

[Daisy Waters wins Esther J. Piercy Award](#)

not immediately return phone calls, keeps a list of security books in addition to Thomas's book [*Aviation Insecurity: The New Challenges of Air Travel*, published in 2003 by Prometheus Press], and tracks the titles through sales and distribution channels. Libraries also are monitored for activity and interest in the listed titles."

—"FBI Tracks Book Sales for Terrorism Leads," WorldNet Daily exclusive report, Feb. 11.



Would you like to live and work in Bermuda? Bermuda College Library is seeking an exchange partner in either the fall 2008 or spring 2009 semester, or for the academic year.

Daisy P. Waters, assistant acquisitions librarian for electronic resources, for the University at Buffalo, New York, is the winner of the 2008 ALCTS Esther J. Piercy Award. The award is given to recognize contributions in library collections and technical services by a librarian with no more than 10 years of professional experience....

[Yee selected for Margaret Mann Citation](#)

Martha Yee, cataloging supervisor for the UCLA Film and Television Archive, is the recipient of the 2008 ALCTS Margaret Mann Citation. The Mann Citation recognizes outstanding professional achievement in cataloging or classification and includes a \$2,000 scholarship donated in the recipient's honor by OCLC to the library school of the winner's choice, in this case the University of Washington Information School....

[Darling gets Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award](#)

ALCTS has selected Karen Darling, head of acquisitions at the University of Missouri-Columbia, to receive the 2008 Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award. Sponsored by Harrassowitz, the award recognizes contributions and outstanding leadership in the field of acquisitions and includes a \$1,500 gift....

[First Step Award to Erin Leach](#)

Erin Leach, catalog librarian at Washington University in St. Louis, is the recipient of the 2008 First Step Award, a Wiley Professional Development Grant, presented by the ALCTS Continuing Resources Section. John Wiley & Sons sponsors this \$1,500 grant, which offers librarians new to the serials field an opportunity to broaden their perspective....

[Blackwell Scholarship Award honors Lucy Lyons](#)

The ALCTS Blackwell Scholarship Award this year goes to Lucy Lyons for her article "The Dilemma for Academic Librarians with Collection Development Responsibilities" in the *Journal of Academic Librarianship* 33, no. 2 (March 2007): 180-189. Blackwell donates a \$2,000 scholarship to the library school of the winning author's choice, in this case the School of Information and Library Science at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn....

[Walters article wins Best of LRTS](#)

William H. Walters, dean of library services and professor of social sciences at Menlo College, Atherton, California, has won the 2008 Best of LRTS Award for his article "A Regression-based Approach to Library Fund Allocation," *Library Resources and Technical Services* 51, no. 4 (October 2007): 263-278....

[Support Staff Travel Grants awarded](#)

Six library support staff members have each been awarded a 2008 ALCTS/Sage Library Support Staff Travel Grant. These grants, sponsored by Sage Publications, provide airfare, three nights hotel lodging, and conference registration for the individuals to attend the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

[Bechtel Fellowship winner](#)

ALSC has awarded the 2008 Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship to librarian Mary Elizabeth Land of the Abbeville County (S.C.) Library System. The fellowship is designed to allow a qualified children's librarian to spend a month or more reading and studying at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature, part of the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida, Gainesville....

They would like to have someone who is familiar with technology, electronic resources, or cataloging. See more details on the [IRO wiki](#).

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. A member of our library visiting team has suggested that our staff development goal should be customer service training. Where do we start?

A. Many libraries are instituting programs leading to high expectations in providing service to those who use our libraries—whether we call them customers, patrons, readers, visitors, or library users. You probably want to use a multipronged approach, combining in-service training with a [consultant](#), [external workshops](#), and [readings](#). Some of your readings will be from the standard business literature, with works such as *Good to Great*, by Jim Collins, or even something like *Inside the Magic Kingdom: Seven Keys to Disney's*

[BWI Summer Reading Grant winner](#)

ALSC has awarded the Wayne County (N.C.) Public Library the 2008 BWI Summer Reading Program Grant. The \$3,000 grant, donated by Book Wholesalers Inc., provides financial assistance to a public library for developing outstanding summer reading programs for children....

[Literature Program Grant winner](#)

ALSC has awarded children’s librarian Lisa M. Shaia with the 2008 Tandem Library Books Literature Program Grant for her program “Superhero Club” at the Bristol (Conn.) Public Library....

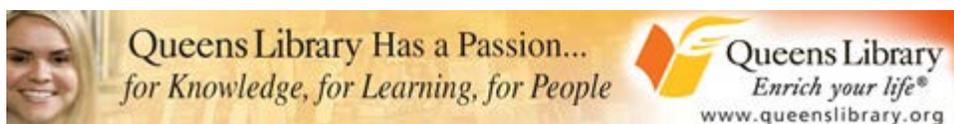
[“Light the Way” Grant winner](#)

ALSC has awarded the Rogers (Ark.) Public Library its 2008 “Light the Way: Library Outreach to the Underserved” grant. The grant is sponsored by Candlewick Press in honor of author Kate DiCamillo and the themes represented in her books. As winner of the grant, the Rogers Public Library will receive \$5,000 to continue its exceptional outreach to underserved populations....

[3M/NMRT Professional Development grants](#)

Katie Dunneback, Deana Groves, and Kate Zoellner have been selected as the 2008 recipients of the 3M Professional Development Grant administered by the New Members Round Table. This grant, sponsored by 3M Library Systems, covers round-trip airfare, lodging, and conference registration fees for attendance at the ALA Annual Conference....

NMRT Footnotes, Feb.



Seen Online

[LSSI begins labor talks in Jackson County](#)

A private firm that operates the 15 libraries in Jackson County, Oregon, is being forced to recognize that a majority of its employees are members of a union to resolve a complaint filed with the National Labor Relations Board. Instead of waiting for a ruling, the Maryland-based company known as LSSI has agreed to enter into negotiations with the union that could result in a contract for an estimated 65 employees who formerly worked for Jackson County but were terminated last April when libraries closed....

Medford (Oreg.) Mail-Tribune, Feb. 13

[Library staffer’s cat spends 25 days in the subway](#)

Georgia, the feisty black kitten who escaped her travel case and scampered into the Manhattan subway January 22, was found February 16 by two track workers and returned to her delighted owner, Ashley Phillips, who works at the Throg’s Neck branch of the New York Public Library in the Bronx. “She’s getting microchipped as soon as possible,” Phillips quipped....

New York Daily News, Feb. 17

[Put the penguins back](#)

A Loudoun (Va.) School Board member is among critics of the school

Success, by Tom Connellan—which we’ll all get to see in action if we take time to make a visit during the upcoming Annual Conference. We’ve collected some resources on our [customer service](#) page. See the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#) for more reading lists....

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



The [School of Information and Library Science](#) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is offering two international summer seminars that are open to anyone, not just UNC students. One is at Oxford University, May 11–24, and the other is at Charles University in Prague, May 25–June 7. Registrations must be received **by March 1**.

Calendar

ALA Courses

Mar. 6–7:
[Planning and Management of Buildings](#), Florida

superintendent's recent decision to remove *And Tango Makes Three* from circulation at Loudoun elementary schools. That was the wrong decision, said School Board Vice Chairman John Stevens. "Parents determine what is appropriate for their own children and how to guide their children as they learn and grow," he said in a written statement. "The schools should not be an instrument of censorship."...

Loudoun (Va.) *Times-Mirror*, Feb. 15

[Library of Congress preserves New Orleans music](#)

The Library of Congress has rescued New Orleans public radio station WWOZ's extensive live broadcast collection. The collection, which was almost lost in Hurricane Katrina, includes great recordings by many New Orleans musicians, including Deacon John, Beau Jocque, and the late James Booker. It's a rare historical testament to the city's roots music....

NPR, *All Things Considered*, Feb. 12



[Man sues Andover library for \\$10 million](#)

Ross Tobia, a self-published author who suffers from mental illness, is suing the Memorial Hall Library in Andover, Massachusetts, for \$10 million because he was banned from the building in January for allegedly swearing, yelling, and threatening staff there. Tobia claims his civil rights were violated when police warned him to stay away from the library or risk arrest, according to a lawsuit he filed in Newburyport Superior Court early in February....

North Andover (Mass.) *Eagle-Tribune*, Feb. 17

[Public library vandalism appalls director](#)

Carol Burnham can't understand why anyone would break into the Chetek (Wis.) Public Library and vandalize books, computers, and the bathrooms. Burnham, the library director, is "definitely mad. They've hurt the entire community and the hundreds of people who come in every week." A toilet was broken, book shelves were knocked over and destroyed, and feces were smeared on the carpet and books by vandals February 11....

Eau Claire (Wis.) *Leader-Telegram*, Feb. 13



[As economy struggles, more people rely on libraries](#)

Librarians have long thought that the demand for library services leaps when the economy limps. It's not just books that the belt-tightening public wants more of in tough times, but museum passes, children's programs, and internet access. That's been the case at the Kelley Library in Salem, Massachusetts, over the past year, coinciding with the economic slowdown, according to Director Eleanor Strang....

North Andover (Mass.) *Eagle-Tribune*, Feb. 19

[Tornado damages Bible-studies collection at Union University](#)

The Ryan Center for Biblical Studies at Union University lost approximately 10% of its holdings when the EF4 tornado swept through the Jackson, Tennessee, campus February 5. The center is located on the top floor of Jennings Hall, which had half its roof ripped off in the tornado. Most of the damage was caused by water, mildew, or mold....

Baptist Press, Feb. 15

Library Association, Orlando. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

Mar. 24–

Apr. 23:

[Readers' Advisory 101](#). Online course sponsored by the Reference and User Services Association.

Mar. 26–29:

[ACRL/Harvard Advanced Leadership Institute for Senior Academic Librarians](#), Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Apr. 1–2:

[Current Issues](#), Prairie Area Library System, Moline, Illinois. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

Apr. 7–

May 2:

[Selecting Spanish-Language Materials for Adults](#). Online course sponsored by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies.

Apr. 15–16:

[Fundraising](#), Washington/Oregon Joint State Library Conference, Vancouver, Washington. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

Apr. 29–30:

[Fundraising](#), Peninsula Library System, San Mateo, California. Certified Public Library

[Syracuse University professor gets Gaylord gaming grant](#)

If Professor Scott Nicholson has his way, the library would no longer be a place just for studying—students could also play video games. Nicholson, an associate professor in the School of Information Studies, recently received a \$5,000 grant from Gaylord Brothers, a library supply company located in Syracuse, to begin building a portable library game lab. Money from the grant will specifically go toward purchasing projectors, consoles, screens, accessories, and games....

Syracuse University *Daily Orange*, Feb. 12



[Colorado harmful-to-minors bill advances](#)

On February 13, the Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee ignored the pleas of booksellers and voted 4–2 to approve a bill that bans the sale to minors of books and magazines that are “harmful to minors.” Senate Bill 125 ([PDF file](#)) also makes it a class 2 misdemeanor to disseminate to a minor any material that is harmful to minors or to allow a minor to view any performance that is harmful to minors....

Bookselling This Week, Feb. 14

[Lessig considers a run for Congress](#)

Anne Broache writes: “Confirming weeks of speculation, Larry Lessig, the Stanford University law professor and ‘free culture’ icon, has confessed that yes indeed, he’s considering a run for the U.S. Congress this year. The revelation came in a [brief blog entry](#) on Lessig’s website early February 20.

Lessig would be vying for the seat vacated by the death last week of Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.).”...

C|Net.news blog, Feb. 20



[Ontario schools to get more for libraries](#)

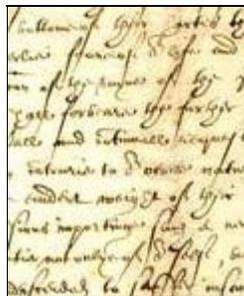
Elementary school pupils were given a boost in reading and learning February 14 with new funds earmarked for school libraries. The Ontario government announced it will provide \$40 million (\$39.4 million U.S.) in additional funds during the next four years to hire new library staff across the province. But [some school boards say](#) the money is not enough to pay for more than new library technicians....

London (Ont.) *Free Press*, Feb. 15; *Sarnia (Ont.) Observer*, Feb. 16

[Library acquires Mary Queen of Scots death warrant](#)

The only contemporary copy of the piece of paper that sent Mary Queen of Scots to her death in 1587 has been purchased by the library of Lambeth Palace, the official London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, bringing a huge sigh of relief that it will not be sold outside of the UK. An export ban was placed on the document in November 2007, giving UK institutions a chance to raise the £72,485.50 (\$141,265 U.S.) asking price for it, bearing in mind its importance to British history....

24 Hour Museum (U.K.), Feb. 19



[Newberry Library sculpture stolen](#)

A large outdoor art piece that has become a symbol of Chicago’s Newberry Library was stolen over the weekend, authorities said. Smaller replicas of the piece, Umanita (humanity in Italian), are used in awards presented by the library, said library president David Spadafora. The

Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

Apr. 29–30:
[ACRL/LAMA Joint Spring Virtual Institute](#). “Leading from the Middle: Managing in All Directions.”

May 6–7:
[Politics and Networking](#), Southern Adirondack Library System, Saratoga Springs, New York. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

May 7–8:
[Strategic HR: Organization and Personnel Management](#), Ohio Library Council, Columbus. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

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Greg Landgraf,

six-foot-tall sculpture was fixed to a marble base near the front door of the library....

Chicago Sun-Times, Feb. 20

[Borders stores become more digital](#)

When you walk through the doors of Borders' new concept store, the place feels familiar. But follow the table of books snaking off to the right, and you'll come face-to-face with Borders' newest retail strategy: a digital center where you can download music or books, burn CDs, research family histories, print pictures, and order leather-bound books crammed with family photos—with help from clerks who know how to do those sorts of things and won't embarrass you if you don't....

USA Today, Feb. 13

[Secrets of the Cambridge library tower](#)

For decades generations of University of Cambridge undergraduates have fantasized about a secret stash of Victorian pornography in the library's tower, but this is pure folklore. However, the [tower](#) does contain some 170,000 publications from the 19th century that are getting cataloged for the first time. Originally acquired by the library under legal deposit legislation, the collection consists of books, pamphlets, textbooks, calendars, games, timetables, and trade catalogs that were once considered unsuitable for inclusion in an academic library catalog....

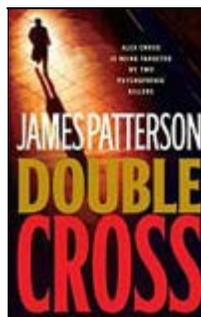
The Telegraph (U.K.), Feb. 14; University of Cambridge library



[U.S. author is U.K. library fiction favorite](#)

American thriller writer James Patterson has become the UK's most borrowed author, with his books taken out of libraries 1.5 million times in 12 months. He has overtaken children's writer Dame Jacqueline Wilson, whose books have dominated for the past four years. The [list](#), compiled by Public Lending Right, covers the year through June 2007. J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* was the most borrowed children's book....

BBC News, Feb. 8



[YMCA library blown up in Gaza](#)

Unknown assailants targeted the YMCA's library in central Gaza City, Palestinian territories, in the early hours of February 15, detonating explosives that razed it to the ground. The explosion occurred about 45 minutes after armed men broke into the building and overpowered two security guards. The library held about 8,000 books and was a popular cultural facility. Sources told the [Jerusalem Post](#) that the incident was in retaliation for the republication of cartoons ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad in a number of Danish newspapers. Officials are now worried about further deterioration of security in the Gaza Strip....

Ma'an News Agency, Feb. 15; *Jerusalem Post*, Feb. 17; IRIN News, Feb. 20



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Tech Talk

[100 ways to use an iPod to learn and study better](#)

If you think that iPods are used just for listening to music, you obviously haven't been keeping up with the latest technology. The Apple-developed music player now features all kinds of accessories to help you study better, and now other companies are in a rush to get their designs in sync with the iPod.

Preteens, college kids, and even adults are taking advantage of the educational benefits an iPod affords them....

Online Education Database, Feb. 12



[End of the high-def format wars: pros and cons](#)

Melissa J. Perenson writes: "With Toshiba's [withdrawal](#) from producing HD DVD players and PC drives, the format war has come to an abrupt end—and consumers everywhere can breathe easier as they whip out a credit card to buy a Blu-ray player. But it's not all good news for consumers. Now that the war is over, I can see both pros and cons. Here are some to consider."...

PC World, Feb. 19

[Digital downloads will not kill Blu-ray](#)

Duncan Riley writes: "With Toshiba's announcement that it is to cease manufacture of HD DVD players, the high-definition format wars are now over. With Blu-ray left standing, some, such as [Rob Beschizza](#) at *Wired* are now saying that digital downloads will now kill Blu-ray. It's an argument many of you reading this will feel is a sound one, but it's not going to happen anytime shortly. Here are a few reasons why."...

Techcrunch, Feb. 17

[Interesting and peculiar products](#)

Walt Crawford brings together news about the latest gadgets and technology, including green PCs, really cheap laptops, recordable iPods, dense memory, and new enhancements for familiar products....

Cites & Insights 8, no. 3 (March)

[All-in-one podcast studio](#)

Think Geek is offering a USB audio podcast studio pack, which gives you everything you need for crystal-clear audio recording and editing. The included USB mic features a 19mm internal shock-mounted diaphragm with a cardioid pick-up pattern ensuring pristine studio quality. A shock-mounted desktop mic stand and Cakewalk Sonar LE audio workstation software round out the package. You even get a sharp-looking aluminum briefcase to store all your new audio goodies....

Think Geek



[ProQuest acquires WebFeat](#)

Ann Arbor-based electronic publisher ProQuest has acquired WebFeat, the company that pioneered the technology that simultaneously searches all of an organization's databases, dramatically increasing research productivity. ProQuest plans to merge WebFeat with Serials Solutions, its Seattle-based business unit and developer of e-resource access and management tools for



libraries....
ProQuest, Feb. 14

Actions & Answers

[Libraries to move into Bay Area rapid transit stations](#)

The Contra Costa County (Calif.) Library is expanding services and improving accessibility by making its popular collection available to people at Bay Area Rapid Transit stations and local shopping centers. The library claims to be the first in the nation to offer the public book-lending machines under a new program called Library-a-Go-Go. The first machine will be available at the Pittsburg/Bay Point BART station sometime in April....

Contra Costa County (Calif.) Library, Feb. 11



[Open minds, open source](#)

In January, a [survey](#) by Marshall Breeding, director for innovative technologies and research at Vanderbilt University's library, revealed a measure of discord over the options available to librarians for automating their electronic catalogs and databases. Some libraries, fed up with software that doesn't fully meet their needs, have begun creating their own open-source solutions that are fully customizable, free for others to use, and compatible with existing systems....

Inside Higher Ed, Feb. 19

[Open access is the future](#)

Social-networks scholar Danah Boyd has vowed never again to publish in any journal that does not offer open access and asks other academics to join her boycott: "I believe that scholars should be valued for publishing influential material that can be consumed by anyone who might find it relevant to their interests. I believe that the product of our labor should be a public good." She also calls on libraries to begin subscribing to more open-access journals....

Apophenia, Feb. 6

[Wiegand to write new public library history](#)

A Florida State University professor has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to write a book exploring the history of public libraries in the United States. Wayne A. Wiegand, the F. William Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies, received a \$50,000 fellowship to write his proposed book, *A People's History of the American Public Library, 1850–2000*, which will explore the roles the public library has played in the community, in the life of the reader, and as an information provider....

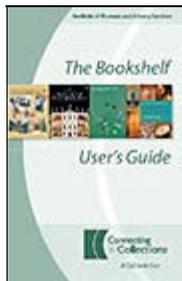
Florida State University, Feb. 14



[IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf](#)

More than 850 [libraries, museums, and archives](#) have been chosen to receive the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf. The contents of the bookshelf were selected by a blue-ribbon panel of conservation experts; it includes an essential set of books, online resources, and a [user's guide](#) that can profoundly impact the ability of small libraries and museums to care for their collections....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Feb. 19



[Gaming and the school curriculum](#)

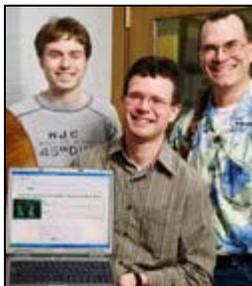
Brian Mayer writes: "Games engage students with authentic leisure experiences while reinforcing a variety of social, literary, and curricular skills. When an educational concept is introduced and reinforced during a game, it is internalized as part of an enjoyable experience and further utilized as one aspect of a strategy to attain success." To prove his point, Mayer matches up specific New York State learning standards with selected games....

Library Gamer, Feb. 11

[UIUC develops web toolkit for archivists](#)

Archivists at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library believe they have built a better toolkit. Their new online collections management program called [Archon](#) has more than a few attractive features—not the least of which is that it was developed for "lone archivists with limited technological resources and knowledge," said Scott Schwartz (far right), one of the developers of the software program and the university archivist for music and fine arts....

UIUC News Bureau, Feb. 19



[Library search tools for researchers](#)

College Degree.com came up with a selection of 25 web tools, many of them developed by libraries, that enhance the research process. Included are the University of Virginia's Project Blacklight, Michigan State's Encore, LibWorm, and Fez....

College Degree.com, Feb. 12

[How to give effective presentations](#)

Peter Bromberg writes: "Since I started doing Toastmasters about two years ago, I've been saving every good piece of information I could find on how to be a better speaker and presenter. I mentioned this recently to some of my fellow Toasties and they asked me to share my links. The following pieces speak for themselves (no pun intended), so without extensive annotations, here are my top 10."...

Library Garden, Feb. 15

[Spotlight on a Wyoming school library](#)

The award was the 2007 Thompson Gale Giant Step Award, a \$10,000 award to libraries who provide unusually beneficial services to their community or school. Splitting the honor and money with a New York school, the Fort Washakie School, on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming, was chosen as an award cowinner because of its efforts to make the library not only a school affair, but a community one too....

Wyoming Library Roundup 49, no. 4 (Fall): 4-6; I Love Libraries.org



[Preservation in the age of large-scale digitization](#)

A white paper ([PDF file](#)) published by the Council on Library and Information Resources examines large-scale digital initiatives (Google Book Search, Microsoft Live Search Books, Open Content Alliance, and the Million Book Project) to identify issues that affect the availability and usability of the digital books these projects create. Written by Cornell University's Oya Y. Rieger, the paper describes the selection,

quality control, and infrastructure of the four projects...
Council on Library and Information Resources, Feb. 15

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U.S. & World News

House allows warrantless wiretaps law to expire

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/wiretaps1.cfm>]

A dramatic showdown between House Republicans and Democrats February 14 has led to Congress beginning a one-week break without sending any surveillance legislation to the White House. The result is the February 16 expiration of the Protect America Act, which since its enactment in August 2007 has permitted the National Security Agency to eavesdrop without a court order on foreign communications, including phone calls and email exchanges, between someone "reasonably believed to be outside the United States" and a person on U.S. soil, as well as communications traveling to or from U.S. libraries....

Markey introduces broadband policy bill in House

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/markeybill.cfm>]

Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), chair of a House subcommittee on telecommunications and the internet, introduced a bill February 13 that

calls on the Federal Communications Commission to take a more active role in ensuring a free flow of information over broadband networks. The Internet Freedom Preservation Act of 2008 [<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:h.r.5353:>] (H.R. 5353), cosponsored by Chip Pickering (R-Miss.), calls on internet service providers to refrain from “unreasonable interference” or “discrimination” in traffic flow, but lacks the enforcement provisions that have derailed earlier efforts to enact net neutrality legislation....

Harvard faculty approve open access policy

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/harvard.cfm>]

Harvard University’s arts and sciences faculty voted unanimously February 12 to publish their scholarly articles online, making them available to the public at no charge. Under the plan, the university’s library will oversee a newly created Office of Scholarly Communication that will serve as a repository for the material. Faculty members will retain the copyright to their articles, subject to the university’s license, and can request a waiver of the license for particular articles in special cases....

Indianapolis settles with eight construction companies

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/indplsmore.cfm>]

After months of court-ordered mediation, Indianapolis–Marion County (Ind.) Public Library announced a \$17.65-million settlement February 14 with eight construction companies for litigation claims related to a parking garage that is a part of a recent Central Library expansion. The project ran into long delays beginning in 2004 with the discovery of multiple defects in the underground garage, which also served as the foundation for a six-story addition....

Greenwich library faces Mideast lecture controversy

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/greenwich.cfm>]

Greenwich (Conn.) Library officials decided February 14 to allow a speaker to proceed with two scheduled lectures on Israeli-Palestinian relations at the library’s Cole Auditorium. The permission was a reversal of a previous action to cancel the lectures after the library received a number of complaints from community members....

Victoria to lock out public library staff

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/victorialock.cfm>]

The Greater Victoria (B.C.) Public Library board voted February 13 to lock out unionized employees at all nine branches beginning at 5 p.m. February 17. The workers have been in legal strike position over a pay equity dispute since September 4, 2007....

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[<http://www.tech-logic.com/>]
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ALA's social responsibility mission

[<http://www.asaecenter.org/PublicationsResources/whitepaperdetail.cfm?ItemNumber=27301>]

ALA was one of several associations spotlighted as global change agents in a new initiative

[<http://www.asaecenter.org/PublicationsResources/socialresponsibility.cfm?navItemNumber=14531>] by the American Society of Association Executives

that focuses on social responsibility. In its case study, ASAE says that social responsibility "is imbedded in ALA's stated mission, core values, and policy statements as critical to promoting high-quality library and information services and public access to information. The appendix to ALA's Ahead to 2010 document, Envisioned Future and Organizational Values,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governingdocs/aheadto2010/planappendix.htm>] also recommits to 'social responsibility and the public good.'"

American Society of Association Executives

initiative

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/wdhealth.htm>]

From now until May 11, Woman's Day magazine, in conjunction with ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries, is collecting stories [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/sponsorship/womansdaymagazine/health.htm>] on how its readers have used the library to improve a family member's or their own health. The magazine announced the initiative in its March issue, where it asks its readers aged 18 and over to submit [<mailto:womansday@ala.org>] their stories in 700 words or less. Up to four of the submissions will be featured in the March 2009 issue....

Workplace wellness posters wanted

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/acwf08.htm>]

The ALA Workplace Wellness Task Force will host a Wellness Fair on June 29 during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. In conjunction with this event, the task force invites poster session proposals relating to the program's theme, "Be Well at Work." Selected posters will be displayed during the Wellness Fair. The deadline for submissions is March 15....

AL Focus

The rally for Washington school libraries

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/washington-school-libraries-rally>]

More than 100 people gathered at the state capitol steps in Olympia, Washington, February 1 to rally for school libraries. The rally, as well as an all-day summit, was the culmination of the work of a group of concerned Spokane mothers troubled at the cuts to school library media programs. This video (4:24) presents speeches and images from the summit and rally, as well as words from the mothers themselves....

Featured review: Media

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2457079]

Woody Guthrie: Ain't Got No Home. Nov. 2007. 90min. PBS, DVD (978-0-7936-9391-7).

Ain't Got No Home is an apt subtitle for this profile of singer and songwriter Guthrie (1912–1967), who traversed the country looking for inspiration. As the writer of such well-known songs as "This Land Is Your Land," "Mule Skinner Blues," and "Oklahoma Hills," Guthrie found a home in American popular song. His music, which inspired the 1960s folk revival, told stories of Dust Bowl migrants taking harrowing, often fruitless treks to California; roused labor organizers in the 1940s; and prompted patriotic fervor during World War II. Against a remarkable backdrop of archival footage, photos, and music, the documentary follows Guthrie's sporadic bursts of creativity in music, writing, and painting as well as chronicling attempts to satisfy his family life....

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

[<http://www.tutor.com/libraries/ttw/>]

Division News

Teaching teens skills during Teen Tech Week

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/ttw08.htm>]

During Teen Tech Week, March 2–8, more than 1,500 libraries across the country will showcase technology available to teens that will enhance their information literacy skills—and show teens and their parents how to be safe while doing so. As information technology professionals, librarians play a vital role in empowering teens to make smart decisions about their online activities. Clearly, teen librarians are a much-needed resource....

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&_pn=product_detail&_op=2447]Dora the Explorer helps celebrate Día

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/dora08.htm>]

For 2008, libraries across the country will join Dora the Explorer and members of ALSC and Reforma in celebrating El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), also known as Día, on April 30. Día celebrates the importance of advocating literacy for every child, regardless of linguistic and cultural background. Dora the Explorer—the popular children's character seen on the Nickelodeon channel who invites

children to share her adventures in learning—is featured in the Día 2008 brochure, poster, and bookmark....

Housing opens for Young Adult Literature Symposium

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/housing08.htm>]

YALSA opened housing requests and listed its registration rates for its inaugural Young Adult Literature Symposium, November 7–9, at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Registration opens May 1, with special early bird pricing available until September 1 and advance registration from September 2 to October 3....

AASL seeks presenter

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/specialist08.htm>]

AASL is seeking a presenter for its “Reading and the Secondary School Library Media Specialist” institute. The deadline to apply to serve as presenter is March 14. The presenter will be responsible for presenting content, developed and supplied by AASL, to regions throughout the United States, starting at the 2008 ALA Annual Conference....

ACRL: Getting greener in 2009

[<http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/2008/02/14/help-acrl-make-2009-its-greenest-year/>]

ACRL’s new Green Conference Committee intends to reduce the environmental impact of the division’s 2009 National Conference in Seattle, educate and inform participants about the environmental costs of attending the conference, and set a precedent for greener conferences in the future for both ACRL and ALA. Fill out this survey

[<https://marvin.foresightint.com/surveys/Tier1Survey/ACRL/246>] and help them keep the conference green....

ACRL Insider, Feb. 14

Tour outstanding California libraries with LAMA

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/cal08.htm>]

Participants will be able to tour two of Southern California’s most highly regarded library buildings and a major library furniture accessory company during the ALA 2008 Annual Conference, June 27, in

Anaheim, California. The LAMA Buildings and Equipment Section will offer an all-day bus tour to the award-winning Santa Monica and Cerritos (above) main libraries before continuing to Doug Mockett & Company....

LAMA leadership preconference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/lead08.htm>]

LAMA will present “An Inside Look at Leadership” in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 27. This preconference is presented in partnership with the Pacific Institute, and is intended for everyone in leadership positions as well as those moving toward leadership roles within their organizations or lives....

LAMA: Live with a balanced scorecard

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/scorecard08.htm>]

Experienced presenters will take attendees through a day-long case study during “Living the Balanced Scorecard,” a preconference program presented by the LAMA Buildings and Equipment Section. This

program will be presented June 27 in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

RUSA selects Spectrum Scholar intern

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/jules08.htm>]

RUSA has selected Bergis Jules as its Spectrum Scholar Intern for 2009.

Jules, a 2008 Spectrum Scholar, is pursuing dual master's degrees with the School of Library and Information Science and the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University at Bloomington....

LAMA seeks mentors and mentees

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/mentor08.htm>]

LAMA's Mentoring Committee is accepting applications for participants in a formal mentoring program. The 10-month formal program is designed to encourage and nurture current and future leaders and to develop and promote outstanding leadership and management practices. Participants will meet each other at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

Awards

New information literacy award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/wb08.htm>]

World Book and ALA have created a new Information Literacy Goal Award, which will provide a combined \$10,000 annually to a promising public library and a promising school library literacy program. The World Book/ALA Information Literacy Goal Award replaces the World Book-ALA Goal Grant Award. Established in 1960, this award has supported nearly 60 research projects advancing library services over the years....

Jane Greenberg to receive Kilgour Research Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/greenberg08.htm>]

Jane Greenberg, a metadata expert and faculty member at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science, is the winner of the 2008 Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology. The Kilgour Award, sponsored by OCLC and LITA, recognizes outstanding research that advances information science and information retrieval....

John Cotton Dana Award raised to \$5,000

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/dana08.htm>]

The H.W. Wilson Company, sponsor of the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award since 1946, has increased the cash prize that comes with the award by \$2,000. Libraries that receive the award this year will enjoy a \$5,000 development grant....

Daisy Waters wins Esther J. Piercy Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/waters08.htm>]

Daisy P. Waters, assistant acquisitions librarian for electronic resources, for the University at Buffalo, New York, is the winner of the 2008 ALCTS Esther J. Piercy Award. The award is given to recognize

contributions in library collections and technical services by a librarian with no more than 10 years of professional experience....

Yee selected for Margaret Mann Citation

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/yee08.htm>]

Martha Yee, cataloging supervisor for the UCLA Film and Television Archive, is the recipient of the 2008 ALCTS Margaret Mann Citation. The Mann Citation recognizes outstanding professional achievement in cataloging or classification and includes a \$2,000 scholarship donated in the recipient's honor by OCLC to the library school of the winner's choice, in this case the University of Washington Information School....

Darling gets Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/darling08.htm>]

ALCTS has selected Karen Darling, head of acquisitions at the University of Missouri-Columbia, to receive the 2008 Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award. Sponsored by Harrassowitz, the award recognizes contributions and outstanding leadership in the field of acquisitions and includes a \$1,500 gift....

First Step Award to Erin Leach

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/step08.htm>]

Erin Leach, catalog librarian at Washington University in St. Louis, is the recipient of the 2008 First Step Award, a Wiley Professional Development Grant, presented by the ALCTS Continuing Resources Section. John Wiley & Sons sponsors this \$1,500 grant, which offers librarians new to the serials field an opportunity to broaden their perspective....

Blackwell Scholarship Award honors Lucy Lyons

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/lyons08.htm>]

The ALCTS Blackwell Scholarship Award this year goes to Lucy Lyons for her article "The Dilemma for Academic Librarians with Collection Development Responsibilities" in the Journal of Academic Librarianship 33, no. 2 (March 2007): 180-189. Blackwell donates a \$2,000 scholarship to the library school of the winning author's choice, in this case the School of Information and Library Science at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn....

LRTS [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/lrts08.htm>]

William H. Walters, dean of library services and professor of social sciences at Menlo College, Atherton, California, has won the 2008 Best of LRTS Award for his article "A Regression-based Approach to Library Fund Allocation," Library Resources and Technical Services 51, no. 4 (October 2007): 263-278....

Support Staff Travel Grants awarded

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/sage08.htm>]

Six library support staff members have each been awarded a 2008 ALCTS/Sage Library Support Staff Travel Grant. These grants, sponsored by Sage Publications, provide airfare, three nights hotel lodging, and conference registration for the individuals to attend the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

Bechtel Fellowship winner

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/bechte108.htm>]
ALSC has awarded the 2008 Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship to librarian Mary Elizabeth Land of the Abbeville County (S.C.) Library System. The fellowship is designed to allow a qualified children's librarian to spend a month or more reading and studying at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature, part of the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida, Gainesville....

BWI Summer Reading Grant winner
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/bwi08.htm>]
ALSC has awarded the Wayne County (N.C.) Public Library the 2008 BWI Summer Reading Program Grant. The \$3,000 grant, donated by Book Wholesalers Inc., provides financial assistance to a public library for developing outstanding summer reading programs for children....

Literature Program Grant winner
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/tandem08.htm>]
ALSC has awarded children's librarian Lisa M. Shaia with the 2008 Tandem Library Books Literature Program Grant for her program "Superhero Club"; at the Bristol (Conn.) Public Library....

"Light the Way"; Grant winner
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/light08.htm>]
ALSC has awarded the Rogers (Ark.) Public Library its "Light the Way: Library Outreach to the Underserved" grant. The grant is sponsored by Candlewick Press in honor of author Kate DiCamillo and the themes represented in her books. As winner of the grant, the Rogers Public Library will receive \$5,000 to continue its exceptional outreach to underserved populations....

3M/NMRT Professional Development grants
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/nmrt/footnotes/february2008a/3Mgrantwinners2008.htm>]
Katie Dunneback, Deana Groves, and Kate Zoellner have been selected as the 2008 recipients of the 3M Professional Development Grant administered by the New Members Round Table. This grant, sponsored by 3M Library Systems, covers round-trip airfare, lodging, and conference registration fees for attendance at the ALA Annual Conference....
NMRT Footnotes, Feb.

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[<http://www.queenslibrary.org/jobs>]
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LSSI begins labor talks in Jackson County
[<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080213/NEWS/802130312>]
A private firm that operates the 15 libraries in Jackson County, Oregon,

is being forced to recognize that a majority of its employees are members of a union to resolve a complaint filed with the National Labor Relations Board. Instead of waiting for a ruling, the Maryland-based company known as LSSI has agreed to enter into negotiations with the union that could result in a contract for an estimated 65 employees who formerly worked for Jackson County but were terminated last April when libraries closed....

Medford (Oreg.) Mail-Tribune, Feb. 13

Library staffer's cat spends 25 days in the subway

[http://www.nydailynews.com/news/2008/02/16/2008-02-16_georgia_rules_kitten_found_after_scamper.html]

Georgia, the feisty black kitten who escaped her travel case and scampered into the Manhattan subway January 22, was found February 16 by two track workers and returned to her delighted owner, Ashley Phillips, who works at the Throg's Neck branch of the New York Public Library in the Bronx. "She's getting microchipped as soon as possible," Phillips quipped....

New York Daily News, Feb. 17

Put the penguins back

[<http://www.loudountimes.com/news/2008/feb/15/put-penguin-story-back-says-school-board-member/>]

A Loudoun (Va.) School Board member is among critics of the school superintendent's recent decision to remove *And Tango Makes Three* from circulation at Loudoun elementary schools. That was the wrong decision, said School Board Vice Chairman John Stevens. "Parents determine what is appropriate for their own children and how to guide their children as they learn and grow," he said in a written statement. "The schools should not be an instrument of censorship."...

Loudoun (Va.) Times-Mirror, Feb. 15

Library of Congress preserves New Orleans music

[<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=18918478>]

The Library of Congress has rescued New Orleans public radio station WWOZ's extensive live broadcast collection. The collection, which was almost lost in Hurricane Katrina, includes great recordings by many New Orleans musicians, including Deacon John, Beau Jocque, and the late James Booker. It's a rare historical testament to the city's roots music....

NPR, All Things Considered, Feb. 12

Man sues Andover library for \$10 million

[http://www.eagletribune.com/archivesearch/local_story_048072356.html]

Ross Tobia, a self-published author who suffers from mental illness, is suing the Memorial Hall Library in Andover, Massachusetts, for \$10 million because he was banned from the building in January for allegedly swearing, yelling, and threatening staff there. Tobia claims his civil rights were violated when police warned him to stay away from the library or risk arrest, according to a lawsuit he filed in Newburyport Superior Court early in February....

North Andover (Mass.) Eagle-Tribune, Feb. 17

Public library vandalism appalls director

[<http://www.leadertelegram.com/story-ros.asp?id=BFP50SQPADV>]

Carol Burnham can't understand why anyone would break into the Chetek (Wis.) Public Library and vandalize books, computers, and the bathrooms. Burnham, the library director, is "definitely mad. They've hurt the entire community and the hundreds of people who come in every week." A toilet was broken, book shelves were knocked over and destroyed, and feces were smeared on the carpet and books by vandals February 11....
Eau Claire (Wis.) Leader-Telegram, Feb. 13

As economy struggles, more people rely on libraries
[http://www.eagletribune.com/punewsnh/local_story_050063333.html]
Librarians have long thought that the demand for library services leaps when the economy limps. It's not just books that the belt-tightening public wants more of in tough times, but museum passes, children's programs, and internet access. That's been the case at the Kelley Library in Salem, Massachusetts, over the past year, coinciding with the economic slowdown, according to Director Eleanor Strang....
North Andover (Mass.) Eagle-Tribune, Feb. 19

Tornado damages Bible-studies collection at Union University
[<http://www.sbc Baptist Press.org/BPnews.asp?ID=27433>]
The Ryan Center for Biblical Studies at Union University lost approximately 10% of its holdings when the EF4 tornado swept through the Jackson, Tennessee, campus February 5. The center is located on the top floor of Jennings Hall, which had half its roof ripped off in the tornado. Most of the damage was caused by water, mildew, or mold....
Baptist Press, Feb. 15

Syracuse University professor gets Gaylord gaming grant
[http://www.dailyorange.com/home/index.cfm?event=displayArticle&uStory_id=98344ca5-b445-4870-b613-ccd45fc08565]
If Professor Scott Nicholson has his way, the library would no longer be a place just for studying—students could also play video games. Nicholson, an associate professor in the School of Information Studies, recently received a \$5,000 grant from Gaylord Brothers, a library supply company located in Syracuse, to begin building a portable library game lab. Money from the grant will specifically go toward purchasing projectors, consoles, screens, accessories, and games....
Syracuse University Daily Orange, Feb. 12

Colorado harmful-to-minors bill advances
[<http://news.bookweb.org/5812.html>]
On February 13, the Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee ignored the pleas of booksellers and voted 4–2 to approve a bill that bans the sale to minors of books and magazines that are "harmful to minors." Senate Bill 125 (PDF file
[http://www.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2008A/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/E3B4DD66359F8929872573D1005F3659?Open&file=125_01.pdf]) also makes it a class 2 misdemeanor to disseminate to a minor any material that is harmful to minors or to allow a minor to view any performance that is harmful to minors....
Bookselling This Week, Feb. 14

Lessig considers a run for Congress
[http://www.news.com/8301-10784_3-9875101-7.html?tag=nefd.top]

Anne Broache writes: "Confirming weeks of speculation, Larry Lessig, the Stanford University law professor and 'free culture' icon, has confessed that yes indeed, he's considering a run for the U.S. Congress this year. The revelation came in a brief blog entry [http://lessig.org/blog/2008/02/two_announcements.html] on Lessig's website early February 20. Lessig would be vying for the seat vacated by the death last week of Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.)..."
C|Net.news blog, Feb. 20

Ontario schools to get more for libraries
[<http://lfpres.ca/newsstand/CityandRegion/2008/02/15/4848298-sun.html>]
Elementary school pupils were given a boost in reading and learning February 14 with new funds earmarked for school libraries. The Ontario government announced it will provide \$40 million (\$39.4 million U.S.) in additional funds during the next four years to hire new library staff across the province. But some school boards say [<http://www.theobserver.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=904378>] the money is not enough to pay for more than new library technicians....
London (Ont.) Free Press, Feb. 15; Sarnia (Ont.) Observer, Feb. 16

Library acquires Mary Queen of Scots death warrant
[http://www.24hourmuseum.org.uk/nwh_gfx_en/ART54382.html]
The only contemporary copy of the piece of paper that sent Mary Queen of Scots to her death in 1587 has been purchased by the library of Lambeth Palace, the official London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, bringing a huge sigh of relief that it will not be sold outside of the UK. An export ban was placed on the document in November 2007, giving UK institutions a chance to raise the £72,485.50 (\$141,265 U.S.) asking price for it, bearing in mind its importance to British history....
24 Hour Museum (U.K.), Feb. 19

Newberry Library sculpture stolen
[<http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/802840,CST-NWS-statue20.article>]
A large outdoor art piece that has become a symbol of Chicago's Newberry Library was stolen over the weekend, authorities said. Smaller replicas of the piece, Umanita (humanity in Italian), are used in awards presented by the library, said library president David Spadafora. The six-foot-tall sculpture was fixed to a marble base near the front door of the library....
Chicago Sun-Times, Feb. 20

Borders stores become more digital
[http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/retail/2008-02-13-borders-downloads_N.htm]
When you walk through the doors of Borders' new concept store, the place feels familiar. But follow the table of books snaking off to the right, and you'll come face-to-face with Borders' newest retail strategy: a digital center where you can download music or books, burn CDs, research family histories, print pictures, and order leather-bound books crammed with family photos—with help from clerks who know how to do those sorts of things and won't embarrass you if you don't....
USA Today, Feb. 13

Secrets of the Cambridge library tower

[<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2008/02/14/ncambridge114.xml>]

For decades generations of University of Cambridge undergraduates have fantasized about a secret stash of Victorian pornography in the library's tower, but this is pure folklore. However, the tower

[<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/tower.html>] does contain some 170,000 publications from the 19th century that are getting cataloged for the first time. Originally acquired by the library under legal deposit legislation, the collection consists of books, pamphlets, textbooks, calendars, games, timetables, and trade catalogs that were once considered unsuitable for inclusion in an academic library catalog....

The Telegraph (U.K.), Feb. 14; University of Cambridge library

U.S. author is U.K. library fiction favorite

[<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment/7234340.stm>]

American thriller writer James Patterson has become the UK's most borrowed author, with his books taken out of libraries 1.5 million times in 12 months. He has overtaken children's writer Dame Jacqueline Wilson, whose books have dominated for the past four years. The list,

[<http://www.plr.uk.com/mediaCentre/mostBorrowedAuthors/mostBorrowedAuthors.htm>] compiled by Public Lending Right, covers the year through June 2007.

J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince was the most borrowed children's book....

BBC News, Feb. 8

YMCA library blown up in Gaza

[<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportID=76851>]

Unknown assailants targeted the YMCA's library in central Gaza City, Palestinian territories, in the early hours of January 14, detonating explosives that razed it to the ground. The explosion occurred about 45 minutes after armed men broke into the building and overpowered two security guards. The library held about 8,000 books and was a popular cultural facility. Sources told the Jerusalem Post

[<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1203019394826&pagename=JPost/JP/Article/ShowFull>] that the incident was in retaliation for the

publication of cartoons ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad in a number of Danish newspapers. Officials are now worried about further deterioration of security in the Gaza Strip....

Ma'an News Agency, Feb. 15; Jerusalem Post, Feb. 17; IRIN News, Feb. 20

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[<http://www.maintainITproject.org>]
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[<http://www.talkingpanda.com/ilingo.php>] 100 ways to use an iPod to learn and study better

[<http://oedb.org/library/beginning-online-learning/100-ways-to-use-your-ipod-to-learn-and-study-better>]

If you think that iPods are used just for listening to music, you obviously haven't been keeping up with the latest technology. The Apple-developed music player now features all kinds of accessories to help you study better, and now other companies are in a rush to get their designs in sync with the iPod. Preteens, college kids, and even adults are taking advantage of the educational benefits an iPod affords them....
Online Education Database, Feb. 12

End of the high-def format wars: pros and cons
[<http://www.pcworld.com/article/id,142629/article.html>]
Melissa J. Perenson writes: "With Toshiba's withdrawal
[<http://www.reuters.com/article/companyNewsAndPR/idUSL1627196120080216>]
from producing HD DVD players and PC drives, the format war has come to an abrupt end—and consumers everywhere can breathe easier as they whip out a credit card to buy a Blu-ray player. But it's not all good news for consumers. Now that the war is over, I can see both pros and cons. Here are some to consider."...
PC World, Feb. 19

Digital downloads will not kill Blu-ray
[<http://www.techcrunch.com/2008/02/17/digital-downloads-are-not-about-to-kill-blu-ray/>]
Duncan Riley writes: "With Toshiba's announcement that it is to cease manufacture of HD DVD players, the high-definition format wars are now over. With Blu-ray left standing, some, such as Rob Beschizza
[<http://blog.wired.com/gadgets/2008/02/hd-dvd-death-ma.html>] at Wired are now saying that digital downloads will now kill Blu-ray. It's an argument many of you reading this will feel is a sound one, but it's not going to happen anytime shortly. Here are a few reasons why."...
Techcrunch, Feb. 17

Interesting and peculiar products [<http://citesandinsights.info/v8i3e.htm>]
Walt Crawford brings together news about the latest gadgets and technology, including green PCs, really cheap laptops, recordable iPods, dense memory, and new enhancements for familiar products....
Cites & Insights 8, no. 3 (March)

All-in-one podcast studio [<http://www.thinkgeek.com/electronics/mp3/99e5/>]
Think Geek is offering a USB audio podcast studio pack, which gives you everything you need for crystal-clear audio recording and editing. The included USB mic features a 19mm internal shock-mounted diaphragm with a cardioid pick-up pattern ensuring pristine studio quality. A shock-mounted desktop mic stand and Cakewalk Sonar LE audio workstation software round out the package. You even get a sharp-looking aluminum briefcase to store all your new audio goodies....
Think Geek

ProQuest acquires WebFeat
[<http://www.proquest.com/pressroom/pressrelease/08/20080214.shtml>]
Ann Arbor-based electronic publisher ProQuest has acquired WebFeat, the company that pioneered the technology that simultaneously searches all of an organization's databases, dramatically increasing research productivity. ProQuest plans to merge WebFeat with Serials Solutions, its

Seattle-based business unit and developer of e-resource access and management tools for libraries....

ProQuest, Feb. 14

Actions & Answers

Libraries to move into Bay Area rapid transit stations

[http://ccclib.org/press_releases/library-a-go-go.html]

The Contra Costa County (Calif.) Library is expanding services and improving accessibility by making its popular collection available to people at Bay Area Rapid Transit stations and local shopping centers. The library claims to be the first in the nation to offer the public book-lending machines under a new program called Library-a-Go-Go. The first machine will be available at the Pittsburg/Bay Point BART station sometime in April....

Contra Costa County (Calif.) Library, Feb. 11

Open minds, open source

[<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/02/19/opensource>]

In January, a survey

[<http://www.librarytechnology.org/perceptions2007.pl>] by Marshall

Breeding, director for innovative technologies and research at Vanderbilt University's library, revealed a measure of discord over the options available to librarians for automating their electronic catalogs and databases. Some libraries, fed up with software that doesn't fully meet their needs, have begun creating their own open-source solutions that are fully customizable, free for others to use, and compatible with existing systems....

Inside Higher Ed, Feb. 19

Open access is the future

[http://www.zephoria.org/thoughts/archives/2008/02/06/openaccess_is_t.html]

Social-networks scholar Danah Boyd has vowed never again to publish in any journal that does not offer open access and asks other academics to join her boycott: "I believe that scholars should be valued for publishing influential material that can be consumed by anyone who might find it relevant to their interests. I believe that the product of our labor should be a public good." She also calls on libraries to begin subscribing to more open-access journals....

Apophenia, Feb. 6

Wiegand to write new public library history

[http://www.fsu.com/pages/2008/02/14/library_history.html]

A Florida State University professor has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to write a book exploring the history of public libraries in the United States. Wayne A. Wiegand, the F. William Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies, received a \$50,000 fellowship to write his proposed book, *A People's History of the American Public Library, 1850–2000*, which will explore the roles the public library has played in the community, in the life of the reader, and as an information provider....

Florida State University, Feb. 14

IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf

[<http://www.imls.gov/news/2008/021908.shtm>]

More than 850 libraries, museums, and archives

[http://www.imls.gov/news/2008/021908_list.shtm] have been chosen to receive the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf. The contents of the bookshelf were selected by a blue-ribbon panel of conservation experts; it includes an essential set of books, online resources, and a user's guide [<http://www.imls.gov/collections/bookshelf/index.htm>] that can profoundly impact the ability of small libraries and museums to care for their collections....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Feb. 19

Gaming and the school curriculum

[<http://librarygamer.wordpress.com/2008/02/11/gaming-school-libraries-and-the-curriculum/>]

Brian Mayer writes: "Games engage students with authentic leisure experiences while reinforcing a variety of social, literary, and curricular skills. When an educational concept is introduced and reinforced during a game, it is internalized as part of an enjoyable experience and further utilized as one aspect of a strategy to attain success." To prove his point, Mayer matches up specific New York State learning standards with selected games....

Library Gamer, Feb. 11

UIUC develops web toolkit for archivists

[<http://www.news.uiuc.edu/news/08/0219archon.html>]

Archivists at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library believe they have built a better toolkit. Their new online collections management program called Archon [<http://www.archon.org>] has more than a few attractive features—not the least of which is that it was developed for "lone archivists with limited technological resources and knowledge," said Scott Schwartz (far right), one of the developers of the software program and the university archivist for music and fine arts....

UIUC News Bureau, Feb. 19

Library search tools for researchers

[<http://www.collegedegree.com/library/college-life/25-awesome-beta>]

College Degree.com came up with a selection of 25 web tools, many of them developed by libraries, that enhance the research process. Included are the University of Virginia's Project Blacklight, Michigan State's Encore, LibWorm, and Fez....

College Degree.com, Feb. 12

How to give effective presentations

[<http://librarygarden.blogspot.com/2008/02/talk-good-giving-effective.html>]

Peter Bromberg writes: "Since I started doing Toastmasters about two years ago, I've been saving every good piece of information I could find on how to be a better speaker and presenter. I mentioned this recently to some of my fellow Toasties and they asked me to share my links. The following pieces speak for themselves (no pun intended), so without extensive annotations, here are my top 10."...

Library Garden, Feb. 15

Spotlight on a Wyoming school library

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

The award was the 2007 Thompson Gale Giant Step Award, a \$10,000 award to libraries who provide unusually beneficial services to their community or school. Splitting the honor and money with a New York school, the Fort Washakie School, on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming, was chosen as an award cowinner because of its efforts to make the library not only a school affair, but a community one too....

Wyoming Library Roundup 49, no. 4 (Fall): 4–6; I Love Libraries.org

Preservation in the age of large-scale digitization

[<http://www.clir.org/pubs/abstract/pub141abst.html>]

A white paper (PDF file

[<http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub141/pub141.pdf>]) published by the Council on Library and Information Resources examines large-scale digital initiatives (Google Book Search, Microsoft Live Search Books, Open Content Alliance, and the Million Book Project) to identify issues that affect the availability and usability of the digital books these projects create. Written by Cornell University's Oya Y. Rieger, the paper describes the selection, quality control, and infrastructure of the four projects....

Council on Library and Information Resources, Feb. 15 [<http://www.rittenhouse.com>]

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/geninfo.htm>]

Still pondering whether to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2? Find out what Anaheim is really like in this AL Focus video.

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/welcome-anaheim-ala-annual-conference-2008-preview>] Early bird registration

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/registration.htm>]
] ends March 7.

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=general_info&id=49]

The March 1 issue of Booklist

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=general_info&id=49]

features all of ALA's notable and best books and media, as well as the annual interview with the winner of the Printz award, Geraldine McCaughrean. NEW! From Booklist.

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/culturalcommunities.cfm>] by July 31, and your gift will be matched by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The five-year Challenge Grant campaign has a goal of raising \$1.4 million, with yearly targets to receive matching funds from the NEH.

Career Leads from

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

Librarian,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=9634>] American Numismatic Society, New York City. This endowed position serves the society's curatorial staff, the annual Eric P. Newman Summer Seminar in numismatics, scholars, and collectors with collections of books, articles, catalogs, and primary documents covering the full range of subjects relevant to the history of the world's currencies and medallion art. The librarian's duties include the continued development of this distinctive collection and a range of services to users. The librarian will lead the move of the collections to new quarters in the summer of 2008 and the migration of its collection and catalog to conform to modern standards....

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

Digital Library of the Week

[http://www.kchistory.org/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=%2FLauder&CISOPTR=584&DMSCALE=100&DMWIDTH=750&DMHEIGHT=684.78260869565&DMMODE=viewer&DMFULL=1&DMX=0&DMY=0&DMTEXT=&DMTHUMB=0&REC=2&DMROTATE=0&x=125&y=126]

The Missouri Valley Special Collections Digital Gallery

[<http://www.kchistory.org/index.php>] offers more than 11,000 images of archival material such as letters, photographs, postcards, advertising cards, and maps from the holdings of the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library. You'll find not only historical photos of Kansas City like early downtown street scenes and businesses, schools, and churches, but also photographs of celebrities like Jean Harlow, Joan Crawford, and Walt

Disney. Special features of the Gallery include over 300 locally written biographies of well-known deceased Kansas Citians, profiles of over 25 significant Kansas City buildings, and the Local History index [<http://www.kchistory.org/cdm4/explore.php?page=localhistoryindex>] to numerous articles in magazines, newsletters, newspapers, books, as well as factual entries on topics of interest to the Missouri Valley area and Kansas City specifically.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this AL Direct feature? Tell us about it. [<mailto:aldirect@ala.org>]

Public Perception How the World Sees Us

“The FBI, which did not immediately return phone calls, keeps a list of security books in addition to Thomas’s book [Aviation Insecurity: The New Challenges of Air Travel, published in 2003 by Prometheus Press], and tracks the titles through sales and distribution channels. Libraries also are monitored for activity and interest in the listed titles.”

?“FBI Tracks Book Sales for Terrorism Leads,” WorldNet Daily exclusive report, Feb. 11.

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=370>]

Would you like to live and work in Bermuda? Bermuda College Library is seeking an exchange partner in either the fall 2008 or spring 2009 semester, or for the academic year. They would like to have someone who is familiar with technology, electronic resources, or cataloging. See more details on the IRO wiki. [http://www.iro.ala.org/irowiki/index.php?title=Library_Exchange_Opportunity_in_Bermuda]

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. A member of our library visiting team has suggested that our staff development goal should be customer service training. Where do we start?

A. Many libraries are instituting programs leading to high expectations in providing service to those who use our libraries—whether we call them customers, patrons, readers, visitors, or library users. You probably

want to use a multipronged approach, combining in-service training with a consultant

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Independent_and_Consultants], external workshops

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Where_to_find_CE_for_your_staff], and readings.

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Customer_Service] Some of your readings will be from the standard business literature, with works such as *Good to Great*, by Jim Collins, or even something like *Inside the Magic Kingdom: Seven Keys to Disney's Success*, by Tom Connellan—which we'll all get to see in action if we take time to make a visit during the upcoming Annual Conference. We've collected some resources on our customer service

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Customer_Service] page.

See the ALA Professional Tips wiki

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Customer_Service_for_Libraries] for more reading lists....

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

The School of Information and Library Science

[<http://sils.unc.edu/programs/international/>] at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is offering two international summer seminars that are open to anyone, not just UNC students. One is at Oxford University, May 11–24, and the other is at Charles University in Prague, May 25–June 7. Registrations must be received by March 1.

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ALA Courses

Mar. 6–7:

Planning and Management of Buildings,

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]

Florida Library Association, Orlando. Certified Public Library

Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

Mar. 24–

Apr. 23:

Readers’ Advisory 101.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/readersadvisory101course/readadv101ce.cfm>] Online course sponsored by the

Reference and User Services Association.

Mar. 26–29:

ACRL/Harvard Advanced Leadership Institute for Senior Academic Librarians, [<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/~ppe/highered/>] Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Apr. 1–2:

Current Issues,

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]

Prairie Area Library System, Moline, Illinois. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

Apr. 7–

May 2:

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ascla/asclaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/webcourse.cfm>] Online course sponsored by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies.

Apr. 15–16:

Fundraising,

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>] Washington/Oregon Joint State Library Conference, Vancouver, Washington. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

Apr. 29–30:

Fundraising,

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]

Peninsula Library System, San Mateo, California. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

Apr. 29–30:

ACRL/LAMA Joint Spring Virtual Institute.

[<http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrl/events/springvirtualinstitute.cfm>]

“Leading from the Middle: Managing in All Directions.”

May 6–7:

Politics and Networking,

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]

Southern Adirondack Library System, Saratoga Springs, New York. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

May 7–8:

Strategic HR: Organization and Personnel Management,

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>]

[<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm>] Ohio Library Council, Columbus. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by the Public Library Association.

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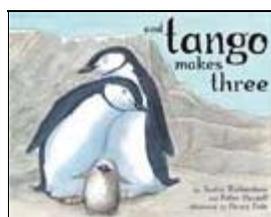
U.S. & World News

[Supreme Court rejects wiretapping suit](#)

The U.S. Supreme Court declined February 18 to consider whether plaintiffs who believed they had been spied on without a court order could challenge the legality of such surveillance without tangible proof—even if the proof is classified as a state secret. The rejection of the *ACLU v. NSA* appeal came two days after the expiration of the Protect America Act, which from August 2007 until February 16 legalized warrantless eavesdropping on phone and internet communications to U.S. homes, workplaces, libraries, and elsewhere....

[Tango ruffles feathers in Virginia](#)

And Tango Makes Three, an award-winning children's book by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson about two male penguins hatching and parenting a baby chick, made more headlines in February when Loudoun County (Va.) Public Schools Superintendent Edgar B. Hatrick III decided to move the book from the public shelves of 16 elementary schools to areas accessible only to parents and teachers. The action reverses the decision of a Sugarland Elementary principal and advisory committee who chose to maintain students' access to the book despite a parent's objection several months ago to the book's gay-positive themes....



[It's official: SMU chosen for Bush library site](#)

The board of trustees of Southern Methodist University unanimously approved an agreement with the George W. Bush Library Foundation February 22 to locate the presidential library and policy institute on its Dallas campus. The agreement, which followed more than a year of negotiations, states that SMU was chosen over seven other competitors....



[Study reaffirms link between school librarians and achievement](#)

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schools with certified librarians are higher than in those schools without librarians, according to preliminary research findings from Syracuse University's School of Information Studies. The findings indicated a 10-point increase of English Language Arts test scores in schools with library media specialists....

[Hamas arrests suspects in Gaza library bombing](#)

The Hamas government of the Palestinian Authority has arrested two suspects in the recent bombing of the YMCA library in Gaza City. According to the February 22 Palestinian newspaper *Al-Ayyam*, the suspects were members of the militant Army of Islam, which has claimed responsibility for the 2007 kidnapping of BBC reporter Alan Johnston and the 2006 capture of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who remains a hostage....



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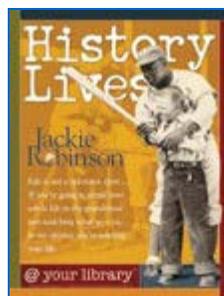
[Toolkit for *The Truth about Cancer*](#)

ALA is working with WGBH-TV in Boston on the upcoming national outreach campaign for the film *The Truth About Cancer*, which will air on PBS on April 16 at 9 p.m. (check local listings). The 90-minute documentary film, followed by a 30-minute expert panel hosted by journalist and cancer survivor Linda Ellerbee, will be the launching pad for events and projects across the country focused on creating community conversations around cancer survivorship. A limited number of free [outreach toolkits](#) are available....



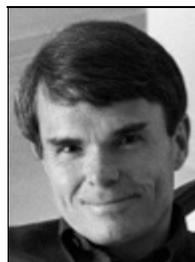
[First 100 to Step Up to the Plate will receive a poster](#)

Since registration for Season Three of the "Step Up to the Plate" program opened in early February, hundreds of librarians have signed up to access free tools to promote the program. Of those, the first 100 will receive a Jackie Robinson *History Lives* poster from ALA Graphics. Although the program officially launches to the public on April 4, librarians can [register](#) now....



[Dean Koontz added to the Anaheim lineup](#)

Suspense-thriller author Dean Koontz will be featured in the Auditorium Speaker Series at the 2008 Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. He will give his presentation 1:30–3:30 p.m., June 30. Ten of Koontz's novels have risen to number one on the *New York Times* hardcover bestseller list, including *One Door Away from Heaven*, *From the Corner of His Eye*, *Midnight*, *Intensity*,



Based on more than **50 years** of author expertise in organizational improvement, [The Quality Library](#) offers a methodology to pinpoint trouble areas and improve processes. Sara Laughlin and Ray Wilson offer tips on developing a customer-focused system outlining library processes and networks that directly apply to the library's goals and missions. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

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Sole Survivor, and *The Husband*, making him one of only a dozen writers ever to have achieved that milestone. His appearance is sponsored by Random House....

[MacArthur grant to support OITP copyright initiatives](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy has announced that its major digital copyright programs and initiatives to strengthen public access to information, especially in libraries, will be supported by a \$385,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The grant will fund the [International Copyright Advocates](#), the [Copyright Advisory Network](#), and strategic assessment of technological and societal trends to enable proactive action by the library community....



AL Focus

[Thomas Paine Literary Landmark dedication](#)

Friends of Libraries USA honored Philadelphia's American Philosophical Society Library January 14 by naming their Col. Richard Gimbel Collection of Thomas Paine Papers a "Literary Landmark." AL Focus was there at the dedication and got an inside look (3:28) at the book vault that contains a treasure of Paine materials, including a bloodstained copy of *The American Crisis* and an angry letter from Paine to President George Washington....



Forum

Philadelphia Wrap-up

Girls Raise Cash for Kenya



ALA members benefit from ALA's membership in the **International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions**. If you are planning on going to the IFLA [Congress](#) in Québec City, August 10–14, you can register as an IFLA member with the ALA membership code: US-0002. Contact [Michael Dowling](#) for more details.

Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Reference](#)

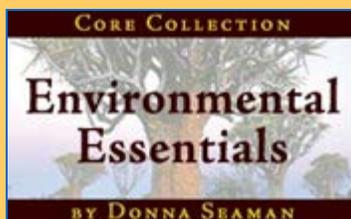
Exploring Mammals. Sept. 2007. 1,600p. Marshall Cavendish, hardcover. Grades 5–10 (978-0-7614-7719-8).

About 90 mammals, from *Aardvarks* to *Zebras*, are described in these volumes. Each article includes several components: a "Profile," with introductory information; a discussion of anatomy, with diagrams; a discussion of habitat; descriptions of various behaviors; and a consideration of factors determining survival. Each article also has numerous boxed sections to draw attention to important or curious facts as well as many color photographs and other illustrations....



[Spotlight on green collections](#)

Booklist magazine launched an annual Spotlight on the Environment with its February 15 issue. This spotlight reflects *Booklist's* long emphasis on the



Career Leads from



[Librarian for Germanic Studies, French and Italian, and Comparative Literature](#), Indiana University,

Bloomington. Classical Studies and/or Linguistics may also be included in the position, depending on the interests and qualifications of the appointee....

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increasing interest in environmental collections. Donna Seaman, a dedicated environmental reviewer, leads the way in adult materials with a Top 10 Books on the Environment list, a Core Collection feature "[Environmental Essentials](#)," and an interview with activist author Bill McKibben....

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



Division News

[25 tech activities for teens](#)

YALSA's Teen Tech Week committee has come up with a list of 25 things teens can do for Teen Tech Week, March 2-8. If you run into any teens that seem bored or want something to do, then hand them this list of activities. There should be *no bored teens* in the library during Teen Tech Week....

YALSA Blog, Feb. 25

[Two Teen Tech Week surveys for YAs](#)

Teens across the country can offer their opinions on technology use and future Teen Tech Week themes. As part of the Be Smart Wired Survey, conducted by SmartGirl.org, teens will answer questions about their online habits. In a second survey, from YALSA, teens will give their input on the 2008 theme and answer questions about their use of nonprint resources and other technology in libraries....

[WrestleMania Reading Challenge finalists](#)

YALSA and World Wrestling Entertainment have announced the eight finalists in YALSA's 2008 WWE WrestleMania Reading Challenge. Each finalist won airfare, hotel, and spending cash for two to Orlando, Florida; tickets to WrestleMania XXIV; \$2,000 for their library; and a chance to compete for ringside seats at the Citrus Bowl on March 30....



[Deedy to represent School Library Media Month](#)

Carmen Agra Deedy, award-winning author of *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale*, has been named national spokesperson for the 2008 [School Library Media Month](#), which will be celebrated in April. School Library Media Month is sponsored by AASL and celebrated by school library media centers around the country....



[Register for the RBMS Preconference](#)

Registration is now open for the 49th Annual ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Preconference, "Rare and Special Bytes: Special Collections in the Digital Age,"

Digital Library of the Week



[Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection](#)

currently includes 107 newspapers published in Colorado from 1859 to 1930. Newspapers come from 60 cities and 40 counties throughout the state, published in English, German, Spanish, or Swedish. Some 400,000 digitized pages are available. New material is added approximately once a month, depending on availability of funding. The newspapers are digitized from microfilm copies owned by the Colorado Historical Society. CHNC used Olive Software's ActivePaper Archive, which was designed specifically for providing searchable access to digitized newspapers.

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

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"For most of my lifetime, I've heard that reading is dead. In that time, disco has died, drive-in movies have nearly died, and something



sponsored by UCLA and the Getty Research Institute. The [preconference](#) will be held June 24–27, in Los Angeles, preceding the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, and will explore the role of special collections in an increasingly digital world....

[ASCLA seeks editor for *Interface*](#)

ASCLA seeks an editor for the division's quarterly membership journal, [Interface](#), which serves as the primary source of information and communication between ASCLA and the library and user community. Compensation of up to \$1,000 annually will be provided to the *Interface* editor to cover travel to ALA annual and midwinter conferences. The deadline to apply is May 1....



[RUSA on resource sharing](#)

The RUSA Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section is offering a full-day preconference that will focus on resource sharing, "Throw Off Your Policies and Expose Your Resources: Rethinking Resource Sharing," 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., June 27, during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

[YALSA events at Annual Conference](#)

YALSA events in Anaheim begin on June 26 with two preconferences: "Got Tweens? Serving Younger Teens and Tweens," a full-day preconference including lunch, and "Turn Teens on to Reading through Booktalks," a half-day preconference....

[ALCTS to offer a wide range of preconferences](#)

Six exciting and highly informative preconferences are being offered by ALCTS at this year's Annual Conference in Anaheim, from metadata and digital library development to cataloging cultural objects....

[Calling all book group people](#)

Kaite Stover writes: "We know you like to talk about books, but we want you to talk to us about your book group. Please help us get a picture of book groups across the country by participating in a short [informal survey](#) from the RUSA CODES Readers' Advisory Committee. Preliminary data will be presented at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, at the program 'Reading Group Therapy: How to Repair, Revamp, and Revitalize Your Book Group,' June 29, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m."...

Book Group Buzz, Feb. 22

Awards

called *The Clapper* has come and gone through bedrooms across the nation.

"But reading? This year, about 400 million books will be sold in the United States. Overall, business is up 1 percent—not bad, in a rough economy, for a \$15 billion industry still populated by people whose idea of how to sell books dates to *Bartleby the Scrivener*."

—Author Timothy Egan, responding to Steve Jobs's comment that "people don't read anymore," in "Book Lust," *New York Times*, Feb. 20.



There's still time for library directors and human resources staff to participate in the 2008 [ALA-APA Library Salary Survey](#). The [deadline](#) is February 29. If you'd like to know whether your library was included in the sample, call (800) 448-4584 and ask for Jean Hannon or Kristy Williams.





[ALA names three honorary members](#)

Latina poet and author Pat Mora, former children's librarian Effie Lee Morris, and library consultant Peggy Sullivan were elected to honorary membership in the American Library Association in action taken by Council at the 2008 Midwinter Meeting, held January 11–16 in Philadelphia. Honorary membership, ALA's highest honor, is conferred in recognition of outstanding contributions of lasting importance to libraries and librarianship....

[Hazard College wins ACRL award](#)

Hazard (Ky.) Community and Technical College has won the 2008 ACRL Community and Junior College Libraries Section EBSCO Community College Learning Resources Program Achievement Award. The college was chosen for its hosting an annual regional conference in southeastern Kentucky, which brings together academic, public, and school librarians....



[Susan Sharpless Smith wins IS Innovation Award](#)

Susan Sharpless Smith, head of information technology at Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has been chosen to receive the 2008 ACRL Instruction Section Innovation Award. Sponsored by LexisNexis, the annual award recognizes a project that demonstrates creative, innovative, or unique approaches to information literacy instruction or programming....



[Fidishun wins WSS Career Achievement Award](#)

Dolores Fidishun, head librarian at the Penn State Great Valley Library, has been selected as the 2008 winner of ACRL's Women's Studies Section Career Achievement Award. The award, sponsored by Greenwood Publishing Group, honors significant long-standing contributions to women's studies in the field of librarianship over the course of a career....



[Sloan wins WSS Significant Achievement Award](#)

Jane Sloan, media librarian at Rutgers University, is the winner of the 2008 ACRL Women's Studies Section Award for Significant Achievement in Woman's Studies Librarianship. The award, sponsored by Routledge, honors a significant or one-time contribution to women's studies librarianship....

[Ragains wins Rockman Award](#)

Patrick Ragains, business and government information librarian at the University of Nevada-Reno, was selected

The [Hong Kong Book Fair](#) is pleased to offer the [Free Pass Program for Librarians](#) for the 19th Annual Fair, which will be held July 23–29. The Fair will provide selected librarians from the U.S. and Canada who collect Chinese-language materials four nights of hotel accommodation, free registration, and invitation to a cocktail reception. The [deadline to apply](#) is April 18.

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. We have the good fortune to be able to open a new middle school, with a school library media center. Can you point us to some resources so we can be sure to cover all our bases?

A. Depending on where you are with your planning and how much say you have in the facility, you might want to start with our [ALA Library Fact Sheet 11: Building Libraries and Library Additions:](#)

the winner of the ACRL Instruction Section Ilene F. Rockman Publication of the Year Award for his book, *Information Literacy Instruction That Works: A Guide to Teaching by Discipline and Student Population* (Neal-Schuman, 2006)....



[2008 Hayes Award winner](#)

ALSC has awarded the 2008 Maureen Hayes Award to the Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary School in San Francisco. The award, sponsored by Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, provides up to \$4,000 to an ALSC member library to fund a visit from an author/illustrator. Stevenson Elementary School librarian K. E. Hones will bring in local Chinese-American author Millie Lee to speak to all 4th- and 5th-grade classes about her books on the Chinese-American experience....



[Three libraries selected for Bookapalooza](#)

ALSC has announced the winners of its second annual Bookapalooza program. The three libraries selected to receive a collection of children's materials are Enid M. Baa Public Library (right, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands), Lena (Wis.) Public Library, and the Naturita branch of the Montrose (Colo.) Regional Library District....



[Diedrichs wins Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

Carol Pitts Diedrichs, dean of libraries and William T. Young Endowed Chair at the University of Kentucky Libraries, has received the 2008 ALCTS Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award. This award, sponsored by EBSCO Information Services, honors the recipient with \$3,000 and a citation. Through her publications, presentations, committee assignments, and consultancies, Diedrichs has significantly influenced best practices in the rapidly changing fields of collections and acquisitions....



[First LBI/Cunha/Swartzburg Award to Becky Ryder](#)

Becky Ryder, head of the preservation department at the University of Kentucky Libraries, is the winner of the inaugural LBI George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg Preservation Award. The award is sponsored by LBI: The Library Binding Institute, includes a \$1,250 grant, and is administered by the ALCTS Preservation and Reformatting Section. It honors the memory of George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg, early leaders in cooperative preservation programming....



[Janet Gertz wins Banks/Harris preservation award](#)

Janet Gertz, director of preservation at Columbia University, is the winner of the 2008 ALCTS Paul Banks and Carolyn Harris Preservation Award. The award, consisting of \$1,500 and a citation, is sponsored by Preservation Technologies and recognizes the contribution of a

[A Selected Annotated Bibliography](#), which has a general section, plus sections for major types of libraries. The school section includes a few references on furnishings which might be helpful. As for collection size, there are no hard and fast rules. How your library supports the curriculum will affect how you build your collection and select materials for it. But you'll want to look at some of the resources on [budgeting](#), [collection development](#), and [standards](#) available on the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#)....

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

Calendar

International Events

**Mar. 31–
Apr. 1:** [European Association of Information Services Conference](#), London, England. "Beyond Discovery."

Apr. 2–4: [Topic Maps Users Conference](#), Oslo, Norway. "Towards the Vision of Subject-Centric Computing."

June 5–7: [Information/Documentation](#)

professional preservation specialist who has been active in the field of preservation or conservation for library or archival materials....

[Vicky Reich receives Serials Librarianship award](#)

Vicky Reich, Highwire Press, is the winner of the 2008 Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award, administered by ALCTS. Reich's contributions have helped to create digital publishing, preservation, and archiving solutions for scholarly content. This award for distinguished contributions to serials consists of a citation and \$1,500 donated by ProQuestCSA....



[Eileen Williams receives Monroe Adult Services award](#)

Eileen Williams, adult reference and senior outreach librarian, Guilderland (N.Y.) Public Library, is the 2008 recipient of the Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award administered by RUSA. The annual citation is presented to a librarian who has made a significant contribution to library service to adults....



[Carla Rickerson gets Genealogical Publishing Co. award](#)

Carla Rickerson, head of manuscripts, special collections, and university archives at the University of Washington Libraries, is the 2008 recipient of the Genealogical Publishing Co./History Section Award presented by RUSA. The award is given to encourage, recognize, and commend professional achievement in historical reference and research librarianship....



[Suzanne Ward wins Distinguished ILL Librarian award](#)

Suzanne M. Ward, head of access services at Purdue University Libraries in West Lafayette, Indiana, is this year's recipient of the Virginia Boucher-OCLC Distinguished Interlibrary Loan Librarian Award. This RUSA Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section award recognizes and honors a librarian for outstanding professional achievement, leadership, and contributions to ILL and document delivery....



[2008 John Sessions Memorial Award](#)

Mike Smith, director of the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University in Detroit, is the 2008 recipient of the John Sessions Memorial Award presented by RUSA. The award recognizes the library's [No Greater Calling](#) online resource that honors Reuther's life....

[BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Award winner](#)

Gary White, head of the Schreyer Business Library at Pennsylvania State University in University Park, is the recipient of the 2008 Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship administered by RUSA's Business Reference and Services Section. The award, a citation and \$3,000 donated by Gale Cengage



[Management and Cooperation Among the Libraries in the Balkan Countries,](#)

Trakya University Library, Edirne, Turkey.

June 19–20:
[Forbidden Fruit: The Censorship of Literature and Information for Young People,](#)
Southport, United Kingdom.

July 1–5:
[Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche,](#) Annual Conference, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey. "Bridging the Digital Divide: Effective Library Partnerships in the Digital Age."

July 28–31:
[International Reading Association,](#) World Congress on Reading, San José, Costa Rica. "Reading in a Diverse World."

Aug. 10–14:
[International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions,](#) World Library and Information Congress, Québec City, Québec. "Libraries Without Borders: Navigating Towards Global Understanding."

Sep. 3–5:
[UNESCO Training the Trainers in Information Literacy Workshop,](#) Ankara, Turkey. Limited to 50 participants; apply by April 30.

Sep. 22–26:
[International](#)

Learning, is given to an individual for distinguished activities in the field of business librarianship....

[BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award](#)

Daniel Hickey, a student of the School of Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh, is the recipient of the 2008 RUSA Business Reference and Services Section Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award. The cash award of \$1,000, donated by Gale Cengage Learning, will enable a student enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's program to attend an ALA Annual Conference....



[West European Specialist Study Grant winner](#)

Michelle Emanuel, catalog librarian and assistant professor at the University of Mississippi Libraries, has been selected to receive the 2008 ACRL Western European Studies Section Coumts Nijhoff International West European Specialist Study Grant. Emanuel's proposal aims to survey major film libraries in the Paris region in order to analyze and evaluate the collections and services provided to visiting scholars, with particular focus on the films of Francis Veber....



[Chandler and Pesch receive ALCTS Collaboration Citation](#)

The ALCTS Outstanding Collaboration Citation has been awarded to Adam Chandler, Cornell University CTS information technology librarian, and Oliver Pesch, chief strategist for information technology at EBSCO Information Services, in recognition of their leadership of the SUSHI Working Group in the development of the NISO Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative....

[Apply for LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development award](#)

LAMA is now accepting entries for the 2008 LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development Award. All students enrolled in a graduate LIS program are eligible to submit essays on the theme, "Fifty Ways to Lead Your LAMA." The author will receive a travel grant of up to \$1,000 to be used to attend the ALA Annual Conference. The [deadline](#) is May 1....

[YALSA diversity campaign launched](#)

As part of YALSA Unity: A Diversity Initiative, YALSA will offer two divisional members with a diverse background a stipend to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2. Each sponsorship recipient will receive up to \$1,000 for conference expenses. The deadline for applying is March 31....

[Try out for the Miriam Braverman award](#)

The Progressive Librarians Guild has announced its fifth annual Miriam Braverman Memorial Award for the best student paper concerned with the social responsibilities of librarians, libraries, or librarianship. Entrants must be LIS students and submit their papers by April 15....
Progressive Librarians Guild

[Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications,](#)

Humboldt University, Berlin. "Metadata for Semantic and Social Applications."

Oct. 15–17:
[Internet Librarian International,](#)
London. Submit speaking proposals by Mar. 28.

Nov. 2–5:
[Library and Information Association New Zealand Aotearoa Conference 2008,](#)
Auckland. "Poropitua Outside the Box."

Jan. 20–22:
[Information Online,](#)
Darling Harbour Exhibition and Convention Centre, Sydney, Australia. Submit papers for consideration by March 28.

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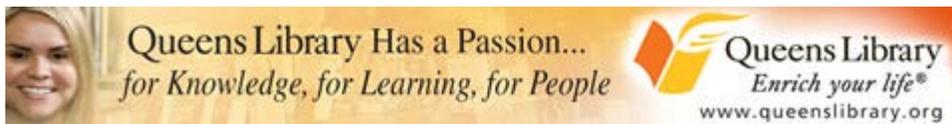


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[Another power play in Boston](#)

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino has informed Boston Public Library President Bernard Margolis that the city will take control of the library's nearly 200 trust funds—private contributions and bequests totaling about \$54 million—to better monitor how the money is spent. The plan has incensed Margolis and some of his allies, who say it could have a chilling effect on donors and even lead to the money being spent outside the library system....

New York Times, Feb. 26

[Black history treasure trove at Temple University](#)

The Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection at Temple University in Philadelphia contains more than 30,000 historical items, some dating to the 16th century. It includes Paul Robeson's sheet music, African Bibles, rare letters and manuscripts, slave narratives, correspondence of Haitian revolutionaries, and a first-edition book by W. E. B. DuBois. The collection has grown so much since Temple acquired it 25 years ago that it moved into a larger space on campus this month....

Associated Press, Feb. 23



[FCC grills Comcast in net neutrality hearing](#)

FCC chief Kevin Martin February 25 targeted Comcast's contention that delaying peer-to-peer file-sharing traffic serves user interests, appearing to sympathize with the cable company's critics. Through pointed questioning at a public hearing (although Comcast tried to [stack the audience](#)) at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Martin seemed to be pushing a two-pronged agenda: Internet service providers should be as transparent as possible about manipulating network traffic, and consumers should have the freedom to get what they pay for....

C|Net news blog, Feb. 25; *Computerworld*, Feb. 27

[Marathon County public librarians demoted](#)

The Marathon County (Wis.) Public Library board of trustees voted February 18 to eliminate the library's four "Librarian 1" positions, one of them vacant, in favor of creating three customer-service positions and one lead customer service librarian spot. The three librarians whose jobs the board cut will be offered the customer-service librarian positions, which pay about \$10,000 less annually. Officials said the [reorganization](#) can be traced to county budget constraints and the previous library administration....

Wausau (Wis.) Daily Herald, Feb. 22–23

[New California library construction bill introduced](#)

Senator Joe Simitian (D-11th District), a strong supporter of library issues in the California legislature, has introduced a new library construction bond bill for the 2008 session. The \$4-billion general obligation bond measure will be sponsored by the California Library

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Association. SB 1516 would enact the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2010, if approved by the voters during the 2010 statewide primary election....

California Library Association, Feb. 25

[Miami librarian wins claim against Sprint, Wells Fargo](#)

A Florida librarian—whose confidential data was apparently accessed in a data breach involving Wells Fargo and Sprint Nextel—won his lawsuit against the two giants February 12, when neither company bothered to send anyone to represent them at the hearing. Miami–Dade County Court Judge Jacqueline Schwartz ordered the two firms to pay Theodore Karantsalis the full amount he sought, plus court costs—\$756.80....

StorefrontBacktalk, Feb. 14

[Museum archivist charged with selling *Titanic* artifacts](#)

A former director at the Newport News (Va.) Mariners' Museum and his wife face federal mail and wire fraud charges that accuse them of selling nearly \$163,000 worth of historical items, including rare memorabilia from the museum's *Titanic* collection. Lester F. Weber and his wife, Lori E. Childs, made their initial appearances in U.S. District Court February 19. Weber worked as a museum archivist from 2000 to 2006 and was the director of archives for the last six months of his employment....

Norfolk (Va.) *Virginian-Pilot*, Feb. 20

[Open Library set to challenge WorldCat](#) (subscription required)

At only 21, Aaron Swartz is attempting to turn the library world upside down. He is taking on OCLC's subscription-based WorldCat, the largest bibliographic database on the planet, by building a free online book catalog that anyone can update. Some young librarians are rallying around the precocious entrepreneur because his work may make their collections more visible on the Web. The new catalog project, [Open Library](#), is set to go live in early March with records on 20 million books....



Chronicle of Higher Education, Feb. 22

[Information isn't reserved for books](#)

Research librarians say their powers have been unfairly dismissed in the online age. Not only can they outsmart Google's dead ends and weaknesses, librarians say, but they can help people surf faster and smarter by showing them hidden databases and tricks. "It's one of the most misrepresented professions," said Saima Kadir, a reference librarian with the Houston Public Library....

Houston Chronicle, Feb. 22

[Toronto library worker pleads guilty to 1969 cop shooting](#)

A man who shot a Chicago police officer in 1969 and fled to Canada, where he lived for more than 30 years and worked as a research assistant at the Toronto Public Library, will serve minimal jail time and contribute \$250,000 to a police aid fund. Under an agreement reached February 22 in Cook County (Ill.) Criminal Court, Joseph Parnell entered a guilty plea to a charge of aggravated battery....

Chicago Tribune, Feb. 22

[Windsor library in budget showdown with council](#)

The Windsor, Ontario, library board is refusing to cut \$800,000 from its budget and will leave it up to city council to close branches or reduce hours. Councilor Alan Halberstadt, board chairman of the library, told a news conference February 22 that the city's demand that the library cut 10% of its budget is unreasonable. The Council wants the library board to achieve the cuts without closing branches or reducing hours....

Windsor (Ont.) Star, Feb. 24

[Parent company of LJ, PW is on the market](#) Reed Business Information

Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch media giant that has just announced the \$4.1-billion [acquisition](#) of U.S. risk-management information business ChoicePoint, dropped another big one February 20: It will sell off its Reed Business Information arm, "reducing exposure to advertising markets and cyclicalities." RBI owns *Library Journal*, *School Library Journal*, *Publishers' Weekly*, and many other magazines. One [potential bidder](#) said, "I think they will end up selling it in pieces as VNU/Neilsen had to with their European business." Private equity group Apax Partners was [considering](#) an offer....

PaidContent, Feb. 20, 23; *The Times* (U.K.), Feb. 22

[Lessig decides against run for Congress](#)

Stanford legal scholar Lawrence Lessig announced February 25 that he would not be running for Congress in an upcoming special election to replace the late Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.). In a video posted on his [blog](#), he explains that there would be no way, in the scant time remaining before the election, to mount an effective campaign....

Ars Technica, Feb. 25



Tech Talk

[10 emerging technologies 2008](#)

Technology Review presents its list of the 10 technologies that are most likely to change the way we live. Find out more about modeling surprise, probabilistic chips, nanoradio, wireless electricity (shades of Nikola Tesla!), offline web applications, graphene transistors for speedier computer processors, and reality mining (learning human behavior through cell-phone user data)....

Technology Review, Mar./Apr.



[Tat-controlled gadgets](#)

Here's a design that Dracula would love: a subcutaneously implanted, wireless, digital tattoo display whose fuel cell is powered by *blood*. An entrant in the Greener Design Competition, the concept uses Bluetooth to communicate with your portable gadgets—or even devices implanted elsewhere in your body. Jim Mielke's concept taps into your bloodstream, converting the oxygen and glucose into electric power. It also acts as a touchscreen



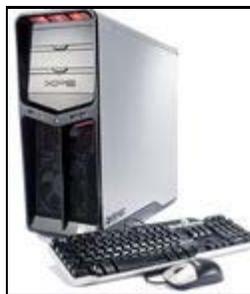
input device, so you could manage your cellphone calls by tapping on your arm....

Gizmodo, Feb. 21

[The frugal gamer's PC](#)

Not all gamers need—or can afford, for that matter—a \$5,000 gaming supermachine. The Dell XPS 630 represents Dell's entry into the sub-\$1,500 gaming PC space. Call it a "mainstream gaming PC"—one that trumps similarly equipped and priced competitors. You won't be raving about the Dell's blazing performance at 1,920-by-1,200 resolution, but you will be able to say, "I can play Crysis."...

PC Magazine, Feb. 26



[Is your color printer spying on you?](#)

Imagine that every time you printed a document, it automatically included a secret code that could be used to identify the printer—and potentially, the person who used it. In a purported effort to identify counterfeiters, the U.S. government has succeeded in persuading some color laser printer manufacturers to encode each page with identifying information. That means that without your knowledge or consent, an act you assume is private could become public....

Electronic Frontier Foundation

[Why Google buys companies](#)

Philipp Lenssen writes: "Watching Google from the outside—with the limited information that offers—I find that it buys companies mainly to get more data, users, technology, or developers. Some of above items are interrelated; especially with technology and developers, there's not always a clear distinction. Here is a limited selection of Google's many past acquisitions, checked against those four parameters."...

Google Blogoscoped, Feb. 25



[Would the real Dublin Core please stand up?](#)

Peter E. Murray writes: "I'm struggling to get beyond Dublin Core as simply the definition of metadata terms. That does seem to be the heart of Dublin Core, doesn't it? But is it the abstract model? Is it the set of terms that can be used as predicates in RDF expressions? Is it the legacy 15-element XML-based standard for describing digital objects? Count me in among those who want more help in trying to figure this out."...

Disruptive Library Technology Jester, Feb. 18

[Ribbit Amphibian cellphone internet mashup](#)

Ribbit is a Silicon Valley start-up that proposes to break down the barriers between your cell phone, all of its datastreams, and the internet. It provides you with a homepage with all of the usual information on your cell phone—but on a larger screen that's accessible even without your phone. You can get a list of phone calls and available voice mails; you can make calls directly from the web browser; and you can pull blog posts, videos, news, and other online information about your caller before you connect....

Technovelgy, Feb. 26



[14 other ways to use RSS feeds](#)

Undeniably RSS is one of the best things that has happened to the Web after email. Not only has it made browsing a lot more productive, convenient, and fun, but it has also introduced a number of new ways to interact with content that we could never have imagined before.

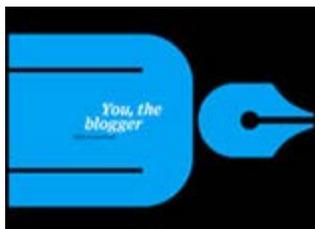


While you're probably already familiar with the idea of RSS feeds and Feedreader (No? See [this video](#)), there are several other ways you can make use of feeds....

MakeUseOf.com, Feb. 22

[The life cycle of a blog](#)

Frank Rose writes: "You have a blog. You compose a new post. You click Publish and lean back to admire your work. Imperceptibly and all but instantaneously, your post slips into a vast and recursive network of software agents, where it is crawled, indexed, mined, scraped, republished, and propagated throughout the Web. Within minutes, if you've written about a timely and noteworthy topic, a small army of bots will get the word out to anyone remotely interested. Here's how the whole process goes down."...



Wired 16, no. 2 (Feb.)

[12 screencasting tools for video tutorials](#)

Sean P. Aune writes: "Ever wondered how people show you so clearly what is happening on their computer? Thanks to screencasting software, anyone can do it. So what's stopping you now from making your own how-to videos? Try out one of these 12 tools and get to making your first video!"...



Mashable, Feb. 21

Actions & Answers

[Not your grandma's librarian](#)

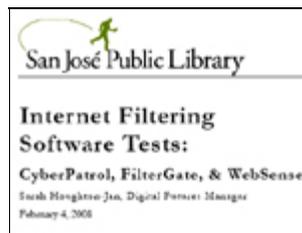
Eric Weil writes: "As workstations replace dust-covered shelves in your district libraries, a new breed of librarian—the library media specialist (LMS)—has become an essential part of a school's faculty. These are the people who will integrate the digital world into today's classroom and throughout the curriculum. Specially trained and knowledgeable in the use of information technology, library media specialists have become one of the most important instructional partners, working with teachers and administrators to change what is possible in the classroom."...

Scholastic Administr@tor, Feb.



[San Jose report shows filters don't work well](#)

San Jose (Calif.) Public Library Digital Futures Manager Sarah Houghton-Jan presented a summary of her report ([PDF file](#)) on tests of three software filters at a February 13 meeting of the SJPL commissioners. The library had been asked by city council to [investigate](#) filters for its public-use computers.



Its conclusion: "Our results show that the effectiveness of content filtering either in blocking materials harmful to minors or in allowing access to information including images that is not harmful to minors has not changed significantly in recent years." Worth a read....

LibrarianInBlack, Feb. 25; San Jose Public Library

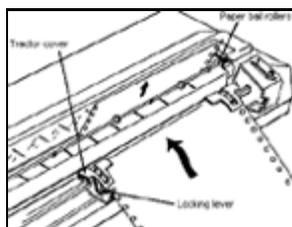
[Webcast on copyright developments](#)

Jim Neal, vice president for information services and university librarian at Columbia University, will deliver an Educause Live webcast at 1 p.m. Eastern time, February 29, on eight critical copyright areas: orphan works, digital fair use, broadcast flag, section 1201 anticircumvention rulemaking, electronic reserves, peer-to-peer file sharing, open access to government-funded research, and the report of the Section 108 Study Group on exceptions and limitations for libraries and archives. The maximum number of registrants has been reached for this seminar. However, you will be able to access the [archive](#) shortly after the session has concluded....

Educause Live!

[Obsolete academic librarian skills](#)

Steven Bell writes: "A few bloggers were having fun identifying totally obsolete skills—the sort of things we all used to do all the time. For example, dialing a rotary phone, using carbon paper to make copies, or changing the ball on a Selectric typewriter. That got me to thinking that in the years I've been in this profession, for the vast majority of academic librarians, there are more than a few accumulated skills and practices that could now be considered obsolete. Here are some that come to mind."...



ACRLog, Feb. 20

[The myth of Web 2.0 democracy](#)

Chris Wilson writes: "It's getting harder to be a Wikipedia hater. The user-generated and edited online encyclopedia—which doesn't even require contributors to register—somehow holds its own against the *Encyclopedia Britannica* in accuracy, a *Nature* study concluded, and has many times more entries. While Wikipedia does show the creative potential of online communities, it would be a mistake to assume the site owes its success to the wisdom of the online crowd."...

Slate, Feb. 22

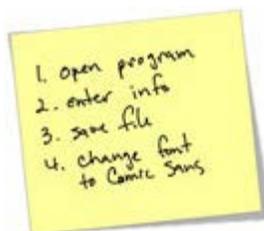
[Specialized search engines](#)

Phil Bradley maintains a web page with links to various search sites that offer specialized expertise. Need to know about trends in searching? Want to re-rank or reorder your results? Need to search for different file formats? Phil has some suggestions....

Phil Bradley, Feb. 9

[Learning about instructional design from Post-It notes](#)

Tom Kuhlmann writes: "I think the widespread use of Post-it notes and cheat sheets reveals a lot about the way people learn and how they apply that knowledge to their jobs. A few years ago, I worked on an IT e-learning project that took months to build. By the time we were ready to roll it out, we found that some of the machine operators had already created a bunch of 'cheat sheets' and passed them out to everybody on the floor. Instead of our course's 'certificate of completion' beautifully framed and displayed at



their workspaces, all of these people had crude-looking cheat sheets taped to their monitors.”...

Rapid e-Learning Blog, Feb. 19

[Recycled paper](#)

Find out if your library is purchasing recycled office paper. Look for recycled paper that is at least 30% post-consumer waste. This means the original paper wasn't scrap from the mill but was actually used for something first and is now being recycled. Also check to make sure that chlorine wasn't used in the process and that the original wood fiber was manufactured from sustainable growth. [New Leaf Paper](#) is one company to check out for recycled office paper....

Going Green @ your library, Feb. 20



[PALINET and SOLINET in merger talks](#) (PDF file)

The boards of trustees of two leading library cooperatives, PALINET and SOLINET, met in late February and are moving forward with their intention to combine the two organizations, subject to the approval of their respective memberships. Due diligence is currently underway and will continue through mid-April, after which the boards of both organizations are expected to make a final recommendation. Later, a series of town hall meetings will be held throughout the two regions so that all members can participate in open discussions....

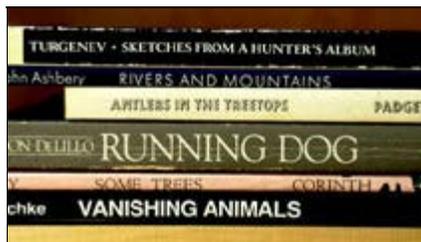
PALINET, Feb. 22



[The Sorted Books project](#)

Artist Nina Katchadourian writes: "The Sorted Books project began in 1993 and is ongoing. The project has taken place in many different places over the years, ranging from private homes to specialized public book collections. The process is the same in every case: culling through a collection of books, pulling particular titles, and eventually grouping the books into clusters so that the titles can be read in sequence, from top to bottom. At present, the Sorted Books project comprises more than 130 book clusters."...

Nina Katchadourian



[Oddest book titles of the year](#)

Bookseller magazine has announced the shortlist for its Diagram Prize for Oddest Book Title of the Year. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Diagram Prize, which honors books from the fringes of publishing. The titles are spotted and submitted by publishers, booksellers, and librarians around the world. The spotter of the winning book receives a magnum of champagne. Visit the [magazine website](#) to vote for your favorite. The winner will be announced March 28....

Bookseller, Feb. 22



[The MyHope MySpace song](#)

SweetAfton23 philosophizes about social-networking site MySpace on her ukelele in this song (3:56) that one commenter said was "like something from a 1970s SNL with

host Buck Henry." Expand the About This Video sidebar for the full lyrics, which include: "Your page will be an empty shell, when no one is behind it / I hope your MySpace stays forever—and I hope that your kids find it."...

YouTube, Feb. 5



AL Direct, February 27, 2008

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U.S. & World News

Supreme Court rejects wiretapping suit

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/wirereject.cfm>]

The U.S. Supreme Court declined February 18 to consider whether plaintiffs who believed they had been spied on without a court order could challenge the legality of such surveillance without tangible proof—even if the proof is classified as a state secret. The rejection of the ACLU v. NSA appeal came two days after the expiration of the Protect America Act, which from August 2007 until February 16 legalized warrantless eavesdropping on phone and internet communications to U.S. homes, workplaces, libraries, and elsewhere....

ruffles feathers in Virginia

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/tangoruffle.cfm>]

And Tango Makes Three, an award-winning children's book by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson about two male penguins hatching and parenting a baby chick, made more headlines in February when Loudoun

County (Va.) Public Schools Superintendent Edgar B. Hatrick III decided to move the book from the public shelves of 16 elementary schools to areas accessible only to parents and teachers. The action reverses the decision of a Sugarland Elementary principal and advisory committee who chose to maintain students' access to the book despite a parent's objection several months ago to the book's gay-positive themes....

It's official: SMU chosen for Bush library site
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/bushsite.cfm>]

The board of trustees of Southern Methodist University unanimously approved an agreement with the George W. Bush Library Foundation February 22 to locate the presidential library and policy institute on its Dallas campus. The agreement, which followed more than a year of negotiations, states that SMU was chosen over seven other competitors....

Study reaffirms link between school librarians and achievement
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/syracuseSKILLS.htm>]
Language test scores in New York State schools with certified librarians are higher than in those schools without librarians, according to preliminary research findings from Syracuse University's School of Information Studies. The findings indicated a 10-point increase of English Language Arts test scores in schools with library media specialists....

Hamas arrests suspects in Gaza library bombing
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/february2008/gazaymca.cfm>]

The Hamas government of the Palestinian Authority has arrested two suspects in the recent bombing of the YMCA library in Gaza City. According to the February 22 Palestinian newspaper Al-Ayyam, the suspects were members of the militant Army of Islam, which has claimed responsibility for the 2007 kidnapping of BBC reporter Alan Johnston and the 2006 capture of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who remains a hostage....

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[<http://www.tech-logic.com/>]
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ALA News

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The Truth about Cancer
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/outreach08.htm>]
ALA is working with WGBH-TV in Boston on the upcoming national outreach campaign for the film The Truth About Cancer, which will air on PBS on April 16 at 9 p.m. (check local listings). The 90-minute documentary film, followed by a 30-minute expert panel hosted by journalist and cancer survivor Linda Ellerbee, will be the launching pad for events and projects across the country focused on creating community conversations around cancer survivorship. A limited number of free outreach toolkits

[<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/takeonestep/request.html>] are available....

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&_pn=product_detail&_op=1074] First 100 to Step Up to the Plate will receive a poster [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/baseballreg.htm>] Since registration for Season Three of the “Step Up to the Plate” program opened in early February, hundreds of librarians have signed up to access free tools to promote the program. Of those, the first 100 will receive a Jackie Robinson History Lives poster from ALA Graphics. Although the program officially launches to the public on April 4, librarians can register [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/sponsorship/stepup/stepup.cfm>] now....

Dean Koontz added to the Anaheim lineup [<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/specialevents.htm#koontz>] Suspense-thriller author Dean Koontz will be featured in the Auditorium Speaker Series at the 2008 Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. He will give his presentation 1:30–3:30 p.m., June 30. Ten of Koontz’s novels have risen to number one on the New York Times hardcover bestseller list, including One Door Away from Heaven, From the Corner of His Eye, Midnight, Intensity, Sole Survivor, and The Husband, making him one of only a dozen writers ever to have achieved that milestone. His appearance is sponsored by Random House....

MacArthur grant to support OITP copyright initiatives [<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/macarthur2008.htm>] The Office for Information Technology Policy has announced that its major digital copyright programs and initiatives to strengthen public access to information, especially in libraries, will be supported by a \$385,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The grant will fund the International Copyright Advocates [<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=319>], the Copyright Advisory Network [<http://www.librarycopyright.net/>], and strategic assessment of technological and societal trends to enable proactive action by the library community....

AL Focus

Thomas Paine Literary Landmark dedication [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/thomas-paine-literary-landmark-dedication>] Friends of Libraries USA honored Philadelphia’s American Philosophical Society Library January 14 by naming their Col. Richard Gimbel Collection of Thomas Paine Papers a “Literary Landmark.” AL Focus was there at the dedication and got an inside look (3:28) at the book vault that contains a treasure of Paine materials, including a bloodstained copy of The American Crisis and an angry letter from Paine to President George Washington....

Featured review: Reference

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2290347]

Exploring Mammals. Sept. 2007. 1,600p. Marshall Cavendish, hardcover. Grades 5–10 (978-0-7614-7719-8).

About 90 mammals, from Aardvarks to Zebras, are described in these volumes. Each article includes several components: a “Profile,” with introductory information; a discussion of anatomy, with diagrams; a discussion of habitat; descriptions of various behaviors; and a consideration of factors determining survival. Each article also has numerous boxed sections to draw attention to important or curious facts as well as many color photographs and other illustrations....

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2534950]

potlight on green collections

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/green08.htm>]

Booklist magazine launched an annual Spotlight on the Environment with its February 15 issue. This spotlight reflects Booklist's long emphasis on the increasing interest in environmental collections. Donna Seaman, a dedicated environmental reviewer, leads the way in adult materials with a Top 10 Books on the Environment list, a Core Collection feature “Environmental Essentials,”

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2534950]

and an interview with activist author Bill McKibben....

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[<http://www.tutor.com/libraries/ttw/>]

Division News

25 tech activities for teens

[<http://blogs.ala.org/yalsa.php?title=25ttwactivities&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1>]

YALSA's Teen Tech Week committee has come up with a list of 25 things teens can do for Teen Tech Week, March 2–8. If you run into any teens that seem bored or want something to do, then hand them this list of activities. There should be no bored teens in the library during Teen Tech Week....

YALSA Blog, Feb. 25

Two Teen Tech Week surveys for YAs

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/ttwsurvey08.htm>]

Teens across the country can offer their opinions on technology use and future Teen Tech Week themes. As part of the Be Smart Wired Survey, conducted by SmartGirl.org, teens will answer questions about their

online habits. In a second survey, from YALSA, teens will give their input on the 2008 theme and answer questions about their use of nonprint resources and other technology in libraries....

WrestleMania Reading Challenge finalists

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2007/winners.cfm>]

YALSA and World Wrestling Entertainment have announced the eight finalists in YALSA's 2008 WWE WrestleMania Reading Challenge. Each finalist won airfare, hotel, and spending cash for two to Orlando, Florida; tickets to WrestleMania XXIV; \$2,000 for their library; and a chance to compete for ringside seats at the Citrus Bowl on March 30....

Deedy to represent School Library Media Month

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/deedy08.htm>]

Carmen Agra Deedy, award-winning author of *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale*, has been named national spokesperson for the 2008 School Library Media Month,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslissues/aasladvocacy/schoollibrary.cfm>]

which will be celebrated in April. School Library Media Month is sponsored by AASL and celebrated by school library media centers around the country....

Register for the RBMS Preconference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/rbms08.htm>]

Registration is now open for the 49th Annual ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Preconference, "Rare and Special Bytes: Special Collections in the Digital Age," sponsored by UCLA and the Getty Research Institute. The preconference

[<http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/special/RBMS/index.htm>] will be held June 24–27, in Los Angeles, preceding the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, and will explore the role of special collections in an increasingly digital world....

Interface

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/inter08.htm>]

ASCLA seeks an editor for the division's quarterly membership journal, *Interface*

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ascla/asclapubs/interface/currentedition/currentedition.cfm>],

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/ascla/asclapubs/interface/currentedition/currentedition.cfm>] which serves as the primary source of information and communication between ASCLA and the library and user community.

Compensation of up to \$1,000 annually will be provided to the *Interface* editor to cover travel to ALA annual and midwinter conferences. The deadline to apply is May 1....

RUSA on resource sharing

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/sharing08.htm>]

The RUSA Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section is offering a full-day preconference that will focus on resource sharing, "Throw Off Your Policies and Expose Your Resources: Rethinking Resource Sharing," 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., June 27, during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

YALSA events at Annual Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/yannual08.htm>]
YALSA events in Anaheim begin on June 26 with two pre-conferences: “Got Tweens? Serving Younger Teens and Tweens,” a full-day pre-conference including lunch, and “Turn Teens on to Reading through Booktalks,” a half-day pre-conference....

ALCTS to offer a wide range of pre-conferences

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/range08.htm>]
Six exciting and highly informative pre-conferences are being offered by ALCTS at this year’s Annual Conference in Anaheim, from metadata and digital library development to cataloging cultural objects....

Calling all book group people

[<http://bookgroupbuzz.booklistonline.com/2008/02/22/talk-about-yourself/>]
Kaite Stover writes: “We know you like to talk about books, but we want you to talk to us about your book group. Please help us get a picture of book groups across the country by participating in a short informal survey [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=DlldHsrIdCVg8HGQMLvEig_3d_3d] from the RUSA CODES Readers’ Advisory Committee. Preliminary data will be presented at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, at the program ‘Reading Group Therapy: How to Repair, Revamp, and Revitalize Your Book Group,’ June 29, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.”...
Book Group Buzz, Feb. 22

Awards

ALA names three honorary members

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/alahm08.htm>]
Latina poet and author Pat Mora, former children’s librarian Effie Lee Morris, and library consultant Peggy Sullivan were elected to honorary membership in the American Library Association in action taken by Council at the 2008 Midwinter Meeting, held January 11–16 in Philadelphia. Honorary membership, ALA’s highest honor, is conferred in recognition of outstanding contributions of lasting importance to libraries and librarianship....

Hazard College wins ACRL award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/hazard08.htm>]
Hazard (Ky.) Community and Technical College has won the 2008 ACRL Community and Junior College Libraries Section EBSCO Community College Learning Resources Program Achievement Award. The college was chosen for its hosting an annual regional conference in southeastern Kentucky, which brings together academic, public, and school librarians....

Susan Sharpless Smith wins IS Innovation Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/innovate08.htm>]
Susan Sharpless Smith, head of information technology at Wake Forest University’s Z. Smith Reynolds Library in Winston-Salem, North Carolina,

has been chosen to receive the 2008 ACRL Instruction Section Innovation Award. Sponsored by LexisNexis, the annual award recognizes a project that demonstrates creative, innovative, or unique approaches to information literacy instruction or programming....

Fidishun wins WSS Career Achievement Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/fidishun08.htm>]

Dolores Fidishun, head librarian at the Penn State Great Valley Library, has been selected as the 2008 winner of ACRL's Women's Studies Section Career Achievement Award. The award, sponsored by Greenwood Publishing Group, honors significant long-standing contributions to women's studies in the field of librarianship over the course of a career....

Sloan wins WSS Significant Achievement Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/significant08.htm>]

Jane Sloan, media librarian at Rutgers University, is the winner of the 2008 ACRL Women's Studies Section Award for Significant Achievement in Woman's Studies Librarianship. The award, sponsored by Routledge, honors a significant or one-time contribution to women's studies librarianship....

Ragains wins Rockman Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/rockman08.htm>]

Patrick Ragains, business and government information librarian at the University of Nevada-Reno, was selected the winner of the ACRL Instruction Section Ilene F. Rockman Publication of the Year Award for his book, *Information Literacy Instruction That Works: A Guide to Teaching by Discipline and Student Population* (Neal-Schuman, 2006)....

2008 Hayes Award winner

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/hayes08.htm>]

ALSC has awarded the 2008 Maureen Hayes Award to the Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary School in San Francisco. The award, sponsored by Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, provides up to \$4,000 to an ALSC member library to fund a visit from an author/illustrator. Stevenson Elementary School librarian K. E. Hones will bring in local Chinese-American author Millie Lee to speak to all 4th- and 5th-grade classes about her books on the Chinese-American experience....

Three libraries selected for Bookapalooza

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/bookapalooza08.htm>]

ALSC has announced the winners of its second annual Bookapalooza program. The three libraries selected to receive a collection of children's materials are Enid M. Baa Public Library (right, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands), Lena (Wis.) Public Library, and the Naturita branch of the Montrose (Colo.) Regional Library District....

Diedrichs wins Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/diedrichs08.htm>]

Carol Pitts Diedrichs, dean of libraries and William T. Young Endowed Chair at the University of Kentucky Libraries, has received the 2008 ALCTS Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award. This award, sponsored by EBSCO Information Services, honors the recipient with \$3,000 and a citation. Through her publications, presentations, committee assignments,

and consultancies, Diedrichs has significantly influenced best practices in the rapidly changing fields of collections and acquisitions....

First LBI/Cunha/Swartzburg Award to Becky Ryder

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/ryder.htm>]

Becky Ryder, head of the preservation department at the University of Kentucky Libraries, is the winner of the inaugural LBI George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg Preservation Award. The award is sponsored by LBI: The Library Binding Institute, includes a \$1,250 grant, and is administered by the ALCTS Preservation and Reformatting Section. It honors the memory of George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg, early leaders in cooperative preservation programming....

Janet Gertz wins Banks/Harris preservation award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/bh08.htm>]

Janet Gertz, director of preservation at Columbia University, is the winner of the 2008 ALCTS Paul Banks and Carolyn Harris Preservation Award. The award, consisting of \$1,500 and a citation, is sponsored by Preservation Technologies and recognizes the contribution of a professional preservation specialist who has been active in the field of preservation or conservation for library or archival materials....

Vicky Reich receives Serials Librarianship award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/reich08.htm>]

Vicky Reich, Highwire Press, is the winner of the 2008 Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award, administered by ALCTS. Reich's contributions have helped to create digital publishing, preservation, and archiving solutions for scholarly content. This award for distinguished contributions to serials consists of a citation and \$1,500 donated by ProQuestCSA....

Eileen Williams receives Monroe Adult Services award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/monroe08.htm>]

Eileen Williams, adult reference and senior outreach librarian, Guilderland (N.Y.) Public Library, is the 2008 recipient of the Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award administered by RUSA. The annual citation is presented to a librarian who has made a significant contribution to library service to adults....

Carla Rickerson gets Genealogical Publishing Co. award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/rickerson08.htm>]

Carla Rickerson, head of manuscripts, special collections, and university archives at the University of Washington Libraries, is the 2008 recipient of the Genealogical Publishing Co./History Section Award presented by RUSA. The award is given to encourage, recognize, and commend professional achievement in historical reference and research librarianship....

Suzanne Ward wins Distinguished ILL Librarian award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/ward08.htm>]

Suzanne M. Ward, head of access services at Purdue University Libraries in West Lafayette, Indiana, is this year's recipient of the Virginia Boucher-OCLC Distinguished Interlibrary Loan Librarian Award. This RUSA Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section award recognizes and

honors a librarian for outstanding professional achievement, leadership, and contributions to ILL and document delivery....

2008 John Sessions Memorial Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/sessions08.htm>]
Mike Smith, director of the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University in Detroit, is the 2008 recipient of the John Sessions Memorial Award presented by RUSA. The award recognizes the library's No Greater Calling [<http://reuther100.wayne.edu/>] online resource that honors Reuther's life....

BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Award winner

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/white08.htm>]
Gary White, head of the Schreyer Business Library at Pennsylvania State University in University Park, is the recipient of the 2008 Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship administered by RUSA's Business Reference and Services Section. The award, a citation and \$3,000 donated by Gale Cengage Learning, is given to an individual for distinguished activities in the field of business librarianship....

BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/hickey08.htm>]
Daniel Hickey, a student of the School of Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh, is the recipient of the 2008 RUSA Business Reference and Services Section Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award. The cash award of \$1,000, donated by Gale Cengage Learning, will enable a student enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's program to attend an ALA Annual Conference....

West European Specialist Study Grant winner

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/emanuel08.htm>]
Michelle Emanuel, catalog librarian and assistant professor at the University of Mississippi Libraries, has been selected to receive the 2008 ACRL Western European Studies Section Coutts Nijhoff International West European Specialist Study Grant. Emanuel's proposal aims to survey major film libraries in the Paris region in order to analyze and evaluate the collections and services provided to visiting scholars, with particular focus on the films of Francis Veber....

Chandler and Pesch receive ALCTS Collaboration Citation

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/cp08.htm>]
The ALCTS Outstanding Collaboration Citation has been awarded to Adam Chandler, Cornell University CTS information technology librarian, and Oliver Pesch, chief strategist for information technology at EBSCO Information Services, in recognition of their leadership of the SUSHI Working Group in the development of the NISO Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative....

Apply for LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development award

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/ybp08.htm>]
LAMA is now accepting entries for the 2008 LAMA/YBP Student Writing and Development Award. All students enrolled in a graduate LIS program are eligible to submit essays on the theme, "Fifty Ways to Lead Your LAMA." The author will receive a travel grant of up to \$1,000 to be

used to attend the ALA Annual Conference. The deadline
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/lama/lamaawards/lamaybpaward.cfm>] is May 1....

YALSA diversity campaign launched
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/diversity08.htm>]
As part of YALSA Unity: A Diversity Initiative, YALSA will offer two divisional members with a diverse background a stipend to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2. Each sponsorship recipient will receive up to \$1,000 for conference expenses. The deadline for applying is March 31....

Try out for the Miriam Braverman award [<http://libr.org/plg/Braverman.php>]
The Progressive Librarians Guild has announced its fifth annual Miriam Braverman Memorial Award for the best student paper concerned with the social responsibilities of librarians, libraries, or librarianship. Entrants must be LIS students and submit their papers by April 15....
Progressive Librarians Guild

[<http://www.queenslibrary.org/jobs>]

Seen Online

Another power play in Boston
[<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/26/us/26boston.html>]
Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino has informed Boston Public Library President Bernard Margolis that the city will take control of the library's nearly 200 trust funds—private contributions and bequests totaling about \$54 million—to better monitor how the money is spent. The plan has incensed Margolis and some of his allies, who say it could have a chilling effect on donors and even lead to the money being spent outside the library system....
New York Times, Feb. 26

Black history treasure trove at Temple University
[<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=4333450>]
The Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection at Temple University in Philadelphia contains more than 30,000 historical items, some dating to the 16th century. It includes Paul Robeson's sheet music, African Bibles, rare letters and manuscripts, slave narratives, correspondence of Haitian revolutionaries, and a first-edition book by W. E. B. DuBois. The collection has grown so much since Temple acquired it 25 years ago that it moved into a larger space on campus this month....
Associated Press, Feb. 23

FCC grills Comcast in net neutrality hearing
[http://www.news.com/8301-10784_3-9878330-7.html]
FCC chief Kevin Martin February 25 targeted Comcast's contention that delaying peer-to-peer file-sharing traffic serves user interests,

appearing to sympathize with the cable company's critics. Through pointed questioning at a public hearing (although Comcast tried to stack the audience

[<http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9065058>] at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Martin seemed to be pushing a two-pronged agenda: Internet service providers should be as transparent as possible about manipulating network traffic, and consumers should have the freedom to get what they pay for....

C|Net news blog, Feb. 25; Computerworld, Feb. 27

Marathon County public librarians demoted

[<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080222/WDH0101/802220558/1981>]

The Marathon County (Wis.) Public Library board of trustees voted February 18 to eliminate the library's four "Librarian 1" positions, one of them vacant, in favor of creating three customer-service positions and one lead customer service librarian spot. The three librarians whose jobs the board cut will be offered the customer-service librarian positions, which pay about \$10,000 less annually. Officials said the reorganization [<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080223/WDH0101/802230473/1981>] can be traced to county budget constraints and the previous library administration....

Wausau (Wis.) Daily Herald, Feb. 22-23

New California library construction bill introduced

[<http://capwiz.com/ala/ca/issues/alert/?alertid=11050986>]

Senator Joe Simitian (D-11th District), a strong supporter of library issues in the California legislature, has introduced a new library construction bond bill for the 2008 session. The \$4-billion general obligation bond measure will be sponsored by the California Library Association. SB 1516 would enact the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2010, if approved by the voters during the 2010 statewide primary election....

California Library Association, Feb. 25

Miami librarian wins claim against Sprint, Wells Fargo

[<http://storefrontbacktalk.com/story/021408davidandgoliath>]

A Florida librarian—whose confidential data was apparently accessed in a data breach involving Wells Fargo and Sprint Nextel—won his lawsuit against the two giants February 12, when neither company bothered to send anyone to represent them at the hearing. Miami-Dade County Court Judge Jacqueline Schwartz ordered the two firms to pay Theodore Karantsalis the full amount he sought, plus court costs—\$756.80....

StorefrontBacktalk, Feb. 14

artifacts

[<http://hamptonroads.com/2008/02/former-director-mariners-museum-charged-selling-items>]

A former director at the Newport News (Va.) Mariners' Museum and his wife face federal mail and wire fraud charges that accuse them of selling nearly \$163,000 worth of historical items, including rare memorabilia from the museum's Titanic collection. Lester F. Weber and his wife, Lori

E. Childs, made their initial appearances in U.S. District Court February 19. Weber worked as a museum archivist from 2000 to 2006 and was the director of archives for the last six months of his employment....
Norfolk (Va.) Virginian-Pilot, Feb. 20

Open Library set to challenge WorldCat
[<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v54/i24/24a01101.htm>] (subscription required)
At only 21, Aaron Swartz is attempting to turn the library world upside down. He is taking on OCLC's subscription-based WorldCat, the largest bibliographic database on the planet, by building a free online book catalog that anyone can update. Some young librarians are rallying around the precocious entrepreneur because his work may make their collections more visible on the Web. The new catalog project, Open Library, [<http://www.openlibrary.org/>] is set to go live in early March with records on 20 million books....
Chronicle of Higher Education, Feb. 22

Information isn't reserved for books
[<http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/metropolitan/5563926.html>]
Research librarians say their powers have been unfairly dismissed in the online age. Not only can they outsmart Google's dead ends and weaknesses, librarians say, but they can help people surf faster and smarter by showing them hidden databases and tricks. "It's one of the most misrepresented professions," said Saima Kadir, a reference librarian with the Houston Public Library....
Houston Chronicle, Feb. 22

Toronto library worker pleads guilty to 1969 cop shooting
[http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-joseph-pannell-cop_shot-23feb23,0,4723479.story]
A man who shot a Chicago police officer in 1969 and fled to Canada, where he lived for more than 30 years and worked as a research assistant at the Toronto Public Library, will serve minimal jail time and contribute \$250,000 to a police aid fund. Under an agreement reached February 22 in Cook County (Ill.) Criminal Court, Joseph Parnell entered a guilty plea to a charge of aggravated battery....
Chicago Tribune, Feb. 22

[<http://www.canada.com/windsorstar/news/local/story.html?id=11891547-0c00-4f32-8f5b-9b68949dd825&k=98676>] Windsor library in budget showdown with council
[<http://www.canada.com/windsorstar/news/local/story.html?id=11891547-0c00-4f32-8f5b-9b68949dd825&k=98676>]
The Windsor, Ontario, library board is refusing to cut \$800,000 from its budget and will leave it up to city council to close branches or reduce hours. Councilor Alan Halberstadt, board chairman of the library, told a news conference February 22 that the city's demand that the library cut 10% of its budget is unreasonable. The Council wants the library board to achieve the cuts without closing branches or reducing hours....
Windsor (Ont.) Star, Feb. 24

is on the market
[<http://www.paidcontent.org/entry/419-reed-business-information-to-be-sold-off-reducing-exposure-to-cyclical/>]

Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch media giant that has just announced the \$4.1-billion acquisition [<http://www.paidcontent.org/entry/419-reed-elsevier-does-a-big-one-buys-choicepoint-for-4-billion/>] of U.S. risk-management information business ChoicePoint, dropped another big one February 20: It will sell off its Reed Business Information arm, “reducing exposure to advertising markets and cyclicity.” RBI owns Library Journal, School Library Journal, Publishers’ Weekly, and many other magazines. One potential bidder [<http://www.paidcontent.org/entry/419-reed-business-selling-a-year-too-late/>] said, “I think they will end up selling it in pieces as VNU/Neilsen had to with their European business.” Private equity group Apax Partners was considering [http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry_sectors/media/article3412913.ece] an offer.... PaidContent, Feb. 20, 23; The Times (U.K.), Feb. 22

Lessig decides against run for Congress [<http://arstechnica.com/news.ars/post/20080225-long-odds-lead-lessig-to-decide-against-run-for-congress.html>] Stanford legal scholar Lawrence Lessig announced February 25 that he would not be running for Congress in an upcoming special election to replace the late Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.). In a video posted on his blog, [http://lessig.org/blog/2008/02/on_why_i_am_not_running.html] he explains that there would be no way, in the scant time remaining before the election, to mount an effective campaign.... Ars Technica, Feb. 25

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[<http://www.maintainITproject.org>]
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Tech Talk
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10 emerging technologies 2008 [<http://www.technologyreview.com/specialreports/specialreport.aspx?id=25>] Technology Review presents its list of the 10 technologies that are most likely to change the way we live. Find out more about modeling surprise, probabilistic chips, nanoradio, wireless electricity (shades of Nikola Tesla!), offline web applications, graphene transistors for speedier computer processors, and reality mining (learning human behavior through cell-phone user data).... Technology Review, Mar./Apr.

Tat-controlled gadgets [<http://gizmodo.com/359018/cellphone-display-concept-designed-for-dracula-is-bloody-ridiculous>] Here’s a design that Dracula would love: a subcutaneously implanted, wireless, digital tattoo display whose fuel cell is powered by blood. An entrant in the Greener Design Competition, the concept uses Bluetooth to

communicate with your portable gadgets—or even devices implanted elsewhere in your body. Jim Mielke’s concept taps into your bloodstream, converting the oxygen and glucose into electric power. It also acts as a touchscreen input device, so you could manage your cellphone calls by tapping on your arm....

Gizmodo, Feb. 21

The frugal gamer’s PC

[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2269793,00.asp>]

Not all gamers need—or can afford, for that matter—a \$5,000 gaming supermachine. The Dell XPS 630 represents Dell’s entry into the sub-\$1,500 gaming PC space. Call it a “mainstream gaming PC”—one that trumps similarly equipped and priced competitors. You won’t be raving about the Dell’s blazing performance at 1,920-by-1,200 resolution, but you will be able to say, "I can play Crysis."...

PC Magazine, Feb. 26

Is your color printer spying on you? [<http://www.eff.org/issues/printers>]

Imagine that every time you printed a document, it automatically included a secret code that could be used to identify the printer—and potentially, the person who used it. In a purported effort to identify counterfeiters, the U.S. government has succeeded in persuading some color laser printer manufacturers to encode each page with identifying information. That means that without your knowledge or consent, an act you assume is private could become public....

Electronic Frontier Foundation

Why Google buys companies

[<http://blogoscoped.com/archive/2008-02-25-n19.html>]

Philipp Lenssen writes: “Watching Google from the outside—with the limited information that offers—I find that it buys companies mainly to get more data, users, technology, or developers. Some of above items are interrelated; especially with technology and developers, there’s not always a clear distinction. Here is a limited selection of Google’s many past acquisitions, checked against those four parameters.”...

Google Blogscoped, Feb. 25

Would the real Dublin Core please stand up?

[<http://dltj.org/article/what-is-dublin-core/>]

Peter E. Murray writes: “I’m struggling to get beyond Dublin Core as simply the definition of metadata terms. That does seem to be the heart of Dublin Core, doesn’t it? But is it the abstract model? Is it the set of terms that can be used as predicates in RDF expressions? Is it the legacy 15-element XML-based standard for describing digital objects? Count me in among those who want more help in trying to figure this out.”...

Disruptive Library Technology Jester, Feb. 18

Rabbit Amphibian cellphone internet mashup

[<http://www.technovelgy.com/ct/Science-Fiction-News.asp?NewsNum=1478>]

Rabbit is a Silicon Valley start-up that proposes to break down the barriers between your cell phone, all of its datastreams, and the internet. It provides you with a homepage with all of the usual

information on your cell phone—but on a larger screen that’s accessible even without your phone. You can get a list of phone calls and available voice mails; you can make calls directly from the web browser; and you can pull blog posts, videos, news, and other online information about your caller before you connect....

Technovelgy, Feb. 26

14 other ways to use RSS feeds

[<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/14-other-ways-to-use-rss-feeds/>]

Undeniably RSS is one of the best things that has happened to the Web after email. Not only has it made browsing a lot more productive, convenient, and fun, but it has also introduced a number of new ways to interact with content that we could never have imagined before. While you’re probably already familiar with the idea of RSS feeds and Feedreader (No? See this video

[<http://www.makeuseof.com/tech-fun/rss-for-tech-challenged-people-video/>]), there are several other ways you can make use of feeds....

MakeUseOf.com, Feb. 22

The life cycle of a blog

[http://www.wired.com/special_multimedia/2008/ff_secretlife_1602]

Frank Rose writes: “You have a blog. You compose a new post. You click Publish and lean back to admire your work. Imperceptibly and all but instantaneously, your post slips into a vast and recursive network of software agents, where it is crawled, indexed, mined, scraped, republished, and propagated throughout the Web. Within minutes, if you’ve written about a timely and noteworthy topic, a small army of bots will get the word out to anyone remotely interested. Here’s how the whole process goes down.”...

Wired 16, no. 2 (Feb.)

[<http://www.jingproject.com/>]12 screencasting tools for video tutorials

[<http://mashable.com/2008/02/21/screencasting-video-tutorials/>]

Sean P. Aune writes: “Ever wondered how people show you so clearly what is happening on their computer? Thanks to screencasting software, anyone can do it. So what’s stopping you now from making your own how-to videos? Try out one of these 12 tools and get to making your first video!”...

Mashable, Feb. 21

Actions & Answers

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Not your grandma’s librarian

[<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3748779>]

Eric Weil writes: “As workstations replace dust-covered shelves in your district libraries, a new breed of librarian—the library media specialist (LMS)—has become an essential part of a school’s faculty. These are the people who will integrate the digital world into today’s classroom and throughout the curriculum. Specially trained and knowledgeable in the use of information technology, library media specialists have become one of the most important instructional partners,

working with teachers and administrators to change what is possible in the classroom.”...

Scholastic Administr@tor, Feb.

San Jose report shows filters don't work well

[<http://librarianinblack.typepad.com/librarianinblack/2008/02/sjpl-internet-f.html>]

San Jose (Calif.) Public Library Digital Futures Manager Sarah

Houghton-Jan presented a summary of her report (PDF file

[http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/sjpl/commission/agen0208_report.pdf]) on

tests of three software filters at a February 13 meeting of the SJPL

commissioners. The library had been asked by city council to investigate

[http://sjlibrary.org/legal/internet_access/] filters for its public-use

computers. Its conclusion: “Our results show that the effectiveness of

content filtering either in blocking materials harmful to minors or in

allowing access to information including images that is not harmful to

minors has not changed significantly in recent years.” Worth a read....

LibrarianInBlack, Feb. 25; San Jose Public Library

Webcast on copyright developments

[http://www.educause.edu/content.asp?SECTION_ID=348]

Jim Neal, vice president for information services and university

librarian at Columbia University, will deliver an Educause Live webcast

at 1 p.m. Eastern time, February 29, on eight critical copyright areas:

orphan works, digital fair use, broadcast flag, section 1201

anticircumvention rulemaking, electronic reserves, peer-to-peer file

sharing, open access to government-funded research, and the report of the

Section 108 Study Group on exceptions and limitations for libraries and

archives. The maximum number of registrants has been reached for this

seminar. However, you will be able to access the archive

[<http://www.educause.edu/Archives/2719>] shortly after the session has

concluded....

Educause Live!

Obsolete academic librarian skills

[<http://acrlblog.org/2008/02/20/obsolete-academic-librarian-skills/>]

Steven Bell writes: “A few bloggers were having fun identifying totally

obsolete skills—the sort of things we all used to do all the time. For

example, dialing a rotary phone, using carbon paper to make copies, or

changing the ball on a Selectric typewriter. That got me to thinking that

in the years I’ve been in this profession, for the vast majority of

academic librarians, there are more than a few accumulated skills and

practices that could now be considered obsolete. Here are some that come

to mind.”...

ACRLog, Feb. 20

The myth of Web 2.0 democracy [<http://www.slate.com/id/2184487/?from=rss>]

Chris Wilson writes: “It’s getting harder to be a Wikipedia hater. The

user-generated and edited online encyclopedia—which doesn’t even

require contributors to register—somehow holds its own against the

Encyclopedia Britannica in accuracy, a Nature study concluded, and has

many times more entries. While Wikipedia does show the creative potential

of online communities, it would be a mistake to assume the site owes its

success to the wisdom of the online crowd.”...

Slate, Feb. 22

Specialized search engines [<http://www.philb.com/whichengine.htm>]

Phil Bradley maintains a web page with links to various search sites that offer specialized expertise. Need to know about trends in searching? Want to re-rank or reorder your results? Need to search for different file formats? Phil has some suggestions....

Phil Bradley, Feb. 9

Learning about instructional design from Post-It notes

[<http://www.articulate.com/rapid-elearning/learn-about-instructional-design-from-post-it-notes/>]

Tom Kuhlmann writes: "I think the widespread use of Post-it notes and cheat sheets reveals a lot about the way people learn and how they apply that knowledge to their jobs. A few years ago, I worked on an IT e-learning project that took months to build. By the time we were ready to roll it out, we found that some of the machine operators had already created a bunch of 'cheat sheets' and passed them out to everybody on the floor. Instead of our course's 'certificate of completion' beautifully framed and displayed at their workspaces, all of these people had crude-looking cheat sheets taped to their monitors."...

Rapid e-Learning Blog, Feb. 19

Recycled paper

[<http://greeningyourlibrary.wordpress.com/2008/02/24/recycled-paper/>]

Find out if your library is purchasing recycled office paper. Look for recycled paper that is at least 30% post-consumer waste. This means the original paper wasn't scrap from the mill but was actually used for something first and is now being recycled. Also check to make sure that chlorine wasn't used in the process and that the original wood fiber was manufactured from sustainable growth. New Leaf Paper

[<http://www.newleafpaper.com/ecopaper.html>] is one company to check out for recycled office paper....

Going Green @ your library, Feb. 20

PALINET and SOLINET in merger talks

[http://www.palinet.org/media/PAL_SOL_Release-2-22-08.pdf] (PDF file)

The boards of trustees of two leading library cooperatives, PALINET and SOLINET, met in late February and are moving forward with their intention to combine the two organizations, subject to the approval of their respective memberships. Due diligence is currently underway and will continue through mid-April, after which the boards of both organizations are expected to make a final recommendation. Later, a series of town hall meetings will be held throughout the two regions so that all members can participate in open discussions....

PALINET, Feb. 22

The Sorted Books project

[<http://www.ninakatchadourian.com/language/translation/sortedbooks.php>]

Artist Nina Katchadourian writes: "The Sorted Books project began in 1993 and is ongoing. The project has taken place in many different places over the years, ranging from private homes to specialized public book collections. The process is the same in every case: culling through a collection of books, pulling particular titles, and eventually grouping

the books into clusters so that the titles can be read in sequence, from top to bottom. At present, the Sorted Books project comprises more than 130 book clusters.”...

Nina Katchadourian

Oddest book titles of the year

[<http://www.thebookseller.com/news/53656-oddest-book-titles-prize-shortlist-announced.html>]

Bookseller magazine has announced the shortlist for its Diagram Prize for Oddest Book Title of the Year. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Diagram Prize, which honors books from the fringes of publishing. The titles are spotted and submitted by publishers, booksellers, and librarians around the world. The spotter of the winning book receives a magnum of champagne. Visit the magazine website

[<http://www.thebookseller.com/>] to vote for your favorite. The winner will be announced March 28....

Bookseller, Feb. 22

The MyHope MySpace song [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avxpn_MsPYs] SweetAfton23 philosophizes about social-networking site MySpace on her ukelele in this song (3:56) that one commenter said was “like something from a 1970s SNL with host Buck Henry.” Expand the About This Video sidebar for the full lyrics, which include: “Your page will be an empty shell, when no one is behind it / I hope your MySpace stays forever—and I hope that your kids find it.”...

YouTube, Feb. 5 [<http://www.rittenhouse.com>]

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/geninfo.htm>]

Placement services

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/geninfo.htm#placement>] will be available at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California.

Job seekers should register and search for jobs on the JobLIST

[<http://joblist.ala.org/>] website. And don't forget: Early bird registration

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/registration.htm>]
] ends March 7.

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2468]

Based on more than 50 years of author expertise in organizational improvement, The Quality Library

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2468] offers a methodology to pinpoint trouble areas and improve processes. Sara Laughlin and Ray Wilson offer tips on developing a customer-focused system outlining library processes and networks that directly apply to the library's goals and missions. NEW! From ALA Editions.

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ALA members benefit from ALA's membership in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. If you are planning on going to the IFLA Congress [<http://ifla.queenslibrary.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm>] in Québec City, August 10–14, you can register as an IFLA member with the ALA membership code: US-0002. Contact Michael Dowling [<mailto:mdowling@ala.org>] for more details.

Career Leads from
[<http://joblist.ala.org/>]

Librarian for Germanic Studies, French and Italian, and Comparative Literature,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=9697>] Indiana University, Bloomington. Classical Studies and/or Linguistics may also be included in the position, depending on the interests and qualifications of the appointee....

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

Digital Library of the Week

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection
[<http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/>] currently includes 107 newspapers published in Colorado from 1859 to 1930. Newspapers come from 60 cities and 40 counties throughout the state, published in English, German, Spanish, or Swedish. Some 400,000 digitized pages are available. New material is added approximately once a month, depending on availability of funding. The newspapers are digitized from microfilm copies owned by the Colorado Historical Society. CHNC used Olive Software's ActivePaper Archive, which was designed specifically for

providing searchable access to digitized newspapers.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this AL Direct feature? Tell us about it. [mailto:aldirect@ala.org]

Public Perception How the World Sees Us

“For most of my lifetime, I’ve heard that reading is dead. In that time, disco has died, drive-in movies have nearly died, and something called The Clapper has come and gone through bedrooms across the nation.

“But reading? This year, about 400 million books will be sold in the United States. Overall, business is up 1 percent—not bad, in a rough economy, for a \$15 billion industry still populated by people whose idea of how to sell books dates to Bartleby the Scrivener.”

?Author Timothy Egan, responding to Steve Jobs’s comment that “people don’t read anymore,” in “Book Lust,” New York Times, Feb. 20.

There’s still time for library directors and human resources staff to participate in the 2008 ALA-APA Library Salary Survey. [http://www.hrsource.org/images/mail/ala.html] The deadline [http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/deadline08.htm] is February 29. If you’d like to know whether your library was included in the sample, call (800) 448-4584 and ask for Jean Hannon or Kristy Williams.

The Hong Kong Book Fair [http://hkbookfair.tdctrade.com/] is pleased to offer the Free Pass Program for Librarians [http://www.ala.org/ala/iro/awardsactivities/hongkongbookfair.cfm] for the 19th Annual Fair, which will be held July 23–29. The Fair will provide selected librarians from the U.S. and Canada who collect Chinese-language materials four nights of hotel accommodation, free registration, and invitation to a cocktail reception. The deadline to apply [http://www.ala.org/ala/iro/awardsactivities/hongkongbookfair.cfm] is April 18.

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. We have the good fortune to be able to open a new middle school, with a school library media center. Can you point us to some resources so we can be sure to cover all our bases?

A. Depending on where you are with your planning and how much say you have in the facility, you might want to start with our ALA Library Fact Sheet 11: Building Libraries and Library Additions: A Selected Annotated Bibliography

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alalibrary/libraryfactsheet/alalibraryfactsheet11.cfm>], which has a general section, plus sections for major types of libraries.

The school section includes a few references on furnishings which might be helpful. As for collection size, there are no hard and fast rules. How your library supports the curriculum will affect how you build your collection and select materials for it. But you'll want to look at some of the resources on budgeting,

[<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Budgeting>] collection development,

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Collection_Building] and standards

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/School_Library_Standards] available on the ALA Professional Tips wiki

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Starting_Up_a_New_Library]

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

Calendar

International Events

Mar. 31–

Apr. 1:

European Association of Information Services Conference

[<http://www.eusidic.net>], London, England. “Beyond Discovery.”

Apr. 2–4:

Topic Maps Users Conference [<http://www.topicmaps.com/tm2008>], Oslo,

Norway. “Towards the Vision of Subject-Centric Computing.”

June 5–7:

Information/ Documentation Management and Cooperation Among the Libraries in the Balkan Countries [<http://infobalkan.trakya.edu.tr>], Trakya University Library, Edirne, Turkey.

June 19–20:

Forbidden Fruit: The Censorship of Literature and Information for Young People [<http://forbiddenfruitconference.wetpaint.com>], Southport, United Kingdom.

July 1–5:

Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche,
[http://www.ku.edu.tr/ku/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2011&Itemid=2917&lang=en] Annual Conference, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey.
“Bridging the Digital Divide: Effective Library Partnerships in the Digital Age.”

July 28–31:

International Reading Association,
[[HTTP://www.reading.org/association/meetings/world.html](http://www.reading.org/association/meetings/world.html)] World Congress on Reading, San José, Costa Rica. “Reading in a Diverse World.”

Aug. 10–14:

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions,
[<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm>] World Library and Information Congress, Québec City, Québec. “Libraries Without Borders: Navigating Towards Global Understanding.”

Sep. 3–5:

UNESCO Training the Trainers in Information Literacy Workshop
[<http://www.tttworkshop.net/>], Ankara, Turkey. Limited to 50 participants; apply by April 30.

Sep. 22–26:

International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications
[<http://dc2008.de/>], Humboldt University, Berlin. “Metadata for Semantic and Social Applications.”

Oct. 15–17:

Internet Librarian International [<http://www.internet-librarian.com/>], London. Submit speaking proposals by Mar. 28.

Nov. 2–5:

Library and Information Association New Zealand Aotearoa Conference 2008
[<http://www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2008/index.html>], Auckland.
“Poropitua Outside the Box.”

Jan. 20–22:

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