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U.S. & World News

[Advice to libraries on applying for broadband grants](#)

The ALA Washington Office is making a final push to inform and guide libraries as the August 14 deadline for the first-round Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant applications draws near. A host of [stimulus resources](#) for libraries—including webinars, instructional guidance, key links, and a list of frequently asked questions—can be found online. Also available is a key informational guide ([PDF file](#)) on applying to this program and a brand-new document that demonstrates the role of libraries in economic recovery for BTOP applicants ([PDF file](#))....

District Dispatch, Aug. 5



[Library groups advise DOJ on Google Books settlement](#)

ALA, ACRL, and the Association of Research Libraries sent a letter ([PDF file](#)) July 29 to William Cavanaugh, deputy assistant attorney general of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, voicing their general approval of the proposed settlement of lawsuits challenging Google's Book Search project but reiterating their concerns over access and pricing issues. The DOJ has been looking into whether the agreement violates antitrust laws....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 5



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ALA News

[FCC should consider libraries in broadband plan](#)

ALA President Camila Alire is encouraging the Federal Communications Commission to consider the role of America's libraries in a National Broadband Plan as the agency begins its workshop series to develop the plan. The first workshop, to be held August 6, will focus on civic engagement and e-government—two

areas in which libraries are active and positioned to serve in a heightened capacity as the FCC establishes new goals and initiatives....

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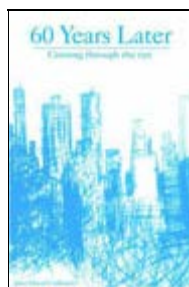
[FTRF urges Supreme Court to reject ban on animal-cruelty depictions](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation has joined publishers, booksellers, writers, and other media groups in an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down a statute that, if upheld, would allow the government to ban a wide range of material. The law in question, a 1999 law that makes it a crime to create, sell, or possess any photograph, film, video, or sound recording in which an animal is harmed or killed, subjects anyone convicted under the law to a possible five-year prison term and fines....

[ALA files amicus brief in Salinger case](#)

ALA, ACRL, the Association of Research Libraries, and other groups have filed an amicus brief ([PDF file](#)) asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to reverse a district court's ruling in *Salinger v. Colting*. In July, the court ruled in favor of author J. D. Salinger, who claimed that Swedish author Fredrik Colting, the author of *60 Years Later: Coming through the Rye*, infringed his copyright on *Catcher in the Rye*....

District Dispatch, Aug. 4



Selected ALA Council actions at Annual Conference

At Annual Conference in Chicago, the ALA Council passed several resolutions, among them [marriage rights](#) for all; affordable [universal health care](#); compliance with the World Wide Web Consortium's [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0](#); the goals of [Intergeneration Day](#) on October 4; and [accessibility standards](#) on purchasing, procuring, and contracting for electronic resources and services....

[Hear *The Time Travelers Wife* audiobook on ALA Island](#)

ALA Island in Second Life has been granted permission by the HighBridge Company to make a six-minute excerpt from *The Time Traveler's Wife: Unabridged Edition* audiobook available to its avatar visitors. SL residents can teleport to [Story Hour Garden](#) to hear the excerpt from this audio version of Audrey Niffenegger's 2003 bestselling novel. The film starring Eric Bana and Rachel McAdams opens on August 14....



[Put it on your calendar](#)

As parents get ready to send their children back to



Jane Jerrard's [*Crisis in Employment*](#) will help you meet the needs of patrons seeking new work, making career changes, or starting their own businesses in a comprehensive way that suits your local community's conditions. **NEW!**
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Summertime in Chicago

school, the ALA Public Information Office is reminding everyone that Library Card Sign-up Month is right around the corner. Observed each September, Library Card Sign-up Month is an opportunity to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. With the help of this year's Honorary Chair Candace Parker—WNBA star and Olympic gold medalist—PIO is working to place print and audio PSAs....



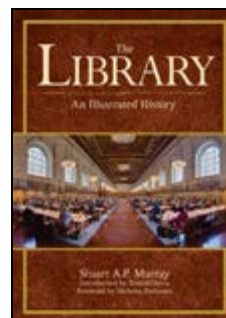
[Guadalajara Book Fair free pass program](#)

ALA and the Guadalajara International Book Fair are partnering for the ninth year to provide support for ALA members to attend the 22nd [Guadalajara International Book Fair](#) (FIL) from November 28 to December 6. The city of Los Angeles will be the Guest of Honor at FIL 2009. 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 collections. Applicants must be ALA personal members. The deadline to apply is August 17....



[A well-illustrated history of libraries](#)

In [The Library: An Illustrated History](#), Stuart A. P. Murray traces the elaborate history of the library from its very beginnings in the ancient libraries of Babylon and Alexandria to some of the greatest contemporary institutions—the Royal Society of London, the Newberry Library, the Smithsonian, and many others. A rich textual and visual resource, this ALA Editions release allows readers to follow the fascinating progress of the institution we now know today as the library....



[Crucial tools for the economic downturn](#)

ALA Editions has released [Crisis in Employment: A Librarian's Guide to Helping Job Seekers](#) by Jane Jerrard, with a foreword by Office for Research and Statistics Director Denise Davis. This timely report, also available in [electronic format](#), provides the tools needed to support those who are turning to their local library for help in finding new work. Based on interviews with librarians across the country and on research from ORS, this publication offers advice and methods for providing appropriate training and education to job seekers....



[Latvia joins the Campaign](#)

The Latvian Librarians Association is the newest member of the ALA Campaign for the World's Libraries, an effort cosponsored by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions to showcase the unique and vital roles played by public, school, academic, and special libraries worldwide. Established in 1923, the [Latvian Librarians Association](#) has been a member of IFLA since 1929....



Prescription for Financial Recovery

Librarians As Writers

Licenses and Legalities

Career Leads from



[Assistant Library Director](#)

Parmley Billings Library, Billings, Montana. This is the public library serving the 123,000 residents of Billings and Yellowstone County. The position is responsible for supervision of daily operations of the library; coordination of collection management, program planning, public relations, and special projects. Qualifications are an advanced education equivalent to a master's degree or specialized certification and a total of seven or more years of combined education and experience, or equivalent. This position requires strong interpersonal skills, the ability to operate personal computers, and proficiency with Microsoft Office applications....



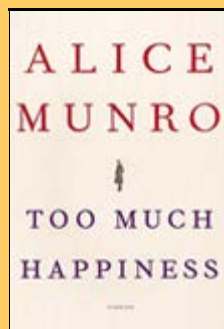
Booklist

ONLINE

Featured review: Adult books

Munro, Alice. *Too Much Happiness*. Nov. 2009. 320p. Knopf, hardcover (978-0-307-26976-8).

There aren't enough stories in Munro's latest collection. Yes, in actual number (11), they certainly add up to a good-sized collection. But Munro is in her stride—when no one can approach her short-story genius—a condition in which she fully maintains herself in this, her eleventh collection. Awestruck readers will realize about three-quarters of the way through this book that they won't be satiated. *More* stories, please. The stories indeed are outstanding. Munro's famous even-handed yet astonishingly acute psychological depictions of ordinary mothers, fathers, lovers, and neighbors—primarily natives of her native rural and small-town Ontario—which she relays to her readers in her trademark placid but sonorous prose style, are exemplary of her supreme mastery of the form. These fictions are longish for short stories, as is Munro's practice....



You ain't no Koontz

Bill Ott writes: "A few weeks ago, I was sitting at the Green Mill, a jazz bar in Chicago, with Keir Graff and Frank Sennett, editor of *Time Out Chicago* (and a longtime *Booklist* contributor). Perhaps it was that second Manhattan, but Frank seemed excited about the upcoming publication of a collection of my Back Page columns. 'That's great, Bill,' Frank said. 'You should do something to celebrate. Maybe a book-launch party?' 'I don't know, Frank,' I cautioned. 'The book is published by ALA Editions, not Random House, and ALA doesn't really do launch parties.' Not deterred—and I'm sure this had plenty to do with the recently arrived third round of Manhattans—Frank had a new idea. 'Maybe *Time Out* could do a party. I'll talk to our marketing people.' Later that week, I heard that Frank had talked to his marketing people and wanted to go ahead with plans to host a launch party for *The Back Page* in Pritzker Park, just north of Harold Washington Library in Chicago's Loop. Still a bit mystified over the concept but never one to look a gift horse in the mouth, I accepted the odd fact that my little clip book of *Booklist* columns was going to be launched."...



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Scottsdale \(Ariz.\) Public Library digital collection](#) offers access to digital images of cultural and historical interest to Scottsdale residents as well as to students and researchers. The collection showcases the history and growth of what has changed from a small farming community into a world-class city. At present, the collection's time period spans the late 1800s to the mid-20th century and contains

Division News

[Kristoff and Vowell slated for PLA National Conference](#)

Two-time Pulitzer Prize–winning columnist Nicholas D. Kristof will keynote the opening general session at the Public Library Association's 13th National Conference in Portland, Oregon, March 23–27, 2010. Bestselling author, social observer, and contributor to NPR's *This American Life*, Sarah Vowell, is scheduled to keynote the closing session at the conference....



[Karen Starr elected LITA president](#)

Karen Starr, assistant administrator for development services at the Nevada State Library and Archives, is the new president-elect of LITA. Starr has served as a member of the LITA board of directors. She has experience in international relations, having served on the LITA International Relations Committee and in various roles with the ALA International Relations Round Table....



Awards

[Carr honored for history librarianship](#)

Ruth A. Carr, a 20-year member of RUSA's History Section, is the 2009 recipient of the Genealogical Publishing Company Award. The award, administered by the History Section and sponsored by Genealogical Publishing Company, presents a citation and \$1,500 cash prize to a librarian, library, or publisher who has demonstrated professional achievement in historical reference and research librarianship....

[Rossini receives STARS Mentoring award](#)

Beverly Rossini has been selected as the 2009 recipient of the RUSA Mentoring Award, administered by its Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section. The award provides \$1,000 to fund travel expenses associated with attending ALA's annual conference for an ILL or document delivery librarian. Rossini is outreach and information resources librarian at the Baugh Biomedical Library, University of South Alabama....



[African-American Research Center wins RUSA award](#)

The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, a part of the Broward County (Fla.) Libraries Division, has been selected as the 2009 winner of the Standard and Poor's Award for Outstanding Service to Minority Business Communities. The AARLC was honored for the integral role it plays in its local community, primarily in providing small-business expertise to its users....



[YALS wins second APEX Award](#)

Young Adult Library Services, YALSA's quarterly journal, received an Award of Excellence from the APEX Awards for Publication Excellence, the second year in a row that the journal has achieved this honor. YALS was recognized in the category of

digital versions of increasingly valuable, fragile, and hard-to-use originals of people, places, and things pertaining to the city of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#) Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the [Love Libraries](#) site.

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"Tip: To see librarians nearly take up pitchforks, casually mention in front of them that your radio show used Wikipedia as a primary source for information."

—Steve Johnson, reporting on behind-the-scenes activities at the taping of NPR's comedy show *Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!* in Chicago, when the audience was filled with ALA Annual Conference attendees, *Chicago Tribune*, July 26.



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Ask the ALA Librarian

Journals and Magazines over 32 pages. The journal won for issues from its sixth and seventh volumes, which were edited by RoseMary Honnold....



[40 years of Coretta Scott King Awards](#)

ALA Editions has released a fourth edition of *The Coretta Scott King Awards, 1970–2009*, edited by Henrietta M. Smith with the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services. This 40th-anniversary volume gathers together the best of the best in African-American children's literature with coverage of the award-winning books and their illustrators. Smith is professor emerita at the University of South Florida SLIS....



[Gaming and Wheeling](#)

Ten libraries in 10 states from New York to Alaska received \$5,000 grants as part of the ALA Libraries, Literacy, and Gaming initiative, funded by the Verizon Foundation. One of those libraries was the Indian Trails Public Library of Wheeling, Illinois, featured in this [video](#) (5:59), which shows its Teen Zone stocked with video and board games....



Visibility @ your library, Aug. 4

Seen Online

[Network neutrality, round 3](#)

Reps. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) introduced a bill July 31 that will establish overarching national broadband policy and ensure an open and consumer-oriented internet. The Internet Freedom Preservation Act (H.R. 3458) will require the FCC to examine whether carriers are blocking access to lawful content, applications, or services. Ars Technica has some [background](#). Watch the [video](#) (1:38) produced by SaveTheInternet.com....



Rep. Ed Markey, July 31; Ars Technica, Aug. 3; YouTube, Aug. 3

[National Law Library bill honors Bill Orton](#)

The House overwhelmingly approved a bill July 30 named in honor of former Utah Rep. Bill Orton that would boost funding to the Law Library of Congress. Orton died April 18 in an all-terrain-vehicle accident. "Bill Orton was a tireless advocate for the law library and this legislation is a fitting way to honor his memory," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), the proposal's sponsor. Her proposal would change the name from the Law Library of Congress to the National Law Library and provide an additional \$3.5



Q. Are there any resources out there to help improve our website so that it is more accessible for those with impairments?

A. [Web accessibility](#) is a goal for many organizations, not just libraries. By adapting your web presence to accommodate those with disabilities, you are benefiting nearly everyone. There are many resources available to address this issue, some of which are specific to school, public, and academic libraries. Another resource for academic librarians is the [Universal Accessibility Interest Group](#), an ACRL community on ALA Connect. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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



The deadline for submitting applications to the [2010 ALA Emerging Leaders program](#) has been

million to help reduce the cataloging backlog....

Salt Lake Tribune, July 30

[Student must pay \\$675K for illegal downloading](#)

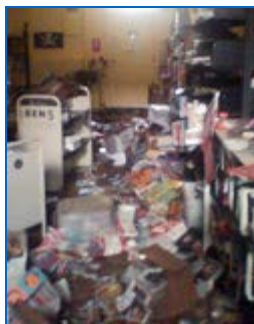
A federal jury has ordered Boston University graduate student Joel Tenenbaum to pay a total of \$675,000—\$22,500 per song—to the major record labels for willfully infringing 30 songs by downloading and distributing them over the Kazaa peer-to-peer network. The verdict came down July 31 after a little more than three hours of deliberation. Tenenbaum's attorney and Harvard Law School Professor Charles Nesson said things might have turned out differently had they been allowed to argue Fair Use....

Ars Technica, July 31

[Louisville library hit hard by flooding](#)

The Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library was ravaged by flooding August 4, with thousands of books damaged and the building's mechanical and computer systems knocked out. Director Craig Buthod said the main library had about three feet of water in the basement and that the building will remain closed indefinitely. Three bookmobiles were flooded in a parking ramp, according to a [WLKY-TV](#) news report. Compounding these problems, a small [electrical fire](#) early on August 5 knocked out the power; Buthod said some damage assessment was being made by staff using flashlights. The Shawnee and Iroquois branches were also closed because of flooding....

Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, Aug. 4–5; *WLKY-TV*, Louisville, Aug. 4; Greg Schwartz



[Layoffs at Springfield's Lincoln Library](#)

Union representatives told Springfield, Illinois, aldermen and the mayor in late July that 10 workers scheduled to be laid off at Lincoln Library are "not fat hiding in the budget." The city had told nine union employees and one non-union library worker that their last day at the library will be August 6. Seven of the 10 employees are library assistants, one is a security guard, and two are librarians....

Springfield (Ill.) State Journal-Register, July 24

[Ottawa defends sex-instruction books](#)

Ottawa, Ontario, is buying sex-instruction books for its public library because they contain good information written by respected authors, and some people want to read them. Ottawa Public Library Director Barbara Clubb responded July 29 to a complaint about three new books on order, saying that books on sex are "very popular" with borrowers....

Ottawa (Ont.) Citizen, July 30



[Thanks for the books, but...](#)

When directors in the Hempfield Area School District in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, announced they would spend \$217,000 to purchase new books and software for the district's 11 school libraries, librarians were grateful. But the funding did not include one thing the library faculty really wanted—another librarian. When 2008 budget cuts eliminated one librarian's job, Harrold Middle School Librarian Darla Kline said, the district wound up with only four librarians for its six elementary schools....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, Aug. 3

extended to August 7. Emerging Leaders is a leadership development program that enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity.

Calendar

Aug. 25:
[National Archives and Records Administration, Great Lakes Region, E-Records Forum, Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing, Michigan.](#)

Sept. 26:
[National Book Festival](#), National Mall, Washington, D.C.

Sept. 30–Oct. 3:
[Idaho Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Best Western Inn, Burley.

Oct. 1–3:
[Wyoming Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Garden Inn Laramie.

Oct. 6–9:
[Illinois Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Peoria Civic Center.

Oct. 6–9:
[North Carolina Library Association](#), Biennial Conference, Greenville Convention

[Twin Cities film contest focuses on libraries](#)

This may be the only filmmaking competition where there's an award for "Best Use of a Library Card." [Quiet on the Set!](#) is the brainchild of the Metropolitan Library Service Agency, a consortium of the 105 public library branches in the Minneapolis–St. Paul area. When MELSA community-relations manager Sally Lederer came across a funny commercial on YouTube set in a library, she thought, "How can real libraries get some hip video presence online?" The solution: Get library users to come up with something....

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer-Press, July 31



[Texas library shuts out anti-Muslim group](#)

A local chapter of a group focused on fighting "the assault of radical Islam" has been permanently barred from holding any more meetings at the Arlington (Tex.) Public Library. The Grand Prairie chapter of ACT! for America had its meeting privileges revoked in July because the group broke two guidelines of the library's meeting room usage policy, Library Director Cary Siegfried said. She said the group's meetings were not fully open to the public and group leaders were soliciting funds at the meetings...

Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, July 30

[Michigan's Islamic Manuscripts collection to go online](#)

The University of Michigan Special Collections Library is digitally scanning its vast Islamic Manuscripts collection in-house. The 1,250 manuscripts are mostly in Arabic, but also include works in Turkish and Persian and date from about 750 to 1906. "It will be presented to the public in a wiki- or blog-type interface, so people can comment on what they see," said Director of Special Collections Peggy Daub. Watch the [video](#) (1:59)....

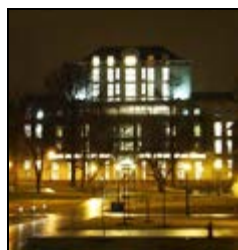
Ann Arbor (Mich.) News, July 27; YouTube, July 24



[OSU main library reopens after three-year renovation](#)

Ohio State University's William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library has undergone more nips, tucks, and enhancements than an aging beauty queen trying to hang on to her youth. The library reopened to guests August 3 after a three-year, \$108.7-million renovation. The project restored the grandeur of the historic library, which opened in 1913, and added technological and other upgrades to meet the 21st-century needs of students and scholars....

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, Aug. 3



[The Librarians to head to U.S.?](#)

Australia's ABC-TV network show *The Librarians* could be the latest Aussie comedy to head for the United States. Writer, producer, and star [Robyn Butler](#) (right) says she and her cocreator and husband Wayne Hope are in the process of talks about taking the



Center.

Oct. 7–9:

[Georgia Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Georgia Convention and Trade Center, Columbus.

Oct. 7–9:

[Missouri Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Select, Columbia.

Oct. 7–9:

[South Dakota Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Ramkota Inn, Aberdeen.

Oct. 7–10:

[Nevada Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Elko Convention Center.

Oct. 14–16:

[Minnesota Library Association](#), Annual Conference, St. Cloud Civic Center.

Oct. 14–17:

[New York Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Niagara Falls.

Oct. 18–20:

[Indiana Library Federation](#), Annual Conference, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne.

Oct. 18–20:

[New England Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford.

Oct. 18–21:

[Pennsylvania Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Harrisburg Hilton, Harrisburg.

show to the States. Butler plays Frances O'Brien, a repressed, passive-aggressive bully of a library director with a minimal understanding of her multicultural, Muslim, and gay staff....

Australian Associated Press, July 29; *The Age* (Melbourne), July 30

City balks at fixing leaky library roof

City officials have pulled out of a written agreement to pay for maintenance costs at the B. J. Chain Public Library in Olive Branch, Mississippi, because of a disagreement over responsibility for a leaky roof. Olive Branch officials disputed that roof repairs to the library fell under a "routine maintenance" clause because they claim the damage was caused by a tornado that hit the town July 31. DeSoto County officials think otherwise....

Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal, Aug. 4

Future teacher bikes for books

On August 1, Rockhurst University graduate student Skyler Myers began a nine-day solo bicycle ride to the Rocky Mountains to secure donations of new library books for the Kansas City (Mo.) School District. His route will cover some 800 miles across Kansas and Colorado as it climbs nearly 9,000 feet in elevation to the Continental Divide at Cameron Pass in northern Colorado. Every \$20 [raised](#) will purchase one new library book for the school district's 18,000 students....

Kansas City (Mo.) Tribune, July 30



Absent trustee entitled to full commission

Former Lynn (Mass.) Public Library trustee Linda Bassett is entitled to claim full credit toward her pension for service on the library board, even though she missed more than two years of meetings, according to a legal opinion of the state retirement commission. Bassett stopped attending board meetings in March 1984, but claimed credit toward her pension for service through September 1986....

Boston Globe, Aug. 4

Ex-trustee pleads guilty to theft

The former president of the Roosevelt (N.Y.) Public Library board of trustees pleaded guilty July 29 to charges she embezzled more than \$47,000 from the library's foundation to pay for airplane tickets, car repairs, and fast food meals. Natalie Connor could face up to seven years in prison on the grand larceny plea, the Nassau County district attorney's office said. Sentencing is scheduled for October 8....

Long Island (N.Y.) *Newsday*, July 30

Ohio cuts affect kids, job-seekers

Just when library use is reaching its highest levels, Ohio is facing its toughest cuts. Those cuts are hurting those who need the services the most. Educational outreach to daycare centers provided by the Portsmouth Public Library is about to end—a victim of the budget cuts. Five branches are closing August 8–16, only to reopen with limited hours, and that will affect the patrons who use the library computers to find jobs....

WSAZ-TV, Huntington, W.Va., Aug. 3



Protesters fail to have religious art removed

Catholics gathered July 29 outside Marcellus (N.Y.) Free

Oct. 20–23:

[Mississippi Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Thad Cochran Center, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

Oct. 20–23:

[Wisconsin Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton.

Oct. 21–23:

[Iowa Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Polk County Convention Complex, Des Moines.

Oct. 25–27:

[Arkansas Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites, Hot Springs.

Oct. 28–30:

[Nebraska Library Association](#), Annual Conference, La Vista Conference Center.

Oct. 28–30:

[South Carolina Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Columbia Marriott.

Oct. 29–30:

[Virginia Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Williamsburg Marriott.

Oct. 30– Nov. 2:

[California Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Pasadena Convention Center.

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Library to protest Geri Keil's "Bebe Coca," the Trumansburg artist's interpretation of the Virgin of Guadalupe, on display at the library as part of a July exhibit featuring art inspired by Mexican culture. Parishioners were vocal throughout the month of July in opposition to the piece, which used a Coca-Cola bottle to represent the body of the Virgin of Guadalupe. A petition with 78 signatures and at least two formal requests to remove the piece were submitted to the library board, which denied the request July 20 and left the piece on display....
Syracuse (N.Y.) Eagle Observer, Aug. 5



[Law library worker accused of sneaking pot into prison](#)

A state employee who befriended an inmate while working in the library at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Stillwater has been accused of trying to smuggle him drugs. Shari Lee Howe was arrested July 23 when she walked into the facility with packages of pot. She now faces felony charges of aiding and abetting introduction of contraband to a state prison. Howe was employed by the Minnesota State Law Library in St. Paul....

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press, July 31

[John Quincy Adams: Twitterer](#)

The Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston has launched a [Twitter feed](#) based on the short diary entries of John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States. A few months ago, a student touring the society observed, upon hearing of Adams's terse entries, "It's like he's using Twitter." Adams began one of his short diaries on August 5, 1809, when he departed for Russia as U.S. ambassador. The daily feed will presumably continue until 2036....

Boston Globe, July 31

5. Saturday. Windy. Yet 3. Begins. Sailed in Ship. Russia.
6. Thick fog. Heavy Wind. On George's Bank. Lat: 42-36 N
7. Fog. No Observation. Spoke a fishing Schooner from Lyonn.
8. Thick fog all day. No observation. Saw a Schooner. Read a
9. Fog and a fresh breeze. Spoke a Schooner. Lat: 43-29 N

[New public research library opens in Istanbul](#)

The opening of any new public library in Istanbul is a cause for celebration. But the new home of the [Research Centre for Islamic History, Art, and Culture](#) library is something special, located inside the historic and elegant armory of the Yıldız Palace, built in the late 19th century by Sultan Abdul Hamid II. Unused for decades, the vast space now home to the library's 70,000 volumes, some of them rare editions, that are on open shelves and available to the public....

New York Times, July 30



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Tech Talk

[Top five citation applications](#)

Bill Ferris writes: "Back in my day we had to

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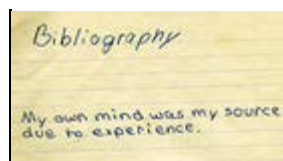
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figure out arcane citation formats by poring through dusty old style manuals. This was during that awkward window after people started putting good information on the internet, but before the style manuals told you how to cite web documents. Here is a list of the five best bibliography and citation applications out there. Pass these on to your students and spare them the agony of building bibliographies the hard way."...

Instructify, July 16



[HTML5 and the future of the web](#)

Tim Wright writes: "Some have embraced it, some have discarded it as too far in the future, and some have abandoned a misused friend in favor of an old flame in preparation. Whatever side of the debate you're on, you've most likely heard all the blogging chatter surrounding the 'new hotness' that is HTML5. It's everywhere, it's coming, and you want to know everything you can before it's old news."...

Smashing Magazine, July 16



[Top 10 computer hardware fixes](#)

Kevin Purdy writes: "If your desktop or laptop parts have died or seen better days, you've got a friend. All of your Lifehacker editors—and many helpful net denizens—have upgraded or repaired faulty systems, and we've rounded up some of their most helpful tutorials." Included are instructions on installing a new hard drive, replacing a motherboard, replacing a power supply, installing RAM, and hushing a noisy hard drive....

Lifehacker, Aug. 1



[Old Map App](#)

David Booker writes: "[Old Map App](#) allows the iPhone user to explore the effects of time on geography and urban development. While it isn't in general release quite yet, you can register at the site and be notified when it is released or when beta testers are needed. The application [displays](#) (1:40) layers of georeferenced historical maps projected onto a modern coordinate system, so that the same location can be compared over time. Several Library of Congress maps of New York City and region are included from the 17th to 19th centuries."...

The Centered Librarian, July 31; YouTube, June 28



[10 Google Gadgets for your Gmail sidebar](#)

Ellie Harrison writes: "Gmail offers more than just email—you can add gadgets to your Gmail screen to add more functionality or just for plain fun. First, you must activate Gmail Gadgets by navigating to Settings then Labs and enabling 'Add any gadget by URL.' All of the gadgets listed must be installed by URL. Simply copy the URLs and paste into your Gmail Gadgets settings box and press 'Add.'"...

MakeUseOf, Aug. 2



[Five years from now](#)

Walt Crawford writes: "If you believe some pundits, physical media will all be gone in five years—we'll rely on that great digital jukebox in the sky for everything, when and as we need it. I don't buy that for a minute. For a variety of reasons, I firmly believe that many of us will be buying physical media five years from now, enough to make for healthy industries. I'm deliberately not a futurist, but here's my best guess on CDs, DVDs, magazines, books, and newspapers."...

Walt at Random, July 29

[Tech meccas: 12 holy sites of IT](#)

Dan Tynan writes: "We've identified the 12 most sacred places where IT enthusiasts can go to pay homage to the computing gods that passed before them—or at least catch a peek at where some of the more exciting events in IT lore occurred. Fortunately, would-be pilgrims can do a lot of the traveling via the web, saving wear and tear on the sandals and sackcloth."...

Adventures in IT, Aug. 3



Publishing

[Library Journal for sale](#)

Reed Business Information is putting *Library Journal* and its affiliated publications, *School Library Journal* and *Publishers Weekly*, up for sale. The transaction is part of RBI's strategy to divest most of its trade magazines in the United States. In 2008, Reed Elsevier tried to sell all of RBI but dropped the plan when it couldn't get the price it wanted in a depressed market for media properties. Reed would like to sell all [47 magazines](#) to one buyer, but paidContent reports that the process likely will be [piecemeal](#) in this environment....

Library Journal, Aug. 3; paidContent, July 30, Aug. 3

[Dewey's Vicki Myron signs another book deal](#)

A new book by *Dewey* author Vicki Myron was sold to Dutton in a deal that's rumored to be in the seven figures. Myron, the former director of the Spencer (Iowa) Public Library who discovered a cat in the library book drop, was supposedly paid a \$2-million advance for *Dewey's Nine Lives*, which will be in the same vein as *Dewey*....

Publishers Weekly, Aug. 4



[Sony cuts e-book prices](#)

Adding to mounting tensions in the publishing industry over the pricing of electronic books, Sony Electronics announced August 4 that it was lowering prices for new and bestselling books in its e-book store, to \$9.99 from \$11.99. The \$9.99 flat price matches that of Amazon.com for its Kindle e-books. Sony is also introducing two new electronic reading devices—the Reader Pocket Edition and Reader Touch Edition. They will sell for \$199 and \$299 respectively and will go on sale at the end of August....

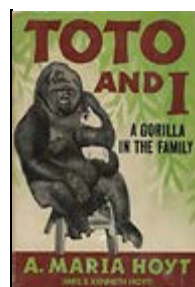
New York Times, Aug. 4

[Books by people who have raised apes in their homes](#)

Carrie McLaren writes: "I collect books by people who

have raised apes or monkeys in their homes, so, as a service to Boing Boing readers, I thought I'd review them for you. I already wrote about W. N. Kellogg's *The Ape and the Child* in a [previous](#) post." McLaren covers the fascinating *Toto and I: A Gorilla in the Family* (1941) and *Nim* (1979), about a chimp nicknamed after linguist Noam Chomsky....

Boing Boing, July 30



Actions & Answers

[Visit the Louvre collections online](#)

The Louvre launched an [English version](#) of its online collections database, Atlas, on July 30. This interactive research tool allows visitors to access information on 22,000 works of art, view high-resolution images of masterpieces, and locate exhibited works and galleries throughout the museum. The launch of the English version was initiated by and funded with a €300,000 (\$380,000 U.S.) grant in 2004 from American Friends of the Louvre....

Art Daily, July 30



[Michigan's bibliomaniac](#)

J. Kevin Graffagnino writes: "It was the moment all serious collectors live for. And so, on June 15, 1923, William L. Clements (right) gladly gave his kingdom. Clements had pursued antiquarian Americana at a high level for two decades. Now his alma mater, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, would house his extraordinary collection, in a beautiful building Clements helped design—the Clements Library."...

Fine Books and Collections, Aug.



[So, you're thinking about becoming a librarian?](#)

Erin Dorney writes: "Recently, I was contacted by a student at my undergraduate alma mater, St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York. She asked me a few questions about my job. Here are her questions, along with my responses. Most universities have systems in place where you can enter your information in order to be connected to current students and recent grads. The PR effect of having librarians listed in these types of directories can do a lot for the changing image of our profession."...

Library Scenester, Aug. 1

[100 best blogs for library students](#)

Library students are excited about discovering and experimenting with new tools and systems that are changing the way we find,

receive, and organize information. But with all of the new technology out there, it can be hard to keep track of everything beyond. This collection of library and information technology blogs allows the curious student to keep up with trends, developments, tools, and resources....

Learn-gasm, Aug. 3

[When do you use Twitter versus Facebook?](#)

Soren Gordhamer writes: "There is growing body of people who actively use more than one social network, and do so with quite different purposes. Though on the surface many social networks seem similar, to use them skillfully it helps to better understand the different roles they can play in one's online activity. Here's what I have discovered in my use of both Twitter and Facebook."...

Mashable, Aug. 1

[First Amendment resources for libraries](#)

The McCormick Freedom Museum in Chicago is offering a kit of posters, signs, table tents, shelf dangers, and bookmarks designed to challenge library users into thinking about First Amendment issues. Libraries that wish to host the Libraries and the First Amendment exhibit can register for a complimentary kit and access to an array of supplemental materials. In exchange, partner libraries are asked to provide the Freedom Museum with regular updates and feedback about the exhibit....

McCormick Freedom Museum



[Public Index examines the Google settlement](#)

The Public Index is a project of the Public-Interest Book Search Initiative and the Institute for Information Law and Policy at New York Law School. Designed to study and discuss the proposed Google Book Search settlement, the site allows you to browse and annotate the proposed settlement, section by section....

The Public Index

[Working around works](#)

Lorcan Dempsey writes: "There is a significant, if little-read, literature of cataloging theory. A recurrent theme is the balance between gathering like items and discriminating between them. Managing similarity and difference in this way, and making sensible user-interface choices, is not straightforward. The FRBR model represents a recent approach to a part of this question: How to gather things that are in some way instances of the same intellectual work, and how to distinguish sensibly between these things." Jonathan Rothkind [weighs in](#) on the distinction....

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 2; Bibliographic Wilderness, Aug. 4

[A school library media checklist for principals](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "Rapid changes in technology, learning research, and the library profession in the past 20 years have created a wide disparity in the effectiveness of school library media programs. Is your school's library media program keeping current? This 13-point checklist can be used to quickly evaluate your building's program." Updated from a 12-point checklist published in 2003....

Blue Skunk Blog, Aug. 2

[The world's largest public library ad](#)

TechForEducators.com unveiled a new outdoor advertising campaign for public libraries on July 13. The campaign entitled "Free Education"



intends to create a greater intellectual life among citizens in the San Francisco Bay Area and help improve the performance of schools and teachers. The company claims the billboard is the world's largest public library advertisement. The headline exceeds 41 feet and the call to action spans the length of the billboard at 48 feet. The sign is in Martinez on I-680 south after the Benecia Bridge....

TechForEducators.com, July 13

[**Predictions that throw caution to the wind**](#)

Steven Bell writes: "There's nothing like putting yourself out there with some bold predictions for the future, especially when they pertain to higher education and libraries. Reading a list of [25 predictions](#) about the university of the future has put me in the mood to make some predictions of my own, which is something I tend to avoid at all costs. But here are a few things I think we can expect in our future."...

ACRLog, Aug. 3; Associate Degree, July 29

[**Carnegie library bed and breakfasts**](#)

Larry Nix writes: "Library buildings built with funds from Andrew Carnegie that are no longer in use as libraries have been converted to a variety of purposes. Two of these buildings have a new life as a bed and breakfast. One of these is located in Sterling, Colorado (right), and the other is in [Ladysmith, Wisconsin](#). On trips this summer I have had the opportunity to stop by and see these two former Carnegie libraries."...



Library History Buff, Aug. 4; Wisconsin Library Heritage Center, Aug. 4

[**Librarians' roles in emergency planning and response**](#)

As part of an ongoing research project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the iSchool at Drexel University is seeking responses to a [brief survey](#) on the roles librarians play in emergency planning and response activities. The information will be used to help develop appropriate learning experiences for current and future practitioners....

iSchool at Drexel

[**Beat the Collingswood director**](#)

To kick off this year's book festival, the Friends of the Collingswood (N.J.) Public Library are sponsoring a 5K race on September 26. Registration is \$25, and the proceeds from the race will be used to set up a new teen area in the library.



However, if runners finish ahead of the new Director Brett Bonfield (above, running on the right)—if they "Beat the Director"—they will be given \$10 back. Watch the [video](#) (4:35) for the exciting details....

Collingswood (N.J.) Public Library; YouTube, July 27

[**Fun things to do at the ASU**](#)

Libraries when it's hot

Arizona State University Collection Development Librarian Anali Perry shows students (1:20) how to beat the heat this summer with fun and relaxing things at the ASU Libraries—like grab a cold drink and a snack, watch a movie, or surf the web. The Library Minute is a [Library Channel presentation](#) produced by the Arizona State Libraries....

YouTube, July 31



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AL Direct, August 5, 2009

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U.S. & World News

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Advice to libraries on applying for broadband grants

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3456>]

The ALA Washington Office is making a final push to inform and guide libraries as the August 14 deadline for the first-round Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant applications draws near. A host of stimulus resources [<http://www.ala.org/knowyourstimulus>] for libraries—including webinars, instructional guidance, key links, and a list of frequently asked questions—can be found online. Also available is a key informational guide (PDF file

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/PCC-July-29-PublicRelease.pdf>]) on applying to this program and a brand-new

document that demonstrates the role of libraries in economic recovery for BTOP applicants (PDF file

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/JobsEconomyAndLibraries-ALA2.pdf>])....

District Dispatch, Aug. 5

Library groups advise DOJ on Google Books settlement

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/august2009/googlebooksadvice080509.cfm>]

ALA, ACRL, and the Association of Research Libraries sent a letter (PDF file

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/GOOGLEDOJ.pdf>]) July 29 to William Cavanaugh, deputy assistant attorney general of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, voicing their general approval of the proposed settlement of lawsuits challenging Google's Book Search project but reiterating their concerns over access and pricing issues. The DOJ has been looking into whether the agreement violates antitrust laws....
American Libraries Online, Aug. 5

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

ALA News

FCC should consider libraries in broadband plan

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3482>]

ALA President Camila Alire is encouraging the Federal Communications Commission to consider the role of America's libraries in a National Broadband Plan as the agency begins its workshop series to develop the plan. The first workshop, to be held August 6, will focus on civic engagement and e-government—two areas in which libraries are active and positioned to serve in a heightened capacity as the FCC establishes new goals and initiatives....
District Dispatch, Aug. 5

FTRF urges Supreme Court to reject ban on animal-cruelty depictions

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/broadspeechban_ftrf.cfm]

The Freedom to Read Foundation has joined publishers, booksellers, writers, and other media groups in an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down a statute that, if upheld, would allow the government to ban a wide range of material. The law in question, a 1999 law that makes it a crime to create, sell, or possess any photograph, film, video, or sound recording in which an animal is harmed or killed, subjects anyone convicted under the law to a possible five-year prison term and fines....

ALA files amicus brief in Salinger case

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3467>]

ALA, ACRL, the Association of Research Libraries, and other groups have filed an amicus brief (PDF file

[<http://cyberlaw.stanford.edu/system/files/Salinger%20Amicus%20Brief%20%28filed%29.pdf>]) asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to reverse a district court's ruling in *Salinger v. Colting*. In July, the court ruled in favor of author J. D. Salinger, who claimed that

Swedish author Fredrik Colting, the author of 60 Years Later: Coming through the Rye, infringed his copyright on Catcher in the Rye....
District Dispatch, Aug. 4

Selected ALA Council actions at Annual Conference

At Annual Conference in Chicago, the ALA Council passed several resolutions, among them marriage rights
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/marriage_ala.cfm] for all; affordable universal health care;
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/healthcare_council.cfm] compliance with the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0;
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/guidelines_council.cfm] the goals of Intergeneration Day
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/intergeneration_council.cfm] on October 4; and accessibility standards
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/accessibility_council.cfm] on purchasing, procuring, and contracting for electronic resources and services....

audiobook on ALA Island

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/timetraveler_ala.cfm]
ALA Island in Second Life has been granted permission by the HighBridge Company to make a six-minute excerpt from The Time Traveler's Wife: Unabridged Edition audiobook available to its avatar visitors. SL residents can teleport to Story Hour Garden
[<http://slurl.com/secondlife/ALA%20Island/25/101/21>] to hear the excerpt from this audio version of Audrey Niffenegger's 2003 bestselling novel. The film starring Eric Bana and Rachel McAdams opens on August 14....

Put it on your calendar

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/lcsumcalendar_pio.cfm]
As parents get ready to send their children back to school, the ALA Public Information Office is reminding everyone that Library Card Sign-up Month is right around the corner. Observed each September, Library Card Sign-up Month is an opportunity to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. With the help of this year's Honorary Chair Candace Parker—WNBA star and Olympic gold medalist—PIO is working to place print and audio PSAs....

Guadalajara Book Fair free pass program

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/iro/awardsactivities/guadalajarabook.cfm>]
ALA and the Guadalajara International Book Fair are partnering for the ninth year to provide support for ALA members to attend the 22nd Guadalajara International Book Fair
[http://www.fil.com.mx/ingles/i_index.asp] (FIL) from November 28 to December 6. The city of Los Angeles will be the Guest of Honor at FIL 2009. 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 collections. Applicants must be ALA personal members.

The deadline to apply is August 17....

A well-illustrated history of libraries

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/editions_editions.cfm]

In *The Library: An Illustrated History*,

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2643>] Stuart A. P. Murray traces the elaborate history of the library from its very beginnings in the ancient libraries of Babylon and Alexandria to some of the greatest contemporary institutions—the Royal Society of London, the Newberry Library, the Smithsonian, and many others. A rich textual and visual resource, this ALA Editions release allows readers to follow the fascinating progress of the institution we now know today as the library....

Crucial tools for the economic downturn

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/crucial_editions.cfm]

ALA Editions has released *Crisis in Employment: A Librarian's Guide to Helping Job Seekers* [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2711>] by Jane Jerrard, with a foreword by Office for Research and Statistics Director Denise Davis. This timely report, also available in electronic format [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2725>], provides the tools needed to support those who are turning to their local library for help in finding new work. Based on interviews with librarians across the country and on research from ORS, this publication offers advice and methods for providing appropriate training and education to job seekers....

Latvia joins the Campaign

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/latvia_campaign.cfm]

The Latvian Librarians Association is the newest member of the ALA Campaign for the World's Libraries, an effort cosponsored by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions to showcase the unique and vital roles played by public, school, academic, and special libraries worldwide. Established in 1923, the Latvian Librarians Association

[<http://www.lnb.lv/en/for-librarians/latvian-librarians-association>] has been a member of IFLA since 1929....

Featured review: Adult books

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3663788]

Munro, Alice. *Too Much Happiness*. Nov. 2009. 320p. Knopf, hardcover (978-0-307-26976-8).

There aren't enough stories in Munro's latest collection. Yes, in actual number (11), they certainly add up to a good-sized collection. But Munro is in her stride—when no one can approach her short-story genius—a condition in which she fully maintains herself in this, her eleventh collection. Awestruck readers will realize about three-quarters of the way through this book that they won't be

satiated. More stories, please. The stories indeed are outstanding. Munro's famous even-handed yet astonishingly acute psychological depictions of ordinary mothers, fathers, lovers, and neighbors—primarily natives of her native rural and small-town Ontario—which she relays to her readers in her trademark placid but sonorous prose style, are exemplary of her supreme mastery of the form. These fictions are longish for short stories, as is Munro's practice....

You ain't no Koontz

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3699887]

Bill Ott writes: "A few weeks ago, I was sitting at the Green Mill, a jazz bar in Chicago, with Keir Graff and Frank Sennett, editor of Time Out Chicago (and a longtime Booklist contributor). Perhaps it was that second Manhattan, but Frank seemed excited about the upcoming publication of a collection of my Back Page columns. 'That's great, Bill,' Frank said. 'You should do something to celebrate. Maybe a book-launch party?' 'I don't know, Frank,' I cautioned. 'The book is published by ALA Editions, not Random House, and ALA doesn't really do launch parties.' Not deterred—and I'm sure this had plenty to do with the recently arrived third round of Manhattans—Frank had a new idea. 'Maybe Time Out could do a party. I'll talk to our marketing people.' Later that week, I heard that Frank had talked to his marketing people and wanted to go ahead with plans to host a launch party for The Back Page in Pritzker Park, just north of Harold Washington Library in Chicago's Loop. Still a bit mystified over the concept but never one to look a gift horse in the mouth, I accepted the odd fact that my little clip book of Booklist columns was going to be launched."...

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Division News

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Kristoff and Vowell slated for PLA National Conference

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/speakers_pla.cfm]

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Nicholas D. Kristof will keynote the opening general session at the Public Library Association's 13th National Conference in Portland, Oregon, March 23–27, 2010. Bestselling author, social observer, and contributor to NPR's This American Life, Sarah Vowell, is scheduled to keynote the closing session at the conference....

Karen Starr elected LITA president

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/officers_lita.cfm]

Karen Starr, assistant administrator for development services at the Nevada State Library and Archives, is the new president-elect of LITA. Starr has served as a member of the LITA board of directors. She has

experience in international relations, having served on the LITA International Relations Committee and in various roles with the ALA International Relations Round Table....

Awards

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Carr honored for history librarianship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/carr_rusa.cfm]

Ruth A. Carr, a 20-year member of RUSA's History Section, is the 2009 recipient of the Genealogical Publishing Company Award. The award, administered by the History Section and sponsored by Genealogical Publishing Company, presents a citation and \$1,500 cash prize to a librarian, library, or publisher who has demonstrated professional achievement in historical reference and research librarianship....

Rossini receives STARS Mentoring award

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/rossini_rusa.cfm]

Beverly Rossini has been selected as the 2009 recipient of the RUSA Mentoring Award, administered by its Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section. The award provides \$1,000 to fund travel expenses associated with attending ALA's annual conference for an ILL or document delivery librarian. Rossini is outreach and information resources librarian at the Baugh Biomedical Library, University of South Alabama....

African-American Research Center wins RUSA award

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/broward_rusa.cfm]

The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, a part of the Broward County (Fla.) Libraries Division, has been selected as the 2009 winner of the Standard and Poor's Award for Outstanding Service to Minority Business Communities. The AARLC was honored for the integral role it plays in its local community, primarily in providing small-business expertise to its users....

wins second APEX Award

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/apex_yalsa.cfm]

Young Adult Library Services, YALSA's quarterly journal, received an Award of Excellence from the APEX Awards for Publication Excellence, the second year in a row that the journal has achieved this honor. YALS was recognized in the category of Journals and Magazines over 32 pages. The journal won for issues from its sixth and seventh volumes, which were edited by RoseMary Honnold....

40 years of Coretta Scott King Awards

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/king_editions.cfm]

ALA Editions has released a fourth edition of The Coretta Scott King

Awards, 1970–2009, edited by Henrietta M. Smith with the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services. This 40th-anniversary volume gathers together the best of the best in African-American children's literature with coverage of the award-winning books and their illustrators. Smith is professor emerita at the University of South Florida SLIS....

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEFbZkdl_GM]Gaming and Wheeling
[<http://www.pio.ala.org/visibility/?p=976>]

Ten libraries in 10 states from New York to Alaska received \$5,000 grants as part of the ALA Libraries, Literacy, and Gaming initiative, funded by the Verizon Foundation. One of those libraries was the Indian Trails Public Library of Wheeling, Illinois, featured in this video [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEFbZkdl_GM] (5:59), which shows its Teen Zone stocked with video and board games....
Visibility @ your library, Aug. 4

Seen Online

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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_5Ic5Ic0u4]Network neutrality, round 3
[http://markey.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3763&Itemid=141]

Reps. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) introduced a bill July 31 that will establish overarching national broadband policy and ensure an open and consumer-oriented internet. The Internet Freedom Preservation Act (H.R. 3458) will require the FCC to examine whether carriers are blocking access to lawful content, applications, or services. Ars Technica has some background [<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/news/2009/08/the-war-over-network-neutrality.ars>]. Watch the video [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_5Ic5Ic0u4] (1:38) produced by SaveTheInternet.com....
Rep. Ed Markey, July 31; Ars Technica, Aug. 3; YouTube, Aug. 3

National Law Library bill honors Bill Orton
[http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_12948145]
The House overwhelmingly approved a bill July 30 named in honor of former Utah Rep. Bill Orton that would boost funding to the Law Library of Congress. Orton died April 18 in an all-terrain-vehicle accident. "Bill Orton was a tireless advocate for the law library and this legislation is a fitting way to honor his memory," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), the proposal's sponsor. Her proposal would change the name from the Law Library of Congress to the National Law Library and provide an additional \$3.5 million to help reduce the cataloging backlog....
Salt Lake Tribune, July 30

Student must pay \$675K for illegal downloading
[<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/news/2009/07/o-tenenbaum-riaa-wins-675000-or-22500-per-song.ars>]
A federal jury has ordered Boston University graduate student Joel Tenenbaum to pay a total of \$675,000—\$22,500 per song—to the major record labels for willfully infringing 30 songs by downloading and distributing them over the Kazaa peer-to-peer network. The verdict came

down July 31 after a little more than three hours of deliberation.
Tenenbaum's attorney and Harvard Law School Professor Charles Nesson said things might have turned out differently had they been allowed to argue Fair Use....
Ars Technica, July 31

[<http://twitpic.com/cujvz>] Louisville library hit hard by flooding
[<http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20090804/NEWS01/908040355/Main+Library+hit+hard+by+flooding>]
The Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library was ravaged by flooding August 4, with thousands of books damaged and the building's mechanical and computer systems knocked out. Director Craig Buthod said the main library had about three feet of water in the basement and that the building will remain closed indefinitely. Three bookmobiles were flooded in a parking ramp, according to a WLKY-TV
[<http://www.wlky.com/video/20281872/index.html>] news report. Compounding these problems, a small electrical fire
[<http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20090805/NEWS01/908050391/Wet+Main+Library+now+also+dark>] early on August 5 knocked out the power; Buthod said some damage assessment was being made by staff using flashlights. The Shawnee and Iroquois branches were also closed because of flooding....
Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, Aug. 4-5; WLKY-TV, Louisville, Aug. 4; Greg Schwartz

Layoffs at Springfield's Lincoln Library
[<http://www.sj-r.com/homepage/x2141121723/Union-reps-appeal-for-library-jobs>]
Union representatives told Springfield, Illinois, aldermen and the mayor in late July that 10 workers scheduled to be laid off at Lincoln Library are "not fat hiding in the budget." The city had told nine union employees and one non-union library worker that their last day at the library will be August 6. Seven of the 10 employees are library assistants, one is a security guard, and two are librarians....
Springfield (Ill.) State Journal-Register, July 24

Ottawa defends sex-instruction books
[<http://www.canada.com/news/Chief+librarian+defends+purchase+instruction+books/1842563/story.html>]
Ottawa, Ontario, is buying sex-instruction books for its public library because they contain good information written by respected authors, and some people want to read them. Ottawa Public Library Director Barbara Clubb responded July 29 to a complaint about three new books on order, saying that books on sex are "very popular" with borrowers....
Ottawa (Ont.) Citizen, July 30

Thanks for the books, but...
[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_636481.html]
When directors in the Hempfield Area School District in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, announced they would spend \$217,000 to purchase new books and software for the district's 11 school libraries, librarians were grateful. But the funding did not include one thing the library faculty really wanted—another librarian. When 2008 budget cuts eliminated one librarian's job, Harrold Middle School Librarian Darla Kline said,

the district wound up with only four librarians for its six elementary schools....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, Aug. 3

[<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid1870915446?bctid=31270477001>]Twin Cities film contest focuses on libraries

[http://www.twincities.com/alllistings/ci_12955292]

This may be the only filmmaking competition where there's an award for "Best Use of a Library Card." Quiet on the Set!

[<http://www.melsa.org/quietOnTheSet/index.cfm>] is the brainchild of the Metropolitan Library Service Agency, a consortium of the 105 public library branches in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. When MELSA community-relations manager Sally Lederer came across a funny commercial on YouTube set in a library, she thought, "How can real libraries get some hip video presence online?" The solution: Get library users to come up with something....

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer-Press, July 31

Texas library shuts out anti-Muslim group

[http://www.star-telegram.com/arlington_news/story/1512802.html]

A local chapter of a group focused on fighting "the assault of radical Islam" has been permanently barred from holding any more meetings at the Arlington (Tex.) Public Library. The Grand Prairie chapter of ACT! for America had its meeting privileges revoked in July because the group broke two guidelines of the library's meeting room usage policy, Library Director Cary Siegfried said. She said the group's meetings were not fully open to the public and group leaders were soliciting funds at the meetings...

Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, July 30

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3W9LGY8M4F8>]Michigan's Islamic Manuscripts collection to go online

[<http://www.annarbor.com/news/u-ms-islamic-manuscripts-collection-going-online/>]

The University of Michigan Special Collections Library is digitally scanning its vast Islamic Manuscripts collection in-house. The 1,250 manuscripts are mostly in Arabic, but also include works in Turkish and Persian and date from about 750 to 1906. "It will be presented to the public in a wiki- or blog-type interface, so people can comment on what they see," said Director of Special Collections Peggy Daub. Watch the video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3W9LGY8M4F8>] (1:59)....

Ann Arbor (Mich.) News, July 27; YouTube, July 24

OSU main library reopens after three-year renovation

[http://dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2009/08/03/OSU_library_ART_ART_08-03-09_A1_5NEL3IU.html]

Ohio State University's William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library has undergone more nips, tucks, and enhancements than an aging beauty queen trying to hang on to her youth. The library reopened to guests August 3 after a three-year, \$108.7-million renovation. The project restored the grandeur of the historic library, which opened in 1913, and added technological and other upgrades to meet the 21st-century needs of students and scholars....

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, Aug. 3

[<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/librarians/series2/>] to head to U.S.?
[<http://www.smh.com.au/news/entertainment/tv--radio/librarians-head-to-us/2009/07/29/1248546756368.html>]

Australia's ABC-TV network show The Librarians could be the latest Aussie comedy to head for the United States. Writer, producer, and star Robyn Butler

[<http://www.theage.com.au/news/entertainment/tv--radio/kitchen-table-school-of-laughs/2009/07/29/1248546760571.html>] (right) says she and her cocreator and husband Wayne Hope are in the process of talks about taking the show to the States. Butler plays Frances O'Brien, a repressed, passive-aggressive bully of a library director with a minimal understanding of her multicultural, Muslim, and gay staff....
Australian Associated Press, July 29; The Age (Melbourne), July 30

City balks at fixing leaky library roof

[<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2009/aug/04/library-repair-pact-cancelled/>]

City officials have pulled out of a written agreement to pay for maintenance costs at the B. J. Chain Public Library in Olive Branch, Mississippi, because of a disagreement over responsibility for a leaky roof. Olive Branch officials disputed that roof repairs to the library fell under a "routine maintenance" clause because they claim the damage was caused by a tornado that hit the town July 31. DeSoto County officials think otherwise....

Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal, Aug. 4

Future teacher bikes for books

[http://www.kctribune.com/article/KC_News_Features/KCTribune/Future_Teacher_to_Ride_Bike_to_Rockies_for_Library_Books/18988]

On August 1, Rockhurst University graduate student Skyler Myers began a nine-day solo bicycle ride to the Rocky Mountains to secure donations of new library books for the Kansas City (Mo.) School District. His route will cover some 800 miles across Kansas and Colorado as it climbs nearly 9,000 feet in elevation to the Continental Divide at Cameron Pass in northern Colorado. Every \$20 raised

[<http://www.childrensplusinc.com/KansasCityBookDrive.htm>] will purchase one new library book for the school district's 18,000 students....

Kansas City (Mo.) Tribune, July 30

Absent trustee entitled to full commission

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/08/04/absentee_library_trustee_entitled_to_full_pension_commission_says_in_opinion/]

Former Lynn (Mass.) Public Library trustee Linda Bassett is entitled to claim full credit toward her pension for service on the library board, even though she missed more than two years of meetings, according to a legal opinion of the state retirement commission. Bassett stopped attending board meetings in March 1984, but claimed credit toward her pension for service through September 1986....

Boston Globe, Aug. 4

Ex-trustee pleads guilty to theft

[<http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/ex-library-president-pleads-guilty-in-47g-theft-1.1337243>]

The former president of the Roosevelt (N.Y.) Public Library board of trustees pleaded guilty July 29 to charges she embezzled more than \$47,000 from the library's foundation to pay for airplane tickets, car repairs, and fast food meals. Natalie Connor could face up to seven years in prison on the grand larceny plea, the Nassau County district attorney's office said. Sentencing is scheduled for October 8....
Long Island (N.Y.) Newsday, July 30

Ohio cuts affect kids, job-seekers

[<http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/52381172.html>]

Just when library use is reaching its highest levels, Ohio is facing its toughest cuts. Those cuts are hurting those who need the services the most. Educational outreach to daycare centers provided by the Portsmouth Public Library is about to end—a victim of the budget cuts. Five branches are closing August 8–16, only to reopen with limited hours, and that will affect the patrons who use the library computers to find jobs....
WSAZ-TV, Huntington, W.Va., Aug. 3

Protesters fail to have religious art removed

[http://www.cnylink.com/news/view_news.php?news_id=1249480810]

Catholics gathered July 29 outside Marcellus (N.Y.) Free Library to protest Geri Keil's "Bebe Coca," the Trumansburg artist's interpretation of the Virgin of Guadalupe, on display at the library as part of a July exhibit featuring art inspired by Mexican culture. Parishioners were vocal throughout the month of July in opposition to the piece, which used a Coca-Cola bottle to represent the body of the Virgin of Guadalupe. A petition with 78 signatures and at least two formal requests to remove the piece were submitted to the library board, which denied the request July 20 and left the piece on display....

Syracuse (N.Y.) Eagle Observer, Aug. 5

Law library worker accused of sneaking pot into prison

[http://www.twincities.com/allheadlines/ci_12956496]

A state employee who befriended an inmate while working in the library at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Stillwater has been accused of trying to smuggle him drugs. Shari Lee Howe was arrested July 23 when she walked into the facility with packages of pot. She now faces felony charges of aiding and abetting introduction of contraband to a state prison. Howe was employed by the Minnesota State Law Library in St. Paul....

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press, July 31

[http://www.masshist.org/jqadiaries/doc.cfm?id=jqad23_218]

John Quincy Adams: Twitterer

[http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/brainiac/2009/07/john_quincy_adams.html]

The Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston has launched a Twitter feed [http://twitter.com/JQAdams_MHS] based on the short diary entries of John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States. A few months ago, a student touring the society observed, upon hearing of Adams's terse entries, "It's like he's using Twitter." Adams began one of his short diaries on August 5, 1809, when he departed for Russia as U.S. ambassador. The daily feed will presumably continue until 2036....

Boston Globe, July 31

[<http://library.ircica.org/images/LibraryPictures/2.htm>]New public research library opens in Istanbul

[<http://globespotters.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/07/30/history-along-with-books-at-an-istanbul-library/>]

The opening of any new public library in Istanbul is a cause for celebration. But the new home of the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art, and Culture [<http://www.ircica.org/>] library is something special, located inside the historic and elegant armory of the Yildiz Palace, built in the late 19th century by Sultan Abdul Hamid II. Unused for decades, the vast space now home to the library's 70,000 volumes, some of them rare editions, that are on open shelves and available to the public....

New York Times, July 30

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Top five citation applications

[<http://instructify.com/2009/07/16/top-5-citation-applications/>]

Bill Ferris writes: "Back in my day we had to figure out arcane citation formats by poring through dusty old style manuals. This was during that awkward window after people started putting good information on the internet, but before the style manuals told you how to cite web documents. Here is a list of the five best bibliography and citation applications out there. Pass these on to your students and spare them the agony of building bibliographies the hard way."...

Instructify, July 16

HTML5 and the future of the web

[<http://www.smashingmagazine.com/2009/07/16/html5-and-the-future-of-the-web/>]

Tim Wright writes: "Some have embraced it, some have discarded it as too far in the future, and some have abandoned a misused friend in favor of an old flame in preparation. Whatever side of the debate you're on, you've most likely heard all the blogging chatter surrounding the 'new hotness' that is HTML5. It's everywhere, it's coming, and you want to know everything you can before it's old news."...

Smashing Magazine, July 16

Top 10 computer hardware fixes

[<http://lifehacker.com/5327676/top-10-computer-hardware-fixes-and-upgrades>]

Kevin Purdy writes: "If your desktop or laptop parts have died or seen better days, you've got a friend. All of your Lifehacker editors—and many helpful net denizens—have upgraded or repaired faulty systems, and we've rounded up some of their most helpful tutorials." Included are instructions on installing a new hard drive, replacing a motherboard, replacing a power supply, installing RAM, and hushing a noisy hard drive....

Lifehacker, Aug. 1

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN3LnCOI9zA>]Old Map App
[<http://centeredlibrarian.blogspot.com/2009/07/old-maps-app-for-iphone.html>
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David Booker writes: “Old Map App [<http://www.oldmapapp.com/>] allows the iPhone user to explore the effects of time on geography and urban development. While it isn’t in general release quite yet, you can register at the site and be notified when it is released or when beta testers are needed. The application displays [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN3LnCOI9zA>] (1:40) layers of georeferenced historical maps projected onto a modern coordinate system, so that the same location can be compared over time. Several Library of Congress maps of New York City and region are included from the 17th to 19th centuries.”...

The Centered Librarian, July 31; YouTube, June 28

10 Google Gadgets for your Gmail sidebar

[<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/10-great-google-gadgets-for-your-gmail-sidebar/>]

Ellie Harrison writes: “Gmail offers more than just email—you can add gadgets to your Gmail screen to add more functionality or just for plain fun. First, you must activate Gmail Gadgets by navigating to Settings then Labs and enabling ‘Add any gadget by URL.’ All of the gadgets listed must be installed by URL. Simply copy the URLs and paste into your Gmail Gadgets settings box and press ‘Add.’”...

MakeUseOf, Aug. 2

Five years from now

[http://scienceblogs.com/waltatrandom/2009/07/five_years_on.php]

Walt Crawford writes: “If you believe some pundits, physical media will all be gone in five years—we’ll rely on that great digital jukebox in the sky for everything, when and as we need it. I don’t buy that for a minute. For a variety of reasons, I firmly believe that many of us will be buying physical media five years from now, enough to make for healthy industries. I’m deliberately not a futurist, but here’s my best guess on CDs, DVDs, magazines, books, and newspapers.”...

Walt at Random, July 29

Tech meccas: 12 holy sites of IT

[<http://infoworld.com/d/adventures-in-it/tech-meccas-12-holy-sites-it-060>]

Dan Tynan writes: “We’ve identified the 12 most sacred places where IT enthusiasts can go to pay homage to the computing gods that passed before them—or at least catch a peek at where some of the more exciting events in IT lore occurred. Fortunately, would-be pilgrims can do a lot of the traveling via the web, saving wear and tear on the sandals and sackcloth.”...

Adventures in IT, Aug. 3

Publishing

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for sale [<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6674558.html>]

Reed Business Information is putting Library Journal and its affiliated publications, School Library Journal and Publishers Weekly, up for sale. The transaction is part of RBI's strategy to divest most of its trade magazines in the United States. In 2008, Reed Elsevier tried to sell all of RBI but dropped the plan when it couldn't get the price it wanted in a depressed market for media properties. Reed would like to sell all 47 magazines
[<http://paidcontent.org/article/419-breaking-reed-puts-chunk-of-rbi-us-up-for-sale-smith-out-as-ceo/>] to one buyer, but paidContent reports that the process likely will be piecemeal
[<http://paidcontent.org/article/419-reed-business-sale-process-moving-quickly-apoints-a-bank/>] in this environment....
Library Journal, Aug. 3; paidContent, July 30, Aug. 3

Dewey's Vicki Myron signs another book deal
[<http://www.publishersweekly.com/article/CA6674733.html>]
A new book by Dewey author Vicki Myron was sold to Dutton in a deal that's rumored to be in the seven figures. Myron, the former director of the Spencer (Iowa) Public Library who discovered a cat in the library book drop, was supposedly paid a \$2-million advance for Dewey's Nine Lives, which will be in the same vein as Dewey....
Publishers Weekly, Aug. 4

Sony cuts e-book prices
[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/05/technology/personaltech/05sony.html>]
Adding to mounting tensions in the publishing industry over the pricing of electronic books, Sony Electronics announced August 4 that it was lowering prices for new and bestselling books in its e-book store, to \$9.99 from \$11.99. The \$9.99 flat price matches that of Amazon.com for its Kindle e-books. Sony is also introducing two new electronic reading devices—the Reader Pocket Edition and Reader Touch Edition. They will sell for \$199 and \$299 respectively and will go on sale at the end of August....
New York Times, Aug. 4

Books by people who have raised apes in their homes
[<http://www.boingboing.net/2009/07/30/books-by-people-who.html>]
Carrie McLaren writes: "I collect books by people who have raised apes or monkeys in their homes, so, as a service to Boing Boing readers, I thought I'd review them for you. I already wrote about W. N. Kellogg's The Ape and the Child in a previous
[<http://www.boingboing.net/2009/07/21/how-not-to-raise-an.html>] post."
McLaren covers the fascinating Toto and I: A Gorilla in the Family (1941) and Nim (1979), about a chimp nicknamed after linguist Noam Chomsky....
Boing Boing, July 30

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[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com/>]

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[http://cartelen.louvre.fr/cartelen/visite?srv=obj_view_obj&objet=cartel_15313_18095_pl000257.001.jpg_obj.html&flag=true] Visit the Louvre collections online

[http://www.artdaily.com/index.asp?int_sec=11&int_new=32363]
The Louvre launched an English version

[http://cartelen.louvre.fr/cartelen/visite?srv=crt_frm_rs&langue=en] of its online collections database, Atlas, on July 30. This interactive research tool allows visitors to access information on 22,000 works of art, view high-resolution images of masterpieces, and locate exhibited works and galleries throughout the museum. The launch of the English version was initiated by and funded with a €300,000 (\$380,000 U.S.) grant in 2004 from American Friends of the Louvre....

Art Daily, July 30

Michigan’s bibliomaniac

[http://www.finebooksmagazine.com/issue/200908/cements_library-1.phtml]
J. Kevin Graffagnino writes: "It was the moment all serious collectors live for. And so, on June 15, 1923, William L. Clements (right) gladly gave his kingdom. Clements had pursued antiquarian Americana at a high level for two decades. Now his alma mater, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, would house his extraordinary collection, in a beautiful building Clements helped design—the Clements Library."...

Fine Books and Collections, Aug.

So, you’re thinking about becoming a librarian?

[<http://libraryscenester.wordpress.com/2009/08/01/newlibrarian/>]
Erin Dorney writes: "Recently, I was contacted by a student at my undergraduate alma mater, St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York. She asked me a few questions about my job. Here are her questions, along with my responses. Most universities have systems in place where you can enter your information in order to be connected to current students and recent grads. The PR effect of having librarians listed in these types of directories can do a lot for the changing image of our profession."...

Library Scenester, Aug. 1

100 best blogs for library students

[<http://www.bachelorsdegreeonline.com/blog/2009/100-best-blogs-for-librarians-of-the-future/>]
Library students are excited about discovering and experimenting with new tools and systems that are changing the way we find, receive, and organize information. But with all of the new technology out there, it can be hard to keep track of everything beyond. This collection of library and information technology blogs allows the curious student to keep up with trends, developments, tools, and resources....

Learn-gasm, Aug. 3

When do you use Twitter versus Facebook?

[<http://mashable.com/2009/08/01/facebook-vs-twitter/>]
Soren Gordhamer writes: "There is growing body of people who actively use more than one social network, and do so with quite different purposes. Though on the surface many social networks seem similar, to use them skillfully it helps to better understand the different roles they can

play in one's online activity. Here's what I have discovered in my use of both Twitter and Facebook."...

Mashable, Aug. 1

First Amendment resources for libraries

[http://www.freedominlibraries.org/Exhibit_Hosting.aspx]

The McCormick Freedom Museum in Chicago is offering a kit of posters, signs, table tents, shelf dangers, and bookmarks designed to challenge library users into thinking about First Amendment issues. Libraries that wish to host the Libraries and the First Amendment exhibit can register for a complimentary kit and access to an array of supplemental materials. In exchange, partner libraries are asked to provide the Freedom Museum with regular updates and feedback about the exhibit....

McCormick Freedom Museum

Public Index examines the Google settlement [<http://thepublicindex.org/>]

The Public Index is a project of the Public-Interest Book Search Initiative and the Institute for Information Law and Policy at New York Law School. Designed to study and discuss the proposed Google Book Search settlement, the site allows you to browse and annotate the proposed settlement, section by section....

The Public Index

Working around works [<http://orweblog.oclc.org/archives/001992.html>]

Lorcan Dempsey writes: "There is a significant, if little-read, literature of cataloging theory. A recurrent theme is the balance between gathering like items and discriminating between them. Managing similarity and difference in this way, and making sensible user-interface choices, is not straightforward. The FRBR model represents a recent approach to a part of this question: How to gather things that are in some way instances of the same intellectual work, and how to distinguish sensibly between these things." Jonathan Rothkind weighs in [<http://bibwild.wordpress.com/2009/08/04/maps-territories-and-discretion/>] on the distinction....

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 2; Bibliographic Wilderness, Aug. 4

A school library media checklist for principals

[<http://doug-johnson.squarespace.com/blue-skunk-blog/2009/8/2/13-point-checklist-updated.html>]

Doug Johnson writes: "Rapid changes in technology, learning research, and the library profession in the past 20 years have created a wide disparity in the effectiveness of school library media programs. Is your school's library media program keeping current? This 13-point checklist can be used to quickly evaluate your building's program." Updated from a 12-point checklist published in 2003....

Blue Skunk Blog, Aug. 2

The world's largest public library ad

[<http://news.prnewswire.com/ViewContent.aspx?ACCT=109&STORY=/www/story/07-13-2009/0005058966&EDATE=>]

TechForEducators.com [<http://www.techforeducators.com/>] unveiled a new outdoor advertising campaign for public libraries on July 13. The campaign entitled "Free Education" intends to create a greater intellectual life among citizens in the San Francisco Bay Area and help

improve the performance of schools and teachers. The company claims the billboard is the world's largest public library advertisement. The headline exceeds 41 feet and the call to action spans the length of the billboard at 48 feet. The sign is in Martinez on I-680 south after the Benecia Bridge....

TechForEducators.com, July 13

Predictions that throw caution to the wind

[<http://acrlog.org/2009/08/03/these-predictions-throw-caution-to-the-wind/>]

Steven Bell writes: "There's nothing like putting yourself out there with some bold predictions for the future, especially when they pertain to higher education and libraries. Reading a list of 25 predictions

[<http://associatedegree.org/2009/07/29/25-predictions-for-the-university-of-the-future/>] about the university of the future has put me in the mood to make some predictions of my own, which is something I tend to avoid at all costs. But here are a few things I think we can expect in our future."...

ACRLog, Aug. 3; Associate Degree, July 29

Carnegie library bed and breakfasts

[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/08/carnegie-library-bed-breakfasts.html>]

Larry Nix writes: "Library buildings built with funds from Andrew Carnegie that are no longer in use as libraries have been converted to a variety of purposes. Two of these buildings have a new life as a bed and breakfast. One of these is located in Sterling, Colorado (right), and the other is in Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

[<http://heritage.wisconsinlibraries.org/2009/08/carnegie-library-bed-breakfast.html>] On trips this summer I have had the opportunity to stop by and see these two former Carnegie libraries."...

Library History Buff, Aug. 4; Wisconsin Library Heritage Center, Aug. 4

Librarians' roles in emergency planning and response

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=0ir_2f1rFDWnsCUJDhitFL3w_3d_3d]

As part of an ongoing research project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the iSchool at Drexel University is seeking responses to a brief survey

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=0ir_2f1rFDWnsCUJDhitFL3w_3d_3d] on the roles librarians play in emergency planning and response activities.

The information will be used to help develop appropriate learning experiences for current and future practitioners....

iSchool at Drexel

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11Wx25Mk-Ek>] Beat the Collingswood director [<http://collingswoodlib.org/5k/>]

To kick off this year's book festival, the Friends of the Collingswood (N.J.) Public Library are sponsoring a 5K race on September 26.

Registration is \$25, and the proceeds from the race will be used to set up a new teen area in the library. However, if runners finish ahead of the new Director Brett Bonfield (above, running on the right)—if they "Beat the Director"—they will be given \$10 back.

Watch the video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11Wx25Mk-Ek>] (4:35) for the exciting details....

Collingswood (N.J.) Public Library; YouTube, July 27

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyhSQO1lQHo>]Fun things to do at the ASU Libraries when it's hot [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyhSQO1lQHo>] Arizona State University Collection Development Librarian Anali Perry shows students (1:20) how to beat the heat this summer with fun and relaxing things at the ASU Libraries—like grab a cold drink and a snack, watch a movie, or surf the web. The Library Minute is a Library Channel presentation [<http://lib.asu.edu/librarychannel/>] produced by the Arizona State Libraries....
YouTube, July 31

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

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[<http://www.r2library.com/>]

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[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2711>]

Jane Jerrard's Crisis in Employment [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2711>] will help you meet the needs of patrons seeking new work, making career changes, or starting their own businesses in a comprehensive way that suits your local community's conditions. NEW! From ALA Editions.

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[<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/ala>]

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Assistant Library Director,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13520>] Parmley Billings Library, Billings, Montana. This is the public library serving the 123,000 residents of Billings and Yellowstone County. The position is responsible for supervision of daily operations of the library; coordination of collection management, program planning, public relations, and special projects. Qualifications are an advanced education equivalent to a master's degree or specialized certification and a total of seven or more years of combined education and experience, or equivalent. This position requires strong interpersonal skills, the ability to operate personal computers, and proficiency with Microsoft Office applications....

[<http://www.facebook.com/pages/ALA-JobLIST/47377008761>]

[http://twitter.com/ALA_JobLIST]

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

[<http://www.getajob.ala.org/>]

Get a Job! [<http://www.getajob.ala.org/>] is ALA's new interactive website with tips, narrative, suggested links and readings, comments, podcasts, activities, and checklists for new librarians and support staff, those looking to change positions, people who have been laid off, and others who are having difficulty finding the right position.

Digital Library of the Week

[<http://scotp-cp.iii.com/iii/cpro/DigitalItemViewPage.external?lang=eng&sp=1002783&sp=T&suite=def>]

The Scottsdale (Ariz.) Public Library digital collection

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Michigan.

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National Book Festival, [<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>] National Mall,
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Annual Conference, Best Western Inn, Burley.

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Wyoming Library Association, [<http://conference.wyla.org/>] Annual
Conference, Hilton Garden Inn Laramie.

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Illinois Library Association, [<http://www.ila.org/events/conference.htm>]
Annual Conference, Peoria Civic Center.

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North Carolina Library Association,
[<http://www.nclaonline.org/conference/index.html>] Biennial Conference,
Greenville Convention Center.

Oct. 7–9:

Georgia Library Association, [<http://www.georgiacomo.org/>] Annual
Conference, Georgia Convention and Trade Center, Columbus.

Oct. 7–9:

Missouri Library Association, [<http://molib.org/Conference.html>] Annual
Conference, Holiday Inn Select, Columbia.

Oct. 7–9:

South Dakota Library Association,

[http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org/conf_planning_files/AnnualConference.asp] Annual Conference, Ramkota Inn, Aberdeen.

Oct. 7–10:

Nevada Library Association,

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Oct. 14–16:

Minnesota Library Association,

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Oct. 14–17:

New York Library Association, [http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=70]

Annual Conference, Niagara Falls.

Oct. 18–20:

Indiana Library Federation,

[[http://www.ilfonline.org/Upcoming_Conferences/2009_ILF_Annual_Conference.h](http://www.ilfonline.org/Upcoming_Conferences/2009_ILF_Annual_Conference.htm)
[tm](http://www.ilfonline.org/Upcoming_Conferences/2009_ILF_Annual_Conference.htm)] Annual Conference, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne.

Oct. 18–20:

New England Library Association,

[<http://www.nelib.org/conference/2009/index.htm>] Annual Conference,
Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford.

Oct. 18–21: Pennsylvania Library Association

[<http://www.palibraries.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=93>],
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Oct. 20–23:

Mississippi Library Association,

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Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

Oct. 20–23:

Wisconsin Library Association,

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Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton.

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Iowa Library Association,

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Oct. 28–30:

South Carolina Library Association,

[<http://www.scla.org/index.php/AnnualConference2009/HomePage>] Annual Conference, Columbia Marriott.

Oct. 29–30:

Virginia Library Association, [<http://www.vla.org/demo/conference.html>] Annual Conference, Williamsburg Marriott.

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California Library Association,

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[Advice to libraries on applying for broadband grants](#)

The ALA Washington Office is making a final push to inform and guide libraries as the August 14 deadline for the first-round Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant applications draws near. A host of [stimulus resources](#) for libraries—including webinars, instructional guidance, key links, and a list of frequently asked questions—can be found online. Also available is a key informational guide ([PDF file](#)) on applying to this program and a brand-new document that demonstrates the role of libraries in economic recovery for BTOP applicants ([PDF file](#))....

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[Library groups advise DOJ on Google Books settlement](#)

ALA, ACRL, and the Association of Research Libraries sent a letter ([PDF file](#)) July 29 to William Cavanaugh, deputy assistant attorney general of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, voicing their general approval of the proposed settlement of lawsuits challenging Google's Book Search project but reiterating their concerns over access and pricing issues. The DOJ has been looking into whether the agreement violates antitrust laws....

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[FCC should consider libraries in broadband plan](#)

ALA President Camila Alire is encouraging the Federal Communications Commission to consider the role of America's libraries in a National Broadband Plan as the agency begins its workshop series to develop the plan. The first workshop, to be held August 6, will focus on civic engagement and e-government—two

areas in which libraries are active and positioned to serve in a heightened capacity as the FCC establishes new goals and initiatives....

District Dispatch, Aug. 5

[FTRF urges Supreme Court to reject ban on animal-cruelty depictions](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation has joined publishers, booksellers, writers, and other media groups in an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down a statute that, if upheld, would allow the government to ban a wide range of material. The law in question, a 1999 law that makes it a crime to create, sell, or possess any photograph, film, video, or sound recording in which an animal is harmed or killed, subjects anyone convicted under the law to a possible five-year prison term and fines....

[ALA files amicus brief in Salinger case](#)

ALA, ACRL, the Association of Research Libraries, and other groups have filed an amicus brief ([PDF file](#)) asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to reverse a district court's ruling in *Salinger v. Colting*. In July, the court ruled in favor of author J. D. Salinger, who claimed that Swedish author Fredrik Colting, the author of *60 Years Later: Coming through the Rye*, infringed his copyright on *Catcher in the Rye*....

District Dispatch, Aug. 4



Selected ALA Council actions at Annual Conference

At Annual Conference in Chicago, the ALA Council passed several resolutions, among them [marriage rights](#) for all; affordable [universal health care](#); compliance with the World Wide Web Consortium's [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0](#); the goals of [Intergeneration Day](#) on October 4; and [accessibility standards](#) on purchasing, procuring, and contracting for electronic resources and services....

[Hear *The Time Travelers Wife* audiobook on ALA Island](#)

ALA Island in Second Life has been granted permission by the HighBridge Company to make a six-minute excerpt from *The Time Traveler's Wife: Unabridged Edition* audiobook available to its avatar visitors. SL residents can teleport to [Story Hour Garden](#) to hear the excerpt from this audio version of Audrey Niffenegger's 2003 bestselling novel. The film starring Eric Bana and Rachel McAdams opens on August 14....



[Put it on your calendar](#)

As parents get ready to send their children back to



Jane Jerrard's [*Crisis in Employment*](#) will help you meet the needs of patrons seeking new work, making career changes, or starting their own businesses in a comprehensive way that suits your local community's conditions. **NEW!**
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Summertime in Chicago

school, the ALA Public Information Office is reminding everyone that Library Card Sign-up Month is right around the corner. Observed each September, Library Card Sign-up Month is an opportunity to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. With the help of this year's Honorary Chair Candace Parker—WNBA star and Olympic gold medalist—PIO is working to place print and audio PSAs....



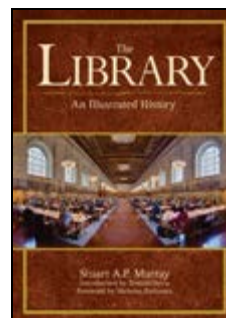
[Guadalajara Book Fair free pass program](#)

ALA and the Guadalajara International Book Fair are partnering for the ninth year to provide support for ALA members to attend the 22nd [Guadalajara International Book Fair](#) (FIL) from November 28 to December 6. The city of Los Angeles will be the Guest of Honor at FIL 2009. 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 collections. Applicants must be ALA personal members. The deadline to apply is August 17....



[A well-illustrated history of libraries](#)

In [The Library: An Illustrated History](#), Stuart A. P. Murray traces the elaborate history of the library from its very beginnings in the ancient libraries of Babylon and Alexandria to some of the greatest contemporary institutions—the Royal Society of London, the Newberry Library, the Smithsonian, and many others. A rich textual and visual resource, this ALA Editions release allows readers to follow the fascinating progress of the institution we now know today as the library....



[Crucial tools for the economic downturn](#)

ALA Editions has released [Crisis in Employment: A Librarian's Guide to Helping Job Seekers](#) by Jane Jerrard, with a foreword by Office for Research and Statistics Director Denise Davis. This timely report, also available in [electronic format](#), provides the tools needed to support those who are turning to their local library for help in finding new work. Based on interviews with librarians across the country and on research from ORS, this publication offers advice and methods for providing appropriate training and education to job seekers....



[Latvia joins the Campaign](#)

The Latvian Librarians Association is the newest member of the ALA Campaign for the World's Libraries, an effort cosponsored by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions to showcase the unique and vital roles played by public, school, academic, and special libraries worldwide. Established in 1923, the [Latvian Librarians Association](#) has been a member of IFLA since 1929....



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[Assistant Library Director](#)

[Parmley Billings Library](#), Billings, Montana. This is the public library serving the 123,000 residents of Billings and Yellowstone County. The position is responsible for supervision of daily operations of the library; coordination of collection management, program planning, public relations, and special projects. Qualifications are an advanced education equivalent to a master's degree or specialized certification and a total of seven or more years of combined education and experience, or equivalent. This position requires strong interpersonal skills, the ability to operate personal computers, and proficiency with Microsoft Office applications....



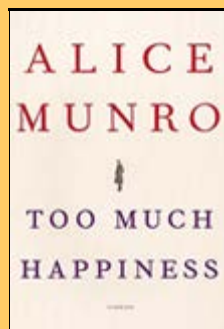
Booklist

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Featured review: Adult books

Munro, Alice. *Too Much Happiness*. Nov. 2009. 320p. Knopf, hardcover (978-0-307-26976-8).

There aren't enough stories in Munro's latest collection. Yes, in actual number (11), they certainly add up to a good-sized collection. But Munro is in her stride—when no one can approach her short-story genius—a condition in which she fully maintains herself in this, her eleventh collection. Awestruck readers will realize about three-quarters of the way through this book that they won't be satiated. *More* stories, please. The stories indeed are outstanding. Munro's famous even-handed yet astonishingly acute psychological depictions of ordinary mothers, fathers, lovers, and neighbors—primarily natives of her native rural and small-town Ontario—which she relays to her readers in her trademark placid but sonorous prose style, are exemplary of her supreme mastery of the form. These fictions are longish for short stories, as is Munro's practice....



You ain't no Koontz

Bill Ott writes: "A few weeks ago, I was sitting at the Green Mill, a jazz bar in Chicago, with Keir Graff and Frank Sennett, editor of *Time Out Chicago* (and a longtime *Booklist* contributor). Perhaps it was that second Manhattan, but Frank seemed excited about the upcoming publication of a collection of my Back Page columns. 'That's great, Bill,' Frank said. 'You should do something to celebrate. Maybe a book-launch party?' 'I don't know, Frank,' I cautioned. 'The book is published by ALA Editions, not Random House, and ALA doesn't really do launch parties.' Not deterred—and I'm sure this had plenty to do with the recently arrived third round of Manhattans—Frank had a new idea. 'Maybe *Time Out* could do a party. I'll talk to our marketing people.' Later that week, I heard that Frank had talked to his marketing people and wanted to go ahead with plans to host a launch party for *The Back Page* in Pritzker Park, just north of Harold Washington Library in Chicago's Loop. Still a bit mystified over the concept but never one to look a gift horse in the mouth, I accepted the odd fact that my little clip book of *Booklist* columns was going to be launched."...



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Division News

[Kristoff and Vowell slated for PLA National Conference](#)

Two-time Pulitzer Prize–winning columnist Nicholas D. Kristof will keynote the opening general session at the Public Library Association's 13th National Conference in Portland, Oregon, March 23–27, 2010. Bestselling author, social observer, and contributor to NPR's *This American Life*, Sarah Vowell, is scheduled to keynote the closing session at the conference....



[Karen Starr elected LITA president](#)

Karen Starr, assistant administrator for development services at the Nevada State Library and Archives, is the new president-elect of LITA. Starr has served as a member of the LITA board of directors. She has experience in international relations, having served on the LITA International Relations Committee and in various roles with the ALA International Relations Round Table....



Awards

[Carr honored for history librarianship](#)

Ruth A. Carr, a 20-year member of RUSA's History Section, is the 2009 recipient of the Genealogical Publishing Company Award. The award, administered by the History Section and sponsored by Genealogical Publishing Company, presents a citation and \$1,500 cash prize to a librarian, library, or publisher who has demonstrated professional achievement in historical reference and research librarianship....

[Rossini receives STARS Mentoring award](#)

Beverly Rossini has been selected as the 2009 recipient of the RUSA Mentoring Award, administered by its Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section. The award provides \$1,000 to fund travel expenses associated with attending ALA's annual conference for an ILL or document delivery librarian. Rossini is outreach and information resources librarian at the Baugh Biomedical Library, University of South Alabama....



[African-American Research Center wins RUSA award](#)

The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, a part of the Broward County (Fla.) Libraries Division, has been selected as the 2009 winner of the Standard and Poor's Award for Outstanding Service to Minority Business Communities. The AARLC was honored for the integral role it plays in its local community, primarily in providing small-business expertise to its users....



[YALS wins second APEX Award](#)

Young Adult Library Services, YALSA's quarterly journal, received an Award of Excellence from the APEX Awards for Publication Excellence, the second year in a row that the journal has achieved this honor. YALS was recognized in the category of

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Journals and Magazines over 32 pages. The journal won for issues from its sixth and seventh volumes, which were edited by RoseMary Honnold....



[40 years of Coretta Scott King Awards](#)

ALA Editions has released a fourth edition of *The Coretta Scott King Awards, 1970–2009*, edited by Henrietta M. Smith with the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services. This 40th-anniversary volume gathers together the best of the best in African-American children's literature with coverage of the award-winning books and their illustrators. Smith is professor emerita at the University of South Florida SLIS....



[Gaming and Wheeling](#)

Ten libraries in 10 states from New York to Alaska received \$5,000 grants as part of the ALA Libraries, Literacy, and Gaming initiative, funded by the Verizon Foundation. One of those libraries was the Indian Trails Public Library of Wheeling, Illinois, featured in this [video](#) (5:59), which shows its Teen Zone stocked with video and board games....



Visibility @ your library, Aug. 4

Seen Online

[Network neutrality, round 3](#)

Reps. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) introduced a bill July 31 that will establish overarching national broadband policy and ensure an open and consumer-oriented internet. The Internet Freedom Preservation Act (H.R. 3458) will require the FCC to examine whether carriers are blocking access to lawful content, applications, or services. Ars Technica has some [background](#). Watch the [video](#) (1:38) produced by SaveTheInternet.com....



Rep. Ed Markey, July 31; Ars Technica, Aug. 3; YouTube, Aug. 3

[National Law Library bill honors Bill Orton](#)

The House overwhelmingly approved a bill July 30 named in honor of former Utah Rep. Bill Orton that would boost funding to the Law Library of Congress. Orton died April 18 in an all-terrain-vehicle accident. "Bill Orton was a tireless advocate for the law library and this legislation is a fitting way to honor his memory," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), the proposal's sponsor. Her proposal would change the name from the Law Library of Congress to the National Law Library and provide an additional \$3.5



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A. [Web accessibility](#) is a goal for many organizations, not just libraries. By adapting your web presence to accommodate those with disabilities, you are benefiting nearly everyone. There are many resources available to address this issue, some of which are specific to school, public, and academic libraries. Another resource for academic librarians is the [Universal Accessibility Interest Group](#), an ACRL community on ALA Connect. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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Salt Lake Tribune, July 30

[Student must pay \\$675K for illegal downloading](#)

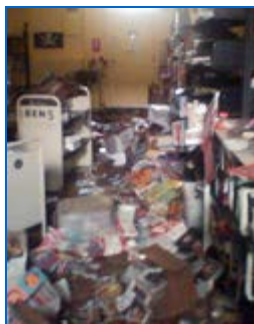
A federal jury has ordered Boston University graduate student Joel Tenenbaum to pay a total of \$675,000—\$22,500 per song—to the major record labels for willfully infringing 30 songs by downloading and distributing them over the Kazaa peer-to-peer network. The verdict came down July 31 after a little more than three hours of deliberation. Tenenbaum's attorney and Harvard Law School Professor Charles Nesson said things might have turned out differently had they been allowed to argue Fair Use....

Ars Technica, July 31

[Louisville library hit hard by flooding](#)

The Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library was ravaged by flooding August 4, with thousands of books damaged and the building's mechanical and computer systems knocked out. Director Craig Buthod said the main library had about three feet of water in the basement and that the building will remain closed indefinitely. Three bookmobiles were flooded in a parking ramp, according to a [WLKY-TV](#) news report. Compounding these problems, a small [electrical fire](#) early on August 5 knocked out the power; Buthod said some damage assessment was being made by staff using flashlights. The Shawnee and Iroquois branches were also closed because of flooding....

Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, Aug. 4–5; *WLKY-TV*, Louisville, Aug. 4; Greg Schwartz



[Layoffs at Springfield's Lincoln Library](#)

Union representatives told Springfield, Illinois, aldermen and the mayor in late July that 10 workers scheduled to be laid off at Lincoln Library are "not fat hiding in the budget." The city had told nine union employees and one non-union library worker that their last day at the library will be August 6. Seven of the 10 employees are library assistants, one is a security guard, and two are librarians....

Springfield (Ill.) State Journal-Register, July 24

[Ottawa defends sex-instruction books](#)

Ottawa, Ontario, is buying sex-instruction books for its public library because they contain good information written by respected authors, and some people want to read them. Ottawa Public Library Director Barbara Clubb responded July 29 to a complaint about three new books on order, saying that books on sex are "very popular" with borrowers....

Ottawa (Ont.) Citizen, July 30



[Thanks for the books, but...](#)

When directors in the Hempfield Area School District in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, announced they would spend \$217,000 to purchase new books and software for the district's 11 school libraries, librarians were grateful. But the funding did not include one thing the library faculty really wanted—another librarian. When 2008 budget cuts eliminated one librarian's job, Harrold Middle School Librarian Darla Kline said, the district wound up with only four librarians for its six elementary schools....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, Aug. 3

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[Twin Cities film contest focuses on libraries](#)

This may be the only filmmaking competition where there's an award for "Best Use of a Library Card." [Quiet on the Set!](#) is the brainchild of the Metropolitan Library Service Agency, a consortium of the 105 public library branches in the Minneapolis–St. Paul area. When MELSA community-relations manager Sally Lederer came across a funny commercial on YouTube set in a library, she thought, "How can real libraries get some hip video presence online?" The solution: Get library users to come up with something....

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer-Press, July 31



[Texas library shuts out anti-Muslim group](#)

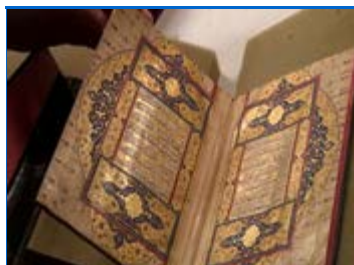
A local chapter of a group focused on fighting "the assault of radical Islam" has been permanently barred from holding any more meetings at the Arlington (Tex.) Public Library. The Grand Prairie chapter of ACT! for America had its meeting privileges revoked in July because the group broke two guidelines of the library's meeting room usage policy, Library Director Cary Siegfried said. She said the group's meetings were not fully open to the public and group leaders were soliciting funds at the meetings...

Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, July 30

[Michigan's Islamic Manuscripts collection to go online](#)

The University of Michigan Special Collections Library is digitally scanning its vast Islamic Manuscripts collection in-house. The 1,250 manuscripts are mostly in Arabic, but also include works in Turkish and Persian and date from about 750 to 1906. "It will be presented to the public in a wiki- or blog-type interface, so people can comment on what they see," said Director of Special Collections Peggy Daub. Watch the [video](#) (1:59)....

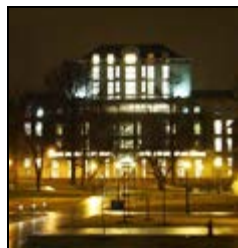
Ann Arbor (Mich.) News, July 27; YouTube, July 24



[OSU main library reopens after three-year renovation](#)

Ohio State University's William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library has undergone more nips, tucks, and enhancements than an aging beauty queen trying to hang on to her youth. The library reopened to guests August 3 after a three-year, \$108.7-million renovation. The project restored the grandeur of the historic library, which opened in 1913, and added technological and other upgrades to meet the 21st-century needs of students and scholars....

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, Aug. 3



[The Librarians to head to U.S.?](#)

Australia's ABC-TV network show *The Librarians* could be the latest Aussie comedy to head for the United States. Writer, producer, and star [Robyn Butler](#) (right) says she and her cocreator and husband Wayne Hope are in the process of talks about taking the



Center.

Oct. 7–9:

[Georgia Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Georgia Convention and Trade Center, Columbus.

Oct. 7–9:

[Missouri Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Select, Columbia.

Oct. 7–9:

[South Dakota Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Ramkota Inn, Aberdeen.

Oct. 7–10:

[Nevada Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Elko Convention Center.

Oct. 14–16:

[Minnesota Library Association](#), Annual Conference, St. Cloud Civic Center.

Oct. 14–17:

[New York Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Niagara Falls.

Oct. 18–20:

[Indiana Library Federation](#), Annual Conference, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne.

Oct. 18–20:

[New England Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford.

Oct. 18–21:

[Pennsylvania Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Harrisburg Hilton, Harrisburg.

show to the States. Butler plays Frances O'Brien, a repressed, passive-aggressive bully of a library director with a minimal understanding of her multicultural, Muslim, and gay staff....

Australian Associated Press, July 29; *The Age* (Melbourne), July 30

City balks at fixing leaky library roof

City officials have pulled out of a written agreement to pay for maintenance costs at the B. J. Chain Public Library in Olive Branch, Mississippi, because of a disagreement over responsibility for a leaky roof. Olive Branch officials disputed that roof repairs to the library fell under a "routine maintenance" clause because they claim the damage was caused by a tornado that hit the town July 31. DeSoto County officials think otherwise....

Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal, Aug. 4

Future teacher bikes for books

On August 1, Rockhurst University graduate student Skyler Myers began a nine-day solo bicycle ride to the Rocky Mountains to secure donations of new library books for the Kansas City (Mo.) School District. His route will cover some 800 miles across Kansas and Colorado as it climbs nearly 9,000 feet in elevation to the Continental Divide at Cameron Pass in northern Colorado. Every \$20 [raised](#) will purchase one new library book for the school district's 18,000 students....

Kansas City (Mo.) Tribune, July 30



Absent trustee entitled to full commission

Former Lynn (Mass.) Public Library trustee Linda Bassett is entitled to claim full credit toward her pension for service on the library board, even though she missed more than two years of meetings, according to a legal opinion of the state retirement commission. Bassett stopped attending board meetings in March 1984, but claimed credit toward her pension for service through September 1986....

Boston Globe, Aug. 4

Ex-trustee pleads guilty to theft

The former president of the Roosevelt (N.Y.) Public Library board of trustees pleaded guilty July 29 to charges she embezzled more than \$47,000 from the library's foundation to pay for airplane tickets, car repairs, and fast food meals. Natalie Connor could face up to seven years in prison on the grand larceny plea, the Nassau County district attorney's office said. Sentencing is scheduled for October 8....

Long Island (N.Y.) *Newsday*, July 30

Ohio cuts affect kids, job-seekers

Just when library use is reaching its highest levels, Ohio is facing its toughest cuts. Those cuts are hurting those who need the services the most. Educational outreach to daycare centers provided by the Portsmouth Public Library is about to end—a victim of the budget cuts. Five branches are closing August 8–16, only to reopen with limited hours, and that will affect the patrons who use the library computers to find jobs....

WSAZ-TV, Huntington, W.Va., Aug. 3



Protesters fail to have religious art removed

Catholics gathered July 29 outside Marcellus (N.Y.) Free

Oct. 20–23:

[Mississippi Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Thad Cochran Center, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

Oct. 20–23:

[Wisconsin Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton.

Oct. 21–23:

[Iowa Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Polk County Convention Complex, Des Moines.

Oct. 25–27:

[Arkansas Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites, Hot Springs.

Oct. 28–30:

[Nebraska Library Association](#), Annual Conference, La Vista Conference Center.

Oct. 28–30:

[South Carolina Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Columbia Marriott.

Oct. 29–30:

[Virginia Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Williamsburg Marriott.

Oct. 30– Nov. 2:

[California Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Pasadena Convention Center.

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Library to protest Geri Keil's "Bebe Coca," the Trumansburg artist's interpretation of the Virgin of Guadalupe, on display at the library as part of a July exhibit featuring art inspired by Mexican culture. Parishioners were vocal throughout the month of July in opposition to the piece, which used a Coca-Cola bottle to represent the body of the Virgin of Guadalupe. A petition with 78 signatures and at least two formal requests to remove the piece were submitted to the library board, which denied the request July 20 and left the piece on display....
Syracuse (N.Y.) Eagle Observer, Aug. 5



[Law library worker accused of sneaking pot into prison](#)

A state employee who befriended an inmate while working in the library at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Stillwater has been accused of trying to smuggle him drugs. Shari Lee Howe was arrested July 23 when she walked into the facility with packages of pot. She now faces felony charges of aiding and abetting introduction of contraband to a state prison. Howe was employed by the Minnesota State Law Library in St. Paul....

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press, July 31

[John Quincy Adams: Twitterer](#)

The Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston has launched a [Twitter feed](#) based on the short diary entries of John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States. A few months ago, a student touring the society observed, upon hearing of Adams's terse entries, "It's like he's using Twitter." Adams began one of his short diaries on August 5, 1809, when he departed for Russia as U.S. ambassador. The daily feed will presumably continue until 2036....

Boston Globe, July 31

5. Saturday. Windy yet 3. Begins. Sailed in Ship. Kermack.
6. Thick fog. Heavy Wind. On George's Hook. Lat: 42-36 N
7. Fog. No Observation. Spoke a fishing Schooner from Lygon.
8. Thick fog all day. No observation. Saw a Schooner. Read the
9. Dogs and a fresh breeze. Discovered a Schooner. Lat: 43-29 N

[New public research library opens in Istanbul](#)

The opening of any new public library in Istanbul is a cause for celebration. But the new home of the [Research Centre for Islamic History, Art, and Culture](#) library is something special, located inside the historic and elegant armory of the Yıldız Palace, built in the late 19th century by Sultan Abdul Hamid II. Unused for decades, the vast space now home to the library's 70,000 volumes, some of them rare editions, that are on open shelves and available to the public....

New York Times, July 30



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[Top five citation applications](#)

Bill Ferris writes: "Back in my day we had to

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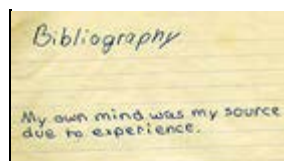
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Instructify, July 16



[HTML5 and the future of the web](#)

Tim Wright writes: "Some have embraced it, some have discarded it as too far in the future, and some have abandoned a misused friend in favor of an old flame in preparation. Whatever side of the debate you're on, you've most likely heard all the blogging chatter surrounding the 'new hotness' that is HTML5. It's everywhere, it's coming, and you want to know everything you can before it's old news."...

Smashing Magazine, July 16



[Top 10 computer hardware fixes](#)

Kevin Purdy writes: "If your desktop or laptop parts have died or seen better days, you've got a friend. All of your Lifehacker editors—and many helpful net denizens—have upgraded or repaired faulty systems, and we've rounded up some of their most helpful tutorials." Included are instructions on installing a new hard drive, replacing a motherboard, replacing a power supply, installing RAM, and hushing a noisy hard drive....

Lifehacker, Aug. 1



[Old Map App](#)

David Booker writes: "[Old Map App](#) allows the iPhone user to explore the effects of time on geography and urban development. While it isn't in general release quite yet, you can register at the site and be notified when it is released or when beta testers are needed. The application [displays](#) (1:40) layers of georeferenced historical maps projected onto a modern coordinate system, so that the same location can be compared over time. Several Library of Congress maps of New York City and region are included from the 17th to 19th centuries."...

The Centered Librarian, July 31; YouTube, June 28



[10 Google Gadgets for your Gmail sidebar](#)

Ellie Harrison writes: "Gmail offers more than just email—you can add gadgets to your Gmail screen to add more functionality or just for plain fun. First, you must activate Gmail Gadgets by navigating to Settings then Labs and enabling 'Add any gadget by URL.' All of the gadgets listed must be installed by URL. Simply copy the URLs and paste into your Gmail Gadgets settings box and press 'Add.'"...

MakeUseOf, Aug. 2



[Five years from now](#)

Walt Crawford writes: "If you believe some pundits, physical media will all be gone in five years—we'll rely on that great digital jukebox in the sky for everything, when and as we need it. I don't buy that for a minute. For a variety of reasons, I firmly believe that many of us will be buying physical media five years from now, enough to make for healthy industries. I'm deliberately not a futurist, but here's my best guess on CDs, DVDs, magazines, books, and newspapers."...
Walt at Random, July 29

[Tech meccas: 12 holy sites of IT](#)

Dan Tynan writes: "We've identified the 12 most sacred places where IT enthusiasts can go to pay homage to the computing gods that passed before them—or at least catch a peek at where some of the more exciting events in IT lore occurred. Fortunately, would-be pilgrims can do a lot of the traveling via the web, saving wear and tear on the sandals and sackcloth."...

Adventures in IT, Aug. 3



Publishing

[Library Journal for sale](#)

Reed Business Information is putting *Library Journal* and its affiliated publications, *School Library Journal* and *Publishers Weekly*, up for sale. The transaction is part of RBI's strategy to divest most of its trade magazines in the United States. In 2008, Reed Elsevier tried to sell all of RBI but dropped the plan when it couldn't get the price it wanted in a depressed market for media properties. Reed would like to sell all [47 magazines](#) to one buyer, but paidContent reports that the process likely will be [piecemeal](#) in this environment....

Library Journal, Aug. 3; paidContent, July 30, Aug. 3

[Dewey's Vicki Myron signs another book deal](#)

A new book by *Dewey* author Vicki Myron was sold to Dutton in a deal that's rumored to be in the seven figures. Myron, the former director of the Spencer (Iowa) Public Library who discovered a cat in the library book drop, was supposedly paid a \$2-million advance for *Dewey's Nine Lives*, which will be in the same vein as *Dewey*....

Publishers Weekly, Aug. 4



[Sony cuts e-book prices](#)

Adding to mounting tensions in the publishing industry over the pricing of electronic books, Sony Electronics announced August 4 that it was lowering prices for new and bestselling books in its e-book store, to \$9.99 from \$11.99. The \$9.99 flat price matches that of Amazon.com for its Kindle e-books. Sony is also introducing two new electronic reading devices—the Reader Pocket Edition and Reader Touch Edition. They will sell for \$199 and \$299 respectively and will go on sale at the end of August....

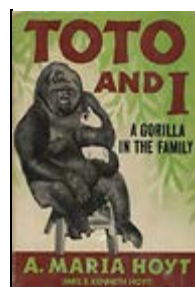
New York Times, Aug. 4

[Books by people who have raised apes in their homes](#)

Carrie McLaren writes: "I collect books by people who

have raised apes or monkeys in their homes, so, as a service to Boing Boing readers, I thought I'd review them for you. I already wrote about W. N. Kellogg's *The Ape and the Child* in a [previous](#) post." McLaren covers the fascinating *Toto and I: A Gorilla in the Family* (1941) and *Nim* (1979), about a chimp nicknamed after linguist Noam Chomsky....

Boing Boing, July 30



Actions & Answers

[Visit the Louvre collections online](#)

The Louvre launched an [English version](#) of its online collections database, Atlas, on July 30. This interactive research tool allows visitors to access information on 22,000 works of art, view high-resolution images of masterpieces, and locate exhibited works and galleries throughout the museum. The launch of the English version was initiated by and funded with a €300,000 (\$380,000 U.S.) grant in 2004 from American Friends of the Louvre....

Art Daily, July 30



[Michigan's bibliomaniac](#)

J. Kevin Graffagnino writes: "It was the moment all serious collectors live for. And so, on June 15, 1923, William L. Clements (right) gladly gave his kingdom. Clements had pursued antiquarian Americana at a high level for two decades. Now his alma mater, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, would house his extraordinary collection, in a beautiful building Clements helped design—the Clements Library."...

Fine Books and Collections, Aug.



[So, you're thinking about becoming a librarian?](#)

Erin Dorney writes: "Recently, I was contacted by a student at my undergraduate alma mater, St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York. She asked me a few questions about my job. Here are her questions, along with my responses. Most universities have systems in place where you can enter your information in order to be connected to current students and recent grads. The PR effect of having librarians listed in these types of directories can do a lot for the changing image of our profession."...

Library Scenester, Aug. 1

[100 best blogs for library students](#)

Library students are excited about discovering and experimenting with new tools and systems that are changing the way we find,

receive, and organize information. But with all of the new technology out there, it can be hard to keep track of everything beyond. This collection of library and information technology blogs allows the curious student to keep up with trends, developments, tools, and resources....

Learn-gasm, Aug. 3

[When do you use Twitter versus Facebook?](#)

Soren Gordhamer writes: "There is growing body of people who actively use more than one social network, and do so with quite different purposes. Though on the surface many social networks seem similar, to use them skillfully it helps to better understand the different roles they can play in one's online activity. Here's what I have discovered in my use of both Twitter and Facebook."...

Mashable, Aug. 1

[First Amendment resources for libraries](#)

The McCormick Freedom Museum in Chicago is offering a kit of posters, signs, table tents, shelf dangers, and bookmarks designed to challenge library users into thinking about First Amendment issues. Libraries that wish to host the Libraries and the First Amendment exhibit can register for a complimentary kit and access to an array of supplemental materials. In exchange, partner libraries are asked to provide the Freedom Museum with regular updates and feedback about the exhibit....

McCormick Freedom Museum



[Public Index examines the Google settlement](#)

The Public Index is a project of the Public-Interest Book Search Initiative and the Institute for Information Law and Policy at New York Law School. Designed to study and discuss the proposed Google Book Search settlement, the site allows you to browse and annotate the proposed settlement, section by section....

The Public Index

[Working around works](#)

Lorcan Dempsey writes: "There is a significant, if little-read, literature of cataloging theory. A recurrent theme is the balance between gathering like items and discriminating between them. Managing similarity and difference in this way, and making sensible user-interface choices, is not straightforward. The FRBR model represents a recent approach to a part of this question: How to gather things that are in some way instances of the same intellectual work, and how to distinguish sensibly between these things." Jonathan Rothkind [weighs in](#) on the distinction....

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 2; Bibliographic Wilderness, Aug. 4

[A school library media checklist for principals](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "Rapid changes in technology, learning research, and the library profession in the past 20 years have created a wide disparity in the effectiveness of school library media programs. Is your school's library media program keeping current? This 13-point checklist can be used to quickly evaluate your building's program." Updated from a 12-point checklist published in 2003....

Blue Skunk Blog, Aug. 2

[The world's largest public library ad](#)

TechForEducators.com unveiled a new outdoor advertising campaign for public libraries on July 13. The campaign entitled "Free Education"



intends to create a greater intellectual life among citizens in the San Francisco Bay Area and help improve the performance of schools and teachers. The company claims the billboard is the world's largest public library advertisement. The headline exceeds 41 feet and the call to action spans the length of the billboard at 48 feet. The sign is in Martinez on I-680 south after the Benecia Bridge....

TechForEducators.com, July 13

[**Predictions that throw caution to the wind**](#)

Steven Bell writes: "There's nothing like putting yourself out there with some bold predictions for the future, especially when they pertain to higher education and libraries. Reading a list of [25 predictions](#) about the university of the future has put me in the mood to make some predictions of my own, which is something I tend to avoid at all costs. But here are a few things I think we can expect in our future."...

ACRLog, Aug. 3; Associate Degree, July 29

[**Carnegie library bed and breakfasts**](#)

Larry Nix writes: "Library buildings built with funds from Andrew Carnegie that are no longer in use as libraries have been converted to a variety of purposes. Two of these buildings have a new life as a bed and breakfast. One of these is located in Sterling, Colorado (right), and the other is in [Ladysmith, Wisconsin](#). On trips this summer I have had the opportunity to stop by and see these two former Carnegie libraries."...



Library History Buff, Aug. 4; Wisconsin Library Heritage Center, Aug. 4

[**Librarians' roles in emergency planning and response**](#)

As part of an ongoing research project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the iSchool at Drexel University is seeking responses to a [brief survey](#) on the roles librarians play in emergency planning and response activities. The information will be used to help develop appropriate learning experiences for current and future practitioners....

iSchool at Drexel

[**Beat the Collingswood director**](#)

To kick off this year's book festival, the Friends of the Collingswood (N.J.) Public Library are sponsoring a 5K race on September 26. Registration is \$25, and the proceeds from the race will be used to set up a new teen area in the library.



However, if runners finish ahead of the new Director Brett Bonfield (above, running on the right)—if they "Beat the Director"—they will be given \$10 back. Watch the [video](#) (4:35) for the exciting details....

Collingswood (N.J.) Public Library; YouTube, July 27

[**Fun things to do at the ASU**](#)

Libraries when it's hot

Arizona State University Collection Development Librarian Anali Perry shows students (1:20) how to beat the heat this summer with fun and relaxing things at the ASU Libraries—like grab a cold drink and a snack, watch a movie, or surf the web. The Library Minute is a [Library Channel presentation](#) produced by the Arizona State Libraries....

YouTube, July 31



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[Michigan librarians speak out to save State Library](#)

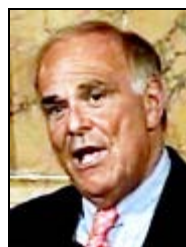
In reaction to Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm's July announcement that the Department of History, Archives, and Libraries would be disbanded—bringing along with it serious budget cuts and the likelihood the Library of Michigan's collections would be scattered to as many as seven locations—librarians at the local and national levels have joined together in protest. An August 5 rally in Lansing, organized by the Michigan Genealogical Council, began with a four-block walk from the state capitol to the library, after which the 450 participants encircled the facility. The Michigan Library Association [opposes](#) Granholm's measure because it fails to recognize the cost savings and effective delivery of statewide services the library provides, and ALA President Camila Alire has [expressed concern](#)....



American Libraries Online, Aug. 12

[Pennsylvania governor vetoes library funding in stopgap budget](#)

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell (right) vetoed more than half of a stopgap state budget bill August 5, approving only funds for what he termed "critical public health and safety services." Among the funds Rendell eliminated, which amounted to \$12.9 billion from a \$27.3-billion budget, was \$37 million for public libraries. However, on August 11 the [governor urged](#) members of the General Assembly to include support for Pennsylvania libraries in the final state budget, saying a budget proposal by Senate Republicans would slash library funding to an 11-year low....



American Libraries Online, Aug. 7; Gant Daily, Aug. 12


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[CPLA certifies new graduate, adds seven candidates](#)

The Certified Public Library Administrator program has granted certification to one candidate, making a total of 13 who are now official CPLA administrators. In addition, the Certification Review Committee approved seven new candidates in its spring review, bringing the number to 128. CPLA is a voluntary post-MLS certification program for public librarians. The next deadline for [submitting](#) course provider or candidate reviews is September 13....



[Final reminders on BTOP applications](#)

The deadline for the first-round Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant applications is August 14 at 5 p.m. Eastern time. As you complete your applications, here are a few tips and reminders. Also, be sure to refer to the ALA [Know Your Stimulus](#) page for Washington Office BTOP [resources](#) including webinars, instructional guidance, key links, and a list of [frequently asked questions](#)....

District Dispatch, Aug. 10

[Network neutrality: It's all about access](#)

Carrie Lowe writes: "At ALA Annual Conference in Chicago July 12, I served on a panel presentation on the topic of network neutrality. On that day, there was no network neutrality legislation in Congress (like there is today, thanks to Reps. Markey and Eshoo). There was no flashy evening news piece on the topic, no rock stars on the Hill advocating for a free and open internet. Yet 500 librarians showed up on a spectacular summer morning to hear Cliff Lynch, Greg Jackson, and me talk on the topic. Like other issues that we've dealt with, network neutrality is fundamentally about having access to ideas."... Save the Internet, Aug. 10

[Council passes resolution on helping libraries](#)

ALA Council passed a resolution at Annual Conference in Chicago calling on ALA to immediately address "the severe national erosion of budgetary support to all libraries." In the resolution, passed July 15, Council recommended the ALA develop and institute "a critical crisis management approach" to remedy budget losses. This approach would involve an action plan to alert legislators, stakeholders, and constituents through every channel available, including the media....

[Last call to Step Up](#)

All entries for the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program are due September 1, giving baseball fans of all ages their final opportunity for a chance to win the grand prize, a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York. To help meet the mailing deadline, libraries are encouraged to send collected entries in bulk....



[Actress Rachel McAdams](#) holds *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger in this new ALA Celebrity READ poster. McAdams stars as Clare Abshire in the movie based on the book, scheduled to open in theaters August 14. **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.

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[Call for international papers](#)

The International Relations Round Table's International Papers Committee invites proposals for papers to be presented at the International Papers Program during ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 26, 2010. The International Papers Program theme will be "Libraries as Gateways to Local History Throughout the World." Proposals must be [submitted](#) by December 4....

[The ALA guide to sequels is back](#)

ALA Editions has released a fourth edition of [Sequels: An Annotated Guide to Novels in Series](#) by Janet G. Husband and Jonathan F. Husband. An ALA bestseller since its original release in 1982, this volume returns with greatly expanded series listings. Mysteries continue to be a mainstay, with fantasy, science fiction, and romance listings, plus non-genre fiction selections from authors such as Edward Abbey and Lawrence Durrell. This classic reference includes hundreds of annotated series, title and subject indexes, and suggestions for reading order....



Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Books for youth](#)

Turner, Pamela. *The Frog Scientist*. May 2009. 64p. Grades 5-9. Houghton, hardcover (978-0-618-71716-3).

This lively volume from the Scientists in the Field series opens with biologist Tyrone Hayes and his team collecting frogs at a pond in Wyoming. After a short chapter on Hayes's background, the discussion returns to his work: He addresses the general question of why amphibian populations worldwide are declining by studying the effects of atrazine, an agricultural pesticide, on the reproductive organs of leopard frogs from a particular pond. Well organized and clearly written, the text goes into detail about the process of analyzing the chemical's effects on the frogs, but pulls back from specifics to show how the experiment fits into the larger picture....



[Summer reading](#)

Michael Cart writes: "When I was a kid, I regarded the public library's summer reading program with about as much enthusiasm as I did organized athletics and Vacation Bible School. I couldn't prove it, but somehow I knew they were all adult conspiracies designed to suck the joy out of my summer vacation. How could they be otherwise? After all, weren't they supposed to be good for you? Ha! The only good thing about Vacation Bible School was



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the chocolate milk we got to drink at snack time; the only good thing about organized athletics was—oh, wait, there *wasn't* any good thing about organized athletics. As for summer reading: The big payoff for participation was supposed to be free admission to a special showing of a kid's film at the State Theater in downtown Logansport. Big whoop. Even when I *was* a kid, the idea of trying to watch a movie surrounded by other kids—all of whom seemed to be suffering from some sort of hyperactivity disorder that manifested itself as nonstop screaming, running up and down the aisles, and throwing popcorn at the screen (and at me)—was strangely unattractive.”...

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Division News

[Register now for LITA National Forum](#)

The early bird registration deadline is approaching for the 2009 LITA National Forum, “Open and Mobile,” October 1–4 at the Hilton City Center Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to August 15, the [registration](#) rates are \$50 lower. Keynote sessions anchor the event and include speakers Joan Lippincott, David Weinberger, and Liz Lawley (right)....



[Apply for the Morris Seminar at Midwinter](#)

Applications are now being accepted for ALSC's Bill Morris Seminar: Book Evaluation Training, which will take place January 15 during the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The seminar will bring new ALSC members and members with limited evaluation experience together with those who have served on ALSC's media evaluation committees in an environment to train and mentor them in the group process and in children's media evaluation techniques. The deadline for [applications](#) is September 8....

ALSC Blog, Aug. 4

Round Table News

[New *International Leads* editor](#)

James Willard Agee Jr. has been appointed editor-in-chief of the International Relations Round Table's publication, [International Leads](#). Agee is director of the Bermuda College Library in Paget Parish, Bermuda. Prior to that, he held positions at the University of Northern Colorado and Emporia (Kans.) State University. *International Leads* disseminates information about international librarianship and the activities of the IRRT....



Awards

[Presidential Citations for International Innovation](#)

Digital Library of the Week



The [National Science Digital Library](#) was created in 2000 by the National Science Foundation to provide organized access to high-quality resources and tools that support innovations in teaching and learning at all levels of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. As a national network of learning environments, resources, and partnerships, NSDL seeks to serve a vital role as STEM educational cyberlearning for the nation, meeting the informational and technological needs of educators and learners at all levels. NSDL is designed primarily for K-16 educators, but anyone can access NSDL.org and search the library at no cost. Access to most resources discovered through NSDL is free; however, some content providers may require a login, or a nominal fee or subscription to retrieve their specific resources. In October 2008, management and coordination of the NSDL through 2012 was granted to

ALA President Jim Rettig presented ALA Presidential Citations for International Innovation to three librarians July 13 at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.



Representatives from the Lubuto Library Project in Lusaka, Zambia; the Hester J. Hodgdon Libraries for All program in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua; and the Tongji University Library in Shanghai, China, were honored for significant contributions to the people they serve....

[A new round of Great Stories CLUB grants](#)

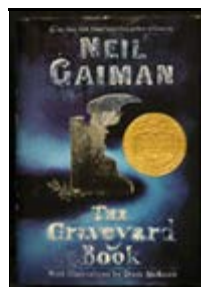
The ALA Public Programs Office and YALSA have selected the theme and book titles for the next round of Great Stories CLUB grants. Electronic applications for the reading and discussion series will be [accepted](#) September 1 through November 2. YALSA's Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Committee selected "New Horizons" as the theme. Great Stories CLUB is a book club program designed to reach underserved, troubled teen populations through books relevant to their lives....

[ALSC Light the Way grant is relit](#)

ALSC, in partnership with Candlewick Press, is once again offering the "Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved" grant in 2010. This \$3,000 grant, presented in honor of Newbery Medalist and Geisel Honoree Kate DiCamillo, was first given in 2008 as a one-time award. The ALSC Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers Committee will select the winner. Applications ([PDF file](#)) are due by November 1....

[2009 Hugo Award winners](#)

Familiar names dominated the 2009 Hugo Awards for the world's finest sci-fi and fantasy, with Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* winning Best Novel and earning him a new statue to go along with his 2002 Hugo for *American Gods*. Nancy Kress won a Best Novella for her tale *The Erdmann Nexus*. Some cool newcomers also picked up Hugos, which wrapped August 10 in Montreal at the 67th World Science Fiction Convention....



Underwire, Aug. 10

Seen Online

[Workers dry out Louisville library: funds needed](#)

The work to clear out 50,000 water-damaged books from the flooded main branch of the Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library continues this week. Director [Craig Buthod](#) says library employees are working to keep track of each book that has to be thrown out. The damage is up to at least \$5 million. Some public areas are expected to reopen by Labor Day, but full recovery isn't expected until December. Donations of money for new computers and equipment are being accepted by the LFPL [Library Foundation](#) and the [Library Society of the World](#)....



WFPL-FM, Louisville, Aug. 5, 10; *Library Journal*, Aug. 6; *Louisville Courier-Journal*, Aug.

the NSDL Resource Center at the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research; and Technical Network Services, a collaborative effort between Cornell University, the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#) Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the [Love Libraries](#) site.

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"If anything could dampen the excitement of going on a treasure hunt, it was having to do it with the town librarian..."

—Eric Berlin, *The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2007), p. 86.



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[Clunker car protest](#)

Sue Kuhlman (right) feels so strongly about the [possible changes](#) in Michigan's library system that she painted "Keep our state's library open, Gov. Granholm" across her car. She plans to trade the car in through the Cash for Clunkers program, but for now it sits in the parking lot of the Algonac-Clay branch of the St. Clair County Library System, where Kuhlman works as assistant librarian, touting the message scrawled in green spray paint. "There are some things that need to be fought for, and this is one of them," Kuhlman said....

Port Huron (Mich.) Times Herald, Aug. 9



[Omaha shutters a branch](#)

The Omaha (Nebr.) Public Library took a big budget hit August 10. The Florence branch will close for the remainder of 2009, while nearly all of the other branches will close during the mornings as a result of budget cuts announced August 7 by Mayor Jim Suttle. In addition, [48 library workers](#) altogether were notified that they will lose their jobs. Director Rivkah Sass said the closure [will not solve](#) the city's long-term financial problems....

Omaha (Nebr.) World-Herald, Aug. 11; KMTV, Omaha, Aug. 12; KETV, Omaha, Aug. 11



[Fort Worth plan would close two branches](#)

Closing two branches of the Fort Worth (Tex.) Library is one of the tough choices facing city council members as they work to close a \$59-million budget gap. Slated for closing are the Wedgwood and Meadowbrook branches, which would save the city \$813,000. The council is expected to finalize the budget on September 15....

Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, Aug. 11



[Gwinnett will close one branch to staff another](#)

Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library will close its Dacula branch later this year to find staffing for the new \$7.4-million Hamilton Mill branch set to open this winter. At a specially called August 11 meeting, trustees voted to take the step in the face of budget cuts mandated by the County Commission. Already this week, Gwinnett residents have seen the library system take the unusual step of closing Sundays and Mondays and reducing hours the rest of the week....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Aug. 11



[San Diego library lecture draws protest](#)

An Islamic advocacy group is protesting the San Diego (Calif.) Public Library's August 15 hosting of a presentation on Islam, saying the event is tied to an extremist group. Michael Hayutin (right), local director of Act! for America, will "give a slide presentation and



Q. We are at the stage in our library where we want to begin giving out "high tech" library cards. Can you recommend any resources that we can use to get ideas for card type, lamination, designs, or applications for use beyond the usual checking out of books?

A. Library cards are no longer limited to checking out books and audiovisual materials. Some libraries are now using their cards for computer assignment, copy machine debit, and other ideas. Depending on your municipality, you may be able to further broaden the areas at which your library card can be used. A [brief collection of resources](#) has been put together by the ALA Library, including vendors who exhibited at the recent Annual Conference in Chicago. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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lecture on radical Islam and describe the threat some Americans feel that it represents," said a news release from the library. The San Diego chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations sent a [letter](#) August 10 to Library Director Deborah Barrow asking that the library drop its sponsorship of the talk or invite a local Muslim leader to offer a "mainstream perspective" at the event....

San Diego (Calif.) Union Tribune, Aug. 11

[Broward sprinkler test gets out of control](#)

The Broward County (Fla.) Main Library in Fort Lauderdale reopened August 10 after workers finished cleaning up from an internal flood caused by a sprinkler test that went awry. A large quantity of water began gushing from the seventh floor and cascaded through the atrium to the ground floor early on August 7. Library Director Bob Cannon said there appeared to be no damage to the sixth-floor rare book collection except for two old comic books in a flooded display case....

Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Sun-Sentinel, Aug. 10

[Software workers upgrade school library](#)

Some 65 employees of Fishbowl, a software company in Orem, Utah, went back to school for a day on August 7. As a result of their visit, when students and teachers return August 19 to Springville's Cherry Creek Elementary School, they will find a refurbished library with books that have been repaired and on new shelves. But what they won't see may make the biggest difference—a new computer database to manage the school's other library, the one for the levels reading program that helps small groups of students working at the same reading level....

Salt Lake City Deseret News, Aug. 7

[Certified lunar librarianship](#)

The new exhibit at the Plymouth (Mass.) Public Library is so out of this world that Youth Services Librarian Margaret McGrath needed a special certification from NASA to handle it. For two weeks in August she will carry a special NASA briefcase with her nearly everywhere she goes. The briefcase, kept locked overnight at police headquarters, contains six samples of moon rocks and six fragments of meteorites for the library's "Plymouth Rocks the Moon" exhibit....

Plymouth (Mass.) Old Colony Memorial, Aug. 8

[YA librarian does not survive game show](#)

After spending seven weeks appearing on TV across the United States, Dan Barbour was eliminated from ABC's *I Survived a Japanese Game Show* during the July 29 episode. A young adult librarian at the Shrewsbury (Mass.) Public Library since 2007, Barbour said part of the appeal of being on the show was traveling to a foreign country. The show follows 12 Americans who leave the U.S. for Japan and participate in various games played on a typical Japanese game show for a grand prize of \$250,000....

Shrewsbury (Mass.) Chronicle, Aug. 5



If you're looking for **resources for ALA chapters**, visit this [overview](#) page. Here you will find quick links, key action areas, and resources by topic. And, if you want to get involved in **chapter activities**, or just want to find out what ALA and its chapters are all about, visit [this page](#).

Calendar

Aug. 26–29:

[American Association for State and Local History](#). Annual Meeting, Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. "Making History a 21st-Century Enterprise."

Aug. 28–29:

[Salt Lake City Family History Expo 2009](#). South Towne Exposition Center, Sandy, Utah. [Bloggers of Honor](#) will be tweeting the expo at #FHX09-SLC.

Sept. 11–13:

[Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#). Annual Conference, Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. "Keeping Your Head While Serving the Community."

Oct. 14–18:

[Frankfurt Book Fair](#).

[Plan to merge cultural office with libraries ruffles feathers](#)

A proposal in the pending Dallas city budget to combine the Office of Cultural Affairs with the city library system has so dismayed arts supporters that it has overshadowed their concerns about a 30% spending cut. "Arts and culture should be regarded as an economic development issue, something that will attract money and people to the city," said Veletta Forsythe Lill, director of the Dallas Arts District. "To change that is to regard it as simply the delivery of a service, like the library."...

Dallas Morning News, Aug. 9

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Tech Talk

[School IT chiefs mull Windows 7](#)

Software giant Microsoft is hoping to erase the bad memories of its upgrade to Vista with its release of Windows 7 this October. The program has drawn several favorable initial reviews, but upgrading won't be without its challenges for schools still using Windows XP, some early testers report. Switching from XP to Windows 7 will require a custom install because there are no supported upgrade paths. What this means for XP users is that everything on their hard disks must be wiped out to install Windows 7....

eSchool News, Aug. 11

[How to buy a mini-projector](#)

Portable projectors keep getting smaller and lighter. Whereas a 12-pound projector once qualified as portable, now it's considered acceptable only for carrying from room to room. The smallest, lightest projectors today are small enough so you can bring one along without a second thought, stuffing it into a briefcase or even a pocket. However, some compromises go along with the small size—notably low brightness levels. If you're thinking about getting a small projector, considering these questions first will help you pick the right one....

PC Magazine, Aug. 10



[Google's Caffeine: A jolt to search rankings?](#)

Tom Krazit writes: "One of the largest behind-the-scenes updates to Google's search technology in three years is under way, as the company reworks its computing muscle. On August 10, Google quietly began [soliciting](#) feedback for Caffeine, a new system for web searches being tested completely separately from the live search results. Users might notice that things have gotten a little faster. Also, the changes to Google's indexing methods will likely have an impact on the way websites are presented on the extremely important first page of search results, hence the need for testing and feedback." *PC World* offers a [Caffeine FAQ](#)....

Webware, Aug. 11; *Google Webmaster Central Blog*, Aug. 10; *PC World*, Aug. 11

[14 Facebook ills and how to cure them](#)

Sean Captain writes: "Facebook's various bugs, glitches, and buried features are intimidating and off-putting to newbies and continuing irritants even to obsessive fans. We polled both types and



MesseGelände,
Frankfurt am Main,
Germany.

Oct. 16–18:

[American Printing History Association](#).

Annual Conference,
Newport Public Library,
Rhode Island. "The
Book Beautiful."

Oct. 23–25:

[American Institute of Architects](#).

Committee
on Architecture for
Education Fall
Conference, Afina
Dumont Hotel, New
York City. "Designing
Learning Environments
to Rebuild Urban
America."

Nov. 6–11:

[American Society for Information Science and Technology](#).

Annual Meeting, Hyatt
Regency Vancouver,
British Columbia.
"Thriving on Diversity:
Information
Opportunities in a
Pluralistic World."

Nov. 13–15:

[Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair](#).

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Convention Center,
Boston.

Dec. 1–3:

[Online Information 2009 Conference](#).

Olympia Grand Hall,
London, U.K.

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trolled the web for top complaints. Then we sat down with Facebook to see if they had a fix—or at least an explanation—for each gripe. Read on for our list of common Facebook pains and the best pain relievers.”...

Switched, July 30

Online-request software for special collections

A handful of special collections departments, including those at the University of Chicago and University of Texas at Austin, have started using [Aeon](#), an online request and management system developed by Atlas Systems of Virginia Beach. The software eliminates many of the paper forms and records used to register users and keep track of requests. Patrons, both on and off campus, can create an account, request items directly from online catalogs and finding aids, and monitor their borrowing history....

The Wired Campus, Aug. 10



10 ways to archive your tweets

Sarah Perez writes: “Did you know that your tweets have an expiration date on them? While they never really disappear from your own Twitter stream, they become unsearchable in only a matter of days. What that means is something tweeted prior to a week and a half ago can never be retrieved via [search.twitter.com](#). That’s bad for users and it’s definitely bad for data mining. Unless Twitter corrects this issue on its own, we have to find another solution for archiving tweets ourselves. Here are 10 ways to do so.”...

ReadWriteWeb, Aug. 11



Time to clean your digital closet

Chris O'Brien writes: “There is a widespread, and mistaken, belief that because information is being stored in digital form on a device or in the cloud, it will endure. In fact, the opposite is true. For a host of reasons, our digital data is even more vulnerable than paper. The problem is getting worse. Technology is enabling us to fall further behind every year when it comes to our personal digital archives. There are some strategies for storing your digital archives, but you will need to start thinking like a librarian and become an active curator of your files.”...

San José (Calif.) Mercury News, July 30

Publishing

Textbooks are becoming history

Textbooks have not gone the way of the scroll yet, but many educators say that it will not be long before they are replaced by digital versions—or supplanted altogether by lessons assembled from the wealth of free courseware, educational games, videos, and projects on the web. “Kids are wired differently these days,” said Sheryl R. Abshire, chief technology officer for the Calcasieu Parish school system in Lake Charles, Louisiana....

New York Times, Aug. 8

Best children’s book-to-film

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[adaptations](#)

Betsy Bird writes: "As any children's librarian will attest, once the cinematic version of a children's book comes out, suddenly copies of the original text begin to disappear from library shelves. But listing [terrible children's book-to-film adaptations](#) is like shooting fish in a big, slippery, slimy barrel. So here is my own personal list of adaptations to full-length feature films (sorry, Grinch) that I think worked particularly well. Some videos will spruce it up a bit too, don't you think?"...

A Fuse #8 Production, Aug. 8



[Jewish group backs scholarly Mein Kampf edition](#)

Jewish leaders in Germany have backed a renewed push by historians to publish Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf* for the first time in Germany since 1945.

This scholarly edition would be accompanied by a critical introduction and footnotes challenging Hitler's assertions under a proposal by Munich historians. Stephan Kramer, general secretary of the Zentralrat der Juden in Deutschland, gave his support to the project, saying it would "prevent neo-Nazi profiteering." The state of Bavaria has a 70-year exclusive copyright on the book, which it has used to maintain an effective ban, but that expires in 2015....

The Telegraph (U.K.), Aug. 6

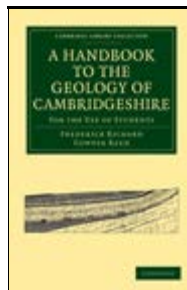


[Cambridge offers classic books in PoD editions](#)

On July 20, Cambridge University Press launched the Cambridge Library Collection, a new project to reissue scholarly books from its extensive backlist. The collection started out with 475 titles, to celebrate the 475 years since the press was granted permission to print "all manner of books" by Henry VIII. By the end of this year, this number will grow to more than 1,000.

The books are produced using state-of-the-art scanning and print-on-demand technology....

Cambridge University Press, July 20



Actions & Answers

[Chicago's new YOUmedia space for teens](#)

Wendy Stephens writes: "One of the best things I brought home from ALA Annual Conference was a new way of imagining *where* we connect teens with books. I attended the open house of [YOUmedia](#), 'a digital library space for teens' in Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center on July 11. It was the teens enjoying the space who transformed the event into a laboratory experiment in serving teens,



who are partly digital.”...

AASL Blog, Aug. 10

Teens don't tweet—or do they?

Danah Boyd writes: “On August 5, Mashable reported Nielsen’s latest Twitter numbers with the headline [Stats Confirm It: Teens Don't Tweet](#). This gained traction on Twitter with teens responding by saying ‘I’m a teen’ or the equivalent of ‘you’re all idiots...what am I, mashed potatoes?’ I want to unpack some of what played out because I’m astonished by the misinterpretations in every which direction. As Fred Stutzman has pointed out, there are [reasons](#) to question Nielsen’s methodology and, thus, their findings.”...

Apophenia, Aug. 6; Mashable, Aug. 5; Unit Structures, Aug. 5

Florida State explores digital content for school libraries

A research study at Florida State University, “Digital Libraries to School Libraries (DL2SL): A Strategy for Lasting K–12 Open Content Implementation,” will explore how school libraries can successfully integrate digital library “open content” in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics into their collections and services. The project is headed by Marcia Mardis (above), an assistant professor at Florida State’s SLIS. Open content refers to digital materials that can be downloaded, edited, and combined....

Florida State University, July 30; Vimeo, Aug. 5



WorldCat local usability results

Lorcan Dempsey writes: “I [posted](#) a while ago about the potential benefits of sharing usability results between libraries, and there was some interest in WorldCat usability testing at the time. In that context, some readers may be interested in a report ([PDF file](#)) that OCLC prepared for distribution at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. There is a lot of interesting material in its readable 8 pages, but I was especially interested to see the section on FRBR.”...

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 7

IFLA video webchats

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions will hold its annual World Library and Information Congress in Milan, Italy, August 23–29. The U.S. Embassy in Rome and Co.Nx are hosting a series of video webchats in conjunction with the conference August 23–25. To participate, go to the [webchat site](#) and enter as a guest....

America.gov, Webchats & Webcasts

Public access technology survey

Responses to this [survey](#) will help the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation understand how libraries currently maintain their public access computers. This knowledge will also assist MaintainIT Project (recently renamed TechSoup for Libraries) and WebJunction, two library-focused technical support organizations funded by the foundation, in developing useful tools and resources for public libraries. The deadline is August 25....

TechSoup for Libraries, Aug. 7

Comic books and libraries: Together at last

Charlie Thomason writes: “The stereotype that



comic books don't belong in libraries is nearly dead. Thanks to library directors across the country, many comics and graphics novels are now considered valuable, credible literature and a great way to encourage kids and teens to read more. Additionally, the top comic book publishers—DC, Marvel, Dark Horse, and Image—are seeing libraries occupy a substantial part of their market.”...

@ your library, Aug. 11

[Online adventure story to launch at National Book Festival](#)

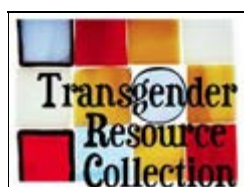
National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Jon Scieszka is the first in a chain of authors who are writing a serial adventure story for publication on a new Library of Congress [website](#). Cosponsored by the Center for the Book and the National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance, "The Exquisite Corpse Adventure" will bring young and old together with rollicking family entertainment. The updated website and the initial installment of the story will premiere at the National Book Festival on September 26....

Library of Congress, Aug. 7

[The Oak Park Transgender Resource Collection](#)

Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library undertook an extensive collection evaluation project in 2005, which included looking at diversity in the collection. This effort ultimately led to the creation of the first focused transgender resource collection in a public library in the United States. The library applied for and received an LSTA grant that allowed them to select, purchase, classify, and process \$3,000 worth of circulating nonfiction books, audiobooks, and DVDs on transgender issues....

Metropolitan Library System E-announce 2, no. 9



[College sustainability report card](#)

Check out how your college or university ranks according to this green report card. The [Sustainable Endowments Institute](#) created this sustainability report card to rank hundreds of schools in the U.S. according to 43 [indicators](#) including energy, policies, staff, purchases, food/dining, building, students, and transportation. Search for your school, compare schools, search by category, or check out the [list of top schools](#)....

Sustainable Endowments Institute

[UCSB gets more funding for its Victor discography](#)

The University of California, Santa Barbara, library has been awarded a second National Endowment for the Humanities grant to further develop an online encyclopedia of all the recordings made by the Victor Talking Machine Company (which later became RCA Victor) from 1900 to 1950. The discography of Victor records is making the history of recorded sound in the United States broadly accessible to scholars and the public for the first time....

University of California, Santa Barbara, Aug. 6



Library cuts hours (satire)

Jeremy Aldrich writes: "Due to recent budget cuts, the Massanutten Regional Library in Harrisonburg, Virginia, will only be open for five frenzied minutes each week from now on. Citing a reduction in funding from donors and local governments, library director Susan Stimley said the board had to choose between being open for five minutes each week, or for one hour every twelve weeks. Since books are only checked out for two weeks at a time the choice was obvious, she says." (The library actually did have to [reduce](#) its hours, but not so drastically.)...

Crocketown, Aug. 5; WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, Va., July 1

[New Google service lets privacy critics opt out, relocate](#)

(satire)

Concerned about your privacy while using Google? The internet giant says that it understands. Google is now offering users an opportunity to opt out and live in privacy in a remote mountain village where they are guaranteed an environment free from Google products and natural light from the sun. Within minutes, a Google van can come to your house and pick you up....

The Onion News Network, Aug. 11



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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/august2009/michlibrariansprotest081209.cfm>]

In reaction to Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm's July announcement that the Department of History, Archives, and Libraries would be disbanded—bringing along with it serious budget cuts and the likelihood the Library of Michigan's collections would be scattered to as many as seven locations—librarians at the local and national levels have joined together in protest. An August 5 rally in Lansing, organized by the Michigan Genealogical Council, began with a four-block walk from the state capitol to the library, after which the 450 participants encircled the facility. The Michigan Library Association opposes

[<http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/node/1027>] Granholm's measure because it fails to recognize the cost savings and effective delivery of statewide

services the library provides, and ALA President Camila Alire has expressed concern
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/michigan_ala.cfm]....
American Libraries Online, Aug. 12

Pennsylvania governor vetoes library funding in stopgap budget
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/august2009/pa-budget080709.cfm>]
Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell (right) vetoed more than half of a stopgap state budget bill August 5, approving only funds for what he termed “critical public health and safety services.” Among the funds Rendell eliminated, which amounted to \$12.9 billion from a \$27.3-billion budget, was \$37 million for public libraries. However, on August 11 the governor urged
[<http://www.gantdaily.com/news/43/ARTICLE/58928/2009-08-12.html>] members of the General Assembly to include support for Pennsylvania libraries in the final state budget, saying a budget proposal by Senate Republicans would slash library funding to an 11-year low....
American Libraries Online, Aug. 7; Gant Daily, Aug. 12

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

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CPLA certifies new graduate, adds seven candidates
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/cpla_apa.cfm]
The Certified Public Library Administrator program has granted certification to one candidate, making a total of 13 who are now official CPLA administrators. In addition, the Certification Review Committee approved seven new candidates in its spring review, bringing the number to 128. CPLA is a voluntary post-MLS certification program for public librarians. The next deadline for submitting
[<http://www.ala-apa.org/certification/cpla.html>] course provider or candidate reviews is September 13....

Final reminders on BTOP applications
[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3493>]
The deadline for the first-round Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant applications is August 14 at 5 p.m. Eastern time. As you complete your applications, here are a few tips and reminders. Also, be sure to refer to the ALA Know Your Stimulus
[<http://www.ala.org/knowyourstimulus>] page for Washington Office BTOP resources
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/knowstimulus/broadband/broadband-resources/index.cfm>] including webinars, instructional guidance, key links, and a list of frequently asked questions

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/knownstimulus/FAQ/index.cfm>]

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District Dispatch, Aug. 10

Network neutrality: It's all about access

[<http://www.savetheinternet.com/blog/09/08/10/american-library-association-wants-network-neutrality>]

Carrie Lowe writes: "At ALA Annual Conference in Chicago July 12, I served on a panel presentation on the topic of network neutrality. On that day, there was no network neutrality legislation in Congress (like there is today, thanks to Reps. Markey and Eshoo). There was no flashy evening news piece on the topic, no rock stars on the Hill advocating for a free and open internet. Yet 500 librarians showed up on a spectacular summer morning to hear Cliff Lynch, Greg Jackson, and me talk on the topic. Like other issues that we've dealt with, network neutrality is fundamentally about having access to ideas."...

Save the Internet, Aug. 10

Council passes resolution on helping libraries

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/councilhelp_gov.cfm]

ALA Council passed a resolution at Annual Conference in Chicago calling on ALA to immediately address "the severe national erosion of budgetary support to all libraries." In the resolution, passed July 15, Council recommended the ALA develop and institute "a critical crisis management approach" to remedy budget losses. This approach would involve an action plan to alert legislators, stakeholders, and constituents through every channel available, including the media....

Last call to Step Up

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/stepupchance_pio.cfm]

All entries for the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program are due September 1, giving baseball fans of all ages their final opportunity for a chance to win the grand prize, a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York. To help meet the mailing deadline, libraries are encouraged to send collected entries in bulk....

Call for international papers

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/internationalactivities/papersession.cfm>]

The International Relations Round Table's International Papers Committee invites proposals for papers to be presented at the International Papers Program during ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 26, 2010. The International Papers Program theme will be "Libraries as Gateways to Local History Throughout the World." Proposals must be submitted [<mailto:intl@ala.org>] by December 4....

The ALA guide to sequels is back

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/husband_editions.cfm]

ALA Editions has released a fourth edition of Sequels: An Annotated Guide to Novels in Series [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2418>] by Janet G. Husband and Jonathan F. Husband. An ALA bestseller since its

original release in 1982, this volume returns with greatly expanded series listings. Mysteries continue to be a mainstay, with fantasy, science fiction, and romance listings, plus non–genre fiction selections from authors such as Edward Abbey and Lawrence Durrell. This classic reference includes hundreds of annotated series, title and subject indexes, and suggestions for reading order....

Featured review: Books for youth

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3596323]

Turner, Pamela. *The Frog Scientist*. May 2009. 64p. Grades 5–9. Houghton, hardcover (978-0-618-71716-3).

This lively volume from the *Scientists in the Field* series opens with biologist Tyrone Hayes and his team collecting frogs at a pond in Wyoming. After a short chapter on Hayes’s background, the discussion returns to his work: He addresses the general question of why amphibian populations worldwide are declining by studying the effects of atrazine, an agricultural pesticide, on the reproductive organs of leopard frogs from a particular pond. Well organized and clearly written, the text goes into detail about the process of analyzing the chemical’s effects on the frogs, but pulls back from specifics to show how the experiment fits into the larger picture....

Summer reading

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3663796]

Michael Cart writes: “When I was a kid, I regarded the public library’s summer reading program with about as much enthusiasm as I did organized athletics and Vacation Bible School. I couldn’t prove it, but somehow I knew they were all adult conspiracies designed to suck the joy out of my summer vacation. How could they be otherwise? After all, weren’t they supposed to be good for you? Ha! The only good thing about Vacation Bible School was the chocolate milk we got to drink at snack time; the only good thing about organized athletics was—oh, wait, there wasn’t any good thing about organized athletics. As for summer reading: The big payoff for participation was supposed to be free admission to a special showing of a kid’s film at the State Theater in downtown Logansport. Big whoop. Even when I was a kid, the idea of trying to watch a movie surrounded by other kids—all of whom seemed to be suffering from some sort of hyperactivity disorder that manifested itself as nonstop screaming, running up and down the aisles, and throwing popcorn at the screen (and at me)—was strangely unattractive.”...

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

Division News

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Register now for LITA National Forum

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/2009forum_lita.cfm]

The early bird registration deadline is approaching for the 2009 LITA National Forum, "Open and Mobile," October 1–4 at the Hilton City Center Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to August 15, the registration [<http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litaevents/forum2009/>] rates are \$50 lower. Keynote sessions anchor the event and include speakers Joan Lippincott, David Weinberger, and Liz Lawley (right)....

Apply for the Morris Seminar at Midwinter

[<http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/?p=841>]

Applications are now being accepted for ALSC's Bill Morris Seminar: Book Evaluation Training, which will take place January 15 during the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The seminar will bring new ALSC members and members with limited evaluation experience together with those who have served on ALSC's media evaluation committees in an environment to train and mentor them in the group process and in children's media evaluation techniques. The deadline for applications

[http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/confevents/morris_events/morrisseminar.cfm] is September 8....

ALSC Blog, Aug. 4

Round Table News

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editor

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/irrt/intlleads/neweditorannouncement.cfm>]

James Willard Agee Jr. has been appointed editor-in-chief of the International Relations Round Table's publication, International Leads.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/irrt/intlleads/international.cfm>] Agee is director of the Bermuda College Library in Paget Parish, Bermuda. Prior to that, he held positions at the University of Northern Colorado and Emporia (Kans.) State University. International Leads disseminates information about international librarianship and the activities of the IRRT....

Awards

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Presidential Citations for International Innovation

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/irrt/news/index.cfm>]

ALA President Jim Rettig presented ALA Presidential Citations for International Innovation to three librarians July 13 at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Representatives from the Lubuto Library Project in Lusaka, Zambia; the Hester J. Hodgdon Libraries for All program in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua; and the Tongji University Library in Shanghai, China, were honored for significant contributions to the people they serve....

A new round of Great Stories CLUB grants

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/gstheme_ppo.cfm]

The ALA Public Programs Office and YALSA have selected the theme and book titles for the next round of Great Stories CLUB grants. Electronic applications for the reading and discussion series will be accepted

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ppo/programming/greatstories/gscapplication.cfm>] September 1 through November 2. YALSA's Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Committee selected "New Horizons" as the theme. Great Stories CLUB is a book club program designed to reach underserved, troubled teen populations through books relevant to their lives....

ALSC Light the Way grant is relit

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/1ighttheway_alsc.cfm]

ALSC, in partnership with Candlewick Press, is once again offering the "Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved" grant in 2010. This \$3,000 grant, presented in honor of Newbery Medalist and Geisel Honoree Kate DiCamillo, was first given in 2008 as a one-time award. The ALSC Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers Committee will select the winner. Applications (PDF file [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/candlewick1ighttheway/Light%20the%20Way%20Application.pdf>]) are due by November 1....

2009 Hugo Award winners

[<http://www.wired.com/underwire/2009/08/2009-hugo-awards-honor-gaiman-dr-horrible-more/>]

Familiar names dominated the 2009 Hugo Awards for the world's finest sci-fi and fantasy, with Neil Gaiman's The Graveyard Book winning Best Novel and earning him a new statue to go along with his 2002 Hugo for American Gods. Nancy Kress won a Best Novella for her tale The Erdmann Nexus. Some cool newcomers also picked up Hugos, which wrapped August 10 in Montreal at the 67th World Science Fiction Convention.... Underwire, Aug. 10

Seen Online

[<http://www.wfpl.org/2009/08/05/main-library-to-remain-closed-through-weeks-end/>] Workers dry out Louisville library; funds needed

[<http://www.wfpl.org/2009/08/10/library-workers-continue-work-to-dry-out-main-branch/>]

The work to clear out 50,000 water-damaged books from the flooded main branch of the Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library continues this week.

Director Craig Buthod

[<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6675318.html>] says library employees are working to keep track of each book that has to be thrown out. The damage is up to at least \$5 million. Some public areas are expected to reopen by Labor Day, but full recovery isn't expected until December. Donations of money for new computers and equipment are being accepted by the LFPL Library Foundation

[<http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009908080324>]
and the Library Society of the World
[http://stevelawson.name/seealso/archives/2009/08/thursday_lsw_lfpl_update.html]....
WFPL-FM, Louisville, Aug. 5, 10; Library Journal, Aug. 6; Louisville
Courier-Journal, Aug. 8; See Also, Aug. 7

Clunker car protest

[<http://www.thetimesherald.com/article/20090809/NEWS01/908090302/-1/NEWSFRONT2>]

Sue Kuhlman (right) feels so strongly about the possible changes
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/august2009/michlibrariansprotest081209.cfm>] in Michigan's library system that she
painted "Keep our state's library open, Gov. Granholm" across her car.
She plans to trade the car in through the Cash for Clunkers program, but
for now it sits in the parking lot of the Algonac-Clay branch of the St.
Clair County Library System, where Kuhlman works as assistant librarian,
touting the message scrawled in green spray paint. "There are some things
that need to be fought for, and this is one of them," Kuhlman said....
Port Huron (Mich.) Times Herald, Aug. 9

[<http://www.ketv.com/news/20356210/detail.html>] Omaha shutters a branch
[<http://www.omaha.com/article/20090811/NEWS01/708119946>]

The Omaha (Nebr.) Public Library took a big budget hit August 10. The
Florence branch will close for the remainder of 2009, while nearly all of
the other branches will close during the mornings as a result of budget
cuts announced August 7 by Mayor Jim Suttle. In addition, 48 library
workers

[http://www.action3news.com/Global/story.asp?S=10887669&nav=menu550_2]
altogether were notified that they will lose their jobs. Director Rivkah
Sass said the closure will not solve

[<http://www.ketv.com/news/20356210/detail.html>] the city's long-term
financial problems....

Omaha (Nebr.) World-Herald, Aug. 11; KMTV, Omaha, Aug. 12; KETV, Omaha,
Aug. 11

Fort Worth plan would close two branches

[http://www.star-telegram.com/metro_news/story/1532977.html]

Closing two branches of the Fort Worth (Tex.) Library is one of the tough
choices facing city council members as they work to close a \$59-million
budget gap. Slated for closing are the Wedgwood and Meadowbrook branches,
which would save the city \$813,000. The council is expected to finalize
the budget on September 15....

Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, Aug. 11

Gwinnett will close one branch to staff another

[<http://www.ajc.com/news/gwinnett/gwinnett-to-close-dacula-113500.html>]

Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library will close its Dacula branch later
this year to find staffing for the new \$7.4-million Hamilton Mill branch
set to open this winter. At a specially called August 11 meeting,
trustees voted to take the step in the face of budget cuts mandated by
the County Commission. Already this week, Gwinnett residents have seen
the library system take the unusual step of closing Sundays and Mondays
and reducing hours the rest of the week....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Aug. 11

San Diego library lecture draws protest

[<http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2009/aug/11/library-lecture-drawing-protest/>]

An Islamic advocacy group is protesting the San Diego (Calif.) Public Library's August 15 hosting of a presentation on Islam, saying the event is tied to an extremist group. Michael Hayutin (right), local director of Act! for America, will "give a slide presentation and lecture on radical Islam and describe the threat some Americans feel that it represents," said a news release from the library. The San Diego chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations sent a letter [<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/090810muslimletter.html>] August 10 to Library Director Deborah Barrow asking that the library drop its sponsorship of the talk or invite a local Muslim leader to offer a "mainstream perspective" at the event....

San Diego (Calif.) Union Tribune, Aug. 11

Broward sprinkler test gets out of control

[http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/sfl-broward-library-flood-b080709_0,5182168.story]

The Broward County (Fla.) Main Library in Fort Lauderdale reopened August 10 after workers finished cleaning up from an internal flood caused by a sprinkler test that went awry. A large quantity of water began gushing from the seventh floor and cascaded through the atrium to the ground floor early on August 7. Library Director Bob Cannon said there appeared to be no damage to the sixth-floor rare book collection except for two old comic books in a flooded display case....

Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Sun-Sentinel, Aug. 10

Software workers upgrade school library

[<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705321977/Fishbowl-employees-upgrade-library.html>]

Some 65 employees of Fishbowl, a software company in Orem, Utah, went back to school for a day on August 7. As a result of their visit, when students and teachers return August 19 to Springville's Cherry Creek Elementary School, they will find a refurbished library with books that have been repaired and on new shelves. But what they won't see may make the biggest difference—a new computer database to manage the school's other library, the one for the levels reading program that helps small groups of students working at the same reading level....

Salt Lake City Deseret News, Aug. 7

Certified lunar librarianship

[<http://www.wickedlocal.com/plymouth/news/x1678043098/Lunar-librarians>]

The new exhibit at the Plymouth (Mass.) Public Library is so out of this world that Youth Services Librarian Margaret McGrath needed a special certification from NASA to handle it. For two weeks in August she will carry a special NASA briefcase with her nearly everywhere she goes. The briefcase, kept locked overnight at police headquarters, contains six samples of moon rocks and six fragments of meteorites for the library's "Plymouth Rocks the Moon" exhibit....

Plymouth (Mass.) Old Colony Memorial, Aug. 8

YA librarian does not survive game show

[<http://www.wickedlocal.com/shrewsbury/fun/entertainment/books/x2015104002/>

Librarian-does-not-survive-Japanese-game-show]

After spending seven weeks appearing on TV across the United States, Dan Barbour was eliminated from ABC's I Survived a Japanese Game Show during the July 29 episode. A young adult librarian at the Shrewsbury (Mass.) Public Library since 2007, Barbour said part of the appeal of being on the show was traveling to a foreign country. The show follows 12 Americans who leave the U.S. for Japan and participate in various games played on a typical Japanese game show for a grand prize of \$250,000.... Shrewsbury (Mass.) Chronicle, Aug. 5

Plan to merge cultural office with libraries ruffles feathers

[<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/city/dallas/stories/080909dnmetartscuts.3fcf853.html>]

A proposal in the pending Dallas city budget to combine the Office of Cultural Affairs with the city library system has so dismayed arts supporters that it has overshadowed their concerns about a 30% spending cut. "Arts and culture should be regarded as an economic development issue, something that will attract money and people to the city," said Veletta Forsythe Lill, director of the Dallas Arts District. "To change that is to regard it as simply the delivery of a service, like the library."...

Dallas Morning News, Aug. 9

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Tech Talk

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School IT chiefs mull Windows 7

[<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/index.cfm?i=60123>]

Software giant Microsoft is hoping to erase the bad memories of its upgrade to Vista with its release of Windows 7 this October. The program has drawn several favorable initial reviews, but upgrading won't be without its challenges for schools still using Windows XP, some early testers report. Switching from XP to Windows 7 will require a custom install because there are no supported upgrade paths. What this means for XP users is that everything on their hard disks must be wiped out to install Windows 7....

eSchool News, Aug. 11

[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2348478,00.asp>]

How to buy a mini-projector [<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2351318,00.asp>]

Portable projectors keep getting smaller and lighter. Whereas a 12-pound projector once qualified as portable, now it's considered acceptable only for carrying from room to room. The smallest, lightest projectors today are small enough so you can bring one along without a second thought, stuffing it into a briefcase or even a pocket. However, some compromises go along with the small size—notably low brightness levels. If you're thinking about getting a small projector, considering these questions first will help you pick the right one....

PC Magazine, Aug. 10

Google's Caffeine: A jolt to search rankings?

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-17939_109-10307613-2.html]

Tom Krazit writes: "One of the largest behind-the-scenes updates to Google's search technology in three years is under way, as the company reworks its computing muscle. On August 10, Google quietly began soliciting

[[http://googlewebmastercentral.blogspot.com/2009/08/help-test-some-next-gen](http://googlewebmastercentral.blogspot.com/2009/08/help-test-some-next-generation.html)

eration.html] feedback for Caffeine, a new system for web searches being tested completely separately from the live search results. Users might

notice that things have gotten a little faster. Also, the changes to

Google's indexing methods will likely have an impact on the way websites

are presented on the extremely important first page of search results,

hence the need for testing and feedback." PC World offers a Caffeine FAQ

[[http://www.pcworld.com/article/170042/google_caffeine_faq_your_questions_a](http://www.pcworld.com/article/170042/google_caffeine_faq_your_questions_answered.html)
nswered.html]....

Webware, Aug. 11; Google Webmaster Central Blog, Aug. 10; PC World, Aug.
11

14 Facebook ills and how to cure them

[[http://www.switched.com/2009/07/30/14-facebook-ills-and-how-to-cure-most-o](http://www.switched.com/2009/07/30/14-facebook-ills-and-how-to-cure-most-of-them/)
f-them/]

Sean Captain writes: "Facebook's various bugs, glitches, and buried features are intimidating and off-putting to newbies and continuing irritants even to obsessive fans. We polled both types and trolled the web for top complaints. Then we sat down with Facebook to see if they had a fix—or at least an explanation—for each gripe. Read on for our list of common Facebook pains and the best pain relievers."...

Switched, July 30

[<http://www.atlas-sys.com/products/aeon/>]Online-request software for special collections

[<http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Online-Request-Software/7635/>]

A handful of special collections departments, including those at the University of Chicago and University of Texas at Austin, have started using Aeon [<http://www.atlas-sys.com/products/aeon/>], an online request and management system developed by Atlas Systems of Virginia Beach. The software eliminates many of the paper forms and records used to register users and keep track of requests. Patrons, both on and off campus, can create an account, request items directly from online catalogs and finding aids, and monitor their borrowing history....

The Wired Campus, Aug. 10

[<http://twapperkeeper.com/>]10 ways to archive your tweets

[http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/10_ways_to_archive_your_tweets.php]

Sarah Perez writes: "Did you know that your tweets have an expiration date on them? While they never really disappear from your own Twitter stream, they become unsearchable in only a matter of days. What that means is something tweeted prior to a week and a half ago can never be retrieved via search.twitter.com [<http://search.twitter.com>]. That's bad for users and it's definitely bad for data mining. Unless Twitter corrects this issue on its own, we have to find another solution for archiving tweets ourselves. Here are 10 ways to do so."...

ReadWriteWeb, Aug. 11

Time to clean your digital closet

[http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_12949916?IADID=Search-www.mercurynews.com-www.mercurynews.com]

Chris O'Brien writes: "There is a widespread, and mistaken, belief that because information is being stored in digital form on a device or in the cloud, it will endure. In fact, the opposite is true. For a host of reasons, our digital data is even more vulnerable than paper. The problem is getting worse. Technology is enabling us to fall further behind every year when it comes to our personal digital archives. There are some strategies for storing your digital archives, but you will need to start thinking like a librarian and become an active curator of your files."...
San José (Calif.) Mercury News, July 30

Publishing

Textbooks are becoming history

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/09/education/09textbook.html>]

Textbooks have not gone the way of the scroll yet, but many educators say that it will not be long before they are replaced by digital versions—or supplanted altogether by lessons assembled from the wealth of free courseware, educational games, videos, and projects on the web. "Kids are wired differently these days," said Sheryl R. Abshire, chief technology officer for the Calcasieu Parish school system in Lake Charles, Louisiana....
New York Times, Aug. 8

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myyb4FUUMwI>] Best children's book-to-film adaptations

[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/blog/1790000379/post/1190047519.html>]

Betsy Bird writes: "As any children's librarian will attest, once the cinematic version of a children's book comes out, suddenly copies of the original text begin to disappear from library shelves. But listing terrible children's book-to-film adaptations
[http://fusenumber8.blogspot.com/2006/05/worst-14-films-made-from-childrens_08.html] is like shooting fish in a big, slippery, slimy barrel. So here is my own personal list of adaptations to full-length feature films (sorry, Grinch) that I think worked particularly well. Some videos will spruce it up a bit too, don't you think?"...
A Fuse #8 Production, Aug. 8

edition

[<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/5978047/German-Jews-back-historians-push-to-publish-new-edition-of-Adolf-Hitlers-Mein-Kampf.html>]

Jewish leaders in Germany have backed a renewed push by historians to publish Adolf Hitler's Mein Kampf for the first time in Germany since 1945. This scholarly edition would be accompanied by a critical introduction and footnotes challenging Hitler's assertions under a proposal by Munich historians. Stephan Kramer, general secretary of the Zentralrat der Juden in Deutschland, gave his support to the project,

saying it would “prevent neo-Nazi profiteering.” The state of Bavaria has a 70-year exclusive copyright on the book, which it has used to maintain an effective ban, but that expires in 2015....

The Telegraph (U.K.), Aug. 6

Cambridge offers classic books in PoD editions

[<http://www.cambridge.org/press/article.asp?artid=154241>]

On July 20, Cambridge University Press launched the Cambridge Library Collection, a new project to reissue scholarly books from its extensive backlist. The collection started out with 475 titles, to celebrate the 475 years since the press was granted permission to print “all manner of books” by Henry VIII. By the end of this year, this number will grow to more than 1,000. The books are produced using state-of-the-art scanning and print-on-demand technology....

Cambridge University Press, July 20

[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com/>]

Actions & Answers

Chicago’s new YOUmedia space for teens

[<http://www.aasl.ala.org/aasblog/?p=664>]

Wendy Stephens writes: “One of the best things I brought home from ALA Annual Conference was a new way of imagining where we connect teens with books. I attended the open house of YOUmedia,

[<http://youmediachicago.org/>] ‘a digital library space for teens’ in

Chicago Public Library’s Harold Washington Library Center on July 11. It was the teens enjoying the space who transformed the event into a laboratory experiment in serving teens, who are partly digital.”...

AASL Blog, Aug. 10

Teens don’t tweet; or do they?

[http://www.zephoria.org/thoughts/archives/2009/08/06/teens_dont_twee.html]

Danah Boyd writes: “On August 5, Mashable reported Nielsen’s latest Twitter numbers with the headline Stats Confirm It: Teens Don’t Tweet [<http://mashable.com/2009/08/05/teens-dont-tweet/>]. This gained

traction on Twitter with teens responding by saying ‘I’m a teen’ or the equivalent of ‘you’re all idiots...what am I, mashed potatoes?’ I want to unpack some of what played out because I’m astonished by the misinterpretations in every which direction. As Fred Stutzman has pointed out, there are reasons

[<http://fstutzman.com/2009/08/05/teens-dont-tweet-or-how-to-read-a-web-panel/>] to question Nielsen’s methodology and, thus, their findings.”...

Apophenia, Aug. 6; Mashable, Aug. 5; Unit Structures, Aug. 5

[<http://vimeo.com/5958303>]Florida State explores digital content for school libraries

[http://www.fsu.com/pages/2009/07/30/digital_libraries.html]

A research study at Florida State University, “Digital Libraries to School Libraries (DL2SL): A Strategy for Lasting K–12 Open Content Implementation,” will explore how school libraries can successfully integrate digital library “open content” in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics into their collections and services. The project is headed by Marcia Mardis (above), an assistant professor at Florida State’s SLIS. Open content refers to digital materials that can be downloaded, edited, and combined....

Florida State University, July 30; Vimeo, Aug. 5

WorldCat local usability results

[<http://orweblog.oclc.org/archives/001994.html>]

Lorcan Dempsey writes: “I posted

[<http://orweblog.oclc.org/archives/001971.html>] a while ago about the potential benefits of sharing usability results between libraries, and there was some interest in WorldCat usability testing at the time. In that context, some readers may be interested in a report (PDF file [http://www.oclc.org/worldcatlocal/about/213941usf_some_findings_about_worldcat_local.pdf]) that OCLC prepared for distribution at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. There is a lot of interesting material in its readable 8 pages, but I was especially interested to see the section on FRBR.”...

Lorcan Dempsey’s Weblog, Aug. 7

IFLA video webchats

[<http://www.america.gov/multimedia/askamerica.html#librarians>]

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions will hold its annual World Library and Information Congress in Milan, Italy, August 23–29. The U.S. Embassy in Rome and Co.Nx are hosting a series of video webchats in conjunction with the conference August 23–25.

To participate, go to the webchat site

[<http://statedept.connectsolutions.com/ifla>] and enter as a guest....

America.gov, Webchats & Webcasts

Public access technology survey

[<http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/267775/2e33/>]

Responses to this survey [<http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/267775/2e33/>] will help the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation understand how libraries currently maintain their public access computers. This knowledge will also assist MaintainIT Project (recently renamed TechSoup for Libraries) and WebJunction, two library-focused technical support organizations funded by the foundation, in developing useful tools and resources for public libraries. The deadline is August 25....

TechSoup for Libraries, Aug. 7

Comic books and libraries: Together at last

[<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/comic-books-libraries-together-last>]

Charlie Thomason writes: “The stereotype that comic books don’t belong in libraries is nearly dead. Thanks to library directors across the country, many comics and graphics novels are now considered valuable, credible literature and a great way to encourage kids and teens to read more. Additionally, the top comic book publishers—DC, Marvel, Dark Horse, and Image—are seeing libraries occupy a substantial part of their market.”...

@ your library, Aug. 11

Online adventure story to launch at National Book Festival

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2009/09-151.html>]

National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Jon Scieszka is the first in a chain of authors who are writing a serial adventure story for publication on a new Library of Congress website.

[<http://www.read.gov>] Cosponsored by the Center for the Book and the National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance, "The Exquisite Corpse Adventure" will bring young and old together with rollicking family entertainment. The updated website and the initial installment of the story will premiere at the National Book Festival on September 26....
Library of Congress, Aug. 7

The Oak Park Transgender Resource Collection

[<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/news/libraryshowcase/index.cfm>]

Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library undertook an extensive collection evaluation project in 2005, which included looking at diversity in the collection. This effort ultimately led to the creation of the first focused transgender resource collection in a public library in the United States. The library applied for and received an LSTA grant that allowed them to select, purchase, classify, and process \$3,000 worth of circulating nonfiction books, audiobooks, and DVDs on transgender issues....

Metropolitan Library System E-announce 2, no. 9

College sustainability report card

[<http://www.greenreportcard.org/report-card-2009>]

Check out how your college or university ranks according to this green report card. The Sustainable Endowments Institute

[<http://www.greenreportcard.org/about/sustainable-endowments-institute>]

created this sustainability report card to rank hundreds of schools in the U.S. according to 43 indicators

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including energy, policies, staff, purchases, food/dining, building, students, and transportation. Search for your school, compare schools, search by category, or check out the list of top schools

[<http://www.greenreportcard.org/report-card-2009/awards>]....

Sustainable Endowments Institute

UCSB gets more funding for its Victor discography

[<http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/pa/display.aspx?pkey=2070>]

The University of California, Santa Barbara, library has been awarded a second National Endowment for the Humanities grant to further develop an online encyclopedia of all the recordings made by the Victor Talking Machine Company (which later became RCA Victor) from 1900 to 1950. The discography of Victor records is making the history of recorded sound in the United States broadly accessible to scholars and the public for the first time....

University of California, Santa Barbara, Aug. 6

Library cuts hours

[<http://www.crocktown.com/2009/08/library-cuts-hours.html>] (satire)

Jeremy Aldrich writes: "Due to recent budget cuts, the Massanutten

Regional Library in Harrisonburg, Virginia, will only be open for five frenzied minutes each week from now on. Citing a reduction in funding from donors and local governments, library director Susan Stimley said the board had to choose between being open for five minutes each week, or for one hour every twelve weeks. Since books are only checked out for two weeks at a time the choice was obvious, she says.” (The library actually did have to reduce

[<http://www.whsv.com/community/headlines/49634707.html>] its hours, but not so drastically.)...

Crocketown, Aug. 5; WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, Va., July 1

[http://www.theonion.com/content/video/new_google_service_lets_privacy]New Google service lets privacy critics opt out, relocate

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Concerned about your privacy while using Google? The internet giant says that it understands. Google is now offering users an opportunity to opt out and live in privacy in a remote mountain village where they are guaranteed an environment free from Google products and natural light from the sun. Within minutes, a Google van can come to your house and pick you up....

The Onion News Network, Aug. 11

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[<http://www.facebook.com/pages/ALA-JobLIST/47377008761>]

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Digital Library of the Week

[<http://www.monarchwatch.org/grafx/gallery/images/roosts/roost11.jpg>]

The National Science Digital Library [<http://nsdl.org/>] was created in 2000 by the National Science Foundation to provide organized access to high-quality resources and tools that support innovations in teaching and learning at all levels of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. As a national network of learning environments, resources, and partnerships, NSDL seeks to serve a vital

role as STEM educational cyberlearning for the nation, meeting the informational and technological needs of educators and learners at all levels. NSDL is designed primarily for K-16 educators, but anyone can access NSDL.org and search the library at no cost. Access to most resources discovered through NSDL is free; however, some content providers may require a login, or a nominal fee or subscription to retrieve their specific resources. In October 2008, management and coordination of the NSDL through 2012 was granted to the NSDL Resource Center at the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research; and Technical Network Services, a collaborative effort between Cornell University, the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

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recent Annual Conference in Chicago. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/All-in-one_Library_Card].

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Aug. 26–29:
American Association for State and Local History,
[<http://www.aaslh.org/2009-annual-meeting.htm>] Annual Meeting,
Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. “Making History a 21st-Century
Enterprise.”

Aug. 28–29:
Salt Lake City Family History Expo 2009,
[http://www.fhexpos.com/events/upcoming.php?event_id=50] South Towne
Exposition Center, Sandy, Utah. Bloggers of Honor
[http://www.fhexpos.com/events/upcoming.php?event_id=50#extra_notes] will
be tweeting the expo at #FHX09-SLC.

Sept. 11–13:
Association for Rural and Small Libraries,
[<https://www.bcr.org/ARSL/conf09/index.html>] Annual Conference, Park
Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. “Keeping Your Head While Serving the
Community.”

Oct. 14–18:
Frankfurt Book Fair, [<http://www.frankfurt-book-fair.com/en/fbf/general/>]
Messegelände, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

Oct. 16–18:
American Printing History Association,
[<http://printinghistory.org/htm/conference/2009/CFP-2009.htm>] Annual
Conference, Newport Public Library, Rhode Island. “The Book Beautiful.”

Oct. 23–25:

American Institute of Architects,
[http://info.aia.org/aia/eventsdetails.cfm?pagename=ev_cae_09_NY]
Committee on Architecture for Education Fall Conference, Afina Dumont
Hotel, New York City. “Designing Learning Environments to Rebuild Urban
America.”

Nov. 6–11:
American Society for Information Science and Technology,
[<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM09/>] Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency
Vancouver, British Columbia. “Thriving on Diversity: Information
Opportunities in a Pluralistic World.”

Nov. 13–15:
Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair,
[<http://www.bostonbookfair.com/about-the-fair/>] Hynes Convention Center,
Boston.

Dec. 1–3:
Online Information 2009 Conference,
[<http://www.online-information.co.uk/online09/>] Olympia Grand Hall,
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[Michigan librarians speak out to save State Library](#)

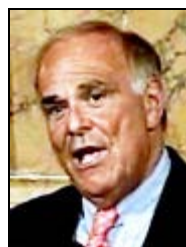
In reaction to Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm's July announcement that the Department of History, Archives, and Libraries would be disbanded—bringing along with it serious budget cuts and the likelihood the Library of Michigan's collections would be scattered to as many as seven locations—librarians at the local and national levels have joined together in protest. An August 5 rally in Lansing, organized by the Michigan Genealogical Council, began with a four-block walk from the state capitol to the library, after which the 450 participants encircled the facility. The Michigan Library Association [opposes](#) Granholm's measure because it fails to recognize the cost savings and effective delivery of statewide services the library provides, and ALA President Camila Alire has [expressed concern](#)....



American Libraries Online, Aug. 12

[Pennsylvania governor vetoes library funding in stopgap budget](#)

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell (right) vetoed more than half of a stopgap state budget bill August 5, approving only funds for what he termed "critical public health and safety services." Among the funds Rendell eliminated, which amounted to \$12.9 billion from a \$27.3-billion budget, was \$37 million for public libraries. However, on August 11 the [governor urged](#) members of the General Assembly to include support for Pennsylvania libraries in the final state budget, saying a budget proposal by Senate Republicans would slash library funding to an 11-year low....



American Libraries Online, Aug. 7; Gant Daily, Aug. 12


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[CPLA certifies new graduate, adds seven candidates](#)

The Certified Public Library Administrator program has granted certification to one candidate, making a total of 13 who are now official CPLA administrators. In addition, the Certification Review Committee approved seven new candidates in its spring review, bringing the number to 128. CPLA is a voluntary post-MLS certification program for public librarians. The next deadline for [submitting](#) course provider or candidate reviews is September 13....



[Final reminders on BTOP applications](#)

The deadline for the first-round Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant applications is August 14 at 5 p.m. Eastern time. As you complete your applications, here are a few tips and reminders. Also, be sure to refer to the ALA [Know Your Stimulus](#) page for Washington Office BTOP [resources](#) including webinars, instructional guidance, key links, and a list of [frequently asked questions](#)....

District Dispatch, Aug. 10

[Network neutrality: It's all about access](#)

Carrie Lowe writes: "At ALA Annual Conference in Chicago July 12, I served on a panel presentation on the topic of network neutrality. On that day, there was no network neutrality legislation in Congress (like there is today, thanks to Reps. Markey and Eshoo). There was no flashy evening news piece on the topic, no rock stars on the Hill advocating for a free and open internet. Yet 500 librarians showed up on a spectacular summer morning to hear Cliff Lynch, Greg Jackson, and me talk on the topic. Like other issues that we've dealt with, network neutrality is fundamentally about having access to ideas."... Save the Internet, Aug. 10

[Council passes resolution on helping libraries](#)

ALA Council passed a resolution at Annual Conference in Chicago calling on ALA to immediately address "the severe national erosion of budgetary support to all libraries." In the resolution, passed July 15, Council recommended the ALA develop and institute "a critical crisis management approach" to remedy budget losses. This approach would involve an action plan to alert legislators, stakeholders, and constituents through every channel available, including the media....

[Last call to Step Up](#)

All entries for the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program are due September 1, giving baseball fans of all ages their final opportunity for a chance to win the grand prize, a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York. To help meet the mailing deadline, libraries are encouraged to send collected entries in bulk....



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[Call for international papers](#)

The International Relations Round Table's International Papers Committee invites proposals for papers to be presented at the International Papers Program during ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 26, 2010. The International Papers Program theme will be "Libraries as Gateways to Local History Throughout the World." Proposals must be [submitted](#) by December 4....

[The ALA guide to sequels is back](#)

ALA Editions has released a fourth edition of [Sequels: An Annotated Guide to Novels in Series](#) by Janet G. Husband and Jonathan F. Husband. An ALA bestseller since its original release in 1982, this volume returns with greatly expanded series listings. Mysteries continue to be a mainstay, with fantasy, science fiction, and romance listings, plus non-genre fiction selections from authors such as Edward Abbey and Lawrence Durrell. This classic reference includes hundreds of annotated series, title and subject indexes, and suggestions for reading order....



Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Books for youth](#)

Turner, Pamela. *The Frog Scientist*. May 2009. 64p. Grades 5-9. Houghton, hardcover (978-0-618-71716-3).

This lively volume from the Scientists in the Field series opens with biologist Tyrone Hayes and his team collecting frogs at a pond in Wyoming. After a short chapter on Hayes's background, the discussion returns to his work: He addresses the general question of why amphibian populations worldwide are declining by studying the effects of atrazine, an agricultural pesticide, on the reproductive organs of leopard frogs from a particular pond. Well organized and clearly written, the text goes into detail about the process of analyzing the chemical's effects on the frogs, but pulls back from specifics to show how the experiment fits into the larger picture....



[Summer reading](#)

Michael Cart writes: "When I was a kid, I regarded the public library's summer reading program with about as much enthusiasm as I did organized athletics and Vacation Bible School. I couldn't prove it, but somehow I knew they were all adult conspiracies designed to suck the joy out of my summer vacation. How could they be otherwise? After all, weren't they supposed to be good for you? Ha! The only good thing about Vacation Bible School was



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the chocolate milk we got to drink at snack time; the only good thing about organized athletics was—oh, wait, there *wasn't* any good thing about organized athletics. As for summer reading: The big payoff for participation was supposed to be free admission to a special showing of a kid's film at the State Theater in downtown Logansport. Big whoop. Even when I *was* a kid, the idea of trying to watch a movie surrounded by other kids—all of whom seemed to be suffering from some sort of hyperactivity disorder that manifested itself as nonstop screaming, running up and down the aisles, and throwing popcorn at the screen (and at me)—was strangely unattractive.”...

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Division News

[Register now for LITA National Forum](#)

The early bird registration deadline is approaching for the 2009 LITA National Forum, “Open and Mobile,” October 1–4 at the Hilton City Center Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to August 15, the [registration](#) rates are \$50 lower. Keynote sessions anchor the event and include speakers Joan Lippincott, David Weinberger, and Liz Lawley (right)....



[Apply for the Morris Seminar at Midwinter](#)

Applications are now being accepted for ALSC's Bill Morris Seminar: Book Evaluation Training, which will take place January 15 during the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The seminar will bring new ALSC members and members with limited evaluation experience together with those who have served on ALSC's media evaluation committees in an environment to train and mentor them in the group process and in children's media evaluation techniques. The deadline for [applications](#) is September 8....

ALSC Blog, Aug. 4

Round Table News

[New *International Leads* editor](#)

James Willard Agee Jr. has been appointed editor-in-chief of the International Relations Round Table's publication, [International Leads](#). Agee is director of the Bermuda College Library in Paget Parish, Bermuda. Prior to that, he held positions at the University of Northern Colorado and Emporia (Kans.) State University. *International Leads* disseminates information about international librarianship and the activities of the IRRT....



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Representatives from the Lubuto Library Project in Lusaka, Zambia; the Hester J. Hodgdon Libraries for All program in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua; and the Tongji University Library in Shanghai, China, were honored for significant contributions to the people they serve....

[A new round of Great Stories CLUB grants](#)

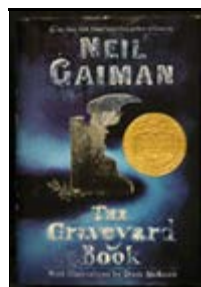
The ALA Public Programs Office and YALSA have selected the theme and book titles for the next round of Great Stories CLUB grants. Electronic applications for the reading and discussion series will be [accepted](#) September 1 through November 2. YALSA's Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Committee selected "New Horizons" as the theme. Great Stories CLUB is a book club program designed to reach underserved, troubled teen populations through books relevant to their lives....

[ALSC Light the Way grant is relit](#)

ALSC, in partnership with Candlewick Press, is once again offering the "Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved" grant in 2010. This \$3,000 grant, presented in honor of Newbery Medalist and Geisel Honoree Kate DiCamillo, was first given in 2008 as a one-time award. The ALSC Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers Committee will select the winner. Applications ([PDF file](#)) are due by November 1....

[2009 Hugo Award winners](#)

Familiar names dominated the 2009 Hugo Awards for the world's finest sci-fi and fantasy, with Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* winning Best Novel and earning him a new statue to go along with his 2002 Hugo for *American Gods*. Nancy Kress won a Best Novella for her tale *The Erdmann Nexus*. Some cool newcomers also picked up Hugos, which wrapped August 10 in Montreal at the 67th World Science Fiction Convention....



Underwire, Aug. 10

Seen Online

[Workers dry out Louisville library: funds needed](#)

The work to clear out 50,000 water-damaged books from the flooded main branch of the Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library continues this week. Director [Craig Buthod](#) says library employees are working to keep track of each book that has to be thrown out. The damage is up to at least \$5 million. Some public areas are expected to reopen by Labor Day, but full recovery isn't expected until December. Donations of money for new computers and equipment are being accepted by the LFPL [Library Foundation](#) and the [Library Society of the World](#)....



WFPL-FM, Louisville, Aug. 5, 10; *Library Journal*, Aug. 6; *Louisville Courier-Journal*, Aug.

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[Clunker car protest](#)

Sue Kuhlman (right) feels so strongly about the [possible changes](#) in Michigan's library system that she painted "Keep our state's library open, Gov. Granholm" across her car. She plans to trade the car in through the Cash for Clunkers program, but for now it sits in the parking lot of the Algonac-Clay branch of the St. Clair County Library System, where Kuhlman works as assistant librarian, touting the message scrawled in green spray paint. "There are some things that need to be fought for, and this is one of them," Kuhlman said....

Port Huron (Mich.) Times Herald, Aug. 9



[Omaha shuts a branch](#)

The Omaha (Nebr.) Public Library took a big budget hit August 10. The Florence branch will close for the remainder of 2009, while nearly all of the other branches will close during the mornings as a result of budget cuts announced August 7 by Mayor Jim Suttle. In addition, [48 library workers](#) altogether were notified that they will lose their jobs. Director Rivkah Sass said the closure [will not solve](#) the city's long-term financial problems....

Omaha (Nebr.) World-Herald, Aug. 11; KMTV, Omaha, Aug. 12; KETV, Omaha, Aug. 11



[Fort Worth plan would close two branches](#)

Closing two branches of the Fort Worth (Tex.) Library is one of the tough choices facing city council members as they work to close a \$59-million budget gap. Slated for closing are the Wedgwood and Meadowbrook branches, which would save the city \$813,000. The council is expected to finalize the budget on September 15....

Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, Aug. 11



[Gwinnett will close one branch to staff another](#)

Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library will close its Dacula branch later this year to find staffing for the new \$7.4-million Hamilton Mill branch set to open this winter. At a specially called August 11 meeting, trustees voted to take the step in the face of budget cuts mandated by the County Commission. Already this week, Gwinnett residents have seen the library system take the unusual step of closing Sundays and Mondays and reducing hours the rest of the week....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Aug. 11



[San Diego library lecture draws protest](#)

An Islamic advocacy group is protesting the San Diego (Calif.) Public Library's August 15 hosting of a presentation on Islam, saying the event is tied to an extremist group. Michael Hayutin (right), local director of Act! for America, will "give a slide presentation and



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lecture on radical Islam and describe the threat some Americans feel that it represents," said a news release from the library. The San Diego chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations sent a [letter](#) August 10 to Library Director Deborah Barrow asking that the library drop its sponsorship of the talk or invite a local Muslim leader to offer a "mainstream perspective" at the event....

San Diego (Calif.) Union Tribune, Aug. 11

[Broward sprinkler test gets out of control](#)

The Broward County (Fla.) Main Library in Fort Lauderdale reopened August 10 after workers finished cleaning up from an internal flood caused by a sprinkler test that went awry. A large quantity of water began gushing from the seventh floor and cascaded through the atrium to the ground floor early on August 7. Library Director Bob Cannon said there appeared to be no damage to the sixth-floor rare book collection except for two old comic books in a flooded display case....

Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Sun-Sentinel, Aug. 10

[Software workers upgrade school library](#)

Some 65 employees of Fishbowl, a software company in Orem, Utah, went back to school for a day on August 7. As a result of their visit, when students and teachers return August 19 to Springville's Cherry Creek Elementary School, they will find a refurbished library with books that have been repaired and on new shelves. But what they won't see may make the biggest difference—a new computer database to manage the school's other library, the one for the levels reading program that helps small groups of students working at the same reading level....

Salt Lake City Deseret News, Aug. 7

[Certified lunar librarianship](#)

The new exhibit at the Plymouth (Mass.) Public Library is so out of this world that Youth Services Librarian Margaret McGrath needed a special certification from NASA to handle it. For two weeks in August she will carry a special NASA briefcase with her nearly everywhere she goes. The briefcase, kept locked overnight at police headquarters, contains six samples of moon rocks and six fragments of meteorites for the library's "Plymouth Rocks the Moon" exhibit....

Plymouth (Mass.) Old Colony Memorial, Aug. 8

[YA librarian does not survive game show](#)

After spending seven weeks appearing on TV across the United States, Dan Barbour was eliminated from ABC's *I Survived a Japanese Game Show* during the July 29 episode. A young adult librarian at the Shrewsbury (Mass.) Public Library since 2007, Barbour said part of the appeal of being on the show was traveling to a foreign country. The show follows 12 Americans who leave the U.S. for Japan and participate in various games played on a typical Japanese game show for a grand prize of \$250,000....

Shrewsbury (Mass.) Chronicle, Aug. 5



If you're looking for **resources for ALA chapters**, visit this [overview](#) page. Here you will find quick links, key action areas, and resources by topic. And, if you want to get involved in **chapter activities**, or just want to find out what ALA and its chapters are all about, visit [this page](#).

Calendar

Aug. 26–29:

[American Association for State and Local History](#). Annual Meeting, Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. "Making History a 21st-Century Enterprise."

Aug. 28–29:

[Salt Lake City Family History Expo 2009](#). South Towne Exposition Center, Sandy, Utah. [Bloggers of Honor](#) will be tweeting the expo at #FHX09-SLC.

Sept. 11–13:

[Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#). Annual Conference, Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. "Keeping Your Head While Serving the Community."

Oct. 14–18:

[Frankfurt Book Fair](#).

[Plan to merge cultural office with libraries ruffles feathers](#)

A proposal in the pending Dallas city budget to combine the Office of Cultural Affairs with the city library system has so dismayed arts supporters that it has overshadowed their concerns about a 30% spending cut. "Arts and culture should be regarded as an economic development issue, something that will attract money and people to the city," said Veletta Forsythe Lill, director of the Dallas Arts District. "To change that is to regard it as simply the delivery of a service, like the library."...

Dallas Morning News, Aug. 9

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Tech Talk

[School IT chiefs mull Windows 7](#)

Software giant Microsoft is hoping to erase the bad memories of its upgrade to Vista with its release of Windows 7 this October. The program has drawn several favorable initial reviews, but upgrading won't be without its challenges for schools still using Windows XP, some early testers report. Switching from XP to Windows 7 will require a custom install because there are no supported upgrade paths. What this means for XP users is that everything on their hard disks must be wiped out to install Windows 7....

eSchool News, Aug. 11

[How to buy a mini-projector](#)

Portable projectors keep getting smaller and lighter. Whereas a 12-pound projector once qualified as portable, now it's considered acceptable only for carrying from room to room. The smallest, lightest projectors today are small enough so you can bring one along without a second thought, stuffing it into a briefcase or even a pocket. However, some compromises go along with the small size—notably low brightness levels. If you're thinking about getting a small projector, considering these questions first will help you pick the right one....

PC Magazine, Aug. 10



[Google's Caffeine: A jolt to search rankings?](#)

Tom Krazit writes: "One of the largest behind-the-scenes updates to Google's search technology in three years is under way, as the company reworks its computing muscle. On August 10, Google quietly began [soliciting](#) feedback for Caffeine, a new system for web searches being tested completely separately from the live search results. Users might notice that things have gotten a little faster. Also, the changes to Google's indexing methods will likely have an impact on the way websites are presented on the extremely important first page of search results, hence the need for testing and feedback." *PC World* offers a [Caffeine FAQ](#)....

Webware, Aug. 11; *Google Webmaster Central Blog*, Aug. 10; *PC World*, Aug. 11

[14 Facebook ills and how to cure them](#)

Sean Captain writes: "Facebook's various bugs, glitches, and buried features are intimidating and off-putting to newbies and continuing irritants even to obsessive fans. We polled both types and



MesseGelände,
Frankfurt am Main,
Germany.

Oct. 16–18:

[American Printing History Association.](#)

Annual Conference,
Newport Public Library,
Rhode Island. "The
Book Beautiful."

Oct. 23–25:

[American Institute of Architects.](#)

Committee
on Architecture for
Education Fall
Conference, Afina
Dumont Hotel, New
York City. "Designing
Learning Environments
to Rebuild Urban
America."

Nov. 6–11:

[American Society for Information Science and Technology.](#)

Annual Meeting, Hyatt
Regency Vancouver,
British Columbia.
"Thriving on Diversity:
Information
Opportunities in a
Pluralistic World."

Nov. 13–15:

[Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair.](#)

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Convention Center,
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trolled the web for top complaints. Then we sat down with Facebook to see if they had a fix—or at least an explanation—for each gripe. Read on for our list of common Facebook pains and the best pain relievers.”...

Switched, July 30

Online-request software for special collections

A handful of special collections departments, including those at the University of Chicago and University of Texas at Austin, have started using [Aeon](#), an online request and management system developed by Atlas Systems of Virginia Beach. The software eliminates many of the paper forms and records used to register users and keep track of requests. Patrons, both on and off campus, can create an account, request items directly from online catalogs and finding aids, and monitor their borrowing history....

The Wired Campus, Aug. 10



10 ways to archive your tweets

Sarah Perez writes: “Did you know that your tweets have an expiration date on them? While they never really disappear from your own Twitter stream, they become unsearchable in only a matter of days. What that means is something tweeted prior to a week and a half ago can never be retrieved via [search.twitter.com](#). That’s bad for users and it’s definitely bad for data mining. Unless Twitter corrects this issue on its own, we have to find another solution for archiving tweets ourselves. Here are 10 ways to do so.”...

ReadWriteWeb, Aug. 11



Time to clean your digital closet

Chris O'Brien writes: “There is a widespread, and mistaken, belief that because information is being stored in digital form on a device or in the cloud, it will endure. In fact, the opposite is true. For a host of reasons, our digital data is even more vulnerable than paper. The problem is getting worse. Technology is enabling us to fall further behind every year when it comes to our personal digital archives. There are some strategies for storing your digital archives, but you will need to start thinking like a librarian and become an active curator of your files.”...

San José (Calif.) Mercury News, July 30

Publishing

Textbooks are becoming history

Textbooks have not gone the way of the scroll yet, but many educators say that it will not be long before they are replaced by digital versions—or supplanted altogether by lessons assembled from the wealth of free courseware, educational games, videos, and projects on the web. “Kids are wired differently these days,” said Sheryl R. Abshire, chief technology officer for the Calcasieu Parish school system in Lake Charles, Louisiana....

New York Times, Aug. 8

Best children’s book-to-film

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[adaptations](#)

Betsy Bird writes: "As any children's librarian will attest, once the cinematic version of a children's book comes out, suddenly copies of the original text begin to disappear from library shelves. But listing [terrible children's book-to-film adaptations](#) is like shooting fish in a big, slippery, slimy barrel. So here is my own personal list of adaptations to full-length feature films (sorry, Grinch) that I think worked particularly well. Some videos will spruce it up a bit too, don't you think?"...

A Fuse #8 Production, Aug. 8



[Jewish group backs scholarly Mein Kampf edition](#)

Jewish leaders in Germany have backed a renewed push by historians to publish Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf* for the first time in Germany since 1945.

This scholarly edition would be accompanied by a critical introduction and footnotes challenging Hitler's assertions under a proposal by Munich historians. Stephan Kramer, general secretary of the Zentralrat der Juden in Deutschland, gave his support to the project, saying it would "prevent neo-Nazi profiteering." The state of Bavaria has a 70-year exclusive copyright on the book, which it has used to maintain an effective ban, but that expires in 2015....

The Telegraph (U.K.), Aug. 6

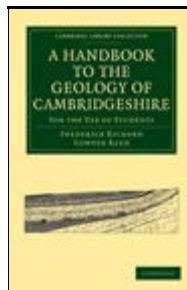


[Cambridge offers classic books in PoD editions](#)

On July 20, Cambridge University Press launched the Cambridge Library Collection, a new project to reissue scholarly books from its extensive backlist. The collection started out with 475 titles, to celebrate the 475 years since the press was granted permission to print "all manner of books" by Henry VIII. By the end of this year, this number will grow to more than 1,000.

The books are produced using state-of-the-art scanning and print-on-demand technology....

Cambridge University Press, July 20



Actions & Answers

[Chicago's new YOUmedia space for teens](#)

Wendy Stephens writes: "One of the best things I brought home from ALA Annual Conference was a new way of imagining *where* we connect teens with books. I attended the open house of [YOUmedia](#), 'a digital library space for teens' in Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center on July 11. It was the teens enjoying the space who transformed the event into a laboratory experiment in serving teens,



who are partly digital.”...

AASL Blog, Aug. 10

Teens don't tweet—or do they?

Danah Boyd writes: “On August 5, Mashable reported Nielsen’s latest Twitter numbers with the headline [Stats Confirm It: Teens Don't Tweet](#). This gained traction on Twitter with teens responding by saying ‘I’m a teen’ or the equivalent of ‘you’re all idiots...what am I, mashed potatoes?’ I want to unpack some of what played out because I’m astonished by the misinterpretations in every which direction. As Fred Stutzman has pointed out, there are [reasons](#) to question Nielsen’s methodology and, thus, their findings.”...

Apophenia, Aug. 6; Mashable, Aug. 5; Unit Structures, Aug. 5

Florida State explores digital content for school libraries

A research study at Florida State University, “Digital Libraries to School Libraries (DL2SL): A Strategy for Lasting K–12 Open Content Implementation,” will explore how school libraries can successfully integrate digital library “open content” in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics into their collections and services. The project is headed by Marcia Mardis (above), an assistant professor at Florida State’s SLIS. Open content refers to digital materials that can be downloaded, edited, and combined....

Florida State University, July 30; Vimeo, Aug. 5



WorldCat local usability results

Lorcan Dempsey writes: “I [posted](#) a while ago about the potential benefits of sharing usability results between libraries, and there was some interest in WorldCat usability testing at the time. In that context, some readers may be interested in a report ([PDF file](#)) that OCLC prepared for distribution at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. There is a lot of interesting material in its readable 8 pages, but I was especially interested to see the section on FRBR.”...

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 7

IFLA video webchats

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions will hold its annual World Library and Information Congress in Milan, Italy, August 23–29. The U.S. Embassy in Rome and Co.Nx are hosting a series of video webchats in conjunction with the conference August 23–25. To participate, go to the [webchat site](#) and enter as a guest....

America.gov, Webchats & Webcasts

Public access technology survey

Responses to this [survey](#) will help the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation understand how libraries currently maintain their public access computers. This knowledge will also assist MaintainIT Project (recently renamed TechSoup for Libraries) and WebJunction, two library-focused technical support organizations funded by the foundation, in developing useful tools and resources for public libraries. The deadline is August 25....

TechSoup for Libraries, Aug. 7

Comic books and libraries: Together at last

Charlie Thomason writes: “The stereotype that



comic books don't belong in libraries is nearly dead. Thanks to library directors across the country, many comics and graphics novels are now considered valuable, credible literature and a great way to encourage kids and teens to read more. Additionally, the top comic book publishers—DC, Marvel, Dark Horse, and Image—are seeing libraries occupy a substantial part of their market.”...

@ your library, Aug. 11

[Online adventure story to launch at National Book Festival](#)

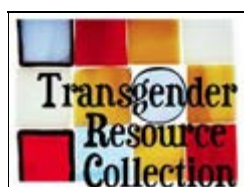
National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Jon Scieszka is the first in a chain of authors who are writing a serial adventure story for publication on a new Library of Congress [website](#). Cosponsored by the Center for the Book and the National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance, "The Exquisite Corpse Adventure" will bring young and old together with rollicking family entertainment. The updated website and the initial installment of the story will premiere at the National Book Festival on September 26....

Library of Congress, Aug. 7

[The Oak Park Transgender Resource Collection](#)

Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library undertook an extensive collection evaluation project in 2005, which included looking at diversity in the collection. This effort ultimately led to the creation of the first focused transgender resource collection in a public library in the United States. The library applied for and received an LSTA grant that allowed them to select, purchase, classify, and process \$3,000 worth of circulating nonfiction books, audiobooks, and DVDs on transgender issues....

Metropolitan Library System E-announce 2, no. 9



[College sustainability report card](#)

Check out how your college or university ranks according to this green report card. The [Sustainable Endowments Institute](#) created this sustainability report card to rank hundreds of schools in the U.S. according to 43 [indicators](#) including energy, policies, staff, purchases, food/dining, building, students, and transportation. Search for your school, compare schools, search by category, or check out the [list of top schools](#)....

Sustainable Endowments Institute

[UCSB gets more funding for its Victor discography](#)

The University of California, Santa Barbara, library has been awarded a second National Endowment for the Humanities grant to further develop an online encyclopedia of all the recordings made by the Victor Talking Machine Company (which later became RCA Victor) from 1900 to 1950. The discography of Victor records is making the history of recorded sound in the United States broadly accessible to scholars and the public for the first time....

University of California, Santa Barbara, Aug. 6



Library cuts hours (satire)

Jeremy Aldrich writes: "Due to recent budget cuts, the Massanutten Regional Library in Harrisonburg, Virginia, will only be open for five frenzied minutes each week from now on. Citing a reduction in funding from donors and local governments, library director Susan Stimley said the board had to choose between being open for five minutes each week, or for one hour every twelve weeks. Since books are only checked out for two weeks at a time the choice was obvious, she says." (The library actually did have to [reduce](#) its hours, but not so drastically.)...

Crocketown, Aug. 5; WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, Va., July 1

[New Google service lets privacy critics opt out, relocate](#)

(satire)

Concerned about your privacy while using Google? The internet giant says that it understands. Google is now offering users an opportunity to opt out and live in privacy in a remote mountain village where they are guaranteed an environment free from Google products and natural light from the sun. Within minutes, a Google van can come to your house and pick you up....

The Onion News Network, Aug. 11



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U.S. & World News

[Catalogs are next to combine in Hennepin merger](#)

Consolidation, partnership, and mergers are not uncommon in the library world. Librarians' need to operate as efficiently as possible, as well as patrons' need for finding library information quickly and simply, make consolidations practical, if not necessary. For example, as part of Hennepin County (Minn.) Library's merger with Minneapolis Public Library, the catalogs of the two formerly separate collections are scheduled to be fully integrated as of August 27....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 17



ALA News

[OITP files broadband stimulus application](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy filed an application August 18 to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, requesting \$1.6 million from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to fund a project to develop resources to help librarians manage and plan broadband capacity. The ability to plan for and manage broadband services successfully is essential for today's 21st-century libraries, which face rapidly increasing demand for these services from their communities....

District Dispatch, Aug. 18

[Team up for Library Card Sign-up Month](#)

As schools open their doors for another year of classes, librarians team up with Candace Parker—WNBA star and Olympic gold medalist—to remind parents and children that it's the perfect time to get the most important school supply of all, a library card. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and



the Campaign for America's Libraries is looking for stories about how libraries are promoting the initiative. From now until the end of September, libraries are encouraged to [submit](#) stories, photos, and sample materials....

[Nine ways to get involved in ALA](#)

ALA is an incredibly rich and varied organization and offers something for everyone, whether you want to get involved with colleagues who work in the same kind of library, expand your horizons by attending conferences or continuing education events, network with members who share your interests, find a forum to discuss key issues, work on specific projects, or support libraries and librarians. Here are some key ways you can get more involved with the Association....

[Wild Things posters and bookmarks](#)

In honor of the 1964 Caldecott Medal-winning *Where the Wild Things Are*, ALA Graphics has released two sets of posters and bookmarks. Maurice Sendak's timeless classic, which relates the imaginary adventure of young Max in the mysterious forest of the wild things, springs to life this fall in a film adaptation, and the posters and bookmarks include imagery from both the movie and the book. Both are available through the [ALA Store](#)....



Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Media](#)

Willems, Mo. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* Apr. 2009. 6 min. PreS–Grade 1. Weston Woods, DVD (978-0-545-13435-4). Thanks to clever animation and valuable extras, this first-rate adaptation of Mo Willems's hilarious, beloved picture book (2003) delights on every level. In a chaotic prologue fueled by a burst of Dixieland jazz, the manic titular hero (expertly voiced by Willems) fantasizes about driving a bus. Goofy sound effects flavor images of the vehicle nearly spinning out of control, much to the bird's delight. Then the bus driver (narrated by Jon Scieszka in a fun bit of vocal casting) says he has to leave and instructs, "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus." As the pigeon begs, pleads, and bargains ("I'll give you five dollars; it's only a bus"), animation becomes more jittery, wildly conveying his increasing agitation....



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[Upcoming audiobook releases](#)

Sue-Ellen Beauregard writes: "In a salute to National Audiobook Month, we feature this preview listing of upcoming titles. The audiobooks, which are slated for release from June through December 2009, are organized under adult and youth subheadings, with adult titles further grouped under fiction and nonfiction as well as more specialized categories. TBA indicates 'to be announced,' and CD refers to compact disc. Supplied by the distributors, the information is subject to change. We will consider these titles for review when they arrive in our office."...



[Booklist revamps Quick Tips e-newsletter](#)

Quick Tips, the popular, free, monthly e-newsletter for youth librarians and teachers, is growing and will relaunch in September with additional features and enhanced content. Renamed *Booklist's Quick Tips for Schools and Libraries*, the newsletter will take greater advantage of Booklist Online's extensive youth content, drawing from thousands of feature articles and more than 125,000 reviews from both *Booklist* and *Book Links* magazines....



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[Vice President, Automation Services.](#)

Backstage Library Works, Provo, Utah, the public face for bibliographic and authority control automation. Attends ALA conferences and is responsible for AC and Marcadia user groups. Acts as a customer liaison, department manager, and oversees department finances. Requirements: MLS preferred; must have a strong knowledge of library inner workings. Must have proven management experience and an excellent customer service record....

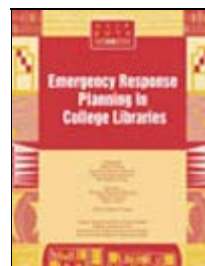


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Division News

[Emergency response planning in academic libraries](#)

ACRL has released [Emergency Response Planning in College Libraries](#), number 40 in its CLIP Notes series. Compiled by Marcia Thomas and Anke Voss and edited by Thomas, the title provides information on disaster- and emergency-response planning and management to assist librarians in the creation and updating of emergency-response plans....



[AASL conference sessions will "Rev up learning @ your library"](#)

AASL has released the lineup of more than 100 concurrent sessions for its 14th National Conference, November 5-8, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Registrants are able to view all sessions and create a personal schedule for three days of essential education. Sessions will highlight AASL's new standards and guidelines, gaming in school libraries, engaging students in Web 2.0 tools, collaboration, collection development, and 21st-century skills. For more information, visit the [conference site](#)....



[2010 Arbuthnot Lecture](#)

The Riverside County (Calif.) Library System has been chosen to host the 2010 May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture. Kathleen T. Horning (right), director of the University

Digital Library of the Week

of Wisconsin-Madison's Cooperative Children's Book Center, will deliver the lecture, to be held in the spring of 2010. Information about the exact date and how to obtain tickets will be posted when available on the ALSC website....



[ACRL fall e-learning schedule](#)

ACRL is offering a wide variety of online learning opportunities in the fall of 2009. Full details and registration information are available [online](#). Registration for all online seminars and webcasts qualifies for the division's new [Frequent Learner Program](#). Register for three ACRL e-Learning events and receive one free registration. ACRL online seminars are asynchronous, multiweek courses delivered through Moodle....

[Get back to school with ALSC online education](#)

Starting in October, ALSC is offering two courses that will enhance your skills and knowledge. The two fall courses are: "The Newbery Medal: Past, Present, and Future" and "Children with Disabilities in the Library." Discounted rates are available for ALSC members. Courses begin the week of October 5 and run through November 13. Detailed descriptions and course registration information are available on the ALSC [website](#)....

Awards

[2009 Dain Award recipient](#)

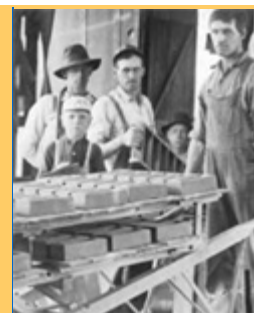
The Library History Round Table has awarded the 2009 Phyllis Dain Library History Dissertation Award, which recognizes outstanding dissertations in the area of library history, to Karen J. Cook for her work, "Freedom Libraries in the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer Project: A History." Cook's dissertation was submitted for a Ph.D. degree in the College of Communication and Information Sciences at the University of Alabama....



[I Love My Librarian Award nominations](#)

Nominations opened August 17 for the 2009 Carnegie Corporation of New York / *New York Times* I Love My Librarian Award. The award invites library users to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college, and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their community. Up to 10 librarians will be selected. Each will receive a \$5,000 cash award and a \$500 travel stipend to attend an awards ceremony and reception in New York in December. [Nominations](#) will run through October 9....

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[Minnesota Reflections](#) is the first online project of the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition. MDLC, which is comprised of professionals from libraries, archives, historical societies, and museums across Minnesota, is creating a digital collection of the state's unique resources and special collections. Minnesota Reflections is a collection of more than 40,000 images and documents depicting the history of Minnesota. More than 100 institutions including historical societies, public libraries, special archives, universities, and colleges have shared their original materials with the Minnesota Digital Library. The collection is funded by an LSTA grant through the State Library Services and School Technology division of the Minnesota Department of Education, and by the time and talent of the participants in the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#) Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the [I Love Libraries](#) site.

Bound to Stay Bound Books and Melcher Scholarships

ALSC has announced the 2009 recipients of the Frederic G. Melcher and Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded annually to students who plan to enter ALA-accredited programs, obtain a master's degree in library science, and specialize in library service to children. Four Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship recipients and two Melcher Scholarship winners were selected....

AASL to sponsor four Spectrum scholars

AASL will sponsor four current Spectrum scholars pursuing a library degree concentrating in school library media or working as school library media specialists for complimentary registration to the AASL national conference and a \$750 travel stipend. Spectrum scholars will be paired with a mentor for the duration of the conference and will receive special recognition at key events. [Applications](#) are due by September 14....

YALSA names 2009–2010 Spectrum scholar

As part of its commitment to furthering young adult librarianship, YALSA will sponsor Cristina Mitra, a student at the San José State University School of Library and Information Science. Donations to the Friends of YALSA helped fund the scholarship. Mitra chose to pursue a career in teen librarianship after working at a youth-focused nonprofit and as a library assistant at a public high school in San Francisco....

2009 SLA John Cotton Dana Award

Richard Geiger is the 2009 recipient of the Special Libraries Association John Cotton Dana Award. The award recognizes a lifetime of achievement as well as exceptional service to special librarianship and the information profession. The Awards Committee cited Geiger's leadership in the profession and volunteer work in SLA during more than 30 years of membership. Geiger was library director at the *San Francisco Chronicle* for more than 20 years. Watch the [SLA-TV video](#)....

Special Libraries Association, Aug. 13



Library branch wins a Gold Hard Hat award

Rangeview Library District's new branch in Bennett, Colorado, designed by Humphries Poli Architects, has been selected as a winner of one of the top three awards in its category in *Colorado Construction* magazine's Gold Hard Hat Awards program. The specific award and category will be announced during the 2009 Gold Hard Hat Awards breakfast October 2 at the Denver Athletic Club. The branch, which opened May 31, will be featured in the October issue of *Colorado Construction* magazine....

Rangeview Library District, Northglenn, Colo., Aug. 4



OCLC Minority Fellowship program expanded

OCLC is expanding and increasing support for its Minority Fellowship program designed to provide opportunities for aspiring library professionals from historically underrepresented groups. The program started this year with one fellow and has been expanded to include

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"As for the intellectual property, I try not to get too worked up about it. There's a lot of people angsty about piracy and copying of stuff on the internet, publishers who are very, very worried about the whole idea of e-book piracy. I like to get a little bit of perspective on it by remembering that back before the internet came along, we had a very special term for the people who buy a single copy of a book and then allow all their friends to read it for free. We called them librarians."

—Science fiction author Charles Stross, in a [dialogue](#) with economist Paul Krugman on future trends at a program at Anticipation World Con in Montreal, Aug. 6.



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Ask the ALA Librarian

two fellows in 2010. The 12-month paid program offers an opportunity to work with OCLC staff in a variety of service areas. The deadline for [applications](#) is September 8....
OCLC, Aug. 17

Seen Online

[University of Georgia librarian killed in dog attack](#)

University of Georgia Humanities Bibliographer Sherry L. Allen Schweder, 65, and her husband Lothar were mauled by up to 14 dogs as they walked near their home late last week. Visiting Jehovah's Witnesses discovered the bodies early August 15 along a rural road northeast of Lexington, Georgia, about 12 hours after they were reported missing. Investigators traced the dogs, of mixed breeds and various sizes, to a house farther down the road; the owner no longer lives in the house but visits every other day to feed the dogs. Neighbors said the animals never seemed aggressive, but the county has [euthanized](#) them. Charges are being considered against the owner....

Athens (Ga.) Banner-Herald, Aug. 18-19

[Lynndie England LC lecture canceled after threats](#)

An August 14 lecture at the Library of Congress by Lynndie England, one of the most recognizable figures of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, was scratched over safety concerns after opposition from library employees produced violent threats, according to David Moore of the LC Professional Association, the sponsoring organization. Moore, a German acquisitions specialist at the library, said he received several "vicious" emails and telephone calls threatening violence. LCPA President Angela Kinney cancelled the lecture August 13....

Washington Times, Aug. 15



[Knoxville gay-blocking suit settled out of court](#)

A U.S. District Court judge dismissed a lawsuit August 10 filed against the Knox County (Tenn.) Schools by the American Civil Liberties Union based on a settlement agreement that students will have access to educational websites about alternative lifestyles. The ACLU sued Knox County and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools in May, accusing them of unconstitutionally blocking students from accessing online information about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues through the schools' internet service....

Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel, Aug. 13

[Rockford Public Library board okays cuts, closure](#)

The Rockford (Ill.) Public Library would close the Lewis Lemon branch, lay off two dozen staffers and six management-level employees, and reduce hours at all libraries, under a reorganization proposal unanimously approved August 17. Library officials expect to lose \$1.4 million in funding, including \$824,897 the city has traditionally



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Q. Where can I find a list of the dates for ALA's events for 2009 through 2010 —Banned Books Week, National Library Week, Teen Read Week, etc.? Do you have such a list of future dates all on one page?

A. There is a list of the 2009 through 2010 dates for ALA's various forthcoming library, literature, and literacy events on the [Library Promotions and Events](#) web page compiled by the Public Information Office. ALA's upcoming event dates are also part of the [Calendar of Library Events](#) by *American Libraries* magazine, which also lists the dates for ALA division and chapter conferences and continuing education courses as well as dates for non-ALA conferences, institutes, workshops, continuing education programs, and online courses. For a list of both ALA and non-ALA events, see [Promotional Opportunities](#). Selected events are also listed in the Calendar section of every issue of *AL Direct*. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

@ The [ALA Librarian](#) welcomes your

allocated for pensions. The union has 10 days to review the proposal and offer alternative solutions....

Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, Aug. 18; WIFR-TV, Aug. 19

[Effingham refuses to remove teen book](#)

The board of the Helen Matthes Library in Effingham, Illinois, was united in its stance against censorship August 17 when it denied a request to remove a book from the teen section. Amy and Brad Hibdon became concerned when their 15-year-old daughter checked out *Living Dead Girl* by Elizabeth Scott and seemed upset by the content, which involves a teen who has been kidnapped and sexually abused for five years. Library Director Jeannie May said she agreed the book took on a painful topic, but that is not reason enough to remove it....

Effingham (Ill.) Daily News, Aug. 18



[Restricted or historic? Tintin in the Brooklyn vault](#)

The cartoonist Hergé is popular again, as is his adventurous reporter Tintin, who will be featured in a Stephen Spielberg movie due out in 2011. But if you go to the Brooklyn Public Library seeking a copy of *Tintin au Congo* (Paris, 1974), Hergé's second book in a series, you must make an appointment. The book was moved in 2007 from the stacks to the vault of the [Hunt Collection of Children's Literature](#) after a patron objected to the way Africans are depicted in the book....

New York Times, Aug. 19



[UCLA considers shutting Arts Library](#)

The University of California, Los Angeles, has confirmed that it is looking at eliminating its Arts Library, which contains more than 270,000 volumes in the fields of art, architecture, design, film, television, and theater. If the plan is approved, UCLA will close it and move some of the collection to a facility shared with another library. University Head Librarian Gary Strong added that the chemistry library is also under consideration for elimination, but no layoffs from the library staff are currently planned....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 15

[Dominican offers new LIS doctorate program](#)

The Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science in River Forest, Illinois, is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year and school administrators say it is attracting record numbers of local adults as it rolls out a new doctorate program this fall. Dean Susan Roman (right) said the school's program attracts a wide cross-section of professionals who are discontented with a field they studied earlier....

River Forest (Ill.) Leaves, Aug. 13



[A librarian's influence on actress Jennifer Garner](#)

Retired Kanawha County (W.Va.) Schools Librarian Annyce McCann, 72, heard about her name being mentioned in the pages of the [September issue](#) of *O, the Oprah Magazine*, when she got a phone call from

questions.



Through their [Community Memories project](#), librarians at the Virginia Beach (Va.) Public Library are talking to their neighbors and building community by remembering the past. Carolyn Caywood, Cynthia Hart, and Korene Wilbanks describe this local-history effort in the [Summer issue](#) of ASCLA's *InterFace*.

Calendar

Sept. 17:

[Ohio Preservation Council](#), 25th

Anniversary Symposium, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio.

"Celebrating Paper."

Sept. 25–26:

[Georgia Conference on Information Literacy](#), Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah.

Sept. 30–Oct. 3:

[Idaho Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Best Western Inn and Convention Center, Burley.

Oct. 1–3:

[Wyoming Library](#)



another librarian. Actress Jennifer Garner (right) had written, "My dream was to grow up to be a librarian, because I had a librarian named Mrs. McCann who I thought was the most magical woman on the planet." McCann had worked at Kanawha County only a short time when she met first-grader Garner....

Charleston (W.Va.) Daily Mail, Aug. 18; *O, the Oprah Magazine*, Sept.

[**A library dedicated to beach reading**](#)

John Kelly writes: "You might have thought, as I did, that a library at the beach would be about as busy as a corset shop at a nudist colony, but it turns out that the the Worcester County (Md.) Library's Ocean City branch hums every day, shine or rain. There's undoubtedly a different vibe to this beach library. But 'you *do* have to wear shoes,' Assistant Branch Manager Joe Colantuoni pointed out. 'You do have to wear a shirt.'"...

Washington Post, Aug. 19



[**Baylor's Bush library plan offered far more**](#)

Baylor University lost to Southern Methodist University in the race to host George W. Bush's presidential library, despite offering more land, more buildings, and more amenities, newly released records show. Among the attractions the Waco school sketched out for the complex: an outdoor concert venue, a multiuse conference center, an IMAX theater, an on-site fishing lake, a Little League baseball field, and a riverside boat dock. SMU in Dallas was always considered the front-runner because of the Bushes' academic and personal ties....

Dallas Morning News, Aug. 17

[**A Spartan beauty or a plain old beast?**](#)

Is the 1955 Donnell Library on West 53rd Street in New York City a rare piece of midcentury Modernism? Or an empty suit of expressionless masonry? As the vacant building heads toward demolition in two years, a cadre of preservationists still hope to convince the Landmarks Preservation Commission that the limestone façade is not a nothing, but a something....

New York Times, Aug. 13



[**Community center library in Miami takes off**](#)

A new library in the Liberty Square Community Center on Miami's northwest side opened in July with about 3,000 donated books from local civic groups. Liberty Square is a neighborhood that the politically correct describe as depressed and the realistic describe as plagued by crime. Eric Thompson, one of the center's directors, has motivated reading by nearly eliminating access to other indoor activities, like TV-watching....

Miami Herald, Aug. 13

[**Winthrop library reopens five**](#)

[**Association**](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Garden Inn Laramie.

Oct. 1–4:

[**LITA National Forum**](#), Salt Lake City, Utah. "Open and Mobile."

Oct. 18–20:

[**Indiana Library Federation**](#), Annual Conference, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne.

Oct. 20–21:

[**Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts**](#), Atlanta History Center. "A Race Against Time: Preserving Our Audiovisual Media."

Oct. 25–27:

[**Arkansas Library Association**](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites and Conference Center, Hot Springs.

Nov. 6–11:

[**American Society for Information Science and Technology**](#), Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Nov. 12:

[**Hawaii Library Association**](#), Annual Conference, Ko'olau Ballrooms, Kaneohe, Oahu. "Challenges and Opportunities."

Nov. 12–13:

[**Management of Technology**](#), Mountlake Terrace,

[**months after arson**](#)

The Charles M. Bailey Public Library in Winthrop, Maine, opened its doors to patrons for the first time since a devastating arson this past March. The library was housed temporarily at the town hall while repairs took place. "People donated books, they donated tables, so it was a lot of changes, but we had a lot of help too," said children's librarian Cindy Hinkley (above)....

WCSH-TV, Portland, Me., Aug. 17



[**Omaha residents rally for branch**](#)

A group of about 100 protesters rallied at the Florence branch of the Omaha (Nebr.) Public Library August 12 to object to its closing for the duration of 2009. Tammy Kimble, a rally organizer, said government officials should be trying to preserve and promote the historic nature of Florence, founded as a pioneer town in 1854 and annexed by Omaha in 1917. City Councilman Pete Festersen attended the rally and said it seemed unfair to close an east Omaha library while opening one in west Omaha....

Omaha (Nebr.) *World-Herald*, Aug. 12

[**Eganville debates bookshelf bias**](#)

A nasty controversy is swirling around the Bonnechere Union Public Library in Eganville, Ontario. The main character in the story is Ken O'Day, 59, well-known locally as a social conservative and one of two candidates for a vacancy on the seven-member library board. A petition soon circulated, opposing O'Day for what was described as his repeated condemnation of gays and lesbians. O'Day fired back that the library was choosing material by relying on "left-wing" sources like the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the *New York Times*....

Ottawa (Ont.) *Citizen*, Aug. 16



[**Alabama library employee charged with forgery**](#)

A grand jury will examine evidence in October against a former Cherokee (Ala.) Public Library staffer accused of using a library credit card after the account was closed. Page McWilliams of Tusculum is charged with second-degree forgery, fraudulent use of a credit card, and first-degree theft of property. The library board began looking into its credit card account after they were contacted about an overdue bill for \$16,000....

Florence (Ala.) *Times Daily*, Aug. 17

[**Google nears deal with French National Library**](#)

A four-year fight to keep the contents of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in French hands ended in defeat August 18 as it was announced that the library would collaborate with Google. "Google has won," said the front-page headline in *La Tribune*. The library is about to strike a deal under which digital copies of its books will be added to the Google Book Search library. The agreement would mark a major retreat because the BNF led a counterattack, noisily launched under President Chirac in early 2005, against what France saw as a dangerous new American imperialism....

The Times (U.K.), Aug. 19

[**European publishers target Google**](#)

Google is facing growing opposition in Europe to its landmark Google

Washington. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Nov. 25–27:

[**Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science**](#)

National Conference, University of Burdwan, Bardhaman, West Bengal, India.

"Envisioning Employable LIS Courses in Developing Countries for the Emerging Knowledge Society."

Dec. 6–9:

[**International Society for Professional Innovation Management**](#)

Innovation Symposium, Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City. "Stimulating Recovery—The Role of Innovation Management."

Jan. 16–18:

[**IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Human Computer Interaction**](#)

Allahabad, India.

Feb. 3–5:

[**Professional Scholarly Publishing**](#)

Annual Conference, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. "The New Reality: Disruption, Innovation, Relevance."

Mar. 16–19:

[**Commission on Adult Basic Education / ProLiteracy**](#)

Joint Conference, Hilton

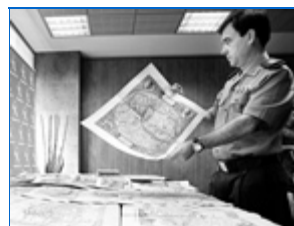
Book Search settlement, raising a fresh challenge to an agreement that could help determine the future structure of the digital books business. While limited only to book rights in the United States, the proposed settlement, which still needs court approval, has aroused consternation among European publishers, who fear they will lose some of their rights to millions of European works held in university libraries in the United States....

Financial Times, Aug. 12

[Rare map thief arrested in Spain](#)

Spanish police arrested a 47-year-old Hungarian man in Pamplona on August 7 in connection with the theft of 67 rare maps and cartographic materials from several libraries in northern Spain. The man, identified only as "Z. V.," has been the subject of a manhunt, called [Operación Biblión](#), since the March 2008 theft of a 16th-century map from El Escorial monastery library in Madrid. He told officials his own crimes were inspired by the robbery of 10 Ptolemaic maps from the National Library in Madrid in August 2007....

ThinkSpain, Aug. 12; *Diario de Noticias* (Pamplona), Aug. 12



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Tech Talk

[Five ways to keep laptop thieves from jacking your data](#)

Jacqui Cheng writes: "Laptops are more prevalent today than they have ever been. With such an explosion in notebook use, there are that many more targets for thieves looking to pawn our stuff for a quick buck, or even worse, steal our data for more nefarious uses. Once your laptop is stolen, a burglar can access almost anything on it—that is, unless you take the right precautions. For Windows, a number of users recommend [LoJack for Laptops](#)."...

Ars Technica, Aug. 17



[Sites that help you find hot topics](#)

Don Reisinger writes: "The web is a great place to learn about hot topics, but internet memes can't be spotted so easily unless you have some help. On topics ranging from tech to general interest, you can find what's hot at any moment with the following resources. The *New York Times* [Blogrunner](#) sifts through all the news blogs across the web, finds the hot topics, and lists them on the site. The most popular stories at the time are listed at the top of the page."...

Webware, Aug. 17



[Make your own URL-shortening service](#)

Kevin Purdy writes: "URL-shortening services are ubiquitous on Twitter and other cramped online spaces. They won't all last and their shutdowns could annihilate your linking history. If you own a domain, though, you can host your own service. There's not a lot you can do about your already-posted social network links, but anyone who's got \$10 for a domain name registration, and a creative short URL idea,



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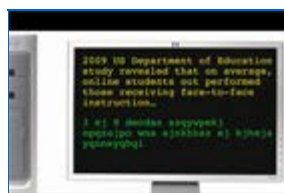
can host, monitor, and control their shortened links.”...

Lifehacker, Aug. 14

30+ impressive social media stats visualized

Adam Ostro writes: “The online marketer and author of the upcoming book *Socialnomics* has put together a fantastic [video](#) (4:23) comprised of more than 30 different stats about the growth of social media. While we’re familiar with some of the stats (he even cites some of our reports), there were a bunch of new and intriguing ones. For example, one out of eight couples married in the United States last year met via social media, and if you were paid a \$1 for every time an article was posted on Wikipedia, you would earn \$156.23 per hour.”...

Mashable, Aug 14; YouTube, July 30



The digital divide inside the library

Kate Sheehan writes: “Technology and reference are intertwining strands of public service. The task of keeping up with librarians (and their jobs) is getting techier. As our systems get more sophisticated and our desire to overhaul and remake those systems gets more intense, libraries need librarians who are tech savvy and back office staff who are pure tech. There’s no doubt that reference librarians need a strong technology skill set, but do our techies also need to have public service experience or skills?”...

ALA TechSource, Aug. 13

HootSuite organizes your Twitter activity



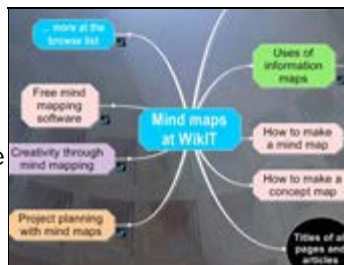
Dustin Luck writes: “Twitter started out as a simple enough idea: Tell people what’s going on with you in 140 characters or less. Now it’s evolved to become a tool for crowdsourcing and trendspotting. Online Twitter client HootSuite can help organize your Twitterverse. You can manage multiple twitter accounts from a central dashboard and tweet, retweet, reply, and direct message using any one or more of those accounts.”...

Lifehacker, Aug. 13

WikiT: The mind-mapping wiki

Joyce Valenza writes: “I am a big fan of [mind mapping](#) for researching, brainstorming, organizing, problem solving, visualization, and communicating knowledge quickly. So when I met [WikiT: Mindmapping Wiki](#), it was love at first sight. The site’s goal is to provide a community-built source on the use of information mapping. While not specifically aimed at education, WikiT is absolutely relevant for teachers of thinking skills and knowledge organization.”...

NeverEndingSearch, Aug. 16



16 apps for sharing large files



Orli Yakuel writes: “In this post, I compare 16 file-sharing services. I took three main issues under consideration when creating this comprehensive app list: free, fast, and useful. Most of the services suggested require no registration. None of them will ask you to download anything to your computer, and all of them are easy to

use, and worth using.”...

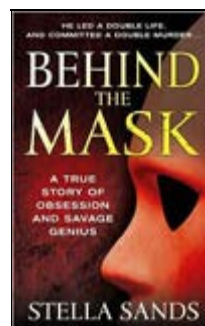
TechCrunch, Aug. 8

Publishing

[Behind the librarian mask](#)

William Coday was a model employee—a mild-mannered, 40-year-old librarian—who completely lost control when his girlfriend left him. When he didn't show up for work at the Broward County (Fla.) Library on July 12, 1997, concerned coworkers called his apartment complex to check up on him. Instead, the man who searched the apartment found someone else—the body of a woman who had been brutally murdered. In *Behind the Mask* (St. Martin's, June), Stella Sands tells the story of librarian William Coday, who had a deadly history more than two decades long, stretching across two continents....

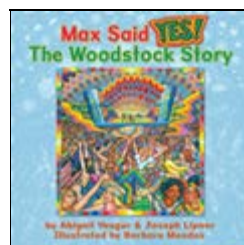
Crimesider, Aug. 14



[Yasgur kin tells the Woodstock story](#)

Like millions of others, a 14-year-old girl in Greenville, Pennsylvania, learned about the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair by reading her local newspaper. Abigail Yasgur never went to the original concert site in Bethel, New York, but as a distant cousin of the dairy farmer who hosted the festival on his land, she has cowritten a children's book with her husband about the event—*Max Said Yes! The Woodstock Story* (Change the Universe Press, May). Until recently, Yasgur was director of the Jewish Community Library in Los Angeles....

Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, Aug. 13



[Counting titles and authors](#)

Lorcan Dempsey writes: “How many print books were published in the United States since 1923, and how many authors were associated with those books? Here are some numbers from WorldCat, acknowledging that they provide good indications, not definitive answers. Print books published: 12,582,962. Unique personal authors: 3,685,778. Unique corporate authors: 977,679.”...

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 16

[Dust-jacket intrigue and fraud](#)

Allison Hoover Bartlett writes: “Building a collection of rare books is a deeply satisfying treasure hunt, and because what's sought after can be worth a fortune, theft, fraud, and forgery lurk in the shadows. The temptation to swindle grows alongside value, and dust jackets are a case in point. Most attempts at phony jackets do not fool professionals who handle books for a living, but collectors usually don't have this savvy, and neither do all dealers.”...

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 16



[Ebrary half-off sale](#)

Electronic publisher ebrary is working with its partners to offer 50% discounts for as few as 15 titles from a single publisher through December 15. So far, 12 publishers are participating, among them

the University of Michigan Press, Taylor & Francis, Elsevier, and Cambridge University Press. Email [ebrary sales](#) to request an order form. Demonstrations and trials are also available upon request....

ebrary, Aug. 13

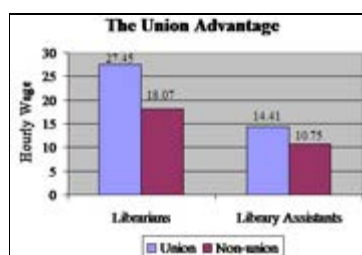


Actions & Answers

[Library workers: The latest facts and figures](#)

In 2008, there were 197,000 librarians, 44,000 library technicians, and 101,000 other education, training, and library workers. Most librarians work in school and academic libraries; about one-fourth work in public libraries. Librarians are mainly between the ages of 45 and 55, and assistants are more likely to be under 35 years old. In 2008, 25.8% of librarians were union members; 30.2% were represented by unions....

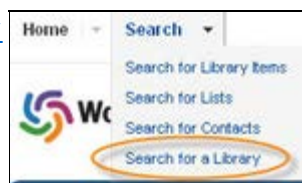
AFL-CIO Department for Professional Employees, July



[New WorldCat search-for-a-library feature](#)

A library search feature is now available to WorldCat users. Users can search for libraries by name, location, or postal code and refine search results by library type, such as public library or academic library. The order of library search results will vary depending on the type of search that is conducted. Google Maps has also been integrated into the experience to make it easier to find a nearby library....

WorldCat Blog, Aug. 17



[Relevance in context](#)

Lukas Koster writes: "If you do a search in a bibliographic database, you should find what you need, not just what you are looking for or what the database thinks you are looking for. So, how should search systems behave to make you find what you need? There are two conditions that need to be met: The search terms must be interpreted correctly, and the most relevant search results must be presented."...

Commonplace.net, Aug. 11

[Embrace your teacher identity](#)

Carrie Donovan writes: "Librarians who teach now find themselves faced with the demand to connect with students, to make libraries and information literacy knowledge meaningful, and to create learning opportunities that are memorable and long-lasting. Such a shift in expectations calls for teacher behavior that is purposeful, mindful, and rooted in the self. Transformation of this sort does not come easy, nor does it happen magically. For those in search of a true teacher identity, authenticity will serve as the best guide."...

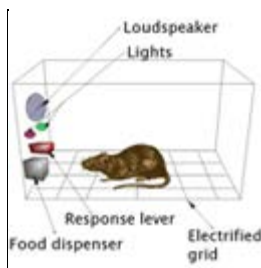
In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Aug. 19

[How the brain hard-wires us to love](#)

information seeking

Emily Yoffe writes: "We are so insatiably curious that we gather data even if it gets us in trouble. We search for information we don't even care about. We actually resemble nothing so much as those legendary lab rats that endlessly pressed a lever to give themselves a little electrical jolt to the brain. While we tap, tap away at our search engines, it appears we are stimulating the same system in our brains that scientists accidentally discovered more than 50 years ago when probing rat skulls."...

Slate, Aug. 12



Keywords from a librarian

New *Inside Higher Ed* blogger Mary W. George writes: "Teaching faculty have immense persuasive power; we librarians do not. What we do have are sweeping views of what scholars are up to, a grasp of how researchers do their business and what evidence ensues, and a knack for identifying and locating that evidence. By and large faculty and academic librarians respect one another's expertise and collaborate happily. But where and how do our students learn the process and logic of source seeking? That is the question that haunts me and inspires this blog."...

Keywords from a Librarian, Aug. 18

Run your library like a circus

Steven Bell writes: "Maybe you think your academic library is already being run like a circus, but I'm going to bring a different circus to your attention. The Cirque du Soleil is as much about art and beauty as it is pure entertainment. But there are also some leadership lessons we can all learn from this truly unique circus. I found these ideas worth sharing in an [interview](#) that designer David Rockwell conducted with Lyn Heward, creative director at Cirque du Soleil."...

ACRLog, Aug. 18; *Contract*, July 17

Blurred boundaries

Herminia Din and William B. Crow write: "Typically, museums can draw strength from their physical places. Sometimes this is an actual historic site where an event happened or a unique environment that can be examined with both a historical and contemporary lens. Place-based education, a rising field that has its roots in environmental and ecological education, theorizes that learners connect best to subjects and topics grounded in their own daily lives, experiences, and communities. Digital environments provide a rich way to do this. Online learning can serve as a bridge between worlds and help museums expand their boundaries."...

Museum, July/Aug.



Royalty fees in the Google Books settlement

Mary Minow writes: "I have been surprised at the lack of discussion about printing fees in the Public Access Service section of the Google Books settlement. Although users cannot download books in the database, they are allowed to print out pages. Libraries are required by [Section 4.8\(a\)\(ii\)](#) of the settlement to charge users a royalty fee for the printing. Google will collect the money on behalf of libraries and pass it on to the Books Rights Registry. This is the equivalent of having to send a royalty check to the Copyright Clearance Center for every page that is printed from a library book."...

[Take the Google quiz](#)

Regardless of how you feel about Google, you have to admire them. Two techies in a garage with no viable business model have created one of the fastest-growing, most profitable, most admired companies ever. They have, in short, been almost frighteningly true to their mission: to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful. But how well do you really know Google? Take this quiz and see....

Network World, Aug. 12



[San José launches Text a Librarian service](#)

Sarah Houghton-Jan writes: "On August 17, the San José (Calif.) Public Library, launched our new [Text a Librarian service](#). As far as I can tell, we are the first public library in California to offer text messaging services. The service is run through Mosio's [Text a Librarian](#). The library responds to the user through the interface of our choice (web browser, email, IM, or text messaging) and the answer shows up to the customer as a text message." The University of Nebraska at Omaha [started](#) a similar service at the Criss Library....

Librarian in Black, Aug. 17; *UNO Gateway*, Aug. 11



[The latest in green lighting](#)

Joyce Benson writes: "LEDs (light-emitting diodes) are super-efficient light bulbs and are gaining in popularity due to long lifespans, minuscule use of electricity, and low heat output (which minimizes the need for air conditioning). While LEDs have a higher initial cost than standard incandescent or CFL (compact fluorescent) bulbs, they'll save you money in the long term by using much less energy and practically eliminating the need for replacements. And they don't contain any toxic ingredients—unlike CFLs, which contain trace amounts of mercury and need to be disposed of properly."...

GreenStrides, Aug. 13



[Legislation sought for our "no vacation" nation](#)

Wanda Urbanska writes: "The United States is the only developed country in the world in which workers are not guaranteed the right to a paid vacation under the law. In fact, our epidemic of overwork is so widespread that many people don't see the need for initiative. But the cumulative effects of this reality are showing up in U.S. vital statistics. In 1980, Americans ranked 11th in the world in life expectancy. We have now slipped to 42nd."...

Cosmopolitan Review, Aug. 8

[Printed treasures of the New York Public Library](#)

The Gothamist went to NYPL's Stephen A. Schwarzman Building to get a closer look at the Rare Books Division, a 280,000-volume collection filled with striking works dating back hundreds of years, including the first book published in North America and the book in which Ernest Hemingway jotted down his Nobel acceptance



speech. Curator Michael Inman shared some stories in a behind-the-scenes look at the collection....

The Gothamist, Aug. 10

[Information Rx](#)

Susie McIntyre writes: "National studies indicate that nearly half of all American adults have difficulty understanding and using health information. In January 2007, the Great Falls (Mont.) Public Library received \$25,000 to help healthcare patients access quality information. Our project attempted to weave together referrals from healthcare professionals and increase access to information."...

Montana Library Focus 27, no. 2 (Apr.): 6

[Participate in H1N1 WebDialogues](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are considering the scope of the fall program for vaccinating Americans against the novel H1N1 pandemic influenza virus. The CDC is calling on informed citizens to share their views on this vital topic. Register now to participate in one of two WebDialogues: August 26–27 or August 31–September 1....

WebDialogues



[Long live the news aggregators](#)

Erik Schonfeld writes: "The newspaper industry is blaming online news aggregators for its dwindling profits and inability to adapt to a world of links and truly free-flowing information. It wants to go back to the world before the web, when each newspaper was a small media bundle packed with stories, 80% of which sucked. Well, guess what? The media bundle is dead. News sites can no longer capture the reader's attention with 20% news, and 80% suck."...

TechCrunch, Aug. 16

[Luann on libraries](#)

Jackie S. writes: "The comic strip *Luann* by Greg Evans is about a teen's life. This series has Luann working in her public library. A cute guy asks her to show her around the library because he is doing a school report on public libraries. See the full series at the [Luann website](#), where you can also comment or rate the three-panel comic."...

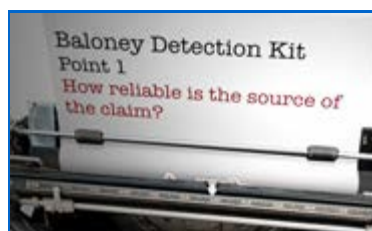
Library Advocate, Aug. 19; *Luann*, Aug. 17–19



[Baloney Detection Kit as an information literacy tool](#)

With a sea of information coming at us from all directions, how do we sift out the misinformation and bogus claims and get to the truth? Michael Shermer of *Skeptic Magazine* lays out a "Baloney Detection Kit," 10 questions we should ask when encountering a claim (14:40). Sponsored by the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science....

YouTube, June 22



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U.S. & World News

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Catalogs are next to combine in Hennepin merger

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/august2009/hennepincatalogmerger081709.cfm>]

Consolidation, partnership, and mergers are not uncommon in the library world. Librarians' need to operate as efficiently as possible, as well as patrons' need for finding library information quickly and simply, make consolidations practical, if not necessary. For example, as part of Hennepin County (Minn.) Library's merger with Minneapolis Public Library, the catalogs of the two formerly separate collections are scheduled to be fully integrated as of August 27....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 17

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

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OITP files broadband stimulus application

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3508>]

The Office for Information Technology Policy filed an application August 18 to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, requesting \$1.6 million from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to fund a project to develop resources to help librarians manage and plan broadband capacity. The ability to plan for and manage broadband services successfully is essential for today's 21st-century libraries, which face rapidly increasing demand for these services from their communities....

District Dispatch, Aug. 18

Team up for Library Card Sign-up Month

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/teamup_pio.cfm]

As schools open their doors for another year of classes, librarians team up with Candace Parker—WNBA star and Olympic gold medalist—to remind parents and children that it's the perfect time to get the most important school supply of all, a library card. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Campaign for America's Libraries is looking for stories about how libraries are promoting the initiative. From now until the end of September, libraries are encouraged to submit [<mailto:atyourlibrary@ala.org>] stories, photos, and sample materials....

Nine ways to get involved in ALA

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/getinvolved/index.cfm>]

ALA is an incredibly rich and varied organization and offers something for everyone, whether you want to get involved with colleagues who work in the same kind of library, expand your horizons by attending conferences or continuing education events, network with members who share your interests, find a forum to discuss key issues, work on specific projects, or support libraries and librarians. Here are some key ways you can get more involved with the Association....

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2735>] posters and bookmarks

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/wild_graphics.cfm]

In honor of the 1964 Caldecott Medal-winning *Where the Wild Things Are*, ALA Graphics has released two sets of posters and bookmarks. Maurice Sendak's timeless classic, which relates the imaginary adventure of young Max in the mysterious forest of the wild things, springs to life this fall in a film adaptation, and the posters and bookmarks include imagery from both the movie and the book. Both are available through the ALA Store

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/SearchResult.aspx?Keywords=Wild%20Things>]....

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3546831]
Willems, Mo. Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! Apr. 2009. 6 min.
PreS-Grade 1. Weston Woods, DVD (978-0-545-13435-4).
Thanks to clever animation and valuable extras, this first-rate adaptation of Mo Willems's hilarious, beloved picture book (2003) delights on every level. In a chaotic prologue fueled by a burst of Dixieland jazz, the manic titular hero (expertly voiced by Willems) fantasizes about driving a bus. Goofy sound effects flavor images of the vehicle nearly spinning out of control, much to the bird's delight. Then the bus driver (narrated by Jon Scieszka in a fun bit of vocal casting) says he has to leave and instructs, "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus." As the pigeon begs, pleads, and bargains ("I'll give you five dollars; it's only a bus"), animation becomes more jittery, wildly conveying his increasing agitation....

Upcoming audiobook releases

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3550558]
Sue-Ellen Beauregard writes: "In a salute to National Audiobook Month, we feature this preview listing of upcoming titles. The audiobooks, which are slated for release from June through December 2009, are organized under adult and youth subheadings, with adult titles further grouped under fiction and nonfiction as well as more specialized categories. TBA indicates 'to be announced,' and CD refers to compact disc. Supplied by the distributors, the information is subject to change. We will consider these titles for review when they arrive in our office."...

e-newsletter

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/tips_editions.cfm]

Quick Tips, the popular, free, monthly e-newsletter for youth librarians and teachers, is growing and will relaunch in September with additional features and enhanced content. Renamed Booklist's Quick Tips for Schools and Libraries, the newsletter will take greater advantage of Booklist Online's extensive youth content, drawing from thousands of feature articles and more than 125,000 reviews from both Booklist and Book Links magazines....

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

Division News

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Emergency response planning in academic libraries

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/newpub_acrl.cfm]

ACRL has released Emergency Response Planning in College Libraries, [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2753>] number 40 in its CLIP Notes series. Compiled by Marcia Thomas and Anke Voss and edited by Thomas, the title provides information on disaster- and

emergency-response planning and management to assist librarians in the creation and updating of emergency-response plans....

AASL conference sessions will “Rev up learning @ your library” [http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/sessions_aasl.cfm]

AASL has released the lineup of more than 100 concurrent sessions for its 14th National Conference, November 5–8, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Registrants are able to view all sessions and create a personal schedule for three days of essential education. Sessions will highlight AASL’s new standards and guidelines, gaming in school libraries, engaging students in Web 2.0 tools, collaboration, collection development, and 21st-century skills. For more information, visit the conference site [<http://www.ala.org/aasl/charlotte>]....

2010 Arbuthnot Lecture

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/arbutnotlecture_alsc.cfm]

The Riverside County (Calif.) Library System has been chosen to host the 2010 May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture. Kathleen T. Horning (right), director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Cooperative Children’s Book Center, will deliver the lecture, to be held in the spring of 2010. Information about the exact date and how to obtain tickets will be posted when available on the ALSC website....

ACRL fall e-learning schedule

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/elearning_acrl.cfm]

ACRL is offering a wide variety of online learning opportunities in the fall of 2009. Full details and registration information are available online [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/proftools/elearning.cfm>].

Registration for all online seminars and webcasts qualifies for the division's new Frequent Learner Program

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/freqlearner.cfm>].

Register for three ACRL e-Learning events and receive one free registration. ACRL online seminars are asynchronous, multiweek courses delivered through Moodle....

Get back to school with ALSC online education

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/onlineedu_alsc.cfm]

Starting in October, ALSC is offering two courses that will enhance your skills and knowledge. The two fall courses are: “The Newbery Medal: Past, Present, and Future” and “Children with Disabilities in the Library.” Discounted rates are available for ALSC members. Courses begin the week of October 5 and run through November 13. Detailed descriptions and course registration information are available on the ALSC website [<http://www.ala.org/alscevents>]....

Awards

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2009 Dain Award recipient

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/dain_ors.cfm]

The Library History Round Table has awarded the 2009 Phyllis Dain Library History Dissertation Award, which recognizes outstanding dissertations in the area of library history, to Karen J. Cook for her work, "Freedom Libraries in the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer Project: A History." Cook's dissertation was submitted for a Ph.D. degree in the College of Communication and Information Sciences at the University of Alabama....

I Love My Librarian Award nominations

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/carnegie2_pio.cfm]

Nominations opened August 17 for the 2009 Carnegie Corporation of New York / New York Times I Love My Librarian Award. The award invites library users to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college, and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their community. Up to 10 librarians will be selected. Each will receive a \$5,000 cash award and a \$500 travel stipend to attend an awards ceremony and reception in New York in December. Nominations

[<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/lovemylibrarian/home.cfm>] will run through October 9....

Bound to Stay Bound Books and Melcher Scholarships

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/scholarshipwinners_alsc.cfm]

ALSC has announced the 2009 recipients of the Frederic G. Melcher and Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded annually to students who plan to enter ALA-accredited programs, obtain a master's degree in library science, and specialize in library service to children. Four Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship recipients and two Melcher Scholarship winners were selected....

AASL to sponsor four Spectrum scholars

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/sponsor_aasl.cfm]

AASL will sponsor four current Spectrum scholars pursuing a library degree concentrating in school library media or working as school library media specialists for complimentary registration to the AASL national conference and a \$750 travel stipend. Spectrum scholars will be paired with a mentor for the duration of the conference and will receive special recognition at key events. Applications

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/charlotte2009/forattendees/attendeereg/spectrumapp.cfm>] are due by September 14....

YALSA names 2009–2010 Spectrum scholar

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/spectrum_yalsa.cfm]

As part of its commitment to furthering young adult librarianship, YALSA will sponsor Cristina Mitra, a student at the San José State University School of Library and Information Science. Donations to the Friends of

YALSA helped fund the scholarship. Mitra chose to pursue a career in teen librarianship after working at a youth-focused nonprofit and as a library assistant at a public high school in San Francisco....

[<http://www.slatv.org/channel.cfm?s=120&c=519>]2009 SLA John Cotton Dana Award

[<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/pressroom/pressrelease/09pr/pr2914.cfm>]
Richard Geiger is the 2009 recipient of the Special Libraries Association John Cotton Dana Award. The award recognizes a lifetime of achievement as well as exceptional service to special librarianship and the information profession. The Awards Committee cited Geiger's leadership in the profession and volunteer work in SLA during more than 30 years of membership. Geiger was library director at the San Francisco Chronicle for more than 20 years. Watch the SLA-TV video [<http://www.slatv.org/channel.cfm?s=120&c=519>]....
Special Libraries Association, Aug. 13

Library branch wins a Gold Hard Hat award [<http://tinyurl.com/m2spg6>]
Rangeview Library District's new branch in Bennett, Colorado, designed by Humphries Poli Architects, has been selected as a winner of one of the top three awards in its category in Colorado Construction magazine's Gold Hard Hat Awards program. The specific award and category will be announced during the 2009 Gold Hard Hat Awards breakfast October 2 at the Denver Athletic Club. The branch, which opened May 31, will be featured in the October issue of Colorado Construction magazine....
Rangeview Library District, Northglenn, Colo., Aug. 4

OCLC Minority Fellowship program expanded
[<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/200944.htm>]
OCLC is expanding and increasing support for its Minority Fellowship program designed to provide opportunities for aspiring library professionals from historically underrepresented groups. The program started this year with one fellow and has been expanded to include two fellows in 2010. The 12-month paid program offers an opportunity to work with OCLC staff in a variety of service areas. The deadline for applications [<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/careers/hub/view/default.htm>] is September 8....
OCLC, Aug. 17

Seen Online

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University of Georgia librarian killed in dog attack
[http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/081809/new_482836253.shtml]
University of Georgia Humanities Bibliographer Sherry L. Allen Schweder, 65, and her husband Lothar were mauled by up to 14 dogs as they walked near their home late last week. Visiting Jehovah's Witnesses discovered the bodies early August 15 along a rural road northeast of Lexington, Georgia, about 12 hours after they were reported missing. Investigators traced the dogs, of mixed breeds and various sizes, to a house farther down the road; the owner no longer lives in the house but visits every

other day to feed the dogs. Neighbors said the animals never seemed aggressive, but the county has euthanized
[http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/081909/new_483168834.shtml] them. Charges are being considered against the owner....
Athens (Ga.) Banner-Herald, Aug. 18–19

Lynndie England LC lecture canceled after threats
[<http://www.washtimes.com/news/2009/aug/15/lynndie-england-lecture-canceled-after-threats/>]

An August 14 lecture at the Library of Congress by Lynndie England, one of the most recognizable figures of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, was scratched over safety concerns after opposition from library employees produced violent threats, according to David Moore of the LC Professional Association, the sponsoring organization. Moore, a German acquisitions specialist at the library, said he received several “vicious” emails and telephone calls threatening violence. LCPA President Angela Kinney cancelled the lecture August 13....
Washington Times, Aug. 15

Knoxville gay-blocking suit settled out of court
[<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/aug/13/aclu-suit-dismissed-after-changes-made-schools/>]

A U.S. District Court judge dismissed a lawsuit August 10 filed against the Knox County (Tenn.) Schools by the American Civil Liberties Union based on a settlement agreement that students will have access to educational websites about alternative lifestyles. The ACLU sued Knox County and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools in May, accusing them of unconstitutionally blocking students from accessing online information about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues through the schools’ internet service....
Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel, Aug. 13

[<http://www.wifr.com/home/headlines/53633962.html>] Rockford Public Library board okays cuts, closure
[<http://www.rrstar.com/news/x772305058/Library-Board-could-vote-on-cuts-tonight>]

The Rockford (Ill.) Public Library would close the Lewis Lemon branch, lay off two dozen staffers and six management-level employees, and reduce hours at all libraries, under a reorganization proposal unanimously approved August 17. Library officials expect to lose \$1.4 million in funding, including \$824,897 the city has traditionally allocated for pensions. The union has 10 days to review the proposal and offer alternative solutions....
Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, Aug. 18; WIFR-TV, Aug. 19

Effingham refuses to remove teen book
[http://www.effinghamdailynews.com/local/local_story_230112621.html]
The board of the Helen Matthes Library in Effingham, Illinois, was united in its stance against censorship August 17 when it denied a request to remove a book from the teen section. Amy and Brad Hibdon became concerned when their 15-year-old daughter checked out *Living Dead Girl* by Elizabeth Scott and seemed upset by the content, which involves a teen who has been kidnapped and sexually abused for five years. Library Director Jeannie May said she agreed the book took on a painful topic, but that is not

reason enough to remove it....

Effingham (Ill.) Daily News, Aug. 18

Restricted or historic? Tintin in the Brooklyn vault

[<http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/08/19/a-librarys-approach-to-books-that-offend/>]

The cartoonist Hergé is popular again, as is his adventurous reporter Tintin, who will be featured in a Stephen Spielberg movie due out in 2011. But if you go to the Brooklyn Public Library seeking a copy of Tintin au Congo (Paris, 1974), Hergé's second book in a series, you must make an appointment. The book was moved in 2007 from the stacks to the vault of the Hunt Collection of Children's Literature

[<http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/hunt/about.html>] after a patron objected to the way Africans are depicted in the book....

New York Times, Aug. 19

UCLA considers shutting Arts Library

[<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2009/08/ucla-has-arts-library-on-chopping-block.html>]

The University of California, Los Angeles, has confirmed that it is looking at eliminating its Arts Library, which contains more than 270,000 volumes in the fields of art, architecture, design, film, television, and theater. If the plan is approved, UCLA will close it and move some of the collection to a facility shared with another library. University Head Librarian Gary Strong added that the chemistry library is also under consideration for elimination, but no layoffs from the library staff are currently planned....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 15

Dominican offers new LIS doctorate program

[<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/riverforest/news/1710094,river-forest-dominican-073009-s1.article>]

The Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science in River Forest, Illinois, is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year and school administrators say it is attracting record numbers of local adults as it rolls out a new doctorate program this fall. Dean Susan Roman (right) said the school's program attracts a wide cross-section of professionals who are discontented with a field they studied earlier....

River Forest (Ill.) Leaves, Aug. 13

A librarian's influence on actress Jennifer Garner

[<http://www.dailymail.com/Entertainment/200908170940>]

Retired Kanawha County (W.Va.) Schools Librarian Annyce McCann, 72, heard about her name being mentioned in the pages of the September issue [of O, the Oprah Magazine, when she got a phone call from another librarian. Actress Jennifer Garner (right) had written, "My dream was to grow up to be a librarian, because I had a librarian named Mrs. McCann who I thought was the most magical woman on the planet." McCann had worked at Kanawha County only a short time when she met first-grader Garner....

Charleston (W.Va.) Daily Mail, Aug. 18; O, the Oprah Magazine, Sept.

A library dedicated to beach reading

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/18/AR2009081803895.html>]

John Kelly writes: “You might have thought, as I did, that a library at the beach would be about as busy as a corset shop at a nudist colony, but it turns out that the the Worcester County (Md.) Library’s Ocean City branch hums every day, shine or rain. There’s undoubtedly a different vibe to this beach library. But ‘you do have to wear shoes,’ Assistant Branch Manager Joe Colantuoni pointed out. ‘You do have to wear a shirt.’”...

Washington Post, Aug. 19

Baylor’s Bush library plan offered far more

[<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/bushlibrary/stories/081709dnmetbaylorbush.38157af.html>]

Baylor University lost to Southern Methodist University in the race to host George W. Bush’s presidential library, despite offering more land, more buildings, and more amenities, newly released records show. Among the attractions the Waco school sketched out for the complex: an outdoor concert venue, a multiuse conference center, an IMAX theater, an on-site fishing lake, a Little League baseball field, and a riverside boat dock. SMU in Dallas was always considered the front-runner because of the Bushes’ academic and personal ties....

Dallas Morning News, Aug. 17

A Spartan beauty or a plain old beast?

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/16/realestate/16scapes.html>]

Is the 1955 Donnell Library on West 53rd Street in New York City a rare piece of midcentury Modernism? Or an empty suit of expressionless masonry? As the vacant building heads toward demolition in two years, a cadre of preservationists still hope to convince the Landmarks Preservation Commission that the limestone façade is not a nothing, but a something....

New York Times, Aug. 13

Community center library in Miami takes off

[<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/miami-dade/story/1185428.html>]

A new library in the Liberty Square Community Center on Miami’s northwest side opened in July with about 3,000 donated books from local civic groups. Liberty Square is a neighborhood that the politically correct describe as depressed and the realistic describe as plagued by crime. Eric Thompson, one of the center’s directors, has motivated reading by nearly eliminating access to other indoor activities, like TV-watching....

Miami Herald, Aug. 13

Winthrop library reopens five months after arson

[<http://www.wcsh6.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=108214&catid=2>]

The Charles M. Bailey Public Library in Winthrop, Maine, opened its doors to patrons for the first time since a devastating arson this past March. The library was housed temporarily at the town hall while repairs took place. “People donated books, they donated tables, so it was a lot of changes, but we had a lot of help too,” said children’s librarian Cindy Hinkley (above)....

WCSH-TV, Portland, Me., Aug. 17

Omaha residents rally for branch

[<http://www.omaha.com/article/20090812/NEWS01/708129942>]

A group of about 100 protesters rallied at the Florence branch of the Omaha (Nebr.) Public Library August 12 to object to its closing for the duration of 2009. Tammy Kimble, a rally organizer, said government officials should be trying to preserve and promote the historic nature of Florence, founded as a pioneer town in 1854 and annexed by Omaha in 1917. City Councilman Pete Festersen attended the rally and said it seemed unfair to close an east Omaha library while opening one in west Omaha.... Omaha (Nebr.) World-Herald, Aug. 12

Eganville debates bookshelf bias

[<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/Eganville+library+faces+nasty+debate+over+bookshelf+bias/1898699/story.html>]

A nasty controversy is swirling around the Bonnechere Union Public Library in Eganville, Ontario. The main character in the story is Ken O'Day, 59, well-known locally as a social conservative and one of two candidates for a vacancy on the seven-member library board. A petition soon circulated, opposing O'Day for what was described as his repeated condemnation of gays and lesbians. O'Day fired back that the library was choosing material by relying on "left-wing" sources like the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the New York Times.... Ottawa (Ont.) Citizen, Aug. 16

Alabama library employee charged with forgery

[<http://www.timesdaily.com/article/20090817/NEWS/908179991/1011/NEWS?Title=Librarian-accused-of-fraud-theft>]

A grand jury will examine evidence in October against a former Cherokee (Ala.) Public Library staffer accused of using a library credit card after the account was closed. Page McWilliams of Tuscumbia is charged with second-degree forgery, fraudulent use of a credit card, and first-degree theft of property. The library board began looking into its credit card account after they were contacted about an overdue bill for \$16,000....

Florence (Ala.) Times Daily, Aug. 17

Google nears deal with French National Library

[http://technology.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/tech_and_web/the_web/article6800864.ece]

A four-year fight to keep the contents of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in French hands ended in defeat August 18 as it was announced that the library would collaborate with Google. "Google has won," said the front-page headline in La Tribune. The library is about to strike a deal under which digital copies of its books will be added to the Google Book Search library. The agreement would mark a major retreat because the BNF led a counterattack, noisily launched under President Chirac in early 2005, against what France saw as a dangerous new American imperialism.... The Times (U.K.), Aug. 19

European publishers target Google

[<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/54f4008a-877e-11de-9280-00144feabdc0.html>]

Google is facing growing opposition in Europe to its landmark Google Book Search settlement, raising a fresh challenge to an agreement that could

help determine the future structure of the digital books business. While limited only to book rights in the United States, the proposed settlement, which still needs court approval, has aroused consternation among European publishers, who fear they will lose some of their rights to millions of European works held in university libraries in the United States....

Financial Times, Aug. 12

[<http://www.noticiasdenavarra.com/ediciones/2009/08/12/sociedad/navarra/fotos/11311220.jpg>]Rare map thief arrested in Spain

[<http://www.thinkspain.com/news-spain/16929/multiple-map-thief-behind-bars>]

Spanish police arrested a 47-year-old Hungarian man in Pamplona on August 7 in connection with the theft of 67 rare maps and cartographic materials from several libraries in northern Spain. The man, identified only as "Z. V.," has been the subject of a manhunt, called Operaciøn

Bibliøn,

[<http://www.noticiasdenavarra.com/ediciones/2009/08/12/sociedad/navarra/d12nav9.1686613.php>] since the March 2008 theft of a 16th-century map from

El Escorial monastery library in Madrid. He told officials his own crimes

were inspired by the robbery of 10 Ptolemaic maps from the National

Library in Madrid in August 2007....

ThinkSpain, Aug. 12; Diario de Noticias (Pamplona), Aug. 12

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Tech Talk

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[<http://www.absolute.com/products/lojack>]Five ways to keep laptop thieves from jacking your data

[<http://arstechnica.com/security/news/2009/08/five-ways-to-keep-laptop-thieves-from-jacking-your-data.ars>]

Jacqui Cheng writes: "Laptops are more prevalent today than they have ever been. With such an explosion in notebook use, there are that many more targets for thieves looking to pawn our stuff for a quick buck, or even worse, steal our data for more nefarious uses. Once your laptop is stolen, a burglar can access almost anything on it—that is, unless you take the right precautions. For Windows, a number of users recommend LoJack for Laptops

[<http://www.absolute.com/products/lojack>]."

Ars Technica, Aug. 17

[<http://www.blogrunner.com/>]Sites that help you find hot topics

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-17939_109-10310942-2.htm]

Don Reisinger writes: "The web is a great place to learn about hot topics, but internet memes can't be spotted so easily unless you have some help. On topics ranging from tech to general interest, you can find what's hot at any moment with the following resources. The New York Times Blogrunner [<http://www.blogrunner.com/>] sifts through all the news blogs across the web, finds the hot topics, and lists them on the site. The most popular stories at the time are listed at the top of the page."

Webware, Aug. 17

Make your own URL-shortening service

[<http://lifehacker.com/5335216/make-your-own-url-shortening-service>]

Kevin Purdy writes: “URL-shortening services are ubiquitous on Twitter and other cramped online spaces. They won’t all last and their shutdowns could annihilate your linking history. If you own a domain, though, you can host your own service. There’s not a lot you can do about your already-posted social network links, but anyone who’s got \$10 for a domain name registration, and a creative short URL idea, can host, monitor, and control their shortened links.”...
Lifehacker, Aug. 14

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIFYPQjYhv8>]30+ impressive social media stats visualized

[<http://mashable.com/2009/08/14/social-media-stats-visualized/>]

Adam Ostro writes: “The online marketer and author of the upcoming book Socialnomics has put together a fantastic video

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIFYPQjYhv8>] (4:23) comprised of more than 30 different stats about the growth of social media. While we’re familiar with some of the stats (he even cites some of our reports), there were a bunch of new and intriguing ones. For example, one out of eight couples married in the United States last year met via social media, and if you were paid a \$1 for every time an article was posted on Wikipedia, you would earn \$156.23 per hour.”...
Mashable, Aug 14; YouTube, July 30

The digital divide inside the library

[<http://www.alatechsource.org/blog/2009/08/the-digital-divide-inside-the-library.html>]

Kate Sheehan writes: “Technology and reference are intertwining strands of public service. The task of keeping up with librarians (and their jobs) is getting techier. As our systems get more sophisticated and our desire to overhaul and remake those systems gets more intense, libraries need librarians who are tech savvy and back office staff who are pure tech. There’s no doubt that reference librarians need a strong technology skill set, but do our techies also need to have public service experience or skills?”...
ALA TechSource, Aug. 13

HootSuite organizes your Twitter activity

[<http://lifehacker.com/5335126/hootsuite-organizes-your-twitter-activity-in-your-browser>]

Dustin Luck writes: “Twitter started out as a simple enough idea: Tell people what’s going on with you in 140 characters or less. Now it’s evolved to become a tool for crowdsourcing and trendspotting. Online Twitter client HootSuite can help organize your Twitterverse. You can manage multiple twitter accounts from a central dashboard and tweet, retweet, reply, and direct message using any one or more of those accounts.”...
Lifehacker, Aug. 13

WikIT: The mind-mapping wiki

[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/blog/1340000334/post/1910047791.html>]

Joyce Valenza writes: “I am a big fan of mind mapping

[<http://newtoolsworkshop.wikispaces.com/Mind+Mapping+Tools>] for researching, brainstorming, organizing, problem solving, visualization, and communicating knowledge quickly. So when I met WikIT: Mindmapping Wiki [http://www.informationtamers.com/WikIT/index.php?title=Main_Page], it was love at first sight. The site's goal is to provide a community-built source on the use of information mapping. While not specifically aimed at education, WikIT is absolutely relevant for teachers of thinking skills and knowledge organization.”...
NeverEndingSearch, Aug. 16

[<http://www.mediafire.com/>]16 apps for sharing large files
[<http://www.techcrunch.com/2009/08/08/16-apps-that-make-sharing-large-files-a-snap/>]
Orli Yakuel writes: “In this post, I compare 16 file-sharing services. I took three main issues under consideration when creating this comprehensive app list: free, fast, and useful. Most of the services suggested require no registration. None of them will ask you to download anything to your computer, and all of them are easy to use, and worth using.”...
TechCrunch, Aug. 8

Publishing

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Behind the librarian mask
[<http://www.cbsnews.com/blogs/2009/06/16/crimesider/entry5092107.shtml>]
William Coday was a model employee—a mild-mannered, 40-year-old librarian—who completely lost control when his girlfriend left him. When he didn't show up for work at the Broward County (Fla.) Library on July 12, 1997, concerned coworkers called his apartment complex to check up on him. Instead, the man who searched the apartment found someone else—the body of a woman who had been brutally murdered. In Behind the Mask (St. Martin's, June), Stella Sands tells the story of librarian William Coday, who had a deadly history more than two decades long, stretching across two continents....
Crimesider, Aug. 14

Yasgur kin tells the Woodstock story
[<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/article/20090813/LIFE/908130314/1005/Yasgur-kin-passes-on-tale>]
Like millions of others, a 14-year-old girl in Greenville, Pennsylvania, learned about the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair by reading her local newspaper. Abigail Yasgur never went to the original concert site in Bethel, New York, but as a distant cousin of the dairy farmer who hosted the festival on his land, she has cowritten a children's book with her husband about the event—Max Said Yes! The Woodstock Story (Change the Universe Press, May). Until recently, Yasgur was director of the Jewish Community Library in Los Angeles....
Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, Aug. 13

Counting titles and authors
[<http://orweblog.oclc.org/archives/001997.html>]

Lorcan Dempsey writes: "How many print books were published in the United States since 1923, and how many authors were associated with those books? Here are some numbers from WorldCat, acknowledging that they provide good indications, not definitive answers. Print books published: 12,582,962. Unique personal authors: 3,685,778. Unique corporate authors: 977,679."... Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 16

Dust-jacket intrigue and fraud

[<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/arts/la-caw-off-the-shelf16-2009aug16,0,4959005.story>]

Allison Hoover Bartlett writes: "Building a collection of rare books is a deeply satisfying treasure hunt, and because what's sought after can be worth a fortune, theft, fraud, and forgery lurk in the shadows. The temptation to swindle grows alongside value, and dust jackets are a case in point. Most attempts at phony jackets do not fool professionals who handle books for a living, but collectors usually don't have this savvy, and neither do all dealers."...

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 16

Ebrary half-off sale [<http://www.ebrary.com/corp/promos.jsp#publisher>]
Electronic publisher ebrary is working with its partners to offer 50% discounts for as few as 15 titles from a single publisher through December 15. So far, 12 publishers are participating, among them the University of Michigan Press, Taylor & Francis, Elsevier, and Cambridge University Press. Email ebrary sales [<mailto:sales@ebrary.com>] to request an order form. Demonstrations and trials are also available upon request....

ebrary, Aug. 13

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[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com/>]

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Library workers: The latest facts and figures

[http://www.dpeaflcio.org/programs/factsheets/fs_2009_library_workers.htm]

In 2008, there were 197,000 librarians, 44,000 library technicians, and 101,000 other education, training, and library workers. Most librarians work in school and academic libraries; about one-fourth work in public libraries. Librarians are mainly between the ages of 45 and 55, and assistants are more likely to be under 35 years old. In 2008, 25.8% of librarians were union members; 30.2% were represented by unions....

AFL-CIO Department for Professional Employees, July

New WorldCat search-for-a-library feature

[<http://worldcat.org/blogs/archives/2009/08/new-search-for-a-library-featu.htm>]

A library search feature is now available to WorldCat users. Users can search for libraries by name, location, or postal code and refine search

results by library type, such as public library or academic library. The order of library search results will vary depending on the type of search that is conducted. Google Maps has also been integrated into the experience to make it easier to find a nearby library....

WorldCat Blog, Aug. 17

Relevance in context

[<http://commonplace.net/2009/08/relevance-in-context/>]

Lukas Koster writes: "If you do a search in a bibliographic database, you should find what you need, not just what you are looking for or what the database thinks you are looking for. So, how should search systems behave to make you find what you need? There are two conditions that need to be met: The search terms must be interpreted correctly, and the most relevant search results must be presented."...

Commonplace.net, Aug. 11

Embrace your teacher identity

[<http://inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2009/sense-of-self-embracing-your-teacher-identity/>]

Carrie Donovan writes: "Librarians who teach now find themselves faced with the demand to connect with students, to make libraries and information literacy knowledge meaningful, and to create learning opportunities that are memorable and long-lasting. Such a shift in expectations calls for teacher behavior that is purposeful, mindful, and rooted in the self. Transformation of this sort does not come easy, nor does it happen magically. For those in search of a true teacher identity, authenticity will serve as the best guide."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Aug. 19

How the brain hard-wires us to love information seeking

[<http://www.slate.com/id/2224932/>]

Emily Yoffe writes: "We are so insatiably curious that we gather data even if it gets us in trouble. We search for information we don't even care about. We actually resemble nothing so much as those legendary lab rats that endlessly pressed a lever to give themselves a little electrical jolt to the brain. While we tap, tap away at our search engines, it appears we are stimulating the same system in our brains that scientists accidentally discovered more than 50 years ago when probing rat skulls."...

Slate, Aug. 12

Keywords from a librarian

[http://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/keywords_from_a_librarian/an_introduction]

New Inside Higher Ed blogger Mary W. George writes: "Teaching faculty have immense persuasive power; we librarians do not. What we do have are sweeping views of what scholars are up to, a grasp of how researchers do their business and what evidence ensues, and a knack for identifying and locating that evidence. By and large faculty and academic librarians respect one another's expertise and collaborate happily. But where and how do our students learn the process and logic of source seeking? That is the question that haunts me and inspires this blog."...

Keywords from a Librarian, Aug. 18

Run your library like a circus

[<http://acrlog.org/2009/08/18/run-your-library-like-a-circus/>]

Steven Bell writes: “Maybe you think your academic library is already being run like a circus, but I’m going to bring a different circus to your attention. The Cirque du Soleil is as much about art and beauty as it is pure entertainment. But there are also some leadership lessons we can all learn from this truly unique circus. I found these ideas worth sharing in an interview

[http://www.contractmagazine.com/contract/content_display/eseach/e3i3c6dcc0e0549069eb158b7d5af3083a] that designer David Rockwell conducted with Lyn Heward, creative director at Cirque du Soleil.”...

ACRLog, Aug. 18; Contract, July 17

Blurred boundaries [<http://www.aam-us.org/pubs/mn/blurredboundaries.cfm>]

Herminia Din and William B. Crow write: “Typically, museums can draw strength from their physical places. Sometimes this is an actual historic site where an event happened or a unique environment that can be examined with both a historical and contemporary lens. Place-based education, a rising field that has its roots in environmental and ecological education, theorizes that learners connect best to subjects and topics grounded in their own daily lives, experiences, and communities. Digital environments provide a rich way to do this. Online learning can serve as a bridge between worlds and help museums expand their boundaries.”... Museum, July/Aug.

Royalty fees in the Google Books settlement

[<http://blog.librarylaw.com/librarylaw/2009/08/the-undiscussed-danger-to-libraries-in-the-google-books-settlement.html>]

Mary Minow writes: “I have been surprised at the lack of discussion about printing fees in the Public Access Service section of the Google Books settlement. Although users cannot download books in the database, they are allowed to print out pages. Libraries are required by Section 4.8(a)(ii) [<http://thepublicindex.org/archives/2819>] of the settlement to charge users a royalty fee for the printing. Google will collect the money on behalf of libraries and pass it on to the Books Rights Registry. This is the equivalent of having to send a royalty check to the Copyright Clearance Center for every page that is printed from a library book.”... LibraryLaw Blog, Aug. 16

Take the Google quiz

[<http://www.networkworld.com/slideshows/2009/081209-colbin-google-quiz.html>]

Regardless of how you feel about Google, you have to admire them. Two techies in a garage with no viable business model have created one of the fastest-growing, most profitable, most admired companies ever. They have, in short, been almost frighteningly true to their mission: to organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful. But how well do you really know Google? Take this quiz and see.... Network World, Aug. 12

San José launches Text a Librarian service

[<http://librarianinblack.typepad.com/librarianinblack/2009/08/san-jose-library-launches-text-a-librarian-service.html>]

Sarah Houghton-Jan writes: “On August 17, the San José (Calif.) Public

Library, launched our new Text a Librarian service
[<http://sjlibrary.org/services/reference/texting.htm>]. As far as I can tell, we are the first public library in California to offer text messaging services. The service is run through Mosio's Text a Librarian [<http://www.textalibrarian.com/>]. The library responds to the user through the interface of our choice (web browser, email, IM, or text messaging) and the answer shows up to the customer as a text message." The University of Nebraska at Omaha started
[<http://media.www.unogateway.com/media/storage/paper968/news/2009/08/11/Announcements/Have-A-Quick-Question-Just-Text-A-Librarian-3755010.shtml>] a similar service at the Criss Library....
Librarian in Black, Aug. 17; UNO Gateway, Aug. 11

[<http://www.creeledlighting.com/LR6.htm>]The latest in green lighting
[<http://www.greenstrides.com/2009/08/13/the-latest-in-led-lighting-2/>]
Joyce Benson writes: "LEDs (light-emitting diodes) are super-efficient light bulbs and are gaining in popularity due to long lifespans, minuscule use of electricity, and low heat output (which minimizes the need for air conditioning). While LEDs have a higher initial cost than standard incandescent or CFL (compact fluorescent) bulbs, they'll save you money in the long term by using much less energy and practically eliminating the need for replacements. And they don't contain any toxic ingredients—unlike CFLs, which contain trace amounts of mercury and need to be disposed of properly."...
GreenStrides, Aug. 13

Legislation sought for our 'no vacation' nation
[<http://www.cosmopolitanreview.com/articles/politics/141-legislation-sought-for-our-no-vacation-nation>]
Wanda Urbanska writes: "The United States is the only developed country in the world in which workers are not guaranteed the right to a paid vacation under the law. In fact, our epidemic of overwork is so widespread that many people don't see the need for initiative. But the cumulative effects of this reality are showing up in U.S. vital statistics. In 1980, Americans ranked 11th in the world in life expectancy. We have now slipped to 42nd."...
Cosmopolitan Review, Aug. 8

[http://gothamist.com/2009/08/10/rare_books_collection.php?gallery0Pic=4#gallery]Printed treasures of the New York Public Library
[http://gothamist.com/2009/08/10/rare_books_collection.php]
The Gothamist went to NYPL's Stephen A. Schwarzman Building to get a closer look at the Rare Books Division, a 280,000-volume collection filled with striking works dating back hundreds of years, including the first book published in North America and the book in which Ernest Hemingway jotted down his Nobel acceptance speech. Curator Michael Inman shared some stories in a behind-the-scenes look at the collection....
The Gothamist, Aug. 10

Information Rx [<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/news/topstories/rx.cfm>]
Susie McIntyre writes: "National studies indicate that nearly half of all American adults have difficulty understanding and using health information. In January 2007, the Great Falls (Mont.) Public Library received \$25,000 to help healthcare patients access quality information.

Our project attempted to weave together referrals from healthcare professionals and increase access to information.”...

Montana Library Focus 27, no. 2 (Apr.): 6

Participate in H1N1 WebDialogues

[<http://www.webdialogues.net/pub/htdocs/h1n1home.htm>]

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are considering the scope of the fall program for vaccinating Americans against the novel H1N1 pandemic influenza virus. The CDC is calling on informed citizens to share their views on this vital topic. Register now to participate in one of two WebDialogues: August 26–27 or August 31–September 1....

WebDialogues

Long live the news aggregators

[<http://www.techcrunch.com/2009/08/16/the-media-bundle-is-dead-long-live-the-news-aggregators/>]

Erik Schonfeld writes: “The newspaper industry is blaming online news aggregators for its dwindling profits and inability to adapt to a world of links and truly free-flowing information. It wants to go back to the world before the web, when each newspaper was a small media bundle packed with stories, 80% of which sucked. Well, guess what? The media bundle is dead. News sites can no longer capture the reader’s attention with 20% news, and 80% suck.”...

TechCrunch, Aug. 16

Luann on libraries

[<http://advocate4libraries.blogspot.com/2009/08/luanne-comic-strip-focus-on-libraries.html>]

Jackie S. writes: “The comic strip Luann by Greg Evans is about a teen’s life. This series has Luann working in her public library. A cute guy asks her to show her around the library because he is doing a school report on public libraries. See the full series at the Luann website [<http://comics.com/luann/>], where you can also comment or rate the three-panel comic.”...

Library Advocate, Aug. 19; Luann, Aug. 17–19

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUB4j0n2UDU>] Baloney Detection Kit as an information literacy tool [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUB4j0n2UDU>]

With a sea of information coming at us from all directions, how do we sift out the misinformation and bogus claims and get to the truth?

Michael Shermer of Skeptic Magazine lays out a “Baloney Detection Kit,” 10 questions we should ask when encountering a claim (14:40). Sponsored by the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science....

YouTube, June 22

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Vice President, Automation Services,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13575>] Backstage Library Works, Provo, Utah, the public face for bibliographic and authority control automation. Attends ALA conferences and is responsible for AC and Marcadia user groups. Acts as a customer liaison, department manager, and oversees department finances.

Requirements: MLS preferred; must have a strong knowledge of library inner workings. Must have proven management experience and an excellent

customer service record....

[<http://www.facebook.com/pages/ALA-JobLIST/47377008761>]

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Digital Library of the Week

[http://reflections.mndigital.org/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/fch&CISOPTR=65&CISOBX=1&REC=17]

Minnesota Reflections [<http://www.mndigital.org/reflections/>] is the first online project of the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition. MDLC, which is comprised of professionals from libraries, archives, historical societies, and museums across Minnesota, is creating a digital collection of the state's unique resources and special collections. Minnesota Reflections is a collection of more than 40,000 images and documents depicting the history of Minnesota. More than 100 institutions including historical societies, public libraries, special archives, universities, and colleges have shared their original materials with the Minnesota Digital Library. The collection is funded by an LSTA grant through the State Library Services and School Technology division of the Minnesota Department of Education, and by the time and talent of the participants in the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition.

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>] Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the I Love Libraries [<http://www.ilovelibraries.ala.org/diglibweekly/>] site.

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“As for the intellectual property, I try not to get too worked up about it. There's a lot of people angsty about piracy and copying of stuff on the internet, publishers who are very, very worried about the whole idea of e-book piracy. I like to get a little bit of perspective on it by remembering that back before the internet came along, we had a very special term for the people who buy a single copy of a book and then allow all their friends to read it for free. We called them librarians.”

—Science fiction author Charles Stross, in a dialogue [<http://sites.google.com/site/strosskrugmantranscript/>] with economist Paul Krugman on future trends at a program at Anticipation World Con in Montreal, Aug. 6.

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Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. Where can I find a list of the dates for ALA's events for 2009 through 2010 —Banned Books Week, National Library Week, Teen Read Week, etc.? Do you have such a list of future dates all on one page?

A. There is a list of the 2009 through 2010 dates for ALA's various forthcoming library, literature, and literacy events on the Library Promotions and Events [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/publicawareness/alainitiatives/otherinitiatives/initiatives.cfm>] web page compiled by the Public Information Office. ALA's upcoming event dates are also part of the Calendar of Library Events

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/calendar/calendar.cfm>] by American Libraries magazine, which also lists the dates for ALA division and chapter conferences and continuing education courses as well as dates for non-ALA conferences, institutes, workshops, continuing education programs, and online courses. For a list of both ALA and non-ALA events, see Promotional Opportunities.

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

Selected events are also listed in the Calendar section of every issue of AL Direct. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Dates_for_ALA_Events_for_2009-2010].

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

[<http://www.vbgov.com/vgn.aspx?vgnextoid=cea6dce77300f110VgnVCM100000190c640aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=7a215bdd8cd5c010VgnVCM1000006310640aRCRD&vgnextfmt=default>]

Through their Community Memories project, [<http://ascla.ala.org/interface/2009/07/the-virginia-beach-public-library%E2%80%99s-community-memories-project/>] librarians at the Virginia Beach (Va.) Public Library are talking to their neighbors and building community by remembering the past. Carolyn Caywood, Cynthia Hart, and Korene Wilbanks describe this local-history effort in the Summer issue [<http://ascla.ala.org/interface/>] of ASCLA's InterFace.

Calendar

Sept. 17:

Ohio Preservation Council, [<http://opc.ohionet.org/>] 25th Anniversary Symposium, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. “Celebrating Paper.”

Sept. 25–26:

Georgia Conference on Information Literacy, [<http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/infolit.html>] Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah.

Sept. 30–

Oct. 3:

Idaho Library Association, [<http://www.idaholibraries.org/conferences>] Annual Conference, Best Western Inn and Convention Center, Burley.

Oct. 1–3:

Wyoming Library Association, [<http://conference.wyla.org/>] Annual Conference, Hilton Garden Inn Laramie.

Oct. 1–4:

LITA National Forum, [<http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litaevents/forum2009/index.cfm>] Salt Lake City, Utah. “Open and Mobile.”

Oct. 18–20:

Indiana Library Federation, [http://www.ilfonline.org/Upcoming_Conferences/2009_ILF_Annual_Conference.htm] Annual Conference, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne.

Oct. 20–21:

Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, [<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=1ab44fbf-f482-4894-8765-3ce15b9178ad>] Atlanta History Center. “A Race Against Time: Preserving Our Audiovisual Media.”

Oct. 25–27:

Arkansas Library Association, [<http://www.arlib.org/calendar/index.php?cmd=view&event=104>] Annual Conference, Embassy Suites and Conference Center, Hot Springs.

Nov. 6–11:

American Society for Information Science and Technology, [<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM09/am09cfp.html>] Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Nov. 12:

Hawaii Library Association, [<http://hla.chaminade.edu/conference.html>] Annual Conference, Ko'olau Ballrooms, Kaneohe, Oahu. “Challenges and Opportunities.”

Nov. 12–13: Management of Technology,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/technology.cfm>]
Mountlake Terrace, Washington. Certified Public Library Administrator
course sponsored by PLA.

Nov. 25–27:
Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science,
[http://www.buruniv.ac.in/Notices/UBUR_313_NOT_WEBPAGE.pdf] National
Conference, University of Burdwan, Bardhaman, West Bengal, India.
“Envisioning Employable LIS Courses in Developing Countries for the
Emerging Knowledge Society.”

Dec. 6–9:
International Society for Professional Innovation Management
[<http://www.symposium.ispim.org/index.php>],
[<http://www.symposium.ispim.org/index.php>] Innovation Symposium, Fashion
Institute of Technology, New York City. “Stimulating
Recovery—The Role of Innovation Management.”

Jan. 16–18:
IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Human Computer Interaction,
[<http://hci.iiita.ac.in/>] Allahabad, India.

Feb. 3–5:
Professional Scholarly Publishing,
[<http://www.pspcentral.org/events2/PSP2010AnnualConferenceProgram.cfm>]
Annual Conference, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. “The New
Reality: Disruption, Innovation, Relevance.”

Mar. 16–19:
Commission on Adult Basic Education / ProLiteracy,
[<http://www.proliteracy.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=336&srcid=665>]
Joint Conference, Hilton Chicago. “Coming Together in
Chicago.”

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Consolidation, partnership, and mergers are not uncommon in the library world. Librarians' need to operate as efficiently as possible, as well as patrons' need for finding library information quickly and simply, make consolidations practical, if not necessary. For example, as part of Hennepin County (Minn.) Library's merger with Minneapolis Public Library, the catalogs of the two formerly separate collections are scheduled to be fully integrated as of August 27....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 17



ALA News

[OITP files broadband stimulus application](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy filed an application August 18 to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, requesting \$1.6 million from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to fund a project to develop resources to help librarians manage and plan broadband capacity. The ability to plan for and manage broadband services successfully is essential for today's 21st-century libraries, which face rapidly increasing demand for these services from their communities....

District Dispatch, Aug. 18

[Team up for Library Card Sign-up Month](#)

As schools open their doors for another year of classes, librarians team up with Candace Parker—WNBA star and Olympic gold medalist—to remind parents and children that it's the perfect time to get the most important school supply of all, a library card. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and



the Campaign for America's Libraries is looking for stories about how libraries are promoting the initiative. From now until the end of September, libraries are encouraged to [submit](#) stories, photos, and sample materials....

[Nine ways to get involved in ALA](#)

ALA is an incredibly rich and varied organization and offers something for everyone, whether you want to get involved with colleagues who work in the same kind of library, expand your horizons by attending conferences or continuing education events, network with members who share your interests, find a forum to discuss key issues, work on specific projects, or support libraries and librarians. Here are some key ways you can get more involved with the Association....

[Wild Things posters and bookmarks](#)

In honor of the 1964 Caldecott Medal-winning *Where the Wild Things Are*, ALA Graphics has released two sets of posters and bookmarks. Maurice Sendak's timeless classic, which relates the imaginary adventure of young Max in the mysterious forest of the wild things, springs to life this fall in a film adaptation, and the posters and bookmarks include imagery from both the movie and the book. Both are available through the [ALA Store](#)....



Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Media](#)

Willems, Mo. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* Apr. 2009. 6 min. PreS–Grade 1. Weston Woods, DVD (978-0-545-13435-4). Thanks to clever animation and valuable extras, this first-rate adaptation of Mo Willems's hilarious, beloved picture book (2003) delights on every level. In a chaotic prologue fueled by a burst of Dixieland jazz, the manic titular hero (expertly voiced by Willems) fantasizes about driving a bus. Goofy sound effects flavor images of the vehicle nearly spinning out of control, much to the bird's delight. Then the bus driver (narrated by Jon Scieszka in a fun bit of vocal casting) says he has to leave and instructs, "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus." As the pigeon begs, pleads, and bargains ("I'll give you five dollars; it's only a bus"), animation becomes more jittery, wildly conveying his increasing agitation....



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Summertime in Chicago

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[Upcoming audiobook releases](#)

Sue-Ellen Beauregard writes: "In a salute to National Audiobook Month, we feature this preview listing of upcoming titles. The audiobooks, which are slated for release from June through December 2009, are organized under adult and youth subheadings, with adult titles further grouped under fiction and nonfiction as well as more specialized categories. TBA indicates 'to be announced,' and CD refers to compact disc. Supplied by the distributors, the information is subject to change. We will consider these titles for review when they arrive in our office."...



[Booklist revamps Quick Tips e-newsletter](#)

Quick Tips, the popular, free, monthly e-newsletter for youth librarians and teachers, is growing and will relaunch in September with additional features and enhanced content. Renamed *Booklist's Quick Tips for Schools and Libraries*, the newsletter will take greater advantage of Booklist Online's extensive youth content, drawing from thousands of feature articles and more than 125,000 reviews from both *Booklist* and *Book Links* magazines....



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Licenses and Legalities

Career Leads from



[Vice President, Automation Services.](#)

Backstage Library Works, Provo, Utah, the public face for bibliographic and authority control automation. Attends ALA conferences and is responsible for AC and Marcadia user groups. Acts as a customer liaison, department manager, and oversees department finances. Requirements: MLS preferred; must have a strong knowledge of library inner workings. Must have proven management experience and an excellent customer service record....

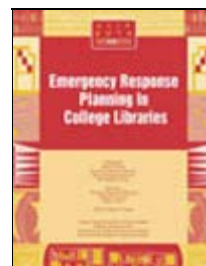


@ [More jobs...](#)

Division News

[Emergency response planning in academic libraries](#)

ACRL has released [Emergency Response Planning in College Libraries](#), number 40 in its CLIP Notes series. Compiled by Marcia Thomas and Anke Voss and edited by Thomas, the title provides information on disaster- and emergency-response planning and management to assist librarians in the creation and updating of emergency-response plans....



[AASL conference sessions will "Rev up learning @ your library"](#)

AASL has released the lineup of more than 100 concurrent sessions for its 14th National Conference, November 5-8, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Registrants are able to view all sessions and create a personal schedule for three days of essential education. Sessions will highlight AASL's new standards and guidelines, gaming in school libraries, engaging students in Web 2.0 tools, collaboration, collection development, and 21st-century skills. For more information, visit the [conference site](#)....



[2010 Arbuthnot Lecture](#)

The Riverside County (Calif.) Library System has been chosen to host the 2010 May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture. Kathleen T. Horning (right), director of the University

Digital Library of the Week

of Wisconsin-Madison's Cooperative Children's Book Center, will deliver the lecture, to be held in the spring of 2010. Information about the exact date and how to obtain tickets will be posted when available on the ALSC website....



[ACRL fall e-learning schedule](#)

ACRL is offering a wide variety of online learning opportunities in the fall of 2009. Full details and registration information are available [online](#). Registration for all online seminars and webcasts qualifies for the division's new [Frequent Learner Program](#). Register for three ACRL e-Learning events and receive one free registration. ACRL online seminars are asynchronous, multiweek courses delivered through Moodle....

[Get back to school with ALSC online education](#)

Starting in October, ALSC is offering two courses that will enhance your skills and knowledge. The two fall courses are: "The Newbery Medal: Past, Present, and Future" and "Children with Disabilities in the Library." Discounted rates are available for ALSC members. Courses begin the week of October 5 and run through November 13. Detailed descriptions and course registration information are available on the ALSC [website](#)....

Awards

[2009 Dain Award recipient](#)

The Library History Round Table has awarded the 2009 Phyllis Dain Library History Dissertation Award, which recognizes outstanding dissertations in the area of library history, to Karen J. Cook for her work, "Freedom Libraries in the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer Project: A History." Cook's dissertation was submitted for a Ph.D. degree in the College of Communication and Information Sciences at the University of Alabama....



[I Love My Librarian Award nominations](#)

Nominations opened August 17 for the 2009 Carnegie Corporation of New York / *New York Times* I Love My Librarian Award. The award invites library users to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college, and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their community. Up to 10 librarians will be selected. Each will receive a \$5,000 cash award and a \$500 travel stipend to attend an awards ceremony and reception in New York in December. [Nominations](#) will run through October 9....



[Minnesota Reflections](#) is the first online project of the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition. MDLC, which is comprised of professionals from libraries, archives, historical societies, and museums across Minnesota, is creating a digital collection of the state's unique resources and special collections. Minnesota Reflections is a collection of more than 40,000 images and documents depicting the history of Minnesota. More than 100 institutions including historical societies, public libraries, special archives, universities, and colleges have shared their original materials with the Minnesota Digital Library. The collection is funded by an LSTA grant through the State Library Services and School Technology division of the Minnesota Department of Education, and by the time and talent of the participants in the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#) Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the [I Love Libraries](#) site.

Bound to Stay Bound Books and Melcher Scholarships

ALSC has announced the 2009 recipients of the Frederic G. Melcher and Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded annually to students who plan to enter ALA-accredited programs, obtain a master's degree in library science, and specialize in library service to children. Four Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship recipients and two Melcher Scholarship winners were selected....

AASL to sponsor four Spectrum scholars

AASL will sponsor four current Spectrum scholars pursuing a library degree concentrating in school library media or working as school library media specialists for complimentary registration to the AASL national conference and a \$750 travel stipend. Spectrum scholars will be paired with a mentor for the duration of the conference and will receive special recognition at key events. [Applications](#) are due by September 14....

YALSA names 2009–2010 Spectrum scholar

As part of its commitment to furthering young adult librarianship, YALSA will sponsor Cristina Mitra, a student at the San José State University School of Library and Information Science. Donations to the Friends of YALSA helped fund the scholarship. Mitra chose to pursue a career in teen librarianship after working at a youth-focused nonprofit and as a library assistant at a public high school in San Francisco....

2009 SLA John Cotton Dana Award

Richard Geiger is the 2009 recipient of the Special Libraries Association John Cotton Dana Award. The award recognizes a lifetime of achievement as well as exceptional service to special librarianship and the information profession. The Awards Committee cited Geiger's leadership in the profession and volunteer work in SLA during more than 30 years of membership. Geiger was library director at the *San Francisco Chronicle* for more than 20 years. Watch the [SLA-TV video](#)....

Special Libraries Association, Aug. 13



Library branch wins a Gold Hard Hat award

Rangeview Library District's new branch in Bennett, Colorado, designed by Humphries Poli Architects, has been selected as a winner of one of the top three awards in its category in *Colorado Construction* magazine's Gold Hard Hat Awards program. The specific award and category will be announced during the 2009 Gold Hard Hat Awards breakfast October 2 at the Denver Athletic Club. The branch, which opened May 31, will be featured in the October issue of *Colorado Construction* magazine....

Rangeview Library District, Northglenn, Colo., Aug. 4



OCLC Minority Fellowship program expanded

OCLC is expanding and increasing support for its Minority Fellowship program designed to provide opportunities for aspiring library professionals from historically underrepresented groups. The program started this year with one fellow and has been expanded to include

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"As for the intellectual property, I try not to get too worked up about it. There's a lot of people angsty about piracy and copying of stuff on the internet, publishers who are very, very worried about the whole idea of e-book piracy. I like to get a little bit of perspective on it by remembering that back before the internet came along, we had a very special term for the people who buy a single copy of a book and then allow all their friends to read it for free. We called them librarians."

—Science fiction author Charles Stross, in a [dialogue](#) with economist Paul Krugman on future trends at a program at Anticipation World Con in Montreal, Aug. 6.



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Ask the ALA Librarian

two fellows in 2010. The 12-month paid program offers an opportunity to work with OCLC staff in a variety of service areas. The deadline for [applications](#) is September 8....
OCLC, Aug. 17

Seen Online

[University of Georgia librarian killed in dog attack](#)

University of Georgia Humanities Bibliographer Sherry L. Allen Schweder, 65, and her husband Lothar were mauled by up to 14 dogs as they walked near their home late last week. Visiting Jehovah's Witnesses discovered the bodies early August 15 along a rural road northeast of Lexington, Georgia, about 12 hours after they were reported missing. Investigators traced the dogs, of mixed breeds and various sizes, to a house farther down the road; the owner no longer lives in the house but visits every other day to feed the dogs. Neighbors said the animals never seemed aggressive, but the county has [euthanized](#) them. Charges are being considered against the owner....

Athens (Ga.) *Banner-Herald*, Aug. 18-19

[Lynndie England LC lecture canceled after threats](#)

An August 14 lecture at the Library of Congress by Lynndie England, one of the most recognizable figures of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, was scratched over safety concerns after opposition from library employees produced violent threats, according to David Moore of the LC Professional Association, the sponsoring organization. Moore, a German acquisitions specialist at the library, said he received several "vicious" emails and telephone calls threatening violence. LCPA President Angela Kinney cancelled the lecture August 13....

Washington *Times*, Aug. 15



[Knoxville gay-blocking suit settled out of court](#)

A U.S. District Court judge dismissed a lawsuit August 10 filed against the Knox County (Tenn.) Schools by the American Civil Liberties Union based on a settlement agreement that students will have access to educational websites about alternative lifestyles. The ACLU sued Knox County and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools in May, accusing them of unconstitutionally blocking students from accessing online information about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues through the schools' internet service....

Knoxville (Tenn.) *News Sentinel*, Aug. 13

[Rockford Public Library board okays cuts, closure](#)

The Rockford (Ill.) Public Library would close the Lewis Lemon branch, lay off two dozen staffers and six management-level employees, and reduce hours at all libraries, under a reorganization proposal unanimously approved August 17. Library officials expect to lose \$1.4 million in funding, including \$824,897 the city has traditionally



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Q. Where can I find a list of the dates for ALA's events for 2009 through 2010 —Banned Books Week, National Library Week, Teen Read Week, etc.? Do you have such a list of future dates all on one page?

A. There is a list of the 2009 through 2010 dates for ALA's various forthcoming library, literature, and literacy events on the [Library Promotions and Events](#) web page compiled by the Public Information Office. ALA's upcoming event dates are also part of the [Calendar of Library Events](#) by *American Libraries* magazine, which also lists the dates for ALA division and chapter conferences and continuing education courses as well as dates for non-ALA conferences, institutes, workshops, continuing education programs, and online courses. For a list of both ALA and non-ALA events, see [Promotional Opportunities](#). Selected events are also listed in the Calendar section of every issue of *AL Direct*. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

@ The [ALA Librarian](#) welcomes your

allocated for pensions. The union has 10 days to review the proposal and offer alternative solutions....

Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, Aug. 18; WIFR-TV, Aug. 19

[Effingham refuses to remove teen book](#)

The board of the Helen Matthes Library in Effingham, Illinois, was united in its stance against censorship August 17 when it denied a request to remove a book from the teen section. Amy and Brad Hibdon became concerned when their 15-year-old daughter checked out *Living Dead Girl* by Elizabeth Scott and seemed upset by the content, which involves a teen who has been kidnapped and sexually abused for five years. Library Director Jeannie May said she agreed the book took on a painful topic, but that is not reason enough to remove it....

Effingham (Ill.) Daily News, Aug. 18



[Restricted or historic? Tintin in the Brooklyn vault](#)

The cartoonist Hergé is popular again, as is his adventurous reporter Tintin, who will be featured in a Stephen Spielberg movie due out in 2011. But if you go to the Brooklyn Public Library seeking a copy of *Tintin au Congo* (Paris, 1974), Hergé's second book in a series, you must make an appointment. The book was moved in 2007 from the stacks to the vault of the [Hunt Collection of Children's Literature](#) after a patron objected to the way Africans are depicted in the book....

New York Times, Aug. 19



[UCLA considers shutting Arts Library](#)

The University of California, Los Angeles, has confirmed that it is looking at eliminating its Arts Library, which contains more than 270,000 volumes in the fields of art, architecture, design, film, television, and theater. If the plan is approved, UCLA will close it and move some of the collection to a facility shared with another library. University Head Librarian Gary Strong added that the chemistry library is also under consideration for elimination, but no layoffs from the library staff are currently planned....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 15

[Dominican offers new LIS doctorate program](#)

The Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science in River Forest, Illinois, is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year and school administrators say it is attracting record numbers of local adults as it rolls out a new doctorate program this fall. Dean Susan Roman (right) said the school's program attracts a wide cross-section of professionals who are discontented with a field they studied earlier....

River Forest (Ill.) Leaves, Aug. 13



[A librarian's influence on actress Jennifer Garner](#)

Retired Kanawha County (W.Va.) Schools Librarian Annyce McCann, 72, heard about her name being mentioned in the pages of the [September issue](#) of *O, the Oprah Magazine*, when she got a phone call from

questions.



Through their [Community Memories project](#), librarians at the Virginia Beach (Va.) Public Library are talking to their neighbors and building community by remembering the past. Carolyn Caywood, Cynthia Hart, and Korene Wilbanks describe this local-history effort in the [Summer issue](#) of ASCLA's *InterFace*.

Calendar

Sept. 17:

[Ohio Preservation Council](#), 25th

Anniversary Symposium, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio.
"Celebrating Paper."

Sept. 25–26:

[Georgia Conference on Information Literacy](#), Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah.

Sept. 30–Oct. 3:

[Idaho Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Best Western Inn and Convention Center, Burley.

Oct. 1–3:

[Wyoming Library](#)



another librarian. Actress Jennifer Garner (right) had written, "My dream was to grow up to be a librarian, because I had a librarian named Mrs. McCann who I thought was the most magical woman on the planet." McCann had worked at Kanawha County only a short time when she met first-grader Garner....

Charleston (W.Va.) Daily Mail, Aug. 18; *O, the Oprah Magazine*, Sept.

[**A library dedicated to beach reading**](#)

John Kelly writes: "You might have thought, as I did, that a library at the beach would be about as busy as a corset shop at a nudist colony, but it turns out that the the Worcester County (Md.) Library's Ocean City branch hums every day, shine or rain. There's undoubtedly a different vibe to this beach library. But 'you *do* have to wear shoes,' Assistant Branch Manager Joe Colantuoni pointed out. 'You do have to wear a shirt.'"...

Washington Post, Aug. 19



[**Baylor's Bush library plan offered far more**](#)

Baylor University lost to Southern Methodist University in the race to host George W. Bush's presidential library, despite offering more land, more buildings, and more amenities, newly released records show. Among the attractions the Waco school sketched out for the complex: an outdoor concert venue, a multiuse conference center, an IMAX theater, an on-site fishing lake, a Little League baseball field, and a riverside boat dock. SMU in Dallas was always considered the front-runner because of the Bushes' academic and personal ties....

Dallas Morning News, Aug. 17

[**A Spartan beauty or a plain old beast?**](#)

Is the 1955 Donnell Library on West 53rd Street in New York City a rare piece of midcentury Modernism? Or an empty suit of expressionless masonry? As the vacant building heads toward demolition in two years, a cadre of preservationists still hope to convince the Landmarks Preservation Commission that the limestone façade is not a nothing, but a something....

New York Times, Aug. 13



[**Community center library in Miami takes off**](#)

A new library in the Liberty Square Community Center on Miami's northwest side opened in July with about 3,000 donated books from local civic groups. Liberty Square is a neighborhood that the politically correct describe as depressed and the realistic describe as plagued by crime. Eric Thompson, one of the center's directors, has motivated reading by nearly eliminating access to other indoor activities, like TV-watching....

Miami Herald, Aug. 13

[**Winthrop library reopens five**](#)

[**Association**](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Garden Inn Laramie.

Oct. 1–4:

[**LITA National Forum**](#), Salt Lake City, Utah. "Open and Mobile."

Oct. 18–20:

[**Indiana Library Federation**](#), Annual Conference, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne.

Oct. 20–21:

[**Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts**](#), Atlanta History Center. "A Race Against Time: Preserving Our Audiovisual Media."

Oct. 25–27:

[**Arkansas Library Association**](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites and Conference Center, Hot Springs.

Nov. 6–11:

[**American Society for Information Science and Technology**](#), Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Nov. 12:

[**Hawaii Library Association**](#), Annual Conference, Ko'olau Ballrooms, Kaneohe, Oahu. "Challenges and Opportunities."

Nov. 12–13:

[**Management of Technology**](#), Mountlake Terrace,

[**months after arson**](#)

The Charles M. Bailey Public Library in Winthrop, Maine, opened its doors to patrons for the first time since a devastating arson this past March. The library was housed temporarily at the town hall while repairs took place. "People donated books, they donated tables, so it was a lot of changes, but we had a lot of help too," said children's librarian Cindy Hinkley (above)....

WCSH-TV, Portland, Me., Aug. 17



[**Omaha residents rally for branch**](#)

A group of about 100 protesters rallied at the Florence branch of the Omaha (Nebr.) Public Library August 12 to object to its closing for the duration of 2009. Tammy Kimble, a rally organizer, said government officials should be trying to preserve and promote the historic nature of Florence, founded as a pioneer town in 1854 and annexed by Omaha in 1917. City Councilman Pete Festersen attended the rally and said it seemed unfair to close an east Omaha library while opening one in west Omaha....

Omaha (Nebr.) *World-Herald*, Aug. 12

[**Eganville debates bookshelf bias**](#)

A nasty controversy is swirling around the Bonnechere Union Public Library in Eganville, Ontario. The main character in the story is Ken O'Day, 59, well-known locally as a social conservative and one of two candidates for a vacancy on the seven-member library board. A petition soon circulated, opposing O'Day for what was described as his repeated condemnation of gays and lesbians. O'Day fired back that the library was choosing material by relying on "left-wing" sources like the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the *New York Times*....

Ottawa (Ont.) *Citizen*, Aug. 16



[**Alabama library employee charged with forgery**](#)

A grand jury will examine evidence in October against a former Cherokee (Ala.) Public Library staffer accused of using a library credit card after the account was closed. Page McWilliams of Tusculum is charged with second-degree forgery, fraudulent use of a credit card, and first-degree theft of property. The library board began looking into its credit card account after they were contacted about an overdue bill for \$16,000....

Florence (Ala.) *Times Daily*, Aug. 17

[**Google nears deal with French National Library**](#)

A four-year fight to keep the contents of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in French hands ended in defeat August 18 as it was announced that the library would collaborate with Google. "Google has won," said the front-page headline in *La Tribune*. The library is about to strike a deal under which digital copies of its books will be added to the Google Book Search library. The agreement would mark a major retreat because the BNF led a counterattack, noisily launched under President Chirac in early 2005, against what France saw as a dangerous new American imperialism....

The Times (U.K.), Aug. 19

[**European publishers target Google**](#)

Google is facing growing opposition in Europe to its landmark Google

Washington. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Nov. 25–27:

[**Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science**](#)

National Conference, University of Burdwan, Bardhaman, West Bengal, India.

"Envisioning Employable LIS Courses in Developing Countries for the Emerging Knowledge Society."

Dec. 6–9:

[**International Society for Professional Innovation Management**](#)

Innovation Symposium, Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City. "Stimulating Recovery—The Role of Innovation Management."

Jan. 16–18:

[**IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Human Computer Interaction**](#)

Allahabad, India.

Feb. 3–5:

[**Professional Scholarly Publishing**](#)

Annual Conference, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. "The New Reality: Disruption, Innovation, Relevance."

Mar. 16–19:

[**Commission on Adult Basic Education / ProLiteracy**](#)

Joint Conference, Hilton

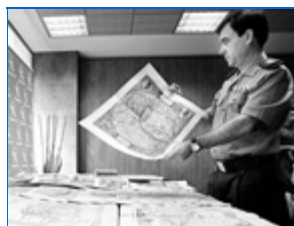
Book Search settlement, raising a fresh challenge to an agreement that could help determine the future structure of the digital books business. While limited only to book rights in the United States, the proposed settlement, which still needs court approval, has aroused consternation among European publishers, who fear they will lose some of their rights to millions of European works held in university libraries in the United States....

Financial Times, Aug. 12

[Rare map thief arrested in Spain](#)

Spanish police arrested a 47-year-old Hungarian man in Pamplona on August 7 in connection with the theft of 67 rare maps and cartographic materials from several libraries in northern Spain. The man, identified only as "Z. V.," has been the subject of a manhunt, called [Operación Biblión](#), since the March 2008 theft of a 16th-century map from El Escorial monastery library in Madrid. He told officials his own crimes were inspired by the robbery of 10 Ptolemaic maps from the National Library in Madrid in August 2007....

ThinkSpain, Aug. 12; *Diario de Noticias* (Pamplona), Aug. 12



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Tech Talk

[Five ways to keep laptop thieves from jacking your data](#)

Jacqui Cheng writes: "Laptops are more prevalent today than they have ever been. With such an explosion in notebook use, there are that many more targets for thieves looking to pawn our stuff for a quick buck, or even worse, steal our data for more nefarious uses. Once your laptop is stolen, a burglar can access almost anything on it—that is, unless you take the right precautions. For Windows, a number of users recommend [LoJack for Laptops](#)."...

Ars Technica, Aug. 17



[Sites that help you find hot topics](#)

Don Reisinger writes: "The web is a great place to learn about hot topics, but internet memes can't be spotted so easily unless you have some help. On topics ranging from tech to general interest, you can find what's hot at any moment with the following resources. The *New York Times* [Blogrunner](#) sifts through all the news blogs across the web, finds the hot topics, and lists them on the site. The most popular stories at the time are listed at the top of the page."...

Webware, Aug. 17



[Make your own URL-shortening service](#)

Kevin Purdy writes: "URL-shortening services are ubiquitous on Twitter and other cramped online spaces. They won't all last and their shutdowns could annihilate your linking history. If you own a domain, though, you can host your own service. There's not a lot you can do about your already-posted social network links, but anyone who's got \$10 for a domain name registration, and a creative short URL idea,



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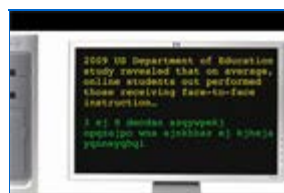
can host, monitor, and control their shortened links.”...

Lifehacker, Aug. 14

[30+ impressive social media stats visualized](#)

Adam Ostro writes: “The online marketer and author of the upcoming book *Socialnomics* has put together a fantastic [video](#) (4:23) comprised of more than 30 different stats about the growth of social media. While we’re familiar with some of the stats (he even cites some of our reports), there were a bunch of new and intriguing ones. For example, one out of eight couples married in the United States last year met via social media, and if you were paid a \$1 for every time an article was posted on Wikipedia, you would earn \$156.23 per hour.”...

Mashable, Aug 14; YouTube, July 30



[The digital divide inside the library](#)

Kate Sheehan writes: “Technology and reference are intertwining strands of public service. The task of keeping up with librarians (and their jobs) is getting techier. As our systems get more sophisticated and our desire to overhaul and remake those systems gets more intense, libraries need librarians who are tech savvy and back office staff who are pure tech. There’s no doubt that reference librarians need a strong technology skill set, but do our techies also need to have public service experience or skills?”...

ALA TechSource, Aug. 13

[HootSuite organizes your Twitter activity](#)



Dustin Luck writes: “Twitter started out as a simple enough idea: Tell people what’s going on with you in 140 characters or less. Now it’s evolved to become a tool for crowdsourcing and trendspotting. Online Twitter client HootSuite can help organize your Twitterverse. You can manage multiple twitter accounts from a central dashboard and tweet, retweet, reply, and direct message using any one or more of those accounts.”...

Lifehacker, Aug. 13

[WikiT: The mind-mapping wiki](#)

Joyce Valenza writes: “I am a big fan of [mind mapping](#) for researching, brainstorming, organizing, problem solving, visualization, and communicating knowledge quickly. So when I met [WikiT: Mindmapping Wiki](#), it was love at first sight. The site’s goal is to provide a community-built source on the use of information mapping. While not specifically aimed at education, WikiT is absolutely relevant for teachers of thinking skills and knowledge organization.”...

NeverEndingSearch, Aug. 16



[16 apps for sharing large files](#)



Orli Yakuel writes: “In this post, I compare 16 file-sharing services. I took three main issues under consideration when creating this comprehensive app list: free, fast, and useful. Most of the services suggested require no registration. None of them will ask you to download anything to your computer, and all of them are easy to

use, and worth using.”...

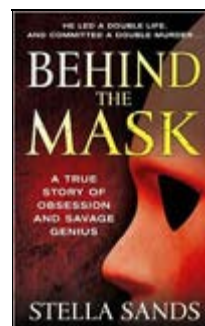
TechCrunch, Aug. 8

Publishing

[Behind the librarian mask](#)

William Coday was a model employee—a mild-mannered, 40-year-old librarian—who completely lost control when his girlfriend left him. When he didn't show up for work at the Broward County (Fla.) Library on July 12, 1997, concerned coworkers called his apartment complex to check up on him. Instead, the man who searched the apartment found someone else—the body of a woman who had been brutally murdered. In *Behind the Mask* (St. Martin's, June), Stella Sands tells the story of librarian William Coday, who had a deadly history more than two decades long, stretching across two continents....

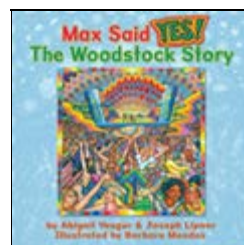
Crimesider, Aug. 14



[Yasgur kin tells the Woodstock story](#)

Like millions of others, a 14-year-old girl in Greenville, Pennsylvania, learned about the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair by reading her local newspaper. Abigail Yasgur never went to the original concert site in Bethel, New York, but as a distant cousin of the dairy farmer who hosted the festival on his land, she has cowritten a children's book with her husband about the event—*Max Said Yes! The Woodstock Story* (Change the Universe Press, May). Until recently, Yasgur was director of the Jewish Community Library in Los Angeles....

Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, Aug. 13



[Counting titles and authors](#)

Lorcan Dempsey writes: “How many print books were published in the United States since 1923, and how many authors were associated with those books? Here are some numbers from WorldCat, acknowledging that they provide good indications, not definitive answers. Print books published: 12,582,962. Unique personal authors: 3,685,778. Unique corporate authors: 977,679.”...

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 16

[Dust-jacket intrigue and fraud](#)

Allison Hoover Bartlett writes: “Building a collection of rare books is a deeply satisfying treasure hunt, and because what's sought after can be worth a fortune, theft, fraud, and forgery lurk in the shadows. The temptation to swindle grows alongside value, and dust jackets are a case in point. Most attempts at phony jackets do not fool professionals who handle books for a living, but collectors usually don't have this savvy, and neither do all dealers.”...

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 16



[Ebrary half-off sale](#)

Electronic publisher ebrary is working with its partners to offer 50% discounts for as few as 15 titles from a single publisher through December 15. So far, 12 publishers are participating, among them

the University of Michigan Press, Taylor & Francis, Elsevier, and Cambridge University Press. Email [ebrary sales](#) to request an order form. Demonstrations and trials are also available upon request....

ebrary, Aug. 13

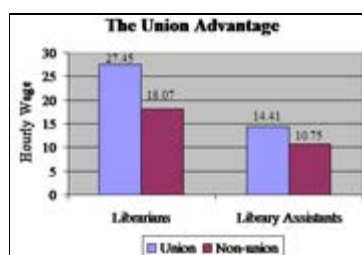


Actions & Answers

[Library workers: The latest facts and figures](#)

In 2008, there were 197,000 librarians, 44,000 library technicians, and 101,000 other education, training, and library workers. Most librarians work in school and academic libraries; about one-fourth work in public libraries. Librarians are mainly between the ages of 45 and 55, and assistants are more likely to be under 35 years old. In 2008, 25.8% of librarians were union members; 30.2% were represented by unions....

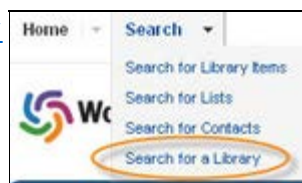
AFL-CIO Department for Professional Employees, July



[New WorldCat search-for-a-library feature](#)

A library search feature is now available to WorldCat users. Users can search for libraries by name, location, or postal code and refine search results by library type, such as public library or academic library. The order of library search results will vary depending on the type of search that is conducted. Google Maps has also been integrated into the experience to make it easier to find a nearby library....

WorldCat Blog, Aug. 17



[Relevance in context](#)

Lukas Koster writes: "If you do a search in a bibliographic database, you should find what you need, not just what you are looking for or what the database thinks you are looking for. So, how should search systems behave to make you find what you need? There are two conditions that need to be met: The search terms must be interpreted correctly, and the most relevant search results must be presented."...

Commonplace.net, Aug. 11

[Embrace your teacher identity](#)

Carrie Donovan writes: "Librarians who teach now find themselves faced with the demand to connect with students, to make libraries and information literacy knowledge meaningful, and to create learning opportunities that are memorable and long-lasting. Such a shift in expectations calls for teacher behavior that is purposeful, mindful, and rooted in the self. Transformation of this sort does not come easy, nor does it happen magically. For those in search of a true teacher identity, authenticity will serve as the best guide."...

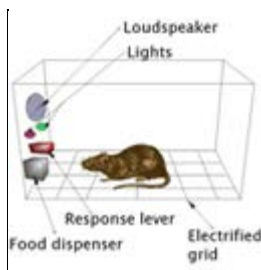
In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Aug. 19

[How the brain hard-wires us to love](#)

information seeking

Emily Yoffe writes: "We are so insatiably curious that we gather data even if it gets us in trouble. We search for information we don't even care about. We actually resemble nothing so much as those legendary lab rats that endlessly pressed a lever to give themselves a little electrical jolt to the brain. While we tap, tap away at our search engines, it appears we are stimulating the same system in our brains that scientists accidentally discovered more than 50 years ago when probing rat skulls."...

Slate, Aug. 12



Keywords from a librarian

New *Inside Higher Ed* blogger Mary W. George writes: "Teaching faculty have immense persuasive power; we librarians do not. What we do have are sweeping views of what scholars are up to, a grasp of how researchers do their business and what evidence ensues, and a knack for identifying and locating that evidence. By and large faculty and academic librarians respect one another's expertise and collaborate happily. But where and how do our students learn the process and logic of source seeking? That is the question that haunts me and inspires this blog."...

Keywords from a Librarian, Aug. 18

Run your library like a circus

Steven Bell writes: "Maybe you think your academic library is already being run like a circus, but I 'm going to bring a different circus to your attention. The Cirque du Soleil is as much about art and beauty as it is pure entertainment. But there are also some leadership lessons we can all learn from this truly unique circus. I found these ideas worth sharing in an [interview](#) that designer David Rockwell conducted with Lyn Heward, creative director at Cirque du Soleil."...

ACRLog, Aug. 18; *Contract*, July 17

Blurred boundaries

Herminia Din and William B. Crow write: "Typically, museums can draw strength from their physical places. Sometimes this is an actual historic site where an event happened or a unique environment that can be examined with both a historical and contemporary lens. Place-based education, a rising field that has its roots in environmental and ecological education, theorizes that learners connect best to subjects and topics grounded in their own daily lives, experiences, and communities. Digital environments provide a rich way to do this. Online learning can serve as a bridge between worlds and help museums expand their boundaries."...

Museum, July/Aug.



Royalty fees in the Google Books settlement

Mary Minow writes: "I have been surprised at the lack of discussion about printing fees in the Public Access Service section of the Google Books settlement. Although users cannot download books in the database, they are allowed to print out pages. Libraries are required by [Section 4.8\(a\)\(ii\)](#) of the settlement to charge users a royalty fee for the printing. Google will collect the money on behalf of libraries and pass it on to the Books Rights Registry. This is the equivalent of having to send a royalty check to the Copyright Clearance Center for every page that is printed from a library book."...

[Take the Google quiz](#)

Regardless of how you feel about Google, you have to admire them. Two techies in a garage with no viable business model have created one of the fastest-growing, most profitable, most admired companies ever. They have, in short, been almost frighteningly true to their mission: to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful. But how well do you really know Google? Take this quiz and see....

Network World, Aug. 12



[San José launches Text a Librarian service](#)

Sarah Houghton-Jan writes: "On August 17, the San José (Calif.) Public Library, launched our new [Text a Librarian service](#). As far as I can tell, we are the first public library in California to offer text messaging services. The service is run through Mosio's [Text a Librarian](#). The library responds to the user through the interface of our choice (web browser, email, IM, or text messaging) and the answer shows up to the customer as a text message." The University of Nebraska at Omaha [started](#) a similar service at the Criss Library....

Librarian in Black, Aug. 17; *UNO Gateway*, Aug. 11



[The latest in green lighting](#)

Joyce Benson writes: "LEDs (light-emitting diodes) are super-efficient light bulbs and are gaining in popularity due to long lifespans, minuscule use of electricity, and low heat output (which minimizes the need for air conditioning). While LEDs have a higher initial cost than standard incandescent or CFL (compact fluorescent) bulbs, they'll save you money in the long term by using much less energy and practically eliminating the need for replacements. And they don't contain any toxic ingredients—unlike CFLs, which contain trace amounts of mercury and need to be disposed of properly."...

GreenStrides, Aug. 13



[Legislation sought for our "no vacation" nation](#)

Wanda Urbanska writes: "The United States is the only developed country in the world in which workers are not guaranteed the right to a paid vacation under the law. In fact, our epidemic of overwork is so widespread that many people don't see the need for initiative. But the cumulative effects of this reality are showing up in U.S. vital statistics. In 1980, Americans ranked 11th in the world in life expectancy. We have now slipped to 42nd."...

Cosmopolitan Review, Aug. 8

[Printed treasures of the New York Public Library](#)

The Gothamist went to NYPL's Stephen A. Schwarzman Building to get a closer look at the Rare Books Division, a 280,000-volume collection filled with striking works dating back hundreds of years, including the first book published in North America and the book in which Ernest Hemingway jotted down his Nobel acceptance



speech. Curator Michael Inman shared some stories in a behind-the-scenes look at the collection....

The Gothamist, Aug. 10

[Information Rx](#)

Susie McIntyre writes: "National studies indicate that nearly half of all American adults have difficulty understanding and using health information. In January 2007, the Great Falls (Mont.) Public Library received \$25,000 to help healthcare patients access quality information. Our project attempted to weave together referrals from healthcare professionals and increase access to information."...

Montana Library Focus 27, no. 2 (Apr.): 6

[Participate in H1N1 WebDialogues](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are considering the scope of the fall program for vaccinating Americans against the novel H1N1 pandemic influenza virus. The CDC is calling on informed citizens to share their views on this vital topic. Register now to participate in one of two WebDialogues: August 26–27 or August 31–September 1....

WebDialogues



[Long live the news aggregators](#)

Erik Schonfeld writes: "The newspaper industry is blaming online news aggregators for its dwindling profits and inability to adapt to a world of links and truly free-flowing information. It wants to go back to the world before the web, when each newspaper was a small media bundle packed with stories, 80% of which sucked. Well, guess what? The media bundle is dead. News sites can no longer capture the reader's attention with 20% news, and 80% suck."...

TechCrunch, Aug. 16

[Luann on libraries](#)

Jackie S. writes: "The comic strip *Luann* by Greg Evans is about a teen's life. This series has Luann working in her public library. A cute guy asks her to show her around the library because he is doing a school report on public libraries. See the full series at the [Luann website](#), where you can also comment or rate the three-panel comic."...

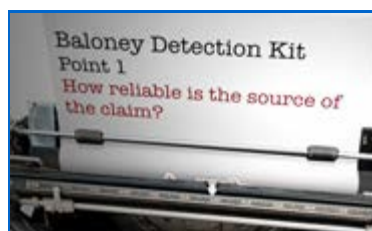
Library Advocate, Aug. 19; *Luann*, Aug. 17–19



[Baloney Detection Kit as an information literacy tool](#)

With a sea of information coming at us from all directions, how do we sift out the misinformation and bogus claims and get to the truth? Michael Shermer of *Skeptic Magazine* lays out a "Baloney Detection Kit," 10 questions we should ask when encountering a claim (14:40). Sponsored by the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science....

YouTube, June 22



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U.S. & World News

[Mondowney accepts Detroit top post amid cash-flow kerfuffle](#)

Detroit Library Commission President Georgia A. Hill announced August 17 that Jo Anne Mondowney accepted the top post at Detroit Public Library. Her appointment as director began August 24 and comes amid controversy raised in June over the city's redirection of tax money intended for library and public school employees to the city payroll and other obligations. The *Detroit Free Press* raised questions about the library's funding in a June 20 article that reported Library Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch as saying "library staff learned this week that the city spent \$6.2 million in property tax money that was supposed to go to the library."...

American Libraries Online, Aug. 20



[IFLA kicks off in Milan with opening session, caucuses](#)

Mauro Guerrini, president of the Italian Library Association, was the first to welcome some 3,000 delegates from 136 countries to Milan for the August 23 opening session of the five-day World Library and Information Congress. Themed "Libraries Create Futures: Building on Cultural Heritage," the conference is the 75th in IFLA's 82-year history and the first in Italy since the federation met in Rome in 1964. Interspersed with the speeches were five multimedia tableaux titled "The Book of Books." Also on August 22, delegates [held](#) several caucuses, grouped by language, giving delegates an opportunity to get the inside scoop on what the international agendas are for the various IFLA representatives. On August 24, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Deborah Jacobs [confirmed](#) that the foundation was presenting IFLA with a \$1.5-million three-year grant....

AL Inside Scoop, Aug. 23



[LSTA grant advance saves Illinois town's only library](#)

The south suburban Chicago town of Robbins will continue to enjoy uninterrupted public library service thanks to the infusion of \$25,500



in emergency grant funding it was promised just days before a lack of revenue would have closed its doors as of September 1. The August 20 reprieve came two days after some 50 area residents joined Robbins Mayor Irene H. Brodie for a press conference, held at the William Leonard Public Library District, at which town officials and library patrons [pleaded](#) for donations to keep the library open until year's end....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 21

[Residents decry board vote to close Gwinnett County branch](#)

An August 11 vote to close the three-year-old Dacula branch of the Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library at year's end and shift some of the staff to the future Hamilton Mill Library has raised such ire in the burgeoning county some 70 miles outside Atlanta that trustees agreed several days later to reconsider their 3-1 vote at their September 22 meeting. GCPL Executive Director Nancy Stanbery-Kellam explained August 13 in a [open letter](#) that "the unexpected severe decline in the county's revenue" had made it impossible for officials to stock and staff the Hamilton Mill facility, so trustees decided to draw on the resources of the Dacula branch....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 26



ALA News

[ALA mourns the loss of Senator Edward M. Kennedy](#)

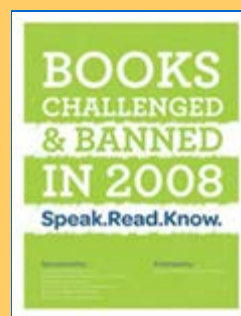
A strong proponent of libraries, Senator Kennedy worked tirelessly with our nation's librarians to make sure everyone could get access to quality library services. His death is a great loss for this country. His passion for public service and the loss of his legislative skills will be felt on Capitol Hill for years to come....

District Dispatch, Aug. 26



[AL publishes international supplement](#)

American Libraries has published a digital supplement to its flagship publication, *American Libraries Magazine*, for the international library community. "Global Mission, Global Membership" is available in digital format only and coincides with IFLA's 75th World Library and Information Congress August 23-27 in Milan. This supplement takes readers through the opportunities offered to



[List of Banned Books 2008](#)

The 2009 annual supplement to the Banned Books Resource Guide contains information on recent bans, challenges and successes in libraries and schools nationwide. This an [other Banned Books Week materials](#) are available at the AL Online Store. **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.

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members and the wider profession by the American Library Association. You can [view](#), print, and share this digital issue of *American Libraries*....

Banned Books Week events, publicity tips

ALA's Public Information Office is gearing up to work with the Office for Intellectual Freedom on the 28th annual Banned Books Week, September 26 through October 3. This year's celebration will kick off with a "Read-Out!" event at historic Bughouse Square on Chicago's North Side. Authors will perform readings from their banned or challenged books and will sign copies of their works. [Online resources](#) are available to help local libraries publicize Banned Books Week activities....



Book censorship map reveals national problem

Censorship in the United States is not limited to isolated pockets of the country. A new online map of book censorship shows that no area is immune to what is a national trend. The map has just been posted on the official [website](#) of Banned Books Week. The [Google Map](#) displays more than 120 book challenges—from Maine to Florida and from Long Island to San Francisco—that have occurred since 2007....



ALA teams with Reader's Digest for Make It Matter Day

ALA has signed on as a sponsor of Make It Matter Day, to be held October 3, an effort to encourage Americans to participate in literacy and education activities, organized by *Reader's Digest*. Earlier this year, the editors at *Reader's Digest* asked readers to identify a cause that mattered most to them. The winner was literacy and education. *Reader's Digest* is encouraging the public to participate in literacy events at local Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, and libraries. For details on how to enter and get involved, visit Make it Matter [on the web](#)....



Midwinter bundled registration opens Sept. 1

Once again ALA is offering a special bundled price on the Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference if you register for both events during September. You can save 20% over the advance registration price you would pay if you bought each event separately. Included in your registration are the ALA President's Program, the Author Forum, exhibits, discussion groups, committee meetings, the Opening Reception, the Technology Showcase, the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture, and the Sunrise Speaker Series. See the [registration page](#) for more information....

New site supports Picturing America

The ALA Public Programs Office is making available a new, online community to support local programs that incorporate the National Endowment for the Humanities' Picturing America collection of art reproductions. The site, [Picturing America for Public Libraries](#), features programming resources for public libraries that received the Picturing America collection, including free, print-ready images of select Picturing America images posters, flyers, and bookmarks....



Summertime in Chicago

Prescription for Financial Recovery

Librarians As Writers

Licenses and Legalities

Career Leads from



Metadata Librarian.

Yale University Library seeks two creative and energetic Metadata Librarians who will survey the biomedical sciences at Yale University to identify research resources (including data, animal models, reagents, assays, cores, literature, materials, and tools) and describe them using computer-based tools. The described research resources descriptions will be managed through a Resource Discovery System (RDS), an open source, ontology-based suite of tools that will be developed under the terms of the grant to promote communication and collaboration nationally among scientists and institutions to serve biomedical research....



[Nation's libraries to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month](#)

In September, ALA and libraries throughout the country will celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when libraries remind parents and caregivers to bring their school-age children to the library to get the most important school supply of all—a library card. For example, the Yuma (Ariz.) County Library District will partner with a local radio station to promote Library Card Sign-up Month, with a 30-second public service announcement and a 3-minute interview with the library's community relations manager. For more information and to download PSAs visit the Library Card Sign-up Month [website](#)....



[Download Librarian Salary Survey data](#)

The ALA–Allied Professional Association has just released two new downloadable versions of the 2009 edition of the *ALA–APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public and Academic*. One version contains only public librarian salary data and analysis and the other version is specifically for academic librarians. The *ALA–APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public* and *ALA–APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Academic* are available at the [ALA Online Store](#)....

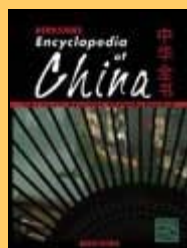


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Reference](#)

Cheng, Linsun (editor). *Berkshire Encyclopedia of China*. May 2009. 2,800p. illus. Berkshire, hardcover (978-0-9770159-4-8).

Publisher Karen Christensen introduces *Berkshire Encyclopedia of China* as "the first multi-volume, multi-authored *Encyclopedia of China* to be published outside China itself," designed to be "an invaluable reference tool for general China studies" and "relevant outside the classroom for students planning careers in China-related business, communications and technology, and public service." Among the many authoritative 500- to 6,000-word entries are those by the distinguished scholars William H. McNeill, Daniel A. Bell, and William Theodore de Bary. Some 300 (mostly university-affiliated) authors address topics as varied as *Architecture, Blogs, Calligraphy, Cultural Revolution, Forbidden City, Gardens, Hangzhou, Intellectual property rights, Internet use, Jade, Olympic Games of 2008, Peking University, Three Gorges Dam, Yao Ming*, and the upcoming *World Expo 2010—Shanghai*....



[World Heritage sites](#)

Craig Bunch writes: "There are currently 890 [UNESCO World Heritage sites](#). The list of sites, alphabetically arranged by country, can be found with extensive supporting information (in most



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Digital Library of the Week



[Perseus Digital Library](#)

at Tufts University, Boston. Since initial planning in 1985, the Perseus Digital Library Project has explored what happens when libraries move online. Over two decades later, as new forms of publication emerge and millions of books become digital, this question is more pressing than ever. Perseus is a practical experiment in which users explore possibilities and challenges of digital collections in a networked world. Perseus' flagship collection, under development since 1987, covers the history, literature, and culture of the Greco-Roman world. Perseus' mission is to help make the full record of humanity as intellectually accessible as possible to every human being, providing information adapted to as many linguistic and cultural backgrounds as

cases descriptions, documents, maps, image gallery, etc.). From the website, sites on the Official World Heritage List can be located in Google Earth. In addition to the 890 sites themselves, features include news and events, downloadable documents, publications and other resources. This could be a wonderful teaching tool."...

Points of Reference, Aug. 25

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possible. The website showcases collections and services developed as a part of Tufts University research efforts over the years. The code for the digital library system and many of the collections are available for other institutions to use, mirror, and develop....

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#) Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the [Love Libraries](#) site.

Division News

[PLA Advocacy Toolkit now available](#)

Libraries Prosper: A Guide to Using the PLA Advocacy Toolkit, by Sandra Nelson, is now [available](#) for purchase. The first in PLA's new Train the Trainer series, this electronic publication supports *Libraries Prosper with Passion, Purpose, and Persuasion: A PLA Toolkit for Success*. Designed for a one-day advocacy-training program, this electronic publication will instruct library trainers on how to apply the fundamental principles behind *Libraries Prosper* to their own workshops....



[Early registration deadline extended for LITA Forum](#)

The early bird registration deadline has been extended for the 2009 LITA National Forum, "Open and Mobile," to be held October 1–4 at the Hilton City Center Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to August 31, the registration rates are \$50 lower.

[Online registration](#) is available, or you may fax or mail your completed registration form. Be sure to reserve your hotel room when you register; the deadline to receive the LITA rate is September 1....



[YALSA Online Chat: Teen Read Week](#)

YALSA's September e-chat will focus on Teen Read Week. Join YALSA members on September 2 from 8–9 p.m. Eastern to share your plans for celebrating Teen Read Week 2009. YALSA holds e-chats on the first Wednesday of each month from 8–9 p.m. Eastern in ALA Connect. Can't make the e-chat? The transcript will be posted online the next day on the YALSA Blog....

[Voting now open in YALSA's Teens' Top Ten](#)

YALSA invites all teens to get out and vote for the Teens' Top Ten. Teens can vote for their favorite books from the last year in the annual poll. Teens' Top Ten, an initiative of YALSA's Young Adult Galley project, allows teens to voice their choices for their favorite books each year—it's the only reading list with titles nominated and voted on by teens. [Voting](#) takes place through September 18....



[ABOS announces 2009 conference: "Honoring the Past—Creating the Future"](#)

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"The number of books in print in 2008 rose 38 percent from the year before (which itself was up 38 percent from 2006). Where are all those books coming from? ...The real answer lies in university libraries, which are suddenly hawking publishing rights to the contents of their stacks—or at least what's out of print or in the public domain."

—Malcom Jones, "Books Aren't Dead," *Newsweek*, Aug. 31, p. 52.



AL on Twitter. Follow *American Libraries* news stories, videos, and blog

ABOS has announced its 2009 conference, "Honoring the Past—Creating the Future," to be held October 7–9 in Everett, Washington. ABOS is also offering [three grants](#) to attend the conference. All grant proposal submissions are due September 1. Registration information is [available](#)....

[Exceptional websites for children](#)

ALSC has added more recommended websites to [Great Web Sites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to commendable websites for children 14 and younger. Sites are organized into diverse subject headings, and there is a special section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers, and teachers....



Round Table News

[Learning Round Table chooses new name, retains mission](#)

ALA's round table dedicated to quality continuing education for library workers has changed its name from CLENERT to LearnRT. Under its new name, LearnRT will continue to promote quality continuing education for all library personnel, helping members network with other continuing education providers for the exchange of ideas, concerns and solutions. To learn more, visit LearnRT's [website](#)....



Awards

[Colombian Library Foundation wins \\$1-million Gates award](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: "One of the most misunderstood aspects of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's annual \$1-million Access to Learning Award is the fact that it is given not for ideas but for achievements, not for potential but for sustainability. This year's winner, the [Fundación Empresas Públicas de Medellín](#) (EPM Foundation) in Colombia, for its Network of Public Libraries, makes the concept clear."...

AL Inside Scoop, Aug. 25



[Jamaican national library wins award to save historical documents](#)

The National Library of Jamaica has been awarded just under J\$3 million (US\$33,500) through the 2009 Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation. The money will be used for the conservation of the Enos Nuttall Manuscripts—documents dating back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries that record significant milestones in Jamaica's history. The AFCP, created by Congress in 2001, aims to assist less-developed countries in preserving museum collections, ancient and historic sites, and traditional forms of expression....

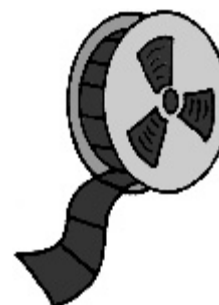
The Jamaica Gleaner, Aug. 23



[ACRL seeks nominations for 2010 awards](#)

posts on [Twitter](#).

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. *As part of a fundraiser, my school would like to show a movie in the gym after school for the students. The idea is that the students would read the book and discuss it first, then there would be a movie night for them to attend. Is this legal?*

A. It is legal if the copy of movie you're showing has the proper rights associated with it. The ALA Library has gathered some resources about [public performance rights](#). In particular, see [ALA Library Fact Sheet 7: Video and Copyright](#) for information about what needs to be done to secure licensing for schools. Check to see if the group has secured Public Performance Rights to show the movie, which are available from such companies as the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation and Movie Licensing USA. If you still need clarification, please do

For more than three-quarters of a century, ACRL has been committed to celebrating the achievements of academic and research librarians through the presentation of awards, grants, and fellowships. ACRL urges members to nominate colleagues whose work has influenced their thinking and growth as an academic librarian and whose contributions merit recognition by the profession. Nominations must be [submitted](#) by December 4....

[YALSA offers more than \\$35,000 in grants](#)

YALSA plans to award more than \$35,000 in grants and awards to YALSA members this year. Members can use the awards to attend Annual Conference for the first time, start a research program, add to their library collection, and more. The deadline for most grants is December 1. To learn more, visit YALSA's [Awards and Grants page](#)....

[Heinemann-Raintree sponsors AASL Research Grant](#)

Heinemann-Raintree will sponsor the AASL Research Grant, beginning with the 2009–2010 awards season. More information on this and other AASL awards and grants can be found [here](#). The purpose of the AASL Research Grant is to serve as a model for future school library media research. The grant will award \$2,500 to up to two school library media specialists, library educators, library information science, or education professors. Applications will be [available](#) September 1....



Seen Online

[Google book scanning project gains three major opponents](#)

Microsoft, Yahoo, and Amazon signed on to a coalition that opposes the search giant's proposed settlement with the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers. The coalition, assembled by the Internet Archive and Gary Reback, a Silicon Valley antitrust lawyer, was [announced](#) August 26, but several library and journalism associations have already [agreed](#) to take part, including the New York Library Association, the Special Libraries Association, and the American Society of Journalists and Authors....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 20

[Stanford offers special collections in Second Life](#)

Stanford University Library's special-collections department has begun to post exhibits and materials both on campus and online in Second Life, letting anyone view temporary presentations, even long after they have been physically removed from public viewing. The Second Life library began as an experiment in 2006. At first, some content was added, along with links to university websites. Now, a few exhibits and even a documentary are available online, and more content is on the way....

The Wired Campus, Aug. 20



[Volunteers to rebuild burned school library](#)

About 160 volunteers had spent August 21 at Faylane Elementary School in Garden Grove, California, [creating](#) the new library—building shelves and tables, stacking books, and placing colorful bean bags on

not hesitate to contact ALA's Copyright Specialist, [Carrie Russell by email](#), or call the ALA Washington Office at (800) 941-8478.

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[Come Join Atyourlibrary.org!](#)
Atyourlibrary.org, the public website for ALA's public awareness campaign, @ your library, released a new page on its site to aggregate content from its profiles on several social media sites, including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Delicious....

Calendar

Sept. 17:
[Ohio Preservation Council](#), 25th Anniversary Symposium, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio.
"Celebrating Paper."

Sept. 21–22:
[EdUI Conference on Web Design, Usability and Accessibility](#), University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
"Remaining ."

Sept. 22–23:
[Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts](#), Athenaeum

the floor. Less than 12 hours later, it was all burned and water-damaged. The fire broke out about 7:55 a.m. August 22 as a result of electrical malfunction in the room, said Garden Grove Unified School District spokesman Alan Trudell. Now, volunteers will rebuild the brand new library, repairing what officials estimate to be about \$15,000 in damage....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, Aug. 24

[Tutors ousted from Huntsville libraries](#)

Paid tutors are no longer welcome at the Huntsville-Madison County (Ala.) Public Library and its branches. Executive Director Laurel Best said she recommended the policy because the Madison branch library had become overrun with tutors and their clients. "We've had a lot of complaints that there was no room at the library because all the tables were taken up by tutors," Best said August 20. The policy, adopted by the library's board of directors, says people or companies that need a business license to operate cannot hold paid tutoring sessions at any library location....

The Huntsville (Ala.) Times, Aug. 21

[New Sugar Grove library is beautiful—when it's open](#)

After Sugar Grove (Ill.) Public Library officials dedicated their stunning new building on August 8 with speeches, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and cake, the library opened for business for three hours. Then it closed for two days. An estimated 1,200 visitors came to the \$8-million, 24,000-square-foot library on opening day to ooh and ahh over the new building's spaciousness. But money allows the library to be open only 44 hours a week, compared with 58 hours a week less than three years ago. Voters approved a bond issue in 2004 to pay for the library's construction, but they repeatedly rejected requests—most recently in April—for more operating funds....

Chicago Tribune, Aug. 19



[UCLA faculty rallies to save arts library](#)

The news has provoked [strong responses](#) from local academics and now faculty members at UCLA have started an online campaign to save the library. "Our goal is to keep the library open but also to demand more transparency," Steven Nelson, an associate professor in UCLA's Department of Art History, said in an interview August 19. Nelson and George Baker, also a professor in the art history department, have launched a [Facebook page](#) and an [online petition](#) intended to rally support for the library. In less than a day, the petition attracted more than 350 signatures from all over the world and had 3,200 by midday August 26....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 19

[Library window lawsuit settled](#)

A settlement has been reached in a legal battle over dozens of allegedly defective windows that make up the shimmery copper exterior of the \$32.3-million Des Moines (Iowa) Central Library that opened downtown in 2006. On August 18 the library's board of trustees gave unanimous approval to the settlement, which will cover an array of materials and labor associated with the broken windows. The amount will ultimately depend on how many windows break in the future, but at roughly \$8,000 per window, the settlement is easily worth several hundred



of Philadelphia.
"Focusing on
Photographs:
Identification and
Preservation."

Sept. 23–26:

[PSP Journals Boot Camp](#). Grand Hyatt Denver. Course offered by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers.

Sept. 25:

[Chicagoland Drupal4Lib BoF](#). Metropolitan Library System, Chicago.

Oct. 2–3:

[Santa Fe Antiquarian Book Show](#). El Museo Cultural, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Oct. 2–4:

[North Texas Book and Paper Show](#). Amon G Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall, Fort Worth, Texas.

Oct. 4:

[Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper Show](#). Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan.

Oct. 10–11:

[Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair and Book Arts Show](#). Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.

Oct. 18–20:

[New England Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. "It's Happening in Hartford!"

Oct. 19–23:

[Open Access Week](#).

thousand dollars....

Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Aug. 19

[Denver Public Library to consider hour cuts, closings](#)

To make up for a budget shortfall of nearly \$5 million next year, Denver Public Library officials are considering cutting back service hours, closing branches, and even selling buildings. The city of Denver is expecting a total shortfall of \$120 million next year, and all departments have been asked to cut 14% of their budgets. For the public library, which gets 89% of its revenue from the city's general fund, that translates to a reduction of \$4.5 million, on top of cuts from previous years. In 2003 the library system had to take a 7% cut, or \$3.5 million....

Rocky Mountain (Colo.) Independent, Aug. 20

[Nine Massachusetts community libraries lose certification](#)



Residents of the cash-strapped city of Fitchburg are living in a bibliographic tundra with just 21 hours of weekly library service and no borrowing privileges in many neighboring cities and towns. This year, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners denied certification to Fitchburg and eight other cities, because of shortcomings in library hours, operating budgets, or acquisitions of new materials. In times like these, it is too much to require that local libraries stay open a minimum of 63 hours a week....

Boston Globe, Aug. 24

[Library union says, "Not on our backs!"](#)

Workers are ready to fight for their jobs in the wake of a Rockford (Ill.) Public Library Board proposal to lay off two-dozen union workers and six staffers to close a projected \$1.7-million shortfall. After an August 21 night union meeting downtown, dozens of library workers departed grim-faced and determined. At least one left in tears. The 90-minute union meeting came after the Rockford Public Library Board approved a reorganization proposal August 17. Although weeks in the making, the Library Board—as stipulated in a labor agreement—gave the union just 10 days to craft an alternative proposal....

Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, Aug. 22

[Budget cuts put brakes on Medina Library bookmobile](#)

State cuts in support for local libraries mean the Medina County (Ohio) District Library's bookmobile will no longer travel its usual 11,000 miles a year or make 29 weekly stops during the summer to serve more than 105,000 people at schools, nursing homes, and special county events. Library director Carole Kowell said the bookmobile will no longer go out on Mondays or Fridays, starting in September. Most stops covered in five days will now be covered in three with other visits eliminated completely....

Brunswick (Ohio) Sun, Aug. 23



[Gates Foundation library program grows under former Seattle librarian](#)

Deborah Jacobs went from helping build Seattle's state-of-the-art Central Library to visiting libraries overseas with no heat or running water and budgets as low as \$30 a month. In her first year on the job at the Gates Foundation, she has directed an expanding program



Oct. 20–21:

[Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts](#), Atlanta History Center. "A Race Against Time: Preserving Our Audiovisual Media."

Oct. 30–

Nov. 1:

[Liber Berlin](#),

antiquarian book fair, Schlüterhof des Zeughauses im DHM, Berlin, Germany.

Nov. 5:

[Preconference, AASL National Conference](#),

Charlotte Convention Center, North Carolina. "The Games Libraries Play," and others.

Nov. 7:

[Buckeye Book Fair](#),

Fisher Auditorium, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster.

Nov. 7:

[Self-Publishing Book Expo](#),

630 Second Ave., New York City.

Jan. 20–21:

[Atmospheric Science Librarians International](#),

13th Annual Conference, Atlanta. "Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians."

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called the Global Libraries Initiative, which aims to improve free access to computers and the internet in public libraries. She [presented](#) a \$1 million prize August 25 to a foundation in Medellín, Colombia, for its innovative use of technology in libraries to promote community development....

Seattle Times, Aug. 25

[D.C. library offers free language courses](#)

For the past six weeks dozens of Washington, D.C.-area students have participated in a program sponsored by the library and Global Language Network, a nonprofit language services provider, to offer free foreign language courses to D.C. residents. For two hours each week beginning last month, volunteer instructors taught Farsi on Mondays, Spanish on Tuesdays, and Russian on Saturdays....

Washington Post, Aug. 20

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Tech Talk

[Five reasons to get excited about Linux on the netbook](#)

Sarah Perez writes: "Late last year, we boldly proclaimed that [your next computer might be a Linux PC](#). Thanks to the ever-growing market for the low-end machines dubbed 'netbooks,' this seemed like a real possibility at the time. But even netbook owners with machines that didn't come with Linux pre-installed can still enjoy what this alternative OS has to offer. There are several versions you can try today, no purchase required. And there are even more soon-to-launch distros which *really* get us excited....

ReadWriteWeb, Aug. 20



[Remember Cuil? Now it's a real-time search engine](#)

Ben Parr writes: "Do you remember last year, when a startup named Cuil, founded by two ex-Googlers, made huge noise with the claim of having the largest search index in the world? The result was a huge initial traffic spike. But when it didn't beat Google its traffic dropped. Now, it has suddenly reemerged with an array of new features based on bringing real-time news and search results. Did Cuil just launch its own competitor to Twitter Search and Facebook Search?"...

Mashable, Aug. 21



[Complete guide to making Outlook faster](#)

The How-To Geek writes: "If you are stuck using Microsoft Outlook at work, you've already experienced just how painfully slow it can get. But with a few quick tips you can make it usable again. First, you'll want to install the very latest Microsoft Office service pack. Also, keeping a nice, clean mailbox is probably one of the most obvious, but also most overlooked aspects of speeding up your Outlook experience. You can do it yourself by setting up a separate personal folders file, and then



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Lifehacker, Aug. 24

[Twitter pro accounts coming by year's end](#)

Kim-Mai Cutler and Matt Marshall write: “Yes, Twitter will start earning some income this year. Cofounder Biz Stone said the company is in the first phase of rolling out commercial accounts that will entice business users to pay for premium services like detailed analytics. After that, the company might move into building business-oriented APIs, creating a commercial layer over the social network.

‘The commercial APIs would be out later this year,’ said Stone.”...

DigitalBeat, Aug. 20

[Cool device watch: PogoPlug](#)

Jason Griffey writes: “For better or worse, I’ve become a sort of gadget-review guy for TechSource, watching all the new hardware announcements for things that I think will be useful, novel, or interesting to libraries and librarians. This little bit of technology might be interesting for a few reasons, not the least of which is the future that it holds in its oh-so-small frame. The gadget, [PogoPlug](#), plugs into a wall outlet and turns any USB external hard drive into a networked storage device, accessible via the internet from anywhere in the world.”...

TechSource, Aug. 19



[Push Facebook updates to Twitter](#)

Michael Gummelt writes: “Many people have asked us to make Facebook and Twitter work better together for those times when they want to share their content as widely as possible. We agree. Over the next few days, we will be releasing a feature that allows administrators of Facebook Pages to publish their Facebook updates to their Twitter accounts automatically.”...

Facebook Blog, Aug. 20



Publishing

[Sony e-book to offer free library checkouts](#)

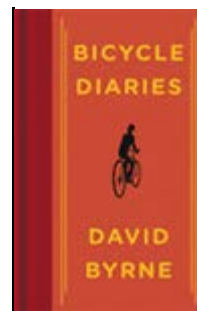
Nilay Patel writes: “Sony will soon release the Reader Daily Edition, as well as updated Mac-compatible eBook Library 3.0 software and a new library content service. We’re geeked about the library finder service, which enables you to check out e-books and other digital content from your local public library on any of the Readers—for free. The New York Public Library is the flashy public launch partner, but there are thousands more libraries looped in. The Reader Daily Edition has a seven-inch touchscreen and can pull content wirelessly. It’ll launch in December for \$400.”...

Engadget, Aug. 25



[Books without jackets: The new thing?](#)

September will see the publication of three unusual-looking books: *No Impact Man* by Colin Beavan, *Bicycle Diaries* (right) by former Talking Head David Byrne, and *The Adderall Diaries* by Stephen Elliott. What makes these books so unusual-looking is that, even though they’re hardcovers, their cover art is not



printed on dust jackets but instead stamped directly onto the boards that hug their pages. The result is a handsome, eye-catching look that reflects a heightened awareness that books cannot simply sell themselves....

New York Observer, Aug. 24

[Does Kindle stop you buying a book by its cover?](#)

Chris Matyszczyk writes: "I confess I have not yet been warmed by the kindle of Kindle. Somehow, the presence of yet another machine in my already messed-up world might make me entirely unserviceable. However, an increasing number of literate beings are finding themselves rather aroused by their Kindle experience. Tuesday, I was regaled with the story of a rather happily married couple who believe that Kindle has changed not only the convenience of reading but actually their choice of books."...

CNET News, Aug. 19



[An e-pub by any other name?](#)

Lorcan Dempsey writes: "I was in a meeting with a group of folks from research libraries the other week. I was interested in a particular terminological issue: 'e-books' and 'digital books' were each being used in conversation with no pattern of consistency. There was, however, certainly a tendency to use 'e-books' for materials available for license from external providers, and a tendency to use 'digital books' for materials digitized from library collections."...

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 20



Actions & Answers

[Wikipedia to limit changes to articles on people](#)

Just as the English-language version of Wikipedia surpasses 3 million articles, its freewheeling ethos is about to be curbed. Officials at the Wikimedia Foundation, the nonprofit in San Francisco that governs Wikipedia, say that within weeks, the English-language Wikipedia will begin imposing a layer of editorial review on articles about living people. The new feature, called "flagged revisions," will require that an experienced volunteer editor for Wikipedia sign off on any change made by the public....

New York Times, Aug. 24



[Another reason for libraries to make their](#)

[sites social](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "Now that I'm on a smartphone that has a real web browser and is capable of multitasking (the Palm Pre), in fact, I find myself expecting it to act like my laptop. I've stopped carrying my laptop or my netbook to work each day because I can do so much on my phone. So here's Mobile Developer Tip #1, my two cents: Use plugins and widgets, such as [Share This](#), that let users automatically share your content."...

The Shifted Librarian, Aug. 21



[Sign, sign, everywhere a sign](#)

Justine Shaffner writes: "When I was working at a public library, one of the most common questions at the reference desk was 'Where is ____?' People would politely wait in line for five minutes just to find out where the bathroom was. I felt bad and wanted to post more directional signs. But the research showed that the more signs you had, the more they were overlooked. That's why I was so entranced by Daniel Pink's [video](#) (7:02) on emotionally intelligent signage. Turns out, it's not just a matter of posting a sign; signs need to connect with their readers."...

The Librarian is IN, Aug. 24



[Help! I need somebody](#)

Those of us who have ever had the luxury of working as part of a team—particularly that rare, unicorn-like beast that is the school library team—know how easy it is to take good co-workers for granted. Not sure how to approach a reference question? Consult the team. Need someone to grab the other end of that table so you can rearrange furniture for a DDR tournament? Ask a co-worker. But what do you do when suddenly you're the only librarian in the building?...

YALSA Blog, Aug. 24

[Who's the greenest of them all?](#)

Universities these days are scrambling to burnish their sustainability credentials, with efforts that include wind power, organic food, and competitions to save energy. But which university is the greenest? Several ranking systems have emerged to offer their take. The Princeton Review, best known as a test-preparation firm, recently came out with its [second annual green ratings](#). Fifteen colleges earned the highest possible score. The Sierra Club also released its [annual list](#) of eco-enlightened colleges....

New York Times Green Inc. Blog, Aug. 20



[The real-time library](#)

Steven Bell writes: "Librarians across all sectors of the profession have spent considerable time discussing and analyzing the impact of Web 2.0 and what it means for libraries. As with all technology trends this one is evolving too. A few weeks ago my colleagues and I traveled to Princeton for a joint staff development program on digital reference. Stephen Francouer did a fine job of leading us through the evolution of digital reference, and shared his thoughts on where the technology and service is headed."...

ACRLog, Aug. 25

[Where to find book cover images](#)

David Bigwood writes: "The other day I [asked](#) for suggestions about where to get book covers to include in the catalog. One comment suggest [BookChaser.com](#). BookChaser is an experimental tool that lets people compare what book covers are available through different APIs. It uses four underlying services to look up that information: LibraryThing's covers API, OpenLibrary's JSON API, Amazon's Associates Web Service and Google's Books API."...

Catalogblog, Aug. 23



[Fighting crime one book at a time](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "As librarians are well aware, even in the book world no good deed goes unpunished. Getting the right book into the right hands seems innocent enough-until it isn't. Headline-hungry scribes sometimes seek to link books and crime; the permanent stain on *The Catcher in the Rye* after being found in the possession of both Mark David Chapman and John Hinkley post-crime is the most notorious example. But what of the notion that books can actually help *fight* crime? Two recent stories point out how the humble book may be a useful tool for the Thin Blue Line."...

Book Patrol, Aug. 24

[A book lover's guide to IKEA chairs](#)

Jimmy Chen writes: "Say what you will about cookie-cutter culture, IKEA offers affordable furniture that doesn't smell like the '70s. When enjoying your favorite book, it's important to be seated properly-or at least in a way that compliments your reading experience. Here is a guide to what to read, and in what chairs."...

HTML Giant, Aug. 24



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Mondowney accepts Detroit top post amid cash-flow kerfuffle

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/august2009/mondowneydetroit082009.cfm>]

Detroit Library Commission President Georgia A. Hill announced August 17 that Jo Anne Mondowney accepted the top post at Detroit Public Library. Her appointment as director began August 24 and comes amid controversy raised in June over the city's redirection of tax money intended for library and public school employees to the city payroll and other obligations. The Detroit Free Press raised questions about the library's funding in a June 20 article that reported Library Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch as saying "library staff learned this week that the city spent \$6.2 million in property tax money that was supposed to go to the library."...

American Libraries Online, Aug. 20

IFLA kicks off in Milan with opening session, caucuses

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/08/23/ifla-opening-session-spotlight>]

ts-italian-art-theater-history/]

Mauro Guerrini, president of the Italian Library Association, was the first to welcome some 3,000 delegates from 136 countries to Milan for the August 23 opening session of the five-day World Library and Information Congress. Themed “Libraries Create Futures: Building on Cultural Heritage,” the conference is the 75th in IFLA’s 82-year history and the first in Italy since the federation met in Rome in 1964. Interspersed with the speeches were five multimedia tableaux titled “The Book of Books.” Also on August 22, delegates held [http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/08/22/americans-kick-off-ifla-in-milan-with-caucus/] several caucuses, grouped by language, giving delegates an opportunity to get the inside scoop on what the international agendas are for the various IFLA representatives. On August 24, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s Deborah Jacobs confirmed [http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/08/25/gates-foundaton-contributes-15-million-to-ifla-advocacy/] that the foundation was presenting IFLA with a \$1.5-million three-year grant....

AL Inside Scoop, Aug. 23

LSTA grant advance saves Illinois town's only library

[http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/august2009/robbinslibrarysaved082109.cfm]

The south suburban Chicago town of Robbins will continue to enjoy uninterrupted public library service thanks to the infusion of \$25,500 in emergency grant funding it was promised just days before a lack of revenue would have closed its doors as of September 1. The August 20 reprieve came two days after some 50 area residents joined Robbins Mayor Irene H. Brodie for a press conference, held at the William Leonard Public Library District, at which town officials and library patrons pleaded [http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=6971366&rss=rss-wls-article-6971366] for donations to keep the library open until year’s end....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 21

Residents decry board vote to close Gwinnett County branch

[http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/august2009/daculaclosingprotest082609.cfm]

An August 11 vote to close the three-year-old Dacula branch of the Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library at year’s end and shift some of the staff to the future Hamilton Mill Library has raised such ire in the burgeoning county some 70 miles outside Atlanta that trustees agreed several days later to reconsider their 3–1 vote at their September 22 meeting. GCPL Executive Director Nancy Stanbery-Kellam explained August 13 in an open letter [http://www.gwinnettpl.org/News/Dacula.html] that “the unexpected severe decline in the county’s revenue” had made it impossible for officials to stock and staff the Hamilton Mill facility, so trustees decided to draw on the resources of the Dacula branch....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 26

[http://www.colormarq.com/]

ALA News

ALA mourns the loss of Senator Edward M. Kennedy

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3552>]

A strong proponent of libraries, Senator Kennedy worked tirelessly with our nation's librarians to make sure everyone could get access to quality library services. His death is a great loss for this country. His passion for public service and the loss of his legislative skills will be felt on Capitol Hill for years to come....

District Dispatch, Aug. 26

publishes international supplement

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

American Libraries has published a digital supplement to its flagship publication, American Libraries Magazine, for the international library community. "Global Mission, Global Membership" is available in digital format only and coincides with IFLA's 75th World Library and Information Congress August 23–27 in Milan. This supplement takes readers through the opportunities offered to members and the wider profession by the American Library Association. You can view, [<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/b9badc6a>] print, and share this digital issue of American Libraries....

Banned Books Week events, publicity tips

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/bwpublicity_pio.cfm]

ALA's Public Information Office is gearing up to work with the Office for Intellectual Freedom on the 28th annual Banned Books Week, September 26 through October 3. This year's celebration will kick off with a "Read-Out!" event at historic Bughouse Square on Chicago's North Side. Authors will perform readings from their banned or challenged books and will sign copies of their works. Online resources [<http://www.ala.org/bbooks>] are available to help local libraries publicize Banned Books Week activities....

Book censorship map reveals national problem

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/censormap_oif.cfm]

Censorship in the United States is not limited to isolated pockets of the country. A new online map of book censorship shows that no area is immune to what is a national trend. The map has just been posted on the official website

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>] of Banned Books Week. The Google Map

[<http://bannedbooksweek.org/Mapofbookcensorship.html>] displays more than 120 book challenges—from Maine to Florida and from Long Island to San Francisco—that have occurred since 2007....

for Make It Matter Day

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/rmakeitmatter_pio.cfm]

ALA has signed on as a sponsor of Make It Matter Day, to be held October 3, an effort to encourage Americans to participate in literacy and education activities, organized by Reader's Digest. Earlier this year, the editors at Reader's Digest asked readers to identify a cause that mattered most to them. The winner was literacy and education. Reader's Digest is encouraging the public to participate in literacy events at local Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, and libraries. For details on how to enter and get involved, visit Make it Matter on the web [<http://www.rd.com/make-it-matter-make-a-difference>]....

Midwinter bundled registration opens Sept. 1

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferenceevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/index.cfm>]

Once again ALA is offering a special bundled price on the Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference if you register for both events during September. You can save 20% over the advance registration price you would pay if you bought each event separately. Included in your registration are the ALA President's Program, the Author Forum, exhibits, discussion groups, committee meetings, the Opening Reception, the Technology Showcase, the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture, and the Sunrise Speaker Series. See the registration page [<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferenceevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/registration.cfm>] for more information....

New site supports Picturing America

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/pasite_ppo.cfm]

The ALA Public Programs Office is making available a new, online community to support local programs that incorporate the National Endowment for the Humanities' Picturing America collection of art reproductions. The site, Picturing America for Public Libraries [<http://www.programminglibrarian.org/picturingamerica>], features programming resources for public libraries that received the Picturing America collection, including free, print-ready images of select Picturing America images posters, flyers, and bookmarks....

Nation's libraries to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/lcsumstories_pio.cfm]

In September, ALA and libraries throughout the country will celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when libraries remind parents and caregivers to bring their school-age children to the library to get the most important school supply of all—a library card. For example, the Yuma (Ariz.) County Library District will partner with a local radio station to promote Library Card Sign-up Month, with a 30-second public service announcement and a 3-minute interview with the library's community relations manager. For more information and to download PSAs visit the Library Card Sign-up Month website [<http://www.ala.org/librarycardsignup>]....

Download Librarian Salary Survey data

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/databasedownload_apacfm]

The ALA–Allied Professional Association has just released two new downloadable versions of the 2009 edition of the ALA–APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public and Academic. One version contains only public librarian salary data and analysis and the other version is specifically for academic librarians. The ALA–APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public and ALA–APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Academic are available at the ALA Online Store [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/>]....

Featured review: Reference

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3583527]

Cheng, Linsun (editor). Berkshire Encyclopedia of China. May 2009. 2,800p. illus. Berkshire, hardcover (978-0-9770159-4-8). Publisher Karen Christensen introduces Berkshire Encyclopedia of China as “the first multi-volume, multi-authored Encyclopedia of China to be published outside China itself,” designed to be “an invaluable reference tool for general China studies” and “relevant outside the classroom for students planning careers in China-related business, communications and technology, and public service.” Among the many authoritative 500- to 6,000-word entries are those by the distinguished scholars William H. McNeill, Daniel A. Bell, and William Theodore de Bary. Some 300 (mostly university-affiliated) authors address topics as varied as Architecture, Blogs, Calligraphy, Cultural Revolution, Forbidden City, Gardens, Hangzhou, Intellectual property rights, Internet use, Jade, Olympic Games of 2008, Peking University, Three Gorges Dam, Yao Ming, and the upcoming World Expo 2010—Shanghai....

World Heritage sites

[<http://pointsofreference.booklistonline.com/2009/08/25/world-heritage-sites/>]

Craig Bunch writes: “There are currently 890 UNESCO World Heritage sites [<http://whc.unesco.org/>]. The list of sites, alphabetically arranged by country, can be found with extensive supporting information (in most cases descriptions, documents, maps, image gallery, etc.). From the website, sites on the Official World Heritage List can be located in Google Earth. In addition to the 890 sites themselves, features include news and events, downloadable documents, publications and other resources. This could be a wonderful teaching tool.”...

Points of Reference, Aug. 25

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

Division News

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PLA Advocacy Toolkit now available

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/advocacytoolkit_pla.cfm]

Libraries Prosper: A Guide to Using the PLA Advocacy Toolkit, by Sandra Nelson, is now available

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2720>] for purchase. The first in PLA's new Train the Trainer series, this electronic publication supports Libraries Prosper with Passion, Purpose, and Persuasion: A PLA Toolkit for Success. Designed for a one-day advocacy-training program, this electronic publication will instruct library trainers on how to apply the fundamental principles behind Libraries Prosper to their own workshops....

Early registration deadline extended for LITA Forum

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/earlyregext_lita.cfm]

The early bird registration deadline has been extended for the 2009 LITA National Forum, "Open and Mobile," to be held October 1–4 at the Hilton City Center Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to August 31, the registration rates are \$50 lower. Online registration [<http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litaevents/forum2009/registration.cfm>] is available, or you may fax or mail your completed registration form. Be sure to reserve your hotel room when you register; the deadline to receive the LITA rate is September 1....

YALSA Online Chat: Teen Read Week [<http://connect.ala.org/node/79695>]

YALSA's September e-chat will focus on Teen Read Week. Join YALSA members on September 2 from 8–9 p.m. Eastern to share your plans for celebrating Teen Read Week 2009. YALSA holds e-chats on the first Wednesday of each month from 8–9 p.m. Eastern in ALA Connect. Can't make the e-chat? The transcript will be posted online the next day on the YALSA Blog....

Voting now open in YALSA's Teens' Top Ten

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/teenstopten.cfm>]

YALSA invites all teens to get out and vote for the Teens' Top Ten. Teens can vote for their favorite books from the last year in the annual poll. Teens' Top Ten, an initiative of YALSA's Young Adult Galley project, allows teens to voice their choices for their favorite books each year—it's the only reading list with titles nominated and voted on by teens. Voting

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=aljbsPGgcLZcE_2bKFze8DuA_3d_3d] takes place through September 18....

ABOS announces 2009 conference: "Honoring the Past—Creating the Future"

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/abos_olos.cfm]

ABOS has announced its 2009 conference, "Honoring the Past—Creating the Future," to be held October 7–9 in Everett, Washington. ABOS is also offering three grants

[<http://www.abos-outreach.org/awards.html>] to attend the conference. All

grant proposal submissions are due September 1. Registration information is available [http://www.abos-outreach.org/annual_conference.htm]....

Exceptional websites for children

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/gws_alsc.cfm]

ALSC has added more recommended websites to Great Web Sites for Kids

[<http://www.ala.org/greatsites>], its online resource containing hundreds of links to commendable websites for children 14 and younger. Sites are organized into diverse subject headings, and there is a special section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers, and teachers....

Round Table News

Learning Round Table chooses new name, retains mission

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/c hangename_learnrt.cfm]

ALA's round table dedicated to quality continuing education for library workers has changed its name from CLENERT to LearnRT. Under its new name, LearnRT will continue to promote quality continuing education for all library personnel, helping members network with other continuing education providers for the exchange of ideas, concerns and solutions. To learn more, visit LearnRT's website [<http://alallearning.org/>]....

Awards

Colombian Library Foundation wins \$1-million Gates award

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/08/25/columbian-library-foundation-wins-1-million-gates-award/>]

Leonard Kniffel writes: "One of the most misunderstood aspects of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's annual \$1-million Access to Learning Award is the fact that it is given not for ideas but for achievements, not for potential but for sustainability. This year's winner, the Fundaci3n Empresas Publicas de Medellin [<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/atla/Pages/2009-access-to-learning-award-fundacion-empresas-publicas-de-medellin-colombia.aspx>] (EPM Foundation) in Colombia, for its Network of Public Libraries, makes the concept clear."

AL Inside Scoop, Aug. 25

Jamaican national library wins award to save historical documents

[<http://www.jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20090823/arts/arts4.html>]

The National Library of Jamaica has been awarded just under J\$3 million (US\$33,500) through the 2009 Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation.

The money will be used for the conservation of the Enos Nuttall

Manuscripts—documents dating back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries that record significant milestones in Jamaica's history.

The AFCP, created by Congress in 2001, aims to assist less-developed countries in preserving museum collections, ancient and historic sites, and traditional forms of expression....

The Jamaica Gleaner, Aug. 23

ACRL seeks nominations for 2010 awards

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/awards/>]

For more than three-quarters of a century, ACRL has been committed to celebrating the achievements of academic and research librarians through the presentation of awards, grants, and fellowships. ACRL urges members to nominate colleagues whose work has influenced their thinking and growth as an academic librarian and whose contributions merit recognition by the profession. Nominations must be submitted

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/awards/>] by December 4....

YALSA offers more than \$35,000 in grants

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/grants_yalsa.cfm]

YALSA plans to award more than \$35,000 in grants and awards to YALSA members this year. Members can use the awards to attend Annual Conference for the first time, start a research program, add to their library collection, and more. The deadline for most grants is December 1. To learn more, visit YALSA's Awards and Grants page

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants.cfm>]....

Heinemann-Raintree sponsors AASL Research Grant

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/august2009/heinemannraintree_aasl.cfm]

Heinemann-Raintree will sponsor the AASL Research Grant, beginning with the 2009–2010 awards season. More information on this and other AASL awards and grants can be found here

[<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>]. The purpose of the AASL Research Grant is to serve as a model for future school library media research. The grant will award \$2,500 to up to two school library media specialists, library educators, library information science, or education professors. Applications will be available [<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>] September 1....

Seen Online

Google book scanning project gains three major opponents

[<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-google21-2009aug21,0,4130944.story>]

Microsoft, Yahoo, and Amazon signed on to a coalition that opposes the search giant's proposed settlement with the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers. The coalition, assembled by the Internet Archive and Gary Reback, a Silicon Valley antitrust lawyer, was announced

[<http://www.openbookalliance.org/news/diverse-coalition-unites-to-counter-google-book-settlement/>] August 26, but several library and journalism associations have already agreed

[<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/pressroom/pressrelease/09pr/pr2916.cfm>] to take part, including the New York Library Association, the Special Libraries Association, and the American Society of Journalists and Authors....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 20

Stanford offers special collections in Second Life

[<http://wiredcampus.chronicle.com/blogPost/Stanford-U-Offers-Special/7753/>]

Stanford University Library's special-collections department has begun to post exhibits and materials both on campus and online in Second Life, letting anyone view temporary presentations, even long after they have been physically removed from public viewing. The Second Life library began as an experiment in 2006. At first, some content was added, along with links to university websites. Now, a few exhibits and even a documentary are available online, and more content is on the way....

The Wired Campus, Aug. 20

Volunteers to rebuild burned school library

[<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/library-volunteers-hegberg-2539091-school-books>]

About 160 volunteers had spent August 21 at Faylane Elementary School in Garden Grove, California, creating

[<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/school-day-new-2537113-playground-library>] the new library—building shelves and tables, stacking books,

and placing colorful bean bags on the floor. Less than 12 hours later, it was all burned and water-damaged. The fire broke out about 7:55 a.m.

August 22 as a result of electrical malfunction in the room, said Garden Grove Unified School District spokesman Alan Trudell. Now, volunteers will rebuild the brand new library, repairing what officials estimate to be about \$15,000 in damage....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, Aug. 24

Tutors ousted from Huntsville libraries

[<http://www.al.com/news/huntsvilletimes/local.ssf?/base/news/1250846134220750.xml&coll=1>]

Paid tutors are no longer welcome at the Huntsville-Madison County (Ala.)

Public Library and its branches. Executive Director Laurel Best said she recommended the policy because the Madison branch library had become overrun with tutors and their clients. "We've had a lot of complaints that there was no room at the library because all the tables were taken up by tutors," Best said August 20. The policy, adopted by the library's board of directors, says people or companies that need a business license to operate cannot hold paid tutoring sessions at any library location....

The Huntsville (Ala.) Times, Aug. 21

New Sugar Grove library is beautiful—when it's open

[<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-sugar-grove-library-w-zone-1a-ug19,0,2156117.story>]

After Sugar Grove (Ill.) Public Library officials dedicated their stunning new building on August 8 with speeches, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and cake, the library opened for business for three hours. Then it closed for two days. An estimated 1,200 visitors came to the \$8-million, 24,000-square-foot library on opening day to ooh and ahh over the new building's spaciousness. But money allows the library to be open only 44 hours a week, compared with 58 hours a week less than three years ago. Voters approved a bond issue in 2004 to pay for the library's construction, but they repeatedly rejected

requests—most recently in April—for more operating funds....
Chicago Tribune, Aug. 19

UCLA faculty rallies to save arts library

[<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2009/08/ucla-faculty-rally-to-save-arts-library.html>]

The news has provoked strong responses

[<http://utotherescue.blogspot.com/2009/08/letter-to-gary-strong-ucla-university.html>] from local academics and now faculty members at UCLA have started an online campaign to save the library. "Our goal is to keep the library open but also to demand more transparency," Steven Nelson, an associate professor in UCLA's Department of Art History, said in an interview August 19. Nelson and George Baker, also a professor in the art history department, have launched a Facebook page [<http://www.facebook.com/search/?q=ucla+arts+library&init=quick#/group.php?gid=132785048409&ref=search&sid=528818278.179574697..1>] and an online petition [<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/save-the-ucla-arts-library>] intended to rally support for the library. In less than a day, the petition attracted more than 350 signatures from all over the world and had 3,200 by midday August 26....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 19

Library window lawsuit settled

[<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20090819/NEWS/908190363/1001/NEWS>]

A settlement has been reached in a legal battle over dozens of allegedly defective windows that make up the shimmery copper exterior of the \$32.3-million Des Moines (Iowa) Central Library that opened downtown in 2006. On August 18 the library's board of trustees gave unanimous approval to the settlement, which will cover an array of materials and labor associated with the broken windows. The amount will ultimately depend on how many windows break in the future, but at roughly \$8,000 per window, the settlement is easily worth several hundred thousand dollars....

Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Aug. 19

Denver Public Library to consider hour cuts, closings

[<http://www.rockymountainindependent.com/2009/08/denver-public-library-to-consider-hour-cuts-branch-closings/>]

To make up for a budget shortfall of nearly \$5 million next year, Denver Public Library officials are considering cutting back service hours, closing branches, and even selling buildings. The city of Denver is expecting a total shortfall of \$120 million next year, and all departments have been asked to cut 14% of their budgets. For the public library, which gets 89% of its revenue from the city's general fund, that translates to a reduction of \$4.5 million, on top of cuts from previous years. In 2003 the library system had to take a 7% cut, or \$3.5 million....

Rocky Mountain (Colo.) Independent, Aug. 20

Nine Massachusetts community libraries lose certification

[http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/editorials/articles/2009/08/24/even_with_cruel_choices_cities_can_sustain_libraries/]

Residents of the cash-strapped city of Fitchburg are living in a

bibliographic tundra with just 21 hours of weekly library service and no borrowing privileges in many neighboring cities and towns. This year, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners denied certification to Fitchburg and eight other cities, because of shortcomings in library hours, operating budgets, or acquisitions of new materials. In times like these, it is too much to require that local libraries stay open a minimum of 63 hours a week....

Boston Globe, Aug. 24

Library union says, "Not on our backs!"

[<http://www.rrstar.com/news/x772312667/Library-union-says-Not-on-our-backs>]

Workers are ready to fight for their jobs in the wake of a Rockford (Ill.) Public Library Board proposal to lay off two-dozen union workers and six staffers to close a projected \$1.7-million shortfall. After an August 21 night union meeting downtown, dozens of library workers departed grim-faced and determined. At least one left in tears. The 90-minute union meeting came after the Rockford Public Library Board approved a reorganization proposal August 17. Although weeks in the making, the Library Board—as stipulated in a labor agreement—gave the union just 10 days to craft an alternative proposal....

Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, Aug. 22

Budget cuts put brakes on Medina Library bookmobile

[http://blog.cleveland.com/brunswicksuntimes/2009/08/budget_cuts_put_brakes_on_medi.html]

State cuts in support for local libraries mean the Medina County (Ohio) District Library's bookmobile will no longer travel its usual 11,000 miles a year or make 29 weekly stops during the summer to serve more than 105,000 people at schools, nursing homes, and special county events. Library director Carole Kowell said the bookmobile will no longer go out on Mondays or Fridays, starting in September. Most stops covered in five days will now be covered in three with other visits eliminated completely....

Brunswick (Ohio) Sun, Aug. 23

Gates Foundation library program grows under former Seattle librarian

[http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/thebusinessofgiving/2009735027__greg_gilbertseattle_times_for.html?syndication=rss]

Deborah Jacobs went from helping build Seattle's state-of-the-art Central Library to visiting libraries overseas with no heat or running water and budgets as low as \$30 a month. In her first year on the job at the Gates Foundation, she has directed an expanding program called the Global Libraries Initiative, which aims to improve free access to computers and the internet in public libraries. She presented [<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/08/25/columbian-library-foundation-wins-1-million-gates-award/>] a \$1 million prize August 25 to a foundation in Medellín, Colombia, for its innovative use of technology in libraries to promote community development....

Seattle Times, Aug. 25

D.C. library offers free language courses

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/19/AR2009081901668.html>]

For the past six weeks dozens of Washington, D.C.–area students have participated in a program sponsored by the library and Global Language Network, a nonprofit language services provider, to offer free foreign language courses to D.C. residents. For two hours each week beginning last month, volunteer instructors taught Farsi on Mondays, Spanish on Tuesdays, and Russian on Saturdays....
Washington Post, Aug. 20

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Tech Talk

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Five reasons to get excited about Linux on the netbook
[http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/5_reasons_to_get_excited_about_linux_on_the_netbook.php]

Sarah Perez writes: “Late last year, we boldly proclaimed that your next computer might be a Linux PC
[http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/why_your_next_computer_might_be_a_linux_pc.php]. Thanks to the ever-growing market for the low-end machines dubbed ‘netbooks,’ this seemed like a real possibility at the time. But even netbook owners with machines that didn’t come with Linux pre-installed can still enjoy what this alternative OS has to offer. There are several versions you can try today, no purchase required. And there are even more soon-to-launch distros which really get us excited....

ReadWriteWeb, Aug. 20

Remember Cuil? Now it's a real-time search engine

[<http://mashable.com/2009/08/21/cuil-real-time/>]

Ben Parr writes:“Do you remember last year, when a startup named Cuil, founded by two ex-Googlers, made huge noise with the claim of having the largest search index in the world? The result was a huge initial traffic spike. But when it didn’t beat Google its traffic dropped. Now, it has suddenly reemerged with an array of new features based on bringing real-time news and search results. Did Cuil just launch its own competitor to Twitter Search and Facebook Search?”...

Mashable, Aug. 21

Complete guide to making Outlook faster

[<http://liferhacker.com/5344262/complete-guide-to-making-outlook-faster-than-molasses>]

The How-To Geek writes: “If you are stuck using Microsoft Outlook at work, you've already experienced just how painfully slow it can get. But with a few quick tips you can make it usable again. First, you'll want to install the very latest Microsoft Office service pack. Also, keeping a nice, clean mailbox is probably one of the most obvious, but also most overlooked aspects of speeding up your Outlook experience. You can do it yourself by setting up a separate personal folders file, and then moving old email over there on a regular basis.”...

Liferhacker, Aug. 24

Twitter pro accounts coming by year’s end

[<http://digital.venturebeat.com/2009/08/20/twitter-to-roll-out-commercial-accounts-this-year-co-founder-stone-says/>]

Kim-Mai Cutler and Matt Marshall write: "Yes, Twitter will start earning some income this year. Cofounder Biz Stone said the company is in the first phase of rolling out commercial accounts that will entice business users to pay for premium services like detailed analytics. After that, the company might move into building business-oriented APIs, creating a commercial layer over the social network. "The commercial APIs would be out later this year," said Stone."... DigitalBeat, Aug. 20

Cool device watch: PogoPlug

[<http://www.alatechsource.org/blog/2009/08/cool-device-watch-pogoplug.html>]

Jason Griffey writes: "For better or worse, I've become a sort of gadget-review guy for TechSource, watching all the new hardware announcements for things that I think will be useful, novel, or interesting to libraries and librarians. This little bit of technology might be interesting for a few reasons, not the least of which is the future that it holds in its oh-so-small frame. The gadget, PogoPlug [<http://pogoplug.com/index.html>], plugs into a wall outlet and turns any USB external hard drive into a networked storage device, accessible via the internet from anywhere in the world."... TechSource, Aug. 19

Push Facebook updates to Twitter

[<http://blog.facebook.com/blog.php?post=123006872130>]

Michael Gummelt writes: "Many people have asked us to make Facebook and Twitter work better together for those times when they want to share their content as widely as possible. We agree. Over the next few days, we will be releasing a feature that allows administrators of Facebook Pages to publish their Facebook updates to their Twitter accounts automatically."... Facebook Blog, Aug. 20

Publishing

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Sony e-book to offer free library checkouts

[<http://www.engadget.com/2009/08/25/sony-announces-daily-edition-reader/>]

Nilay Patel writes: "Sony will soon release the Reader Daily Edition, as well as updated Mac-compatible eBook Library 3.0 software and a new library content service. We're geeked about the library finder service, which enables you to check out e-books and other digital content from your local public library on any of the Readers—for free. The New York Public Library is the flashy public launch partner, but there are thousands more libraries looped in. The Reader Daily Edition has a seven-inch touchscreen and can pull content wirelessly. It'll launch in December for \$400."... Engadget, Aug. 25

Books without jackets: The new thing?

[<http://www.observer.com/2009/media/jacketless-hardcovers>]

September will see the publication of three unusual-looking books: No

Impact Man by Colin Beavan, Bicycle Diaries (right) by former Talking Head David Byrne, and The Adderall Diaries by Stephen Elliott. What makes these books so unusual-looking is that, even though they're hardcovers, their cover art is not printed on dust jackets but instead stamped directly onto the boards that hug their pages. The result is a handsome, eye-catching look that reflects a heightened awareness that books cannot simply sell themselves....

New York Observer, Aug. 24

Does Kindle stop you buying a book by its cover?

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-17852_3-10313869-71.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1_3-0-20]

Chris Matyszczyk writes: "I confess I have not yet been warmed by the kindle of Kindle. Somehow, the presence of yet another machine in my already messed-up world might make me entirely unserviceable. However, an increasing number of literate beings are finding themselves rather aroused by their Kindle experience. Tuesday, I was regaled with the story of a rather happily married couple who believe that Kindle has changed not only the convenience of reading but actually their choice of books."

CNET News, Aug. 19

An e-pub by any other name?

[<http://orweblog.oclc.org/archives/001999.html>]

Lorcan Dempsey writes: "I was in a meeting with a group of folks from research libraries the other week. I was interested in a particular terminological issue: 'e-books' and 'digital books' were each being used in conversation with no pattern of consistency. There was, however, certainly a tendency to use 'e-books' for materials available for license from external providers, and a tendency to use 'digital books' for materials digitized from library collections."

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 20

[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com/>]

Actions & Answers

Wikipedia to limit changes to articles on people

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/25/technology/internet/25wikipedia.html?_r=2&th&emc=th]

Just as the English-language version of Wikipedia surpasses 3 million articles, its freewheeling ethos is about to be curbed. Officials at the Wikimedia Foundation, the nonprofit in San Francisco that governs Wikipedia, say that within weeks, the English-language Wikipedia will begin imposing a layer of editorial review on articles about living people. The new feature, called "flagged revisions," will require that an experienced volunteer editor for Wikipedia sign off on

any change made by the public....
New York Times, Aug. 24

Another reason for libraries to make their sites social
[<http://theshiftedlibrarian.com/archives/2009/08/21/another-reason-for-libraries-to-make-their-sites-social.html>]

Jenny Levine writes: "Now that I'm on a smartphone that has a real web browser and is capable of multitasking (the Palm Pre), in fact, I find myself expecting it to act like my laptop. I've stopped carrying my laptop or my netbook to work each day because I can do so much on my phone. So here's Mobile Developer Tip #1, my two cents: Use plugins and widgets, such as Share This [<http://sharethis.com/>], that let users automatically share your content."...
The Shifted Librarian, Aug. 21

Sign, sign, everywhere a sign
[<http://blogs.bcr.org/publiclibraries/2009/08/24/sign-sign-everywhere-a-sign/>]

Justine Shaffner writes: "When I was working at a public library, one of the most common questions at the reference desk was 'Where is ____?' People would politely wait in line for five minutes just to find out where the bathroom was. I felt bad and wanted to post more directional signs. But the research showed that the more signs you had, the more they were overlooked. That's why I was so entranced by Daniel Pink's video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NZOt6BkhUg>] (7:02) on emotionally intelligent signage. Turns out, it's not just a matter of posting a sign; signs need to connect with their readers."...
The Librarian is IN, Aug. 24

Help! I need somebody
[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/08/24/help-i-need-somebody/>]
Those of us who have ever had the luxury of working as part of a team—particularly that rare, unicorn-like beast that is the school library team—know how easy it is to take good co-workers for granted. Not sure how to approach a reference question? Consult the team. Need someone to grab the other end of that table so you can rearrange furniture for a DDR tournament? Ask a co-worker. But what do you do when suddenly you're the only librarian in the building?...
YALSA Blog, Aug. 24

Who's the greenest of them all?
[<http://greeninc.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/08/20/ranking-universities-by-greenness/>]

Universities these days are scrambling to burnish their sustainability credentials, with efforts that include wind power, organic food, and competitions to save energy. But which university is the greenest? Several ranking systems have emerged to offer their take. The Princeton Review, best known as a test-preparation firm, recently came out with its second annual green ratings [<http://www.princetonreview.com/green/press-release.aspx>]. Fifteen colleges earned the highest possible score. The Sierra Club also released its annual list [http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200909/cool_schools/default.aspx] of

eco-enlightened colleges....

New York Times Green Inc. Blog, Aug. 20

The real-time library

[<http://acrlog.org/2009/08/25/the-real-time-library/>]

Steven Bell writes: "Librarians across all sectors of the profession have spent considerable time discussing and analyzing the impact of Web 2.0 and what it means for libraries. As with all technology trends this one is evolving too. A few weeks ago my colleagues and I traveled to Princeton for a joint staff development program on digital reference. Stephen Francouer did a fine job of leading us through the evolution of digital reference, and shared his thoughts on where the technology and service is headed;"...

ACRLog, Aug. 25

Where to find book cover images

[http://catalogablog.blogspot.com/2009/08/book-covers_23.html]

David Bigwood writes: "The other day I asked

[<http://catalogablog.blogspot.com/2009/08/book-covers.html>] for

suggestions about where to get book covers to include in the catalog. One

comment suggest BookChaser.com [<http://www.bookchaser.com/covers/>].

BookChaser is an experimental tool that lets people compare what book

covers are available through different APIs. It uses four underlying

services to look up that information: LibraryThing's covers API,

OpenLibrary's JSON API, Amazon's Associates Web Service and

Google's Books API;"...

Catalogblog, Aug. 23

Fighting crime one book at a time

[<http://www.bookpatrol.net/2009/08/fighting-crime-one-book-at-time.html>]

Nancy Mattoon writes: "As librarians are well aware, even in the book world no good deed goes unpunished. Getting the right book into the right hands seems innocent enough—until it isn't. Headline-hungry scribes sometimes seek to link books and crime; the permanent stain on The Catcher in the Rye after being found in the possession of both Mark David Chapman and John Hinkley post-crime is the most notorious example. But what of the notion that books can actually help fight crime? Two recent stories point out how the humble book may be a useful tool for the Thin Blue Line;"...

Book Patrol, Aug. 24

A book lover's guide to IKEA chairs [<http://htmlgiant.com/?p=13745>]

Jimmy Chen writes: "Say what you will about cookie-cutter culture, IKEA offers affordable furniture that doesn't smell like the '70s.

When enjoying your favorite book, it's important to be seated properly—or at least in a way that compliments your reading experience. Here is a guide to what to read, and in what chairs;"...

HTML Giant, Aug. 24

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[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobi>]

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Digital Library of the Week

[<http://www.monarchwatch.org/grafx/gallery/images/roosts/roost11.jpg>]

[<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/image?img=Perseus:image:1990.05.0395>]

Perseus Digital Library [<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/>] at Tufts University, Boston. Since initial planning in 1985, the Perseus Digital Library Project has explored what happens when libraries move online. Over two decades later, as new forms of publication emerge and millions of books become digital, this question is more pressing than ever. Perseus is a practical experiment in which users explore possibilities and challenges of digital collections in a networked world. Perseus's flagship collection, under development since 1987, covers the history, literature, and culture of the Greco-Roman world. Perseus's mission is to help make the full record of humanity as intellectually accessible as possible to every human being, providing information adapted to as many linguistic and cultural backgrounds as possible. The website showcases collections and services developed as a part of Tufts University research efforts over the years. The code for the digital library system and many of the collections are available for other institutions to use, mirror, and develop....

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Sept. 17:

Ohio Preservation Council, [<http://opc.ohionet.org/>] 25th Anniversary Symposium, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. "Celebrating Paper."

Sept. 21–22:

EdUI Conference on Web Design, Usability and Accessibility [<http://www.eduiconf.org/>], [<http://www.eduiconf.org/>] University of Virginia, Charlottesville. "Remaining "

Sept. 22–23:

Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, [<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=8ce68ab3-6dac-4cb4-ad3b-ec8110133946>] Athenaeum of Philadelphia. "Focusing on Photographs: Identification and Preservation."

Sept. 23–26:

PSP Journals Boot Camp, [<http://www.pspcentral.org/PSPJournalsBootCamp2009.cfm>] Grand Hyatt Denver. Course offered by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers.

Sept. 25:

Chicagoland Drupal4Lib BoF, [<https://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=5356>] Metropolitan Library System, Chicago.

Oct. 2–3:

Santa Fe Antiquarian Book Show, [<http://www.santafebookshow.com/>] El Museo Cultural, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Oct. 2–4:

North Texas Book and Paper Show, [<http://www.texasbooksellers.org/north-texas-book-paper-show>] Amon G Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall, Fort Worth, Texas.

Oct. 4:

Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper Show, [<http://www.curiousbooks.com/show/abf.html>] Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan.

Oct. 10–11:

Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair and Book Arts Show, [<http://www.seattlebookfair.com/>] Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.

Oct. 18–20:

New England Library Association, [<http://nelib.org/conference/2009/index.htm>] Annual Conference, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. "It's Happening in Hartford!"

Oct. 19–23:
Open Access Week. [<http://www.openaccessweek.org/>]

Oct. 20–21:
Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts,
[<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=1ab44fbf-f482-4894-8765-3ce15b9178ad>] Atlanta History Center. “A Race Against Time: Preserving Our Audiovisual Media.”

Oct. 30–
Nov. 1:
Liber Berlin, [<http://www.liberberlin.com/>] antiquarian book fair,
Schlüterhof des Zeughauses im DHM, Berlin, Germany.

Nov. 5:
Preconference, AASL National Conference,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/charlotte2009/forattendees/preconferences/preconferences.cfm>] Charlotte Convention Center, North Carolina. “The Games Libraries Play,” and others.

Nov. 7:
Buckeye Book Fair, [<http://buckeyebookfair.com/>] Fisher Auditorium, Ohio
Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster.

Nov. 7:
Self-Publishing Book Expo, [<http://www.selfpubbookexpo.com/where.htm>] 630
Second Ave., New York City.

Jan. 20–21:
Atmospheric Science Librarians International,
[<http://www.aslionline.org/asli2010call.html>] 13th Annual Conference,
Atlanta. “Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians.”

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[Mondowney accepts Detroit top post amid cash-flow kerfuffle](#)

Detroit Library Commission President Georgia A. Hill announced August 17 that Jo Anne Mondowney accepted the top post at Detroit Public Library. Her appointment as director began August 24 and comes amid controversy raised in June over the city's redirection of tax money intended for library and public school employees to the city payroll and other obligations. The *Detroit Free Press* raised questions about the library's funding in a June 20 article that reported Library Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch as saying "library staff learned this week that the city spent \$6.2 million in property tax money that was supposed to go to the library."...

American Libraries Online, Aug. 20



[IFLA kicks off in Milan with opening session, caucuses](#)

Mauro Guerrini, president of the Italian Library Association, was the first to welcome some 3,000 delegates from 136 countries to Milan for the August 23 opening session of the five-day World Library and Information Congress. Themed "Libraries Create Futures: Building on Cultural Heritage," the conference is the 75th in IFLA's 82-year history and the first in Italy since the federation met in Rome in 1964. Interspersed with the speeches were five multimedia tableaux titled "The Book of Books." Also on August 22, delegates [held](#) several caucuses, grouped by language, giving delegates an opportunity to get the inside scoop on what the international agendas are for the various IFLA representatives. On August 24, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Deborah Jacobs [confirmed](#) that the foundation was presenting IFLA with a \$1.5-million three-year grant....

AL Inside Scoop, Aug. 23



[LSTA grant advance saves Illinois town's only library](#)

The south suburban Chicago town of Robbins will continue to enjoy uninterrupted public library service thanks to the infusion of \$25,500



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in emergency grant funding it was promised just days before a lack of revenue would have closed its doors as of September 1. The August 20 reprieve came two days after some 50 area residents joined Robbins Mayor Irene H. Brodie for a press conference, held at the William Leonard Public Library District, at which town officials and library patrons [pleaded](#) for donations to keep the library open until year's end....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 21

[Residents decry board vote to close Gwinnett County branch](#)

An August 11 vote to close the three-year-old Dacula branch of the Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library at year's end and shift some of the staff to the future Hamilton Mill Library has raised such ire in the burgeoning county some 70 miles outside Atlanta that trustees agreed several days later to reconsider their 3-1 vote at their September 22 meeting. GCPL Executive Director Nancy Stanbery-Kellam explained August 13 in a [open letter](#) that "the unexpected severe decline in the county's revenue" had made it impossible for officials to stock and staff the Hamilton Mill facility, so trustees decided to draw on the resources of the Dacula branch....

American Libraries Online, Aug. 26



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[ALA mourns the loss of Senator Edward M. Kennedy](#)

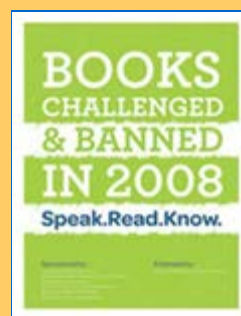
A strong proponent of libraries, Senator Kennedy worked tirelessly with our nation's librarians to make sure everyone could get access to quality library services. His death is a great loss for this country. His passion for public service and the loss of his legislative skills will be felt on Capitol Hill for years to come....

District Dispatch, Aug. 26



[AL publishes international supplement](#)

American Libraries has published a digital supplement to its flagship publication, *American Libraries Magazine*, for the international library community. "Global Mission, Global Membership" is available in digital format only and coincides with IFLA's 75th World Library and Information Congress August 23-27 in Milan. This supplement takes readers through the opportunities offered to



[List of Banned Books 2008](#)

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Banned Books Week events, publicity tips

ALA's Public Information Office is gearing up to work with the Office for Intellectual Freedom on the 28th annual Banned Books Week, September 26 through October 3. This year's celebration will kick off with a "Read-Out!" event at historic Bughouse Square on Chicago's North Side. Authors will perform readings from their banned or challenged books and will sign copies of their works. [Online resources](#) are available to help local libraries publicize Banned Books Week activities....



Book censorship map reveals national problem

Censorship in the United States is not limited to isolated pockets of the country. A new online map of book censorship shows that no area is immune to what is a national trend. The map has just been posted on the official [website](#) of Banned Books Week. The [Google Map](#) displays more than 120 book challenges—from Maine to Florida and from Long Island to San Francisco—that have occurred since 2007....



ALA teams with Reader's Digest for Make It Matter Day

ALA has signed on as a sponsor of Make It Matter Day, to be held October 3, an effort to encourage Americans to participate in literacy and education activities, organized by *Reader's Digest*. Earlier this year, the editors at *Reader's Digest* asked readers to identify a cause that mattered most to them. The winner was literacy and education. *Reader's Digest* is encouraging the public to participate in literacy events at local Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, and libraries. For details on how to enter and get involved, visit Make it Matter [on the web](#)....



Midwinter bundled registration opens Sept. 1

Once again ALA is offering a special bundled price on the Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference if you register for both events during September. You can save 20% over the advance registration price you would pay if you bought each event separately. Included in your registration are the ALA President's Program, the Author Forum, exhibits, discussion groups, committee meetings, the Opening Reception, the Technology Showcase, the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture, and the Sunrise Speaker Series. See the [registration page](#) for more information....

New site supports Picturing America

The ALA Public Programs Office is making available a new, online community to support local programs that incorporate the National Endowment for the Humanities' Picturing America collection of art reproductions. The site, [Picturing America for Public Libraries](#), features programming resources for public libraries that received the Picturing America collection, including free, print-ready images of select Picturing America images posters, flyers, and bookmarks....



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[Nation's libraries to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month](#)

In September, ALA and libraries throughout the country will celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when libraries remind parents and caregivers to bring their school-age children to the library to get the most important school supply of all—a library card. For example, the Yuma (Ariz.) County Library District will partner with a local radio station to promote Library Card Sign-up Month, with a 30-second public service announcement and a 3-minute interview with the library's community relations manager. For more information and to download PSAs visit the Library Card Sign-up Month [website](#)....



[Download Librarian Salary Survey data](#)

The ALA–Allied Professional Association has just released two new downloadable versions of the 2009 edition of the *ALA–APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public and Academic*. One version contains only public librarian salary data and analysis and the other version is specifically for academic librarians. The *ALA–APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public* and *ALA–APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Academic* are available at the [ALA Online Store](#)....

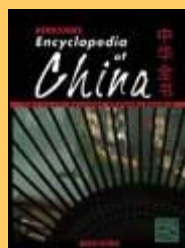


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[Featured review: Reference](#)

Cheng, Linsun (editor). *Berkshire Encyclopedia of China*. May 2009. 2,800p. illus. Berkshire, hardcover (978-0-9770159-4-8).

Publisher Karen Christensen introduces *Berkshire Encyclopedia of China* as "the first multi-volume, multi-authored *Encyclopedia of China* to be published outside China itself," designed to be "an invaluable reference tool for general China studies" and "relevant outside the classroom for students planning careers in China-related business, communications and technology, and public service." Among the many authoritative 500- to 6,000-word entries are those by the distinguished scholars William H. McNeill, Daniel A. Bell, and William Theodore de Bary. Some 300 (mostly university-affiliated) authors address topics as varied as *Architecture, Blogs, Calligraphy, Cultural Revolution, Forbidden City, Gardens, Hangzhou, Intellectual property rights, Internet use, Jade, Olympic Games of 2008, Peking University, Three Gorges Dam, Yao Ming*, and the upcoming *World Expo 2010—Shanghai*....



[World Heritage sites](#)

Craig Bunch writes: "There are currently 890 [UNESCO World Heritage sites](#). The list of sites, alphabetically arranged by country, can be found with extensive supporting information (in most



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[PLA Advocacy Toolkit now available](#)

Libraries Prosper: A Guide to Using the PLA Advocacy Toolkit, by Sandra Nelson, is now [available](#) for purchase. The first in PLA's new Train the Trainer series, this electronic publication supports *Libraries Prosper with Passion, Purpose, and Persuasion: A PLA Toolkit for Success*. Designed for a one-day advocacy-training program, this electronic publication will instruct library trainers on how to apply the fundamental principles behind *Libraries Prosper* to their own workshops....



[Early registration deadline extended for LITA Forum](#)

The early bird registration deadline has been extended for the 2009 LITA National Forum, "Open and Mobile," to be held October 1–4 at the Hilton City Center Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to August 31, the registration rates are \$50 lower.

[Online registration](#) is available, or you may fax or mail your completed registration form. Be sure to reserve your hotel room when you register; the deadline to receive the LITA rate is September 1....



[YALSA Online Chat: Teen Read Week](#)

YALSA's September e-chat will focus on Teen Read Week. Join YALSA members on September 2 from 8–9 p.m. Eastern to share your plans for celebrating Teen Read Week 2009. YALSA holds e-chats on the first Wednesday of each month from 8–9 p.m. Eastern in ALA Connect. Can't make the e-chat? The transcript will be posted online the next day on the YALSA Blog....

[Voting now open in YALSA's Teens' Top Ten](#)

YALSA invites all teens to get out and vote for the Teens' Top Ten. Teens can vote for their favorite books from the last year in the annual poll. Teens' Top Ten, an initiative of YALSA's Young Adult Galley project, allows teens to voice their choices for their favorite books each year—it's the only reading list with titles nominated and voted on by teens. [Voting](#) takes place through September 18....



[ABOS announces 2009 conference: "Honoring the Past—Creating the Future"](#)

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[Exceptional websites for children](#)

ALSC has added more recommended websites to [Great Web Sites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to commendable websites for children 14 and younger. Sites are organized into diverse subject headings, and there is a special section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers, and teachers....



Round Table News

[Learning Round Table chooses new name, retains mission](#)

ALA's round table dedicated to quality continuing education for library workers has changed its name from CLENERT to LearnRT. Under its new name, LearnRT will continue to promote quality continuing education for all library personnel, helping members network with other continuing education providers for the exchange of ideas, concerns and solutions. To learn more, visit LearnRT's [website](#)....



Awards

[Colombian Library Foundation wins \\$1-million Gates award](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: "One of the most misunderstood aspects of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's annual \$1-million Access to Learning Award is the fact that it is given not for ideas but for achievements, not for potential but for sustainability. This year's winner, the [Fundación Empresas Publicas de Medellín](#) (EPM Foundation) in Colombia, for its Network of Public Libraries, makes the concept clear."...

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[Jamaican national library wins award to save historical documents](#)

The National Library of Jamaica has been awarded just under J\$3 million (US\$33,500) through the 2009 Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation. The money will be used for the conservation of the Enos Nuttall Manuscripts—documents dating back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries that record significant milestones in Jamaica's history. The AFCP, created by Congress in 2001, aims to assist less-developed countries in preserving museum collections, ancient and historic sites, and traditional forms of expression....

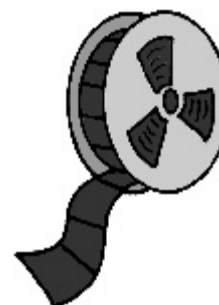
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[YALSA offers more than \\$35,000 in grants](#)

YALSA plans to award more than \$35,000 in grants and awards to YALSA members this year. Members can use the awards to attend Annual Conference for the first time, start a research program, add to their library collection, and more. The deadline for most grants is December 1. To learn more, visit YALSA's [Awards and Grants page](#)....

[Heinemann-Raintree sponsors AASL Research Grant](#)

Heinemann-Raintree will sponsor the AASL Research Grant, beginning with the 2009–2010 awards season. More information on this and other AASL awards and grants can be found [here](#). The purpose of the AASL Research Grant is to serve as a model for future school library media research. The grant will award \$2,500 to up to two school library media specialists, library educators, library information science, or education professors. Applications will be [available](#) September 1....



Seen Online

[Google book scanning project gains three major opponents](#)

Microsoft, Yahoo, and Amazon signed on to a coalition that opposes the search giant's proposed settlement with the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers. The coalition, assembled by the Internet Archive and Gary Reback, a Silicon Valley antitrust lawyer, was [announced](#) August 26, but several library and journalism associations have already [agreed](#) to take part, including the New York Library Association, the Special Libraries Association, and the American Society of Journalists and Authors....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 20

[Stanford offers special collections in Second Life](#)

Stanford University Library's special-collections department has begun to post exhibits and materials both on campus and online in Second Life, letting anyone view temporary presentations, even long after they have been physically removed from public viewing. The Second Life library began as an experiment in 2006. At first, some content was added, along with links to university websites. Now, a few exhibits and even a documentary are available online, and more content is on the way....

The Wired Campus, Aug. 20



[Volunteers to rebuild burned school library](#)

About 160 volunteers had spent August 21 at Faylane Elementary School in Garden Grove, California, [creating](#) the new library—building shelves and tables, stacking books, and placing colorful bean bags on

not hesitate to contact ALA's Copyright Specialist, [Carrie Russell by email](#), or call the ALA Washington Office at (800) 941-8478.

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[Come Join Atyourlibrary.org!](#)
Atyourlibrary.org, the public website for ALA's public awareness campaign, @ your library, released a new page on its site to aggregate content from its profiles on several social media sites, including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Delicious....

Calendar

Sept. 17:
[Ohio Preservation Council](#), 25th Anniversary Symposium, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio.
"Celebrating Paper."

Sept. 21–22:
[EdUI Conference on Web Design, Usability and Accessibility](#), University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
"Remaining ."

Sept. 22–23:
[Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts](#), Athenaeum

the floor. Less than 12 hours later, it was all burned and water-damaged. The fire broke out about 7:55 a.m. August 22 as a result of electrical malfunction in the room, said Garden Grove Unified School District spokesman Alan Trudell. Now, volunteers will rebuild the brand new library, repairing what officials estimate to be about \$15,000 in damage....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, Aug. 24

[Tutors ousted from Huntsville libraries](#)

Paid tutors are no longer welcome at the Huntsville-Madison County (Ala.) Public Library and its branches. Executive Director Laurel Best said she recommended the policy because the Madison branch library had become overrun with tutors and their clients. "We've had a lot of complaints that there was no room at the library because all the tables were taken up by tutors," Best said August 20. The policy, adopted by the library's board of directors, says people or companies that need a business license to operate cannot hold paid tutoring sessions at any library location....

The Huntsville (Ala.) Times, Aug. 21

[New Sugar Grove library is beautiful—when it's open](#)

After Sugar Grove (Ill.) Public Library officials dedicated their stunning new building on August 8 with speeches, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and cake, the library opened for business for three hours. Then it closed for two days. An estimated 1,200 visitors came to the \$8-million, 24,000-square-foot library on opening day to ooh and ahh over the new building's spaciousness. But money allows the library to be open only 44 hours a week, compared with 58 hours a week less than three years ago. Voters approved a bond issue in 2004 to pay for the library's construction, but they repeatedly rejected requests—most recently in April—for more operating funds....

Chicago Tribune, Aug. 19



[UCLA faculty rallies to save arts library](#)

The news has provoked [strong responses](#) from local academics and now faculty members at UCLA have started an online campaign to save the library. "Our goal is to keep the library open but also to demand more transparency," Steven Nelson, an associate professor in UCLA's Department of Art History, said in an interview August 19. Nelson and George Baker, also a professor in the art history department, have launched a [Facebook page](#) and an [online petition](#) intended to rally support for the library. In less than a day, the petition attracted more than 350 signatures from all over the world and had 3,200 by midday August 26....

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 19

[Library window lawsuit settled](#)

A settlement has been reached in a legal battle over dozens of allegedly defective windows that make up the shimmery copper exterior of the \$32.3-million Des Moines (Iowa) Central Library that opened downtown in 2006. On August 18 the library's board of trustees gave unanimous approval to the settlement, which will cover an array of materials and labor associated with the broken windows. The amount will ultimately depend on how many windows break in the future, but at roughly \$8,000 per window, the settlement is easily worth several hundred



of Philadelphia. "Focusing on Photographs: Identification and Preservation."

Sept. 23–26:

[PSP Journals Boot Camp](#). Grand Hyatt Denver. Course offered by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers.

Sept. 25:

[Chicagoland Drupal4Lib BoF](#). Metropolitan Library System, Chicago.

Oct. 2–3:

[Santa Fe Antiquarian Book Show](#). El Museo Cultural, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Oct. 2–4:

[North Texas Book and Paper Show](#). Amon G Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall, Fort Worth, Texas.

Oct. 4:

[Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper Show](#). Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan.

Oct. 10–11:

[Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair and Book Arts Show](#). Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.

Oct. 18–20:

[New England Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. "It's Happening in Hartford!"

Oct. 19–23:

[Open Access Week](#).

thousand dollars....

Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Aug. 19

[Denver Public Library to consider hour cuts, closings](#)

To make up for a budget shortfall of nearly \$5 million next year, Denver Public Library officials are considering cutting back service hours, closing branches, and even selling buildings. The city of Denver is expecting a total shortfall of \$120 million next year, and all departments have been asked to cut 14% of their budgets. For the public library, which gets 89% of its revenue from the city's general fund, that translates to a reduction of \$4.5 million, on top of cuts from previous years. In 2003 the library system had to take a 7% cut, or \$3.5 million....

Rocky Mountain (Colo.) Independent, Aug. 20

[Nine Massachusetts community libraries lose certification](#)



Residents of the cash-strapped city of Fitchburg are living in a bibliographic tundra with just 21 hours of weekly library service and no borrowing privileges in many neighboring cities and towns. This year, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners denied certification to Fitchburg and eight other cities, because of shortcomings in library hours, operating budgets, or acquisitions of new materials. In times like these, it is too much to require that local libraries stay open a minimum of 63 hours a week....

Boston Globe, Aug. 24

[Library union says, "Not on our backs!"](#)

Workers are ready to fight for their jobs in the wake of a Rockford (Ill.) Public Library Board proposal to lay off two-dozen union workers and six staffers to close a projected \$1.7-million shortfall. After an August 21 night union meeting downtown, dozens of library workers departed grim-faced and determined. At least one left in tears. The 90-minute union meeting came after the Rockford Public Library Board approved a reorganization proposal August 17. Although weeks in the making, the Library Board—as stipulated in a labor agreement—gave the union just 10 days to craft an alternative proposal....

Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, Aug. 22

[Budget cuts put brakes on Medina Library bookmobile](#)

State cuts in support for local libraries mean the Medina County (Ohio) District Library's bookmobile will no longer travel its usual 11,000 miles a year or make 29 weekly stops during the summer to serve more than 105,000 people at schools, nursing homes, and special county events. Library director Carole Kowell said the bookmobile will no longer go out on Mondays or Fridays, starting in September. Most stops covered in five days will now be covered in three with other visits eliminated completely....

Brunswick (Ohio) Sun, Aug. 23



[Gates Foundation library program grows under former Seattle librarian](#)

Deborah Jacobs went from helping build Seattle's state-of-the-art Central Library to visiting libraries overseas with no heat or running water and budgets as low as \$30 a month. In her first year on the job at the Gates Foundation, she has directed an expanding program



Oct. 20–21:

[Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts](#), Atlanta History Center. "A Race Against Time: Preserving Our Audiovisual Media."

Oct. 30–

Nov. 1:

[Liber Berlin](#),

antiquarian book fair, Schlüterhof des Zeughauses im DHM, Berlin, Germany.

Nov. 5:

[Preconference, AASL National Conference](#),

Charlotte Convention Center, North Carolina. "The Games Libraries Play," and others.

Nov. 7:

[Buckeye Book Fair](#),

Fisher Auditorium, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster.

Nov. 7:

[Self-Publishing Book Expo](#),

630 Second Ave., New York City.

Jan. 20–21:

[Atmospheric Science Librarians International](#),

13th Annual Conference, Atlanta. "Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians."

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called the Global Libraries Initiative, which aims to improve free access to computers and the internet in public libraries. She [presented](#) a \$1 million prize August 25 to a foundation in Medellín, Colombia, for its innovative use of technology in libraries to promote community development....

Seattle Times, Aug. 25

[D.C. library offers free language courses](#)

For the past six weeks dozens of Washington, D.C.-area students have participated in a program sponsored by the library and Global Language Network, a nonprofit language services provider, to offer free foreign language courses to D.C. residents. For two hours each week beginning last month, volunteer instructors taught Farsi on Mondays, Spanish on Tuesdays, and Russian on Saturdays....

Washington Post, Aug. 20

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Tech Talk

[Five reasons to get excited about Linux on the netbook](#)

Sarah Perez writes: "Late last year, we boldly proclaimed that [your next computer might be a Linux PC](#). Thanks to the ever-growing market for the low-end machines dubbed 'netbooks,' this seemed like a real possibility at the time. But even netbook owners with machines that didn't come with Linux pre-installed can still enjoy what this alternative OS has to offer. There are several versions you can try today, no purchase required. And there are even more soon-to-launch distros which *really* get us excited....

ReadWriteWeb, Aug. 20



[Remember Cuil? Now it's a real-time search engine](#)

Ben Parr writes: "Do you remember last year, when a startup named Cuil, founded by two ex-Googlers, made huge noise with the claim of having the largest search index in the world? The result was a huge initial traffic spike. But when it didn't beat Google its traffic dropped. Now, it has suddenly reemerged with an array of new features based on bringing real-time news and search results. Did Cuil just launch its own competitor to Twitter Search and Facebook Search?"...

Mashable, Aug. 21



[Complete guide to making Outlook faster](#)

The How-To Geek writes: "If you are stuck using Microsoft Outlook at work, you've already experienced just how painfully slow it can get. But with a few quick tips you can make it usable again. First, you'll want to install the very latest Microsoft Office service pack. Also, keeping a nice, clean mailbox is probably one of the most obvious, but also most overlooked aspects of speeding up your Outlook experience. You can do it yourself by setting up a separate personal folders file, and then



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Lifehacker, Aug. 24

[Twitter pro accounts coming by year's end](#)

Kim-Mai Cutler and Matt Marshall write: “Yes, Twitter will start earning some income this year. Cofounder Biz Stone said the company is in the first phase of rolling out commercial accounts that will entice business users to pay for premium services like detailed analytics. After that, the company might move into building business-oriented APIs, creating a commercial layer over the social network.

‘The commercial APIs would be out later this year,’ said Stone.”...

DigitalBeat, Aug. 20

[Cool device watch: PogoPlug](#)

Jason Griffey writes: “For better or worse, I’ve become a sort of gadget-review guy for TechSource, watching all the new hardware announcements for things that I think will be useful, novel, or interesting to libraries and librarians. This little bit of technology might be interesting for a few reasons, not the least of which is the future that it holds in its oh-so-small frame. The gadget, [PogoPlug](#), plugs into a wall outlet and turns any USB external hard drive into a networked storage device, accessible via the internet from anywhere in the world.”...

TechSource, Aug. 19



[Push Facebook updates to Twitter](#)

Michael Gummelt writes: “Many people have asked us to make Facebook and Twitter work better together for those times when they want to share their content as widely as possible. We agree. Over the next few days, we will be releasing a feature that allows administrators of Facebook Pages to publish their Facebook updates to their Twitter accounts automatically.”...

Facebook Blog, Aug. 20



Publishing

[Sony e-book to offer free library checkouts](#)

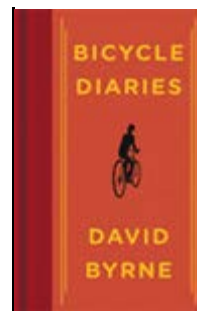
Nilay Patel writes: “Sony will soon release the Reader Daily Edition, as well as updated Mac-compatible eBook Library 3.0 software and a new library content service. We’re geeked about the library finder service, which enables you to check out e-books and other digital content from your local public library on any of the Readers—for free. The New York Public Library is the flashy public launch partner, but there are thousands more libraries looped in. The Reader Daily Edition has a seven-inch touchscreen and can pull content wirelessly. It’ll launch in December for \$400.”...

Engadget, Aug. 25



[Books without jackets: The new thing?](#)

September will see the publication of three unusual-looking books: *No Impact Man* by Colin Beavan, *Bicycle Diaries* (right) by former Talking Head David Byrne, and *The Adderall Diaries* by Stephen Elliott. What makes these books so unusual-looking is that, even though they’re hardcovers, their cover art is not



printed on dust jackets but instead stamped directly onto the boards that hug their pages. The result is a handsome, eye-catching look that reflects a heightened awareness that books cannot simply sell themselves....

New York Observer, Aug. 24

[Does Kindle stop you buying a book by its cover?](#)

Chris Matyszczyk writes: "I confess I have not yet been warmed by the kindle of Kindle. Somehow, the presence of yet another machine in my already messed-up world might make me entirely unserviceable. However, an increasing number of literate beings are finding themselves rather aroused by their Kindle experience. Tuesday, I was regaled with the story of a rather happily married couple who believe that Kindle has changed not only the convenience of reading but actually their choice of books."...

CNET News, Aug. 19



[An e-pub by any other name?](#)

Lorcan Dempsey writes: "I was in a meeting with a group of folks from research libraries the other week. I was interested in a particular terminological issue: 'e-books' and 'digital books' were each being used in conversation with no pattern of consistency. There was, however, certainly a tendency to use 'e-books' for materials available for license from external providers, and a tendency to use 'digital books' for materials digitized from library collections."...

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 20



Actions & Answers

[Wikipedia to limit changes to articles on people](#)

Just as the English-language version of Wikipedia surpasses 3 million articles, its freewheeling ethos is about to be curbed. Officials at the Wikimedia Foundation, the nonprofit in San Francisco that governs Wikipedia, say that within weeks, the English-language Wikipedia will begin imposing a layer of editorial review on articles about living people. The new feature, called "flagged revisions," will require that an experienced volunteer editor for Wikipedia sign off on any change made by the public....

New York Times, Aug. 24



[Another reason for libraries to make their](#)

[sites social](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "Now that I'm on a smartphone that has a real web browser and is capable of multitasking (the Palm Pre), in fact, I find myself expecting it to act like my laptop. I've stopped carrying my laptop or my netbook to work each day because I can do so much on my phone. So here's Mobile Developer Tip #1, my two cents: Use plugins and widgets, such as [Share This](#), that let users automatically share your content."...

The Shifted Librarian, Aug. 21



[Sign, sign, everywhere a sign](#)

Justine Shaffner writes: "When I was working at a public library, one of the most common questions at the reference desk was 'Where is ____?' People would politely wait in line for five minutes just to find out where the bathroom was. I felt bad and wanted to post more directional signs. But the research showed that the more signs you had, the more they were overlooked. That's why I was so entranced by Daniel Pink's [video](#) (7:02) on emotionally intelligent signage. Turns out, it's not just a matter of posting a sign; signs need to connect with their readers."...

The Librarian is IN, Aug. 24



[Help! I need somebody](#)

Those of us who have ever had the luxury of working as part of a team—particularly that rare, unicorn-like beast that is the school library team—know how easy it is to take good co-workers for granted. Not sure how to approach a reference question? Consult the team. Need someone to grab the other end of that table so you can rearrange furniture for a DDR tournament? Ask a co-worker. But what do you do when suddenly you're the only librarian in the building?...

YALSA Blog, Aug. 24

[Who's the greenest of them all?](#)

Universities these days are scrambling to burnish their sustainability credentials, with efforts that include wind power, organic food, and competitions to save energy. But which university is the greenest? Several ranking systems have emerged to offer their take. The Princeton Review, best known as a test-preparation firm, recently came out with its [second annual green ratings](#). Fifteen colleges earned the highest possible score. The Sierra Club also released its [annual list](#) of eco-enlightened colleges....

New York Times Green Inc. Blog, Aug. 20



[The real-time library](#)

Steven Bell writes: "Librarians across all sectors of the profession have spent considerable time discussing and analyzing the impact of Web 2.0 and what it means for libraries. As with all technology trends this one is evolving too. A few weeks ago my colleagues and I traveled to Princeton for a joint staff development program on digital reference. Stephen Francouer did a fine job of leading us through the evolution of digital reference, and shared his thoughts on where the technology and service is headed."...

ACRLog, Aug. 25

[Where to find book cover images](#)

David Bigwood writes: "The other day I [asked](#) for suggestions about where to get book covers to include in the catalog. One comment suggest [BookChaser.com](#). BookChaser is an experimental tool that lets people compare what book covers are available through different APIs. It uses four underlying services to look up that information: LibraryThing's covers API, OpenLibrary's JSON API, Amazon's Associates Web Service and Google's Books API."...

Catalogblog, Aug. 23



[Fighting crime one book at a time](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "As librarians are well aware, even in the book world no good deed goes unpunished. Getting the right book into the right hands seems innocent enough-until it isn't. Headline-hungry scribes sometimes seek to link books and crime; the permanent stain on *The Catcher in the Rye* after being found in the possession of both Mark David Chapman and John Hinkley post-crime is the most notorious example. But what of the notion that books can actually help *fight* crime? Two recent stories point out how the humble book may be a useful tool for the Thin Blue Line."...

Book Patrol, Aug. 24

[A book lover's guide to IKEA chairs](#)

Jimmy Chen writes: "Say what you will about cookie-cutter culture, IKEA offers affordable furniture that doesn't smell like the '70s. When enjoying your favorite book, it's important to be seated properly-or at least in a way that compliments your reading experience. Here is a guide to what to read, and in what chairs."...

HTML Giant, Aug. 24



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