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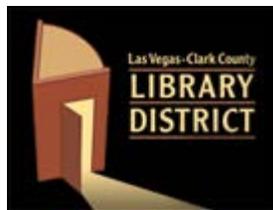
U.S. & World News

[Hartford director responds to outcry over security](#)

The director of the Hartford (Conn.) Public Library is confronting charges leveled since mid-May in the *Hartford Courant* that the Main Library is increasingly beset by intimidating behavior that is driving away law-abiding patrons and frightening staff members who fear retaliation from management if they call the police. Louise Blalock asserted that HPL “has always called police and reported criminal activity . . . and the police have been very responsive to all of our calls.”...

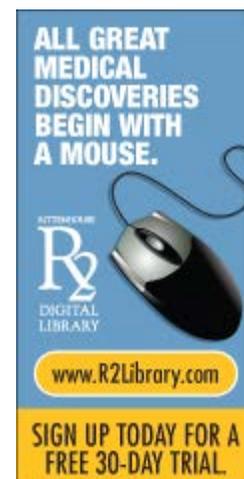
[Audit request leads to Friends fight](#)

Las Vegas–Clark County Library District has sued the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries to prevent the Friends from disbanding and disbursing their assets to non-library groups. The action has cost both sides a total of \$44,000 in legal fees so far, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported May 22. Library Director Dan Walters told *American Libraries* that the library asked the Friends for an audit of its finances due to issues that came up in the library’s statutorily required annual audit....



[Hacker puts X-rated tale on library dial-a-story line](#)

A mother and daughter in Contra Costa County, California, received a rude surprise when they called Benicia Public Library’s dial-a-story telephone service May 22. Geri Engberg said that instead of the innocuous tale she and her 6-year-old were expecting, they heard a profanity-laden account of an X-rated relationship between a dog and a pig....



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ALA News

[Campaign for America’s Libraries highlights baseball and diversity](#)

Annual Conference programs for the Campaign for America’s Libraries kick off June 28 with “Baseball’s Greatest Hit: The Story of ‘Take Me Out to the Ball Game.’” Author Andy Strasberg will lead the




Read It!

program, focusing on the song's history and its significance to the game of baseball. The annual PR Forum, a June 29 program for library public relations and marketing professionals, will focus on "Diversity @ your library: Broadening Your Audience and Engaging Communities."...

[Win prizes playing the Big Game at Annual](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "This year we're experimenting with a new concept that we hope will also expose librarians to the concept of 'big games.' Big games force you to interact with your surroundings and usually with other people. These are games that take place out in the physical world, and the everyday objects we take for granted are the playing pieces. The style will be an information scavenger hunt, and the game is called 'California Dreaming.' Anyone attending Annual can [sign up](#) and play for free."...

ALA Marginalia, June 3

[Electronic Member Participation survey](#)

The Task Force on Electronic Membership Participation has been charged with evaluating ALA policy as it relates to members' ability to engage with and interact with the work of the Association through committees and other working groups. A [survey](#) of members' practice and attitudes toward serving on Association committees, task forces, and interest groups at a distance is being undertaken. Through this survey, the task force hopes to gauge member familiarity, interest, and comfort with various means of participating both synchronously and asynchronously....

MemberBlog, June 2

[Five questions about the Membership Meetings](#)

In this audio interview (with transcript), Larry Romans, chair of the Membership Meetings Committee, is asked about the [Membership Meetings](#) that will take place during Annual Conference in Anaheim. These yearly events are a great chance for the membership to be directly involved with the governance of the Association and for questions to be asked of elected member leaders and Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels....

MemberBlog, June 2

[COSWL survey on balancing caregiving and work](#)

COSWL is launching a campaign to raise awareness of caregiving issues and their effects on the lives, work, family, and health of many librarians and library support staff. In conjunction with the program titled "I Will Be Late Again and I Need to Leave Early: Balancing Caregiving and Work" at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, COSWL is conducting a brief [survey](#) about caregiving in order to identify issues that the group will be working on for the next couple of years....

COSWL Cause, June 2

AL Focus

[AL Focus celebrates anniversary with top 10 videos](#)

[American Libraries Focus](#), the video home of *American Libraries* magazine, debuted in June 2007. Since then, the site's collection of nearly 70 videos has been viewed hundreds of thousands of times. AL Focus celebrates the birthday by posting 10 of the most popular videos, including [weird reference questions](#), [celebrity-](#)



The next *REaD ALERT*, *Booklist's* free e-newsletter, turns the spotlight on biographies and audiobooks. Plus, catch the interview with playwright, commentator, and author David Sedaris. [Sign up today, so you won't miss out.](#)



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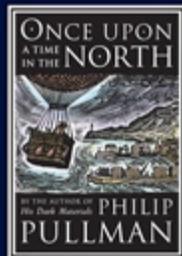
[filled conference recaps](#), [confusing wheels](#), and more. All videos are now iPod-compatible, [available for download](#), and are being cross-posted on the new [YouTube version](#) of the website....

Booklist

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Featured review: Books for Youth

Pullman, Philip. *Once upon a Time in the North*. Illustrated by John Lawrence. Apr. 2008. 112p. Knopf/David Fickling, hardcover, \$12.99 (978-0-3758-4510-9). Grades 7-10. As he did in *Lyra's Oxford* (2004), Pullman returns to the world of His Dark Materials trilogy in this story of how aeronaut Lee Scoresby meets and befriends bear Iorke Byrnison. Pullman is as fine a writer as there is for young people, and this book is a small gem—literally—it's 112 pages and the size of a paperback. The story begins as Lee's cargo balloon drifts into the Arctic, landing in the icy environs of Novy Odense. The town is about to elect a new mayor, Ivan Poliakov, who wants to rid the place of bears, and Lee (along with daemon rabbit Hester) finds himself embroiled in local controversies. When Lee learns one of Poliakov's allies is a vicious criminal with whom he once had a run-in, he knows he must choose sides. Beautifully crafted and spilling over with action, the novel has the feel of an old western....



Off the Shelf: E-book aggregators

Sue Polanka writes: "Like many librarians, you're beginning to purchase e-books from a variety of publishers, and you're confused by all the different licensing agreements, platforms, and pricing models. A solution to this madness? Use an e-book aggregator. Aggregators partner with multiple publishers to supply content (e-books, audio books, other media) and provide a platform for libraries and end users to search, order, access, and download the content on the Web. We'll focus here on three of the larger academic aggregators—EBL, ebrary, and MyiLibrary."...

Booklist, May 15

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Anaheim Update

Eat like a pirate

When packing for Anaheim, don't forget your wooden leg, eye patch, and (stuffed) parrot—they're just the accessories you'll need for Pirate's Dinner Adventure, an interactive dinner show attraction that features live swashbuckling action, suspense, and romance while you and your mateys gobble down Buccaneer Beef and Princess Anita's Royal Dessert. It's a lot like



Capturing Our Stories,

one of ALA President Loriene Roy's 2007/2008 initiatives, is a national oral history program designed to gather life histories of experienced librarians as they exit their careers. At ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, developers of the collection will match up volunteer interviewers with retired or retiring librarians and provide camcorders and tripods to [conduct onsite interviews](#). Volunteers are invited to attend a workshop on Friday, June 27.

Career Leads from

ALA JobLIST

Access Services

[Librarian](#), University of Hawaii at Hilo, Edwin H. Mookini Library, full-time, tenure-track, general funds, available August 1, 2008 (negotiable) pending availability of funds. Minimum Qualifications: At rank of Librarian II: ALA accredited MLS or international equivalent. At rank of Librarian III: ALA accredited MLS or international equivalent; 24 post baccalaureate credits in addition to the MLS; at least 3 years of experience in public services in a college or university library. At rank of Librarian IV....

Medieval Times (yes, the Anaheim area [has one of those](#), too), except it swaps *Lord of the Rings* for *Pirates of the Caribbean*...

Pirate's Dinner Adventure; Medieval Times



Division News

[New LAMA strategic initiatives](#)

A first draft of the LAMA FY2009 strategic initiatives plan has been placed on the [LAMA wiki](#). President Bede Mitchell is asking for member review and comment. The commitments listed in the plan are all tentative. Any and all may be modified or deleted, and additions may be proposed. Please post any comments you may have by June 6...

Leads from LAMA, May 31

[YALSA-L calls it a day](#)

Stephanie Kuenn writes: "YALSA-L, YALSA's oldest electronic discussion list, sunsetted today, after keeping subscribers posted on the latest news and activities from YALSA and ALA since 1996. YALSA will now distribute news on its events and activities through its [Twitter account](#), on this blog (there's even an [RSS feed that's just for YALSA News](#)), on its [home page](#) and, of course, through its [six remaining electronic discussion lists](#)..."

YALSA blog, June 2

[Register for ACRL eLearning events](#)

Registration is closing soon for the following ACRL eLearning events: "All Users Are Local: Bringing the Library Next Door to the Campus WorldWide" (June 2-21), "Program Review for Academic Libraries" (June 3), and "Coming of Age Online: Observing Student Researchers in Their Native Habitat" (June 10)...

ACRL Insider, May 27

[Four words to avoid](#)

Steven Engelfried writes: "I should have known better. I *did* know better. I just got caught up in the moment and said the four words you should never, ever say when sharing stories with a group of 4-year-olds: 'How old are you?' I didn't actually use those precise words, but the result was still instant chaos. I was visiting a Head Start class to share stories and library information in what I hoped was a fun way. First I asked them to raise their hand if they've been to a library before."...

ALSC blog, June 1



Awards

[ALTA names Prentice and Green as Trustee Citation winners](#)

ALTA named Barbara Prentice and Donald W. Green as the 2008 Trustee Citation award winners. The ALA Trustee Citation, established in 1941 to recognize public library trustees for distinguished service to

@ [More jobs...](#)

Digital Library of the Week



The University of Pittsburgh has digitized and mounted online one of the rare, complete sets of [John James Audubon's Birds of America](#). Only 120 complete sets are known to exist. [John James Audubon](#) (1785-1851) set out to paint every known (to him) North American bird in the early 19th century. He eventually stopped at 435 paintings after he exhausted his personal resources. His original paintings of over 1,000 birds, and the hand-colored plates that were subsequently engraved from them, are considered unique. All the birds were painted life-size, and many are shown interacting with other birds and wildlife, often in violent, predatory ways. In August of 2007, the [Darlington Digital Library](#) digitized all 435 plates. Each master image comprises over 500 MB and uses an interface that enables users to view portions of the plates at 100%.

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

library development, symbolizes and honors the best contributions and efforts of the estimated 60,000 American citizens who serve on library boards....

[Caravello UC's Librarian of the Year](#)

Patti Schifter Caravello, a librarian in the Charles E. Young Research Library Collections, has been named 2008 Librarian of the Year by the Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles. The award recognizes in particular Caravello's leadership and the significant role she played in expanding and enhancing UCLA Library's Information Literacy Program....

Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles, May 29



[First Amendment litigator named Library Champion](#)

The New Jersey Library Association recently honored First Amendment litigator Grayson Barber with one of its 2008 Library Champion awards. Leslie Burger, director of the Princeton Public Library, nominated the Princeton Township resident for the award, calling Barber "a passionate supporter of intellectual freedom and First Amendment rights." Having gone to law school to become a privacy advocate, Barber was prompted by the USA Patriot Act's signing after September 11 to begin legally advising library staff and board members....

Princeton (N.J.) Packet, June 3



[Jaffarian Award to be presented on LIVE! Stage](#)

ALA Public Programs Office will present the 2008 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming to the Woodsdale Elementary School of Wheeling, West Virginia, June 29 on the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage at Annual Conference in Anaheim. Sandra Wiseman, school library media specialist at Woodsdale Elementary, developed and submitted the winning program, "History Hits the Road to Woodsdale."...

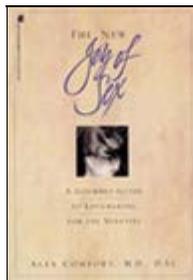


Seen Online

[Library board: Restrict Joy of Sex books](#)

The Nampa (Idaho) Public Library Board voted 3-2 June 2 to keep two controversial sex-education books off the shelves so they will be inaccessible to minors. *The New Joy of Sex* and *The Joy of Gay Sex* have been kept in the library director's office since March when the board decided to move them there. A Nampa man has asked the library to remove the books on two different occasions in recent years....

Nampa Idaho Press-Tribune, June 3



[Paris libraries switch off wi-fi amid health concerns](#)

Four libraries in Paris have turned off their wi-fi internet connections after staff claimed they were causing health problems. The latest to

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"In addition to an overall increase in those settling for absolutely futureless secretarial or librarian positions, the study showed that more women are now choosing dead-end occupations conventionally dominated by men, such as accounting and data entry."

—"Report: Women Increasingly Choosing Dead-End Careers Over Dead-End Relationships," *The Onion* (satire), May 29.



[LITA is looking for a few good bloggers.](#)

If you're attending ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, and you're interested in blogging about LITA-sponsored sessions on the LITA blog, contact [Tiffany Smith](#).

Ask the ALA Librarian

shut down its wireless network is the University of Paris Sainte-Genevieve Library after a staff member threatened to take early retirement on health grounds. All computer users will now have to plug their laptops into the conventional fixed-line network....

The Paris (France) Connexion, June 4

[Developer offers to build replica of library](#)

Developer Ben Carter hasn't given up on acquiring the architecturally adventurous Buckhead Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library. His latest offer is to build a copy of the internationally acclaimed building several blocks from its current site. Carter has offered about \$24 million for the existing library because he considers it in the way of his commercial redevelopment project. He said that's more than enough money for the land, construction, and furnishings at a new library....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, May 23



[The library in the new age](#)

Robert Darnton writes: "Information is exploding so furiously around us and information technology is changing at such bewildering speed that we face a fundamental problem: how to orient ourselves in the new landscape? What, for example, will become of research libraries in the face of technological marvels such as Google? How to make sense of it all? I have no answer to that problem, but I can suggest an approach to it: Look at the history of the ways information has been communicated. Simplifying things radically, you could say that there have been four fundamental changes in information technology since humans learned to speak."...

The New York Review of Books, June 12

[All's not lost in Universal Studios fire](#)

The blaze that consumed part of Universal Studios' back lot June 1 reduced some of Hollywood's most familiar settings to cinders and damaged a storage vault holding an as-yet-uncertain number of movies and TV shows. At this point, it appears that the fire consumed no irreplaceable master recordings, just copies. Such practices are a welcome change from Hollywood's first half-century, when the studios were notoriously feckless about preservation. A 1993 report by the Librarian of Congress found that half of the feature films produced before 1950 had evaporated....

Los Angeles Times, June 3

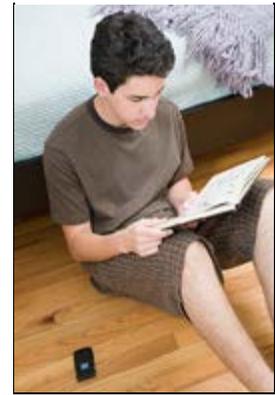


[Canadian ex-rocker submits net neutrality bill](#)

The network neutrality fight, which has absolutely exploded in Canada in recent months, now has even more ammo after a punk rocker-turned-Member of Parliament introduced his own network neutrality bill at the House of Commons. The debate has been sparked in large part by recent revelations about traffic-shaping by Bell Canada, shaping that has allegedly reduced the speed of many P2P sessions by 90 percent. Meanwhile, in the U.S., cable service operators Comcast and Time Warner Cable said June 3 that they would begin [testing new approaches](#) that would slow internet access for heavy users and charge more to those who want additional speed....

Ars Technica, May 29; Washington Post, June 4

[Salinas libraries get extended hours](#)



Q. I'm finishing up my first year of library school and I've gotten interested in bibliotherapy. But could ALA clear something up for me? How do I know when it's "readers' advisory" and when it's "bibliotherapy"?

A. Bibliotherapy, as a concept and a practice, has been around for nearly a century now. The term first appeared in an article in *The Atlantic Monthly* in 1916 by Samuel Crothers, a Unitarian minister, and form and function of it came out of the work of Sadie Peterson Delaney, the chief librarian of the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama from the 1920s through the 1950s. Most recently, Brian W. Sturm distinguished the two this way in the December 2003 issue of the *Journal of Educational Media and Library Sciences*: "Readers' advisory, helping library patrons find books to read based on their prior

The Salinas (Calif.) City Council gave unanimous approval May 27 to increasing Salinas Public Library hours from 117 a week now to 186 effective September 1. The new total will exceed the 177 collective weekly hours of service at the library's three branches before a funding crisis nearly closed them in 2005. The expansion of library hours will lead to the hiring of seven new library staff members in the next three months....

Salinas Californian, May 28



[Donnell Library makes way for hotel](#)

After 52 years as one of the most heavily used branches of the New York Public Library system, the Donnell Library Center is all but closed. A small circulating collection will remain open, in the basement, through the end of August. Then the building will be razed to make way for an 11-story hotel. When the \$220-million hotel opens sometime in 2011, a new Donnell library will occupy part of the first floor and an underground area, coexisting with hotel guests paying \$750 to \$2,000 per night for a room....

New York Times, May 30

[Mercantile Library moves—and also moves into the 21st century](#)

Founded in 1820 by merchants and their clerks before “the advent of public libraries,” the Mercantile Library, one of three private libraries remaining in New York City, last month shut the doors of its eight-story white marble neoclassical building, which has been its home since 1932. In the meantime, plans for the library's reinvention are under way, including a new name—the Mercantile Library Center for Fiction—to emphasize its focus. According to library lore, Edgar Allan Poe composed several short works at the Mercantile....

New York Times, June 3

[Georgetown library testing compressed four-day work week](#)

The Georgetown University library system in Washington, D.C., will institute this summer an official policy allowing full-time employees to work a four-day compressed week. Under the guidelines, the library's 105 full-time members would work 10-hour days in exchange for a three-day weekend each week. This would leave them with either a Monday or a Friday off depending on departmental needs....

Georgetown University Blue and Gray, May 27



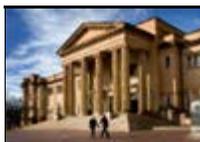
[Portland school libraries get shelved](#)

Once considered a vital part of every school, school librarians at Portland (Oreg.) Public Schools have slowly shrunk from full- to half-time in many buildings, been replaced by librarians' assistants, or are gone altogether. Just a third of the schools in the district now have a librarian, and a third of those are half-time positions, according to Susan Stone, the half-time librarian at Mt. Tabor Middle School and president of the Portland Association of School Librarians....

Portland (Oreg.) Tribune, May 29

[Australian state library goes digital at last](#)

The State Library of New South Wales's catalogue system might be mistaken for a carefully preserved antique. Every other library in Australia has an electronic



reading preferences, is a common endeavor for most librarians.

Bibliotherapy, using books to promote healing, is a special kind of readers' advisory." For definitions and a list of resources on the subject, see the [Bibliotherapy](#) page. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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Calendar

June 29–July 2 :
[International Multi-Conference on Society, Cybernetics, and Informatics](#),
Rosen Centre Hotel,
Orlando, Florida.

July 3:
[Understanding Metadata and Controlled Vocabularies: the Key to Integrated Networking](#), London,
U.K.

July 9:
[Mid-Atlantic Digital Library Conference](#),
Bucknell University,
Lewisburg,
Pennsylvania.

July 12–15:
[American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference](#), Oregon
Convention Center,
Portland.

July 14–17:

catalogue, but the State Library keeps most of its records in large wooden drawers and filing cabinets, with details of 5 million items handwritten or typed on catalogue cards. In the June 3 budget, the Lemma Government dedicated \$10 million towards an electronic catalogue for the library—decades after the technology was introduced....

Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), June 2

[Chinese-language DVDs pulled due to copyright concerns](#)

The Cleveland Public Library has temporarily removed from circulation about 800 Chinese-language DVDs—including movies, self-help, and educational discs—for possible violation of copyright laws. The library found that 50 to 100 of the 800 titles were in violation of federal law and international accords restricting their distribution....

Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 31

[Did he spray toes at the library?](#)

A Columbus, Ohio, man has been charged with crawling under a table at a library on the University of Cincinnati campus, spraying a substance from a syringe on a woman's shoes and then photographing them. Dwight Pannell, 43, was booked into the county jail May 28 on charges of voyeurism, assault, and criminal trespass, court records show....

Cincinnati Enquirer, May 29

[This kiss was the squeal deal](#)

Dennis LeLoup, media specialist at Sycamore Elementary in Avon, Indiana, knew by April he had a date with a pig. LeLoup promised to kiss a pig if 470 of the school's 508 students met a reading goal by the end of the year. In the end, 488 students earned a gold medal. Because the program's theme was "Go Hog Wild—Read," puckering up for a pig only seemed appropriate, LeLoup said....

Danville (Ind.) Star, May 28



[Massachusetts library will not privatize](#)

Three months after the town's Financial Planning Task Force entrusted the Tewksbury (Mass.) Public Library's Board of Trustees to investigate the benefits of privatizing the town's public library, the trustees concluded they cannot support a decision to privatize the library. According to the trustees, one of their main reasons for not supporting privatization is the possible impact it would bring on their own autonomy and authority, along with any possible impact on library employees....

Tewksbury (Mass.) Advocate, May 28

[Troubled book world is going for novel ideas](#)

As Book Expo America, the nation's largest annual book convention, opened May 30 in Los Angeles, innovation—some would say desperation—was the main order of business. More than 2,000 exhibitors from every facet of the publishing world, nearly 1,000 authors, and more than 25,000 people were expected to gather to discuss the state of an industry that's at a critical crossroads. Indeed, the \$37-billion industry's generally flat sales are likely to continue and perhaps worsen in the near future. Expo attendees were also energized and unnerved by the [further development of the e-book](#)....

Los Angeles Times, May 30; New York Times, June 2

[Libraries team up for weight-loss challenge](#)

[International Conference on International Computing](#), Monte Carlo Resort, Las Vegas, Nevada.

July 20–22:
[Church and Synagogue Library Association National Conference](#),

"Congregational Collections, Carolina Connections," Greenville Hilton, Greenville, South Carolina.

July 21–27:
[International Congress on Archives](#), National Archives of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

July 24–25:
[A Race Against Time: Preserving Our Audiovisual Media](#), Simmons College, Boston.

July 24–25:
[Book Blitz III: More AACR and MARC, some FRBR, and a touch of RDA](#), NEFLIN Headquarters, Orange Park, Florida.

Aug. 4–5:
[A Reference Renaissance: Current and Future Trends](#), Four Points by Sheraton, Denver.

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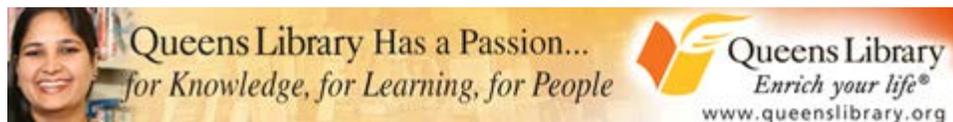
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Debbie Rampolla has 30 pounds to lose to reach her ideal weight. So when the Whitehall, Pennsylvania, resident heard about the Biggest Loser Contest between Whitehall Library and South Park Township Library, she signed up. The Biggest Loser Contest will divide teams into two categories. All participants will receive weekly surprises as they check in on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings....

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, May 29



Tech Talk

[Without Microsoft, British Library keeps on digitizing](#)

The British Library's ongoing projects to make thousands of books and other resources available digitally won't slow down significantly, despite the ending last week of a partnership with Microsoft. Microsoft formed a partnership with the library in November 2005 to fund the scanning of up to 100,000 out-of-copyright 19th-century books, or around 20 million pages. The scanning work will continue for a while longer until the last 40,000 books are finished....

IDG News Service, May 30

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[FCC considers free internet—with content filtering](#)

Robert X. Cringely writes: "The Federal Communications Commission has floated a plan where the winner of the public auction for the 2155 MHz band would be required to provide free, wireless Net access over part of that spectrum. Naturally, there's a catch, and it's a doozy. This free wireless internet would come without obscene or adult content."...

InfoWorld, June 2

[Pageonce personal internet assistant goes beta](#)

Dan Farber writes: "[Pageonce](#) lets users aggregate all of their web accounts from a single dashboard. Users submit their user names and passwords for services, including finance, shopping, utilities, social networks, travel, and email, into a Pageonce master account. After the accounts are activated, Pageonce can let users know how many minutes they have left on their cell phone account, and send notifications about flight itinerary changes, credit limits, friend requests, bill payments, and other account activities. The utility of Pageonce is obvious, but it requires a level of trust for users to give up their access information to a single internet service."...

Webware, June 2; Pageonce



[Google offers AJAX Libraries API](#)

Dion Almaer writes: "When you take a look at the effort that it takes to set up work that should be simple, such as caching shared JavaScript libraries, you quickly realize that the Web could be faster than it currently is. The [AJAX Libraries API](#) is an attempt to make web

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applications faster for developers in simple ways: Developers won't have to worry about getting caching set up correctly, as we will do that for you."...

Google AJAX Search API, May 27

[Finding relationships in texts from diverse fields](#)

Catherine Blake, an assistant professor in the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, has developed a method for retrieving, analyzing, and finding relationships in published research texts from multiple disciplines. "Claim Jumping through Scientific Literature," as it is called, enables researchers in a given field to collect relevant published information from other fields of study. Blake's team analyzed 162,000 documents from a variety of scientific fields using a process called "dependency parsing."...

International Science Grid This Week, May 28



[Is Google violating a California privacy law?](#)

Saul Hansell writes: "The [California Online Privacy Protection Act of 2003](#) requires the operator of a commercial website that collects personal information about users to 'conspicuously post its privacy policy on its website.' How conspicuously? The site needs to link to the policy 'located on the home page or first significant page after entering the website.' Google, which wants to keep its home page very simple, puts a link to its privacy policy on a page called '[About Google](#),' to which it links from its home page."...

New York Times Bits blog, May 30; State of California; Google

[Eight handy tools in Microsoft Word](#)

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "Microsoft Word is full of tools that can help you work faster and smarter—but only if you know about them. Here's a list to remind you of just what Word can do for you." The list includes tips on shrinking documents by one page, merging to email, comparing two documents, math autocorrect, and more....

PC Magazine, June 2



[Web 2.0 sites a thriving marketplace for malware](#)

Malware is big business, and groups are using the latest Web 2.0 tools: social networking profiles, blogs, and other publicly available media and web pages. The digital desperados are moving more and more into wide-scale advertising and brand building on public sites and networks to grow their underground trade. How can people get away with selling programs for breaking into your PC or stealing your identity? Simple: Selling malware is not directly illegal in the United States (or nearly anywhere else). Only using it is illegal....

PC World, June 1

[EBSCO acquires Minerva](#)

EBSCO Information Services has acquired Minerva Wissenschaftliche Buchhandlung GmbH of Vienna, Austria, from Springer-Verlag GmbH & Co., a subsidiary of Springer Science+Business Media. Founded in 1909, Minerva provides service to libraries in the areas of serials management and monograph orders, and is the leading subscription agency in Austria and Hungary....

EBSCO, May 30



Actions & Answers

[26,320 schools and libraries receive Picturing America awards](#)

The National Endowment for the Humanities announced June 2 that 26,320 schools and public libraries across the nation will receive [Picturing America](#), a free initiative that helps teach American history and culture by bringing some of the country's great art directly to classrooms and libraries. Awardees will receive 40 large, high-quality reproductions of great American art and a comprehensive teachers resource book to facilitate the use of the works of art in core subjects....

National Endowment for the Humanities, June 2; Picturing America



[LC response to Future of Bibliographic Control report](#)

(PDF file)

Deanna B. Marcum writes: "*On the Record*, the report from the Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control, describes a new technological environment in which libraries have opportunities for making information resources available and useful to new and demanding audiences. The report's recommendations for achieving that future are clear and compelling. They will profoundly influence the Library of Congress and libraries around the world."...

Library of Congress, June 1

[Pitt Library collects schoolbooks for earthquake aid](#)

The University of Pittsburgh Library System is calling on local schools, individuals, and organizations to donate new and used English-language materials to help rebuild school libraries in Sichuan Province, site of the 8.0 earthquake that shook that region on May 12. A long-time partner of leading Chinese university libraries, the library plans to send the books to Juyuan Middle School in Dujiangyan City, Sichuan. That school, now operating in tents, lost 278 students and six teachers in the quake....

University of Pittsburgh, May 27

[Report: U.K. libraries at risk](#)

Job losses, outdated attitudes, lack of government scrutiny and absence from the top level of council decision-making are the main reasons for cuts in quality being faced by public libraries in England, according to the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals. The report ([PDF](#)) emphasizes the importance of professional experience and judgment in planning and delivering effective service....

CILIP, May 28



[City Librarian Fontayne Holmes to retire from LAPL](#)

Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian for the City of Los Angeles, will retire from the Los Angeles Public Library in August 2008. Holmes is responsible for the administration of the city's library system, which serves four million people through the Central Library, 71 branches, and online resources. A 30-year veteran with the department, Holmes's accomplishments include successfully building 64 branches on time and under budget....

Los Angeles Public Library, June 2

[Library-a-Go-Go program first in the nation](#)



The first public-library book-dispensing machine in the United States has arrived. Commuters with a Contra Costa County (Calif.) Public Library card can now check out items from a [book lending machine](#) at the Bay Area Rapid Transit Pittsburg/Bay Point station. The machines are built by the Swedish company [Distec](#) and cost about \$100,000 each....

Book Patrol, May 29; Contra Costa (Calif.) Public Library; Distec

[On-demand titles drive jump in book output](#)

The production of traditional books rose 1% in 2007, to 276,649 new titles and editions, but the output of on-demand, short run, and unclassified titles soared from 21,936 in 2006 to 134,773 last year, according to preliminary figures released May 28 by R.R. Bowker. The combination of the two categories results in a 39% increase in output to 411,422. Although it has tracked production of on-demand titles in the past, this is the first year the company has broken out the segment to better show the differences in the traditional categories (such as biography, fiction, juvenile) and the on-demand segment....

Publishers Weekly, May 28

[YA free-verse novels](#)

Eva writes: "The verse-novel is a modern phenomenon—very modern. The vast majority were published after the year 2000, and most are marketed to teenage audiences. The short, free-verse passages resemble song lyrics, which strike a chord with the iPod generation. Verse novels are a source of debate in many areas of library science. First of all, how to catalog them? Should they be classified as poetry, as fiction, or in a completely new genre altogether?"...

Alternative Teen Services, June 1



[Kanye West's late mother honored with library](#)

In 2005, Donda West and the Kanye West Foundation donated \$5,000 to provide textbooks for children in Sierra Leone. Those funds were used to completely rehabilitate a dilapidated, roofless school building for 416 children. As a result of Ms. West's generous donation, [Shine On Sierra Leone](#) was developed to sustain these initial efforts and plans to break ground for the "Donda West Library and Literacy Center" this fall....

Kanye UniverseCity, May 27; Shine On Sierra Leone



AL Direct, June 4, 2008

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U.S. & World News

Hartford director responds to outcry over security

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/June2008/hartforddirectorresponds.cfm>]

The director of the Hartford (Conn.) Public Library is confronting charges leveled since mid-May in the Hartford Courant that the Main Library is increasingly beset by intimidating behavior that is driving away law-abiding patrons and frightening staff members who fear retaliation from management if they call the police. Louise Blalock asserted that HPL "has always called police and reported criminal activity . . . and the police have been very responsive to all of our calls."

Audit request leads to Friends fight

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/may2008/lasvegassuesfriends.cfm>]

Las Vegas—Clark County Library District has sued the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries to prevent the Friends from disbanding and

disbursing their assets to non-library groups. The action has cost both sides a total of \$44,000 in legal fees so far, the Las Vegas Sun reported May 22. Library Director Dan Walters told American Libraries that the library asked the Friends for an audit of its finances due to issues that came up in the library's statutorily required annual audit....

Hacker puts X-rated tale on library dial-a-story line

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/may2008/xratedstoryline.cfm>]

A mother and daughter in Contra Costa County, California, received a rude surprise when they called Benicia Public Library's dial-a-story telephone service May 22. Geri Engberg said that instead of the innocuous tale she and her 6-year-old were expecting, they heard a profanity-laden account of an X-rated relationship between a dog and a pig....

ALA News

Campaign for America's Libraries highlights baseball and diversity

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/campaignprograms.cfm>]

Annual Conference programs for the Campaign for America's Libraries kick off June 28 with "Baseball's Greatest Hit: The Story of 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game.'" Author Andy Strasberg will lead the program, focusing on the song's history and its significance to the game of baseball. The annual PR Forum, a June 29 program for library public relations and marketing professionals, will focus on "Diversity @ your library: Broadening Your Audience and Engaging Communities."...

Win prizes playing the Big Game at Annual

[<http://discuss.ala.org/marginalia/2008/06/03/win-prizes-playing-the-big-game-at-annual/>]

Jenny Levine writes: "This year we're experimenting with a new concept that we hope will also expose librarians to the concept of 'big games.' Big games force you to interact with your surroundings and usually with other people. These are games that take place out in the physical world, and the everyday objects we take for granted are the playing pieces. The style will be an information scavenger hunt, and the game is called 'California Dreaming.' Anyone attending Annual can sign up [http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Big_game_teams] and play for free."...

ALA Marginalia, June 3

Electronic Member Participation survey

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

The Task Force on Electronic Membership Participation has been charged with evaluating ALA policy as it relates to members' ability to engage with and interact with the work of the Association through committees and other working groups. A survey [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=axHo_2fVc4R3PNwqeRLOkE9g_3d_3d] of members' practice and attitudes toward serving on Association committees, task forces, and interest groups at a distance is being undertaken.

Through this survey, the task force hopes to gauge member familiarity, interest, and comfort with various means of participating both synchronously and asynchronously....

MemberBlog, June 2

Five questions about the Membership Meetings

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

In this audio interview (with transcript), Larry Romans, chair of the Membership Meetings Committee, is asked about the Membership Meetings [http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Membership_Meetings] that will take place during Annual Conference in Anaheim. These yearly events are a great chance for the membership to be directly involved with the governance of the Association and for questions to be asked of elected member leaders and Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels....

MemberBlog, June 2

COSWL survey on balancing caregiving and work

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

COSWL is launching a campaign to raise awareness of caregiving issues and their effects on the lives, work, family, and health of many librarians and library support staff. In conjunction with the program titled "I Will Be Late Again and I Need to Leave Early: Balancing Caregiving and Work" at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, COSWL is conducting a brief survey

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=23idr2eg02hrsNxKY18vA_3d_3d]

about caregiving in order to identify issues that the group will be working on for the next couple of years....

COSWL Cause, June 2

AL Focus

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/magnum-1>]AL Focus celebrates anniversary with top 10 videos

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALFocustopten.cfm>]

American Libraries Focus [<http://alfocus.ala.org/>], the video home of American Libraries magazine, debuted in June 2007. Since then, the site's collection of nearly 70 videos has been viewed hundreds of thousands of times. AL Focus celebrates the birthday by posting 10 of the most popular videos, including weird reference questions

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/national-library-week-reference-desk>], celebrity-filled conference recaps

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/5-days-3-1-2-minutes-annual-2007-wrap>],

confusing wheels [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/wheel-confusion-1>], and more. All videos are now iPod-compatible, available for download

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/how-download-al-focus-videos>], and are being cross-posted on the new YouTube version

[<http://www.youtube.com/user/AmLibraryAssociation>]

of the website....

Featured review: Books for Youth

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2668965]

Pullman, Philip. *Once upon a Time in the North*. Illustrated by John Lawrence. Apr. 2008. 112p. Knopf/David Fickling, hardcover, \$12.99 (978-0-3758-4510-9). Grades 7-10.

As he did in *Lyra's Oxford* (2004), Pullman returns to the world of His Dark Materials trilogy in this story of how aeronaut Lee Scoresby meets and befriends bear Iorke Byrnison. Pullman is as fine a writer as there is for young people, and this book is a small gem—literally—it's 112 pages and the size of a paperback. The story begins as Lee's cargo balloon drifts into the Arctic, landing in the icy environs of Novy Odense. The town is about to elect a new mayor, Ivan Poliakov, who wants to rid the place of bears, and Lee (along with daemon rabbit Hester) finds himself embroiled in local controversies. When Lee learns one of Poliakov's allies is a vicious criminal with whom he once had a run-in, he knows he must choose sides. Beautifully crafted and spilling over with action, the novel has the feel of an old western....

Off the Shelf: E-book aggregators

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2710528]

Sue Polanka writes: "Like many librarians, you're beginning to purchase e-books from a variety of publishers, and you're confused by all the different licensing agreements, platforms, and pricing models. A solution to this madness? Use an e-book aggregator. Aggregators partner with multiple publishers to supply content (e-books, audio books, other media) and provide a platform for libraries and end users to search, order, access, and download the content on the Web. We'll focus here on three of the larger academic aggregators—EBL, ebrary, and MyiLibrary."...

Booklist, May 15

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

Anaheim Update

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Eat like a pirate [<http://www.orlandopirates.com/california/index.html>]

When packing for Anaheim, don't forget your wooden leg, eye patch, and (stuffed) parrot—they're just the accessories you'll need for Pirate's Dinner Adventure, an interactive dinner show attraction that features live swashbuckling action, suspense, and romance while you and your mateys gobble down Buccaneer Beef and Princess Anita's Royal Dessert. It's a lot like Medieval Times (yes, the Anaheim area has one of those [<http://www.medievaltimes.com/Locations/Buena-Park-Castle.aspx>], too), except it swaps Lord of the Rings for Pirates of the Caribbean.... Pirate's Dinner Adventure; Medieval Times

[<http://www.tutor.com/ala>]

Division News

New LAMA strategic initiatives

[<http://blogs.ala.org/lamaleads.php?m=20080531>]

A first draft of the LAMA FY2009 strategic initiatives plan has been placed on the LAMA wiki

[http://www.lama.ala.org/lamawiki/index.php?title=FY09_Proposed_Strategic_Initiatives]. President Bede Mitchell is asking for member review and comment. The commitments listed in the plan are all tentative. Any and all may be modified or deleted, and additions may be proposed. Please post any comments you may have by June 6....

Leads from LAMA, May 31

YALSA-L calls it a day

[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2008/06/02/yalsa-l-calls-it-a-day/>]

Stephanie Kuenn writes: “YALSA-L, YALSA’s oldest electronic discussion list, sunsetted today, after keeping subscribers posted on the latest news and activities from YALSA and ALA since 1996. YALSA will now distribute news on its events and activities through its Twitter account [<http://www.twitter.com/yalsa>], on this blog (there’s even an RSS feed that’s just for YALSA News

[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/category/yalsa-info/feed/>], on its home page [<http://www.ala.org/yalsa>] and, of course, through its six remaining electronic discussion lists

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/electronicresources/websitesmailing.cfm#discussion>]....

YALSA blog, June 2

Register for ACRL eLearning events

[<http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/2008/05/27/register-now-for-upcoming-acrl-elearning-events/>]

Registration is closing soon for the following ACRL eLearning events:

“All Users Are Local: Bringing the Library Next Door to the Campus WorldWide” (June 2–21), “Program Review for Academic Libraries” (June 3), and “Coming of Age Online: Observing Student Researchers in Their Native Habitat” (June 10)....

ACRL Insider, May 27

Four words to avoid [<http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/?p=469>]

Steven Engelfried writes: “I should have known better. I did know better.

I just got caught up in the moment and said the four words you should never, ever say when sharing stories with a group of 4-year-olds: ‘How old are you?’ I didn’t actually use those precise words, but the result was still instant chaos. I was visiting a Head Start class to share stories and library information in what I hoped was a fun way.

First I asked them to raise their hand if they’ve been to a library

before.”...

ALSC blog, June 1

Awards

ALTA names Prentice and Green as Trustee Citation winners

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALTAtrusteecitationwinners.cfm>]

ALTA named Barbara Prentice and Donald W. Green as the 2008 Trustee Citation award winners. The ALA Trustee Citation, established in 1941 to recognize public library trustees for distinguished service to library development, symbolizes and honors the best contributions and efforts of the estimated 60,000 American citizens who serve on library boards....

Caravello UC's Librarian of the Year

[<http://www.library.ucla.edu/committees/lacla/members/librarian/caravello.htm>]

Patti Schifter Caravello, a librarian in the Charles E. Young Research Library Collections, has been named 2008 Librarian of the Year by the Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles. The award recognizes in particular Caravello's leadership and the significant role she played in expanding and enhancing UCLA Library's Information Literacy Program....

Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles, May 29

First Amendment litigator named Library Champion

[http://www.packetonline.com/articles/2008/06/03/the_princeton_packet/news/doc484486101ab1b141636260.txt]

The New Jersey Library Association recently honored First Amendment litigator Grayson Barber with one of its 2008 Library Champion awards. Leslie Burger, director of the Princeton Public Library, nominated the Princeton Township resident for the award, calling Barber "a passionate supporter of intellectual freedom and First Amendment rights." Having gone to law school to become a privacy advocate, Barber was prompted by the USA Patriot Act's signing after September 11 to begin legally advising library staff and board members.... Princeton (N.J.) Packet, June 3

Jaffarian Award to be presented on LIVE! Stage

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/Jaffarian.cfm>]

ALA Public Programs Office will present the 2008 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming to the Woodsdale Elementary School of Wheeling, West Virginia, June 29 on the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage at Annual Conference in Anaheim. Sandra Wiseman, school library media specialist at Woodsdale Elementary, developed and submitted the winning program, "History Hits the Road to Woodsdale."...

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

Seen Online

books [<http://www.idahopress.com/news/?id=10628>]

The Nampa (Idaho) Public Library Board voted 3–2 June 2 to keep two controversial sex-education books off the shelves so they will be inaccessible to minors. The New Joy of Sex and The Joy of Gay Sex have been kept in the library director’s office since March when the board decided to move them there. A Nampa man has asked the library to remove the books on two different occasions in recent years....

Nampa Idaho Press-Tribune, June 3

Paris libraries switch off wi-fi amid health concerns

[http://www.connexionfrance.com/news_articles.php?id=173]

Four libraries in Paris have turned off their wi-fi internet connections after staff claimed they were causing health problems. The latest to shut down its wireless network is the University of Paris Sainte-Genevieve Library after a staff member threatened to take early retirement on health grounds. All computer users will now have to plug their laptops into the conventional fixed-line network....

The Paris (France) Connexion, June 4

Developer offers to build replica of library

[http://www.ajc.com/search/content/business/stories/2008/05/22/library_0523.html]

Developer Ben Carter hasn’t given up on acquiring the architecturally adventurous Buckhead Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library. His latest offer is to build a copy of the internationally acclaimed building several blocks from its current site. Carter has offered about \$24 million for the existing library because he considers it in the way of his commercial redevelopment project. He said that’s more than enough money for the land, construction, and furnishings at a new library....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, May 23

The library in the new age [<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/21514>]

Robert Darnton writes: “Information is exploding so furiously around us and information technology is changing at such bewildering speed that we face a fundamental problem: how to orient ourselves in the new landscape? What, for example, will become of research libraries in the face of technological marvels such as Google? How to make sense of it all? I have no answer to that problem, but I can suggest an approach to it: Look at the history of the ways information has been communicated. Simplifying things radically, you could say that there have been four fundamental changes in information technology since humans learned to speak.”...
The New York Review of Books, June 12

All’s not lost in Universal Studios fire

[<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-ed-fire3-2008jun03,0,7850462.story>]

The blaze that consumed part of Universal Studios’ back lot June 1 reduced some of Hollywood’s most familiar settings to cinders and damaged

a storage vault holding an as-yet-uncertain number of movies and TV shows. At this point, it appears that the fire consumed no irreplaceable master recordings, just copies. Such practices are a welcome change from Hollywood's first half-century, when the studios were notoriously feckless about preservation. A 1993 report by the Librarian of Congress found that half of the feature films produced before 1950 had evaporated....

Los Angeles Times, June 3

Canadian ex-rocker submits net neutrality bill

[<http://arstechnica.com/news.ars/post/20080529-canadian-punk-rocker-turned-mp-submits-net-neutrality-bill.html>]

The network neutrality fight, which has absolutely exploded in Canada in recent months, now has even more ammo after a punk rocker-turned-Member of Parliament introduced his own network neutrality bill at the House of Commons. The debate has been sparked in large part by recent revelations about traffic-shaping by Bell Canada, shaping that has allegedly reduced the speed of many P2P sessions by 90 percent. Meanwhile, in the U.S., cable service operators Comcast and Time Warner Cable said June 3 that they would begin testing new approaches

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/03/AR2008060303248.html?hpid=sec-tech>] that would slow internet access for heavy users and charge more to those who want additional speed....

Ars Technica, May 29; Washington Post, June 4

Salinas libraries get extended hours

[<http://www.thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008805280331>]

The Salinas (Calif.) City Council gave unanimous approval May 27 to increasing Salinas Public Library hours from 117 a week now to 186 effective September 1. The new total will exceed the 177 collective weekly hours of service at the library's three branches before a funding crisis nearly closed them in 2005. The expansion of library hours will lead to the hiring of seven new library staff members in the next three months....

Salinas Californian, May 28

Donnell Library makes way for hotel

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/05/30/nyregion/30library.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=donnell+library+closes&st=nyt&oref=login]

After 52 years as one of the most heavily used branches of the New York Public Library system, the Donnell Library Center is all but closed. A small circulating collection will remain open, in the basement, through the end of August. Then the building will be razed to make way for an 11-story hotel. When the \$220-million hotel opens sometime in 2011, a new Donnell library will occupy part of the first floor and an underground area, coexisting with hotel guests paying \$750 to \$2,000 per night for a room....

New York Times, May 30

Mercantile Library moves—and also moves into the 21st century

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/03/nyregion/03mercantile.html?_r=2&scp=1&sq=mercantile&st=nyt&oref=slogin&oref=slogin]

Founded in 1820 by merchants and their clerks before “the advent of public libraries,” the Mercantile Library, one of three private

libraries remaining in New York City, last month shut the doors of its eight-story white marble neoclassical building, which has been its home since 1932. In the meantime, plans for the library's reinvention are under way, including a new name—the Mercantile Library Center for Fiction—to emphasize its focus. According to library lore, Edgar Allan Poe composed several short works at the Mercantile....
New York Times, June 3

Georgetown library testing compressed four-day work week
[<http://explore.georgetown.edu/news/?DocumentID=34221>]
The Georgetown University library system in Washington, D.C., will institute this summer an official policy allowing full-time employees to work a four-day compressed week. Under the guidelines, the library's 105 full-time members would work 10-hour days in exchange for a three-day weekend each week. This would leave them with either a Monday or a Friday off depending on departmental needs....
Georgetown University Blue and Gray, May 27

Portland school libraries get shelved
[http://www.portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=121200822800764300]
Once considered a vital part of every school, school librarians at Portland (Oreg.) Public Schools have slowly shrunk from full- to half-time in many buildings, been replaced by librarians' assistants, or are gone altogether. Just a third of the schools in the district now have a librarian, and a third of those are half-time positions, according to Susan Stone, the half-time librarian at Mt. Tabor Middle School and president of the Portland Association of School Librarians....
Portland (Oreg.) Tribune, May 29

Australian state library goes digital at last
[<http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/state-library-goes-digital/2008/06/01/1212258647596.html>]
The State Library of New South Wales's catalogue system might be mistaken for a carefully preserved antique. Every other library in Australia has an electronic catalogue, but the State Library keeps most of its records in large wooden drawers and filing cabinets, with details of 5 million items handwritten or typed on catalogue cards. In the June 3 budget, the Iemma Government dedicated \$10 million towards an electronic catalogue for the library—decades after the technology was introduced....
Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), June 2

Chinese-language DVDs pulled due to copyright concerns
[<http://www.cleveland.com/plaindealer/stories/index.ssf?/base/cuyahoga/121223071195010.xml&coll=2>]
The Cleveland Public Library has temporarily removed from circulation about 800 Chinese-language DVDs—including movies, self-help, and educational discs—for possible violation of copyright laws. The library found that 50 to 100 of the 800 titles were in violation of federal law and international accords restricting their distribution....
Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 31

Did he spray toes at the library?
[<http://news.enquirer.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080529/NEWS0107/3052>]

90057/1056/COL02]

A Columbus, Ohio, man has been charged with crawling under a table at a library on the University of Cincinnati campus, spraying a substance from a syringe on a woman's shoes and then photographing them. Dwight Pannell, 43, was booked into the county jail May 28 on charges of voyeurism, assault, and criminal trespass, court records show.... Cincinnati Enquirer, May 29

This kiss was the squeal deal

[<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080528/LOCAL0504/805280321/1134/LOCAL0504>]

Dennis LeLoup, media specialist at Sycamore Elementary in Avon, Indiana, knew by April he had a date with a pig. LeLoup promised to kiss a pig if 470 of the school's 508 students met a reading goal by the end of the year. In the end, 488 students earned a gold medal. Because the program's theme was "Go Hog Wild—Read," puckering up for a pig only seemed appropriate, LeLoup said.... Danville (Ind.) Star, May 28

Massachusetts library will not privatize

[<http://www.wickedlocal.com/tewksbury/news/x65832249/Library-will-not-privatize>]

Three months after the town's Financial Planning Task Force entrusted the Tewksbury (Mass.) Public Library's Board of Trustees to investigate the benefits of privatizing the town's public library, the trustees concluded they cannot support a decision to privatize the library. According to the trustees, one of their main reasons for not supporting privatization is the possible impact it would bring on their own autonomy and authority, along with any possible impact on library employees....

Tewksbury (Mass.) Advocate, May 28

Troubled book world is going for novel ideas

[<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/la-et-bea30-2008may30,0,7863112.story>]

As Book Expo America, the nation's largest annual book convention, opened May 30 in Los Angeles, innovation—some would say desperation—was the main order of business. More than 2,000 exhibitors from every facet of the publishing world, nearly 1,000 authors, and more than 25,000 people were expected to gather to discuss the state of an industry that's at a critical crossroads. Indeed, the \$37-billion industry's generally flat sales are likely to continue and perhaps worsen in the near future. Expo attendees were also energized and unnerved by the further development of the e-book

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/02/books/02bea.html?ref=arts>]....

Los Angeles Times, May 30; New York Times, June 2

Libraries team up for weight-loss challenge

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/cityregion/s_569785.html?source=rss&feed=2]

Debbie Rampolla has 30 pounds to lose to reach her ideal weight. So when the Whitehall, Pennsylvania, resident heard about the Biggest Loser Contest between Whitehall Library and South Park Township Library, she signed up. The Biggest Loser Contest will divide teams into two

categories. All participants will receive weekly surprises as they check in on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings....

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, May 29

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

Tech Talk

Without Microsoft, British Library keeps on digitizing

[http://www.nytimes.com/idg/IDG_852573C40069388000257459003247D9.html?ref=technology]

The British Library's ongoing projects to make thousands of books and other resources available digitally won't slow down significantly, despite the ending last week of a partnership with Microsoft. Microsoft formed a partnership with the library in November 2005 to fund the scanning of up to 100,000 out-of-copyright 19th-century books, or around 20 million pages. The scanning work will continue for a while longer until the last 40,000 books are finished....

IDG News Service, May 30

FCC considers free internet with content filtering

[<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/apwire/152d24e92368de599353f10e05f1b647.htm>]

Robert X. Cringely writes: "The Federal Communications Commission has floated a plan where the winner of the public auction for the 2155 MHz band would be required to provide free, wireless Net access over part of that spectrum. Naturally, there's a catch, and it's a doozy. This free wireless internet would come without obscene or adult content."...

InfoWorld, June 2

Pageonce personal internet assistant goes beta

[http://www.webware.com/8301-1_109-9957091-2.html]

Dan Farber writes: "Pageonce [<http://www.pageonce.com/>] lets users aggregate all of their web accounts from a single dashboard. Users submit their user names and passwords for services, including finance, shopping, utilities, social networks, travel, and email, into a Pageonce master account. After the accounts are activated, Pageonce can let users know how many minutes they have left on their cell phone account, and send notifications about flight itinerary changes, credit limits, friend requests, bill payments, and other account activities. The utility of Pageonce is obvious, but it requires a level of trust for users to give up their access information to a single internet service."...

Webware, June 2; Pageonce

Google offers AJAX Libraries API

[<http://googleajaxsearchapi.blogspot.com/2008/05/speed-up-access-to-your-favorite.html>]

Dion Almaer writes: "When you take a look at the effort that it takes to

set up work that should be simple, such as caching shared JavaScript libraries, you quickly realize that the Web could be faster than it currently is. The AJAX Libraries API [<http://code.google.com/apis/ajaxlibs/>] is an attempt to make web applications faster for developers in simple ways: Developers won't have to worry about getting caching set up correctly, as we will do that for you."...

Google AJAX Search API, May 27

Finding relationships in texts from diverse fields

[<http://www.isgtw.org/?pid=1001114>]

Catherine Blake, an assistant professor in the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, has developed a method for retrieving, analyzing, and finding relationships in published research texts from multiple disciplines. "Claim Jumping through Scientific Literature," as it is called, enables researchers in a given field to collect relevant published information from other fields of study. Blake's team analyzed 162,000 documents from a variety of scientific fields using a process called "dependency parsing."...

International Science Grid This Week, May 28

Is Google violating a California privacy law?

[<http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2008/05/30/is-google-violating-a-california-privacy-law/index.html?ref=technology>]

Saul Hansell writes: "The California Online Privacy Protection Act of 2003 [<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=bpc&group=22001-23000&file=22575-22579>] requires the operator of a commercial website that collects personal information about users to 'conspicuously post its privacy policy on its website.' How conspicuously? The site needs to link to the policy 'located on the home page or first significant page after entering the website.' Google, which wants to keep its home page very simple, puts a link to its privacy policy on a page called 'About Google [<http://www.google.com/intl/en/about.html>],' to which it links from its home page."...

New York Times Bits blog, May 30; State of California; Google

Eight handy tools in Microsoft Word

[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2314059,00.asp>]

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "Microsoft Word is full of tools that can help you work faster and smarter—but only if you know about them. Here's a list to remind you of just what Word can do for you." The list includes tips on shrinking documents by one page, merging to email, comparing two documents, math autocorrect, and more....

PC Magazine, June 2

Web 2.0 sites a thriving marketplace for malware

[<http://www.pcworld.com/article/id,146117/article.html>]

Malware is big business, and groups are using the latest Web 2.0 tools: social networking profiles, blogs, and other publicly available media and web pages. The digital desperados are moving more and more into wide-scale advertising and brand building on public sites and networks to grow their underground trade. How can people get away with selling programs for breaking into your PC or stealing your identity? Simple: Selling malware is not directly illegal in the United States (or nearly

anywhere else). Only using it is illegal....
PC World, June 1

EBSCO acquires Minerva

[<http://www2.ebsco.com/EN-US/NEWSCENTER/Pages/ViewArticle.aspx?QSID=228>]

EBSCO Information Services has acquired Minerva Wissenschaftliche Buchhandlung GmbH of Vienna, Austria, from Springer-Verlag GmbH & Co., a subsidiary of Springer Science+Business Media. Founded in 1909, Minerva provides service to libraries in the areas of serials management and monograph orders, and is the leading subscription agency in Austria and Hungary....

EBSCO, May 30

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[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com>]
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Actions & Answers
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26,320 schools and libraries receive Picturing America awards

[<http://neh.gov/news/archive/20080602.html>]

The National Endowment for the Humanities announced June 2 that 26,320 schools and public libraries across the nation will receive Picturing America [<http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>], a free initiative that helps teach American history and culture by bringing some of the country's great art directly to classrooms and libraries. Awardees will receive 40 large, high-quality reproductions of great American art and a comprehensive teachers resource book to facilitate the use of the works of art in core subjects....

National Endowment for the Humanities, June 2; Picturing America

LC response to Future of Bibliographic Control report

[http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/news/LCWGRptResponse_DM_053008.pdf

] (PDF file)

Deanna B. Marcum writes: "On the Record, the report from the Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control, describes a new technological environment in which libraries have opportunities for making information resources available and useful to new and demanding audiences. The report's recommendations for achieving that future are clear and compelling. They will profoundly influence the Library of Congress and libraries around the world."...

Library of Congress, June 1

Pitt Library collects schoolbooks for earthquake aid

[<http://www.news.pitt.edu/m/FMPro?-db=ma&-lay=a&-format=d.html&id=3348&-Find>]

The University of Pittsburgh Library System is calling on local schools, individuals, and organizations to donate new and used English-language materials to help rebuild school libraries in Sichuan Province, site of the 8.0 earthquake that shook that region on May 12. A long-time partner

of leading Chinese university libraries, the library plans to send the books to Juyuan Middle School in Dujiangyan City, Sichuan. That school, now operating in tents, lost 278 students and six teachers in the quake....

University of Pittsburgh, May 27

Report: U.K. libraries at risk

[<http://www.cilip.org.uk/aboutcilip/newsandpressreleases/news080528.htm>]

Job losses, outdated attitudes, lack of government scrutiny and absence from the top level of council decision-making are the main reasons for cuts in quality being faced by public libraries in England, according to the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals. The report (PDF

[http://www.cilip.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/403E8536-9588-459D-ABEA-C57AA01D3FD1/0/conway_mainreport.pdf]) emphasizes the importance of professional experience and judgment in planning and delivering effective service....

CILIP, May 28

City Librarian Fontayne Holmes to retire from LAPL

[http://www.lapl.org/newsroom/releases/Fontayne_Retire.html]

Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian for the City of Los Angeles, will retire from the Los Angeles Public Library in August 2008. Holmes is responsible for the administration of the city's library system, which serves four million people through the Central Library, 71 branches, and online resources. A 30-year veteran with the department, Holmes's accomplishments include successfully building 64 branches on time and under budget....

Los Angeles Public Library, June 2

Library-a-Go-Go program first in the nation

[http://blog.seattlepi.nwsourc.com/bookpatrol/archives/139898.asp?from=blog_last3]

The first public-library book-dispensing machine in the United States has arrived. Commuters with a Contra Costa County (Calif.) Public Library card can now check out items from a book lending machine

[<http://www.contra-costa.lib.ca.us/locations/libraryagogo.html>] at the Bay Area Rapid Transit Pittsburg/Bay Point station. The machines are built by the Swedish company Distec [<http://www.distec.se/eng.htm>] and cost about \$100,000 each....

Book Patrol, May 29; Contra Costa (Calif.) Public Library; Distec

On-demand titles drive jump in book output

[<http://www.publishersweekly.com/article/CA6564566.html>]

[<http://www.publishersweekly.com/article/CA6564566.html>]The production of traditional books rose 1% in 2007, to 276,649 new titles and editions, but the output of on-demand, short run, and unclassified titles soared from 21,936 in 2006 to 134,773 last year, according to preliminary figures released May 28 by R.R. Bowker. The combination of the two categories results in a 39% increase in output to 411,422. Although it has tracked production of on-demand titles in the past, this is the first year the company has broken out the segment to better show the differences in the traditional categories (such as biography, fiction, juvenile) and the on-demand segment....

Publishers Weekly, May 28

YA free-verse novels

[<http://www.yalibrarian.com/wordpress/2008/06/ya-free-verse-novels/>]

Eva writes: “The verse-novel is a modern phenomenon—very modern.

The vast majority were published after the year 2000, and most are marketed to teenage audiences. The short, free-verse passages resemble song lyrics, which strike a chord with the iPod generation. Verse novels are a source of debate in many areas of library science. First of all, how to catalog them? Should they be classified as poetry, as fiction, or in a completely new genre altogether?”...

Alternative Teen Services, June 1

Kanye West’s late mother honored with library

[http://www.kanyeuniversecity.com/blog/?em3106=194018_-1__0_~0_-1_5_2008_0_0&em3161=&em3281=]

In 2005, Donda West and the Kanye West Foundation donated \$5,000 to provide textbooks for children in Sierra Leone. Those funds were used to completely rehabilitate a dilapidated, roofless school building for 416 children. As a result of Ms. West’s generous donation, Shine On Sierra Leone [<http://www.shineonsierraleone.org/>] was developed to sustain these initial efforts and plans to break ground for the “Donda West Library and Literacy Center” this fall....

Kanye UniverseCity, May 27; Shine On Sierra Leone

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

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

ALA Annual Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/home.htm>] in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2. Download the official logos

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/logos.cfm>].

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

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[<http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~stories/life/index.html>]

Capturing Our Stories,

[<http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~stories/index.html>] one of ALA President Lorie Roy's 2007/2008 initiatives, is a national oral history program designed to gather life histories of experienced librarians as they exit their careers. At ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, developers of the collection will match up volunteer interviewers with retired or retiring librarians and provide camcorders and tripods to conduct onsite interviews [<http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~stories/description/welcome.html>]. Volunteers are invited to attend a workshop on Friday, June 27.

Career Leads from

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

Access Services Librarian,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=10585>] University of Hawaii at Hilo, Edwin H. Mookini Library, full-time, tenure-track, general funds, available August 1, 2008 (negotiable) pending availability of funds. Minimum Qualifications: At rank of Librarian II: ALA accredited MLS or international equivalent. At rank of Librarian III: ALA accredited MLS or international equivalent; 24 post baccalaureate credits in addition to the MLS; at least 3 years of experience in public services in a college or university library. At rank of Librarian IV....

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

Digital Library of the Week

[http://images.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/i/image/image-idx?med=1;q1=audimg;rgn1=audimg_all;sid=b91ab797fc816911e14125cc459d3b60;size=20;c=audimg;lasttype=;view=entry;lastview=thumbnail;subview=detail;cc=audimg;entryid=x-aud0016;viewid=AUD0016.TIF;start=1;resnum=16]

The University of Pittsburgh has digitized and mounted online one of the rare, complete sets of . [<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/a/audubon/>]

Only 120 complete sets are known to exist. John James Audubon

[http://images.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/i/image/image-idx?c=darlimg;med=1;button1=Go;q1=audubon;rgn1=darlimg_all;size=20;lasttype=boolean;view=entry;lastview=thumbnail;subview=detail;cc=darlimg;entryid=x-darimg0260;viewid=DARIMG0260.TIF;start=1;resnum=1] (1785–1851) set out to paint every known (to him) North American bird in the early 19th century. He eventually stopped at 435 paintings after he exhausted his personal resources. His

original paintings of over 1,000 birds, and the hand-colored plates that were subsequently engraved from them, are considered unique. All the birds were painted life-size, and many are shown interacting with other birds and wildlife, often in violent, predatory ways. In August of 2007, the Darlington Digital Library [<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/d/darlington/>] digitized all 435 plates. Each master image comprises over 500 MB and uses an interface that enables users to view portions of the plates at 100%.

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

“In addition to an overall increase in those settling for absolutely futureless secretarial or librarian positions, the study showed that more women are now choosing dead-end occupations conventionally dominated by men, such as accounting and data entry.”

?“Report: Women Increasingly Choosing Dead-End Careers Over Dead-End Relationships,” The Onion (satire), May 29.

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

LITA is looking for a few good bloggers.

[<http://litablog.org/2008/05/29/official-call-for-lita-bloggers-at-ala-annual/>] If you're attending ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, and you're interested in blogging about LITA-sponsored sessions on the LITA blog, contact Tiffany Smith. [<mailto:tiffany.lmb.smith@gmail.com>]

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. I'm finishing up my first year of library school and I've gotten interested in bibliotherapy. But could ALA clear something up for me? How do I know when it's "readers' advisory" and when it's "bibliotherapy"?

A. Bibliotherapy, as a concept and a practice, has been around for nearly a century now. The term first appeared in an article in The Atlantic Monthly in 1916 by Samuel Crothers, a Unitarian minister, and form and function of it came out of the work of Sadie Peterson Delaney, the chief librarian of the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee,

Alabama from the 1920s through the 1950s.

Most recently, Brian W. Sturm distinguished the two this way in the December 2003 issue of the Journal of Educational Media and Library Sciences:

“Readers’ advisory, helping library patrons find books to read based on their prior reading preferences, is a common endeavor for most librarians. Bibliotherapy, using books to promote healing, is a special kind of readers’ advisory.” For definitions and a list of resources on the subject, see the Bibliotherapy

[<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Bibliotherapy>] page.

From the ALA Professional Tips wiki

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Main_Page].

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

Calendar

June 29–July 2 :

International Multi-Conference on Society, Cybernetics, and Informatics,
[<http://www.socioinfocyper.org/imsci2008/website/default.asp?vc=17>] Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida.

July 3:

Understanding Metadata and Controlled Vocabularies: the Key to Integrated Networking,
[<http://www.ukeig.org.uk/training/2008/July/UnderstandingMetadata.html>]
London, U.K.

July 9:

Mid-Atlantic Digital Library Conference,
[<http://blogs.bucknell.edu/DigitalLibraryConference2008/>]
[<http://blogs.bucknell.edu/DigitalLibraryConference2008/>] Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

July 12–15:

American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference,
[<http://www.aallnet.org/events/>] [<http://www.aallnet.org/events/>] Oregon Convention Center, Portland.

July 14–17:

International Conference on International Computing,
[<http://www.world-academy-of-science.org/worldcomp08/ws/conferences/icom08>]
[<http://www.world-academy-of-science.org/worldcomp08/ws/conferences/icom08>]
] Monte Carlo Resort, Las Vegas, Nevada.

July 20–22:

Church and Synagogue Library Association National Conference,
[<http://cslainfo.org/conference.html>]
[<http://cslainfo.org/conference.html>] “Congregational Collections,

Carolina Connections,” Greenville Hilton, Greenville, South Carolina.

July 21–27:

International Congress on Archives, [<http://www.kualalumpur2008.ica.org/>]
[<http://www.kualalumpur2008.ica.org/>] National Archives of Malaysia,
Kuala Lumpur.

July 24–25:

A Race Against Time: Preserving Our Audiovisual Media,
[<http://www.ccaha.org/>] Simmons College, Boston.

July 24–25:

Book Blitz III: More AACR and MARC, some FRBR, and a touch of RDA,
[<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=d6c57caf-3ecf-4e6e-8cc6-80ecdf734495>]
[<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=d6c57caf-3ecf-4e6e-8cc6-80ecdf734495>] NEFLIN Headquarters, Orange Park, Florida.

Aug. 4–5:

A Reference Renaissance: Current and Future Trends,
[<http://www.bcr.org/referencerenaissance/>]
[<http://www.bcr.org/referencerenaissance/>] Four Points by Sheraton, Denver.

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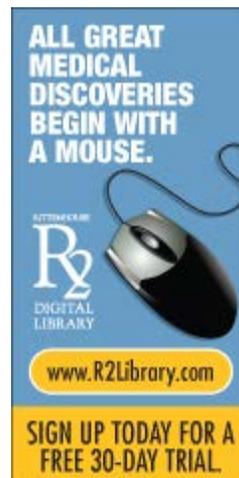
U.S. & World News

[Nampa trustees intend no harm to Idaho minors](#)

In the process of revisiting for the third time whether minors should be denied access to two *Joy of Sex* books, the board of the Nampa (Idaho) Public Library approved June 2 policy changes that restrict children's access to any holdings that may fall under the state's harmful-to-minors statute. Trustee Bruce Skaug also introduced a policy that barred the library from buying movies rated NC-17 or X. Skaug [resigned](#) from the board June 10, saying he had accomplished what he intended to do....

[Wayne State may take over troubled county library](#)

After enduring years of cutbacks and closure threats, the Macomb County (Mich.) Library may have found a savior in the form of Wayne State University in nearby Detroit, which is considering a deal to take over operations of the struggling library. Under the plan, WSU would lease the building and manage the facility, which specializes in research materials and items for people who have visual impairments....

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[Conference materials archive](#)

Karen Muller and Valerie Hawkins write: "The new [ALA Conference Materials Archive](#) wiki includes links to last year's materials, along with links to similar material from some of ALA's units. The goal is for all collateral conference material to be linked in some way from this wiki. If you are a speaker at the ALA 2008 Annual Conference in Anaheim, here is the place for you to upload your handouts, or to publish links to your material if it is resident on another site."...

ALA Marginalia, June 9




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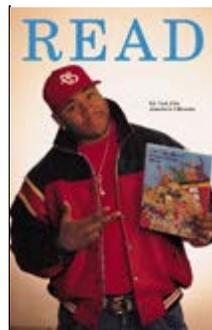
www.kingsley.com



How READ posters get made

In addition to the hundreds of celebrity suggestions from librarians, teachers, readers, and fans, ALA Graphics staff seeks out celebrities from a wide range of occupations: movie and TV stars, comedians, athletes, musicians, innovators, heroic figures, and the like. They try to find highly recognizable—and therefore popular—celebrities. They also consider a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds to reach the diverse populations libraries serve....

I Love Libraries, June 5



ALA Annual Conference

in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2. Get a [preview of Anaheim](#) from AL Focus. **First time** at an ALA Annual Conference? Find some [tips here](#).

ALA partners with RadioShack on DTV transition

ALA and RadioShack Corporation announced a nationwide initiative June 10 to help educate the public about the Digital Television Transition scheduled to begin in all 50 states and Puerto Rico on February 17, 2009 (and at noon, September 8, in the test market of Wilmington, N.C.). RadioShack's 4,500 company stores and many of the 1,000-plus participating franchise stores will offer knowledgeable team members to 16,000 public libraries to host educational sessions for library patrons....



ALA volunteers will aid underfunded Anaheim libraries

100 volunteers from across the United States will gather for "Libraries Build Communities," a one-day effort coordinated by the ALA Chapter Relations Office and the Anaheim (Calif.) Public Library, to take place 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Friday, June 27, at various locations in and around Anaheim. They will be bused to school and public libraries to illustrate the importance and influence local libraries can have on their communities....

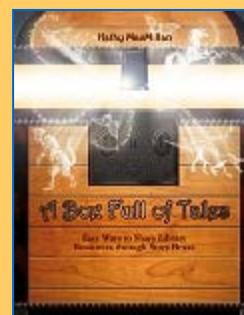
Baseball trivia contest in English and Spanish

Libraries can encourage the whole family to step into the library this summer with Step Up to the Plate @ your library, the baseball trivia contest that encourages people of all ages to use the resources at the library to look up the answers to a series of baseball trivia questions. The website contains the program [trivia questions](#) in English and Spanish and a complete program toolkit....



Reserve your spot at the Advocacy Institute

Space is still available for the Advocacy Institute at the ALA 2008 Annual Conference. "School Libraries in Crisis: Why Everyone Should Care" will take place June 27, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Orange County. Registrations will be accepted through June 20....



Story boxes offer a simple method for capturing the ideas, talent, creativity, and resources available in your library. Find out how these can work in Kathy MacMillan's [A Box Full of Tales: Easy Ways to Share Library Resources through Story Boxes](#). MacMillan, a writer, storyteller, and former children's librarian, outlines the proven story box system for sharing an array of successful programs. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**

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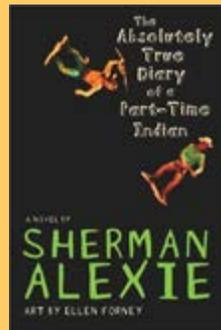
Booklist

ONLINE

[Featured review: Media](#)

Alexie, Sherman (author and reader). *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Feb. 2008. 4 hr. Recorded Books, CD (978-1-4281-8297-4).

Fourteen-year-old Arnold Spirit, a Spokane Indian, decides to leave the res and attend a predominantly white high school, making a daring, possibly desperate choice to grasp his future and step away from his culture, identity, and familiar life. The idiosyncratic first-person voice that Alexie creates for Arnold is the most distinctive feature of this alternately harrowing and funny semiautobiographical novel. Alexie is the perfect choice to read his own story. Hearing his interpretation of Arnold in a somewhat elliptical speech pattern and somewhat hesitant pace, reflective of Arnold's cognitive dissonance (he survived brain surgery as an infant), more than makes up for the missing cartoons, sketches, and caricatures in the printed text....



[Top 10 fantasy/SF audiobooks](#)

Jessica Moyer rounds up a selection of top 10 science-fiction and fantasy audiobooks, reviewed in *Booklist* from August 2003 to May 1, 2008, that represent the best of the genre. Dragons abound, and action and adventure dominate....

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

Anaheim Update

[Tastes for all tastes](#)

Eating at Annual Conference is easy: The Anaheim Resort District, centered around Disneyland and the Anaheim Convention Center, is home to dozens of options, and there are plenty of exciting meals to be had for those willing and able to travel further afield. This guide contains recommendations from several local librarians, as well as a roundup of restaurants based in or near the district....

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[Do the Time Warp after the Scholarship Bash](#)

You may wish to join some other celluloid-jamming librarians in attending a midnight viewing of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* at the Warner Grand Theater in San Pedro at midnight Saturday, June 28. [Midnight Insanity](#) will be the theater cast. Sign up on the Annual Conference wiki if you can give someone a ride. Contact [Karin Dalziel](#) for more info....



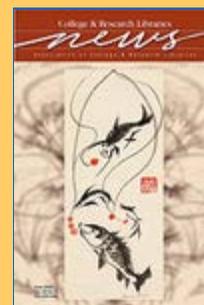
Your Circle of Wellness

Be Outstanding in Your Fieldwork

Conference Preview: California Dreamin'

Tastes for All Tastes

California Libraries: Places of Diversity



In the June issue of *College & Research Libraries News*, Ohio State University Coordinator of Outreach and Learning Nancy Courtney has written "[Paying Faculty to Use Library Resources](#)," an article on OSU's program that provides grants to faculty members to enhance their courses with the library's electronic resources.

Career Leads from

Annual Conference wiki

[Art-a-Fair Festival](#)

Featuring a Venetian theme, the Art-a-Fair festival in Laguna Beach gives you the opportunity to stroll the festive streets of Palazzo Laguna and see the world through an artist's eyes. The festival begins Friday, June 27, and features 125 internationally juried artists and master craftsmen. Increasingly popular as a showcase for emerging talent, it has become one of Laguna's must-visit summer affairs....

Art-a-Fair Festival



Division News

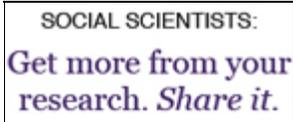
[Michelle Frisque is LITA president-elect](#)

Michelle Frisque, head of Information Systems at Galter Health Sciences Library at Northwestern University, is the new LITA vice-president/president-elect. She has extensive experience with the Web, having served as chair of the ALA Web Advisory Committee and the LITA Web Coordinating Committee and as a member of the Web Policy Task Force....



[Bookmarks to Create Change](#)

ACRL, the Association of Research Libraries, and SPARC have released a new series of bookmarks ([Pdf file](#)) in the [Create Change](#) campaign, which targets scholars in different disciplines with messages about the benefits of wider research sharing. Librarians can use these freely available files to enhance their efforts to engage faculty interest in changing the way scholarly information is shared....



[Anaheim program looks at libel terrorism](#)

"The Biggest Threat to Free Speech You May Never Have Heard Of!" at the Anaheim Convention Center, 1:30–3:30 p.m., June 30, will look at the use of foreign libel laws as a weapon to intimidate and silence American journalists and authors. The program, cosponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Committee, will feature Rachel Ehrenfeld (right), the New York-based author whose battle to have a British libel judgment against her book *Funding Evil* declared unenforceable resulted in New York's newly enacted Libel Terrorism Protection Act....



[ALCTS forum series at Anaheim](#)

ALCTS is offering a number of events at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, as part of its continuing forum series of "hot" topics. Included are sessions on international authority issues, RDA, and serials standards....

[LITA program explores possible futures](#)

ALA **JobLIST**

[Reference Librarian.](#)

University of San Diego. Copley Library at the University of San Diego seeks a service-oriented reference librarian to serve as liaison to the Department of Communication Studies and the Departments of English and Theatre Arts and engage in collection development for these departments. Duties include conducting course-integrated seminars for the liaison departments and teaching library skills workshops and the Library Research Methods course on a rotating basis....

@ [More jobs...](#)



Registration for **PLA's Spring Symposium** in Nashville, April 2–4, 2009, will open September 2 and features an [early bird rate](#) of \$250 for PLA and Tennessee Library Association members through October 31.

**Digital Library
of the Week**

The LITA President's Program, "Isn't It Great to Be in the Library . . . Wherever That Is?," will take place 4–5 p.m., June 29, at the Hilton Anaheim Hotel. *American Libraries* columnist Joe Janes will present, and members of OCLC's "It's All Good" blogging group will serve as the reactor panel for a lively exploration of possible futures....

[Get intense at PLA Results Boot Camp](#)

PLA is now accepting applications for PLA Results Boot Camp 4: Intensive Library Management Training. This five-day immersion program will be held October 20–24 in Cleveland, Ohio, and will cover strategic planning, data-based decision-making, effective resource allocation, and other topics related to management training....



Round Table News

[LSSIRT turns 15](#) (PDF file)

The Library Support Staff Interests Round Table is celebrating its 15th birthday with an informational session in Anaheim. There will be cake and giveaways. Join them in the Exhibit Hall at the ALA Pavilion, June 29, at 2 p.m....

LSSIRT Newsletter, May, p. 2



[Feminists' night at the movies](#) (PDF file)

Join the SRRT Feminist Task Force in Anaheim for a Feminists' Night at the Movies, June 28, 8–10 p.m. Two movies will be shown. *I Was a Teenage Feminist* by Therese Shechter is a funny, moving, and personal journey into the heart of feminism, which begins as a quest to find out whether feminism can still be a source of personal and political power. *The Noble Struggle of Amina Wadud* by Elli Safari is a fascinating and powerful portrait of an African-American Muslim woman who was the first to lead a mixed-gender prayer congregation....

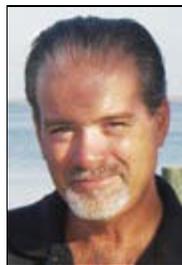
SRRT Newsletter, June, p. 2



Awards

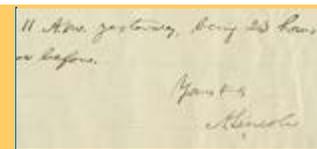
[2008 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award](#)

Robert N. Macomber's novel, *A Different Kind of Honor*, has won the W. Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction for 2008. The \$5,000 award and citation, donated by author W. Y. Boyd, honors the best fiction set in a period when the United States military was engaged in an armed conflict or during peacetime. The book is set during the 1879–1884 War of the Pacific, with the combatants Bolivia and Peru against Chile....



[2008 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award](#)

Christopher M. Finan has been chosen the winner of the 2008 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award, presented by the



The University of Rochester Rare Books & Special Collections Department's [Lincoln and His Circle](#) project is digitizing the letters to, from, and about Abraham Lincoln that are held in its collections. Many of the letters come from the papers of Secretary of State William H. Seward (donated to the university by William Henry Seward III), and others are found in the Lincoln collection that was a gift of the Fred L. Emerson Foundation of Auburn, New York. Selected transcriptions of the letters are provided.

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

"You want to be a good archaeologist, you've got to get out of the library."

—After a motorcycle chase lands him in a library, archaeologist-adventurer Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) advises a student (Chet Hanks) on the finer points of field research, in *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* (2008).

Intellectual Freedom Round Table. Finan was selected for his book *From the Palmer Raids to the Patriot Act: A History of the Fight for Free Speech in America* (Beacon Press Books, 2007). He is also president of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression....



[Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor](#)

Burton Joseph, a prominent First Amendment attorney in Chicago, is the recipient of the 2008 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award. Joseph has served several terms on the FTRF board, including a number of terms as vice president. In addition to his work in private practice with his firm, Joseph, Lichtenstein & Levinson, Joseph serves as counsel to the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund and special counsel to Playboy Enterprises....



[2008 Ingenta Research Award](#)

Grace A. Ajuwon and Prince B. Olorunsaye, from the E. Latunde Odeku Medical Library at the University of Ibadan College of Medicine in Nigeria, have won the 2008 Ingenta Research Award, which will fund their study of health resources in southern Nigeria. Sponsored by Ingenta, the award is granted by the Library Research Round Table to support research projects in the fields of acquisition, use, and preservation of digital content....

[New great websites for kids](#)

ALSC has added 17 new websites to [Great Web Sites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to commendable websites for children. GWS features links to interesting websites, organized by subject. There is also a special section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers, and teachers, and an area devoted to sites in Spanish....



[LITA Ex Libris Student Writing Award](#)

Robin Sease, currently enrolled in the Information School at the University of Washington, has been named the winner of LITA's 2008 Ex Libris Student Writing Award. Her paper, to be published in *ITAL*, explores the literature on metaphor in the fields of linguistics and cognitive science and examines metaphors in Human Computer Interaction to gain insight into human information behavior....

[Haipeng Li wins CALA award](#)

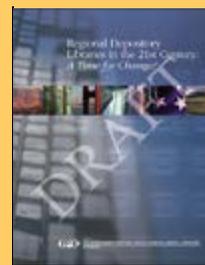
The Chinese American Librarians Association has presented its 2008 Distinguished Service Award to Haipeng Li, reference librarian and outreach coordinator at the Oberlin (Ohio) College Library. Li had established the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar series that provides professional development opportunities for librarians in the United States and abroad....

Chinese American Librarians Association, June 4



[NYPL's outstanding books to remember from 2007](#)

The New York Public Library has selected 25 Books to



[Comments](#) can still be submitted to the U.S. Government Printing Office on its draft report, [Regional Depository Libraries in the 21st Century](#) (PDF file). In the report, GPO has made recommendations to ensure that regional depository libraries can provide unimpaired access to government information. Commenters can represent regional or selective depositories, library associations, or depository users. The **deadline is June 15**.

Ask the ALA Librarian

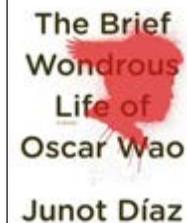


Q. I need to justify additional support for our interlibrary loan operation, but my boss wants to know how our costs compare to others. How do I find an average cost?

A. An entire step-by-step process for figuring out the

Remember from 2007. Chosen by a group of librarians who are specialists in their genres, these outstanding works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry provide an informative or transformative reading experience, and are chosen for their literary excellence, uniqueness of concept, and command of subject matter. Among this year's choices are the novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* (Riverhead Books) by Junot Díaz and *Time and Materials: Poems 1997–2005* (Ecco) by Robert Hass....

New York Public Library, June 3



The Brief
Wondrous
Life of
Oscar Wao
Junot Díaz

Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award

The University of Illinois GSLIS seeks nominations for the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award, which acknowledges individuals or groups who have furthered the cause of intellectual freedom, particularly as it impacts libraries and information centers and the dissemination of ideas. The deadline for nominations is October 15....

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 9



Seen Online

Former Mount Vernon director investigated

Rodney Lee, the former director of the cash-strapped Mount Vernon (N.Y.) Public Library is the subject of an investigation into missing computers and cell phones that he purchased for the library. The investigation was prompted by an audit conducted in 2007 by the city Comptroller's Office, which was critical of Lee's "almost total control of the ordering, purchasing, and receiving of supplies and equipment; a clear violation of standard internal controls."...

White Plains (N.Y.) Journal News, June 9

Couple sues library over meeting-room policy

The Clermont County (Ohio) Public Library has been sued in federal court on behalf of a couple who claim they were barred from holding a free financial planning seminar at the Amelia branch because they planned to quote the Bible. Lawyers for the defense fund, which was founded by leaders of Christian ministries, filed the suit on behalf of George and Cathy Vandergriff and the Institute of Principled Policy June 6 in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati....

Cincinnati Enquirer, June 7

Utah Valley's new green library praised

Utah Valley State College's new energy-efficient library in Orem is the first building in the state to be constructed under Utah's High Performance Building program, announced Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. during a June 3 ceremony. The library is 65–90% more energy efficient than buildings constructed to former ordinary building codes and will save \$100,000 per year in utility costs.



average cost of an interlibrary loan transaction appears in Appendix EE of the 1996 ALA publication, [Interlibrary Loan Practices Handbook](#), by Virginia Boucher. Specifically, the average cost for these transactions in academic and research libraries has been tracked by the Association for Research Libraries, most recently by Mary E. Jackson; see the [InterLibrary Loan](#) page for a bibliography. In general, cost is one of those common questions for which there is no easy answer because each library is administered differently. It is also one of those areas where technology hasn't changed the basic process, though it has made certain aspects of gathering data easier. The subject of [cost analysis](#) has been addressed by a number of different committees within ALA over the years—and is also a common business function—and requires getting out your calculator, sharp pencils, and thinking skills. In brief, what's entailed is determining what costs support a function (staff salaries and benefits, supplies, allocable building support costs) and over how many units of output (borrowing and lending

A [ribbon cutting](#) is scheduled for July 1 after an all-night celebration of the school's new status as a university....

Salt Lake City *Deseret News*, June 4; *Provo Daily Herald*, June 4

[School librarian plays different roles to get kids to read](#)

Sacramento (Calif.) Country Day School librarian Cary Kelly puts on multiple personas and costumes to inspire children to embrace the joys of reading. For the annual book sale, she becomes Mrs. Teaselpaw, a member of the British aristocracy she describes as a cross between Miss Marple and Mrs. Doubtfire. On Read Across America Day she is the Cat in the Hat. At a pretend coffeehouse poetry event, she comes as a beatnik....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, June 9

[The art of librarianship at the Ringling Museum](#)

After decades of cramped storage in an old facility, the [art books](#) owned by circus entrepreneur John Ringling (1866–1936) now have a glorious home inside the 13,000-square-foot art library that opened last year in the Education and Conservation Building at the [John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art](#) in Sarasota, Florida.

The new library, home to 70,000 volumes and exhibition catalogs and 100 periodical titles, is a sweet reward for Linda McKee, who has served as the head librarian at Ringling since 1994....

Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune, June 8



[Emoticons have medieval roots](#)

For all their slick sheen of modernity as a byproduct of the computer age, the roots of the emoticon can be traced as far back as the days of dank medieval castles. New Zealand scholar Sydney Shep, who set out to track the emoticon's prehistory, found reports of similar "pictorial reading cues" in medieval times, and stumbled on her first emoticons in a 19th-century typographic journal at St. Bride's Printing Library in London....

National Post (Canada), June 2

[Books, tears, and blood](#)

Stuart Jeffries writes: "When Saad Eskander talks about the National Library of Iraq, he makes it sound a combination of a national healing process, a social crucible for establishing a more egalitarian society, and a center of free inquiry that Iraqi intellectuals have been denied for decades. This was the vision he brought to his job as its director in 2003." ...

The Guardian (U.K.), June 9

[Yakima Valley Regional Library director fired](#)

Hoping to end a contentious era in its history, the Yakima Valley (Wash.) Regional Library board fired Executive Director Monica Weyhe June 10. Weyhe, director since 2002, was accused by two board members of overstepping her authority. Despite support from the five-member board's majority, Weyhe requested last week to be "terminated without cause." ...

Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic, June 11

[Cornell libel lawsuit dismissed](#)

A federal judge has dismissed a Cornell graduate's \$1-million lawsuit over a 1983 *Cornell Chronicle* report that he had been charged with burglary in the third degree, a felony, in the spring of 1983, when he

transactions performed, for example) those costs can be applied to get the cost per transaction. In some cases the literature will report the ranges of costs found by different institutions, so that you can get a sense of whether your institution is in the ballpark. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Calendar

July 1–2:

[Green Data Centres Conference](#)

Holiday Inn Bloomsbury Hotel, London. This conference will explore what can be done to make your IT department green. Contact: [Sandra Watson](#).

July 24–27:

[Newberry Library Book Fair](#)

Chicago.

Aug. 7–10:

[Steinbeck Festival](#)

"Steinbeck and Mexico," Salinas, California.

Aug. 30:

[Queens Book Fair](#)

Jamaica, New York.

Sept. 8–12:

[Science in the 21st Century: Science, Society, and Information Technology](#)

Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Waterloo,

was a student. The plaintiff, now a practicing California lawyer, had sought damages for libel and public disclosure of private facts in an alleged "republication" of the *Chronicle* article through the university library's digitization program....

Cornell Chronicle, June 9

[Friends to sue county for failure to fund library](#)

A library Friends group expects to file a complaint in court to force Polk County, Tennessee, commissioners to fund a full-service public library. Friends president Sally Love said court action would be coming soon. Their attorney Roger Jenne said the commission had refused to accept donations and pledged grants or uphold its 2001 commitment to build public libraries in Benton and Ducktown....

Cleveland (Tenn.) Daily Banner, June 6

[Humble School District mulls librarian layoffs](#)

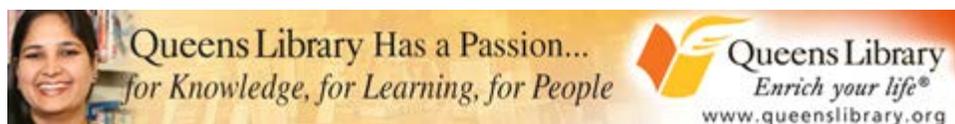
The Humble (Tex.) Independent School District is predicting a budget deficit of \$23 million during the upcoming school year and must cut \$9-\$10 million from its budget by the end of June. The district said eliminating all 39 of its librarians would result in a savings of more than \$2 million....

KPRC-TV, Houston, June 4

[Employment discrimination in Jackson, Alabama](#)

The Justice Department announced June 10 the filing of a lawsuit against the city of Jackson, Alabama, in district court in Mobile, alleging that the city discharged Virginia Savage, an African American, from her employment as a circulation clerk at the White Smith Memorial Library in retaliation for her complaints of racial discrimination and harassment by her supervisors....

Biloxi (Miss.) Sun-Herald, June 10



Tech Talk

[Evergreen and Equinox with Karen Schneider](#)

Karen Schneider's new job as community librarian for Equinox Software involves working to expand librarians' knowledge about the Open Source ILS, [Evergreen](#). Jason Griffey was able to track her down and ask her a few questions about Evergreen, libraries, and the ILS. As always, she never fails to inform....

ALA TechSource blog, June 3

[Here come the new iPhone apps](#)

Erick Schonfeld writes: "As Apple gears up for the launch of its 3G iPhone, outside developers and startups are finally going to get to sell or give away their own applications that run natively on the phone. These apps, which are built on the iPhone SDK announced last March, will be distributed through the upcoming iPhone App Store."...

TechCrunch, June 9



Ontario. Contact: [Perimeter Institute](#).

Sept. 14–15:
[Wyoming Book Festival](#), Cheyenne.

Sept. 21–26:
[Fall for the Book](#), Fairfax, Virginia.

Sept. 22–27:
[West Texas Book and Music Festival](#), Abilene.

Sept. 27:
[8th Annual National Book Festival](#), Washington, D.C.

Oct. 3–5:
[Amelia Island Book Festival](#), Amelia Island, Florida.

Oct. 4:
[Louisiana Book Festival](#), Baton Rouge.

Oct. 5:
[Orange County Children's Book Festival](#), Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa.

Oct. 11–12:
[West Virginia Book Festival](#), Charleston.

Oct. 17–18:
[Nebraska Book Festival](#), Lincoln.

Oct. 25:
[Utah Humanities Book Festival](#), Salt Lake City Main Library.

Oct. 25:
[Georgia Literary Festival](#), Bainbridge, Georgia.

Oct. 25:
[Festival of Reading](#), St. Petersburg, Florida.

[50 ways to implement user-generated content](#)

Jessica Merritt writes: "In the internet age, everyone's a content creator. Embracing the trend of user-generated content allows you to spread more information and engage library users at the same time. Read on to find out how to go about doing this, and pick up some handy resources along the way."...

College Degrees, May 29

[Gaming enhancements to Google](#)

Stephen Shankland writes: "Who would have believed Google's geographic web services could actually get your adrenaline going? Granted, these aren't real video games, but two websites are pushing what can be done with interactive interfaces to Google Maps and Google Earth. [GeoQuake](#), taking advantage of Google Maps' new ability to work with Flash applications, lets you drive a car, bus, or truck around Google Maps. Another novelty is a [flight simulator](#) (above) for the browser plug-in version of Google Earth."...



Webware, June 10

[Top 10 disruptive technologies](#)

Social networking technologies, web mashups, multicore and hybrid processors, and cloud computing are among the 10 most disruptive technologies that will shape the IT landscape over the next five years, according to research and advisory firm Gartner, Inc. David Cearley says that business applications will start to mirror the features found in popular consumer social software, such as Facebook and MySpace, as organizations look to improve employee collaboration and harness the community feedback of customers....

eHomeUpgrade, May 28

Publishing

[BookExpo pix](#)

Kicking off May 30 in Hollywood with the unlikely—but appealing—combo of wine and cookies at the Egyptian Theatre and running straight through to the final hours on the trade floor four days later, BookExpo America 2008 was a megaweekend for independent booksellers. Here are some of the highlights in pictures....

Bookselling This Week, June 5



[Is Kindle the iPod of e-books?](#)

Carlin Romano writes: "Is the Kindle about to catch fire? Could Amazon.com's seven-month-old wireless e-book reader—a rectangular wonder in antique iPod white, able to download any of 125,000 books adapted to its format—be the tipping point that marks the decline and fall of the paper book? At BookExpo America, Amazon's Jeff Bezos did everything possible to suggest the answers were an almost Joycean yes, yes, and yes again."...

Philadelphia Inquirer, June 10

[Britannica goes wiki](#)

In a bid to wed the comprehensive, grassroots information factory of Wikipedia with the authority of the

Nov. 1:

[Children's Literature Festival](#), Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire.

Nov. 1:

[Buckeye Book Fair](#), Wooster, Ohio.

Nov. 1–2:

[Texas Book Festival](#), Austin.

Nov. 3:

[Rochester Children's Book Festival](#), Rochester, New York.

Nov. 5:

[Kentucky Book Fair](#), Frankfort.

Nov. 8–9:

[Connecticut Children's Book Fair](#), Storrs.

Nov. 9–16:

[Miami Book Fair International](#), Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus. Contact: [Miami Book Fair](#).

Nov. 14–16:

[Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair](#), Hynes Convention Center.

Nov. 20:

[North Carolina Preservation Consortium](#), Annual Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Cultural Respect in Preservation and Conservation." Contact: [Robert James](#).

Nov. 29–

Dec. 7:

[Guadalajara International Book Fair](#), Guadalajara, Mexico.

traditional encyclopedia, *Encyclopaedia Britannica* [announced](#) June 3 it is opening the floodgates for online user submissions into its 240-year-old publication—a move it long resisted.



What Britannica wants to do is create “a welcoming community for scholars, experts, and lay contributors.”... Epicenter from Wired, June 9; Encyclopaedia Britannica, June 3

[Films with limited release find a home on the Web](#)

The nonprofit Tribeca Film Institute in New York is creating a digital marketplace for films and videos that have been stuck in archives with limited circulation or have been otherwise unavailable through conventional retail and web outlets. The service, called [Reframe](#), launched June 9 and offers some 500 features, shorts, and documentaries, although it plans to provide about 10,000 over the next year or so. The service will act as a nonprofit clearinghouse for digitizing elusive works while giving rights holders a mechanism by which they can sell or rent downloads or DVDs through Amazon.com....

New York Times, June 9



[Certifying online research](#)

Gary A. Olsen writes: “How do we acknowledge and reward substantive electronic scholarship that genuinely furthers knowledge in a discipline, while avoiding the awarding of undue credit to less worthy work? As more and more electronic journals adopt peer-review processes that replicate the rigorous ones employed by established print journals, many e-journals are acquiring reputations for comparable rigor. Scholarly websites, however, present a unique set of challenges to college administrators.”...

Chronicle of Higher Education, June 6



Actions & Answers

[Tell EPA what you think about information access](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency is holding a public online discussion through June 13 to foster collaboration on information access. Everyone is invited to use the its Partner Blog site to identify and share best resources, tools, and ideas for improving access to EPA's environmental information. After June 13 the blog will close and a summary report will be posted on the “What We've Learned” section of the [National Dialogue website](#) by June 20....

Environmental Protection Agency, June 9



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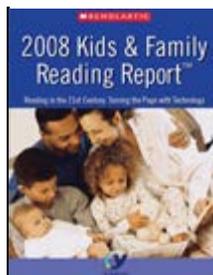
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[Kids still go for paper](#)

A new study by Scholastic finds that 75% of kids age 5–17 agree with the statement, “No matter what I can do online, I’ll always want to read books printed on paper,” and 62% say they prefer to read books printed on paper rather than on a computer or a handheld device. The *2008 Kids and Family Reading Report*, a national survey of children and their parents, also found that kids who go online to extend the reading experience—by going to book or author websites or connecting with other readers—are more likely to read books for fun every day....

Scholastic, June 11



[101 job resources for librarians](#)

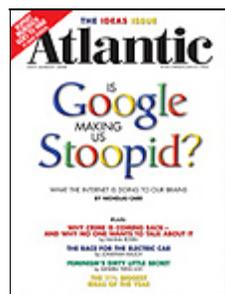
Whether you just graduated or are an experienced professional looking for a change, the internet offers much in the way of job resources. Career searches can be done by geographical location, by specialty, or with no specifics required at all. In addition to job searches, you can also find information to prepare you for the search and how to accept that perfect position when you land your new job. Here you will find over 100 resources to help you along your journey....

College@Home, June 4

[Is Google making us stupid?](#)

Nicholas Carr writes: “Over the past few years I’ve had an uncomfortable sense that someone, or something, has been tinkering with my brain, remapping the neural circuitry, reprogramming the memory. My mind isn’t going—so far as I can tell—but it’s changing. I think I know what’s going on. In Google’s view, the more pieces of information we can ‘access’ and the faster we can extract their gist, the more productive we become as thinkers. The last thing these companies want is to encourage leisurely reading or slow, concentrated thought.”...

Atlantic Monthly, July/Aug.



[Do you trust Google’s data mining?](#)

Marshall Kirkpatrick writes: “While almost no one takes the old phrase ‘Don’t be evil’ seriously anymore now that there are billions of dollars on the table and Chinese autocrats to satisfy—regular evaluations of Google’s ethical positions still seem advisable. We know the company scans our Gmail and uses the text there to sell ads, but is this a tactic being employed across services? Some people appear to believe it is.”...

ReadWriteWeb, June 10

[Colorado library up for an Emmy](#)

Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries received a regional Emmy nomination for its “Discover Your Library” PSA (0:37). The 22nd Annual Heartland Regional Emmy Awards and Silver Circle Presentations will be held in Lakewood, Colorado, July 19. The PSA was nominated for best single spot PSA, short form editor, and lighting....

Douglas County Television



[What a course in academic librarianship should offer](#)

Steven Bell writes: “A few weeks ago I invited ACRLog readers to participate in a survey which asked respondents to rate academic

library course topics as essential, important, or marginal. Respondents were also able to make suggestions for additional topics. Over 100 readers responded to the survey. Here is what they had to say.”...

ACRLog, June 10

[Columbus summer reading features wacky librarians](#)

When teens join the Summer Reading Club at the Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library, they get to hang out with the YA library staff, who have [pictured themselves](#) in surroundings that accompany their reading materials. Wendy (right), from the Hilltop branch, reads Ellen Hopkins’s *Glass* behind a cracked windowpane....



Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library, May 21

[Games in the modern public library](#)

Bill Sannwald writes: “This paper’s intended audience is individuals who know little to nothing about video games and have no idea how or why games can be an important part of any public library’s collection. Currently the library system I work for does not circulate video games to our patrons, which I find disappointing. The benefits of providing video games as part of a library collection is steadily becoming apparent as more and more libraries start offering gaming resources to patrons.”...



GameSetWatch, May 19

[Sarah Long interviews Bruce Cole on Picturing America](#)

For a discussion of the National Endowment for the Humanities initiative “Picturing America,” listen to North Suburban Library System Director Sarah Long’s [podcast interview](#) (#104) with NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. They spoke as he traveled from the airport to the Chicago launch of the national project presented in partnership with ALA. Through this innovative program, students and citizens can gain a deeper appreciation of our country’s history and character through the study and understanding of its art....

North Suburban Library System, June 6

[The Bodleian and ARTstor offer manuscript browsing](#)

Oxford University’s Bodleian Library and ARTstor have collaborated on the digitization of more than 24,000 high-quality images of manuscript paintings and drawings from the library’s outstanding collection of Medieval and Renaissance illuminated manuscripts. ARTstor has digitized virtually all of the illuminated manuscript leaves from Bodleian manuscripts through the 16th century, as well as selected 19th- and 20th-century manuscripts in the Medieval tradition. ARTstor subscribers can browse the pages in the [image gallery](#)....



ARTstor, June 5

[Digital preservation survey of academic directors](#)

in January 2008, Portico and Ithaka invited 1,371 library directors of four-year colleges and universities in the United States to respond to a survey ([PDF file](#)) examining current perspectives on preservation of e-journals. The survey found that a large majority agree that the potential loss of e-journals is unacceptable, and a significant majority believe

their own institution has a responsibility to take action to prevent an intolerable loss of the scholarly record....

Portico, June 5

[Library book week in a Nazi prison camp](#)

This postmark celebrates *Dni Książki*, or Book Week, in Oflag II-C, the German World War II prisoner of war camp for Polish officers in Woldenberg (now Dobięgniew), Poland. Book Week in the camp took place from August 29 to September 4, 1943, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the printing of the first Polish book. The Articles of the Geneva Convention entitled POWs to the right of self-government, which led to the development of postal services and library services in some German camps. Roman Sobus is an expert on the postal history of the camp and has developed an [outstanding exhibit](#) on the topic....

Library History Buff; Polonus Philatelic Society



[Off the library market](#)

Maura A. Smale writes: "Sixteen job applications, five first-round interviews, three second-round interviews, and seven (or so) months after finishing my master's in library science, I've landed a great position at an academic library in New York City. It's a pleasure (and a relief) to be writing from the tenure track." Smale has been chronicling her first search for a tenure-track position in an academic library....

Chronicle of Higher Education, June 4

[\\$1.2 million awarded to Native American libraries](#)

On June 10, the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded Native American tribes across the United States \$1.22 million dollars to improve and sustain their library services. The grant monies will be distributed among 209 tribes, and will bolster library services offered by Native American tribal communities and Alaskan Native villages....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 10

[From Russia with blog](#)

Steven Bell writes: "Over the past few weeks I've corresponded with Katerina Efimova, a reference librarian at the Scientific Library of the Ural State University in Yekaterinburg—and Russia's first academic librarian [blogger](#)! She has been working as a professional librarian for 3 years. I was intrigued by Katerina's interest in information literacy and blogging, so I asked her if she would be willing to share some of her thoughts about these topics so that we might learn a bit more about our Russian colleagues."...

ACRLog, June 4



[ACURIL 2008 in Jamaica](#)

Michael Sauers captured the essence of his experiences at the Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries 38th annual conference in the Rose Hall Resort and Country Club, Montego Bay, Jamaica, June 1–7, in this video (5:25). Not only was there a great opener by the Hatfield Folk and Cultural Group (right), but he learned stuff about social networking and information overload, and caught a library talent show....

Blip.tv, June 9



AL Direct, June 11, 2008

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U.S. & World News

Nampa trustees intend no harm to Idaho minors

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/nampadoptsh.htm.cfm>]

In the process of revisiting for the third time whether minors should be denied access to two Joy of Sex books, the board of the Nampa (Idaho) Public Library approved June 2 policy changes that restrict children's access to any holdings that may fall under the state's harmful-to-minors statute. Trustee Bruce Skaug also introduced a policy that barred the library from buying movies rated NC-17 or X. Skaug resigned [<http://www.idahopress.com/?id=10818>] from the board June 10, saying he had accomplished what he intended to do....

Wayne State may take over troubled county library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/wsumayrunmacomb.cfm>]

After enduring years of cutbacks and closure threats, the Macomb County

(Mich.) Library may have found a savior in the form of Wayne State University in nearby Detroit, which is considering a deal to take over operations of the struggling library. Under the plan, WSU would lease the building and manage the facility, which specializes in research materials and items for people who have visual impairments....

ALA News

Conference materials archive

[<http://discuss.ala.org/marginalia/2008/06/09/introducing-the-ala-conference-materials-archive/>]

Karen Muller and Valerie Hawkins write: “The new ALA Conference Materials Archive [http://www.presentations.ala.org/index.php?title=Main_Page] wiki includes links to last year’s materials, along with links to similar material from some of ALA’s units. The goal is for all collateral conference material to be linked in some way from this wiki. If you are a speaker at the ALA 2008 Annual Conference in Anaheim, here is the place for you to upload your handouts, or to publish links to your material if it is resident on another site.”...

ALA Marginalia, June 9

How READ posters get made

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

In addition to the hundreds of celebrity suggestions from librarians, teachers, readers, and fans, ALA Graphics staff seeks out celebrities from a wide range of occupations: movie and TV stars, comedians, athletes, musicians, innovators, heroic figures, and the like. They try to find highly recognizable—and therefore popular—celebrities. They also consider a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds to reach the diverse populations libraries serve....

I Love Libraries, June 5

ALA partners with RadioShack on DTV transition

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/WOradioshack.cfm>]

ALA and RadioShack Corporation announced a nationwide initiative June 10 to help educate the public about the Digital Television Transition scheduled to begin in all 50 states and Puerto Rico on February 17, 2009 (and at noon, September 8, in the test market of Wilmington, N.C.). RadioShack’s 4,500 company stores and many of the 1,000-plus participating franchise stores will offer knowledgeable team members to 16,000 public libraries to host educational sessions for library patrons....

ALA volunteers will aid underfunded Anaheim libraries

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/anaheimvolunteer.cfm>]

100 volunteers from across the United States will gather for “Libraries Build Communities,” a one-day effort coordinated by the ALA Chapter Relations Office and the Anaheim (Calif.) Public Library, to take place 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Friday, June 27, at various locations in and around Anaheim. They will be bused to school and public

libraries to illustrate the importance and influence local libraries can have on their communities....

Baseball trivia contest in English and Spanish

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/familylibrarytime.cfm>]

Libraries can encourage the whole family to step into the library this summer with Step Up to the Plate @ your library, the baseball trivia contest that encourages people of all ages to use the resources at the library to look up the answers to a series of baseball trivia questions. The website contains the program trivia questions

[http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/apps/baseball/game/how_to_play.cfm] in English and Spanish and a complete program toolkit....

Reserve your spot at the Advocacy Institute

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/advocacyinstitute.cfm>]

Space is still available for the Advocacy Institute at the ALA 2008 Annual Conference. "School Libraries in Crisis: Why Everyone Should Care" will take place June 27, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Orange County. Registrations will be accepted through June 20....

Featured review: Media

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2629624]

Alexie, Sherman (author and reader). *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Feb. 2008. 4 hr. Recorded Books, CD (978-1-4281-8297-4).

Fourteen-year-old Arnold Spirit, a Spokane Indian, decides to leave the reservation and attend a predominantly white high school, making a daring, possibly desperate choice to grasp his future and step away from his culture, identity, and familiar life. The idiosyncratic first-person voice that Alexie creates for Arnold is the most distinctive feature of this alternately harrowing and funny semiautobiographical novel. Alexie is the perfect choice to read his own story. Hearing his interpretation of Arnold in a somewhat elliptical speech pattern and somewhat hesitant pace, reflective of Arnold's cognitive dissonance (he survived brain surgery as an infant), more than makes up for the missing cartoons, sketches, and caricatures in the printed text....

Top 10 fantasy/SF audiobooks

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2726093]

Jessica Moyer rounds up a selection of top 10 science-fiction and fantasy audiobooks, reviewed in Booklist from August 2003 to May 1, 2008, that represent the best of the genre. Dragons abound, and action and adventure dominate....

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

Anaheim Update

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Tastes for all tastes

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/resources/selectedarticles/annualrestaurants08.cfm>]

Eating at Annual Conference is easy: The Anaheim Resort District, centered around Disneyland and the Anaheim Convention Center, is home to dozens of options, and there are plenty of exciting meals to be had for those willing and able to travel further afield. This guide contains recommendations from several local librarians, as well as a roundup of restaurants based in or near the district....

American Libraries 39, no. 6 (June/July): 80–85

Do the Time Warp after the Scholarship Bash

[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Rocky_Horror_Picture_Show_Information]

You may wish to join some other celluloid-jamming librarians in attending a midnight viewing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Warner Grand Theater in San Pedro at midnight Saturday, June 28. Midnight Insanity

[<http://midnightinsanity.com/>] will be the theater cast. Sign up on the Annual Conference wiki if you can give someone a ride. Contact Karin Dalziel [mailto:promo@nirak.net] for more info....

Annual Conference wiki

Art-a-Fair Festival [<http://www.art-a-fair.com/>]

Featuring a Venetian theme, the Art-a-Fair festival in Laguna Beach gives you the opportunity to stroll the festive streets of Palazzo Laguna and see the world through an artist's eyes. The festival begins Friday, June 27, and features 125 internationally juried artists and master craftsmen. Increasingly popular as a showcase for emerging talent, it has become one of Laguna's must-visit summer affairs....

Art-a-Fair Festival

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[<http://www.tutor.com/ala>]

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Division News

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Michelle Frisque is LITA president-elect

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/LITAofficersselected.cfm>]

Michelle Frisque, head of Information Systems at Galter Health Sciences

Library at Northwestern University, is the new LITA vice-president/president-elect. She has extensive experience with the Web, having served

as chair of the ALA Web Advisory Committee and the LITA Web Coordinating Committee and as a member of the Web Policy Task Force....

Bookmarks to Create Change

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ACRLcreatechange.cfm>]

ACRL, the Association of Research Libraries, and SPARC have released a new series of bookmarks (PDF file)

[<http://www.createchange.org/bm~doc/crchg-bookmarks-final.pdf>]) in the Create Change [<http://www.createchange.org/>] campaign, which targets scholars in different disciplines with messages about the benefits of wider research sharing. Librarians can use these freely available files to enhance their efforts to engage faculty interest in changing the way scholarly information is shared....

Anaheim program looks at libel terrorism

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/OIFlibelannualprogram.cfm>] “The Biggest Threat to Free Speech You May Never Have Heard Of!” at the Anaheim Convention Center, 1:30–3:30 p.m., June 30, will look at the use of foreign libel laws as a weapon to intimidate and silence American journalists and authors. The program, cosponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Committee, will feature Rachel Ehrenfeld (right), the New York-based author whose battle to have a British libel judgment against her book *Funding Evil* declared unenforceable resulted in New York’s newly enacted Libel Terrorism Protection Act....

ALCTS forum series at Anaheim

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALCTSannualforums.cfm>] ALCTS is offering a number of events at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, as part of its continuing forum series of “hot” topics. Included are sessions on international authority issues, RDA, and serials standards....

LITA program explores possible futures

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/LITApresprogram.cfm>] The LITA President’s Program, “Isn’t It Great to Be in the Library . . . Wherever That Is?,” will take place 4–5 p.m., June 29, at the Hilton Anaheim Hotel. American Libraries columnist Joe Janes will present, and members of OCLC’s “It’s All Good” blogging group will serve as the reactor panel for a lively exploration of possible futures....

Get intense at PLA Results Boot Camp

[http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/Applications_being_accepted_for_PLA_Results_Boot_Camp.cfm] PLA is now accepting applications for PLA Results Boot Camp 4: Intensive Library Management Training. This five-day immersion program will be held October 20–24 in Cleveland, Ohio, and will cover strategic planning, data-based decision-making, effective resource allocation, and other topics related to management training....

Round Table News

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LSSIRT turns 15 [<http://ala.org/ala/lssirt/lssirtbenefits/May2008.pdf>]
(PDF file)

The Library Support Staff Interests Round Table is celebrating its 15th birthday with an informational session in Anaheim. There will be cake and giveaways. Join them in the Exhibit Hall at the ALA Pavilion, June 29, at

2 p.m....
LSSIRT Newsletter, May, p. 2

Feminists' night at the movies
[<http://libr.org/srrt/news/srrt162.pdf>] (PDF file)
Join the SRRT Feminist Task Force in Anaheim for a Feminists' Night at the Movies, June 28, 8–10 p.m. Two movies will be shown. *I Was a Teenage Feminist* by Therese Shechter is a funny, moving, and personal journey into the heart of feminism, which begins as a quest to find out whether feminism can still be a source of personal and political power. *The Noble Struggle of Amina Wadud* by Elli Safari is a fascinating and powerful portrait of an African-American Muslim woman who was the first to lead a mixed-gender prayer congregation....
SRRT Newsletter, June, p. 2

Awards

2008 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award
[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/boyd.cfm>]
Robert N. Macomber's novel, *A Different Kind of Honor*, has won the W. Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction for 2008. The \$5,000 award and citation, donated by author W. Y. Boyd, honors the best fiction set in a period when the United States military was engaged in an armed conflict or during peacetime. The book is set during the 1879–1884 War of the Pacific, with the combatants Bolivia and Peru against Chile....

2008 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award
[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/oboler.cfm>]
Christopher M. Finan has been chosen the winner of the 2008 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award, presented by the Intellectual Freedom Round Table. Finan was selected for his book *From the Palmer Raids to the Patriot Act: A History of the Fight for Free Speech in America* (Beacon Press Books, 2007). He is also president of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression....

Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor
[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/FTRFroh.cfm>]
Burton Joseph, a prominent First Amendment attorney in Chicago, is the recipient of the 2008 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award. Joseph has served several terms on the FTRF board, including a number of terms as vice president. In addition to his work in private practice with his firm, Joseph, Lichtenstein & Levinson, Joseph serves as counsel to the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund and special counsel to Playboy Enterprises....

2008 Ingenta Research Award
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ORSingenta.cfm>]
Grace A. Ajuwon and Prince B. Olorunsaye, from the E. Latunde Odeku Medical Library at the University of Ibadan College of Medicine in

Nigeria, have won the 2008 Ingenta Research Award, which will fund their study of health resources in southern Nigeria. Sponsored by Ingenta, the award is granted by the Library Research Round Table to support research projects in the fields of acquisition, use, and preservation of digital content....

[<http://amazing-space.stsci.edu/>]New great websites for kids

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/GWS.cfm>]

ALSC has added 17 new websites to Great Web Sites for Kids, [<http://www.ala.org/greatsites/>] its online resource containing hundreds of links to commendable websites for children. GWS features links to interesting websites, organized by subject. There is also a special section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers, and teachers, and an area devoted to sites in Spanish....

LITA Ex Libris Student Writing Award

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/LITAexlibris.cfm>]

Robin Sease, currently enrolled in the Information School at the University of Washington, has been named the winner of LITA's 2008 Ex Libris Student Writing Award. Her paper, to be published in ITAL, explores the literature on metaphor in the fields of linguistics and cognitive science and examines metaphors in Human Computer Interaction to gain insight into human information behavior....

Haipeng Li wins CALA award

[<http://www.cala-web.org/news/2008DistinguishedServiceAward.htm>]

The Chinese American Librarians Association has presented its 2008 Distinguished Service Award to Haipeng Li, reference librarian and outreach coordinator at the Oberlin (Ohio) College Library. Li had established the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar series that provides professional development opportunities for librarians in the United States and abroad....

Chinese American Librarians Association, June 4

NYPL's outstanding books to remember from 2007

[http://www.nypl.org/press/releases/?article_id=133]

The New York Public Library has selected 25 Books to Remember from 2007.

Chosen by a group of librarians who are specialists in their genres, these outstanding works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry provide an informative or transformative reading experience, and are chosen for their literary excellence, uniqueness of concept, and command of subject matter. Among this year's choices are the novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* (Riverhead Books) by Junot Díaz and *Time and Materials: Poems 1997–2005* (Ecco) by Robert Hass....

New York Public Library, June 3

Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award

[<http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/oc/news/displaynews.html?source=Ia60GMvAZi1LHYj2zhVnQvUTq7a-x5flj5trXBL9ptM=&year=tOG8IFItJFv5z3pYQu94mw==>]

The University of Illinois GSLIS seeks nominations for the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award, which acknowledges individuals or groups who have furthered the cause of intellectual freedom, particularly as it impacts libraries and information centers and the dissemination of ideas. The deadline for nominations is October 15....

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

Seen Online

Former Mount Vernon director investigated

[<http://www.lohud.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080609/NEWS02/806090347>]

Rodney Lee, the former director of the cash-strapped Mount Vernon (N.Y.) Public Library is the subject of an investigation into missing computers and cell phones that he purchased for the library. The investigation was prompted by an audit conducted in 2007 by the city Comptroller's Office, which was critical of Lee's "almost total control of the ordering, purchasing, and receiving of supplies and equipment; a clear violation of standard internal controls."...

White Plains (N.Y.) Journal News, June 9

Couple sues library over meeting-room policy

[<http://news.cincinnati.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008806070349>]

The Clermont County (Ohio) Public Library has been sued in federal court on behalf of a couple who claim they were barred from holding a free financial planning seminar at the Amelia branch because they planned to quote the Bible. Lawyers for the defense fund, which was founded by leaders of Christian ministries, filed the suit on behalf of George and Cathy Vandergriff and the Institute of Principled Policy June 6 in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati....

Cincinnati Enquirer, June 7

Utah Valley's new green library praised

[<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,5143,700231650,00.html>]

Utah Valley State College's new energy-efficient library in Orem is the first building in the state to be constructed under Utah's High Performance Building program, announced Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. during a June 3 ceremony. The library is 65-90% more energy efficient than buildings constructed to former ordinary building codes and will save \$100,000 per year in utility costs. A ribbon cutting

[<http://www.heraldextra.com/content/view/268642/17/>] is scheduled for July 1 after an all-night celebration of the school's new status as a university....

Salt Lake City Deseret News, June 4; Provo Daily Herald, June 4

School librarian plays different roles to get kids to read

[<http://www.sacbee.com/101/story/998625.html>]

Sacramento (Calif.) Country Day School librarian Cary Kelly puts on multiple personas and costumes to inspire children to embrace the joys of reading. For the annual book sale, she becomes Mrs. Teaselpaw, a member of the British aristocracy she describes as a cross between Miss Marple and Mrs. Doubtfire. On Read Across America Day she is the Cat in the Hat. At a pretend coffeehouse poetry event, she comes as a beatnik....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, June 9

The art of librarianship at the Ringling Museum

[<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080608/FEATURES/806080469/1013>]

After decades of cramped storage in an old facility, the art books
[http://www.ringling.org/conservation_research2.asp?id=774] owned by
circus entrepreneur John Ringling (1866–1936) now have a glorious home
inside the 13,000-square-foot art library that opened last year in the
Education and Conservation Building at the John and Mable

Ringling Museum of Art

[http://www.ringling.org/conservation_research2.asp?id=376] in Sarasota,
Florida. The new library, home to 70,000 volumes and exhibition catalogs
and 100 periodical titles, is a sweet reward for Linda McKee, who has
served as the head librarian at Ringling since 1994....

Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune, June 8

Emoticons have medieval roots

[<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/story.html?id=556773>]

For all their slick sheen of modernity as a byproduct of the computer
age, the roots of the emoticon can be traced as far back as the days of
dank medieval castles. New Zealand scholar Sydney Shep, who set out to
track the emoticon’s prehistory, found reports of similar “pictorial
reading cues” in medieval times, and stumbled on her first emoticons in a
19th-century typographic journal at St. Bride’s Printing Library in
London....

National Post (Canada), June 2

Books, tears, and blood

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/jun/09/iraq.iraqandthearts>]

Stuart Jeffries writes: “When Saad Eskander talks about the National
Library of Iraq, he makes it sound a combination of a national healing
process, a social crucible for establishing a more egalitarian society,
and a center of free inquiry that Iraqi intellectuals have been denied
for decades. This was the vision he brought to his job as its director in
2003.”...

The Guardian (U.K.), June 9

Yakima Valley Regional Library director fired

[<http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/4838>]

Hoping to end a contentious era in its history, the Yakima Valley (Wash.)
Regional Library board fired Executive Director Monica Weyhe June 10.
Weyhe, director since 2002, was accused by two board members of
overstepping her authority. Despite support from the five-member board’s
majority, Weyhe requested last week to be “terminated without cause.”...

Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic, June 11

Cornell libel lawsuit dismissed

[<http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/June08/VanGsuit.ws.html>]

A federal judge has dismissed a Cornell graduate’s \$1-million lawsuit
over a 1983 Cornell Chronicle report that he had been charged with
burglary in the third degree, a felony, in the spring of 1983, when he
was a student. The plaintiff, now a practicing California lawyer, had
sought damages for libel and public disclosure of private facts in an
alleged “republication” of the Chronicle article through the university
library’s digitization program....

Friends to sue county for failure to fund library

[<http://www.clevelandbanner.com/index.cfm?event=news.view&id=5E776786-19B9-E2E2-676225E21F3B13B0>]

A library Friends group expects to file a complaint in court to force Polk County, Tennessee, commissioners to fund a full-service public library. Friends president Sally Love said court action would be coming soon. Their attorney Roger Jenne said the commission had refused to accept donations and pledged grants or uphold its 2001 commitment to build public libraries in Benton and Ducktown....

Cleveland (Tenn.) Daily Banner, June 6

Humble School District mulls librarian layoffs

[<http://www.click2houston.com/education/16488867/detail.html>]

The Humble (Tex.) Independent School District is predicting a budget deficit of \$23 million during the upcoming school year and must cut \$9-\$10 million from its budget by the end of June. The district said eliminating all 39 of its librarians would result in a savings of more than \$2 million....

KPRC-TV, Houston, June 4

Employment discrimination in Jackson, Alabama

[<http://www.sunherald.com/prnewswire/story/616930.html>]

The Justice Department announced June 10 the filing of a lawsuit against the city of Jackson, Alabama, in district court in Mobile, alleging that the city discharged Virginia Savage, an African American, from her employment as a circulation clerk at the White Smith Memorial Library in retaliation for her complaints of racial discrimination and harassment by her supervisors....

Biloxi (Miss.) Sun-Herald, June 10

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[<http://www.queenslibrary.org>]
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Tech Talk

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Evergreen and Equinox with Karen Schneider

[<http://www.alatechsource.org/blog/2008/05/evergreen-and-equinox-with-karen-g-schneider.html>]

Karen Schneider's new job as community librarian for Equinox Software involves working to expand librarians' knowledge about the Open Source ILS, Evergreen. [<http://open-ils.org/>] Jason Griffey was able to track her down and ask her a few questions about Evergreen, libraries, and the ILS. As always, she never fails to inform....

ALA TechSource blog, June 3

[<http://www.crunchgear.com/2008/06/09/sling-releases-concept-iphone-app/>]Here come the new iPhone apps

[<http://www.techcrunch.com/2008/06/09/here-come-the-new-iphone-apps/>]
Erick Schonfeld writes: “As Apple gears up for the launch of its 3G iPhone, outside developers and startups are finally going to get to sell or give away their own applications that run natively on the phone. These apps, which are built on the iPhone SDK announced last March, will be distributed through the upcoming iPhone App Store.”...
TechCrunch, June 9

50 ways to implement user-generated content
[<http://www.collegedegrees.com/blog/2008/05/29/50-tips-and-resources-to-implement-user-generated-content-in-your-library/>]
Jessica Merritt writes: “In the internet age, everyone’s a content creator. Embracing the trend of user-generated content allows you to spread more information and engage library users at the same time. Read on to find out how to go about doing this, and pick up some handy resources along the way.”...
College Degrees, May 29

Gaming enhancements to Google
[http://www.webware.com/8301-1_109-9964112-2.html]
Stephen Shankland writes: “Who would have believed Google’s geographic web services could actually get your adrenaline going? Granted, these aren’t real video games, but two websites are pushing what can be done with interactive interfaces to Google Maps and Google Earth. GeoQuake, [<http://geoquake.jp/en/webgame/DrivingSimulatorGM/>] taking advantage of Google Maps’ new ability to work with Flash applications, lets you drive a car, bus, or truck around Google Maps. Another novelty is a flight simulator [<http://www.barnabu.co.uk/>] (above) for the browser plug-in version of Google Earth.”...
Webware, June 10

Top 10 disruptive technologies
[<http://www.ehomeupgrade.com/2008/05/28/gartner-identifies-top-ten-disruptive-technologies-for-2008-to-2012/>]
Social networking technologies, web mashups, multicore and hybrid processors, and cloud computing are among the 10 most disruptive technologies that will shape the IT landscape over the next five years, according to research and advisory firm Gartner, Inc. David Cearley says that business applications will start to mirror the features found in popular consumer social software, such as Facebook and MySpace, as organizations look to improve employee collaboration and harness the community feedback of customers....
eHomeUpgrade, May 28

Publishing

BookExpo pix [<http://news.bookweb.org/6101.html>]
Kicking off May 30 in Hollywood with the unlikely—but appealing—combo of wine and cookies at the Egyptian Theatre and running straight through to the final hours on the trade floor four days later, BookExpo America 2008 was a megaweekend for independent booksellers. Here are some of the highlights in pictures....

Bookselling This Week, June 5

Is Kindle the iPod of e-books?

[http://www.philly.com/philly/entertainment/20080610_Is_Kindle_the_iPod_of_e-books_.html]

Carlin Romano writes: “Is the Kindle about to catch fire? Could Amazon.com’s seven-month-old wireless e-book reader—a rectangular wonder in antique iPod white, able to download any of 125,000 books adapted to its format—be the tipping point that marks the decline and fall of the paper book? At BookExpo America, Amazon’s Jeff Bezos did everything possible to suggest the answers were an almost Joycean yes, yes, and yes again.”...

Philadelphia Inquirer, June 10

Britannica goes wiki [<http://blog.wired.com/business/2008/06/ency.html>]

In a bid to wed the comprehensive, grassroots information factory of Wikipedia with the authority of the traditional encyclopedia, Encyclopaedia Britannica announced [<http://britannicanet.com/?p=86>] June 3 it is opening the floodgates for online user submissions into its 240-year-old publication—a move it long resisted. What Britannica wants to do is create “a welcoming community for scholars, experts, and lay contributors.”...

Epicenter from Wired, June 9; Encyclopaedia Britannica, June 3

[<http://reframecollection.com/film.jsp?film=163>] Films with limited release find a home on the Web

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/09/movies/09trib.html>]

The nonprofit Tribeca Film Institute in New York is creating a digital marketplace for films and videos that have been stuck in archives with limited circulation or have been otherwise unavailable through conventional retail and web outlets. The service, called Reframe, [<http://reframecollection.com/>] launched June 9 and offers some 500 features, shorts, and documentaries, although it plans to provide about 10,000 over the next year or so. The service will act as a nonprofit clearinghouse for digitizing elusive works while giving rights holders a mechanism by which they can sell or rent downloads or DVDs through Amazon.com....

New York Times, June 9

Certifying online research

[<http://chronicle.com/jobs/news/2008/06/2008060601c/careers.html>]

Gary A. Olsen writes: “How do we acknowledge and reward substantive electronic scholarship that genuinely furthers knowledge in a discipline, while avoiding the awarding of undue credit to less worthy work? As more and more electronic journals adopt peer-review processes that replicate the rigorous ones employed by established print journals, many e-journals are acquiring reputations for comparable rigor. Scholarly websites, however, present a unique set of challenges to college administrators.”...

Chronicle of Higher Education, June 6

[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com>]

Actions & Answers

Tell EPA what you think about information access

[<http://blog.epa.gov/partners/?p=27>]

The Environmental Protection Agency is holding a public online discussion through June 13 to foster collaboration on information access. Everyone is invited to use the its Partner Blog site to identify and share best resources, tools, and ideas for improving access to EPA's environmental information. After June 13 the blog will close and a summary report will be posted on the "What We've Learned" section of the National Dialogue website [<http://www.epa.gov/nationaldialogue/>] by June 20....

Environmental Protection Agency, June 9

Kids still go for paper

[<http://www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/news/readingreport.htm>]

A new study by Scholastic finds that 75% of kids age 5–17 agree with the statement, "No matter what I can do online, I'll always want to read books printed on paper," and 62% say they prefer to read books printed on paper rather than on a computer or a handheld device. The 2008 Kids and Family Reading Report, a national survey of children and their parents, also found that kids who go online to extend the reading experience—by going to book or author websites or connecting with other readers—are more likely to read books for fun every day....

Scholastic, June 11

101 job resources for librarians

[<http://www.collegeathome.com/blog/2008/06/04/100-job-resources-for-librarians/>]

Whether you just graduated or are an experienced professional looking for a change, the internet offers much in the way of job resources. Career searches can be done by geographical location, by specialty, or with no specifics required at all. In addition to job searches, you can also find information to prepare you for the search and how to accept that perfect position when you land your new job. Here you will find over 100 resources to help you along your journey....

College@Home, June 4

Is Google making us stupid? [<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200807/google>]

Nicholas Carr writes: "Over the past few years I've had an uncomfortable sense that someone, or something, has been tinkering with my brain, remapping the neural circuitry, reprogramming the memory. My mind isn't going—so far as I can tell—but it's changing. I think I know what's going on. In Google's view, the more pieces of information we can 'access' and the faster we can extract their gist, the more productive we become as thinkers. The last thing these companies want is to encourage leisurely reading or slow, concentrated thought."...

Atlantic Monthly, July/Aug.

Do you trust Google's data mining?

[http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/do_you_trust_google_to_resist_data_mining_across_services.php]

Marshall Kirkpatrick writes: "While almost no one takes the old phrase 'Don't be evil' seriously anymore now that there are billions of dollars on the table and Chinese autocrats to satisfy—regular evaluations of Google's ethical positions still seem advisable. We know the company scans our Gmail and uses the text there to sell ads, but is this a tactic being employed across services? Some people appear to believe it is."...

ReadWriteWeb, June 10

Colorado library up for an Emmy

[http://www.douglas.co.us/networkdc/Latest_News.html]

Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries received a regional Emmy nomination for its "Discover Your Library" PSA (0:37). The 22nd Annual Heartland Regional Emmy Awards and Silver Circle Presentations will be held in Lakewood, Colorado, July 19. The PSA was nominated for best single spot PSA, short form editor, and lighting....

Douglas County Television

What a course in academic librarianship should offer

[<http://acrlog.org/2008/06/10/what-an-academic-librarianship-course-should-offer/>]

Steven Bell writes: "A few weeks ago I invited ACRLLog readers to participate in a survey which asked respondents to rate academic library course topics as essential, important, or marginal. Respondents were also able to make suggestions for additional topics. Over 100 readers responded to the survey. Here is what they had to say."...

ACRLLog, June 10

Columbus summer reading features wacky librarians

[<http://www.columbuslibrary.org/ebranch/index.cfm?pageid=225>]

When teens join the Summer Reading Club at the Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library, they get to hang out with the YA library staff, who have pictured themselves

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/21035249@N03/page2/>] in surroundings that accompany their reading materials. Wendy (right), from the Hilltop branch, reads Ellen Hopkins's Glass behind a cracked windowpane....

Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library, May 21

Games in the modern public library

[http://www.gamesetwatch.com/2008/05/game_time_with_mr_raroo_videogames_in.php]

Bill Sannwald writes: "This paper's intended audience is individuals who know little to nothing about video games and have no idea how or why games can be an important part of any public library's collection. Currently the library system I work for does not circulate video games to our patrons, which I find disappointing. The benefits of providing video games as part of a library collection is steadily becoming apparent as more and more libraries start offering gaming resources to patrons."...

GameSetWatch, May 19

Sarah Long interviews Bruce Cole on Picturing America

[<http://www.nsls.info/about/press/060608100thPodcast.aspx>]

For a discussion of the National Endowment for the Humanities initiative “Picturing America,” listen to North Suburban Library System Director Sarah Long’s podcast interview

[http://www.librarybeat.org/podcast/?_episode=104] (#104) with NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. They spoke as he traveled from the airport to the Chicago launch of the national project presented in partnership with ALA. Through this innovative program, students and citizens can gain a deeper appreciation of our country’s history and character through the study and understanding of its art....

North Suburban Library System, June 6

The Bodleian and ARTstor offer manuscript browsing

[<http://www.artstor.org/news/n-html/an-080605-bodleian.shtml>]

Oxford University’s Bodleian Library and ARTstor have collaborated on the digitization of more than 24,000 high-quality images of manuscript paintings and drawings from the library’s outstanding collection of Medieval and Renaissance illuminated manuscripts. ARTstor has digitized virtually all of the illuminated manuscript leaves from Bodleian manuscripts through the 16th century, as well as selected 19th- and 20th-century manuscripts in the Medieval tradition. ARTstor subscribers can browse the pages in the image gallery

[<http://www.artstor.org/what-is-artstor/w-html/col-manu-bodleian.shtml>]....

ARTstor, June 5

Digital preservation survey of academic directors

[<http://www.portico.org/news/060508.html>]

in January 2008, Portico and Ithaka invited 1,371 library directors of four-year colleges and universities in the United States to respond to a survey (PDF file

[<http://www.portico.org/comment/wp-content/uploads/2008/05/porticosurveyondigitalpreservation.pdf>]) examining current perspectives on preservation of e-journals. The survey found that a large majority agree that the potential loss of e-journals is unacceptable, and a significant majority believe their own institution has a responsibility to take action to prevent an intolerable loss of the scholarly record....

Portico, June 5

Library book week in a Nazi prison camp

[<http://www.libraryhistorybuff.org/pows-oflag2c.htm>]

This postmark celebrates Dni Ksiazki, or Book Week, in Oflag II-C, the German World War II prisoner of war camp for Polish officers in Woldenberg (now Dobiegniew), Poland. Book Week in the camp took place from August 29 to September 4, 1943, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the printing of the first Polish book. The Articles of the Geneva Convention entitled POWs to the right of self-government, which led to the development of postal services and library services in some German camps. Roman Sobus is an expert on the postal history of the camp and has developed an outstanding exhibit

[http://www.polonus.org/home.php?author=27&topic=28&page=exhibits_intro] on the topic....

Library History Buff; Polonus Philatelic Society

Off the library market

[<http://chronicle.com/jobs/news/2008/06/2008060401c/careers.html>]

Maura A. Smale writes: “Sixteen job applications, five first-round interviews, three second-round interviews, and seven (or so) months after finishing my master’s in library science, I’ve landed a great position at an academic library in New York City. It’s a pleasure (and a relief) to be writing from the tenure track.” Smale has been chronicling her first search for a tenure-track position in an academic library....

Chronicle of Higher Education, June 4

\$1.2 million awarded to Native American libraries

[<http://www.ims.gov/news/2008/061008.shtm>]

On June 10, the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded Native American tribes across the United States \$1.22 million dollars to improve and sustain their library services. The grant monies will be distributed among 209 tribes, and will bolster library services offered by Native American tribal communities and Alaskan Native villages....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 10

From Russia with blog

[<http://acrlog.org/2008/06/03/from-russia-with-blog/>]

Steven Bell writes: “Over the past few weeks I’ve corresponded with Katerina Efimova, a reference librarian at the Scientific Library of the Ural State University in Yekaterinburg—and Russia’s first academic librarian blogger [<http://rusu-library.blogspot.com/>]! She has been working as a professional librarian for 3 years. I was intrigued by Katerina’s interest in information literacy and blogging, so I asked her if she would be willing to share some of her thoughts about these topics so that we might learn a bit more about our Russian colleagues.”...

ACRLog, June 4

ACURIL 2008 in Jamaica [<http://blip.tv/file/977457/>]

Michael Sauers captured the essence of his experiences at the Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries 38th annual conference in the Rose Hall Resort and Country Club, Montego Bay, Jamaica, June 1–7, in this video (5:25). Not only was there a great opener by the Hatfield Folk and Cultural Group (right), but he learned stuff about social networking and information overload, and caught a library talent show....

Blip.tv, June 9

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

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

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

ALA Annual Conference

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

Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2. Get a preview of Anaheim [http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/welcome-anaheim-ala-annual-conference-2008-p review] from AL Focus. First time at an ALA Annual Conference? Find some tips here. [http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/first.cfm]

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2578]

Story boxes offer a simple method for capturing the ideas, talent, creativity, and resources available in your library. Find out how these can work in Kathy MacMillan's A Box Full of Tales: Easy Ways to Share Library Resources through Story Boxes.

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2578] MacMillan, a writer, storyteller, and former children's librarian, outlines the proven story box system for sharing an array of successful programs. NEW! From ALA Editions.

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[http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/crlnews/backissues2008/june08/june1.cfm]

In the June issue of College & Research Libraries News, Ohio State University Coordinator of Outreach and Learning Nancy Courtney has written "Paying Faculty to Use Library Resources"; [http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/crlnews/backissues2008/june08/payingfaculty.cfm] an article on OSU's program that provides grants to faculty members to enhance their courses with the library's electronic resources.

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

Reference Librarian,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=10733>] University of San Diego. Copley Library at the University of San Diego seeks a service-oriented reference librarian to serve as liaison to the Department of Communication Studies and the Departments of English and Theatre Arts and engage in collection development for these departments. Duties include conducting course-integrated seminars for the liaison departments and teaching library skills workshops and the Library Research Methods course on a rotating basis....

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

Registration for PLA's Spring Symposium in Nashville, April 2-4, 2009, will open September 2 and features an early bird rate [<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/PLAss.cfm>] of \$250 for PLA and Tennessee Library Association members through October 31.

Digital Library of the Week

[<http://www.library.rochester.edu/index.cfm?page=538&Print=60>]

The University of Rochester Rare Books & Special Collections Department's Lincoln and His Circle

[<http://www.library.rochester.edu/index.cfm?page=379>] project is digitizing the letters to, from, and about Abraham Lincoln that are held in its collections. Many of the letters come from the papers of Secretary of State William H. Steward (donated to the university by William Henry Seward III), and others are found in the Lincoln collection that was a gift of the Fred L. Emerson Foundation of Auburn, New York. Selected transcriptions of the letters are provided.

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

“You want to be a good archaeologist, you've got to get out of the library.”

?After a motorcycle chase lands him in a library, archaeologist-adventurer Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) advises a student (Chet Hanks) on the finer points of field research, in Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008).

Comments [<http://www.fdlp.gov/regionals/study.html>] can still be submitted to the U.S. Government Printing Office on its draft report, *Regional Depository Libraries in the 21st Century*.

[<http://www.fdlp.gov/repository/regional-depositories/regional-depository-libraries-in-the-21st-century-a-time-for-change-/download.html>] In the report, GPO has made recommendations to ensure that regional depository libraries can provide unimpaired access to government information. Commenters can represent regional or selective depositories, library associations, or depository users. The deadline is June 15.

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. I need to justify additional support for our interlibrary loan operation, but my boss wants to know how our cost compare to others. How do I find an average cost?

A. An entire step-by-step process for figuring out the average cost of an interlibrary loan transaction appears in Appendix EE of the 1996 ALA publication, *Interlibrary Loan Practices Handbook* [http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=79], by Virginia Boucher. Specifically, the average cost for these transactions in academic and research libraries has been tracked by the Association for Research Libraries, most recently by Mary E. Jackson; see the *InterLibrary Loan* [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/InterLibrary_Loan] page for a bibliography. In general, costs is one of those common questions for which there is no easy answer because each library is administered differently. It is also one of those areas where technology hasn't changed the basic process, though it has made certain aspects of gathering data easier. The subject of cost analysis [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Cost_Analysis] has been addressed by a number of different committees within ALA over the years—and is also a common business function— and requires getting out your calculator, sharp pencils, and thinking skills. In brief, what's entailed is determining what costs support a function (staff salaries and benefits, supplies, allocable building support costs) and over how many units of output (borrowing and lending transactions performed, for example) those costs can be applied to get the cost per transaction. In some cases the literature will report the ranges of costs found by different institutions, so that you can get a sense of whether your institution is in the ballpark. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Costs>].

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

questions.

Calendar

July 1–2:

Green Data Centres Conference, [<http://www.greendatacentres.co.uk/>]
Holiday Inn Bloomsbury Hotel, London. This conference will explore what
can be done to make your IT department green. Contact: Sandra Watson
[mailto:sandrawatson@greendatacentres.co.uk].

July 24–27:

Newberry Library Book Fair,
[<http://www.newberry.org/giving/events/Bookfair.html>] Chicago.

Aug. 7–10:

Steinbeck Festival, [<http://www.steinbeck.org/MainFrame.html>] “Steinbeck
and Mexico,” Salinas, California.

Aug. 30:

Queens Book Fair, [<http://www.queensbookfair.com/>] Jamaica, New York.

Sept. 8–12:

Science in the 21st Century: Science, Society, and Information
Technology, [<http://www.science21stcentury.org/topics.html>] Perimeter
Institute for Theoretical Physics, Waterloo, Ontario. Contact: Perimeter
Institute [mailto:conferences@perimeterinstitute.ca].

Sept. 14–15:

Wyoming Book Festival, [<http://www.wyomingbookfestival.org/>] Cheyenne.

Sept. 21–26:

Fall for the Book, [<http://www.fallforthebook.org/>] Fairfax, Virginia.

Sept. 22–27:

West Texas Book and Music Festival,
[http://www.abilenetx.com/apl/book_music_fest.html] Abilene.

Sept. 27:

8th Annual National Book Festival, [<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>]
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 3–5:

Amelia Island Book Festival, [<http://www.bookisland.org/>] Amelia Island,
Florida.

Oct. 4:

Louisiana Book Festival, [<http://www.louisianabookfestival.org/>] Baton
Rouge.

Oct. 5:

Orange County Children's Book Festival,

[<http://www.kidsbookfestival.com/attendee.html>] Orange Coast College,
Costa Mesa.

Oct. 11–12:
West Virginia Book Festival,
[<http://www.wvhumanities.org/bookfest/bookfest2.htm>] Charleston.

Oct. 17–18:
Nebraska Book Festival, [http://www.unl.edu/NCB/current_festival.html]
Lincoln.

Oct. 25:
Utah Humanities Book Festival,
[<http://www.utahhumanities.org/BookFestival.htm>] Salt Lake City Main
Library.

Oct. 25:
Georgia Literary Festival, [<http://www.georgialiteraryfestival.org/>]
Bainbridge, Georgia.

Oct. 25:
Festival of Reading, [<http://www.festivalofreading.com/>] St. Petersburg,
Florida.

Nov. 1:
Children's Literature Festival,
[<http://www.keene.edu/clf/festival.cfm>] Keene State College, Keene, New
Hampshire.

Nov. 1:
Buckeye Book Fair, [<http://www.buckeyebookfair.com/>] Wooster, Ohio.

Nov. 1–2:
Texas Book Festival, [<http://www.texasbookfestival.org/>] Austin.

Nov. 3:
Rochester Children's Book Festival,
[<http://www.rochesterchildrensbookfestival.org/index.html>] Rochester, New
York.

Nov. 5:
Kentucky Book Fair, [<http://kybookfair.org/>] Frankfort.

Nov. 8–9:
Connecticut Children's Book Fair, [<http://bookfair.uconn.edu/>]
Storrs.

Nov. 9–16:
Miami Book Fair International,
[http://mdc.edu/bookfair/mbfi/sched_events.htm] Miami Dade College,
Wolfson Campus. Contact: Miami Book Fair [<mailto:wbookfair@mdc.edu>].

Nov. 14–16:
Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair,

[<http://www.louisianabookfestival.org/>] Hynes Convention Center.

Nov. 20:

North Carolina Preservation Consortium,

[[http://www.ncpreservation.org/2008%20NCPC%20Conf%20Publicity%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.ncpreservation.org/2008%20NCPC%20Conf%20Publicity%20(2).pdf)]

Annual Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Cultural

Respect in Preservation and Conservation." Contact: Robert James

[<mailto:robertjamesncpc@gmail.com>].

Nov. 29–

Dec. 7:

Guadalajara International Book Fair,

[http://www.fil.com.mx/ingles/i_index.asp] Guadalajara, Mexico.

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[Midwest libraries endure rising floodwaters](#)

Days of sandbagging could not keep the Cedar River out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Overflowing barriers on June 12, it deluged more than 100 blocks of the city's eastern side, including the **Cedar Rapids Public Library** (a YouTube [video](#), above left, shows the library at about the 6:20 mark). Some 64 miles to the northwest, some 18 inches of water destroyed the wooden interior of the **Elizabeth Rasmussen Martin Memorial Library** in New Hartford (bottom left). In Iowa City, the **University of Iowa** ordered the June 13 closing of the [Main Library](#) and a number of other campus buildings in the wake of several area bridges collapsing. Hundreds of volunteers formed a chain (top right) to remove books and dissertations from the campus library, while others transferred artwork from the museum as the arts campus was submerged. River towns throughout the upper Midwest continue **sandbagging** in anticipation of record overflows predicted to hit by June 20....

[ProQuest to acquire Dialog](#)

Ann Arbor, Michigan-based electronic publishing company

ProQuest signed an agreement June 12 to purchase the Dialog database



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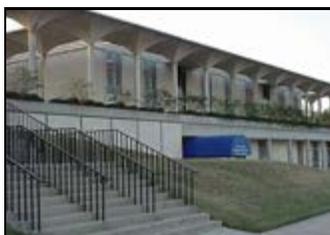
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service from media company Thomson Reuters. The transaction is expected to close by mid-July, pending completion of a formal consultation period and other customary closing conditions, ProQuest CEO Marty Kahn told *American Libraries*. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed....

[Arkansas library evicts court from building](#)

In what might prove to be the end game in a conflict that has persisted for over a decade, the Pine Bluff–Jefferson County (Ark.) Library System served an eviction notice to District Court Judge Waymond Brown June 10



requiring him to remove his court's operations from the ground floor of the library building. Division 2 of the Jefferson County District Court has occupied the space since 2001 in an arrangement that was intended as a temporary measure....

[Libel suit over digitized article dismissed](#)

A federal judge has dismissed a \$1-million lawsuit filed by a Cornell University alumnus who claimed that the school libeled him in a 1983 *Cornell Chronicle* article reporting that he had been charged with third-degree burglary when he was a student. Back issues of the *Chronicle*, a newspaper published by the university's press office, are being digitized by the campus library....



[Ohio library changes meeting-room rules over lawsuit](#)

The Alliance Defense Fund, a coalition of religious-rights attorneys, filed a lawsuit June 4 against the Clermont County (Ohio) Public Library board of trustees for refusing to allow a financial planning seminar in a meeting room because presenters intended to quote scripture. Religious discussions were not allowed in the meeting rooms according to library policy. In response, library trustees voted June 9 to change that policy, limiting the use of meeting rooms to library-run programs....

[Judge: Las Vegas Friends must donate only to library](#)

A district court judge issued a preliminary injunction June 9 preventing the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries from distributing money made from its book sales to any organization but the Las Vegas–Clark County Library District. The library sued the Friends in May, the culmination of a messy dispute over the library's demand that the Friends be audited and the Friends' threat to dissolve and disburse its funds to other groups....

ALA News

[Annual Conference exhibitor coupons](#)

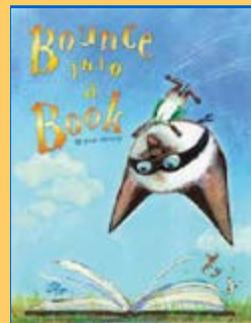


[ALA Annual Conference](#)

in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2. Check out these [coupons](#) for the exhibit floor.



Find out which literary lights are shining at Annual Conference with this handy guide ([PDF file](#)) to **Adult Literature Programs and Author Events** compiled by the Public Programs Office.



[Skippyjon Jones](#) is a Siamese cat who wants to be a Chihuahua dog. Young readers love the antics of this big-eared cat, and will happily join him in his latest reading adventure,

Print out these PDF coupons and bring them to Anaheim to get a head start on drawings, gifts, discounts, previews, and hot tips from exhibitors at Annual Conference....

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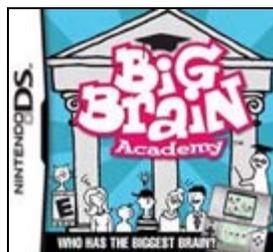
[Accessible Annual Conference program books](#)

Australian publishing firm Read How You Want is offering the Anaheim preconference, conference, and exhibit programs in downloadable EasyRead formats that are designed to make reading easier for all kinds of readers. The technology converts standard books into seven different EasyRead formats as well as Braille, DAISY, and e-books. More than 1,000 conference-goers have already downloaded one version or another....



[Gaming Pavilion will showcase gaming trends](#)

The ALA Gaming Pavilion—in the Exhibit Hall at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim—will showcase videogames such as *Wii Fit*, *Big Brain Academy*, *Brain Age 2*, *Professor Layton*, and *Crosswords DS*. There will also be a selection of board games and tabletop games for all ages including *Kapla*, *You've Been Sentenced*, and *Play Ball*. Attendees will also have free access to role-playing games, puzzles, and interactive DVD-based games like *Scene It?*...

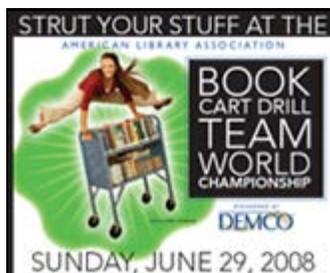


[American Libraries panel to spotlight reference databases](#)

American Libraries Direct Editor George Eberhart will moderate "Speaking Technically," a panel discussion with experts from seven major library database publishers who will talk about their new products and ideas for enhanced services. The session will take place on the Library Product Spotlight stage of the Orange County Theater in the Exhibit Hall, June 29, 3–4 p.m., during ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

[You know the drill](#)

The fourth annual Library Book Cart Drill Team Championship, held 4–5:30 p.m., June 29, in the Special Events Area of the Anaheim Convention Center, will showcase library workers performing inspired dance routines with creatively decorated book carts. Sponsored by Demco, the event features eight competing library teams from Delaware to California....



[Visitors and volunteers still needed](#)

During Virtual Library Day on the Hill, Tuesday, July 1 from 8 a.m. to noon, conference attendees will have the chance to both email and fax their members of Congress on important library issues. It will also feature celebrity guest Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who will be writing his senator and representative about how much he supports libraries. The



bouncing into a book, in this ALA poster.

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Your Circle of Wellness

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Conference Preview: California Dreamin'

Tastes for All Tastes

California Libraries: Places of Diversity



Join YALSA for the first [Young Adult Literature Symposium](#), to be held biannually starting in 2008. The inaugural symposium, on the topic "How We Read Now," will take place November 7–9, in Nashville,

Washington Office still needs a few extra helping hands in Anaheim the morning of July 1. [Volunteers](#) will help participants use computers to write their members of Congress, answer any questions they might have, and hand out T-shirts....

District Dispatch, May 21, June 2

[New grant opportunity for social entrepreneurs programming](#)

In celebration of their groundbreaking [Social Entrepreneurs Series](#), the PBS show *Frontline/World*, in cooperation with the ALA Public Programs Office, will award grants of \$500 plus supporting program materials to 40 public and academic libraries. The grant funds will promote the screening and discussion of one the series' short documentary films on innovative social entrepreneurs around the world. PPO will offer a preview of the series at 4:00 p.m. SLT (6:00 p.m. Central Time), June 20, on the ALA Island main stage in Second Life....

[Beyond White Privilege 101](#)

The ALA Office for Diversity will examine the impact of white privilege in the library environment at a Beyond White Privilege 101 session, 1:30–3:30 p.m., June 29, at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The session is the continuation of a dialogue held during the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, when Art Munin, consultant and assistant dean of students at DePaul University, began a provocative conversation with a standing-room-only crowd during the meeting's White Privilege 101 discussion....

[Get acquainted with the new ALA website](#)

Visitors to the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim will have the opportunity to view the revamped ALA website in its latest incarnation (see the [preview](#)). Manager of Web Development Rob Carlson will make two 15-minute presentations—one at 2 p.m. and another at 3 p.m.—on June 30 at booth 1840 in the Exhibit Hall of the Anaheim Convention Center....

[How to get to the Chicago headquarters](#)

Planning a visit to ALA in the summer? Here's how to get to 40/50 E. Huron Street from Midway and O'Hare airports by car or subway, with some parking lot suggestions, from the new ALA website's "Contact Us" preview area....



Tennessee, at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. The Young Adult Literature Symposium is funded in part by the William Morris Endowment.

Career Leads from JobLIST

[Editor, Future Survey](#), World Future Society, Bethesda, Maryland. A challenging career opportunity in identifying, condensing, and packaging leading-edge ideas shaping the U.S. and the world. Published monthly since 1979, *Future Survey* is a unique abstract journal covering books, reports, and key articles on trends, forecasts, and proposals. Editor must be able to deal fairly with new thinking about technology, environmental issues, and a wide variety of socioeconomic issues....

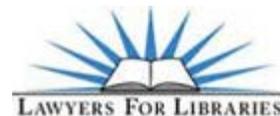
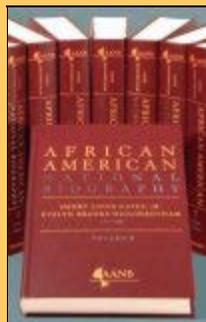
@ [More jobs...](#)

Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Reference](#)

Gates, Henry Louis, and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham (editors). *African American National Biography*. Feb. 2008. 5,568p. Oxford, hardcover (978-0-19-516019-2).

African American lives are "collected and resurrected" in this impressive set, a product of the African American National Biography Project sponsored by the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American



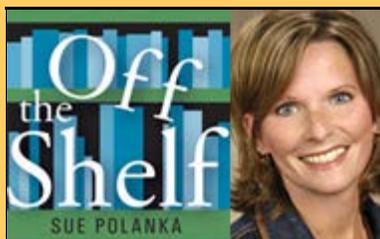
ALA will present a [Lawyers for Libraries Training Institute](#)

November 14 in Tampa, Florida. The institute is primarily intended to equip attorneys with tools they need to effectively defend the First Amendment in libraries. Participants will be instructed by practicing attorneys specializing in

Research and Oxford University Press. The first few entries give some indication of its scope. The first entry is for an escaped slave known only as Aaron who became an antislavery lecturer in the North, and about whom almost nothing else is known; the second is for baseball great Hank Aaron; the third details the life of Jesse Aaron, a wood carver and folk artist who began making well-received "outsider" art late in his life. A supplement to the 24-volume *American National Biography* (Oxford, 1999), *African American National Biography* (AANB) records the contributions and achievements of more than 4,000 African Americans — slaves, architects, entertainers, dentists, political leaders, artists, poets, and activists. Just paging through the volumes offers some fascinating discoveries along with the essays on well-known figures....

The future of reference publishing

Sue Polanka writes: "Publishing executives have been engaged in this ongoing discussion, most recently at the *Reference Books Bulletin* Editorial Board program, 'The Future of Electronic Reference Publishing: A View from the Top,' at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. As a preview to the program, I asked four executives—John Barnes, executive vice president, Strategic Marketing and Business Development, Gale/Cengage Learning; Casper Grathwohl, vice president and publisher, Oxford University Press; Rolf Janke, vice president and publisher, Sage Reference; and Michael N. Ross, senior vice president, education general manager, Encyclopaedia Britannica—to answer a few questions about the industry."...



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Anaheim Update

Conference badges

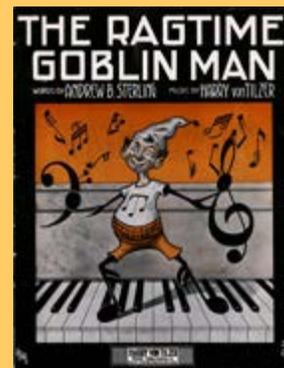
If you have registered to attend Annual Conference, be sure to check your mail carefully for your badge registration packet. While some of them come with the ALA logo on the envelope, others are arriving with Experient on the return address and no apparent connection to ALA. If you receive this, do not throw it away—it contains your badge and other conference information. If you didn't receive a badge or tossed it accidentally, go to the "Will Call/Corrections" counter in the registration area at the Anaheim Convention Center to pick one up.

Twittering at Anaheim

Brian Eisley, an SLIS student at San Jose State University, has created an unofficial Twitter group for people to use during the ALA Annual Conference. The account name is ala2008. Twitterers can send a direct message to that account and it will retweet that message to everyone who follows it. For more information, see [Brian's website](#)....
Twitter at ala2008

First Amendment law.

Digital Library of the Week



IN Harmony: Sheet Music from Indiana

is a search and discovery system for accessing more than 10,000 pieces of sheet music from the Indiana University Lilly Library, the Indiana State Library, the Indiana State Museum, and the Indiana Historical Society. Funded through a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, IN Harmony features Indiana-related sheet music—sheet music by Indiana composers, arrangers, lyricists, or publishers as well as sheet music about the state. The collection includes works by such well-known composers as George M. Cohan, Cole Porter, Al Jolson, and Jerome Kern. Stacy Kowalczyk, IU's manager of the project, said that one outcome of the project was to work through the issues of providing consistent terminology and mapping to ensure content is retrieved reliably. You can search the entire collection of sheet music by genre, composer, subject,

Go green at conference

Are you staying in a green hotel? Read the ALA Annual Conference Green Report ([Word doc](#)) to find out. If not, be green where you are staying. Bring your own supplies and don't use those small, wasteful plastic bottles. Reuse your towels and sheets instead of asking for clean ones daily. Make sure your lights are turned off in the room. Share a room with others. Drink your morning coffee/tea and water from your personal mug/bottle you brought with you. Check out the Green Hotels Association [website](#) for more ideas. And attend some [meetings](#) of the Task Force on the Environment....

Going Green @ your library, June 13



Tips for healthy conference travel

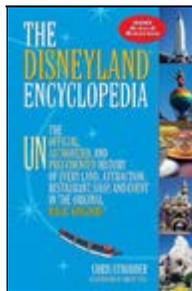
As you prepare to take off for your next big conference adventure, take a little time to gather up some tools that will help you stay well during your time away from home. This checklist, by ALA Emerging Leaders Ted Chaffin, Sara Jeffress, Jennifer Turner, and Laura Warren-Gross, considers wellness from seven different components: physical, environmental, social, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and occupational....

Circle of Wellness @ your library

Fascinated by Disneyland history?

Impress your friends at the Scholarship Bash with tidbits of information about the attractions, restaurants, and stores in the Disneyland park from Chris Strodder's *Disneyland Encyclopedia*, published in May by Santa Monica Press. Here's a factoid: The oldest living things in the park are the tall eucalyptus trees in the back of Disneyland City Hall. About 100 years old, they were saved from the original groves that preceded the park....

Santa Monica Press



OCLC events at Annual

OCLC-sponsored events are open to all ALA attendees, but they would like you to sign up for them first. New this year is a game, "Take the WorldCat Challenge," that lets you demonstrate your WorldCat searching skills. Also on the agenda is the OCLC Symposium, June 27, "The Mashed-Up Library," with keynote speaker Michael Schrage and a panel of three librarians who have developed their own mash-ups....

OCLC



Division News

ALCTS program features Oscar's library

Linda Mehr, director of the Margaret Herrick Library of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, will be the featured speaker at the ALCTS President's Program, "From Here to Eternity: The Challenge of Managing Oscar's Very Special Collections," 10:30 a.m., June 30, at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....



name, title, year, instrumentation, or holding institution.

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

"Some people say information is power. Baloney. Information sharing is power!"

—Computer scientist and "Father of the Internet" Vinton Cerf at the Opening Session of the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in Seattle, June 15.



Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. What should be my first steps in caring for our books and other materials damaged by storms and flood waters?

A. As noted in [Tips for Salvaging Water Damaged Valuables](#)

[Meet YALSA authors and editors](#)

Want to learn more about publishing with YALSA? Come to the YALSA Authors Meet and Greet at 12:30 p.m., June 29, at the ALA Pavilion in the Exhibit Hall. Authors of many YALSA books, the editors of YALSA's journal and newsletter, and the YALSA Publications Committee will be on hand to discuss publishing opportunities with the division....

[Bresciani, Herson, Floyd to speak at ACRL National Conference](#)

ACRL has scheduled a distinguished lineup of invited paper presenters for the ACRL 14th National Conference, "Pushing the Edge: Explore, Engage, Extend," to be held March 12-15, 2009, in Seattle. Marilee J. Bresciani (San Diego State University), Peter Herson (Simmons College), and Elson S. Floyd (Washington State University) will speak on measures of assessment and trends in administration....



[Defining digital preservation](#)

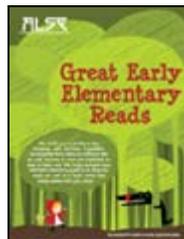
The ALCTS Preservation and Reformatting Section has developed a [definition](#) of digital preservation. It was developed to promote an understanding of digital preservation within the library community as well as its allied professions and user communities. The definition marks a current understanding of digital preservation and grew out of a conversation held at the Digital Preservation Discussion Group at the ALA 2007 Midwinter Meeting....

[Inlow-Hood named *Interface* editor](#)

Emily Inlow-Hood has been appointed to serve as editor of *Interface*, the ASCLA membership journal. Communications manager at WebJunction, an online community for library staff, she will begin her official responsibilities immediately following the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

[Great Early Elementary Reads](#)

ALSC has released a bibliography, *Great Early Elementary Reads*, featuring recommended book titles for children who are just learning to read and beginning to read on their own. The book is free to [download](#), copy, and distribute. Printed copies of the list will be distributed by ALSC at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....



[AASL will sponsor two Emerging Leaders](#)

AASL will sponsor two members for the 2009 class of Emerging Leaders. This is the third year in which AASL has offered its members sponsorship in the program. The deadline to apply is July 31....

[AASL to continue Beyond Words](#)

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded an additional \$520,000 to continue AASL's "Beyond Words: The Dollar General School Library Relief Program." [Beyond Words](#) provides funding to public schools affected by disasters to rebuild and expand library media programs. Funds will be available June 2008 to May 2010....



[Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults #5](#)

YALSA has published a 5th edition of *Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults*, edited by Amy Alessio for YALSA, with a foreword by Mary K. Chelton, editor of

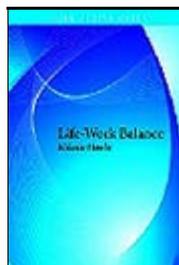
by the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works and Heritage Preservation, water-damaged books "may be extremely fragile" so handle with care. To prevent mold growth, they "should be air dried or kept in a refrigerator or freezer until they can be treated by a professional conservator." Also advisable: (1) If the object is still wet, rinse with clear water or a fine hose spray. Clean off dry silt and debris from your belongings with soft brushes or dab with damp cloths. Try not to grind debris into objects; overly energetic cleaning will cause scratching. Dry with a clean, soft cloth. Use plastic or rubber gloves for your own protection. (2) Air dry objects indoors if possible. Sunlight and heat may dry certain materials too quickly, causing splits, warping, and buckling. If possible, remove contents from wet objects and furniture prior to drying. Storing damp items in sealed plastic bags will cause mold to develop. If objects are to be transported in plastic bags, keep bags open and air circulating. (3) The best way to inhibit the growth of mold and mildew is to reduce humidity. Increase air flow with fans, open windows, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers.

the book's first three editions. The book, published with support from the Margaret A. Edwards Trust, compiles the winners of YALSA's recognition project of the same name, announced last summer....



[New ACRL monographic series](#)

ACRL has launched a new occasional series, *ACRL Active Guides*, which provide theory-based practical tools dealing with workplace issues. The inaugural title in the series, *Active Guide #1: Life-Work Balance*, written by Melanie Hawks, is now available. This book will give you a chance to reflect on your priorities, try out some powerful ideas and exercises, and honestly assess the choices you are making about your time and energy....



Moderate light exposure (open shades, leave basement lights on) can also reduce mold and mildew. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Round Table News

[Amy West will be new GODORT chair](#)

The Government Documents Round Table has elected Amy West, data services librarian at the University of Minnesota, as its chair for 2009–2010. As a metadata production manager, she has worked on the National Historical Geographic Information System that makes U.S. Census statistics from 1790 to the present available for free on the Web. She hopes continue the trend towards using technology to assist in GODORT activities during and between conferences....



[NMRT student chapter of the year](#)

The New Members Round Table and the ALA Membership Committee have named the University of South Carolina Library and Information Science Student Association the winner of the 2008 ALA Student Chapter of the Year Award. The runner-up of this year's award is the ALA Student Chapter at UCLA....



[Eating across cultures with EMIERT](#)

Join the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table on June 29, 8 a.m. to noon, in the Anaheim Convention Center, room 213C, for its membership meeting and program, "Eating Across Cultures: Food Is Culture." Three noted speakers will discuss the importance of food among immigrant populations as they assimilate into new homes, retain their culinary heritage and foodways, and contribute to shaping new cuisines and culinary traditions....

Awards

[All about the YALSA awards](#)

In *The Official YALSA Awards Guidebook*, edited by Tina

Calendar

July 17–20:

[Harlem Book Fair](#),

West 135th Street,
New York.

Aug. 4–5:

[Reference Renaissance Conference: Current and Future Trends](#),

Four Points by Sheraton, Denver, Colorado. Organized by BCR. Contact: [Justine Shaffner](#).

Sept. 18–20:

[ALSC National Institute](#), Hilton Salt Lake City Center.

"Trailblaze Your Path to Library Success: Professional Development with a Youth Services Focus."

Sept. 27–

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

Oct. 16–19:

[LITA National Forum](#), Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati.

"Technology and Community: Building the Techno Community

Frolund and copublished with Neal-Schuman, eight nationally recognized authorities have brought together essential information about the YALSA awards in one comprehensive guide. The guidebook will provide librarians with an exhaustive list of award-winning books with which to build their collections, as well as useful tools for promoting those books to readers....



[Apply for the Scholastic National Library Week grant](#)

Libraries are invited to apply for the \$3,000 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant, which will be awarded to a single library for the best public awareness campaign incorporating the 2009 National Library Week theme, "Worlds connect @ your library." The grant is sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing and administered by the ALA Public Awareness Committee. Apply by October 17....

[LITA scholarship winners](#)

LITA has announced the winners of the three annual scholarships it sponsors jointly with other organizations (Informata.com, LSSI, and OCLC). The winners will be honored at the LITA Awards Ceremony at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

[ASCLA Century Scholarship](#)

Lela Ellison is the 2008 recipient of the ASCLA Century Scholarship. She is a teacher and is involved in library classification duties at the Sri Atmananda Memorial School in Austin, Texas. The Century Scholarship is a \$2,500 monetary award given annually to a student or students pursuing a degree in library and information science....

[Great Interactive Software for Kids](#)

ALSC has selected its Spring 2008 list of Great Interactive Software for Kids, which recognizes high-quality computer programs and digital media for children 14 years of age and younger. For an annotated list of software, including recommended age ratings, visit the [ALSC website](#)....

[Librereo video contest](#)

Remember to vote for your favorite of the five finalists in Gale's Librereo video contest. The contest celebrates a video creation that best portrays a love for a book or author in a unique, compelling, or memorable way. The criteria are creativity 25%, love for a favorite book or author 50%, and overall appeal 25%. The grand prize winner will be announced at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....



Gale Cengage

[Pittsburgh library is 2007 Network Library of the Year](#)

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has been named the 2007 Network Library of the Year by LC's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The annual award for outstanding

Library."

Oct. 17–19:
[AASL Fall Forum](#), Oak Brook, Illinois.
"Assessment, Part II: Constructing and Interpreting Viable Tools for Effective Student Learning in the Library Media Center."

Nov. 16–18:
[Public Education Network](#), Annual Conference, Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco. Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the first local education funds.

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accomplishments by a network library was presented at a ceremony held June 11 at the Library of Congress....
Library of Congress, June 13

[Lebanese-Canadian writer wins IMPAC Dublin Literary award](#)

Montreal writer Rawi Hage's debut novel *De Niro's Game* has claimed the Dublin IMPAC Literary Award, the world's richest book prize. The 100,000 euro (\$154,700) award was announced at Dublin City Hall June 12. Hage (right) was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and lived in New York before moving to Montreal in 1991. *De Niro's Game* is set against the backdrop of the Lebanese Civil War in the late 1970s and early 1980s....



Toronto Star, June 12

[StoryTubes 2008 winners](#)

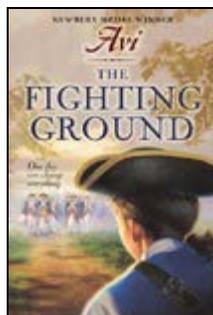
Sponsored by six publishers in partnership with five public libraries, the StoryTubes 2008 contest called for students in Grades 1-6 to submit videos of two minutes or less describing their favorite books. One of the winners of \$500 in books during the four weeks of voting was 11-year-old Olivia Collins (right) of South Portland, Maine, who explains in her [video](#) (1:54) why the book *Your Chickens: A Kid's Guide to Raising and Showing* by Gail Damerow (Storey Publishing, 1993) is helpful to people who want to eat locally....
StoryTubes, June 13



Seen Online

[The Fighting Ground removed from Panama City school library shelves](#)

The Bay District School Board in Panama City, Florida, banned Avi's Newbery Medal-winning book *The Fighting Ground*, about a 13-year-old boy witnessing the American Revolution, from library shelves after a split vote June 11. A parent had complained about the content of the book after noting several profanities uttered by some soldiers. "He read two pages," Brenda Toole, supervisor of instructional media for the district, said of the parent who made the complaint....



Panama City (Fla.) News Herald, June 12

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[Santa Fe goes WiFi despite opponents](#)

Santa Fe City Council voted June 11 to proceed with a plan for wireless internet service in public libraries and other city buildings over the objections of those who say they are electrically sensitive. Its implementation was held up for two years by a small group of residents who cited an allergy to the technology and gave anecdotal evidence of adverse effects. The group focused on the three Santa Fe libraries, seeking to make them refuges from the technology. City Library Director Patricia Hodapp [said](#) she was proud of the council for studying the issue fully....

Santa Fe New Mexican, June 11; *Icarus*, June 12

[Wellesley acquires 442-year-old Copernicus](#)

Wellesley (Mass.) College students can now visit the Margaret Clapp Library and leaf very gently through a 442-year-old volume of Nicolaus Copernicus's scientific masterpiece that opened the heavens to humanity. For an undisclosed price, the college purchased a second edition of his groundbreaking *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* (*On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres*), published in 1566, which made the then-heretical claim the sun, not the Earth, was at the center of the universe. Watch the [video](#) (2:22)....

Framingham (Mass.) *MetroWest Daily News*, June 16; YouTube, June 13



[Former director sues over wrongful dismissal](#)

Former Fraser (Mich.) Public Library Director Sherry Schmidli filed a wrongful dismissal lawsuit in Macomb County Circuit Court alleging she was fired for questioning the city's authority over the library. But letters in Schmidli's personnel file tell another story. Staff members said Schmidli spoke through a puppet at meetings, talked about her sex life, berated and harassed workers, and asked employees to spy on each other....

Macomb (Mich.) Daily, June 16

[Little Big Horn College celebrates new library](#)

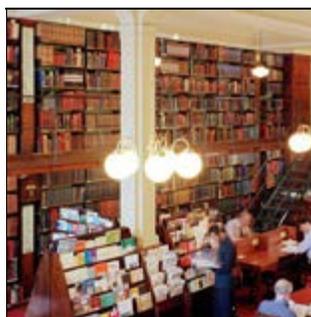
The new library and archives building at Little Big Horn College in Crow Agency, Montana, represents the past and the future of the people of the Crow Nation whom it will serve. The new building, dedicated June 11, houses Crow wisdom in its archives, knowledge in its library, and the college's leadership with new administrative offices. The facility features traditional Crow art designs inside and logs and rock work on the exterior....

Billings (Mont.) Gazette, June 12



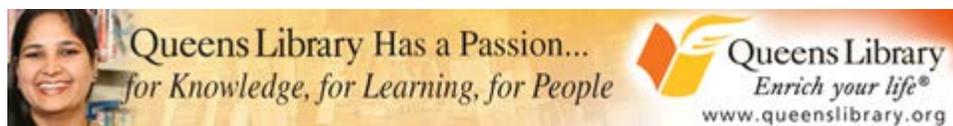
[Cats help fund London Library](#)

Royalties from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cats*, the long-running musical inspired by T. S. Eliot's verse, have enabled the poet's estate to donate £2.5 million (\$4.9 million) to the London Library. For 13 years, Eliot presided over the institution, said to be the world's largest independent lending library, founded in 1841 by Thomas Carlyle and others. On June 11, Eliot's 82-year-old widow, Valerie, formally handed over her donation towards an ambitious £25 million renovation of its



premises in St. James's Square....

The Times, (U.K.), June 12



Tech Talk

[Firefox 3 climbs the charts](#)

Firefox 3.0 went live June 17 to big fanfare —and an early snag with Mozilla's servers —while the open source browser continues



to claw its way up the market-share charts. Statistics gathered in the first six months of 2008 by *Network World* show the use of Firefox at 36%, which compares with 28% in the first six months of 2007 (a 29% increase). The new Firefox has many [new features](#), is more secure, performs better than Firefox 2, and has some [customizations](#) that will appeal to power users. [Download](#) it here....

Network World, June 18; Mozilla, June 11; Lifehacker, June 17

[Green cell phones from Samsung](#)

Samsung showed its greener side June 16 as it unveiled two new, environmentally-friendly cell phones at the World IT Show in Seoul, Korea. The Samsung W510 is the company's first mobile to be made of "bioplastic," which is produced with natural material extracted from corn. In addition, the W510 uses a water-soluble coating, and no heavy metals, such as lead, mercury, and cadmium, were used in the production of the cell phone....



Crave, the Gadget Blog, June 16

[Top 26 useful bookmarklets](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Both [Lifehacker](#) and [Micro Persuasion](#) have compiled excellent lists recommending useful bookmarklets to make your browsing experience more effective. These handy little applications are a combo of the bookmark and the applet (a small computer program) and they set up one-click buttons which appear on your browser and perform a specific function. I have bookmarklets installed which let me save webpages as bookmarks in my del.icio.us account, and products to my wishlists in Kaboodle by simply clicking a button."...

iLibrarian, June 16

[International Children's Digital Library enhancements](#)

The [International Children's Digital Library](#), the world's largest collection of children's literature available freely on the internet, announced June 17 the completion and implementation of its ClearText technology, which significantly enhances the translation and readability of the books available from the online library....



International Children's Digital Library Foundation, June 17

Publishing

[The demise of the sentence](#)

Linton Weeks writes: "What scares many scholars is the impending death of the English sentence. 'I see creeping inarticulateness,' says Librarian of Congress James Billington, who also sees the demise of the basic component of human communication, the sentence. If the sentence croaks, so will critical thought. The sentence itself is a story with a beginning, a middle, and an end. Something happens in a sentence. Without subjects, there are no heroes or villains. Without verbs, there is no action. Without objects, nothing is moved, changed, destroyed, or created."...

Washington Post, June 15



[100 useful web tools for writers](#)

Laura Milligan writes: "Whether you're a freelance writer or someone with regular hours, the internet can provide you with unending support for your practical duties (like getting paid) and for your more creative pursuits—like developing a plot, finding inspiration, and playing around with words. Turn to this list for 100 useful web tools that will help you with your career, your sanity, and your creativity whenever you write."...

College Degree, June 11

[ISBNs for digital books](#)

Peter Brantley writes: "Already, publishers are making a single EPUB digital book package, and then leaving the proliferation of more discrete e-book reader formats to intermediaries, distributors, and wholesalers. Ingram will make the XYZ, Amazon will make the Kindle format. The publisher is only responsible for one file—the .epub package. We are rapidly jerking forwards into a near-term future where ISBNs will be assigned for derivative digital book products by intermediaries, not publishers."...

Publishing Frontier, June 16



Actions & Answers

[The Cuban independent librarians debate—again](#)

Rory Litwin writes: "It is still not dead. A resolution has just been sent to the ALA Council list for discussion, calling on ALA to recognize the dissident 'independent librarians' as members of the library community who deserve our support as colleagues. On the one side, you have Robert Kent and company, who are campaigning for the cause of Cuban dissidents. On the other side, you have members of the Progressive Librarians Guild, myself included, and others who have engaged Kent on the listservs where he has sent his campaign messages."...

Library Juice, June 14



[EPA toxic chemical library to remain closed](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will

not reopen its specialized library for research on the properties and effects of new chemicals, according to documents posted June 16 by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. As a consequence, one of the world's most comprehensive technical collections on pesticides and other compounds will be permanently lost. The Office of Prevention, Pollution and Toxic Substances Library in Washington, D.C., had provided research services to EPA scientists who review industry requests for the introduction of new chemicals into the market....



Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, June 16

[Interview with Vint Cerf](#)

The June 15 Opening Session of the Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting in Seattle featured an interview by noted TV interviewer Charlie Rose speaking with [Vinton Cerf](#), one of the founders of the internet and now internet evangelist at Google. Cerf gave a fascinating look at how the internet developed, where we are now, and some of the major issues we face. Don Hawkins provides an edited transcript....

Infoday Blog, June 16

[A new concept: IIT's Thinkering Spaces](#)

The Illinois Institute of Technology's Institute of Design has come up with a prototype for a relatively cheap, portable, collaborative space that can be put up and taken down in libraries of any size on the fly. It's built using an out-of-the-catalog Steelcase frame, and uses Johnny Lee Chung's Nintedo wiimote hacks to create an inexpensive, drag-and-drop environment. The point is to bring spaces into libraries that let people collaborate around the content that already exists in our buildings, add new content to the mix, mash it all up to create something new, and share it with the community. Rinse. Repeat....



The Shifted Librarian, June 17

[Libraries: Essential to basic education](#)

Washington State's Joint Task Force on Basic Education Finance is examining public education funding, an issue not addressed satisfactorily in over 30 years. The essential but difficult question: "What should be included in the state funding of basic education?" The latest advocacy effort of the Spokane Moms ([Fund Our Future Washington](#)) and teacher-librarians in the state is to inform the task force about the need for adequate and sustained funding in the funding formula for school libraries and certified teacher-librarians....

AASL Blog, June 13

[IMLS grants \\$20 million to support librarians](#)

On June 17, the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded 31 institutions grants totaling \$20.3 million as part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. This year's [grantees](#) will provide educational opportunities to library students and staff to strengthen Gulf Coast libraries; support school library media programs; increase the number of librarians, archivists, and library and information science professors; increase diversity in the library workforce; and strengthen that workforce to better meet the needs of users of all types of libraries....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 17

[Marilyn Gell Mason to retire from WebJunction](#)

Marilyn Gell Mason, founder and executive director of the WebJunction online community, has announced she will retire effective September 1 after serving in several prominent leadership roles in public libraries and for OCLC. She will continue to work as an adviser for WebJunction. Mason helped establish WebJunction in 2002 with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation....
OCLC, June 12



[NEA announces Big Read grants](#)

This September, The Big Read is giving even more of the nation's cities and towns something to talk about. The National Endowment for the Arts announced June 16 that 208 libraries, municipalities, and arts, culture, and science organizations will receive grants totaling \$2.8 million to host Big Read celebrations between September 2008 and June 2009. The Big Read gives communities the opportunity to come together to read, discuss, and celebrate one of 23 selections from American and world literature....
National Endowment for the Arts, June 16



[50 reasons to read more](#)

Librarians need no excuse to read more, but our patrons, funding agencies, and skeptical acquaintances might derive some benefit from this list. "15. Experience other people's adventures: From climbing Mount Everest to building a multibillion-dollar corporation, you can experience part of these feats by reading about them."...
Anand Dhillon, June 4

[Talking points against the new Canadian copyright bill](#)

A bill to amend Canadian copyright law that would make it illegal to circumvent digital rights management technologies, Bill C-61, is currently before Parliament. Brendon Wilson offers a concise set of talking points to use when educating your friends and informing your Member of Parliament about the wide-reaching ramifications of the legislation on consumers' rights. Open Source Cinema has created a [PSA video](#) (0:50) about the bill....
Brendon Wilson, June 16; Open Source Cinema



[Are you a beatnik?](#)

To accompany its exhibition *On the Road with the Beats*, the University of Texas at Austin's Harry Ransom Center has posted an online beatnik questionnaire ("Where do you live: Squaresville or Beatnik Boro? Sunnyville or Crazyville?") based on one created in 1960. A young Gerard Malanga (b. 1943), later the cofounder of *Interview* magazine, sent the questionnaire to his mentor, poet and publisher Daisy Aldan, probably not long after she published the works of several Beat writers in her anthology *A New Folder* (1960)....
Harry Ransom Center



[Giving and receiving feedback](#)

Mary Carmen Chimato writes: "Annual performance appraisal time has come and gone at MPOW and with it comes the ups and downs of

giving and receiving feedback. One of the hardest things a manager has to do is provide feedback about a person's performance. However, there are some tactics you can employ to make the experience go smoothly and help turn an uncomfortable situation into a constructive one."...

Circ and Serve, June 15

Things found in books

Richard Davies writes: "Be careful what you use as a bookmark. Thousands of dollars, a Christmas card signed by Frank Baum, a Mickey Mantle rookie baseball card, a marriage certificate from 1879, a baby's tooth, a diamond ring and a handwritten poem by Irish writer Katharine Tynan Hickson are just some of the stranger objects discovered inside books by AbeBooks.com booksellers."...

AbeBooks



How to annoy a public librarian

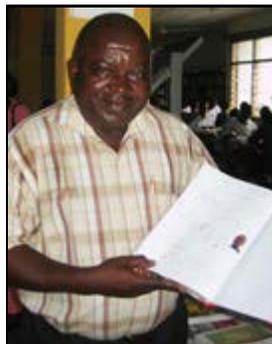
Five suggestions from Roland Saint-Laurent, among them: "If the computer you're working at has icons, delete them all as soon as you finish your session. I don't know why patrons do this, but I will occasionally see a computer station with either one, a couple, or all of the icons missing. Since there are a ton of computers in the library, it's usually not a terrible inconvenience to the public," but it certainly is annoying to the staff....

Stay Down Here Where You Belong, June 17

Libraries of Central Africa

Author Barbara Conaty profiles library developments in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Angola, Malawi, and Zambia. Of the Kinshasa Municipal Library in the Congo, she writes: "In a city where 9 million people make their home, there is just one public library, the municipal library of the Funa district. Headed by Professor Tete (right), who also teaches cataloguing at the University of Kinshasa, this library was established with the assistance of the French government in the late 1990s as an early bid for normalcy after the civil strife of Mobutu's overthrow."...

I Love Libraries



AL Direct, June 18, 2008

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

[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com>]

U.S. & World News

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[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAHc9A5CwsQ&NR=1>]
[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/uinews/sets/72157605607434968/>]
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[<http://www.newhartford.lib.ia.us/>]
[<http://www.hedbergpubliclibrary.org/floodgallery.php>]

Midwest libraries endure rising floodwaters

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/midwestfloodsjune13.cfm>]

Days of sandbagging could not keep the Cedar River out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Overflowing barriers on June 12, it deluged more than 100 blocks of the city's eastern side, including the Cedar Rapids Public Library (a YouTube video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAHc9A5CwsQ&NR=1>], above left, shows the library at about the 6:20 mark). Some 64 miles to the northwest, some 18 inches of water destroyed the wooden interior of the

Elizabeth Rasmussen Martin Memorial Library in New Hartford (bottom left). In Iowa City, the University of Iowa ordered the June 13 closing of the Main Library [<http://www.flickr.com/photos/uinews/>] and a number of other campus buildings in the wake of several area bridges collapsing. Hundreds of volunteers formed a chain (top right) to remove books and dissertations from the campus library, while others transferred artwork from the museum as the arts campus was submerged. River towns throughout the upper Midwest continue sandbagging in anticipation of record overflows predicted to hit by June 20....

ProQuest to acquire Dialog

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/proquestbuysdialog.cfm>]

Ann Arbor, Michigan-based electronic publishing company ProQuest signed an agreement June 12 to purchase the Dialog database service from media company Thomson Reuters. The transaction is expected to close by mid-July, pending completion of a formal consultation period and other customary closing conditions, ProQuest CEO Marty Kahn told American Libraries. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed....

Arkansas library evicts court from building

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/pinebluffevictscourt.cfm>]

In what might prove to be the end game in a conflict that has persisted for over a decade, the Pine Bluff-Jefferson County (Ark.) Library System served an eviction notice to District Court Judge Waymond Brown June 10 requiring him to remove his court's operations from the ground floor of the library building. Division 2 of the Jefferson County District Court has occupied the space since 2001 in an arrangement that was intended as a temporary measure....

Libel suit over digitized article dismissed

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/Cornellwinslibelsuit.cfm>]

A federal judge has dismissed a \$1-million lawsuit filed by a Cornell University alumnus who claimed that the school libeled him in a 1983 Cornell Chronicle article reporting that he had been charged with third-degree burglary when he was a student. Back issues of the Chronicle, a newspaper published by the university's press office, are being digitized by the campus library....

Ohio library changes meeting-room rules over lawsuit

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/clermontcountysued.cfm>]

The Alliance Defense Fund, a coalition of religious-rights attorneys, filed a lawsuit June 4 against the Clermont County (Ohio) Public Library board of trustees for refusing to allow a financial planning seminar in a meeting room because presenters intended to quote scripture. Religious discussions were not allowed in the meeting rooms according to library policy. In response, library trustees voted June 9 to change that policy, limiting the use of meeting rooms to library-run programs....

Judge: Las Vegas Friends must donate only to library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/lasv>]

egasfriendslose.cfm]

A district court judge issued a preliminary injunction June 9 preventing the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries from distributing money made from its book sales to any organization but the Las Vegas–Clark County Library District. The library sued the Friends in May, the culmination of a messy dispute over the library’s demand that the Friends be audited and the Friends’ threat to dissolve and disburse its funds to other groups....

ALA News

[<http://www.libraryjournal.com/contents/pdf/AC08AdPage63.pdf>] Annual Conference exhibitor coupons

[<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6567732.html>]

Print out these PDF coupons and bring them to Anaheim to get a head start on drawings, gifts, discounts, previews, and hot tips from exhibitors at Annual Conference....

ALA and Library Journal

Accessible Annual Conference program books

[http://combinedbook.com/ala/ala_readhowyouwant_main.htm]

Australian publishing firm Read How You Want is offering the Anaheim preconference, conference, and exhibit programs in downloadable EasyRead formats that are designed to make reading easier for all kinds of readers. The technology converts standard books into seven different EasyRead formats as well as Braille, DAISY, and e-books. More than 1,000 conference-goers have already downloaded one version or another....

Gaming Pavilion will showcase gaming trends

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/AC08gamingpavilion.cfm>]

The ALA Gaming Pavilion—in the Exhibit Hall at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim—will showcase videogames such as Wii Fit, Big Brain Academy, Brain Age 2, Professor Layton, and Crosswords DS. There will also be a selection of board games and tabletop games for all ages including Kapla, You’ve Been Sentenced, and Play Ball. Attendees will also have free access to role-playing games, puzzles, and interactive DVD-based games like Scene It?...

panel to spotlight reference databases

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALspeakingtechnically.cfm>]

American Libraries Direct Editor George Eberhart will moderate “Speaking Technically,” a panel discussion with experts from seven major library database publishers who will talk about their new products and ideas for enhanced services. The session will take place on the Library Product Spotlight stage of the Orange County Theater in the Exhibit Hall, June 29, 3–4 p.m., during ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

You know the drill

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/AC08bookcartdrillteam.cfm>]

The fourth annual Library Book Cart Drill Team Championship, held 4–5:30 p.m., June 29, in the Special Events Area of the Anaheim Convention Center, will showcase library workers performing inspired dance routines with creatively decorated book carts. Sponsored by Demco, the event features eight competing library teams from Delaware to California....

Visitors and volunteers still needed

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=498>]

During Virtual Library Day on the Hill, Tuesday, July 1 from 8 a.m. to noon, conference attendees will have the chance to both email and fax their members of Congress on important library issues. It will also feature celebrity guest Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who will be writing his senator and representative about how much he supports libraries. The Washington Office still needs a few extra helping hands in Anaheim the morning of July 1. Volunteers

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=503>] will help participants use computers to write their members of Congress, answer any questions they might have, and hand out T-shirts....

District Dispatch, May 21, June 2

New grant opportunity for social entrepreneurs programming

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/PPOfrontline.cfm>]

In celebration of their groundbreaking Social Entrepreneurs Series, [<http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/socialentrepreneurs.html>] the PBS show Frontline/World, in cooperation with the ALA Public Programs Office, will award grants of \$500 plus supporting program materials to 40 public and academic libraries. The grant funds will promote the screening and discussion of one the series's short documentary films on innovative social entrepreneurs around the world. PPO will offer a preview of the series at 4:00 p.m. SLT (6:00 p.m. Central Time), June 20, on the ALA Island main stage in Second Life....

Beyond White Privilege 101

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/OFDbeyondwhite.cfm>]

The ALA Office for Diversity will examine the impact of white privilege in the library environment at a Beyond White Privilege 101 session, 1:30–3:30 p.m., June 29, at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The session is the continuation of a dialogue held during the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, when Art Munin, consultant and assistant dean of students at DePaul University, began a provocative conversation with a standing-room-only crowd during the meeting's White Privilege 101 discussion....

Get acquainted with the new ALA website

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/webredesignatannual.cfm>]

Visitors to the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim will have the opportunity to view the revamped ALA website in its latest incarnation (see the preview [<http://staging.ala.org/home.cfm>]). Manager of Web Development Rob Carlson will make two 15-minute presentations—one at 2 p.m. and another at 3 p.m.—on June 30 at booth 1840 in the Exhibit Hall of the Anaheim Convention Center....

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/alastaff/1418753677/in/set-72157602321046743/>]

]How to get to the Chicago headquarters

[<http://staging.ala.org/ala/aboutala/contactus/directions/>]

Planning a visit to ALA in the summer? Here's how to get to 40/50 E. Huron Street from Midway and O'Hare airports by car or subway, with some parking lot suggestions, from the new ALA website's "Contact Us" preview area....

Featured review: Reference

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2585797]

Gates, Henry Louis, and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham (editors). African American National Biography. Feb. 2008. 5,568p. Oxford, hardcover (978-0-19-516019-2).

African American lives are "collected and resurrected"; in this impressive set, a product of the African American National Biography Project sponsored by the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research and Oxford University Press. The first few entries give some indication of its scope. The first entry is for an escaped slave known only as Aaron who became an antislavery lecturer in the North, and about whom almost nothing else is known; the second is for baseball great Hank Aaron; the third details the life of Jesse Aaron, a wood carver and folk artist who began making well-received "outsider" art late in his life. A supplement to the 24-volume American National Biography (Oxford, 1999), African American National Biography (AANB) records the contributions and achievements of more than 4,000 African Americans — slaves, architects, entertainers, dentists, political leaders, artists, poets, and activists. Just paging through the volumes offers some fascinating discoveries along with the essays on well-known figures....

The future of reference publishing

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2775664]

Sue Polanka writes: "Publishing executives have been engaged in this ongoing discussion, most recently at the Reference Books Bulletin Editorial Board program, 'The Future of Electronic Reference Publishing: A View from the Top,' at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. As a preview to the program, I asked four executives—John Barnes, executive vice president, Strategic Marketing and Business Development, Gale/Cengage Learning; Casper Grathwohl, vice president and publisher, Oxford University Press; Rolf Janke, vice president and publisher, Sage Reference; and Michael N. Ross, senior vice president, education general manager, Encyclopaedia Britannica—to answer a few questions about the industry."...

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Conference badges

If you have registered to attend Annual Conference, be sure to check your mail carefully for your badge registration packet. While some of them come with the ALA logo on the envelope, others are arriving with Experient on the return address and no apparent connection to ALA. If you receive this, do not throw it away—it contains your badge and other conference information. If you didn't receive a badge or tossed it accidentally, go to the "Will Call/Corrections" counter in the registration area at the Anaheim Convention Center to pick one up.

Twittering at Anaheim [<http://twitter.com/ala2008>]

Brian Eisley, an SLIS student at San Jose State University, has created an unofficial Twitter group for people to use during the ALA Annual Conference. The account name is ala2008. Twitterers can send a direct message to that account and it will retweet that message to everyone who follows it. For more information, see Brian's website [<http://www.brianeisley.com/TwitterALA2008/>]....
Twitter at ala2008

Go green at conference

[<http://greeningyourlibrary.wordpress.com/2008/06/13/go-green-at-the-ala-conference/>]

Are you staying in a green hotel? Read the ALA Annual Conference Green Report (Word doc

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/GreenReport.doc>]

) to find out. If not, be green where you are staying. Bring your own supplies and don't use those small, wasteful plastic bottles. Reuse your towels and sheets instead of asking for clean ones daily. Make sure your lights are turned off in the room. Share a room with others. Drink your morning coffee/tea and water from your personal mug/bottle you brought with you. Check out the Green Hotels Association website [<http://www.greenhotels.com/grntrav.htm>] for more ideas. And attend some meetings [<http://www.ala.org/ala/srvt/foe/taskforceenvironment.cfm>] of the Task Force on the Environment....

Going Green @ your library, June 13

Tips for healthy conference travel

[<http://www.ala-apa.org/wellness/tools.html>]

As you prepare to take off for your next big conference adventure, take a little time to gather up some tools that will help you stay well during your time away from home. This checklist, by ALA Emerging Leaders Ted Chaffin, Sara Jeffress, Jennifer Turner, and Laura Warren-Gross, considers wellness from seven different components: physical, environmental, social, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and occupational....

Circle of Wellness @ your library

Fascinated by Disneyland history?

[http://www.santamonicaexpress.com/index.php?page_name=disneyland&page_type=book&show=desc&hide0=excerpt&hide1=author&hide2=reviews&hide5=number5]

Impress your friends at the Scholarship Bash with tidbits of information about the attractions, restaurants, and stores in the Disneyland park from Chris Strodder's Disneyland Encyclopedia, published in May by Santa Monica Press. Here's a factoid: The oldest living things in the park are

the tall eucalyptus trees in the back of Disneyland City Hall. About 100 years old, they were saved from the original groves that preceded the park....

Santa Monica Press

OCLC events at Annual [https://www3.oclc.org/app/ala_registration/]
OCLC-sponsored events are open to all ALA attendees, but they would like you to sign up for them first. New this year is a game, "Take the WorldCat Challenge," that lets you demonstrate your WorldCat searching skills. Also on the agenda is the OCLC Symposium, June 27, "The Mashed-Up Library," with keynote speaker Michael Schrage and a panel of three librarians who have developed their own mash-ups....
OCLC

[<http://www.tutor.com/ala>]

Division News

ALCTS program features Oscar's library
[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALCTSpresprogram.cfm>]
Linda Mehr, director of the Margaret Herrick Library of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, will be the featured speaker at the ALCTS President's Program, "From Here to Eternity: The Challenge of Managing Oscar's Very Special Collections," 10:30 a.m., June 30, at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

Meet YALSA authors and editors
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/YALSAmeeetgreet.cfm>]
Want to learn more about publishing with YALSA? Come to the YALSA Authors Meet and Greet at 12:30 p.m., June 29, at the ALA Pavilion in the Exhibit Hall. Authors of many YALSA books, the editors of YALSA's journal and newsletter, and the YALSA Publications Committee will be on hand to discuss publishing opportunities with the division....

Bresciani, Herson, Floyd to speak at ACRL National Conference
[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ACRLspeakers.cfm>]
ACRL has scheduled a distinguished lineup of invited paper presenters for the ACRL 14th National Conference, "Pushing the Edge: Explore, Engage, Extend," to be held March 12-15, 2009, in Seattle. Marilee J. Bresciani (San Diego State University), Peter Herson (Simmons College), and Elson S. Floyd (Washington State University) will speak on measures of assessment and trends in administration....

Defining digital preservation
[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALCTSdigitalpreservation.cfm>]
] The ALCTS Preservation and Reformatting Section has developed a definition [<http://www.ala.org/ala/alcts/newslinks/digipres/index.cfm>] of

digital preservation. It was developed to promote an understanding of digital preservation within the library community as well as its allied professions and user communities. The definition marks a current understanding of digital preservation and grew out of a conversation held at the Digital Preservation Discussion Group at the ALA 2007 Midwinter Meeting....

editor

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ASCLAinterface.cfm>]
Emily Inlow-Hood has been appointed to serve as editor of Interface, the ASCLA membership journal. Communications manager at WebJunction, an online community for library staff, she will begin her official responsibilities immediately following the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

Great Early Elementary Reads

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/AASLgreatearlyelemreads.cfm>]
ALSC has released a bibliography, Great Early Elementary Reads, featuring recommended book titles for children who are just learning to read and beginning to read on their own. The book is free to download [<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/booklists/greatearlyelemreads.cfm>], copy, and distribute. Printed copies of the list will be distributed by ALSC at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

AASL will sponsor two Emerging Leaders

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/AASLemergingleaders.cfm>]
AASL will sponsor two members for the 2009 class of Emerging Leaders. This is the third year in which AASL has offered its members sponsorship in the program. The deadline to apply is July 31....

AASL to continue Beyond Words

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/AASLbeyondwords.cfm>]
The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded an additional \$520,000 to continue AASL's "Beyond Words: The Dollar General School Library Relief Program." Beyond Words [<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslwards/dollargeneral/disasterrelief.cfm>] provides funding to public schools affected by disasters to rebuild and expand library media programs. Funds will be available June 2008 to May 2010....

Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults #5

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/YALSAexcellence.cfm>]
YALSA has published a 5th edition of Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults, edited by Amy Alessio for YALSA, with a foreword by Mary K. Chelton, editor of the book's first three editions. The book, published with support from the Margaret A. Edwards Trust, compiles the winners of YALSA's recognition project of the same name, announced last summer....

New ACRL monographic series

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ACRLlifebalance.cfm>]
ACRL has launched a new occasional series, ACRL Active Guides, which provide theory-based practical tools dealing with workplace issues. The inaugural title in the series, Active Guide #1: Life-Work Balance,

written by Melanie Hawks, is now available. This book will give you a chance to reflect on your priorities, try out some powerful ideas and exercises, and honestly assess the choices you are making about your time and energy....

Round Table News

Amy West will be new GODORT chair

[<http://ala.org/ala/godort/godortnews/index.cfm>]

The Government Documents Round Table has elected Amy West, data services librarian at the University of Minnesota, as its chair for 2009–2010. As a metadata production manager, she has worked on the National Historical Geographic Information System that makes U.S. Census statistics from 1790 to the present available for free on the Web. She hopes continue the trend towards using technology to assist in GODORT activities during and between conferences....

NMRT student chapter of the year

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/NMRTstudentchapter.cfm>]

The New Members Round Table and the ALA Membership Committee have named the University of South Carolina Library and Information Science Student Association the winner of the 2008 ALA Student Chapter of the Year Award. The runner-up of this year's award is the ALA Student Chapter at UCLA....

Eating across cultures with EMIERT

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/emiert/aboutemiert/annual08.cfm>]

Join the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table on June 29, 8 a.m. to noon, in the Anaheim Convention Center, room 213C, for its membership meeting and program, "Eating Across Cultures: Food Is Culture." Three noted speakers will discuss the importance of food among immigrant populations as they assimilate into new homes, retain their culinary heritage and foodways, and contribute to shaping new cuisines and culinary traditions....

Awards

All about the YALSA awards

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/YALSAawardguidebook.cfm>]

In The Official YALSA Awards Guidebook, edited by Tina Frolund and copublished with Neal-Schuman, eight nationally recognized authorities have brought together essential information about the YALSA awards in one comprehensive guide. The guidebook will provide librarians with an exhaustive list of award-winning books with which to build their collections, as well as useful tools for promoting those books to readers....

Apply for the Scholastic National Library Week grant

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/2009NLWgrant.cfm>]

Libraries are invited to apply for the \$3,000 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant, which will be awarded to a single library for the best public awareness campaign incorporating the 2009 National Library Week theme, "Worlds connect @ your library." The grant is sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing and administered by the ALA Public Awareness Committee. Apply by October 17....

LITA scholarship winners

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/LITAscholarshipwinners.cfm>]

LITA has announced the winners of the three annual scholarships it sponsors jointly with other organizations (Informata.com, LSSI, and OCLC). The winners will be honored at the LITA Awards Ceremony at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

ASCLA Century Scholarship

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ASCLAcenturyscholarship.cfm>]

Lela Ellison is the 2008 recipient of the ASCLA Century Scholarship. She is a teacher and is involved in library classification duties at the Sri Atmananda Memorial School in Austin, Texas. The Century Scholarship is a \$2,500 monetary award given annually to a student or students pursuing a degree in library and information science....

Great Interactive Software for Kids

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALSCgisk.cfm>]

ALSC has selected its Spring 2008 list of Great Interactive Software for Kids, which recognizes high-quality computer programs and digital media for children 14 years of age and younger. For an annotated list of software, including recommended age ratings, visit the ALSC website

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/childrensnoteable/greatintsoftware/currentgisk.cfm>]....

Librereo video contest [<http://www.gale.cengage.com/librereo/>]

Remember to vote for your favorite of the five finalists in Gale's Librereo video contest. The contest celebrates a video creation that best portrays a love for a book or author in a unique, compelling, or memorable way. The criteria are creativity 25%, love for a favorite book or author 50%, and overall appeal 25%. The grand prize winner will be announced at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

Gale Cengage

Pittsburgh library is 2007 Network Library of the Year

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2008/08-112.html>]

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has been named the 2007 Network Library of the Year by LC's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The annual award for outstanding accomplishments by a network library was presented at a ceremony held June 11 at the Library of Congress....

Library of Congress, June 13

Lebanese-Canadian writer wins IMPAC Dublin Literary award

[<http://www.thestar.com/entertainment/article/441989>]

Montreal writer Rawi Hage's debut novel *De Niro's Game* has claimed the Dublin IMPAC Literary Award, the world's richest book prize. The 100,000 euro (\$154,700) award was announced at Dublin City Hall June 12. Hage (right) was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and lived in New York before moving to Montreal in 1991. *De Niro's Game* is set against the backdrop of the Lebanese Civil War in the late 1970s and early 1980s....

Toronto Star, June 12

StoryTubes 2008 winners [<http://www.storytubes.info/index.html>]

Sponsored by six publishers in partnership with five public libraries, the StoryTubes 2008 contest called for students in Grades 1–6 to submit videos of two minutes or less describing their favorite books. One of the winners of \$500 in books during the four weeks of voting was 11-year-old Olivia Collins (right) of South Portland, Maine, who explains in her video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9P17eYfp4E>] (1:54) why the book *Your Chickens: A Kid's Guide to Raising and Showing* by Gail Damerow (Storey Publishing, 1993) is helpful to people who want to eat locally....

StoryTubes, June 13

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

Seen Online

removed from Panama City school library shelves

[http://www.newsherald.com/news/panama_4419___article.html/school_bans.html

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The Bay District School Board in Panama City, Florida, banned Avi's Newbery Medal-winning book *The Fighting Ground*, about a 13-year-old boy witnessing the American Revolution, from library shelves after a split vote June 11. A parent had complained about the content of the book after noting several profanities uttered by some soldiers. "He read two pages," Brenda Toole, supervisor of instructional media for the district, said of the parent who made the complaint....

Panama City (Fla.) News Herald, June 12

Santa Fe goes WiFi despite opponents

[<http://www.santafenewmexican.com/SantaFeNorthernNM/City-OKs-boosting-wireless-service>]

Santa Fe City Council voted June 11 to proceed with a plan for wireless internet service in public libraries and other city buildings over the objections of those who say they are electrically sensitive. Its implementation was held up for two years by a small group of residents who cited an allergy to the technology and gave anecdotal evidence of adverse effects. The group focused on the three Santa Fe libraries, seeking to make them refuges from the technology. City Library Director Patricia Hodapp said

[<http://santafelibrary.blogspot.com/2008/06/city-council-unanimous-in-support-of.html>] she was proud of the council for studying the issue fully....

Santa Fe New Mexican, June 11; Icarus, June 12

Wellesley acquires 442-year-old Copernicus

[<http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x875592181/Wellesley-College-acquires-442-year-old-Copernicus-book>]

Wellesley (Mass.) College students can now visit the Margaret Clapp Library and leaf very gently through a 442-year-old volume of Nicolaus Copernicus's scientific masterpiece that opened the heavens to humanity. For an undisclosed price, the college purchased a second edition of his groundbreaking *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* (On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres), published in 1566, which made the then-heretical claim the sun, not the Earth, was at the center of the universe. Watch the video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44UH9QKG7Ao>] (2:22).... Framingham (Mass.) MetroWest Daily News, June 16; YouTube, June 13

Former director sues over wrongful dismissal

[http://www.macombdaily.com/stories/061608/loc_local02.shtml]

Former Fraser (Mich.) Public Library Director Sherry Schmidli filed a wrongful dismissal lawsuit in Macomb County Circuit Court alleging she was fired for questioning the city's authority over the library. But letters in Schmidli's personnel file tell another story. Staff members said Schmidli spoke through a puppet at meetings, talked about her sex life, berated and harassed workers, and asked employees to spy on each other....

Macomb (Mich.) Daily, June 16

Little Big Horn College celebrates new library

[<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2008/06/12/news/state/24-college.txt>]

The new library and archives building at Little Big Horn College in Crow Agency, Montana, represents the past and the future of the people of the Crow Nation whom it will serve. The new building, dedicated June 11, houses Crow wisdom in its archives, knowledge in its library, and the college's leadership with new administrative offices. The facility features traditional Crow art designs inside and logs and rock work on the exterior....

Billings (Mont.) Gazette, June 12

help fund London Library

[http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/books/article4116558.ece]

Royalties from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cats*, the long-running musical inspired by T. S. Eliot's verse, have enabled the poet's estate to donate £2.5 million (\$4.9 million) to the London Library. For 13 years, Eliot presided over the institution, said to be the world's largest independent lending library, founded in 1841 by Thomas Carlyle and others. On June 11, Eliot's 82-year-old widow, Valerie, formally handed over her donation towards an ambitious £25 million renovation of its premises in St. James's Square....

The Times (U.K.), June 12

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

Tech Talk

Firefox 3 climbs the charts

[<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2008/061808-firefox-3-released.html>]
Firefox 3.0 went live June 17 to big fanfare—and an early snag with Mozilla’s servers—while the open source browser continues to claw its way up the market-share charts. Statistics gathered in the first six months of 2008 by Network World show the use of Firefox at 36%, which compares with 28% in the first six months of 2007 (a 29% increase). The new Firefox has many new features, [<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/3.0rc3/releasenotes/#whatsnew>] is more secure, performs better than Firefox 2, and has some customizations [<http://lifes hacker.com/396312/power-users-guide-to-firefox-3>] that will appeal to power users. Download [<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/?from=getfirefox>] it here....
Network World, June 18; Mozilla, June 11; Lifehacker, June 17

Green cell phones from Samsung

[http://crave.cnet.com/8301-1_105-9969817-1.html]
Samsung showed its greener side June 16 as it unveiled two new, environmentally-friendly cell phones at the World IT Show in Seoul, Korea. The Samsung W510 is the company’s first mobile to be made of “bioplastic,” which is produced with natural material extracted from corn. In addition, the W510 uses a water-soluble coating, and no heavy metals, such as lead, mercury, and cadmium, were used in the production of the cell phone....
Crave, the Gadget Blog, June 16

Top 26 useful bookmarklets

[<http://oedb.org/blogs/ilibrarian/2008/top-26-useful-bookmarklets/>]
Ellyssa Kroski writes: “Both Lifehacker [<http://lifes hacker.com/395697/top-10-useful-bookmarklets>] and Micro Persuasion [<http://www.micropersuasion.com/2007/10/essential-bookm.html>] have compiled excellent lists recommending useful bookmarklets to make your browsing experience more effective. These handy little applications are a combo of the bookmark and the applet (a small computer program) and they set up one-click buttons which appear on your browser and perform a specific function. I have bookmarklets installed which let me save webpages as bookmarks in my del.icio.us account, and products to my wishlists in Kaboodle by simply clicking a button.”...
iLibrarian, June 16

International Children’s Digital Library enhancements

[<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2008/06/prweb1028454.htm>]
The International Children’s Digital Library, [<http://www.childrenslibrary.org>] the world’s largest collection of children’s literature available freely on the internet, announced June 17 the completion and implementation of its ClearText technology, which significantly enhances the translation and readability of the books available from the online library....

Publishing

The demise of the sentence

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/12/AR2008061202258.html?referrer=emailarticle>]

Linton Weeks writes: "What scares many scholars is the impending death of the English sentence. 'I see creeping inarticulateness,' says Librarian of Congress James Billington, who also sees the demise of the basic component of human communication, the sentence. If the sentence croaks, so will critical thought. The sentence itself is a story with a beginning, a middle, and an end. Something happens in a sentence. Without subjects, there are no heroes or villains. Without verbs, there is no action. Without objects, nothing is moved, changed, destroyed, or created."...

Washington Post, June 15

100 useful web tools for writers

[<http://www.collegedegrees.com/blog/2008/06/11/100-useful-web-tools-for-writers/>]

Laura Milligan writes: "Whether you're a freelance writer or someone with regular hours, the internet can provide you with unending support for your practical duties (like getting paid) and for your more creative pursuits—like developing a plot, finding inspiration, and playing around with words. Turn to this list for 100 useful web tools that will help you with your career, your sanity, and your creativity whenever you write."...

College Degree, June 11

ISBNs for digital books

[<http://pubfrontier.com/2008/06/16/the-isbn-as-sku/>]

Peter Brantley writes: "Already, publishers are making a single EPUB digital book package, and then leaving the proliferation of more discrete e-book reader formats to intermediaries, distributors, and wholesalers. Ingram will make the XYZ, Amazon will make the Kindle format. The publisher is only responsible for one file—the .epub package. We are rapidly jerking forwards into a near-term future where ISBNs will be assigned for derivative digital book products by intermediaries, not publishers."...

Publishing Frontier, June 16

[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com>]

Actions & Answers

The Cuban independent librarians debate—again

[<http://libraryjuicepress.com/blog/?p=432>]

Rory Litwin writes: "It is still not dead. A resolution has just been sent to the ALA Council list for discussion, calling on ALA to recognize the dissident 'independent librarians' as members of the library community who deserve our support as colleagues. On the one side, you have Robert Kent and company, who are campaigning for the cause of Cuban dissidents. On the other side, you have members of the Progressive Librarians Guild, myself included, and others who have engaged Kent on the listservs where he has sent his campaign messages."...

Library Juice, June 14

EPA toxic chemical library to remain closed

[http://www.peer.org/news/news_id.php?row_id=1065]

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will not reopen its specialized library for research on the properties and effects of new chemicals, according to documents posted June 16 by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. As a consequence, one of the world's most comprehensive technical collections on pesticides and other compounds will be permanently lost. The Office of Prevention, Pollution and Toxic Substances Library in Washington, D.C., had provided research services to EPA scientists who review industry requests for the introduction of new chemicals into the market....

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, June 16

Interview with Vint Cerf

[<http://www.infodayblog.com/2008/06/16/charlie-rose-interviews-vint-cerf-at-opening-session/>]

The June 15 Opening Session of the Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting in Seattle featured an interview by noted TV interviewer Charlie Rose speaking with Vinton Cerf,

[<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2008/Conference/keynoters/cerfbio.cfm>]

one of the founders of the internet and now internet evangelist at Google. Cerf gave a fascinating look at how the internet developed, where we are now, and some of the major issues we face. Don Hawkins provides an edited transcript....

Infoday Blog, June 16

A new concept: IIT's Thinkering Spaces

[<http://theshiftedlibrarian.com/archives/2008/06/17/thinkering-spaces-in-libraries.html>]

The Illinois Institute of Technology's Institute of Design has come up with a prototype for a relatively cheap, portable, collaborative space that can be put up and taken down in libraries of any size on the fly. It's built using an out-of-the-catalog Steelcase frame, and uses Johnny Lee Chung's Nintedo wiimote hacks to create an inexpensive, drag-and-drop environment. The point is to bring spaces into libraries that let people collaborate around the content that already exists in our buildings, add new content to the mix, mash it all up to create something new, and share it with the community. Rinse. Repeat....

The Shifted Librarian, June 17

Libraries: Essential to basic education

[<http://www.aasl.org/aaslblog/2008/06/13/libraries-essential-to-basic-e>

ducation/]

Washington State's Joint Task Force on Basic Education Finance is examining public education funding, an issue not addressed satisfactorily in over 30 years. The essential but difficult question: "What should be included in the state funding of basic education?" The latest advocacy effort of the Spokane Moms (Fund Our Future Washington [<http://www.fundourfuturewashington.org/>]) and teacher-librarians in the state is to inform the task force about the need for adequate and sustained funding in the funding formula for school libraries and certified teacher-librarians....

AASL Blog, June 13

IMLS grants \$20 million to support librarians

[<http://www.ims.gov/news/2008/061708.shtm>]

On June 17, the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded 31 institutions grants totaling \$20.3 million as part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. This year's grantees [http://www.ims.gov/news/2008/061708_list.shtm] will provide educational opportunities to library students and staff to strengthen Gulf Coast libraries; support school library media programs; increase the number of librarians, archivists, and library and information science professors; increase diversity in the library workforce; and strengthen that workforce to better meet the needs of users of all types of libraries....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 17

Marilyn Gell Mason to retire from WebJunction

[<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/200813.htm>]

Marilyn Gell Mason, founder and executive director of the WebJunction online community, has announced she will retire effective September 1 after serving in several prominent leadership roles in public libraries and for OCLC. She will continue to work as an adviser for WebJunction. Mason helped establish WebJunction in 2002 with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation....

OCLC, June 12

NEA announces Big Read grants

[<http://www.arts.gov/national/bigread/press/bigread2009.html>]

This September, The Big Read is giving even more of the nation's cities and towns something to talk about. The National Endowment for the Arts announced June 16 that 208 libraries, municipalities, and arts, culture, and science organizations will receive grants totaling \$2.8 million to host Big Read celebrations between September 2008 and June 2009. The Big Read gives communities the opportunity to come together to read, discuss, and celebrate one of 23 selections from American and world literature....

National Endowment for the Arts, June 16

50 reasons to read more

[<http://www.ananddhillon.com/blog/2008/06/50-reasons-to-read-more/>]

Librarians need no excuse to read more, but our patrons, funding agencies, and skeptical acquaintances might derive some benefit from this list. "15. Experience other people's adventures: From climbing Mount Everest to building a multibillion-dollar corporation, you can experience part of these feats by reading about them."...

Anand Dhillon, June 4

Talking points against the new Canadian copyright bill

[<http://www.brendonwilson.com/blog/2008/06/16/talking-points-to-defeat-bill-c-61/>]

A bill to amend Canadian copyright law that would make it illegal to circumvent digital rights management technologies, Bill C-61, is currently before Parliament. Brendon Wilson offers a concise set of talking points to use when educating your friends and informing your Member of Parliament about the wide-reaching ramifications of the legislation on consumers' rights. Open Source Cinema has created a PSA video [<http://opensourcecinema.org/node/2333>] (0:50) about the bill....

Brendon Wilson, June 16; Open Source Cinema

Are you a beatnik? [<http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/beatnik/>]

To accompany its exhibition On the Road with the Beats, the University of Texas at Austin's Harry Ransom Center has posted an online beatnik questionnaire ("Where do you live: Squaresville or Beatnik Boro? Sunnyville or Crazyville?") based on one created in 1960. A young Gerard Malanga (b. 1943), later the cofounder of Interview magazine, sent the questionnaire to his mentor, poet and publisher Daisy Aldan, probably not long after she published the works of several Beat writers in her anthology A New Folder (1960)....

Harry Ransom Center

Giving and receiving feedback

[<http://circandserve.wordpress.com/2008/06/15/giving-and-receiving-feedback/>]

Mary Carmen Chimato writes: "Annual performance appraisal time has come and gone at MPOW and with it comes the ups and downs of giving and receiving feedback. One of the hardest things a manager has to do is provide feedback about a person's performance. However, there are some tactics you can employ to make the experience go smoothly and help turn an uncomfortable situation into a constructive one."...

Circ and Serve, June 15

Things found in books

[<http://www.abebooks.com/docs/Community/Featured/found-in-books.shtml>]

Richard Davies writes: "Be careful what you use as a bookmark. Thousands of dollars, a Christmas card signed by Frank Baum, a Mickey Mantle rookie baseball card, a marriage certificate from 1879, a baby's tooth, a diamond ring and a handwritten poem by Irish writer Katharine Tynan Hickson are just some of the stranger objects discovered inside books by AbeBooks.com booksellers."...

AbeBooks

How to annoy a public librarian

[<http://rolandsaintlaurent.blogspot.com/2008/06/how-to-annoy-your-friendly-public.html>]

Five suggestions from Roland Saint-Laurent, among them: "If the computer you're working at has icons, delete them all as soon as you finish your session. I don't know why patrons do this, but I will occasionally see a computer station with either one, a couple, or all of the icons missing. Since there are a ton of computers in the library, it's usually not a

terrible inconvenience to the public,” but it certainly is annoying to the staff....

Stay Down Here Where You Belong, June 17

Libraries of Central Africa

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

Author Barbara Conaty profiles library developments in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Angola, Malawi, and Zambia. Of the Kinshasa Municipal Library in the Congo, she writes: “In a city where 9 million people make their home, there is just one public library, the municipal library of the Funa district. Headed by Professor Tete (right), who also teaches cataloguing at the University of Kinshasa, this library was established with the assistance of the French government in the late 1990s as an early bid for normalcy after the civil strife of Mobutu’s overthrow.”...

I Love Libraries

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

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

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

ALA Annual Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/home.htm>] in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2. Check out these coupons [<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6567732.html>] for the exhibit floor.

[<http://ala.org/ala/ppo/calendar/ac2008/files/AC08programs.pdf>]

Find out which literary lights are shining at Annual Conference with this handy guide (PDF file [<http://ala.org/ala/ppo/calendar/ac2008/files/AC08programs.pdf>]) to Adult Literature Programs and Author Events compiled by the Public Programs Office.

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&_pn=product_detail&_op=2542]

Skippyjon Jones

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&_pn=product_detail&_op=2542] is a Siamese cat who wants to be a Chihuahua dog. Young readers love the antics of this big-eared cat, and will happily join him in his latest reading adventure, bouncing into a book, in this ALA poster. NEW! From ALA Graphics.

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California Libraries: Places of Diversity

Join YALSA for the first Young Adult Literature Symposium, [<http://ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalitsymposium/symposium.cfm>] to be held biannually starting in 2008. The inaugural symposium, on the topic "How We Read Now," will take place November 7–9, in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. The Young Adult Literature Symposium is funded in part by the William Morris Endowment.

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

Future Survey,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=10697>] World Future Society, Bethesda, Maryland. A challenging career opportunity in identifying, condensing, and packaging leading-edge ideas shaping the U.S. and the world. Published monthly since 1979, Future Survey is a unique abstract journal covering books, reports, and key articles on trends, forecasts, and proposals. Editor must be able to deal fairly with new thinking about technology, environmental issues, and a wide variety of socioeconomic issues....

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

ALA will present a Lawyers for Libraries Training Institute [<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/LFLtampa.cfm>] November 14 in Tampa, Florida. The institute is primarily intended to equip attorneys with tools they need to effectively defend the First Amendment in libraries. Participants will be instructed by practicing attorneys specializing in First Amendment law.

Digital Library of the Week

[http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/inharmony/detail.do?action=detail&fullItemID=/ihs/sheetmusic/ihs-SHMU_13_03&queryNumber=1]

IN Harmony: Sheet Music from Indiana

[<http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/inharmony/welcome.do>] is a search and discovery system for accessing more than 10,000 pieces of sheet music from the Indiana University Lilly Library, the Indiana State Library, the Indiana State Museum, and the Indiana Historical Society. Funded through a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, IN Harmony features Indiana-related sheet music—sheet music by Indiana composers, arrangers, lyricists, or publishers as well as sheet music about the state. The collection includes works by such well-known composers as George M. Cohan, Cole Porter, Al Jolson, and Jerome Kern. Stacy Kowalczyk, IU’s manager of the project, said that one outcome of the project was to work through the issues of providing consistent terminology and mapping to ensure content is retrieved reliably. You can search the entire collection of sheet music by genre, composer, subject, name, title, year, instrumentation, or holding institution.

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

“Some people say information is power. Baloney. Information sharing is power!”

?Computer scientist and “Father of the Internet” Vinton Cerf at the Opening Session of the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in Seattle, June 15.

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=1926]

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. What should be my first steps in caring for our books and other materials damaged by storms and flood waters?

A. As noted in Tips for Salvaging Water Damaged Valuables

[<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/TFTIPS.HTM>] by the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works and Heritage

Preservation, water-damaged books “may be extremely fragile” so handle with care. To prevent mold growth, they “should be air dried or kept in a refrigerator or freezer until they can be treated by a professional conservator.” Also advisable: (1) If the object is still wet, rinse with clear water or a fine hose spray. Clean off dry silt and debris from your belongings with soft brushes or dab with damp cloths. Try not to grind debris into objects; overly energetic cleaning will cause scratching. Dry with a clean, soft cloth. Use plastic or rubber gloves for your own protection. (2) Air dry objects indoors if possible. Sunlight and heat may dry certain materials too quickly, causing splits, warping, and buckling. If possible, remove contents from wet objects and furniture prior to drying. Storing damp items in sealed plastic bags will cause mold to develop. If objects are to be transported in plastic bags, keep bags open and air circulating. (3) The best way to inhibit the growth of mold and mildew is to reduce humidity. Increase air flow with fans, open windows, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. Moderate light exposure (open shades, leave basement lights on) can also reduce mold and mildew. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Water-Damaged_Materials].

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

Calendar

July 17–20:

Harlem Book Fair, [<http://www.qbr.com/page11471.asp>] West 135th Street, New York.

Aug. 4–5:

Reference Renaissance Conference: Current and Future Trends, [<http://www.bcr.org/referencerenaissance/>] Four Points by Sheraton, Denver, Colorado. Organized by BCR. Contact: Justine Shaffner. [<mailto:jshaffne@bcr.org>]

Sept. 18–20:

ALSC National Institute, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscevents/institute/index.cfm>] Hilton Salt Lake City Center. “Trailblaze Your Path to Library Success: Professional Development with a Youth Services Focus.”

Sept. 27–

Oct. 4:

Banned Books Week.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek.cfm>]

Oct. 16–19:

LITA National Forum,

[<http://www.lita.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litaforum2008/litaforum2008.cfm>]

Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati. “Technology and Community: Building the Techno Community Library.”

Oct. 17–19:

AASL Fall Forum [[HTTP://www.ala.org/aasl/fallforum](http://www.ala.org/aasl/fallforum)], Oak Brook, Illinois.
“Assessment, Part II: Constructing and Interpreting Viable Tools
for Effective Student Learning in the Library Media Center.”

Nov. 16–18:

Public Education Network, [<http://www.publiceducation.org/events.asp>]
Annual Conference, Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco.
Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the first local
education funds.

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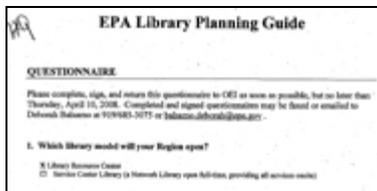
U.S. & World News

[Iowa, Wisconsin libraries bear the brunt of the flood](#)

As the overflow from the upper Midwest tributaries made its way to the Mississippi River and southward to Missouri, it has become clear that the historic floodwaters have hit libraries in Iowa and Wisconsin the hardest. But “the story of Missouri flooding is not over, as some counties received about seven inches of rain June 24,” leading to the Missouri River being back on the rise, Missouri State Librarian Margaret Conroy e-mailed *American Libraries*....

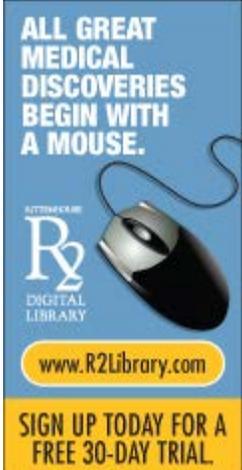
[EPA reacts to leaked report on Chemical Library's future](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials have refuted a report that the agency would not be reopening its specialized Chemical Library at its Washington, D.C., headquarters. EPA's Headquarters Library and the adjacent Office of Prevention, Pollution, and Toxic Substances Library were among a number of libraries that the agency closed in 2006. Rick Martin, deputy director of EPA's Office of Information Analysis and Access, told *American Libraries* that the document ([PDF file](#)) posted recently by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility was an early draft of the library planning template that was quickly superseded....



[Parents protest Planned Parenthood link on library site](#)

A group of parents in Batavia, Illinois, have asked Batavia Public Library to remove from its young adult website a link to [Teenwire](#), a sex education website created by Planned Parenthood and targeted at adolescents. About 50 residents, some of them members of the group Concerned Families for Batavia, attended a hearing to speak out against the link before the library board's June 17 meeting convened....

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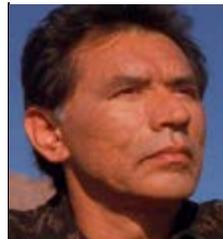
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ALA News

[Wes Studi to MC President's Program](#)

Actor Wes Studi (*Dances with Wolves*, *Last of the Mohicans*, and *Geronimo*) will serve as the master of ceremonies for the ALA President's Program that will feature a discussion of efforts to support Native and English language literacy for indigenous children. Studi is the national spokesperson for the Indigenous Language Institute in Santa Fe. The program will be held 3:30–5:30 p.m., June 29, at the Anaheim Convention Center....



[Win prizes playing games at Annual Conference](#)

In Anaheim, your knowledge of California will be put to the test in California Dreaming, a conference-wide scavenger hunt. As you explore the conference, you will encounter cryptic quotes and brain-teasing puzzles taken from books, movies, and music about California. With so many information professionals on the case, the competition will be stiff! If you want to [sign up](#) to play, you can join one of six teams....



[The unofficial guide to Annual Conference](#)

Mary Ghikas, ALA senior associate executive director, used to put together an informal snapshot of numbers and events for each conference as an insider's guide for staff. But word leaked out about its usefulness, and the document would get forwarded around to Council and other groups, so now it's become the unofficial guide. It's posted here ([PDF file](#)) for everyone, staff and members, as one of the most helpful documents you can take with you to conference....



ALA Marginalia, June 24

[Batting for literacy @ his library](#)

Al Smitley (right), winner of the "Batting for literacy @ your library" award, was presented with a commemorative bat June 16 by Anna Wells, director of museum education at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. As the winner, Smitley received a trip for two to the Baseball Hall of Fame for the 2008 Hall of Fame Game at Doubleday Park. He also received a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum and archives where he was allowed to hold Babe Ruth's bat and jersey....



Campaign for America's Libraries, June 24

[Attend a Membership meeting at Annual Conference](#)

Membership meetings are one important way that you can affect what ALA does. At the meeting, you can vote on resolutions to send to Council. In Anaheim, Membership meetings will be held on Saturday, 3:30–5 p.m., and on Monday, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m....

[Diversity and Outreach Fair participants](#)



[ALA Annual Conference](#)

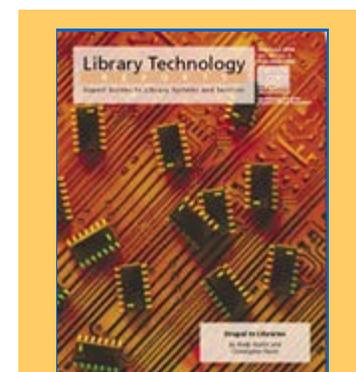
in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2.



Are you [blogging the conference?](#) Make sure you [download](#) (at the bottom of the page) this button and put it on your site.



Due to a family emergency, author [James Frey](#) will be unable to attend Annual Conference. His Auditorium Speaker Session on Sunday afternoon has been cancelled. HarperCollins and ALA regret any inconvenience this may cause.



The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee has announced the names of libraries and library organizations selected to participate in the 2008 Diversity and Outreach Fair at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. The fair will take place 3–5 p.m., Saturday, June 28....

[Social entrepreneurship on ALA Island](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office offered a preview of the PBS Frontline/World *Social Entrepreneurs Series*, followed by an introduction to its library outreach program, on June 20 on the ALA Island main stage in Second Life. Lori Bell (Lorelei Junot in Second Life), director of innovation at Alliance Library System, moderated the discussion and Mary Davis Fournier (Schnoodle Snoodle), program director in the Public Programs Office, answered questions on applying for the grant and planning social entrepreneurship programs for libraries....



[Judith Gibbons on ALA public awareness](#)

ALA Public Awareness Committee Chair Judith Gibbons discusses the importance of ALA's various public awareness vehicles, especially the Campaign for America's Libraries, in this Public Information Office [video](#) (4:50). She touches on recent campaigns involving such celebrities as Julie Andrews and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, noting that Andrews brought in her own production crew to create television and radio PSAs for the 50th anniversary of National Library Week....

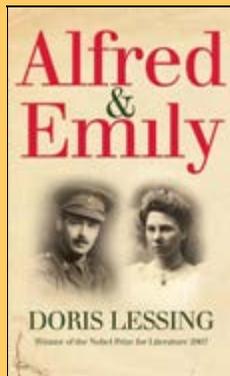


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Adult books](#)

Lessing, Doris. *Alfred and Emily*. Aug. 2008. 288p. HarperCollins, hardcover (978-0-06-083488-3).

In her first major work since receiving the Nobel Prize, Lessing looks back to the enduring mysteries of her parents' lives. "The First World War did them both in," she writes. Her father lost a leg and was tormented by untreated post-traumatic stress syndrome. Her mother never got over the suffering of the countless soldiers she nursed in London, or her husband's misery, made worse by the severe diabetes that shortened his life. Haunted by her parents' sacrifices, Lessing imagines alternative lives for Alfred and Emily in a sparkling novella....



[Top 10 biographies for youth](#)

Ilene Cooper writes: "This year's top 10 biographies for youth spotlight saints and strong men, patriots and pianists, showing

Andy Austin and Christopher Harris survey examples of [Drupal in Libraries](#) in this latest issue of *Library Technology Reports* (44, no. 4). Much of the report consists of a user-friendly how-to guide for libraries interested in utilizing Drupal—and its dedicated developer community—to build dynamic and easy-to-use library websites. **NEW! From ALA TechSource.**

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California Libraries: Places of Diversity

how diverse the world of children's biography has become. These books were chosen from titles reviewed in *Booklist* during the past 12 months."...

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

Anaheim Update

Conference tips from ALSC

Angela Reynolds writes: "I won't be going to Anaheim, but I am thinking of you conference goers! For those of you who are veteran attendees, this will seem old hat. But for the first or second timers, here's a few tips that always help me have a better conference, in no particular order of preference."...

ALSC Blog, June 20

Gale Cengage Learning shuttle buses

Free shuttle buses, cosponsored by Gale Cengage Learning and ALA, will go between the Anaheim Convention Center and all ALA hotels Friday through Tuesday at Annual Conference. Check the Saturday edition of *Cognotes* (the ALA daily conference newspaper) for route and time information, or Bin #1 in the Registration area for a flyer. Signs with route information will also be available in hotel lobbies. Accessible buses are available. Don't forget to stop by the Gale booth (#1400) and the ALA Membership Pavilion (#1840) and say thanks for the lift....

Google Maps conference guide

Cindi Trainor, coordinator of library technology and data services at Eastern Kentucky University, has created a Google Maps mashup showing restaurants, hotels, and other useful locations around Anaheim. The green pins show restaurants with Yelp reviews, the knife and fork are other restaurants, the martini glasses are bars with Yelp reviews, the red beds are hotels, and the cups are coffee houses....



Anaheim visitor shuttles

The [Anaheim Resort Transit](#) (ART) Service is a shuttle system that provides access to dining, shopping, and attractions. It stops at the Disney parks, the Anaheim Convention Center, and several hotels in the ALA hotel block and other locations in the area. Passes are available for \$3 for a day, or a five-day pass is available for \$12. There are kiosks on the streets and at some sites where you can buy passes, because they discourage taking money on the trolleys....



GLBT Orange County

Manley, Will
 "How I Got the Last Laugh," Ju/Jl 120
 "Is Everybody Happy?" Mar 88
 "B All Stacks Up," Jan/Feb 120
 "Librarian, Inform Thyself," May 80
 "Unproductive at Last," Apr 88
 Mares, Teresa, (photo) Jan/Feb 12
 Marino, Jane B., Jan/Feb 76, (photo) Mar 58, Ju/Jl 20
 Marrero, Victor, Ju/Jl 30
 Marron, Catherine C., (photo) May 21
 Marshall, Joanne, Ju/2 54
 Martin, Coleen, (photo) Mar 72
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 Mason, Desmond, Apr 71
 Massey, Adrian, (photo) Apr 25
 Maxwell, Nancy Kalikow, (photo) Jan/Feb 3
 "Librarians in the Jury Box," Jan/Feb 50-54, (responses) Mar 8
 May, Pam, Apr 70

A **cumulative index** ([PDF file](#)) for *American Libraries* print issues from January/February to June/July 2008 is now available on the AL Online [website](#).

Career Leads from

JobLIST

Emerging Technologies Librarian,

Ehrman Medical Library, New York University Health Sciences Libraries. Provides high-quality reference and education services to the faculty, students and staff of the NYU School of Medicine/NYU Langone Medical Center and its affiliates. Takes the lead role in identifying and promoting emerging and existing technologies and tools for library service initiatives, including tools for online learning initiatives....

@ [More jobs...](#)

Digital Library of the Week

The Annual Conference wiki has a list of GLBT-owned and -friendly restaurants, bars, and bookstores around Orange County, found using gaywired.com, *Orange County and Long Beach Gay Blade*, and *Damron Men's Travel Guide 2008*. If you want to get married while you're there, it has info on the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's office....



[Record a podcast in the Exhibit Hall](#)

All attendees are welcome to use the LIBcast booth in the ALA Membership Pavilion, #1840 in the exhibits, from Saturday to Tuesday to record and upload short podcasts to either a personal blog or website or the ALA Member Blog. Broadcast yourself with a "live from the exhibits" report or send an audio post to your readers talking about your experience at conference, what you have learned, or any topic you choose....

[Friendly skies may be a thing of the past](#)

Jon Hilkevitch writes: "The message from airlines wasn't reassuring at a June 24 forum in Chicago sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation for consumers to air their gripes. Essentially, they said, if you think it's bad now, you ain't seen nothing yet. They warned of shrinking service and higher fees for everything from preassigned seats to bottled water. Activists at the forum who are lobbying Congress to pass an airline passenger bill of rights scolded the carriers for blaming all their recent failures on high fuel prices."...

Chicago Tribune, June 24



Division News

New logo for LLAMA

As of September 1, LLAMA will become the Library Leadership and Management Association and will start using its new logo, modified from its current one. The new name, adopted by the division's membership in the spring with a 90% approval rating, emphasizes the association's role in developing present and future library leaders.



[Kids @ your library update](#)

ALSC has updated its [Kids! @ your library](#) public awareness campaign to include *The Library Dragon* readers' theater script; line art adapted from children's illustrator Michael P. White's Kids! Campaign artwork (sample at right); a bibliography of books about kids and libraries; a list of songs for kids about reading and libraries; a Dr. Seuss-themed hidden treasure puzzle; and a Dr. Seuss mad lib game....



[ALSC events in Anaheim](#)

ALSC has a full schedule of programs, events, and giveaways during

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Abstract: The chairman of the Wilmington Union Colonization Society and Robert Porter argues that free people of color do not and cannot enjoy a correct associate with whites, and will not be accepted on a basis of not declaring that "our separation from these people is the effect of moral indignation would demoralize society; the consequence of breaking up colored people, but to sink all to a state of degradation and unhappiness." even "cast of Africa" as the solution to what he describes "people by the American Colonization Society is deserving of more "of the resources of the removal general and common, there can be no doubt, that the whi

[The Digital Library on American Slavery](#)

a cooperative effort of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is a searchable database of detailed personal information about slaves, slaveholders, and free people of color. Designed as a tool for genealogists and historians, the site provides access to data collected from legal petitions filed from 1777 to 1867 in all 15 slaveholding states in the United States. This information documents where, when, and by whom slaves were owned, and provides insight into where, when, and how free people of color lived. Petitions can be searched by keyword, named individuals, or topic. The Race and Slavery Petitions Project was established in 1991. Its mission was to locate, collect, organize, and publish all requests for legal remedy, called petitions, filed with the legislatures of the slaveholding South, from the end of the American Revolution to the end of the Civil War. Copies of the original petitions are available on microfilm. Published under the title *Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks* by University Publications of America, the microfilm version and related guides are published in series according to state

ALA Annual Conference, June 27–July 1, in Anaheim, California. New ALSC members should plan on attending “ALSC 101: Making Connections,” scheduled to take place 4–6 p.m., June 27....

[Two more ways to connect with YALSA](#)

YALSA just launched two more ways for you to connect with the division and its members. YALSA's new fan site on [Facebook](#) gives you the chance to become a fan and connect with YALSA and teen librarians. The division's new [FriendFeed](#) space is a one-stop shop for finding out whenever there's an update on YALSA's twitter account, blog, additions to YouTube, and Flickr that are YALSA related....

YALSA blog, June 23

[New ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication](#)

ACRL and the Association of Research Libraries have announced a new regional Institute on Scholarly Communication, hosted by the Orbis Cascade Alliance, December 1–3, in Portland, Oregon. This immersive learning experience prepares participants to be local experts within their libraries. Participants, who are encouraged to attend in teams, will become fluent in scholarly communication issues and trends and begin developing outreach plans for their campuses....



[ACRL's Practical Pedagogy](#)

ACRL has released *Practical Pedagogy for Library Instructors: 17 Innovative Strategies to Improve Student Learning*, edited by Douglas Cook and Ryan L. Sittler. The book gathers 17 practical case studies using unique instructional methodologies framed by sound pedagogical theory. This casebook is an excellent tool for librarians who have had little formal training in education. Cases included cover a broad spectrum of educational theories, from behavioral to cognitive to constructivist....



[AASL preconference proposals wanted](#)

AASL is seeking proposals for preconferences at the AASL 2009 National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. The theme of next year's conference, which will be held November 5–8, is “Rev up learning @ your library.” The deadline is September 15....

Round Table News

[The future of the Federal Depository Library Program](#)

Join an open forum hosted by the ALA Committee on Legislation's Government Information Subcommittee and the GODORT Legislation Committee to discuss the future of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) on June 28, 1:30–3:30 p.m., at the Hilton Anaheim, California Pavilion C. The meeting will include a brief overview of the current status of the FDLP program by Government Printing Office representatives Rick Davis and Cindy Etkin....

District Dispatch, June 18

Awards

groupings and by type of petition—county or legislative.

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

“This monumental, brutalist incinerator has no place in the centre of our city, flanked by the glorious nineteenth century architecture and sculpture of our other civic buildings. Visitors to the city walking through Victoria Square and into Chamberlain Square from New Street are confronted with this import from post-revolution Russia.”

—Freddie Gick, chairman of the Birmingham (U.K.) Civic Society, on the city's Central Library, which is in line to be officially listed as of special architectural, historical or cultural significance, *The Daily Telegraph* (U.K.), June 24.



ALA and the [Guadalajara International Book Fair](#) are partnering for the ninth year to provide support for ALA members to

[ALSC to honor Newbery and Caldecott winners](#)

ALSC will honor the winners of the Newbery and Caldecott medals for outstanding writing and illustration in children's literature 6–11 p.m., June 29, at the gala Newbery-Caldecott Banquet to be attended by nearly 1,100 librarians, reviewers, publishers, and fans of children's literature. Author Laura Amy Schlitz and illustrator Brian Selznick will receive their medals and deliver their acceptance speeches during the banquet....

[Coretta Scott King Book Donation grant winners](#)

Three organizations will receive 2008 Coretta Scott King Review Book Donation Grants: Children Up, associated with United Youth Action for Progress in Gulu, Uganda (right); North Star Elementary School's PEAK Learning Center in Thornton, Colorado; and the Paul Cuffee School in Providence, Rhode Island. The grant was established to find a home for the books that ALA receives for the Coretta Scott King Author and Illustrator Awards each year....



[First Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship awarded](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation has named Jason McGill, a student at the University of Rhode Island's LIS program, the first recipient of the Gordon M. Conable Scholarship. The scholarship provides for the registration, transportation, and accommodations for a library school student or new professional to attend ALA Annual Conference....

OIF Blog, June 20

[LFF names winning Fit for Life libraries](#)

Libraries for the Future has selected 17 library systems to launch *Fit for Life* programming to address physical and brain health across the lifespan. In all, the 17 library systems will receive a total of \$292,000 in grants from MetLife Foundation, to be administered by Libraries for the Future. The grants provide tools and training to develop community awareness and boost healthy habits in urban areas....

Libraries for the Future, June 18



[FLICC awards for federal librarianship](#)

LC's Federal Library and Information Center Committee has announced the winners of its national awards for federal librarianship. The Combined Arms Research Library (right) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, won the 2007 Federal Library of the Year award in the large category, while the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Library in Landstuhl, Germany, won in the small category....

Library of Congress, June 23



[IFLA International Marketing Award](#)

Ros Dorsman (right) of Central West Libraries, Orange, New South Wales, Australia, won first place in the 6th International Marketing Award sponsored by the IFLA Section on Management and Marketing in collaboration with Emerald. The library developed an online classroom

attend the 21st fair, November 29–December 3. Italy will be the Guest of Honor at FIL 2008. Free passes will be awarded to 150 librarians who work in the area of Spanish-language acquisitions or are working to build their Spanish-language collection to better serve their community and users. The [deadline to apply](#) is August 17.

Ask the ALA Librarian



Volunteer Services

Q. We have a demand for new programming, but there isn't any new funding in sight, so we're thinking of expanding our volunteer program beyond the annual booksale. Are there legal issues we should consider?

A.Yes, there are, and they will vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, as well as over time. Before expanding your program you will want to consult with your library director and human resources department, or the appropriate municipal or campus offices, to be sure you are complying with local ordinances and policies. Various resources on [using volunteers](#) in libraries mention the following

partnership: online homework help for school students. The slogan for the winning campaign was "Have you done your homework?"...

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, June 15



2008 Pritzker Military Library Achievement Award

Allan R. Millett, author of *Their War for Korea* and *Semper Fidelis*, has been selected to receive the 2008 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. The \$100,000 honorarium, citation, and medallion, sponsored by the Chicago-based Tawani Foundation, will be presented at the Pritzker Library's annual Liberty Gala on October 4 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago....

Pritzker Military Library, June 23



Seen Online

Cedar Rapids PL looks for new quarters

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Public Library plans to lease space for staff and equipment as cleanup from flooding of the Cedar River continues at the main branch downtown. Staff are still not allowed into the building, Interim Director Tamara Glise said. Everything in the library's main branch was contaminated when floodwater reached to the third or fourth level of the shelves on the ground floor. Probably the entire [adult collection](#) of books was lost. Glise does not know whether the children's collection upstairs can be salvaged. *Library Journal* has an [interview](#) with CRPL External Relations Coordinator Marie DeVries....

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, June 20, 23; *Library Journal*, June 20



Czechs, Slovaks want to help Cedar Rapids

Gail Naughton, director of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, said she's been told that the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic will help the museum and the community with their flood recovery efforts. "The countries themselves are looking at making direct gifts from the government," she said. "They are also organizing a way for people who live in the Czech Republic and Slovakia to give to a fund."...

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, June 21



legal issues:
compensation for work-related injuries, insurance coverage for risk and personal injury, insurance coverage when operating a library vehicle, procedures for reimbursing any work-related expenses, discrimination, ADA compliance, confidentiality, background checks, disciplinary action, and contractual statements. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Calendar

July 24–27:
[Digipalooza '08](#), OverDrive user conference, Renaissance Hotel, Cleveland.

July 24–27:
[Comic-Con 2008](#), San Diego Convention Center.

Aug. 5–6:
[Les Bibliothèques Publiques du Québec](#), an IFLA satellite meeting, McGill University, Montreal. "Navigating with Youth: In These Days of Technology, How Can Public Libraries Attract and Keep Their Young

[House passes bill on federal wiretapping powers](#)

The House on June 20 overwhelmingly approved (293–129) a bill overhauling the rules on the government's wiretapping powers and conferring what amounts to legal immunity to the telephone companies that took part in President Bush's program of eavesdropping without warrants after the 2001 terrorist attacks. The FISA Amendments Act of 2008 (H.R. 6403) now goes to the Senate, which is expected to pass it this week. ALA President Lorie Roy expressed [disappointment](#) at the House vote....

New York Times, June 21

[Saddam Hussein papers at Hoover Institution](#)

The Iraq Memory Foundation, a Washington, D.C., group that collected about 7 million documents from Hussein's Baath Party headquarters after U.S. and British troops invaded Iraq in 2003, has entrusted the Hoover Institution at Stanford University with the safekeeping of those papers. But there is some [dispute](#) about where the papers belong. In a June 21 [open letter](#), Saad Eskander, director of the Iraq National Library and Archives, has claimed the records are the property of Iraq and should be sent to the national archives there....

Palo Alto (Calif.) Online, June 18; Stanford University, June 18; Library Juice, June 21

[Minneapolis merger costing more than expected](#)

Costs of the merger of Minneapolis and Hennepin County libraries are running \$3.5 million more than expected for Hennepin County. That news on June 24 prompted some county board members to cast blame and doubt on county and city staffers who made the deal. The unexpected costs range from higher benefit costs than expected for former Minneapolis library workers to a money-losing parking ramp under the downtown library....

Minneapolis Star Tribune, June 25

[Reardon named Free Library director](#)

Siobhan A. Reardon, executive director of the Westchester Library System in New York, has been named the new president and director of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Reardon replaces Elliot L. Shelkrot, who retired in December after 20 years with the library. Reardon said one of the biggest challenges for the library is raising the remaining money needed for the \$175 million expansion of the Central Library....

Philadelphia Inquirer, June 25



[Montana man pleads guilty to rare book thefts](#)

James Lyman Brubaker, 74, of Great Falls, Montana, pleaded guilty in federal court June 23 to charges that he stole rare library books with the intent of reselling them. During a search of Brubaker's residence, police discovered approximately 1,000 books, of which 832 were suspected of being stolen from libraries and universities. More than 100 libraries are represented. Hundreds of maps, lithographs, and serial plates were found in envelopes ready for sale on eBay. Possibly tens of thousands of maps, lithographs, and plates were found in plastic containers....

Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune, June 24

[S.C. library a popular place for kids](#)

Talia and Laterrikha Fleming enjoy reading. In fact, they like it so much they spent part of Tuesday afternoon outside the Union County (S.C.) Carnegie Library urging people to check out books and read them. Talia, 10, and Laterrikha, 8, were at the library when they decided to

Clientele?" In French and English, with simultaneous translation.

Aug. 6–8:

[Pacific Northwest Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Templin's Resort, Post Falls, Idaho. "Libraries Go Wild! Beyond the Expected!"

Aug. 14–16:

[Nevada Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Santa Fe Station Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas. "Bridging the Gap."

Sept. 23–26:

[Illinois Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Navy Pier, Chicago. "Libraries = Access: Provide, Promote, Protect."

Sept. 24–26:

[North Dakota Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Best Western Seven Seas, Mandan. "Libraries Under Construction: A Life of Continuous Education."

Sept. 24–26:

[South Dakota Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Chamberlain. "Your Passport to Success: Building Partnerships for Learning."

Oct. 2:

[Read for the Record](#)

sponsored by Jumpstart. Readers of all ages will join together to break the world record for the most children reading the same book with an adult on the same day.

make signs urging passing motorists to "Beep if you like to read."...
Union (S.C.) Daily Times, June 19

[EFF attacks RIAA file-sharing campaign](#)

The Electronic Frontier Foundation weighed in this week on the Jammie Thomas [file-swapping case](#), where the judge has [asked for public comment](#) on whether just making a file available for download on a P2P network should count as copyright infringement. Not only does the Copyright Act *not* grant a "making available" right, the EFF said, but trade groups also shouldn't be allowed to claim that an actual distribution took place based solely on downloads from their own investigators....

Ars Technica, June 22

[Alberta buys Sam Steele collection](#)

One of Canada's most famous Mounties, Sir Sam Steele (1849–1919), is finally coming home, or at least his journals, letters, sword, and uniform are. A remarkably rich, previously unseen trove of materials, this is "the Holy Grail of archival collections," according to Robert Desmarais of the University of Alberta, which bought the collection from Steele's family in England. Steele was the prototype Mountie, having been the third man to enlist in the North-West Mounted Police....

Toronto Globe and Mail, June 19



[Jenny Jones grant helps out Robeson libraries](#)

For some time, Children's Librarian Shelly Lane has wanted to make the Robeson County (N.C.) Public Library children's areas more comfortable and accessible. So Lane sought the help of former television talk show host Jenny Jones. She had heard about Jones's charitable program, Jenny's Heroes, and decided to apply for a \$25,000 grant. On June 19, Lane got the call she had been waiting for....

Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer, June 20

[Frugal Columbus librarian left a rich legacy](#)

Before her death at age 57, Carol Sue Snowden lived in a condo on the east side of Columbus, Ohio, and drove a used Chevrolet. She worked for 30 years in the Whitehall branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library and was the picture of frugality. But when Snowden died of ovarian cancer in January, she willed \$530,000 to the Whitehall branch and \$70,000 each to the libraries of seven Columbus-area schools—for a combined gift exceeding \$1 million. In addition, she left \$10,000 to a colleague to pursue a master's degree in library science....

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, June 14

This year the book will be *Corduroy* by Don Freeman (Penguin Young Readers). Find out how to [take part](#).

Nov. 7:

[8th Annual Brick and Click Libraries](#)

Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville. An academic library symposium.

Nov. 13–15:

[New Jersey Association of School Librarians](#), Fall

Conference, Hilton East Brunswick. "One Common Goal: Student Learning."

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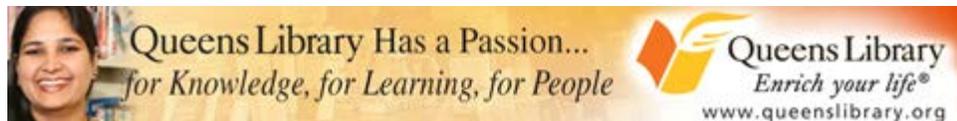
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Tech Talk

[Welcome to the Petabyte Age](#)

Chris Anderson writes: "Sensors everywhere. Infinite storage. Clouds of processors. Our ability to capture, warehouse, and understand massive amounts of data is changing science, medicine, business, and technology. As our collection of facts and figures grows, so will the

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opportunity to find answers to fundamental questions. Because in the era of big data, more isn't just more. More is different."...

Wired, June 23

[How Facebook works](#)

Alan Zeichick writes: "Facebook is a wonderful example of the network effect, in which the value of a network to a user is exponentially proportional to the number of other users that network has. Facebook's power derives from what Jeff Rothschild, its vice president of technology, calls the 'social graph'—the sum of the wildly various connections between the site's users and their friends; between people and events; between events and photos; between photos and people; and between a huge number of discrete objects linked by metadata describing them and their connections."...

Technology Review, July/Aug.



[Using Optical Music Recognition](#)

Andrew H. Bullen writes: "As an (admittedly amateur) local historian, it has been frustrating to be presented with spectacular examples of sheet music that give shape and depth to history yet be totally inept at playing the tunes on a piano or other musical instrument. Happily, as it turns out, through a combination of Optical Music Recognition (OMR) and music composing software, I can scan the music, 'read' it to detect the notes, time signature, etc., and tweak its playback to get just the right sound I want."...

Code4Lib Journal, no. 3 (June 23)



[District of Columbia PL to feature DRM-free audiobooks](#)

The District of Columbia Public Library is the first library to offer OverDrive's audiobook titles in DRM-free MP3 format. The collection, which went live June 25, will also be demonstrated at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. To enable the DRM-free format, OverDrive is working with participating audio publishers and library partners to reinforce the copyrights and permissions associated with download lending of the MP3 audiobooks....

OverDrive, June 25

[15 turning points in tech history](#)

Neil McAllister writes: "Imagine how different the computing world would be if IBM had used proprietary chips in the original PC, rather than off-the-shelf components. The PC clone market would never have happened, and IBM, rather than Microsoft, might have emerged as the leading company of the computer revolution. Or if Steve Jobs had never taken his fateful tour of Xerox PARC? Had he not seen PARC's GUI in action he might never have created the Macintosh. And then where would Windows be today?"...

InfoWorld, June 10



[ICANN to vote on new internet domain names](#)

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers is getting ready to vote to open up the internet naming convention to allow more options. On June 26 at its meeting in Paris, the nonprofit organization charged with overseeing the internet's naming scheme will vote on a

proposal to allow companies to purchase new generic top-level domains ending in almost anything they want. So instead of just .com or .org, eBay could become .ebay or Intel could be .intel....

C|Net News Blog, June 24

[From the hall of forgotten technology: McBee cards](#)

Kevin Kelly writes: "Edge-notched cards were invented in 1896. These are index cards with holes on their edges, which can be selectively slotted to indicate traits or categories, or in our language today, to act as a field. Before the advent of computers, they were one of the few ways you could sort large databases for more than one term at once. In the U.S., these cards were sold as [McBee Keysort Cards](#) and were often used in libraries to keep track of books in interlibrary loan programs."...

The Technium, June 17



Publishing

[The future of association publishing](#)

Lisa Junker writes: "For someone like me who works in association periodicals publishing, there have been some ominous rumbles to listen to for a while. Newspapers are contracting and even shutting down; I just read recently that *U.S. News and World Report* is dropping down from a weekly to a biweekly after taking a huge hit in ad pages. So I'm wondering how many association publications are asking questions like these: If our publication was available only online, would our members read it?"...

Acronym, June 19

[ATLA and EBSCO to digitize rare theological sources](#) (PDF file)

The American Theological Library Association is partnering with EBSCO to create digital archive collections of historical monographs and serials. The monograph collections will contain more than 29,000 volumes covering religion and theology, primarily between 1850 and 1923. The serials collection will offer more than 1,200 serials from the early 19th century to the early 20th century. EBSCO will enable libraries to purchase ownership of each collection rather than provide leased access....

EBSCO, June 25



[Global e-book survey](#) (PDF file)

Ebrary has released the results of an international survey on e-book use. Designed by more than 150 academic librarians, the survey explores how some 6,500 students throughout the world, representing 400 individual institutions, use or perceive using e-books. Anyone interested in receiving a digital copy may register at the [survey site](#). Printed copies will be available at the ebrary booth (#1792) at ALA Annual Conference....

ebrary, June 24

[Article-level records added to WorldCat](#)

Database producers H.W. Wilson and MLA have agreed to make article-level records available in WorldCat, increasing visibility and access to authoritative content licensed by libraries on the Web. The article-level metadata will be added to the more than 50 million articles indexed

from NLM MEDLINE, the Department of Education's ERIC database, the British Library Inside serials, the GPO Monthly Catalog, and the OCLC ArticleFirst database....

OCLC, June 18



Actions & Answers

[Rethinking research libraries in the 21st century](#)

How should we be rethinking the research library in a swiftly changing information landscape? In February, the Council on Library and Information Resources convened 25 leading librarians, publishers, faculty members, and information technology specialists to consider this question. Participants discussed the challenges and opportunities that libraries are likely to face in the next five to 10 years, and how changes in scholarly communication will affect the future library....

CLIR Issues, no. 63 (May/June)

[LibraryThing offers member home pages](#)

Tim Spalding has revamped LibraryThing, the social networking site for book lovers, to give every member a home page that serves as a center to visit the rest of the site. It offers pieces or "windows" into the site—your library, your connections, your recommendations, talk, hot books, hot reviews, early reviewers, and so forth. And it's editable....

LibraryThing blog, June 21



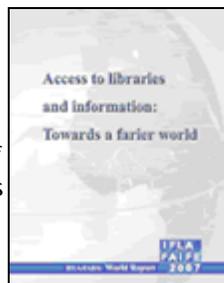
[100 useful niche search engines](#)

Laura Milligan writes: "Though Google is often touted as the number-one search engine online, college students sometimes need more specific tools to help them uncover quality information on the Web that they can use for class projects, research papers, and even job and apartment searches. This list features a huge variety of search engines that can be useful to students, including tools that find photos, sound effects, summer internships, health and medical information, reference guides, and a lot more."...

College@Home, June 19

[IFLA/FAIFE 2007 World Report available](#)

Volume 7 of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report Series, *Access to Libraries and Information: Towards a Fairer World*, provides an international perspective on several issues regarding freedom of expression and freedom of access to information. Available by sections or in full as a [PDF download](#), the report will also be offered later this summer as a print-on-demand book through the [ALA Store](#)....



IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression, May 17

[CALA releases self-assessment survey results](#)

The Chinese American Librarians Association has released the results of

a nearly year-long study focused on improving the member-supported organization. Results show that the desire for professional development ranks as the top reason for joining. The survey is the first one conducted in CALA's more-than-30-year history....

[48 social news websites](#)

Maki, a philosophy student in Toronto, writes: "I spent some time going through hundreds of social news sites and came up with a list of sites that I think are worth exploring. Each site on this list is evaluated according to various criteria, including the number of votes for each story and the frequency/date of submissions, all of which are indicators of activity."...

Dosh Dosh



[Neil Gaiman on the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund](#)

The Comic Book Legal Defense Fund is a nonprofit organization created in 1986 to protect the First Amendment rights of comics creators, publishers, and retailers covering legal expenses. Recently it released a series of PSAs featuring graphic-novel artists and creators explaining why they are supporters. Included are *Sandman* creator Neil Gaiman (above), [Jeff Smith](#) (*Bone*), [Frank Miller](#) (*Sin City*), and SNL comedian [Bill Hader](#)....

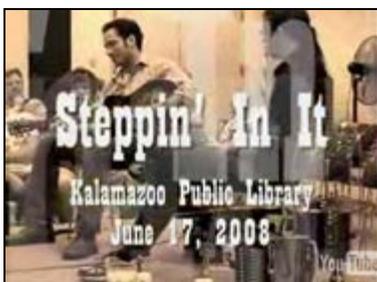
Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, June 19



[Steppin' in It at Kalamazoo](#)

Over the next few months, the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Library is featuring local musicians in a series of summer concerts. The series kicked off June 17 at the Central Library with a Lansing-based country swing and blues band called Steppin' in It. Watch [three videos](#) that present highlights from the show....

Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Library, June 18; YouTube



[If you're not gaming, you're losing](#)

Erik Boekesteijn and Jaap van de Geer, from the DOK Library Concept Center in Delft, Netherlands, travel to Chicago to explore gaming in libraries in this entertaining video (40:07). It includes interviews with famous bibliobloggers Jenny Levine (right), Michael Stephens, and Leah White, and visits to Kankakee (Ill.) Public Library and Schaumburg Township District (Ill.) Library to give some insight into the potential benefits of gaming for library communities....

Vimeo, June 20



AL Direct, June 25, 2008

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U.S. & World News

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Iowa, Wisconsin libraries bear the brunt of the flood

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/midwestfloodjun25update.cfm>]

As the overflow from the upper Midwest tributaries made its way to the Mississippi River and southward to Missouri, it has become clear that the historic floodwaters have hit libraries in Iowa and Wisconsin the hardest. But "the story of Missouri flooding is not over, as some counties received about seven inches of rain June 24," leading to the Missouri River being back on the rise, Missouri State Librarian Margaret Conroy e-mailed American Libraries....

EPA reacts to leaked report on Chemical Library's future

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/eparespondschemicallibrary.cfm>]

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials have refuted a report that the agency would not be reopening its specialized Chemical Library at its

Washington, D.C., headquarters. EPA's Headquarters Library and the adjacent Office of Prevention, Pollution, and Toxic Substances Library were among a number of libraries that the agency closed in 2006. Rick Martin, deputy director of EPA's Office of Information Analysis and Access, told American Libraries that the document (PDF file [http://www.peer.org/docs/epa/08_16_6_epa_library_specs.pdf]) posted recently by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility was an early draft of the library planning template that was quickly superseded....

Parents protest Planned Parenthood link on library site

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/bataviavteenwire.cfm>]

A group of parents in Batavia, Illinois, have asked Batavia Public Library to remove from its young adult website a link to Teenwire, [<http://www.teenwire.com>] a sex education website created by Planned Parenthood and targeted at adolescents. About 50 residents, some of them members of the group Concerned Families for Batavia, attended a hearing to speak out against the link before the library board's June 17 meeting convened....

ALA News

Wes Studi to MC President's Program

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/AC08studi.cfm>]

Actor Wes Studi (Dances with Wolves, Last of the Mohicans, and Geronimo) will serve as the master of ceremonies for the ALA President's Program that will feature a discussion of efforts to support Native and English language literacy for indigenous children. Studi is the national spokesperson for the Indigenous Language Institute in Santa Fe. The program will be held 3:30–5:30 p.m., June 29, at the Anaheim Convention Center....

Win prizes playing games at Annual Conference

[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/California_Dreaming]

In Anaheim, your knowledge of California will be put to the test in California Dreaming, a conference-wide scavenger hunt. As you explore the conference, you will encounter cryptic quotes and brain-teasing puzzles taken from books, movies, and music about California. With so many information professionals on the case, the competition will be stiff! If you want to sign up [http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Big_game_teams] to play, you can join one of six teams....

The unofficial guide to Annual Conference

[<http://discuss.ala.org/marginalia/2008/06/24/the-unofficial-guide-to-annual-2008/>]

Mary Ghikas, ALA senior associate executive director, used to put together an informal snapshot of numbers and events for each conference as an insider's guide for staff. But word leaked out about its usefulness, and the document would get forwarded around to Council and

other groups, so now it’s become the unofficial guide. It's posted here (PDF file [<http://discuss.ala.org/marginalia/wp-content/uploads/2008/06/ac2008final.pdf>]) for everyone, staff and members, as one of the most helpful documents you can take with you to conference....
ALA Marginalia, June 24

Batting for literacy @ his library
[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/alapio/2607826972/>]
Al Smitley (right), winner of the “Batting for literacy @ your library” award, was presented with a commemorative bat June 16 by Anna Wells, director of museum education at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. As the winner, Smitley received a trip for two to the Baseball Hall of Fame for the 2008 Hall of Fame Game at Doubleday Park. He also received a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum and archives where he was allowed to hold Babe Ruth’s bat and jersey....
Campaign for America's Libraries, June 24

Attend a Membership meeting at Annual Conference
[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Membership_Meetings]
Membership meetings are one important way that you can affect what ALA does. At the meeting, you can vote on resolutions to send to Council. In Anaheim, Membership meetings will be held on Saturday, 3:30–5 p.m., and on Monday, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m....

Diversity and Outreach Fair participants
[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/OLOSfairparticipants.cfm>]
The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee has announced the names of libraries and library organizations selected to participate in the 2008 Diversity and Outreach Fair at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. The fair will take place 3–5 p.m., Saturday, June 28....

Social entrepreneurship on ALA Island
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/PPOfrontline.cfm>]
The ALA Public Programs Office offered a preview of the PBS Frontline/World Social Entrepreneurs Series, followed by an introduction to its library outreach program, on June 20 on the ALA Island main stage in Second Life. Lori Bell (Lorelei Junot in Second Life), director of innovation at Alliance Library System, moderated the discussion and Mary Davis Fournier (Schnoodle Snoodle), program director in the Public Programs Office, answered questions on applying for the grant and planning social entrepreneurship programs for libraries....

Judith Gibbons on ALA public awareness
[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/gibbonsblog.cfm>]
ALA Public Awareness Committee Chair Judith Gibbons discusses the importance of ALA’s various public awareness vehicles, especially the Campaign for America’s Libraries, in this Public Information Office video [<http://www.pio.ala.org/visibility/?p=127>] (4:50). She touches on recent campaigns involving such celebrities as Julie Andrews and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, noting that Andrews brought in her own production crew to create television and radio PSAs for the 50th

anniversary of National Library Week....

Featured review: Adult books

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2841584]

Lessing, Doris. Alfred and Emily. Aug. 2008. 288p. HarperCollins, hardcover (978-0-06-083488-3).

In her first major work since receiving the Nobel Prize, Lessing looks back to the enduring mysteries of her parents' lives. "The First World War did them both in," she writes. Her father lost a leg and was tormented by untreated post-traumatic stress syndrome. Her mother never got over the suffering of the countless soldiers she nursed in London, or her husband's misery, made worse by the severe diabetes that shortened his life. Haunted by her parents' sacrifices, Lessing imagines alternative lives for Alfred and Emily in a sparkling novella....

Top 10 biographies for youth

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=2797720]

Ilene Cooper writes: "This year's top 10 biographies for youth spotlight saints and strong men, patriots and pianists, showing how diverse the world of children's biography has become. These books were chosen from titles reviewed in Booklist during the past 12 months."...

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

Anaheim Update

Conference tips from ALSC [<http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/?p=485>]

Angela Reynolds writes: "I won't be going to Anaheim, but I am thinking of you conference goers! For those of you who are veteran attendees, this will seem old hat. But for the first or second timers, here's a few tips that always help me have a better conference, in no particular order of preference."...

ALSC Blog, June 20

Gale Cengage Learning shuttle buses

[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Tips_for_Getting_Around]

Free shuttle buses, cosponsored by Gale Cengage Learning and ALA, will go between the Anaheim Convention Center and all ALA hotels Friday through Tuesday at Annual Conference. Check the Saturday edition of Cognotes (the ALA daily conference newspaper) for route and time information, or Bin #1 in the Registration area for a flyer. Signs with route information will also be available in hotel lobbies. Accessible buses are available. Don't forget to stop by the Gale booth (#1400) and the ALA Membership Pavilion (#1840) and say thanks for the lift....

[<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&gl=us&ptab=2&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=100234958050911716886.00044f53fd00f35e0d198&ll=33.806716,-117.916045&spn=0.008701,0.018711&z=16>]Google Maps conference guide
[<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&gl=us&ptab=2&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=100234958050911716886.00044f53fd00f35e0d198&ll=33.806716,-117.916045&spn=0.008701,0.018711&z=16>]

Cindi Trainor, coordinator of library technology and data services at Eastern Kentucky University, has created a Google Maps mashup showing restaurants, hotels, and other useful locations around Anaheim. The green pins show restaurants with Yelp reviews, the knife and fork are other restaurants, the martini glasses are bars with Yelp reviews, the red beds are hotels, and the cups are coffee houses....

Anaheim visitor shuttles

[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Tips_for_Getting_Around]
The Anaheim Resort Transit [<http://www.rideart.org/>] (ART) Service is a shuttle system that provides access to dining, shopping, and attractions. It stops at the Disney parks, the Anaheim Convention Center, and several hotels in the ALA hotel block and other locations in the area. Passes are available for \$3 for a day, or a five-day pass is available for \$12. There are kiosks on the streets and at some sites where you can buy passes, because they discourage taking money on the trolleys....

[<http://www.thecenteroc.org/>]GLBT Orange County
[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/GLBT_Orange_County]
The Annual Conference wiki has a list of GLBT-owned and -friendly restaurants, bars, and bookstores around Orange County, found using [gaywired.com](http://www.gaywired.com), Orange County and Long Beach Gay Blade, and Damron Men's Travel Guide 2008. If you want to get married while you're there, it has info on the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's office....

Record a podcast in the Exhibit Hall

[<http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/LIBcast>]
All attendees are welcome to use the LIBcast booth in the ALA Membership Pavilion, #1840 in the exhibits, from Saturday to Tuesday to record and upload short podcasts to either a personal blog or website or the ALA Member Blog. Broadcast yourself with a "live from the exhibits" report or send an audio post to your readers talking about your experience at conference, what you have learned, or any topic you choose....

Friendly skies may be a thing of the past

[<http://www.chicagotribune.com/travel/chi-airline-passengers-complaints-wejun25,0,5692929.story>]
Jon Hilkevitch writes: "The message from airlines wasn't reassuring at a June 24 forum in Chicago sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation for consumers to air their gripes. Essentially, they said, if you think it's bad now, you ain't seen nothing yet. They warned of shrinking service and higher fees for everything from preassigned seats to bottled water. Activists at the forum who are lobbying Congress to pass an airline passenger bill of rights scolded the carriers for blaming all their recent failures on high fuel prices."...
Chicago Tribune, June 24

[<http://www.tutor.com/ala>]

Division News

New logo for LLAMA

As of September 1, LAMA will become the Library Leadership and Management Association and will start using its new logo, modified from its current one. The new name, adopted by the division's membership in the spring with a 90% approval rating, emphasizes the association's role in developing present and future library leaders.

Kids @ your library update

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALSCkidscampaign.cfm>]

ALSC has updated its Kids! @ your library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/projectspartners/kidsyourlibrary.cfm>] public awareness campaign to include The Library Dragon readers' theater script; line art adapted from children's illustrator Michael P.

White's Kids! Campaign artwork (sample at right); a bibliography of books about kids and libraries; a list of songs for kids about reading and libraries; a Dr. Seuss-themed hidden treasure puzzle; and a Dr. Seuss mad lib game....

ALSC events in Anaheim

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALSCatannual.cfm>]

ALSC has a full schedule of programs, events, and giveaways during ALA Annual Conference, June 27–July 1, in Anaheim, California. New ALSC members should plan on attending "ALSC 101: Making Connections," scheduled to take place 4–6 p.m., June 27....

Two more ways to connect with YALSA

[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2008/06/23/fb-ff-two-more-ways-to-connect-with-yalsa/>]

YALSA just launched two more ways for you to connect with the division and its members. YALSA's new fan site on Facebook

[<http://www.facebook.com/pages/YALSA/35222707784>] gives you the chance to become a fan and connect with YALSA and teen librarians. The division's new FriendFeed [<http://friendfeed.com/yalsa>] space is a one-stop shop for finding out whenever there's an update on YALSA's twitter account, blog, additions to YouTube, and Flickr that are YALSA related....

YALSA blog, June 23

New ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ACRLscholarlycomm.cfm>]

ACRL and the Association of Research Libraries have announced a new regional Institute on Scholarly Communication, hosted by the Orbis Cascade Alliance, December 1–3, in Portland, Oregon. This immersive learning experience prepares participants to be local experts within their libraries. Participants, who are encouraged to attend in teams,

will become fluent in scholarly communication issues and trends and begin developing outreach plans for their campuses....

[http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2609] Practical Pedagogy

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ACRLpedagogy.cfm>]

ACRL has released Practical Pedagogy for Library Instructors: 17 Innovative Strategies to Improve Student Learning, edited by Douglas Cook and Ryan L. Sittler. The book gathers 17 practical case studies using unique instructional methodologies framed by sound pedagogical theory. This casebook is an excellent tool for librarians who have had little formal training in education. Cases included cover a broad spectrum of educational theories, from behavioral to cognitive to constructivist....

AASL preconference proposals wanted

[http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/AASLpreconferences_.cfm]

AASL is seeking proposals for preconferences at the AASL 2009 National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. The theme of next year's conference, which will be held November 5–8, is "Rev up learning @ your library." The deadline is September 15....

Round Table News

The future of the Federal Depository Library Program

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=527>]

Join an open forum hosted by the ALA Committee on Legislation and Government Information Subcommittee and the GODORT Legislation Committee to discuss the future of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) on June 28, 1:30–3:30 p.m., at the Hilton Anaheim, California Pavilion C. The meeting will include a brief overview of the current status of the FDLP program by Government Printing Office representatives Rick Davis and Cindy Etkin....

District Dispatch, June 18

Awards

ALSC to honor Newbery and Caldecott winners

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/ALSCnewberycaldecottAC08.cfm>]

ALSC will honor the winners of the Newbery and Caldecott medals for outstanding writing and illustration in children's literature 6–11 p.m., June 29, at the gala Newbery-Caldecott Banquet to be attended by nearly 1,100 librarians, reviewers, publishers, and fans of children's literature. Author Laura Amy Schlitz and illustrator Brian Selznick will receive their medals and deliver their acceptance speeches during the banquet....

Coretta Scott King Book Donation grant winners

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/OLOSckskgrantwinners.cfm>]

Three organizations will receive 2008 Coretta Scott King Review Book Donation Grants: Children Up, associated with United Youth Action for Progress in Gulu, Uganda (right); North Star Elementary School's PEAK Learning Center in Thornton, Colorado; and the Paul Cuffee School in Providence, Rhode Island. The grant was established to find a home for the books that ALA receives for the Coretta Scott King Author and Illustrator Awards each year....

First Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship awarded

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

The Freedom to Read Foundation has named Jason McGill, a student at the University of Rhode Island's LIS program, the first recipient of the Gordon M. Conable Scholarship. The scholarship provides for the registration, transportation, and accommodations for a library school student or new professional to attend ALA Annual Conference....

OIF Blog, June 20

libraries [<http://www.fitforlifelibraries.org/AcceptedLibraries2008.html>]

Libraries for the Future has selected 17 library systems to launch Fit for Life programming to address physical and brain health across the lifespan. In all, the 17 library systems will receive a total of \$292,000 in grants from MetLife Foundation, to be administered by Libraries for the Future. The grants provide tools and training to develop community awareness and boost healthy habits in urban areas....

Libraries for the Future, June 18

FLICC awards for federal librarianship

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2008/08-116.html>]

LC's Federal Library and Information Center Committee has announced the winners of its national awards for federal librarianship. The Combined Arms Research Library (right) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, won the 2007 Federal Library of the Year award in the large category, while the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Library in Landstuhl, Germany, won in the small category....

Library of Congress, June 23

IFLA International Marketing Award

[<http://www.ifla.org/III/grants/marketing-award-winners.htm>]

Ros Dorsman (right) of Central West Libraries, Orange, New South Wales, Australia, won first place in the 6th International Marketing Award sponsored by the IFLA Section on Management and Marketing in collaboration with Emerald. The library developed an online classroom partnership: online homework help for school students. The slogan for the winning campaign was "Have you done your homework?"...

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, June 15

2008 Pritzker Military Library Achievement Award

[<http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/events/2008-06-23-literatureAward.jsp>]

Allan R. Millett, author of *Their War for Korea and Semper Fidelis*, has been selected to receive the 2008 Pritzker Military Library Literature

Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. The \$100,000 honorarium, citation, and medallion, sponsored by the Chicago-based Tawani Foundation, will be presented at the Pritzker Library's annual Liberty Gala on October 4 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago....
Pritzker Military Library, June 23

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

Seen Online

Cedar Rapids PL looks for new quarters

[<http://www.iowacaucus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080623/NEWS/512742381>]

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Public Library plans to lease space for staff and equipment as cleanup from flooding of the Cedar River continues at the main branch downtown. Staff are still not allowed into the building, Interim Director Tamara Glise said. Everything in the library's main branch was contaminated when floodwater reached to the third or fourth level of the shelves on the ground floor. Probably the entire adult collection

[<http://www.iowacaucus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080620/NEWS/417453886>]

of books was lost. Glise does not know whether the children's collection upstairs can be salvaged. Library Journal has an interview [<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6571985.html>] with CRPL External Relations Coordinator Marie DeVries....

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, June 20, 23; Library Journal, June 20

Czechs, Slovaks want to help Cedar Rapids

[<http://www.iowacaucus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080621/NEWS/351807574/0/FRONTPAGE>]

Gail Naughton, director of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, said she's been told that the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic will help the museum and the community with their flood recovery efforts. "The countries themselves are looking at making direct gifts from the government," she said. "They are also organizing a way for people who live in the Czech Republic and Slovakia to give to a fund."...

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, June 21

House passes bill on federal wiretapping powers

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/21/washington/21fisacond.html>]

The House on June 20 overwhelmingly approved (293-129) a bill overhauling the rules on the government's wiretapping powers and conferring what amounts to legal immunity to the telephone companies that took part in President Bush's program of eavesdropping without warrants after the 2001 terrorist attacks. The FISA Amendments Act of 2008 (H.R. 6403) now goes to the Senate, which is expected to pass it this week. ALA President Loriene Roy expressed disappointment

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/fisa08.cfm>] at the House vote....

New York Times, June 21

Saddam Hussein papers at Hoover Institution

[http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/show_story.php?id=8411]

The Iraq Memory Foundation, a Washington, D.C., group that collected about 7 million documents from Hussein's Baath Party headquarters after U.S. and British troops invaded Iraq in 2003, has entrusted the Hoover Institution at Stanford University with the safekeeping of those papers.

But there is some dispute

[<http://news-service.stanford.edu/news/2008/june18/iraq-061808.html>]

about where the papers belong. In a June 21 open letter,

[<http://libraryjuicepress.com/blog/?p=439>] Saad Eskander, director of the Iraq National Library and Archives, has claimed the records are the property of Iraq and should be sent to the national archives there....

Palo Alto (Calif.) Online, June 18; Stanford University, June 18; Library Juice, June 21

Minneapolis merger costing more than expected

[<http://www.startribune.com/local/west/20902899.html>]

Costs of the merger of Minneapolis and Hennepin County libraries are running \$3.5 million more than expected for Hennepin County. That news on June 24 prompted some county board members to cast blame and doubt on county and city staffers who made the deal. The unexpected costs range from higher benefit costs than expected for former Minneapolis library workers to a money-losing parking ramp under the downtown library....

Minneapolis Star Tribune, June 25

Reardon named Free Library director

[http://www.philly.com/inquirer/entertainment/20080625_Reardon_named_library_president_and_director.html]

Siobhan A. Reardon, executive director of the Westchester Library System in New York, has been named the new president and director of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Reardon replaces Elliot L. Shelkrot, who retired in December after 20 years with the library. Reardon said one of the biggest challenges for the library is raising the remaining money needed for the \$175 million expansion of the Central Library....

Philadelphia Inquirer, June 25

Montana man pleads guilty to rare book thefts

[<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080624/NEWS01/806240323/1002/news01>]

James Lyman Brubaker, 74, of Great Falls, Montana, pleaded guilty in federal court June 23 to charges that he stole rare library books with the intent of reselling them. During a search of Brubaker's residence, police discovered approximately 1,000 books, of which 832 were suspected of being stolen from libraries and universities. More than 100 libraries are represented. Hundreds of maps, lithographs, and serial plates were found in envelopes ready for sale on eBay. Possibly tens of thousands of maps, lithographs, and plates were found in plastic containers....

Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune, June 24

S.C. library a popular place for kids

[<http://www.uniondailytimes.com/articles/2008/06/19/news/news02.txt>]

Talia and Laterrikha Fleming enjoy reading. In fact, they like it so much

they spent part of Tuesday afternoon outside the Union County (S.C.) Carnegie Library urging people to check out books and read them. Talia, 10, and Laterrikha, 8, were at the library when they decided to make signs urging passing motorists to “Beep if you like to read.”
Union (S.C.) Daily Times, June 19

EFF attacks RIAA file-sharing campaign

[<http://arstechnica.com/news.ars/post/20080622-eff-attacks-foundation-of-ri-aa-lawsuit-campaign.html>]

The Electronic Frontier Foundation weighed in this week on the Jammie Thomas file-swapping case,

[<http://arstechnica.com/articles/culture/riaa-first-judgement.ars?rel>]

where the judge has asked for public comment

[<http://arstechnica.com/news.ars/post/20080515-jammie-thomas-likely-to-get-new-trial.html>] on whether just making a file available for download on a P2P network should count as copyright infringement. Not only does the

Copyright Act not grant a “making available” right, the EFF said, but trade groups also shouldn’t be allowed to claim that an actual distribution took place based solely on downloads from their own investigators....

Ars Technica, June 22

Alberta buys Sam Steele collection

[<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20080619.wartifacts19/BNStory/Entertainment/columnists>]

One of Canada’s most famous Mounties, Sir Sam Steele (1849–1919), is finally coming home, or at least his journals, letters, sword, and uniform are. A remarkably rich, previously unseen trove of materials, this is “the Holy Grail of archival collections,” according to Robert Desmarais of the University of Alberta, which bought the collection from Steele’s family in England. Steele was the prototype Mountie, having been the third man to enlist in the North-West Mounted Police....

Toronto Globe and Mail, June 19

Jenny Jones grant helps out Robeson libraries

[<http://www.fayobserver.com/article?id=297246>]

For some time, Children’s Librarian Shelly Lane has wanted to make the Robeson County (N.C.) Public Library children’s areas more comfortable and accessible. So Lane sought the help of former television talk show host Jenny Jones. She had heard about Jones’s charitable program, Jenny’s Heroes, and decided to apply for a \$25,000 grant. On June 19, Lane got the call she had been waiting for....

Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer, June 20

Frugal Columbus librarian left a rich legacy

[http://www.columbusdispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2008/06/14/_0_CAROL_SUE_SNOWDEN_2.ART_ART_06-14-08_A1_EBAG5QO.html?sid=101]

Before her death at age 57, Carol Sue Snowden lived in a condo on the east side of Columbus, Ohio, and drove a used Chevrolet. She worked for 30 years in the Whitehall branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library and was the picture of frugality. But when Snowden died of ovarian cancer in January, she willed \$530,000 to the Whitehall branch and \$70,000 each to the libraries of seven Columbus-area schools—for a combined gift

exceeding \$1 million. In addition, she left \$10,000 to a colleague to pursue a master's degree in library science....

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, June 14

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

Tech Talk

Welcome to the Petabyte Age

[http://www.wired.com/science/discoveries/magazine/16-07/pb_theory]

Chris Anderson writes: "Sensors everywhere. Infinite storage. Clouds of processors. Our ability to capture, warehouse, and understand massive amounts of data is changing science, medicine, business, and technology. As our collection of facts and figures grows, so will the opportunity to find answers to fundamental questions. Because in the era of big data, more isn't just more. More is different."...

Wired, June 23

How Facebook works [<http://www.technologyreview.com/Infotech/20921/?a=f>]

Alan Zeichick writes: "Facebook is a wonderful example of the network effect, in which the value of a network to a user is exponentially proportional to the number of other users that network has. Facebook's power derives from what Jeff Rothschild, its vice president of technology, calls the 'social graph'—the sum of the wildly various connections between the site's users and their friends; between people and events; between events and photos; between photos and people; and between a huge number of discrete objects linked by metadata describing them and their connections."...

Technology Review, July/Aug.

Using Optical Music Recognition [<http://journal.code4lib.org/articles/84>]

Andrew H. Bullen writes: "As an (admittedly amateur) local historian, it has been frustrating to be presented with spectacular examples of sheet music that give shape and depth to history yet be totally inept at playing the tunes on a piano or other musical instrument. Happily, as it turns out, through a combination of Optical Music Recognition (OMR) and music composing software, I can scan the music, 'read' it to detect the notes, time signature, etc., and tweak its playback to get just the right sound I want."...

Code4Lib Journal, no. 3 (June 23)

District of Columbia PL to feature DRM-free audiobooks

[<http://overdrive.com/aboutus/getArticle.aspx?newsArticleID=20080625>]

The District of Columbia Public Library is the first library to offer OverDrive's audiobook titles in DRM-free MP3 format. The collection, which went live June 25, will also be demonstrated at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. To enable the DRM-free format, OverDrive is working with participating audio publishers and library partners to

reinforce the copyrights and permissions associated with download lending of the MP3 audiobooks...

OverDrive, June 25

15 turning points in tech history

[http://www.infoworld.com/article/08/06/10/24FE-tech-turning-points-tease_1.html]

Neil McAllister writes: “Imagine how different the computing world would be if IBM had used proprietary chips in the original PC, rather than off-the-shelf components. The PC clone market would never have happened, and IBM, rather than Microsoft, might have emerged as the leading company of the computer revolution. Or if Steve Jobs had never taken his fateful tour of Xerox PARC? Had he not seen PARC’s GUI in action he might never have created the Macintosh. And then where would Windows be today?”...

InfoWorld, June 10

ICANN to vote on new internet domain names

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-10784_3-9975757-7.html]

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers is getting ready to vote to open up the internet naming convention to allow more options.

On June 26 at its meeting in Paris, the nonprofit organization charged with overseeing the internet’s naming scheme will vote on a proposal to allow companies to purchase new generic top-level domains ending in almost anything they want. So instead of just .com or .org, eBay could become .ebay or Intel could be .intel....

C|Net News Blog, June 24

From the hall of forgotten technology: McBee cards

[http://www.kk.org/thetechnium/archives/2008/06/one_dead_media.php]

Kevin Kelly writes: “Edge-notched cards were invented in 1896. These are index cards with holes on their edges, which can be selectively slotted to indicate traits or categories, or in our language today, to act as a field. Before the advent of computers, they were one of the few ways you could sort large databases for more than one term at once. In the U.S., these cards were sold as McBee Keysort Cards

[<http://valinor.ca/mcbee.html>] and were often used in libraries to keep track of books in interlibrary loan programs.”...

The Technium, June 17

Publishing

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The future of association publishing

[http://blogs.asacenter.org/Acronym/2008/06/the_future_of_association_publication.html]

Lisa Junker writes: “For someone like me who works in association periodicals publishing, there have been some ominous rumbles to listen to for a while. Newspapers are contracting and even shutting down; I just read recently that U.S. News and World Report is dropping down from a weekly to a biweekly after taking a huge hit in ad pages. So I’m wondering how many association publications are asking questions like these: If our publication was available only online, would our members read it?”...

Acronym, June 19

ATLA and EBSCO to digitize rare theological sources

[<http://www.ebscohost.com/uploads/thisTopic-dbTopic-1052.pdf>] (PDF file)

The American Theological Library Association is partnering with EBSCO to create digital archive collections of historical monographs and serials.

The monograph collections will contain more than 29,000 volumes covering religion and theology, primarily between 1850 and 1923. The serials collection will offer more than 1,200 serials from the early 19th century to the early 20th century. EBSCO will enable libraries to purchase ownership of each collection rather than provide leased access....

EBSCO, June 25

Global e-book survey

[http://www.ebrary.com/corp/newspdf/ebrary_student_survey.pdf] (PDF file)

Ebrary has released the results of an international survey on e-book use.

Designed by more than 150 academic librarians, the survey explores how some 6,500 students throughout the world, representing 400 individual institutions, use or perceive using e-books. Anyone interested in receiving a digital copy may register at the survey site.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=MQw_2bsqqPdvfhhTWvN31Fwg_3d_3d]

Printed copies will be available at the ebrary booth (#1792) at ALA

Annual Conference....

ebrary, June 24

Article-level records added to WorldCat

[<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/200815.htm>]

Database producers H.W. Wilson and MLA have agreed to make article-level records available in WorldCat, increasing visibility and access to

authoritative content licensed by libraries on the Web. The article-level metadata will be added to the more than 50 million articles indexed from NLM MEDLINE, the Department of Education's ERIC database, the British Library Inside serials, the GPO Monthly Catalog, and the OCLC ArticleFirst database....

OCLC, June 18

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[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com>]
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Rethinking research libraries in the 21st century

[<http://www.clir.org/pubs/issues/issues63.html#rethinking>]

How should we be rethinking the research library in a swiftly changing information landscape? In February, the Council on Library and Information Resources convened 25 leading librarians, publishers, faculty members, and information technology specialists to consider this question. Participants discussed the challenges and opportunities that libraries are likely to face in the next five to 10 years, and how

changes in scholarly communication will affect the future library....
CLIR Issues, no. 63 (May/June)

LibraryThing offers member home pages

[<http://www.librarything.com/blog/2008/06/member-home-pages.php>]

Tim Spalding has revamped LibraryThing, the social networking site for book lovers, to give every member a home page that serves as a center to visit the rest of the site. It offers pieces or “windows” into the site—your library, your connections, your recommendations, talk, hot books, hot reviews, early reviewers, and so forth. And it’s editable....

LibraryThing blog, June 21

100 useful niche search engines

[<http://www.collegeathome.com/blog/2008/06/19/100-useful-niche-search-engines-youve-never-heard-of/>]

Laura Milligan writes: “Though Google is often touted as the number-one search engine online, college students sometimes need more specific tools to help them uncover quality information on the Web that they can use for class projects, research papers, and even job and apartment searches. This list features a huge variety of search engines that can be useful to students, including tools that find photos, sound effects, summer internships, health and medical information, reference guides, and a lot more.”...

College@Home, June 19

IFLA/FAIFE 2007 World Report available

[<http://www.ifla.org/faife/report/WorldReport-pr-2007.htm>]

Volume 7 of the IFLA/FAIFE World Report Series, Access to Libraries and Information: Towards a Fairer World, provides an international perspective on several issues regarding freedom of expression and freedom of access to information. Available by sections or in full as a PDF download, [http://www.ifla.org/faife/report/world_report_2007.htm] the report will also be offered later this summer as a print-on-demand book through the ALA Store [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/>]....

IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression,
May 17

CALA releases self-assessment survey results

[<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/OLOScala.cfm>]

The Chinese American Librarians Association has released the results of a nearly year-long study focused on improving the member-supported organization. Results show that the desire for professional development ranks as the top reason for joining. The survey is the first one conducted in CALA’s more-than-30-year history....

[<http://www.plime.com/>]48 social news websites

[<http://www.doshdosh.com/list-of-social-media-news-websites/>]

Maki, a philosophy student in Toronto, writes: “I spent some time going through hundreds of social news sites and came up with a list of sites that I think are worth exploring. Each site on this list is evaluated according to various criteria, including the number of votes for each story and the frequency/date of submissions, all of which are indicators of activity.”...

Dosh Dosh

Neil Gaiman on the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund

[<http://www.cbldf.org/support/archives/000361.shtml>]

The Comic Book Legal Defense Fund is a nonprofit organization created in 1986 to protect the First Amendment rights of comics creators, publishers, and retailers covering legal expenses. Recently it released a series of PSAs featuring graphic-novel artists and creators explaining why they are supporters. Included are Sandman creator Neil Gaiman (above), Jeff Smith [<http://www.cbldf.org/support/archives/000360.shtml>] (Bone), Frank Miller [<http://www.cbldf.org/articles/archives/000359.shtml>] (Sin City), and SNL comedian Bill Hader [<http://www.cbldf.org/support/archives/000362.shtml>]....
Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, June 19

Steppin' in It at Kalamazoo

[<http://www.kpl.gov/music/blog/?id=11378>]

Over the next few months, the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Library is featuring local musicians in a series of summer concerts. The series kicked off June 17 at the Central Library with a Lansing-based country swing and blues band called Steppin' in It. Watch three videos [<http://www.youtube.com/user/KalamazooLibrary>] that present highlights from the show....
Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Library, June 18; YouTube

If you're not gaming, you're losing

[<http://www.vimeo.com/1208483>]

Erik Boekesteijn and Jaap van de Geer, from the DOK Library Concept Center in Delft, Netherlands, travel to Chicago to explore gaming in libraries in this entertaining video (40:07). It includes interviews with famous bibliobloggers Jenny Levine (right), Michael Stephens, and Leah White, and visits to Kankakee (Ill.) Public Library and Schaumburg Township District (Ill.) Library to give some insight into the potential benefits of gaming for library communities....
Vimeo, June 20

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

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

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

ALA Annual Conference

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/home.htm>] in Anaheim, California, June 26–July 2.

Are you blogging the conference?

[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Blogging_Annual] Make sure you download [<http://ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/home.cfm>] (at the bottom of the page) this button and put it on your site.

Due to a family emergency, author James Frey [<http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/freycancels.cfm>] will be unable to attend Annual Conference. His Auditorium Speaker Session on Sunday afternoon has been cancelled. HarperCollins and ALA regret any inconvenience this may cause.

[<http://www.techsource.ala.org/ltr/drupal-in-libraries.html>]

Andy Austin and Christopher Harris survey examples of Drupal in Libraries [<http://www.techsource.ala.org/ltr/drupal-in-libraries.html>] in this latest issue of Library Technology Reports (44, no. 4). Much of the report consists of a user-friendly how-to guide for libraries interested in utilizing Drupal—and its dedicated developer community—to build dynamic and easy-to-use library websites. NEW! From ALA TechSource.

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A cumulative index (PDF file [<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/annualindexes/index2008.pdf>]) for American Libraries print issues from January/February to June/July 2008 is now available on the AL Online website [<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/annualindexes/index.cfm>].

Career Leads from

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

Emerging Technologies Librarian,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=10969>] Ehrman Medical Library, New York University Health Sciences Libraries. Provides high-quality reference and education services to the faculty, students and staff of the NYU School of Medicine/NYU Langone Medical Center and its affiliates. Takes the lead role in identifying and promoting emerging and existing technologies and tools for library service initiatives, including tools for online learning initiatives....

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

Digital Library of the Week

[<http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/results.aspx?s=3&sid=131>]

The Digital Library on American Slavery,

[<http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/>] a cooperative effort of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is a searchable database of detailed personal information about slaves, slaveholders, and free people of color. Designed as a tool for genealogists and historians, the site provides access to data collected from legal petitions filed from 1777 to 1867 in all 15 slaveholding states in the United States. This information documents where, when, and by whom slaves were owned, and provides insight into where, when, and how free people of color lived. Petitions can be searched by keyword, named individuals, or topic. The Race and Slavery Petitions Project was established in 1991. Its mission was to locate, collect, organize, and publish all requests for legal remedy, called petitions, filed with the legislatures of the slaveholding South, from the end of the American Revolution to the end of the Civil War. Copies of the original petitions are available on microfilm. Published under the title Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks by University Publications of America, the microfilm version and related guides are published in series according to state groupings and by type of petition—county or legislative.

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

“This monumental, brutalist incinerator has no place in the centre of our city, flanked by the glorious nineteenth century architecture and sculpture of our other civic buildings. Visitors to the city walking

through Victoria Square and into Chamberlain Square from New Street are confronted with this import from post-revolution Russia.”

Freddie Gick, chairman of the Birmingham (U.K.) Civic Society, on the city’s Central Library, which is in line to be officially listed as of special architectural, historical or cultural significance, *The Daily Telegraph* (U.K.), June 24.

ALA and the Guadalajara International Book Fair

[http://www.fil.com.mx/ingles/i_index.asp] are partnering for the ninth year to provide support for ALA members to attend the 21st fair, November 29–December 3. Italy will be the Guest of Honor at FIL 2008. Free passes will be awarded to 150 librarians who work in the area of Spanish-language acquisitions or are working to build their Spanish-language collection to better serve their community and users. The deadline to apply [<http://ala.org/ala/iro/iroactivities/guadalajarabook.cfm>] is August 17.

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. We have a demand for new programming, but there isn’t any new funding in sight, so we’re thinking of expanding our volunteer program beyond the annual booksale. Are there legal issues we should consider?

A. Yes, there are, and they will vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, as well as over time. Before expanding your program you will want to consult with your library director and human resources department, or the appropriate municipal or campus offices, to be sure you are complying with local ordinances and policies. Various resources on using volunteers [<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Volunteers>] in libraries mention the following legal issues: compensation for work-related injuries, insurance coverage for risk and personal injury, insurance coverage when operating a library vehicle, procedures for reimbursing any work-related expenses, discrimination, ADA compliance, confidentiality, background checks, disciplinary action, and contractual statements. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Volunteers_in_Libraries].

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

Calendar

July 24–27:

Digipalooza ’08, [<http://www.digipalooza.com/>] OverDrive user conference, Renaissance Hotel, Cleveland.

July 24–27:

Comic-Con 2008, [<http://www.comic-con.org/cci/>] San Diego Convention Center.

Aug. 5–6:

Les Bibliothèques Publiques du Québec,
[<http://www.majuscules.ca/satelliteifla2008/home.html>] an IFLA satellite meeting, McGill University, Montreal. “Navigating with Youth: In These Days of Technology, How Can Public Libraries Attract and Keep Their Young Clientele?” In French and English, with simultaneous translation.

Aug. 6–8:

Pacific Northwest Library Association,
[<http://www.pnla.org/events/conference08/index.htm>] Annual Conference, Templin’s Resort, Post Falls, Idaho. “Libraries Go Wild! Beyond the Expected!”

Aug. 14–16:

Nevada Library Association, [<http://nla2008.blogspot.com/>] Annual Conference, Santa Fe Station Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas. “Bridging the Gap.”

Sept. 23–26:

Illinois Library Association, [<http://www.ila.org/events/conference.htm>] Annual Conference, Navy Pier, Chicago. “Libraries = Access: Provide, Promote, Protect.”

Sept. 24–26:

North Dakota Library Association,
[<http://www.ndla.info/Conference/08conf.htm>] Annual Conference, Best Western Seven Seas, Mandan. “Libraries Under Construction: A Life of Continuous Education.”

Sept. 24–26:

South Dakota Library Association,
[http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org/conf_planning_files/AnnualConference.asp] Annual Conference, Chamberlain. “Your Passport to Success: Building Partnerships for Learning.”

Oct. 2:

Read for the Record, [<http://www.readfortherecord.org/site/PageServer>] sponsored by Jumpstart. Readers of all ages will join together to break the world record for the most children reading the same book with an adult on the same day. This year the book will be Corduroy by Don Freeman (Penguin Young Readers). Find out how to take part.
[http://www.readfortherecord.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events_main]

Nov. 7:

8th Annual Brick and Click Libraries, [<http://brickandclick.org/>] Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville. An academic library

symposium.

Nov. 13–15:

New Jersey Association of School Librarians,
[<http://www.njasl.org/Conferences.htm>] Fall Conference, Hilton East
Brunswick. “One Common Goal: Student Learning.”

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