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U.S. & World News

[HAPLR rankings celebrate 10th anniversary](#)

The 10th-anniversary edition of [Hennen's American Public Library Ratings](#), the annual ranking of over 9,000 libraries nationwide, was published June 30. Compiled by Thomas J. Hennen Jr., director of the Waukesha County (Wis.) Federated Library System, the index rates libraries using 15 factors—among them cost per circulation, visits per capita, and expenditures per capita—based on data gathered by the Federal-State Cooperative System and published by the National Center for Education Statistics....

American Libraries Online, July 1



[Veto threatens support for Connecticut libraries](#)

Connecticut Gov. Jodi Rell followed through July 1 on her promise to [veto](#) the legislature's June 26 budget for FY2009–11 that would have restored library funding to FY2008 levels. The governor's original budget recommendation ([PDF file](#)) called for the elimination of some \$5 million in state aid that libraries expected to receive, including the Department of Information Technology's Connecticut Education Network, which subsidizes internet connections for schools and libraries statewide. Legislative leaders will be in talks with Gov. Rell over the summer to work on a final budget. ALA has [urged](#) Connecticut legislators to reject the governor's plan....

American Libraries Online, June 26; *Hartford (Conn.) Courant*, July 1



[Washington Supreme Court hears filtering case](#)

The Washington State Supreme Court heard arguments June 23 in a challenge to the internet filtering policy of the North Central Regional Library, headquartered in Wenatchee. The American Civil Liberties Union filed the lawsuit in 2006 on behalf of three library users and the pro-firearm Second Amendment



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Foundation, seeking that the library be required to disable its filters when requested by an adult for research or other lawful purposes. Watch the [video](#) (48:52) of the proceedings....

American Libraries Online, June 25; TVW network, Olympia, Wash., June 23

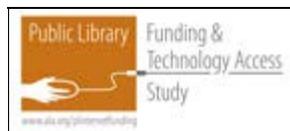


ALA News

[Gates Foundation renews library-technology grant funding](#)

ALA has received a \$2-million, three-year grant renewal from the Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation to continue its Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study. Office for Research and Statistics Director Denise Davis will remain as project director, and John Carlo Bertot, director of the University of Maryland Center for Library and Information Innovation, will continue to manage the Public Libraries and the Internet survey as part of the study. A comprehensive 2008–2009 report will be published in September....



[New website helps library job seekers](#)

[Get a Job!](#) offers library job seekers advice, resources, links, best practices, and real-life examples. Full of advice for finding a job in the current tough economy, it features information from a range of ALA divisions and units, as well as links to information about best job-seeking practices. ALA accelerated the website launch in response to the current economic conditions. The site is a work in progress....



[ALA Connect Career Connections community](#)

The Career Connections community is an initiative of ALA President Jim Rettig. Currently with 93 members, its [main purpose](#) is to provide all ALA members with an opportunity to have their résumés or CVs reviewed by colleagues and peers. Community organizers are looking for ALA members who might be interested in participating as reviewers....

[Coalition building in a tough economy](#)

Join ALA President Jim Rettig, moderator Jan Sanders, and others for “Coalition Building for All Libraries in a Tough Economy” July 11 during ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The program will focus on the value of building statewide coalitions during times of economic downturn, as well as the concept of the library ecosystem—how libraries of all types are interdependent....

[Gaming Pavilion will showcase link between gaming and literacy](#)



[ALA Annual Conference](#), Chicago, July 9–15. In addition to programs sponsored by divisions, round tables, and committees, this year’s conference features 10 [Grassroots Programs](#) dealing with current issues and selected by a jury of library school students and practitioners. The programs are part of ALA President Jim Rettig’s initiative to increase opportunities for members to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from their Association.

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On July 11 to 14 at in the ALA Annual Conference Exhibits Hall, the Gaming Pavilion will showcase the latest format to support literacy in libraries—gaming. The pavilion, sponsored by Verizon, will feature game manufacturers, platform companies, and vendors offering electronic games, board games, card games, and other products and services used for curriculum-based teaching and recreation....

[West Bend panel to share censorship stories](#)

Meet the librarians and community members who are fighting to keep library materials on the shelves in West Bend, Wisconsin, July 13 at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. A panel, part of the Intellectual Freedom Committee's Issues Briefing, will feature West Bend Community Library Director Michael Tyree, Young Adult Librarian Kristin Pekoll, library board President Barbara Deters, former library board member Mary Reilly-Kliss, and community organizer Maria Hanrahan....

[OIF to host Judith Krug memorial](#)

The library world lost a great leader in April with the death of Judith Krug, long-time director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation. OIF will host a special memorial service at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago July 10 where family, friends, and colleagues can come together to honor her memory and her immense contributions to librarianship and First Amendment freedoms....

[Join the Privacy Revolution at Annual](#)

The Office for Intellectual Freedom invites you to take up personal-privacy issues and join with us as we kick off our year-long National Conversation on Privacy, an initiative that will culminate in Choose Privacy Week, May 2–8, 2010. "Privacy in an Era of Change: Privacy and Surveillance Under the New Administration," on July 13, will feature Mary Ellen Callahan, David Sobel, and Jeff Jarvis....

OIF Blog, June 30



[More than 1,000 librarians Step Up to the Plate](#)

Since its spring kickoff, more than 1,000 public and school librarians from across the country have signed up for season four of Step Up to the Plate @ your library. For others interested in libraries and baseball, there is still time to register before September 1....

[ALA volunteers to support Chicago school libraries](#)

Volunteers from across the United States will gather July 10 at McCormick Place for "Libraries Build Communities," a daylong community-service effort taking place at various school libraries throughout Chicago. Coordinated by the Chapter Relations Office, this volunteer event is in conjunction with the 2009 ALA Annual Conference....

[New report on fiber-optic technology in libraries](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy has released a report on *Fiber to the Library: How Public Libraries Can Benefit from Using Fiber Optics for Their Broadband Internet Connections* ([PDF file](#)), which articulates the benefits of fiber-optic technology for public libraries and strategies to obtain connectivity. The policy brief is intended to help applicants include "fiber to the library" in their federal broadband stimulus funding proposals under the American

■ Job Seekers

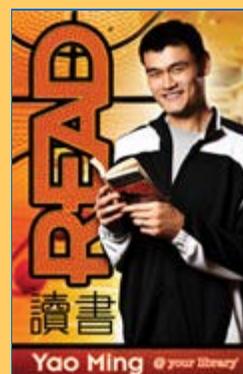
■ Students



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Need help and can't find what (or who) you are looking for? **ALA Ambassadors** are standing by to help - by text message!



Seven-time NBA all-star [Yao Ming](#) is reading *The Shawshank Redemption* in this new Celebrity READ poster. An ambassador for the Special Olympics, Yao is also

Recovery and Reinvestment Act....
District Dispatch, June 29

[OITP seeks cutting-edge technology practices](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy is soliciting nominations for best library practices using cutting-edge technology. Nominations should be submitted by mail or [email](#) by September 1....
District Dispatch, June 29

[Meet Programming Librarian](#)

The Public Programs Office will host demonstrations of its new online resource, [Programming Librarian](#), during ALA Annual Conference in Chicago from July 11 through July 13 at the PPO Booth in the Exhibits Hall. The free demonstrations will explore this new resource, designed to assist librarians in bringing cultural and community programs, such as literature discussion series and author appearances, to their libraries....

[The media blitz continues](#)

The ALA Public Information Office continues to work with media outlets to obtain coverage about the surge in library usage during tough economic times. More than 900 placements on this topic have appeared on TV, radio, websites, and in print. More than 800 million people have seen, heard, or read stories about the surge since the fall of 2008, when PIO began its media outreach effort....

AL Focus

[Transcripts now available](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Greg Landgraf writes: "One of the earliest requests we had when we started [AL Focus](#) was to include transcripts of videos. We looked for an easy, elegant way to provide them, and didn't find any. We did, eventually, find a more mundane way, thanks to John Chrastka, ALA's director of membership development, and Molly Sasajima of ALA Conference Services, who actually did the transcribing work. As a result, all of the AL Focus videos now have transcripts."...

AL Inside Scoop, June 29

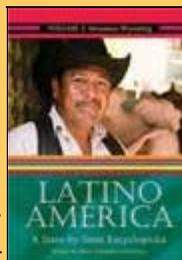
Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Reference](#)

Latino America: A State-by-State Encyclopedia.
Jan. 2009. 2 vols. 1,000p. Greenwood,
hardcover (978-0-313-34116-8).

Educator (Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Connecticut) and editor Overmyer-Velázquez's *Latino America: A State-by-State Encyclopedia* is a relevant, one-

of-a-kind, and "uniquely conceptualized" encyclopedia addressing "the historical significance of the growing" Latino population in the U.S. Written from a Latino cultural perspective and designed to be "more exploratory and suggestive" than comprehensive, the reference is a noteworthy work that successfully illustrates Latino contributions and



the founder of the Yao Ming Foundation, which supports rebuilding high-quality, earthquake-resistant schools in Sichuan province, China, following the devastating 2008 earthquake. **NEW!**
From ALA Graphics.

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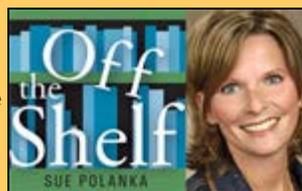
AMERICAN ACADEMY
OF ARTS & SCIENCES

[Director of Membership](#), American Academy of Arts and

struggles. A brief introduction—which examines the terms *Latino/a* and outlines the “critical role” Latinos play in shaping U.S. history—is followed by chapters covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia....

[Off the Shelf: Reference Universe](#)

Sue Polanka writes: “One of my favorite things about being a reference librarian is the reference collection. I love perusing the subject encyclopedias for unique content and enjoy watching my collection grow, both in print and e-book formats. However, I find it difficult to keep up with the resources in this valuable collection. Luckily, I found a tool that not only helps me remember these great titles but unlocks them for me, exposing articles and ideas I may not have considered. My tool is *Reference Universe*, from Paratext, an index to the articles inside the reference collection, providing access points not found in traditional title and subject headings of the OPAC.”...



[We get questions](#)

Barbara Bibel writes: “Questions keep us in business. I am sure that most of us became reference librarians because we love looking for answers. We would be excellent detectives if we ever decide to change careers. Our patrons expect us to find the answers and even hope that we will do their assignments, but there are some questions that don’t have answers. We love them dearly and do not laugh until the patron is gone. Here are some classics from my years on the desk.”...

Points of Reference, June 30

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

Chicago Update

[Heading to the airport? Use this checklist](#)

If you’ve booked an airline ticket for Annual Conference, heading to the airport may be an anxiety-inducing experience. Whether you’re an avid flyer or an infrequent one, there are a slew of fees to keep track of, plus security protocols that may seem overwhelming. Fear not. This handy to-do list will help you get to the airport, through security, and to your gate with ease....

Smarter Travel, June 29



[Online help desks at conference](#)

ALA is using two great services to help make your conference experience more effective. Help is never more than a text message away, and a fully searchable version of the program book is now available for your web-enabled phone. (1) [Text-an-Ambassador](#) places you in personal contact with ALA Ambassadors to get your questions about conference and Chicago answered by text message. (2) [Boopsie](#) is a



Sciences, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The successful candidate must have an understanding of how knowledge is organized and have experience with state of the art systems for classifying the scholarly work of academics, professionals, and business leaders. She or he will oversee the confidential nomination and election process; will provide staff support to membership committees; will lead the effort to gather knowledge of current activities and research interests of Academy members; and will support other activities associated with Academy members. The position calls for knowledge of advances and changes in the various scholarly disciplines, the arts, and the professions, and an understanding of current scholarly and policy issues. The position also requires strong writing skills, knowledge of and proficiency in information systems, and supervisory experience....



@ [More jobs...](#)

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downloadable application for web-enabled phones that makes the full searchable conference program immediately accessible....

[Chicago coupons](#)

The Chicago Office of Tourism is offering discount coupons on attractions, dining, entertainment, museums, and shopping. Get \$2 off the Chicago History Museum, 15% off at Poster Plus, 2-for-1 admission at O'Leary's Chicago Fire Truck Tours, a complimentary appetizer at the Berghoff Restaurant, and much more....

Chicago Office of Tourism



[Birding at the Magic Hedge](#)

Located in Lincoln Park, Montrose Point is a 15-acre bird sanctuary that attracts more than 300 different species of migratory birds. They stop here for rest, food, and shelter. East of the bathhouse is the Magic Hedge, a 150-yard stretch of shrubs and trees, so-called because it attracts a curiously high number of birds. In 2001, the Chicago Park District planted hundreds of bird-friendly native shade trees, flowering trees, shrubs, and wildflowers in the sanctuary....

Chicago Park District; 10,000 Birds



Division News

[YALSA's Ultimate Teen Bookshelf](#)

YALSA has created the [Ultimate Teen Bookshelf](#), a new download that highlights must-have teen materials. Developed in conjunction with the United We Serve initiative, the bookshelf is a list that includes 50 books, five magazines, and five audiobooks. While the featured materials have been selected for ages 12–18, the titles on this list span a broad range of reading and maturity levels....



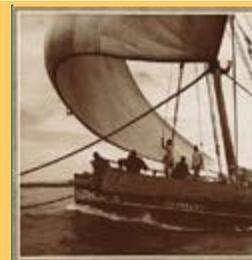
[Early bird registration for AASL National Conference](#)

AASL encourages members planning to register for the AASL 14th National Conference and Exhibition to do so before the July 16 early bird registration deadline. On July 17, registration rates will be raised \$50 and, after October 6, AASL members can expect to pay \$100 more for registration. The conference will be held November 5–8 in Charlotte, North Carolina....



[NEA to support Learning4Life](#)

The National Education Association recently signed on to support the AASL national implementation plan for its standards and guidelines, [Learning4Life](#). NEA joins several other state and national organizations that have pledged their support for L4L. The plan was created to support states, school systems, and individual schools in



[The Humphrey Winterton Collection of East African Photographs.](#)

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, includes over 7,600 photographs organized in 76 separate albums, scrapbooks, or loose collections, replicating how British collector Humphrey Winterton organized the collection. The photographs depict life, primarily in East Africa, between about 1860 and 1960. Assembled by Winterton over about 30 years, the collection depicts the breadth of African experience and also documents African life, European life in Africa in all its manifestations, and the African landscape, in particular as it changed over time. Included are photos showing the building of East Africa's railways, the growth of its urban centers, and the development of European colonial administration. The photographs extensively document rural life as well as the travels and work of European colonial officials and private businessmen. There are outstanding examples of portraiture, some of

their efforts to implement the *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner* and *Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs*....

[Kids! campaign features art by David Díaz](#)

Phase two of the ALSC Kids! @ your library public awareness campaign features artwork created by award-winning children's illustrator David Díaz produced especially for the campaign. Full-color, camera-ready PDFs of a miniposter and bookmarks will be available free online for librarians to download and print for displays and as giveaways. The kickoff of phase two will take place July 12 at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago....

[ACRL's frequent e-learner program](#)

ACRL has launched an e-learning Frequent Learner Program to help academic and research librarians maximize their professional development dollars during these challenging economic times. Starting September 1, individuals or groups that register for three ACRL [e-learning](#) courses or webcasts will receive complimentary registration to one additional course or webcast of equal or lesser value to the lowest cost-paid e-Learning opportunity....

[Desserts and auction items at ASCLA/COSLA reception](#)

ASCLA and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies invite you for a sweet ending to your evening at the ASCLA/COSLA dessert reception and silent auction July 12. Reception guests can take advantage of desserts, coffee, and a cash bar while participating in a silent auction to benefit the ASCLA Century Scholarship....

Round Table News

[Real-life forensics](#)

The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table will present "Real-Life Forensics—Like on *Numb3rs*, *CSI*, and *NCIS*" on July 12 at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Learn how forensics librarians at the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency, and other federal agencies help with investigations by providing information. Compare their real-world work to the cases you've watched on hit television shows....



Awards

[She will swim the Hudson River for the Spectrum Scholarship](#)

Miriam Tuliao, assistant director of central collection development collections strategy at the New York Public Library, will participate in the Little Red Lighthouse Swim on September 26 to raise awareness and funds for the ALA Spectrum Scholarship program. The event consists of a 5.85-mile race in New York's Hudson River. Tuliao is a United States Masters Swimmer who has participated in several long-distance, open-water events....



which were taken by commercial studios. The Winterton Collection provides an unsurpassed resource for the study of the history of photography in East Africa.

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 there is a heaven . . . I'd want a big library. The biggest library you've ever seen. One that's opened all the time, not just half days. That's what I hope heaven's like."

—Maudie Ferguson, in Cassandra King's *Making Waves* (Hyperion, 2004), p. 93.



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Ask the ALA Librarian

[Richard Bausch wins 2009 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award](#)

Author Richard Bausch has been awarded the 2009 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction for his book *Peace*, published by Knopf. The \$5,000 award recognizes the service of American veterans and encourages the writing and publishing of outstanding war-related fiction. The book chronicles the lives of an Army patrol in Italy during the bleak winter of 1944 and details their adventures and moral dilemmas....



[2009 CALA President's Recognition Award](#)

Barbara J. Ford and Haipeng Li have won the Chinese American Librarians Association President's Recognition Award for supporting and advancing CALA's mission and goals in 2008–2009. Ford has held the post of director of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois since 2003, and Li is associate director of the John Cotton Dana Library at Rutgers University-Newark....



Chinese American Librarians Association, June 28

[David H. Clift Scholarship](#)

ALA has awarded Rachel Channer of Klamath Falls, Oregon, the 2009 David H. Clift Scholarship. The grant provides \$3,000 to an individual pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. She plans on attending McGill University....

[Mary V. Gaver Scholarship](#)

ALA has awarded Laura Elena Ochoa Podell of Madison, Wisconsin, the 2009 Mary V. Gaver Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to an individual pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies, with a specialty in youth services. She is planning to attend Pratt Institute....

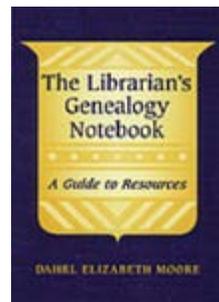
[Christopher J. Hoy ERT Scholarship](#)

ALA has awarded Jade Torres-Morrison of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Christopher J. Hoy ERT Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to an individual pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. She plans to attend San Jose State University....

[Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship](#)

Michelle Demeter of Tallahassee, Florida, has received the 2009 Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to individuals pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies with a focus on federal librarianship. Demeter attends Florida State University....

[Tony B. Leisner Scholarship](#)



Q. Our library receives many questions about finding family history information. While the library offers a couple of basic classes on how to get started, these tend to focus either on locally available materials and online resources. Does ALA have any guidelines for the provision of genealogical services?

A. RUSA has a History Section that offers guidelines for genealogical collections and services, as well as a [preconference](#) at this year's ALA Annual Conference. In addition, the ALA Library has gathered together a list of the most useful [print and web resources](#) for genealogical research. Included on this list are the RUSA guidelines, pathfinders, books, magazines, and free websites. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

ALA has awarded Justine M. Johnson of Easthampton, Massachusetts, the 2009 Tony B. Leisner Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to a library support staff member pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Johnson plans to attend North Carolina Central University....

[Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship](#)

ALA has awarded Janet E. Yost of Kutztown, Pennsylvania, the 2009 Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship. The \$3,000 award is given to an ALA or library support staff member to help finance the pursuit of a master's degree in library and information studies. She currently attends Drexel University....

[Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship](#)

ALA has awarded Carol Ann Geary of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, the 2009 Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to library support staff workers who wish to pursue a master's degree in library and information studies. Geary will attend Southern Connecticut University....

[Marshall Cavendish Scholarship](#)

ALA has awarded Ryan David Stoops of Wichita, Kansas, the 2009 Marshall Cavendish Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to an individual pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Stoops will attend Emporia State University....

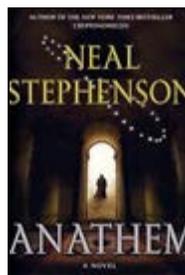
[ASCLA Century Scholarship](#)

The 2009 ASCLA Century Scholarship has been awarded to Amy Lynn Sonnie, a graduate student at San Jose State University's School of Library and Information Science. Sonnie will receive \$2,500 to assist her in successfully completing her MLIS program....

[2009 Locus Award winners](#)

Winners of the 2009 Locus Awards were announced at a ceremony and banquet June 27 in Seattle during the Science Fiction Awards Weekend. The awards honor the best science fiction and related books published in 2008, as voted by the general public. Neal Stephenson's *Anathem* (Morrow) won for best science fiction novel, while Ursula K. Le Guin's *Lavinia* (Harcourt) took the prize for best fantasy novel....

Locus Awards



[CILIP Carnegie Medal awarded to the late Siobhan Dowd](#)

A novel completed just three months before she died made Siobhan Dowd on June 25 the first-ever posthumous winner of the UK's most prestigious prize in children's literature, the Carnegie medal. *Bog Child*, the story of a teenage boy who finds the body of a child in an Irish bog, was finished by Dowd in May 2007. She died of cancer that August at the age of 47, having only turned to writing in 2003. Illustrator Catherine Rayner won the Kate Greenaway Medal for her second title, *Harris Finds His Feet*. The medals are awarded by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals....

The Guardian (U.K.), June 25



Calendar

Aug. 6:

[Granite State Book and Ephemera Fair](#), Event Center at C.R. Sparks, Bedford, New Hampshire.

Aug. 6–7:

[Serving Diverse Populations](#), Houston, Texas. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Aug. 8–9:

[Arkansas Book and Paper Show](#), Jacksonville.

Aug. 11–16:

[Society of American Archivists / Council of State Archivists](#), Annual Meeting, Hilton Austin, Texas.

Sept. 16–17:

[OC LC Digital Forum West](#), Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles. "Convergence: Where Metadata and Access Meet for Digital Discovery and Delivery."

Sept. 30–

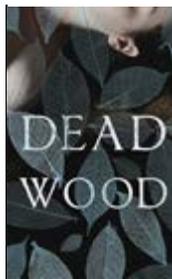
Oct. 3:

[Kentucky Library Association / Kentucky School Media Association](#), Annual Conference, Galt House Hotel and Suites, Louisville.

[2009 Dundee International Book Prize](#)

Unpublished crime novelist Chris Longmuir has won the 2009 Dundee International Book Prize for her novel *Dead Wood*. The £10,000 (\$16,500 U.S.) prize is one of the highest in the UK for an unpublished writer. The story revolves around a boy who becomes psychologically damaged as a result of discovering one of the bodies of the two girls in the real-life Templeton Woods, Dundee, murder case in 1978–1979....

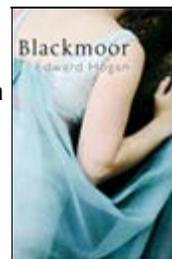
Dundee Courier, June 27



[Desmond Elliott Prize for New Fiction](#)

Edward Hogan has won the £10,000 (\$16,500 U.S.) Desmond Elliott Prize for *Blackmoor*, published by Simon and Schuster. The prize, in its second year, honors a first novel published in the UK. Set in Hogan's home county of Derbyshire, *Blackmoor* centers on a small mining community during the miners' strikes....

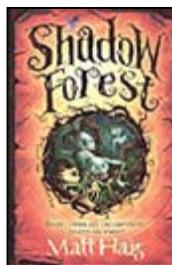
Desmond Elliott Prize



[East Sussex Children's Book Award](#)

Matt Haig has won the 2009 East Sussex Children's Book Award for his novel *Shadow Forest* (Corgi). This annual award is aimed at and voted for by pupils age 9–11 in schools across the British county of East Sussex and the city of Brighton. The story involves a forest full of one-eyed trolls, the sinister huldre-folk, deadly Truth Pixies, and a witch who steals shadows....

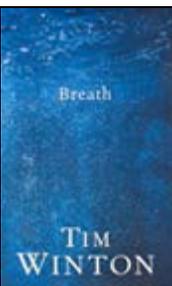
East Sussex County Council



[Tim Winton wins 2009 Miles Franklin Award](#)

A novel about surfing has won Tim Winton his fourth Miles Franklin Award, Australia's most important literary prize, 25 years after he picked up his first one. *Breath*, which traces a young man's initiation into the dangerous worlds of surfing and sex, was named winner of the £20,000 (\$32,900 U.S.) prize in Sydney, but Winton has shunned the awards ceremony since his first win in 1984. Winton said it had been "a strong year" for Australian novels....

The Guardian (U.K.), June 18



[The Librarian wins a Saturn Award](#)

The 2008 TV movie *The Librarian: Curse of the Judas Chalice* won a [Saturn Award](#) June 24 for best televised science fiction presentation. The film, the third in the series, follows librarian Flynn Carsen (Noah Wyle, right), an expert in linguistics, ancient customs, swordplay, and much more as he travels to New Orleans to stop a Russian ex-pat from giving his country the power of Vlad Dracul with the legendary Judas Chalice....

If Magazine, June 25; Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Films



[ISTE Media Specialist Technology Innovation Awards](#)

Three New York schools have been named the winners of the second annual ISTE Media Specialist Technology Innovation Award, which recognizes collaborative technology innovation projects created by elementary, middle, and high school teachers and library media

Oct. 2–4:

[8th International Board on Books for Young People](#)

Regional Conference, Q Center, St. Charles, Illinois. "Children's Books: Where Worlds Meet."

Oct. 4–8:

[National Media Market](#), Griffin Gate Marriott Resort, Lexington, Kentucky.

Oct. 7–10:

[Internet Research 10.0](#), Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Wisconsin. "Internet: Critical."

Oct. 18 –21:

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

Oct. 20–23:

[Mississippi Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hattiesburg.

Oct. 20–23:

[Wisconsin Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Appleton.

Nov. 5–8:

[American Association of School Librarians](#)

National Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina. "Rev Up Learning @ your library."

Nov. 6:

[Brick and Click Libraries](#), Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville.

Nov. 11–14:

[Museum Computer Network](#), Annual

specialists. The award is sponsored by Follett Software Company, Linworth Publishing, and the International Society for Technology in Education's SIG for Media Specialists. Each of the three winning teams will receive a \$1,000 cash award for the school media center....

Follett Software Company, June 30

[ARL Diverse Workforce stipends](#)

The Association of Research Libraries is accepting applications for the Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce, a program designed to recruit LIS students from traditionally underrepresented ethnic and racial backgrounds into careers in research libraries. The initiative includes a stipend up to \$10,000, leadership and career development training, and a formal mentorship program. The deadline for applications is August 31....

Association of Research Libraries, June 25

Seen Online

[Ohio legislature moves on interim budget](#)

The Ohio Senate passed a continuing resolution and approved an interim budget June 29 in order to work out an impasse over how to fill a \$3.2-billion hole in its \$54-billion budget. The interim budget would run through July 7, giving legislators another week to balance the two-year spending plan that was to start July 1. The measure will fund state programs at 70% of the current level, a reduction that will not apply to library funding. The budget process is now in the negotiation stage....

Ohio Library Council, June 29

[Harvard libraries cut jobs, hours](#)

Harvard College Library has eliminated over 20 staff positions and cut hours for several other employees as part of the university-wide layoffs announced in late June. An all-staff meeting will be held later this summer to discuss plans in the wake of the recent reductions, according to Harvard College Librarian Nancy M. Cline. The library cuts come as a result of a projected \$220-million annual deficit by fiscal year 2011....

Harvard Crimson, June 26

[DOJ will not appeal LC transgender case](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice decided not to appeal an April 29 federal court ruling awarding transgender veteran Diane Schroer (right) the maximum compensation for the discrimination she suffered after being refused a job with the Library of Congress. The deadline for seeking an appeal was June 30. The Obama administration's decision whether to appeal the final ruling in the case has been closely watched in part because the Bush administration defended the case so vigorously, arguing that transgender Americans are not protected by any existing federal laws....



American Civil Liberties Union, July 1

[Federal Research Public Access Act](#)

On June 25, Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) and John Cornyn (R-Tex.) introduced the Federal Research Public Access Act (S. 1373), a bill that would ensure free, timely, online access to the published results

Conference, Doubletree Hotel-Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon. "Museum Information, Museum Efficiency: Doing More with Less!"

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of research funded by 11 U.S. federal agencies. S. 1373 would require those agencies with annual extramural research budgets of \$100 million or more to provide the public with online access to research manuscripts stemming from such funding no later than six months after publication in a peer-reviewed journal....

Alliance for Taxpayer Access, June 26

[KU library to offer public access to university research](#)

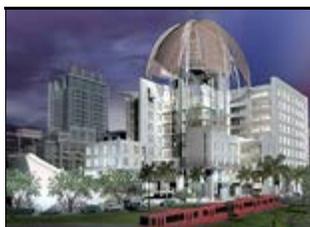
The University of Kansas has become the first public university in the United States to offer open access to research by its faculty and staff online. The library announced June 26 that it has created [KU ScholarWorks](#), a digital repository that will make scholarly articles and papers available to a wider audience....

Lawrence (Kans.) Journal-World, June 26

[New San Diego library comes a step closer](#)

After looking dead at several points in the past seven years, a proposed \$185-million main library in downtown San Diego appears to have revived. With \$20 million promised by the San Diego Unified School District, the city council will vote on it July 7. If the council moves forward, the city will be gambling nearly \$150 million that private library boosters can raise an additional \$37.5 million by 2012, in order to schedule a grand opening in July 2013....

San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, June 25



[Library trucks bear literary ads](#)

If delivery trucks driving around Johnson County, Kansas, emblazoned with ads for peculiar businesses prompt some double-takes, they're doing their job. Kafka's Pest Control? Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde's Pharmacy? Four literary-themed trucks are part of a new [PR campaign](#) for the Johnson County Library. The newly illustrated trucks have been transporting books among the system's 13 libraries since late June....

Kansas City (Mo.) Star, June 26



[New cost estimates for Peoria construction](#)

The Peoria (Ill.) Public Library's building committee, now in weekly meeting mode, heard new numbers about human remains behind its Lincoln branch June 23 and new cost estimates to remove them, but took no action. With the job about 98% complete at the end of the third week of excavation at the site, where the library wants to build a 16,000-square-foot addition, archeologists have identified 230 separate indications of burial sites. The site was a public cemetery from 1842 to 1875....

Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star, June 25

[Hancock County libraries fixing Katrina damage](#)

The battered public library system in Hancock County, Mississippi, is still smarting from Hurricane Katrina's punishment in 2005, but officials say things are looking up and moving ahead. A bid has been awarded to repair the headquarters library in Bay St. Louis, repairs are planned for the Kiln



branch, and ground will soon be broken for a new Waveland library (above)....

Biloxi (Miss.) Sun-Herald, June 21

[Stimulus funds will cool down Texas library](#)

In an effort to pare down electricity bills, officials in League City, Texas, plan to use federal stimulus dollars to replace the Helen Hall Library's 37-year-old air-conditioning system. The 1972 A/C unit is so obsolete that the manufacturer no longer makes parts for it. Earlier this year, the city found out it was slated to receive \$598,000 in federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds; the new system would use up about one-third of that....

Galveston County (Tex.) Daily News, June 27

[Top readers get a library yard sign](#)

The Calcasieu Parish (La.) Public Library wants everyone to know how much their patrons love to read. Students who complete the requirements for the library's summer reading program will be given a yard sign that says, "A library champion lives here." Readers who complete their reading logs will receive a certificate of completion and yard sign and will be entered in the grand prize drawing....

Lake Charles (La.) American Press, June 27



[Retirees take their coffee meetings elsewhere](#)

A group of retirees has been asked to stop holding morning coffee meetings at a British public library for health and safety reasons—in case they spill hot drinks on children.

Encouraged by the librarian, the seven members of the Over 50s coffee group began meeting every Tuesday four years ago at the Eye Library in Cambridgeshire. But council officials claim that toddlers from a nearby nursery could be injured. Members of the group say they are usually done by the time the kids arrive but have decided to meet at each others' homes instead....

The Daily Mail (U.K.), June 28



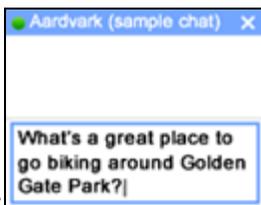
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Tech Talk

[Your friends are in the answer business](#)

A new web service offered by [Aardvark](#) offers specific recommendations and advice from real people. Once signed up, you submit a question to Aardvark via an instant message or email, and its software looks among your Facebook friends, and friends of your friends, for volunteers to answer it. Those friends-of-friends may turn out to be a great fountain of hitherto untapped information....

New York Times, June 27



[The best Firefox extension: AutoCopy](#)

Seth Rosenblatt writes: "Hands-down, without a doubt, [AutoCopy](#) is the best Firefox extension. It may also be the best Firefox extension you've never heard of. Developed at Mozilla, AutoCopy is a lightweight, single-feature add-on that copies any text you highlight

to your clipboard. No more hitting CTRL+C or using the context menu. But what makes this the must-have extension is that there's practically no other reason to highlight text on a web page except to copy it to your clipboard."...

The Download Blog, June 26

[The top 10 Twitter SEO tips](#)

Mike Dobbs writes: "With all the rumors suggesting that Google will soon offer real-time search capabilities that will index Tweets, now is a good time to take a closer look at your Twitter presence. Even now, Twitter pages and individual tweets have started appearing within Google search results. But you still have time to start optimizing your Twitter presence. By following these 10 Twitter tips, you can build up more prominent links in high places on the search engines."...

Mashable, June 25

First characters of a "tweet" will likely impact SEO relevance.

[Take screenshots the easy way](#)

Frederic Lardinois writes: "[Aviary](#), which is known for its fully featured, browser-based image creation and manipulation tools, just released a new tool that makes it extremely easy to capture a copy of any web page by just adding 'aviary.com/' in front of a URL. Unlike most screen capture tools, Aviary is able to capture a complete website, even if it extends beyond the borders of your screen."...

ReadWriteWeb, June 29



[BagIt: Transferring content for digital preservation](#)

The Library of Congress—with the California Digital Library and Stanford University—has developed [BagIt](#), a specification that supports the reliable transfer of content in self-contained packages, or "bags," as discussed in this [video](#) (3:14). Bags have a sparse, uncomplicated structure that transcends differences in institutional data, data architecture, formats, and practices. A bag's minimal but essential metadata is machine-readable, which makes it easy to automate ingestion of the data....

Library of Congress Digital Preservation, June 24



Publishing

[Arizona State sued over Kindles](#)

The National Federation of the Blind and the American Council of the Blind filed suit June 25 against Arizona State University to prevent it from deploying Amazon's Kindle DX e-reader to distribute electronic textbooks to its students because the device cannot be used by blind students. Darrell Shandrow, a blind ASU student, is also a named plaintiff in the action. Although the Kindle features text-to-speech technology that can read textbooks aloud, its menus are not accessible, making it impossible for a blind user to use the advanced reading functions....

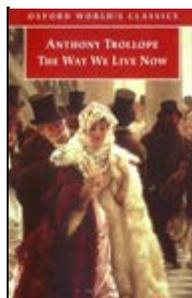
National Federation of the Blind, June 25

[50 books to read now, and why](#)

No one needs another best-of list telling you how great *The Great Gatsby* is. What we do need, in a world with

precious little time to read (and think), is to know which books—new or old, fiction or nonfiction—open a window on the times we live in, whether they deal directly with the issues of today or simply help us see ourselves in new and surprising ways. Which is why *Newsweek* would like you to sit down with Anthony Trollope and these 49 other remarkably trenchant voices....

Newsweek, June 27



[How to know if you are reading a bad book](#)

Shannan Palma writes: "Based on some of my recent fiction-reading travails, I am gaining a real expertise in badly written fiction, and I thought I would share some of the warning signs I've identified." For example, "Are the characters' names impossible to pronounce? Alternatively, when you pronounce them, do you realize that they are actually homonyms for scary-sounding English words? If the book is not written by Tolkien and is not a parody, it might be a Bad Book."...

Feminist SF—The Blog, Jan. 22



[Newspaper nostalgia](#)

Steven Harris writes: "The *format* of the newspaper wasn't what made it pleasant or an effective means of gathering information. Nostalgia aside, it was kind of a crappy reading experience. There are certain activities that are enabled by the form and structure of a newspaper, but many characteristics of newspapers serve an economic rather than a reading purpose. I am no historian of newspapers, but their history, it seems, is a confluence of two goals: cheap distribution and quick reading."...

Collections 2.0, June 26



Actions & Answers

[OCLC withdraws WorldCat usage recommendations](#)

OCLC formally withdrew June 26 a revised policy for use and transfer of WorldCat records that it had proposed in November 2008. The decision came after the OCLC board of trustees received a June 22 final report ([PDF file](#)) by a review board convened to assess matters concerning shared data. A new group will soon be assembled to begin work to draft another policy with more input and participation from the OCLC membership....

OCLC, June 26

[The role of libraries in an economic recovery](#)

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan (right) shares his views on volunteerism, No Child Left Behind, and reading readiness, in this exclusive June 22 conversation with *American Libraries* Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel: "We want to spotlight libraries both for helping children and for helping families, and we see tremendous volunteer opportunities for teenagers or adults or senior citizens to come and help and volunteer at the library this summer."...



American Libraries Online, June 30

Community spirit is just the ticket

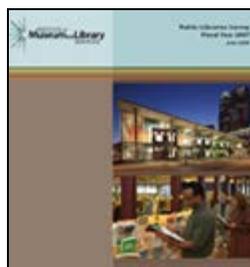
American Libraries Senior Editor Beverly Goldberg writes: "On June 17, President Obama announced his nationwide [United We Serve](#) volunteer initiative, mentioning 'reading to kids at your local library' as an example of how individuals and groups can boost local efforts toward improving education and community renewal, among other worthwhile projects. The library community, of course, is no stranger to harnessing volunteer energy; in fact, quite a few libraries big and small have passionate bibliophiles to thank for their beginnings."...

AL Inside Scoop, June 24

2007 Public Libraries Survey report

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has issued the [Public Libraries Survey report](#) for FY2007. This is the second report released since IMLS was given responsibility for the annual survey, which includes information on population of service areas, service outlets, library collections and services, library staff, and operating revenue and expenditures. New this year is trend data for 7–10 years, with graphs and maps on selected items....

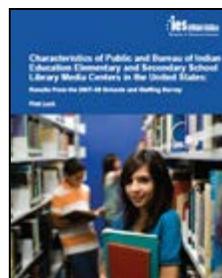
Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 30



NCES public school library statistics, 2007–2008

The National Center for Education Statistics has issued a report ([PDF file](#)) on its 2007–2008 survey of public elementary- and secondary-school libraries in the United States. This is the first comprehensive report on school libraries issued by NCES since 1999–2000 (the 2003–2004 survey results were never issued in report form). Among the findings: 92% of the schools surveyed had a library, but only 62% had at least one full-time, paid, state-certified library media center specialist....

National Center for Education Statistics, June 30



Teens, TV, and social media

Robin Wauters writes: "According to a June Nielsen report ([PDF file](#)), teenagers are far from abandoning TV for so-called new media. In fact, television viewing rates among U.S. teens have actually gone up 6% in the last five years. Sure, they browse the web a lot, but far less than you do. The average time spent browsing for an adult person in the United States comes down to about 29 hours and 15 minutes per month; for teens, make that 11 hours and 32



minutes per month.”...

TechCrunch, June 24

[What not to do when applying for library jobs](#)

Brett Bonfield writes: “Job hunting mistakes affect every librarian, whether you’ve got a job, you’re in the market, or you will begin looking five years down the road. This group post is our way of pulling together our collective experiences as both interviewees and interviewers and offering up some practical advice to readers.”...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, June 24

[10 ways library schools should teach social media](#)

Daniel Hooker writes: “A few days ago I came across a wonderful article on Mashable entitled [10 Ways Journalism Schools are teaching social media](#). The thought struck me about 30 seconds in: All these concepts should apply to library school, but why aren’t they being pushed and taught in the same way? So I thought I would break them down and attempt to explain the urgency with which LIS faculty need to be catching up in this area.”...

Sociallibrarian, June 23

[Satirical political maps, 1791–1900](#)

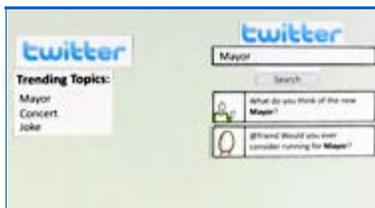
PK offers a selection of cartoon political maps, from James Gillray’s comic map of England formed by an old woman seated in profile to the left on the back of a dolphin-like monster (1791), to Fred W. Rose’s “John Bull and His Friends” depicting the countries of Europe in 1900 (right), known as the Octopus Map from the brooding presence of the Russian Empire as a massive octopus whose tentacles stretch out towards Europe....



BibliOdyssey, June 30

[Twitter Search in plain English](#)

This video (3:37) uses the metaphor of “Twiterville” to illustrate opportunities to use Twitter’s search feature to find people and information, read news, and discover emerging information. Twitter Search creates new opportunities for business feedback, tracking news in real time, and discovering trends. For other Twitter search engines, see Rafe Needleman’s [roundup](#)....



Common Craft; YouTube, June 16; Webware, June 25

[Google Book Search bibliography](#)

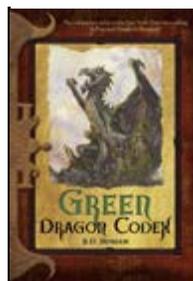
Charles W. Bailey Jr. has put together a massive bibliography of English-language articles and other works that are useful in understanding Google Book Search. It primarily focuses on the evolution of Google Book Search and the legal, library, and social issues associated with it. Where possible, links are provided to works that are freely available on the internet, including e-prints in disciplinary archives and institutional repositories....

Digital Scholarship, June 29

[Green Dragon song contest](#)

Libraries, along with kids and teens 8–14 years old, are welcome to enter the Green Dragon lyrics writing contest. Entrants will write lyrics set to the story of the Green Dragon, and the winning lyrics will then be

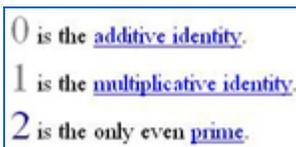
set to music tied in with *A Practical Guide to Dragons* (Mirrorstone) and the books in the [Dragon Codex](#) series. Libraries must send in a Library Participation Form ([PDF file](#)). The contest is open through August 9....



Mirrorstone

[10 ways to learn stuff while procrastinating online](#)

Eric Johnson writes: "It's Monday. You've had a nice, long, idle weekend, and—what's this? Someone who says they're your boss wants you to do *work*?! Well, we'll have none of that, will we? Of course not—this is the internet. Here are 10 easy ways to put off whatever you're supposed to be doing while also getting your knowledge fix."...
Mental Floss, June 29



[Catalog cards of Harvard](#)

Larry Nix writes: "Allen Veaner, the former director of libraries at the University of California, Santa Barbara, became aware of my interest in library history and contacted me to see if I would be interested in a collection of catalog cards that he had salvaged from his time as a cataloger at the Widener Library of Harvard University. I, of course, said yes. The collection is of particular interest because of the role that Harvard played in the early adoption of the card catalog and by its use of a 2x3-inch card instead of the size that became a universal standard."...



Library History Buff

[Web Site Story](#)

On the West Side of New York, Maria and Tony find each other using social-networking tools like Evite, and sing about it using the Leonard Bernstein score from *West Side Story* (4:28). Featuring songs like "I'm on Twitter, I'm on Twitter" and "I Just Found a Site Called Pandora."...
College Humor, June 29



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HAPLR rankings celebrate 10th anniversary

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/july2009/newhennen070109.cfm>]

The 10th-anniversary edition of Hennen's American Public Library Ratings, [<http://www.haplr-index.com>] the annual ranking of over 9,000 libraries nationwide, was published June 30. Compiled by Thomas J. Hennen Jr., director of the Waukesha County (Wis.) Federated Library System, the index rates libraries using 15 factors—among them cost per circulation, visits per capita, and expenditures per capita—based on data gathered by the Federal-State Cooperative System and published by the National Center for Education Statistics....

American Libraries Online, July 1

Veto threatens support for Connecticut libraries

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/june2009/ctve>]

toexpected062609.cfm]

Connecticut Gov. Jodi Rell followed through July 1 on her promise to veto [http://blogs.courant.com/capitol_watch/2009/07/rell-follows-through-on-vow-to.html] the legislature's June 26 budget for FY2009–11 that would have restored library funding to FY2008 levels. The governor’s original budget recommendation (PDF file [http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/lib/governorrell/budgetnegotiationsreport_may28_02.16pm_rev.pdf]) called for the elimination of some \$5 million in state aid that libraries expected to receive, including the Department of Information Technology’s Connecticut Education Network, which subsidizes internet connections for schools and libraries statewide. Legislative leaders will be in talks with Gov. Rell over the summer to work on a final budget. ALA has urged [http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/connecticut_pio.cfm] Connecticut legislators to reject the governor’s plan....

American Libraries Online, June 26; Hartford (Conn.) Courant, July 1

[<http://www.tvw.org/media/mediaplayer.cfm?EvId=2009060019D&bhcp=1>] Washington Supreme Court hears filtering case

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/june2009/washhearsfiltercase062509.cfm>]

The Washington State Supreme Court heard arguments June 23 in a challenge to the internet filtering policy of the North Central Regional Library, headquartered in Wenatchee. The American Civil Liberties Union filed the lawsuit in 2006 on behalf of three library users and the pro-firearm Second Amendment Foundation, seeking that the library be required to disable its filters when requested by an adult for research or other lawful purposes. Watch the video

[<http://www.tvw.org/media/mediaplayer.cfm?EvId=2009060019D&bhcp=1>] (48:52) of the proceedings....

American Libraries Online, June 25; TVW network, Olympia, Wash., June 23

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

ALA News

Gates Foundation renews library-technology grant funding

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/gates_ors.cfm]

ALA has received a \$2-million, three-year grant renewal from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to continue its Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study. Office for Research and Statistics Director Denise Davis will remain as project director, and John Carlo Bertot, director of the University of Maryland Center for Library and Information Innovation, will continue to manage the Public Libraries and the Internet survey as part of the study. A comprehensive 2008–2009 report will be published in September....

New website helps library job seekers

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/getajob_apa.cfm]

Get a Job! [<http://www.getajob.ala.org/>] offers library job seekers advice, resources, links, best practices, and real-life examples. Full of advice for finding a job in the current tough economy, it features information from a range of ALA divisions and units, as well as links to information about best job-seeking practices. ALA accelerated the website launch in response to the current economic conditions. The site is a work in progress....

ALA Connect Career Connections community

[<http://connect.ala.org/node/68527>]

The Career Connections community is an initiative of ALA President Jim Rettig. Currently with 93 members, its main purpose [<http://connect.ala.org/node/71460>] is to provide all ALA members with an opportunity to have their résumés or CVs reviewed by colleagues and peers. Community organizers are looking for ALA members who might be interested in participating as reviewers....

Coalition building in a tough economy

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/economy_ola.cfm]

Join ALA President Jim Rettig, moderator Jan Sanders, and others for “Coalition Building for All Libraries in a Tough Economy” July 11 during ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The program will focus on the value of building statewide coalitions during times of economic downturn, as well as the concept of the library ecosystem—how libraries of all types are interdependent....

Gaming Pavilion will showcase link between gaming and literacy

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/gamingpavilion_olos.cfm]

On July 11 to 14 at in the ALA Annual Conference Exhibits Hall, the Gaming Pavilion will showcase the latest format to support literacy in libraries—gaming. The pavilion, sponsored by Verizon, will feature game manufacturers, platform companies, and vendors offering electronic games, board games, card games, and other products and services used for curriculum-based teaching and recreation....

West Bend panel to share censorship stories

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/acwestbend_oif.cfm]

Meet the librarians and community members who are fighting to keep library materials on the shelves in West Bend, Wisconsin, July 13 at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. A panel, part of the Intellectual Freedom Committee’s Issues Briefing, will feature West Bend Community Library Director Michael Tyree, Young Adult Librarian Kristin Pekoll, library board President Barbara Deters, former library board member Mary Reilly-Kliss, and community organizer Maria Hanrahan....

OIF to host Judith Krug memorial

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/kru>]

gmemorial_oif.cfm]

The library world lost a great leader in April with the death of Judith Krug, long-time director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation. OIF will host a special memorial service at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago July 10 where family, friends, and colleagues can come together to honor her memory and her immense contributions to librarianship and First Amendment freedoms....

Join the Privacy Revolution at Annual [<http://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=393>]
The Office for Intellectual Freedom invites you to take up personal-privacy issues and join with us as we kick off our year-long National Conversation on Privacy, an initiative that will culminate in Choose Privacy Week, May 2–8, 2010. “Privacy in an Era of Change: Privacy and Surveillance Under the New Administration,” on July 13, will feature Mary Ellen Callahan, David Sobel, and Jeff Jarvis....
OIF Blog, June 30

More than 1,000 librarians Step Up to the Plate
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/librariansstepup_pio.cfm]
Since its spring kickoff, more than 1,000 public and school librarians from across the country have signed up for season four of Step Up to the Plate @ your library. For others interested in libraries and baseball, there is still time to register before September 1....

ALA volunteers to support Chicago school libraries
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/librariesbuildcommunities_cro.cfm]
Volunteers from across the United States will gather July 10 at McCormick Place for “Libraries Build Communities,” a daylong community-service effort taking place at various school libraries throughout Chicago. Coordinated by the Chapter Relations Office, this volunteer event is in conjunction with the 2009 ALA Annual Conference....

New report on fiber-optic technology in libraries
[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3120>]
The Office for Information Technology Policy has released a report on Fiber to the Library: How Public Libraries Can Benefit from Using Fiber Optics for Their Broadband Internet Connections (PDF file [<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/FiberToTheLibrary-Prepub-June29.pdf>]), which articulates the benefits of fiber-optic technology for public libraries and strategies to obtain connectivity. The policy brief is intended to help applicants include “fiber to the library” in their federal broadband stimulus funding proposals under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act....
District Dispatch, June 29

OITP seeks cutting-edge technology practices
[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3128>]
The Office for Information Technology Policy is soliciting nominations for best library practices using cutting-edge technology. Nominations should be submitted by mail or email [<mailto:ainouye@alawash.org>] by September 1....

District Dispatch, June 29

Meet Programming Librarian

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/proglibintro_ppo.cfm]

The Public Programs Office will host demonstrations of its new online resource, Programming Librarian, [<http://www.programminglibrarian.org/>] during ALA Annual Conference in Chicago from July 11 through July 13 at the PPO Booth in the Exhibits Hall. The free demonstrations will explore this new resource, designed to assist librarians in bringing cultural and community programs, such as literature discussion series and author appearances, to their libraries....

The media blitz continues

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/mediacoverage_pio.cfm]

The ALA Public Information Office continues to work with media outlets to obtain coverage about the surge in library usage during tough economic times. More than 900 placements on this topic have appeared on TV, radio, websites, and in print. More than 800 million people have seen, heard, or read stories about the surge since the fall of 2008, when PIO began its media outreach effort....

AL Focus

Transcripts now available

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/06/29/al-focus-videos-transcriptions-now-available/>]

American Libraries Associate Editor Greg Landgraf writes: "One of the earliest requests we had when we started AL Focus [<http://alfocus.ala.org>] was to include transcripts of videos. We looked for an easy, elegant way to provide them, and didn't find any. We did, eventually, find a more mundane way, thanks to John Chrastka, ALA's director of membership development, and Molly Sasajima of ALA Conference Services, who actually did the transcribing work. As a result, all of the AL Focus videos now have transcripts."...

AL Inside Scoop, June 29

Featured review: Reference

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3200263]

Latino America: A State-by-State Encyclopedia. Jan. 2009. 2 vols. 1,000p. Greenwood, hardcover (978-0-313-34116-8).

Educator (Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Connecticut) and editor Overmyer-Velázquez's Latino America: A State-by-State Encyclopedia is a relevant, one-of-a-kind, and "uniquely conceptualized" encyclopedia addressing "the historical significance of the growing Latino population in the U.S. Written from a Latino cultural perspective and designed to be "more exploratory and suggestive" than comprehensive, the

reference is a noteworthy work that successfully illustrates Latino contributions and struggles. A brief introduction—which examines the terms Latino/a and outlines the “critical role” Latinos play in shaping U.S. history—is followed by chapters covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia....

Off the Shelf: Reference Universe

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3547935]

Sue Polanka writes: “One of my favorite things about being a reference librarian is the reference collection. I love perusing the subject encyclopedias for unique content and enjoy watching my collection grow, both in print and e-book formats. However, I find it difficult to keep up with the resources in this valuable collection. Luckily, I found a tool that not only helps me remember these great titles but unlocks them for me, exposing articles and ideas I may not have considered. My tool is Reference Universe, from Paratext, an index to the articles inside the reference collection, providing access points not found in traditional title and subject headings of the OPAC.”...

We get questions

[<http://pointsofreference.booklistonline.com/2009/06/30/we-get-questions/>]

Barbara Bibel writes: “Questions keep us in business. I am sure that most of us became reference librarians because we love looking for answers. We would be excellent detectives if we ever decide to change careers. Our patrons expect us to find the answers and even hope that we will do their assignments, but there are some questions that don’t have answers. We love them dearly and do not laugh until the patron is gone. Here are some classics from my years on the desk.”...

Points of Reference, June 30

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

Chicago Update

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Heading to the airport? Use this checklist

[<http://www.smartertravel.com/travel-advice/heading-to-the-airport-use-this-checklist-before-you-go.html?id=3312981>]

If you’ve booked an airline ticket for Annual Conference, heading to the airport may be an anxiety-inducing experience. Whether you’re an avid flyer or an infrequent one, there are a slew of fees to keep track of, plus security protocols that may seem overwhelming. Fear not. This handy to-do list will help you get to the airport, through security, and to your gate with ease....

Smarter Travel, June 29

[<http://ala.boopsie.com/home/>]Online help desks at conference

[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Conference_HelpDesk]

ALA is using two great services to help make your conference experience more effective. Help is never more than a text message away, and a fully

searchable version of the program book is now available for your web-enabled phone. (1) Text-an-Ambassador [<http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Text-an-Ambassador>] places you in personal contact with ALA Ambassadors to get your questions about conference and Chicago answered by text message. (2) Boopsie [<http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Boopsie>] is a downloadable application for web-enabled phones that makes the full searchable conference program immediately accessible....

Chicago coupons [<http://chicagoofficeoftourism.org/chicagocoupons/>]
The Chicago Office of Tourism is offering discount coupons on attractions, dining, entertainment, museums, and shopping. Get \$2 off the Chicago History Museum, 15% off at Poster Plus, 2-for-1 admission at O'Leary's Chicago Fire Truck Tours, a complimentary appetizer at the Berghoff Restaurant, and much more....
Chicago Office of Tourism

[<http://10000birds.com/its-that-magic-hedge-again.htm>] Birding at the Magic Hedge
[<http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/custom.natureOasis11>]
Located in Lincoln Park, Montrose Point is a 15-acre bird sanctuary that attracts more than 300 different species of migratory birds. They stop here for rest, food, and shelter. East of the bathhouse is the Magic Hedge, a 150-yard stretch of shrubs and trees, so-called because it attracts a curiously high number of birds. In 2001, the Chicago Park District planted hundreds of bird-friendly native shade trees, flowering trees, shrubs, and wildflowers in the sanctuary....
Chicago Park District; 10,000 Birds

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plapublications/pldsstatreport/index.cfm>]

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Division News
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YALSA's Ultimate Teen Bookshelf
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/bookshelf_yalsa.cfm]
YALSA has created the Ultimate Teen Bookshelf, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/yabookshelf.cfm>] a new download that highlights must-have teen materials. Developed in conjunction with the United We Serve initiative, the bookshelf is a list that includes 50 books, five magazines, and five audiobooks. While the featured materials have been selected for ages 12–18, the titles on this list span a broad range of reading and maturity levels....

Early bird registration for AASL National Conference
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/ear>]

lybirdreg_aasl.cfm]

AASL encourages members planning to register for the AASL 14th National Conference and Exhibition to do so before the July 16 early bird registration deadline. On July 17, registration rates will be raised \$50 and, after October 6, AASL members can expect to pay \$100 more for registration. The conference will be held November 5–8 in Charlotte, North Carolina....

NEA to support Learning4Life

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/141nea_aasl.cfm]

The National Education Association recently signed on to support the AASL national implementation plan for its standards and guidelines, Learning4Life.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/learning4life/index.cfm>] NEA joins several other state and national organizations that have pledged their support for L4L. The plan was created to support states, school systems, and individual schools in their efforts to implement the Standards for the 21st-Century Learner and Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs....

Kids! campaign features art by David Díaz

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/kidscampdiaz_alsc.cfm]

Phase two of the ALSC Kids! @ your library public awareness campaign features artwork created by award-winning children's illustrator David Díaz produced especially for the campaign. Full-color, camera-ready PDFs of a miniposter and bookmarks will be available free online for librarians to download and print for displays and as giveaways. The kickoff of phase two will take place July 12 at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago....

ACRL's frequent e-learner program

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/frequentlearner_acrl.cfm]

ACRL has launched an e-learning Frequent Learner Program to help academic and research librarians maximize their professional development dollars during these challenging economic times. Starting September 1, individuals or groups that register for three ACRL e-learning courses or webcasts will receive complimentary registration to one additional course or webcast of equal or lesser value to the lowest cost-paid e-Learning opportunity....

Desserts and auction items at ASCLA/COSLA reception

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/coslareception_ascla.cfm]

ASCLA and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies invite you for a sweet ending to your evening at the ASCLA/COSLA dessert reception and silent auction July 12. Reception guests can take advantage of desserts, coffee, and a cash bar while participating in a silent auction to benefit the ASCLA Century Scholarship....

Round Table News

Real-life forensics

[http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/faflrt/newsletters/2009_Spring/ala_2009.cfm]

The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table will present “Real-Life Forensics—Like on Numb3rs, CSI, and NCIS” on July 12 at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Learn how forensics librarians at the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency, and other federal agencies help with investigations by providing information. Compare their real-world work to the cases you’ve watched on hit television shows....

Awards

She will swim the Hudson River for the Spectrum Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/hudsonswim_ofd.cfm]

Miriam Tuliao, assistant director of central collection development collections strategy at the New York Public Library, will participate in the Little Red Lighthouse Swim on September 26 to raise awareness and funds for the ALA Spectrum Scholarship program. The event consists of a 5.85-mile race in New York’s Hudson River. Tuliao is a United States Masters Swimmer who has participated in several long-distance, open-water events....

Richard Bausch wins 2009 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/boyd_gov.cfm]

Author Richard Bausch has been awarded the 2009 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction for his book *Peace*, published by Knopf. The \$5,000 award recognizes the service of American veterans and encourages the writing and publishing of outstanding war-related fiction. The book chronicles the lives of an Army patrol in Italy during the bleak winter of 1944 and details their adventures and moral dilemmas....

2009 CALA President’s Recognition Award

[<http://cala-web.org/node/911>]

Barbara J. Ford and Haipeng Li have won the Chinese American Librarians Association President’s Recognition Award for supporting and advancing CALA’s mission and goals in 2008–2009. Ford has held the post of director of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois since 2003, and Li is associate director of the John Cotton Dana Library at Rutgers University-Newark....
Chinese American Librarians Association, June 28

David H. Clift Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/clift_hrdr.cfm]

ALA has awarded Rachel Channer of Klamath Falls, Oregon, the 2009 David H. Clift Scholarship. The grant provides \$3,000 to an individual pursuing a master’s degree in library and information studies. She plans on

attending McGill University....

Mary V. Gaver Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/gaver_hrd_r.cfm]

ALA has awarded Laura Elena Ochoa Podell of Madison, Wisconsin, the 2009 Mary V. Gaver Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to an individual pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies, with a specialty in youth services. She is planning to attend Pratt Institute....

Christopher J. Hoy ERT Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/hoy_hrd_r.cfm]

ALA has awarded Jade Torres-Morrison of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Christopher J. Hoy ERT Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to an individual pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. She plans to attend San Jose State University....

Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/marks_hrd_r.cfm]

Michelle Demeter of Tallahassee, Florida, has received the 2009 Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to individuals pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies with a focus on federal librarianship. Demeter attends Florida State University....

Tony B. Leisner Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/leisner_hrd_r.cfm]

ALA has awarded Justine M. Johnson of Easthampton, Massachusetts, the 2009 Tony B. Leisner Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to a library support staff member pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Johnson plans to attend North Carolina Central University....

Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/hornback_hrd_r.cfm]

ALA has awarded Janet E. Yost of Kutztown, Pennsylvania, the 2009 Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship. The \$3,000 award is given to an ALA or library support staff member to help finance the pursuit of a master's degree in library and information studies. She currently attends Drexel University....

Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/drewes_hrd_r.cfm]

ALA has awarded Carol Ann Geary of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, the 2009 Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to library support staff workers who wish to pursue a master's degree in library and information studies. Geary will attend Southern Connecticut University....

Marshall Cavendish Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/cavendish_hdr.cfm]

ALA has awarded Ryan David Stoops of Wichita, Kansas, the 2009 Marshall Cavendish Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to an individual pursuing a master's degree in library and information studies. Stoops will attend Emporia State University....

ASCLA Century Scholarship

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/century_ascla.cfm]

The 2009 ASCLA Century Scholarship has been awarded to Amy Lynn Sonnie, a graduate student at San Jose State University's School of Library and Information Science. Sonnie will receive \$2,500 to assist her in successfully completing her MLIS program....

2009 Locus Award winners

[<http://www.locusmag.com/News/2009/06/2009-locus-award-winners.html>]

Winners of the 2009 Locus Awards were announced at a ceremony and banquet June 27 in Seattle during the Science Fiction Awards Weekend. The awards honor the best science fiction and related books published in 2008, as voted by the general public. Neal Stephenson's *Anathem* (Morrow) won for best science fiction novel, while Ursula K. Le Guin's *Lavinia* (Harcourt) took the prize for best fantasy novel....

Locus Awards

CILIP Carnegie Medal awarded to the late Siobhan Dowd

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/jun/25/siobhan-down-carnegie-medal-childrens-literature>]

A novel completed just three months before she died made Siobhan Dowd on June 25 the first-ever posthumous winner of the UK's most prestigious prize in children's literature, the Carnegie medal. *Bog Child*, the story of a teenage boy who finds the body of a child in an Irish bog, was finished by Dowd in May 2007. She died of cancer that August at the age of 47, having only turned to writing in 2003. Illustrator Catherine Rayner won the Kate Greenaway Medal for her second title, *Harris Finds His Feet*. The medals are awarded by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals....

The Guardian (U.K.), June 25

2009 Dundee International Book Prize

[<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/output/2009/06/27/newsstory13367234t0.asp>]

Unpublished crime novelist Chris Longmuir has won the 2009 Dundee International Book Prize for her novel *Dead Wood*. The £10,000 (\$16,500 U.S.) prize is one of the highest in the UK for an unpublished writer. The story revolves around a boy who becomes psychologically damaged as a result of discovering one of the bodies of the two girls in the real-life Templeton Woods, Dundee, murder case in 1978–1979....

Dundee Courier, June 27

Desmond Elliott Prize for New Fiction

[<http://www.desmondelliottprize.org/pages/news/index.asp?NewsID=43>]

Edward Hogan has won the £10,000 (\$16,500 U.S.) Desmond Elliott Prize for

Blackmoor, published by Simon and Schuster. The prize, in its second year, honors a first novel published in the UK. Set in Hogan's home county of Derbyshire, Blackmoor centers on a small mining community during the miners' strikes....

Desmond Elliott Prize

East Sussex Children's Book Award

[<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/childrenslibrary/goodreads/booklists/childrensbookaward.htm>]

Matt Haig has won the 2009 East Sussex Children's Book Award for his novel *Shadow Forest* (Corgi). This annual award is aimed at and voted for by pupils age 9–11 in schools across the British county of East Sussex and the city of Brighton. The story involves a forest full of one-eyed trolls, the sinister huldre-folk, deadly Truth Pixies, and a witch who steals shadows....

East Sussex County Council

Tim Winton wins 2009 Miles Franklin Award

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/jun/18/tim-winton-miles-franklin-award>]

A novel about surfing has won Tim Winton his fourth Miles Franklin Award, Australia's most important literary prize, 25 years after he picked up his first one. *Breath*, which traces a young man's initiation into the dangerous worlds of surfing and sex, was named winner of the £20,000 (\$32,900 U.S.) prize in Sydney, but Winton has shunned the awards ceremony since his first win in 1984. Winton said it had been "a strong year" for Australian novels....

The Guardian (U.K.), June 18

wins a Saturn Award [<http://ifmagazine.com/new.asp?article=8235>]

The 2008 TV movie *The Librarian: Curse of the Judas Chalice* won a Saturn Award [<http://www.saturnawards.org/>] June 24 for best televised science fiction presentation. The film, the third in the series, follows librarian Flynn Carsen (Noah Wyle, right), an expert in linguistics, ancient customs, swordplay, and much more as he travels to New Orleans to stop a Russian ex-pat from giving his country the power of Vlad Dracul with the legendary Judas Chalice....

If Magazine, June 25; Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Films

ISTE Media Specialist Technology Innovation Awards

[http://www.follettsoftware.com/press_release/?vPress=1440]

Three New York schools have been named the winners of the second annual ISTE Media Specialist Technology Innovation Award, which recognizes collaborative technology innovation projects created by elementary, middle, and high school teachers and library media specialists. The award is sponsored by Follett Software Company, Linworth Publishing, and the International Society for Technology in Education's SIG for Media Specialists. Each of the three winning teams will receive a \$1,000 cash award for the school media center....

Follett Software Company, June 30

ARL Diverse Workforce stipends

[<http://www.arl.org/diversity/init/call.shtml>]

The Association of Research Libraries is accepting applications for the Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce, a program designed to recruit LIS students from traditionally underrepresented ethnic and racial backgrounds into careers in research libraries. The initiative includes a stipend up to \$10,000, leadership and career development training, and a formal mentorship program. The deadline for applications is August 31....
Association of Research Libraries, June 25

Seen Online

Ohio legislature moves on interim budget

[http://www.ohio.gov/news_story0629092.asp]

The Ohio Senate passed a continuing resolution and approved an interim budget June 29 in order to work out an impasse over how to fill a \$3.2-billion hole in its \$54-billion budget. The interim budget would run through July 7, giving legislators another week to balance the two-year spending plan that was to start July 1. The measure will fund state programs at 70% of the current level, a reduction that will not apply to library funding. The budget process is now in the negotiation stage....

Ohio Library Council, June 29

Harvard libraries cut jobs, hours

[<http://www.thecrimson.com/article.aspx?ref=528524>]

Harvard College Library has eliminated over 20 staff positions and cut hours for several other employees as part of the university-wide layoffs announced in late June. An all-staff meeting will be held later this summer to discuss plans in the wake of the recent reductions, according to Harvard College Librarian Nancy M. Cline. The library cuts come as a result of a projected \$220-million annual deficit by fiscal year 2011....

Harvard Crimson, June 26

DOJ will not appeal LC transgender case

[<http://www.aclu.org/lgbt/transgender/40092prs20090701.html>]

The U.S. Department of Justice decided not to appeal an April 29 federal court ruling awarding transgender veteran Diane Schroer (right) the maximum compensation for the discrimination she suffered after being refused a job with the Library of Congress. The deadline for seeking an appeal was June 30. The Obama administration's decision whether to appeal the final ruling in the case has been closely watched in part because the Bush administration defended the case so vigorously, arguing that transgender Americans are not protected by any existing federal laws....

American Civil Liberties Union, July 1

Federal Research Public Access Act

[http://www.taxpayeraccess.org/action/s1373_june2009.html]

On June 25, Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) and John Cornyn (R-Tex.) introduced the Federal Research Public Access Act (S. 1373), a bill that would ensure free, timely, online access to the published results of research funded by 11 U.S. federal agencies. S. 1373 would require those agencies with annual extramural research budgets of \$100 million or more to provide the public with online access to research manuscripts stemming

from such funding no later than six months after publication in a peer-reviewed journal....

Alliance for Taxpayer Access, June 26

KU library to offer public access to university research

[<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2009/jun/26/ku-plans-be-first-public-library-allow-free-online/>]

The University of Kansas has become the first public university in the United States to offer open access to research by its faculty and staff online. The library announced June 26 that it has created KU ScholarWorks, [<http://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/dspace/>] a digital repository that will make scholarly articles and papers available to a wider audience....

Lawrence (Kans.) Journal-World, June 26

New San Diego library comes a step closer

[<http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2009/jun/25/vote-moves-downtown-library-closer/>]

After looking dead at several points in the past seven years, a proposed \$185-million main library in downtown San Diego appears to have revived. With \$20 million promised by the San Diego Unified School District, the city council will vote on it July 7. If the council moves forward, the city will be gambling nearly \$150 million that private library boosters can raise an additional \$37.5 million by 2012, in order to schedule a grand opening in July 2013....

San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, June 25

Library trucks bear literary ads

[<http://www.kansascity.com/news/neighborhood/leawood/story/1282628.html>]

If delivery trucks driving around Johnson County, Kansas, emblazoned with ads for peculiar businesses prompt some double-takes, they're doing their job. Kafka's Pest Control? Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde's Pharmacy? Four literary-themed trucks are part of a new PR campaign [<http://www.jocolibrary.org/default.aspx?id=13715&epslanguage=EN>] for the Johnson County Library. The newly illustrated trucks have been transporting books among the system's 13 libraries since late June....

Kansas City (Mo.) Star, June 26

New cost estimates for Peoria construction

[<http://www.pjstar.com/homepage/x964645679/Library-pondering-its-options>]

The Peoria (Ill.) Public Library's building committee, now in weekly meeting mode, heard new numbers about human remains behind its Lincoln branch June 23 and new cost estimates to remove them, but took no action. With the job about 98% complete at the end of the third week of excavation at the site, where the library wants to build a 16,000-square-foot addition, archeologists have identified 230 separate indications of burial sites. The site was a public cemetery from 1842 to 1875....

Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star, June 25

Hancock County libraries fixing Katrina damage

[<http://www.sunherald.com/local/story/1426893.html>]

The battered public library system in Hancock County, Mississippi, is

still smarting from Hurricane Katrina's punishment in 2005, but officials say things are looking up and moving ahead. A bid has been awarded to repair the headquarters library in Bay St. Louis, repairs are planned for the Kiln branch, and ground will soon be broken for a new Waveland library (above)....

Biloxi (Miss.) Sun-Herald, June 21

Stimulus funds will cool down Texas library

[<http://galvestondailynews.com/story.lasso?ewcd=2660252ca497ef53>]

In an effort to pare down electricity bills, officials in League City, Texas, plan to use federal stimulus dollars to replace the Helen Hall Library's 37-year-old air-conditioning system. The 1972 A/C unit is so obsolete that the manufacturer no longer makes parts for it. Earlier this year, the city found out it was slated to receive \$598,000 in federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds; the new system would use up about one-third of that....

Galveston County (Tex.) Daily News, June 27

Top readers get a library yard sign

[<http://www.americanpress.com/lc/blogs/wpnewssum/?p=5735>]

The Calcasieu Parish (La.) Public Library wants everyone to know how much their patrons love to read. Students who complete the requirements for the library's summer reading program will be given a yard sign that says, "A library champion lives here." Readers who complete their reading logs will receive a certificate of completion and yard sign and will be entered in the grand prize drawing....

Lake Charles (La.) American Press, June 27

Retirees take their coffee meetings elsewhere

[<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1196087/Health-safety-ban-coffee-morning-pensioners-public-library--spill-hot-drinks-children.html>]

A group of retirees has been asked to stop holding morning coffee meetings at a British public library for health and safety reasons—in case they spill hot drinks on children. Encouraged by the librarian, the seven members of the Over 50s coffee group began meeting every Tuesday four years ago at the Eye Library in Cambridgeshire. But council officials claim that toddlers from a nearby nursery could be injured. Members of the group say they are usually done by the time the kids arrive but have decided to meet at each others' homes instead....

The Daily Mail (U.K.), June 28

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Tech Talk

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Your friends are in the answer business

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/28/business/28digi.html>]

A new web service offered by Aardvark [<http://vark.com>] offers specific recommendations and advice from real people. Once signed up, you submit a question to Aardvark via an instant message or email, and its software looks among your Facebook friends, and friends of your friends, for volunteers to answer it. Those friends-of-friends may turn out to be a

great fountain of hitherto untapped information....
New York Times, June 27

The best Firefox extension: AutoCopy
[http://download.cnet.com/8301-2007_4-10274187-12.htm]
Seth Rosenblatt writes: “Hands-down, without a doubt, AutoCopy [<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/383>] is the best Firefox extension. It may also be the best Firefox extension you’ve never heard of. Developed at Mozilla, AutoCopy is a lightweight, single-feature add-on that copies any text you highlight to your clipboard. No more hitting CTRL+C or using the context menu. But what makes this the must-have extension is that there’s practically no other reason to highlight text on a web page except to copy it to your clipboard.”
The Download Blog, June 26

The top 10 Twitter SEO tips
[<http://mashable.com/2009/06/25/twitter-seo-tips/>]
Mike Dobbs writes: “With all the rumors suggesting that Google will soon offer real-time search capabilities that will index Tweets, now is a good time to take a closer look at your Twitter presence. Even now, Twitter pages and individual tweets have started appearing within Google search results. But you still have time to start optimizing your Twitter presence. By following these 10 Twitter tips, you can build up more prominent links in high places on the search engines.”
Mashable, June 25

Take screenshots the easy way
[http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/new_tool_from_aviary_makes_taking_web_site_screensh.php]
Frederic Lardinois writes: “Aviary [<http://aviary.com/>], which is known for its fully featured, browser-based image creation and manipulation tools, just released a new tool that makes it extremely easy to capture a copy of any web page by just adding “aviary.com/” in front of a URL. Unlike most screen capture tools, Aviary is able to capture a complete website, even if it extends beyond the borders of your screen.”
ReadWriteWeb, June 29

BagIt: Transferring content for digital preservation
[<http://digitalpreservation.gov/videos/bagit0609.html>]
The Library of Congress—with the California Digital Library and Stanford University—has developed BagIt, [<http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/partners/resources/tools/index.html#b>] a specification that supports the reliable transfer of content in self-contained packages, or “bags,” as discussed in this video [<http://digitalpreservation.gov/videos/bagit0609.html>] (3:14). Bags have a sparse, uncomplicated structure that transcends differences in institutional data, data architecture, formats, and practices. A bag’s minimal but essential metadata is machine-readable, which makes it easy to automate ingestion of the data....
Library of Congress Digital Preservation, June 24

Arizona State sued over Kindles

[<http://www.nfb.org/nfb/NewsBot.asp?MODE=VIEW&ID=449>]

The National Federation of the Blind and the American Council of the Blind filed suit June 25 against Arizona State University to prevent it from deploying Amazon's Kindle DX e-reader to distribute electronic textbooks to its students because the device cannot be used by blind students. Darrell Shandrow, a blind ASU student, is also a named plaintiff in the action. Although the Kindle features text-to-speech technology that can read textbooks aloud, its menus are not accessible, making it impossible for a blind user to use the advanced reading functions....

National Federation of the Blind, June 25

50 books to read now, and why [<http://www.newsweek.com/id/204300>]

No one needs another best-of list telling you how great *The Great Gatsby* is. What we do need, in a world with precious little time to read (and think), is to know which books—new or old, fiction or nonfiction—open a window on the times we live in, whether they deal directly with the issues of today or simply help us see ourselves in new and surprising ways. Which is why Newsweek would like you to sit down with Anthony Trollope and these 49 other remarkably trenchant voices....

Newsweek, June 27

How to know if you are reading a bad book

[<http://blogs.feministsf.net/?p=1028>]

Shannan Palma writes: “Based on some of my recent fiction-reading travails, I am gaining a real expertise in badly written fiction, and I thought I would share some of the warning signs I’ve identified.” For example, “Are the characters’ names impossible to pronounce? Alternatively, when you pronounce them, do you realize that they are actually homonyms for scary-sounding English words? If the book is not written by Tolkien and is not a parody, it might be a Bad Book.”...

Feminist SF—The Blog, Jan. 22

Newspaper nostalgia

[<http://collections2point0.wordpress.com/2009/06/26/newspaper-nostalgia/>]

Steven Harris writes: “The format of the newspaper wasn’t what made it pleasant or an effective means of gathering information. Nostalgia aside, it was kind of a crappy reading experience. There are certain activities that are enabled by the form and structure of a newspaper, but many characteristics of newspapers serve an economic rather than a reading purpose. I am no historian of newspapers, but their history, it seems, is a confluence of two goals: cheap distribution and quick reading.”...

Collections 2.0, June 26

[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com>]

Actions & Answers

OCLC withdraws WorldCat usage recommendations

[<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/200939.htm>]

OCLC formally withdrew June 26 a revised policy for use and transfer of WorldCat records that it had proposed in November 2008. The decision came after the OCLC board of trustees received a June 22 final report (PDF file [http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/catalog/FinalReport_ReviewBoard.pdf]) by a review board convened to assess matters concerning shared data. A new group will soon be assembled to begin work to draft another policy with more input and participation from the OCLC membership....

OCLC, June 26

The role of libraries in an economic recovery

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/resources/selectedarticles/arneduncaninterview0630.cfm>]

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan (right) shares his views on volunteerism, No Child Left Behind, and reading readiness, in this exclusive June 22 conversation with American Libraries Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel: “We want to spotlight libraries both for helping children and for helping families, and we see tremendous volunteer opportunities for teenagers or adults or senior citizens to come and help and volunteer at the library this summer.”...

American Libraries Online, June 30

Community spirit is just the ticket

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/06/24/why-community-spirit-is-just-the-ticket/>]

American Libraries Senior Editor Beverly Goldberg writes: “On June 17, President Obama announced his nationwide United We Serve [<http://www.serve.gov/>] volunteer initiative, mentioning ‘reading to kids at your local library’ as an example of how individuals and groups can boost local efforts toward improving education and community renewal, among other worthwhile projects. The library community, of course, is no stranger to harnessing volunteer energy; in fact, quite a few libraries big and small have passionate bibliophiles to thank for their beginnings.”...

AL Inside Scoop, June 24

report [<http://www.imls.gov/news/2009/063009.shtm>]

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has issued the report [http://harvester.census.gov/imls/pubs/pls/pub_detail.asp?id=122] for FY2007. This is the second report released since IMLS was given responsibility for the annual survey, which includes information on population of service areas, service outlets, library collections and services, library staff, and operating revenue and expenditures. New this year is trend data for 7–10 years, with graphs and maps on selected items....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 30

NCES public school library statistics, 2007–2008

[<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2009322>]

The National Center for Education Statistics has issued a report (PDF file [<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2009/2009322.pdf>]) on its 2007–2008 survey of public elementary- and secondary-school libraries in the United States. This is the first comprehensive report on school libraries issued by NCES since 1999–2000 (the 2003–2004 survey results were never issued in report form). Among the findings: 92% of the schools surveyed had a library, but only 62% had at least one full-time, paid, state-certified library media center specialist....

National Center for Education Statistics, June 30

Teens, TV, and social media

[<http://www.techcrunch.com/2009/06/24/nielsen-debunks-myths-on-teens-and-media-they-still-watch-tv/>]

Robin Wauters writes: “According to a June Nielsen report (PDF file [http://blog.nielsen.com/nielsenwire/reports/nielsen_howteensusemedia_june09.pdf]), teenagers are far from abandoning TV for so-called new media. In fact, television viewing rates among U.S. teens have actually gone up 6% in the last five years. Sure, they browse the web a lot, but far less than you do. The average time spent browsing for an adult person in the United States comes down to about 29 hours and 15 minutes per month; for teens, make that 11 hours and 32 minutes per month.”...

TechCrunch, June 24

What not to do when applying for library jobs

[<http://inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2009/what-not-to-do-when-applying-for-library-jobs/>]

Brett Bonfield writes: “Job hunting mistakes affect every librarian, whether you’ve got a job, you’re in the market, or you will begin looking five years down the road. This group post is our way of pulling together our collective experiences as both interviewees and interviewers and offering up some practical advice to readers.”...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, June 24

10 ways library schools should teach social media

[<http://blog.danielhooker.com/2009/06/23/10-ways-library-schools-should-be-teaching-social-media/>]

Daniel Hooker writes: “A few days ago I came across a wonderful article on Mashable entitled 10 Ways Journalism Schools are teaching social media [<http://mashable.com/2009/06/19/teaching-social-media/>]. The thought struck me about 30 seconds in: All these concepts should apply to library school, but why aren’t they being pushed and taught in the same way? So I thought I would break them down and attempt to explain the urgency with which LIS faculty need to be catching up in this area.”...

Sociallibrarian, June 23

Satirical political maps, 1791–1900

[<http://bibliodyssey.blogspot.com/2009/06/satirical-maps.html>]

PK offers a selection of cartoon political maps, from James Gillray’s comic map of England formed by an old woman seated in profile to the left on the back of a dolphin-like monster (1791), to Fred W. Rose’s “John Bull and His Friends” depicting the countries of Europe in 1900 (right), known as the Octopus Map from the brooding presence of the Russian Empire

as a massive octopus whose tentacles stretch out towards Europe....
BibliOdyssey, June 30

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGbLWQYJ6iM>]Twitter Search in plain English [<http://www.commoncraft.com/twitter-search>]

This video (3:37) uses the metaphor of “Twiterville” to illustrate opportunities to use Twitter’s search feature to find people and information, read news, and discover emerging information. Twitter Search creates new opportunities for business feedback, tracking news in real time, and discovering trends. For other Twitter search engines, see Rafe Needleman’s roundup

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-17939_109-10272370-2.html]....
Common Craft; YouTube, June 16; Webware, June 25

Google Book Search bibliography

[<http://www.digital-scholarship.org/gbsb/gbsb.htm>]

Charles W. Bailey Jr. has put together a massive bibliography of English-language articles and other works that are useful in understanding Google Book Search. It primarily focuses on the evolution of Google Book Search and the legal, library, and social issues associated with it. Where possible, links are provided to works that are freely available on the internet, including e-prints in disciplinary archives and institutional repositories....

Digital Scholarship, June 29

Green Dragon song contest

[<http://www.wizards.com/default.asp?x=dnd/4dnd/greendragon>]

Libraries, along with kids and teens 8–14 years old, are welcome to enter the Green Dragon lyrics writing contest. Entrants will write lyrics set to the story of the Green Dragon, and the winning lyrics will then be set to music tied in with A Practical Guide to Dragons (Mirrorstone) and the books in the Dragon Codex

[<http://ww2.wizards.com/books/mirrorstone/dragoncodex/home.aspx>] series.

Libraries must send in a Library Participation Form (PDF file

[<http://www.wizards.com/books/mirrorstone/GreenDragonLibraryEntryForm.pdf>])

. The contest is open through August 9....

Mirrorstone

[<http://www.stetson.edu/~efriedma/numbers.html>]10 ways to learn stuff while procrastinating online

[<http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/27415>]

Eric Johnson writes: “It’s Monday. You’ve had a nice, long, idle weekend, and—what’s this? Someone who says they’re your boss wants you to do work?! Well, we’ll have none of that, will we? Of course not—this is the internet. Here are 10 easy ways to put off whatever you’re supposed to be doing while also getting your knowledge fix.”...

Mental Floss, June 29

Catalog cards of Harvard

[<http://www.libraryhistorybuff.org/catalog-cards-harvard.htm>]

Larry Nix writes: “Allen Veaner, the former director of libraries at the University of California, Santa Barbara, became aware of my interest in library history and contacted me to see if I would be interested in a

collection of catalog cards that he had salvaged from his time as a cataloger at the Widener Library of Harvard University. I, of course, said yes. The collection is of particular interest because of the role that Harvard played in the early adoption of the card catalog and by its use of a 2x3-inch card instead of the size that became a universal standard.”...

Library History Buff

[<http://www.collegehumor.com/video:1913584>]Web Site Story

[<http://www.collegehumor.com/video:1913584>]

On the West Side of New York, Maria and Tony find each other using social-networking tools like Evite, and sing about it using the Leonard Bernstein score from West Side Story (4:28). Featuring songs like “I’m on Twitter, I’m on Twitter” and “I Just Found a Site Called Pandora.”...

College Humor, June 29

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ALA Annual Conference,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/faq.cfm>]

Chicago, July 9–15. In addition to programs sponsored by divisions, round tables, and committees, this year’s conference features 10 Grassroots Programs

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/grassroots.cfm>] dealing with current issues and selected by a jury of library school students and practitioners. The programs are part of ALA President Jim Rettig’s initiative to increase opportunities for members to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from their Association.

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

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[<http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Text-an-Ambassador>]

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2654>]

Seven-time NBA all-star Yao Ming

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2654>] is reading The Shawshank Redemption in this new Celebrity READ poster. An ambassador for the Special Olympics, Yao is also the founder of the Yao Ming Foundation, which supports rebuilding high-quality, earthquake-resistant schools in Sichuan province, China, following the devastating 2008 earthquake. NEW! From ALA Graphics.

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Director of Membership,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13309>] American Academy of Arts and Sciences,

Cambridge, Massachusetts. The successful candidate must have an understanding of how knowledge is organized and have experience with state of the art systems for classifying the scholarly work of academics, professionals, and business leaders. She or he will oversee the confidential nomination and election process; will provide staff support to membership committees; will lead the effort to gather knowledge of current activities and research interests of Academy members; and will support other activities associated with Academy members. The position calls for knowledge of advances and changes in the various scholarly disciplines, the arts, and the professions, and an understanding of current scholarly and policy issues. The position also requires strong writing skills, knowledge of and proficiency in information systems, and supervisory experience....

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

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

Digital Library of the Week

[<http://hdl.handle.net/2166.DL/inu-wint-36-1-13>]

The Humphrey Winterton Collection of East African Photographs, [<http://repository.library.northwestern.edu/winterton/index.html>] Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, includes over 7,600 photographs organized in 76 separate albums, scrapbooks, or loose collections, replicating how British collector Humphrey Winterton organized the collection. The photographs depict life, primarily in East Africa, between about 1860 and 1960. Assembled by Winterton over about 30 years, the collection depicts the breadth of African experience and also documents African life, European life in Africa in all its manifestations, and the African landscape, in particular as it changed over time. Included are photos showing the building of East Africa's railways, the growth of its urban centers, and the development of European colonial administration. The photographs extensively document rural life as well as the travels and work of European colonial officials and private businessmen. There are outstanding examples of portraiture, some of which were taken by commercial studios. The Winterton Collection provides an unsurpassed resource for the study of the history of photography in East Africa.

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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“If there is a heaven . . . I'd want a big library. The biggest library you've ever seen. One that's opened all the time, not just half days. That's what I hope heaven's like.”

—Maudie Ferguson, in Cassandra King's *Making Waves* (Hyperion, 2004), p. 93.

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posts on Twitter. [<http://www.twitter.com/amlibraries>]

Ask the ALA Librarian

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=377>]

Q. Our library receives many questions about finding family history information. While the library offers a couple of basic classes on how to get started, these tend to focus either on locally available materials and online resources. Does ALA have any guidelines for the provision of genealogical services?

A. RUSA has a History Section that offers guidelines for genealogical collections and services, as well as a preconference [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/events/annual09/index.cfm>] at this year's ALA Annual Conference. In addition, the ALA Library has gathered together a list of the most useful print and web resources [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Genealogical_Research] for genealogical research. Included on this list are the RUSA guidelines, pathfinders, books, magazines, and free websites. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Genealogy_Help].

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

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

Calendar

Aug. 6:
Granite State Book and Ephemera Fair, [<http://www.flamingoeventz.com/>]
Event Center at C.R. Sparks, Bedford, New Hampshire.

Aug. 6–7:
Serving Diverse Populations,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/diversepopulations.cfm>] Houston, Texas. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Aug. 8–9:
Arkansas Book and Paper Show, [<http://www.arkansasbooks.com/>]
Jacksonville.

Aug. 11–16:
Society of American Archivists / Council of State Archivists,
[http://saa.archivists.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/events/145.html?Action=Conference_Detail&ConfID_W=145] Annual Meeting, Hilton Austin, Texas.

Sept. 16–17:
OCLC Digital Forum West,

[<http://www.oclc.org/western/digitalforum/default.htm>] Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles. "Convergence: Where Metadata and Access Meet for Digital Discovery and Delivery";

Sept. 30–;

Oct. 3:

Kentucky Library Association / Kentucky School Media Association, [<http://www.kylibasn.org/events.cfm?eid=64>] Annual Conference, Galt House Hotel and Suites, Louisville.

Oct. 2–4:

8th International Board on Books for Young People, [http://www.usbby.org/conf_home.htm] Regional Conference, Q Center, St. Charles, Illinois. "Children's Books: Where Worlds Meet";

Oct. 4–8:

National Media Market, [<http://nmm.net/>] Griffin Gate Marriott Resort, Lexington, Kentucky.

Oct. 7–10:

Internet Research 10.0, [<http://ir10.aoir.org/>] Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Wisconsin. "Internet: Critical";

Oct. 18 –21:

Pennsylvania Library Association, [<http://www.palibraries.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=93>] Annual Conference, Harrisburg Hotel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Oct. 20–23:

Mississippi Library Association, [<http://www.misslib.org/index.php/activities/conference/2009-conference/>] Annual Conference, Hattiesburg.

Oct. 20–23:

Wisconsin Library Association, [<http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/conferences/2009/index.htm>] Annual Conference, Appleton.

Nov. 5–8:

American Association of School Librarians, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/charlotte2009.cfm>] National Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina. "Rev Up Learning @ your library";

Nov. 6:

Brick and Click Libraries, [<http://brickandclick.org/>] Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville.

Nov. 11–14:

Museum Computer Network, [[HTTP://www.mcn.edu/conferences/index.asp](http://www.mcn.edu/conferences/index.asp)] Annual Conference, Doubletree Hotel–Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon. "Museum Information, Museum Efficiency: Doing More with Less";

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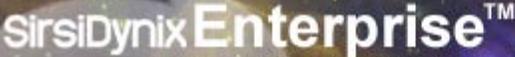
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U.S. & World News

[Civil rights pioneer, librarian E. J. Josey dies at 85](#)

American Libraries Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel writes: "Elonnie Junius Josey, better known as E. J., died July 3 in Washington, North Carolina, at age 85. E. J. Josey was born January 20, 1924. By 1984 he had reached the pinnacle of his profession, becoming the second African-American president of ALA (Clara Jones was the first, in 1976) after devoting his professional life to fighting the racism that permeated American society. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing E. J. knew him to be a fighter." ALA President Jim Rettig [comments](#) on Josey's legacy. Memorial contributions can be sent to the E. J. Josey Foundation for Justice and Peace, 526 West Second St., Washington, NC 27889....

AL Inside Scoop, July 6



[Clermont County curbs service as Ohio budget battle rages](#)

In order to plug a \$1.9-million deficit left over from the FY2008 budget, the board of the Clermont County (Ohio) Public Library approved July 1 the layoff of 24 workers, effective the very next day. Additionally, trustees voted to trim service hours systemwide from 59 hours a week to 48 as of August 3, and to immediately curtail CCPL-funded outreach services and programming, and to suspend construction work on a multimillion-dollar Union Township branch....

American Libraries Online, July 8




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ALA News

[Chicago plays host to national library leaders](#)

As job seekers, families, and students rely on free library resources, more than 25,000 library leaders and library supporters will gather July 9–15 at Chicago's McCormick Place West to discuss the challenges facing U.S. libraries caused by increased usage during tough economic times. Other issues include the surge in library use, the changing role of libraries, technology, bandwidth challenges, literacy, and issues affecting school libraries....



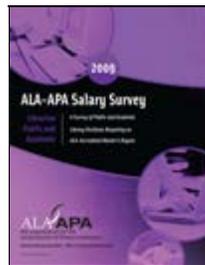
[Recession drives membership numbers downward](#)

By any measure, ALA's membership retention level has always been enviable. But the other shoe has dropped in the nation's economic deep recession, as May figures show. With ALA Publishing Department revenue already in decline, membership dues revenue at \$4.3 million is under budget by \$127,000, or 2.8%. The number of new and renewing members has declined from 67,827 to 65,437, or -3.52%....

AL Inside Scoop, July 7

[Median librarian salary slightly up, mean slightly down](#)

Analysis of data from more than 1,179 public and academic libraries shows that the mean salary for librarians with ALA-accredited master's degrees decreased less than 1% from 2008, down only \$100 to \$58,860. The median salary was \$54,500, or 2% higher than 2008. Salaries ranged from \$22,000 to \$256,800. Results from the 2009 edition of the *ALA-APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public and Academic* are available in two ways: immediately for subscribers to the [ALA-APA Library Salary Database](#) and in print from the [ALA Store](#)....



[Copyright "Lucy Booth" at Member Pavilion](#)

Members of the Copyright Advisory Network and OITP Copyright Committee will answer questions at the Copyright "Lucy Booth" at ALA Annual Conference inside the Member Pavilion on July 11–12. Come by to chat about hot copyright issues and check out useful tools such as the [Public Domain slider](#), [Section 108 spinner](#), and some new tools....

District Dispatch, July 7



[E-Participation Task Force report](#)

The RUSA E-Participation Task Force was formed in anticipation of reduced member attendance at ALA Midwinter Meetings. Its July 2 status report concludes, in part: "ALA and RUSA will have to make choices. The Task Force understands that Midwinter is an important revenue source for both ALA and RUSA, but most organizations do



[ALA Annual Conference](#), Chicago, July 9–15. ALA is working with NxtBook and CustomNEWS to provide [digital editions](#) of its show daily publication, *Cognotes*. There will also be an interactive digital component in conjunction with the Highlights issue, published after the conference.



Wanda Urbanska, an expert and consultant on sustainability and green living, will discuss how librarians can become advocates for environmental friendliness, 10:30–11:30 a.m., July 12, as part of the Annual Conference [Auditorium Speaker Series](#). Sponsored by *American Libraries*.

And don't forget the many Annual Conference [parties and receptions](#).



not have face-to-face meetings except for boards. In essence, RUSA (and other ALA division) members are paying additional costs, significant ones in many cases due to the travel requirements, for the privilege of doing committee work." The report will go to the ALA Executive Board at Annual Conference....

RUSA E-Participation Task Force Status Report, July 2

[Attend Annual Conference virtually](#)

This year ALA is offering a Virtual Conference, 10 interactive web sessions that will take place July 13–14 at the end of ALA Annual Conference. The programs were selected from offerings at Annual and are among the most interesting and relevant to libraries of all types. All full registrants to Annual Conference will have access to these sessions; those not attending in person can [register](#) for the Virtual Conference online through the ALA website....

[Conference Connect tips](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "Back in January, I got an early taste of the power of ALA Connect during ALA's Midwinter Meeting while the Website Advisory Committee was beta testing it. I found the site to be a huge help, so I want to share some tips as we all head to Annual because if you're lucky enough to have a laptop or web-enabled cell phone with you at #ala2009, Connect can be both useful and fun."...

ITTS Update, July 7



[Play ball at Annual Conference](#)

The Campaign for America's Libraries and the Public Programs Office will host "Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience" on July 11 at McCormick Place West. The program features a distinguished panel of speakers, including authors Lawrence R. Hogan, Sharon Robinson, and Kadir Nelson. Following the program, author Phil Bildner and author/illustrator Loren Long of the children's series "Sluggers" will be signing ALA Graphics' new [Sluggers posters](#) (above)....



[OCLC Inclusion Initiative at Spectrum Leadership Institute](#)

The OCLC Inclusion Initiative will be a sponsor of the Professional Options Fair at the 2009 Spectrum Leadership Institute, held July 8–10 during ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The Spectrum Leadership Institute provides three days of leadership programming for the current class of Spectrum Scholars. The Professional Options Fair offers attendees an opportunity to discuss careers in various areas of librarianship....

[Diversity and Outreach Fair participants](#)

The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee has announced the librarians and organizations selected to participate in the 2009 Diversity and Outreach Fair at Annual Conference in Chicago. The Fair will take place 3–5 p.m., July 11, at McCormick Place West in the Special Events Area. This annual event celebrates extraordinary examples of diversity and equity of access in America's libraries....

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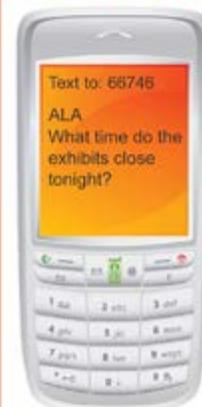
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Annual is just around the corner. ALA TechSource bloggers discuss what they are most looking forward to this year in the Windy City. Jason Griffey writes: "ALA Annual is always a blur of activity, and it's sad to say that while I tend to overplan like crazy, it usually takes me days after I get back before I really know what the most valuable part of the whole Annual experience was. There's a whole lot to look forward to this year, from the first ALA Annual Unconference to some great speakers." Check the Conference wiki for other [bloggers](#) and [tweeters](#)....

ALA TechSource, July 2

[Intellectual freedom programs at Annual](#)

Office for Intellectual Freedom Program Coordinator Jen Hammond writes: "We've blogged about all of our programs coming up for ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Here you will find them listed chronologically, with time and room number, and a brief description."...

OIF Blog, July 7

[FTRF gala at the Art Institute of Chicago](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation will celebrate its 40th anniversary at a gala dinner on July 12 in Chicago at the new Modern Wing of the Art Institute of Chicago. The event will honor the FTRF's visionary founder Judith Krug and Chicago's McCormick Freedom Museum, which strives to educate the public about the Bill of Rights and individual freedoms....

[Forsman's jewelry returns to Annual](#)

In case you missed her last year, [Carolyn Forsman](#) is back! Please visit Booth 3431 in the exhibits area at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago to check out her new designs. Her famous [Banned Books bracelets](#) are now joined by necklaces, pins, flashing spike rings, glowing necklaces, peace symbol jewelry, and newspaper headline pins. Proceeds from her sales go to support the important work of the [Freedom to Read Foundation](#)....

OIF Blog, July 7



[Public awareness and media relations programs](#)

Some of the nation's media experts will participate in a series of informative programs at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, including "PR Forum: Breaking through the message clutter @ your library" and "Media training: How to do business with the media and win."...

Booklist

ONLINE

[Featured review: Adult books](#)

Brandreth, Gyles. *Oscar Wilde and the Dead Man's Smile*. Sept. 2009. Touchstone, paperback (978-1-4165-3485-3).

Brandreth has enjoyed considerable critical success for his two previous mysteries starring Oscar Wilde as a late-Victorian-era sleuth: *Oscar Wilde and a Death of No Importance*



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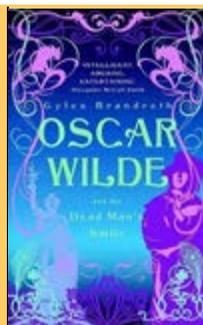
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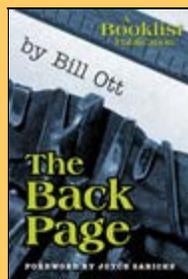
Career Leads from



(2008) and *Oscar Wilde and a Game Called Murder* (2008). This series offers a wonderful counterpoint to the slew of contemporary mysteries that reanimate Sherlock Holmes (often as clumsily as Dr. Frankenstein assembled his monster). It comes as a shock to think of the aesthete Wilde as a detective, but Brandreth easily shows how the writer's quickness of mind could lend itself to deductive brilliance. The latest in the series is much more expansive than the first two, encompassing 1882 through 1883, the year of Wilde's American tour and its aftermath in Paris. This wide range seems more of an excuse to work in Wilde biography and witticisms than part of the mystery, which doesn't come into play until far into the book....

[Launch party for Bill Ott's *Back Page*](#)

Keir Graff writes: "Everyone coming to Chicago for the ALA Annual Conference undoubtedly has a full schedule already, but here's a late-breaking, must-attend event—a launch party, sponsored by *Time Out Chicago*, for *Booklist* Editor and Publisher Bill Ott's brand-new book, [The Back Page](#). The event will be in Pritzker Park, State and Van Buren Streets, 5–7 p.m., July 12.... Likely Stories, July 8



[Booklist rolls out reference blog](#)

Booklist Online has added [Points of Reference](#) to its growing family of blogs. Mary Ellen Quinn and a team of front-line experts from academic, public, and school libraries post about reference sources and trends in reference publishing and services. The categories of posts cover print and web resources, current news, reference classics, technology, and general "At the Reference Desk" issues....



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

Chicago Update

[High-altitude thrills on the Sears Tower Ledge](#)

The Ledge has brought an exhilarating new experience to the Sears Tower since it opened July 2. At 1,353 feet up, the Ledge's glass boxes extend out 4.3 feet from the skyscraper's [Skydeck](#)



ALA JobLIST

[IT Senior Manager](#),

Maricopa County Library District, Phoenix, Arizona. The library district seeks a dynamic person who will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and supervising the deployment of automated systems projects within a public library context. The IT Senior Manager directs the information and data integrity within the District, including data centers, production scheduling functions, help desk, communications networks (voice and data), library automation systems, internet portal intranet, computer hardware and software development, computer systems, operations, and disaster recovery plan....



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Digital Library of the Week

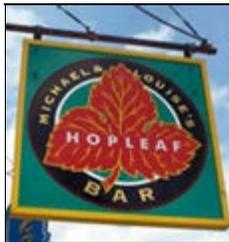
on the 103rd floor, providing never-before-seen views of the city. The inspiration for the Ledge came from hundreds of forehead prints visitors left behind on Skydeck windows every week. Opened in 1974, the Skydeck attracts more than 1.3-million visitors annually who can enjoy views of up to 50 miles and four states. Watch the [video](#) (1:39). Best compilation of photos is on the [Daily Mail site](#)....

Sears Tower; *Chicago Tribune*, July 1; YouTube, July 1; *Daily Mail* (U.K.), July 3

[Chicago's new wave of microbreweries](#)

It's just shy of 5 p.m. on a sunny spring Friday in Chicago, and the intimate front room of Michael and Louise's Hopleaf Bar at 5148 N. Clark Street is already packed, the decibel level growing. Creative types mix with professionals; young women in stylish jeans and sweaters rub elbows with older guys who look as if they've been hitting this bar as long as they've been hitting on the ladies. This is a bar that starts rolling early and doesn't stop until last call. And it's all about beer....

New York Times, June 28



[Visit the Public Enemies Locations](#)

Sitting in darkened theaters to watch Johnny Depp in *Public Enemies*, Chicagoans will recognize some of the three-dozen city locations featured in the film, as well as the many other scenes shot in Indiana, Wisconsin, and downstate Illinois. Visit some on your own: the Biograph Theater, the Uptown National Bank Building, the Aragon ballroom, or the Pittsfield building....

Chicago Tribune, July 2



[Segedin at the Byron Roche Gallery](#)

Chicago artist Leopold Segedin has been painting scenes of Chicago for more than 60 years. His painting, *L Platform I* (1988) graced the cover of the June 1–15 issue of *Booklist* magazine. An exhibiting artist since 1947, Segedin has a show of new work that will be on exhibit at the Byron Roche Gallery, 750 N. Franklin, Suite 201, through Saturday, July 11....

Byron Roche Gallery





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[Teaching Literary Research](#)

ACRL has published a new title, [Teaching Literary Research: Challenges in a Changing Environment](#), a



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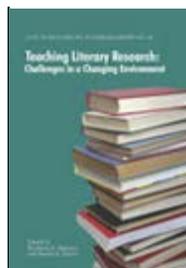
Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#) Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the [Love Libraries](#) site.

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

“Look, if you want a safe job, work in a library.”

collection of essays by librarians and English faculty that explore the relationship between information literacy and literary research. Edited by Kathleen A. Johnson and Steven R. Harris, the book's essays provide an expanded exploration of teaching research skills to students at a variety of levels, undergraduate through graduate....



—Moscow crime reporter Sergei Kanev recalls the dangers of his profession, including an attempted strangulation with a wire earlier this year, in "Moscow Crime Reporter, Facing His Obituary Daily," *New York Times*, June 6.

[ALSC oral histories feature legendary school librarians](#)

The first two transcriptions of oral history interviews with luminaries from ALSC will go live on July 15. Interviews with Margaret Kimmel and Ruth Gordon will be available on the members-only side of the [ALSC website](#). Kimmel was ALSC president in 1980–1981, and Gordon has had a multifaceted career in library service to children and children's literature. Oral history interviews with Mimi Kayden and Peggy Sullivan are scheduled to go online by Midwinter 2010....

[ALSC to offer second William C. Morris Seminar](#)

ALSC seeks applications for its second biennial "William C. Morris Seminar: Book Evaluation Training," to be held January 15, 2010, prior to the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. This invitational seminar is intended to train and mentor ALSC members in the group evaluation process and children's media evaluation techniques. [Applications](#) must be received by September 8....

[Advocacy 401 from ALTAFF](#)

ALTAFF's Legislation and Advocacy committees will present Advocacy 401, a down-to-earth, practical discussion of how to make LSTA reauthorization happen, 10:30 a.m.–noon, July 12, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Melanie Anderson and Kristin Murphy, both of the ALA Washington Office, will tell the audience what LSTA is all about, what the reauthorization will mean, and what steps are needed to ensure that this legislation passes....

Round Table News

[Historic maps on the web and in Second Life](#)

If you are interested in maps, cartography, genealogy, history, or social sciences, join the Map and Geography Round Table, 3:30–5:30 p.m., July 11, at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, as David Rumsey of [Cartography Associates](#) presents "Giving Maps a Second Life with Digital Technologies." Using imaging software, GIS, and popular applications like Google Earth and Second Life, Rumsey has given new life to old maps....

Map and Geography Round Table



Awards

[Spectrum Scholarship winners announced](#)

The ALA Office for Diversity has chosen its 2009 Spectrum Scholars.



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Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. *How should I respond to people who ask why we still need libraries in an age where everything seems to be available online?*

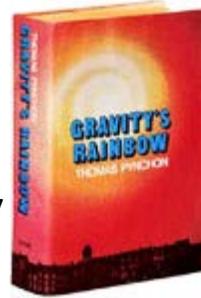
A. The question of why libraries are needed or useful is one that has existed for many years, not just with the advent of the Digital Age. One of the more recent discussions has covered the idea of the library as "[place](#)," sometimes referred to as a "third place"—one that is neither home

The Spectrum Scholarship program provides \$5,000 scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students pursuing graduate degrees in library and information studies. This year's 50 scholarships bring the number awarded since 1997 to a total of 608....

[60 years of the National Book Awards](#)

Richard Davies writes: "For six decades, the [National Book Awards](#), which are organized by the National Book Foundation, has acclaimed the cream of the literary crop, and now it intends to celebrate its 60th anniversary with a [campaign](#) to select the best book from its long list of fiction winners. In all, there are 77 books on the list because there was a change in format and name during the 1980s where multiple awards were handed out. AbeBooks.com is an official partner for the Best of the National Book Awards and they would like to [hear your opinions](#) about the contenders."...

AbeBooks.com; National Book Foundation



[Inaugural Arkansas poetry prize](#)

Poet Michael Walsh has won the University of Arkansas Press's inaugural \$5,000 Miller Williams Poetry Prize for his poetry collection, *The Dirt Riddles*. The book will be published in the spring of 2010. Walsh will give a featured reading at the 2010 Arkansas Festival of Writers, sponsored by the university's Programs in Creative Writing and Translation....

University of Arkansas Press, July 1

[BBC Samuel Johnson Prize](#)

A book about a life-long obsession with whales inspired by the literary classic *Moby-Dick* has won the UK's most prestigious nonfiction prize. *Leviathan, or The Whale* by Philip Hoare was named the 2009 winner of the £20,000 (\$32,350 U.S.) BBC Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction on July 1. Travelling around the globe and taking the reader deep into the whale's domain, Hoare sheds light on our perennial fascination with whales....

Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction, July 1



[2009 Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest winners](#)

Since 1982, the English Department at San Jose State University has sponsored the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, a whimsical literary competition that challenges entrants to compose the opening sentence to the worst of all possible novels. The contest was inspired by Edward Bulwer-Lytton (1803–1873), the originator of the first line, "It was a dark and stormy night," in *Paul Clifford* (1830). The 2009 first-place winner is David McKenzie, a quality systems consultant and writer from Federal Way, Washington....

Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest

Seen Online

[Chicago libraries are important as ever](#)

Chicago Public Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey and ALA President Jim Rettig write: "As more than 20,000 librarians and library supporters arrive in Chicago for the ALA Annual Conference July 9–15, libraries remain among the city's treasured institutions. In

nor work. A public library may be seen as more than simply a place filled with books, but rather as a community gathering place. Academic libraries have been recognizing this trend as well with the creation of the information commons, a space that encourages the sharing of ideas and information. Another way to approach this question is to look at the [value of libraries](#).

With this most recent economic downturn, there have been many reports in the news about how library usage has increased as a result. In many areas, the local public library is the only place that the public can access job listings and find applications online. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Calendar

July 30:
[Forum on Earth Observations III](#), Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, D.C. "The Environmental Information Revolution."

Aug. 4–7:
[Annual Conference on Distance Teaching and Learning](#), Monona Terrace, Madison,

fact, libraries in Chicago and nationwide are playing a highly visible, vital role in American life as the recession drags on and people look for sources of free, effective help in a time of crisis. Chicago's public library is also doing its part to help residents avoid potholes in the long road to economic recovery."...

Chicago Sun-Times, July 6

[Libraries think outside the book in Denver](#)

In a world that increasingly skips paper in favor of pixels, libraries are reinventing themselves. They are transforming into community centers and job banks. They are lending electronically and marketing in ways that dare their commercial bookselling counterparts to stay competitive. They're even offering to let folks come in and play video games. The *Denver Post* offers a good outline of these "new" library services....

Denver Post, July 7

[German science librarian was 1971 plane-crash survivor](#)

Juliane Diller is not someone you'd expect to attract attention. Plainly dressed and wearing prescription glasses, she sits behind her desk at the Zoologische Staatssammlung München in Munich, Germany, where she is the chief librarian. But when she was 17, Diller was the sole survivor of LANSA Flight 508, which was hit by lightning and exploded two miles in the air above the Peruvian rainforest on December 24, 1971. Watch the [video interview](#) (1:55)....

CNN, July 2



[Jackson funeral shown at Pratt Library](#)

As millions watched the Michael Jackson memorial on TV around the world July 7, hundreds of people gathered at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, where the memorial was streamed live on big screens.

It was a part of history they couldn't miss. The library says part of the reason it decided to simulcast the memorial service is the increase in Jackson's popularity since his death. All of his CDs and books are checked out....

WJZ-TV, Baltimore, July 7



[Renovated Loudoun County branch has teen center](#)

The Loudoun County (Va.) Public Library will have a new chill spot where teenagers can socialize and play video games—the Rust branch in Leesburg. The branch is scheduled to reopen July 11 with new features, including an enclosed teen center and expanded children's area. It has nearly doubled in size since closing for a \$10.4-million renovation in 2007....

Washington Post, July 5



[Missing items in the National Archives](#)

Researchers can find the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights in the National Archives collections, but

Wisconsin.

Aug. 8–9:
[Arkansas Book and Paper Show](#),
Jacksonville.

Aug. 23–27:
[International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions](#), World Library and Information Congress, Fiera Milano Convention Centre, Milan, Italy. "Libraries Create Futures: Building on Cultural Heritage."

Sept. 1–5:
[DrupalCon Paris](#),
Maison Internationale, Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris.

Sept. 21–26:
[West Texas Book and Music Festival](#),
Abilene.

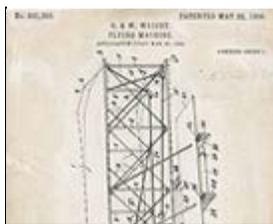
Sept. 22–23:
[Focusing on Photographs: Identification and Preservation](#),
Athenaeum of Philadelphia. Course presented by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts.

Sept. 23–26:
[North Dakota Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Days Hotel–Grand Dakota Lodge and Conference Center, Dickinson. "Evolution of the Library."

Sept. 23–26:
[PSP Journals Boot Camp](#), Grand Hyatt Denver. Course offered by the Professional and

they won't find the patent file for the Wright Brothers' flying machine (right) or the maps for the first atomic bomb missions anywhere in the inventory. Some were stolen by researchers or NARA employees. Others simply disappeared without a trace. And Inspector General Paul Brachfeld is conducting a criminal investigation into a hard drive missing from the Archives that has copies of sensitive records from the Clinton administration. The list of missing items is [here](#)....

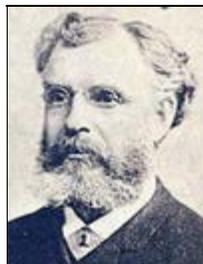
Associated Press, July 4; National Archives and Records Administration



[Baseball auction may have stolen items](#)

While the FBI examines whether some materials that were supposed to be sold at Major League Baseball's All-Star Game auction on July 14 were stolen, a baseball historian offered evidence indicating that at least one of the items was taken from the New York Public Library's Spalding Collection. An 1877 [letter](#) to Boston Red Stockings Manager Harry Wright (right) included in the auction was referenced in a 1956 Cornell dissertation by Harold Seymour as housed at NYPL....

New York Times, July 3, 6



[New York's new online catalog](#)

After three years of development, the New York Public Library's new public catalog debuted July 6. Representing for the first time the library's combined circulating, reference, and research holdings, the new system—called The Catalog and using modules of the Innovative Interfaces Millennium system—unites the previously separate collections of the Branch Libraries, formerly found in LEO, and the Research Libraries, formerly found in CATNYP, into a single search interface. Unfortunately, the [launch](#) on July 6 met with some malfunctions, which [persisted](#) through the following day....

New York Public Library; *New York Times*, July 7



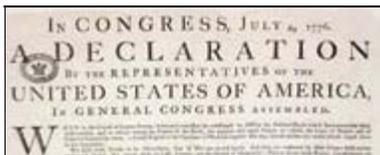
[San Diego central library gains momentum](#)

The proposal to build a new main library in downtown San Diego, California, picked up more momentum July 7 when city council agreed to incorporate a high school to help fund it. The San Diego Unified School District has agreed to chip in \$20 million in exchange for a long-term lease of two floors of the nine-story library. The council voted 5-3 to move forward with the new school-library combination....

San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, July 8

[Declaration of Independence found in British Archives](#)

A copy of the American Declaration of Independence has been discovered in Britain. The document, which is in perfect condition, is believed to be one of only 200 printed and was stumbled upon among files at the National Archives in Kew, southwest London, by an American doing research. Printed on July 4, 1776, it brings the total of known surviving copies worldwide to 26. The first official printings of the Declaration are known as Dunlaps



Scholarly Publishing Division of the American Association of Publishers.

Oct. 1-4:

[LITA National Forum](#),

Salt Lake City, Utah.
"Open and Mobile."

Oct. 19-20:

[Marketing](#), Cleveland, Ohio. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored by PLA.

Nov. 7:

[Self-Publishing Book Expo](#),

630 Second Ave., New York City.

Nov. 19-20:

[Translating and the Computer 31](#),

Congress Center, London. Hosted and run by Aslib, the Association for Information Management.

Jan. 12-15, 2010:

[Association for Library and Information Science Education](#),

Annual Conference, Boston Park Plaza Hotel.
"Creating a Culture of Collaboration."

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because the name of the printer, John Dunlap, is given on each copy. A copy can be [downloaded for free](#) from the Archives site....

The Times (U.K.), July 2; National Archives

[Woman sentenced in LC identity fraud](#)

A 35-year-old Southeast Washington woman was sentenced to 2-1/2 years in federal prison for using the purloined identities of Library of Congress employees to purchase nearly \$40,000 in goods. Federal prosecutors said Labiska Gibbs enlisted a relative, Library of Congress worker William Sinclair Jr., to access an internal database and give her the names, birth dates, and Social Security numbers of at least 10 employees....

Washington Post, July 6

[U.S. confirms investigation of Google Books deal](#)

The Justice Department confirmed July 2 that it was conducting an antitrust investigation into the settlement of a lawsuit that groups representing authors and publishers filed against Google. In a letter to the federal judge charged with reviewing the settlement, the Justice Department said it was reviewing concerns that the agreement could violate the Sherman Antitrust Act....

New York Times, July 2

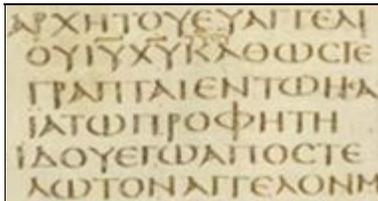
[Ousted children's librarian sues to get job back](#)

The former head of children's programs at the Stonington (Conn.) Free Library is suing the library, saying officials fired her in part because she was the victim of domestic violence. Heather Gillies, who worked at the library from 2001 until 2007, filed suit in New London Superior Court. She asked the court to reinstate her to her former job and for the library to pay lost wages and benefits as well as damages and attorneys' fees. The suit alleges that the board was motivated in part to fire her because she had filed a police report about domestic violence....

New London (Conn.) Day, July 7

[World's oldest bible published online](#)

More than 800 surviving pages and fragments from the [Codex Sinaiticus](#), handwritten in Greek uncials on parchment leaves in the 4th century, have been reunited. In 2008, the British Library put the *Book of Psalms* and *St. Mark's Gospel* online, and now the remaining pages have been made free for public use for the first time. In addition to an image of the text, a Greek transcription is also provided, and (for some pages) an English, German, or Russian translation. Listen to the [interview](#) (4:08) with [Scot McKendrick](#), the British Library's head of Western manuscripts....



The Telegraph (U.K.), July 6; All Things Considered, July 6; British Library

[Hawaiian libraries brace for branch closings](#)

Hawaii's state library system is facing budget cuts of more than \$5.7 million, nearly 20% of current spending, which could lead to the closing of branches and cutting of hours. How libraries will deal with a 20% cut cannot be decided until after legal challenges to Gov. Linda Lingle's furlough plans for state employees are resolved, library officials said. State Librarian Richard Burns will present the plans for dealing with budget cuts at a July 9 special meeting of the state Board of Education....

Honolulu Advertiser, July 2

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[Oak Brook mulls privatization](#)

Faced with declining sales tax revenue, the village of Oak Brook, Illinois, is considering a radical step to save money—privatizing its public library. Village trustees are looking at several options to cut \$300,000—more than 20%—from the library’s nearly \$1.4-million annual budget. Unlike most Chicago suburbs, Oak Brook does not collect property taxes for village services, but instead relies on sales taxes to support its general fund....



Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, July 5

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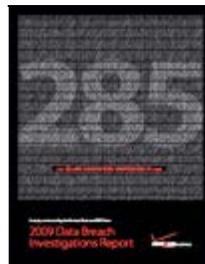
[Serious security hole for IE users](#)

Microsoft has taken the rare step of warning about a serious computer security vulnerability it hasn’t quite fixed yet. The vulnerability disclosed July 6 affects Internet Explorer users whose computers run the Windows XP or Windows Server 2003 operating software. It can allow hackers to remotely take control of victims’ machines after they visit a website that’s been hacked. Unfortunately, hackers have been exploiting the bug since early June, and Microsoft may have [known about](#) the breach for some 18 months. Security Watch has some [quick-fix](#) instructions until the regular patch is issued....

Associated Press, July 7; Network World, July 7; Security Watch, July 6

[The 10 dumbest mistakes network managers make](#)

Carolyn Duffy Marsan writes: “When you look at the worst corporate security breaches, it’s clear that network managers keep making the same mistakes over and over again, and that many of these mistakes are easy to avoid. In 2008, Verizon Business [analyzed](#) 90 security breaches ([PDF file](#)) that represented 285 million compromised records. What’s astonishing is how often these security breaches were the result of network managers forgetting to take obvious steps to secure their systems, particularly noncritical servers. We put together a list of the simplest steps that a network manager can take to eliminate the majority of security breaches.”...



Network World, July 5; Verizon, Apr. 15

[Are desktop PCs on the way out?](#)

John Herrman writes: “Desktop PCs have been in decline for a decade, and countless people have said their piece about it. But new evidence suggests the desktop tower’s death spiral is underway—and we’re not too broken up about it. In U.S. retail, 80% of sales are notebooks now. Put yourself in the shoes of any number of potential consumers, be it kids, adults, techies, or luddites. In virtually any scenario, a laptop is the sensible buy.”...

Gizmodo, June 29

[10 useful tips for using FriendFeed](#)

Shevonne writes: “FriendFeed is increasingly becoming a popular as a social aggregator with community features. It was one of the first to use the ‘like’ functionality that



more and more websites (Facebook, Digg, Seesmic) are adopting. Additionally, FriendFeed has built a social community that allows you to quickly find an answer to any kind of question that you ask, or get to know other people who share similar interests. Here are 10 useful tips to enjoying all that FriendFeed has to offer....

MakeTechEasier, July 3

[Discover the truth about your Twittering](#)



Marshall Kirkpatrick writes: "How do *you* really use Twitter? Do you retweet a lot of other peoples' content, share a lot of links, and respond to direct messages? A new service called [Twit Truth](#) will tell you the cold, hard facts about your own use of Twitter. It might sound trivial, but you could also say this service is an example of the kind of conversation data mining that will define some of the most exciting innovation in the future of the web."...

ReadWriteWeb, July 6

[10 ways to find people on Twitter](#)



Josh Catone writes: "Twitter is all about facilitating conversations, but until you're following some people, it's just a blank page. Once you find people to follow and talk to, however, Twitter becomes exceptionally useful. You can share thoughts, ask questions, get updates about news, music, brands, and businesses, and discover helpful links and information. Finding good people to follow can be a bit daunting, though. Thankfully, there are a number of ways you can find people on Twitter. Here are 10 sites you can use to locate tweeps to follow."...

Mashable, July 2

[Gmail and other Google apps finally shed beta label](#)



Beta versions, which are sandwiched between internal alpha versions and final release versions, typically have a lifespan of weeks or perhaps months. But Gmail was different. Released on April 1, 2004, it was still in beta five years and tens of millions of users later. That changed July 7. Gmail finally shed the beta label, signaling that Google considers the product to be fully baked. Google also took three other applications—Calendar, Docs, and Talk—out of beta. So why the long wait? The official answer doesn't entirely clarify things....

New York Times, July 7

[The hazy future of web typography](#)

Chris Foresman writes: "Web design has certainly come a long way since the first HTML files were published, and Cascading Style Sheets have given designers lots of freedom to specify typefaces, sizes, and styles for text. But most type on the web is still limited to the 10 common 'web fonts' commissioned and distributed by Microsoft in the late 1990s. A number of solutions have been proposed that would let developers use their preferred fonts, but getting everyone involved on the same page, so to speak,



has revealed a morass of competing needs.”...

Ars Technica, July 6

[15 cool laptop sleeves and bags](#)

Nora Vega brings together her picks for the ultimate in laptop totemwear, from this retro cassette-tape case (looks interesting, but durability might be an issue) to a techy high-voltage bag, a cutesy monster sleeve, or a MacTruck case “with an ultra-tough 5052-H32 Aluminum alloy shell that’s rugged enough to drive a truck over.”...

Oddee, July 7



Publishing

[The library that never closes](#)

Talk to workers at either Amazon.com or Google and you get a feeling of technological inevitability—that the printed book is a stepping stone in the evolution of information and lies ready to be devoured by its hi-tech successors. Not everybody thinks that way, however, including the [Open Library](#)—a project with an audacious goal that it hopes can bring the web and books closer together....

The Guardian (U.K.), July 1

[ACS joins the online-only model](#)

All but a handful of the American Chemical Society journals will be going online-only next year (the exceptions are the flagship *Journal of the American Chemical Society* and two review-focused journals). For many of the current journals, printing costs will be reduced in the meantime by compressing them into a format where each physical page will hold two print pages. That transition will reportedly take place with the July edition of the journals....

Ars Technica, July 6



[World eBook Fair](#)

The World eBook Fair runs from July 4 to August 4. Its goal is to provide free public access to 2 million PDF e-books for one month. Sponsors include Project Gutenberg, World Public Library, Ask.com, and the Internet Archive. Afterwards, readers may continue to access about 500,000 e-books for a subscription to the World Public Library....

World eBook Fair



[Book club hustlers](#)

Francesca Mari writes: “There is a thing authors do, nervously, when they think no one is looking. They check out their numbers—online sales figures, ratings, rankings, reader reviews. Enterprising fiction writers are now marketing themselves to book groups in person, by phone, and over Skype to boost sales. The focus on book clubs has spurred the evolution of a new breed: the author-hustler, the writer who succeeds in large part because of door-to-door salesmanship. After the writing comes a new challenge, one of industriousness, perseverance, and charm.”...

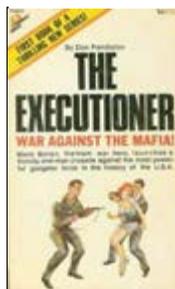
The Daily Beast, July 6

[The endless summer reading list](#)

Rob Lammle writes: “If you’re anything like me, you

finish your summer reading list by mid-July. To help curb your end-of-summer reading blues, here are some of the longest-running series of novels in the most popular genres: sci-fi/fantasy, romance, action/adventure, kids/YA, and mystery. If you're so inclined, these will keep you busy until next summer." The winner is *The Executioner* series, with 709 books, including spinoffs....

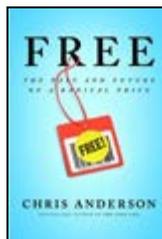
Mental Floss, July 7



[Chris Anderson releases free Free](#)

In his new book, *Free*, best-selling author and *Wired* editor Chris Anderson makes the compelling case that in many instances businesses can profit more from giving things away than they can by charging for them. Far more than a promotional gimmick, *Free* is a business strategy that may well be essential to a company's survival. The full-text e-book is [available](#) free of charge at Scribd....

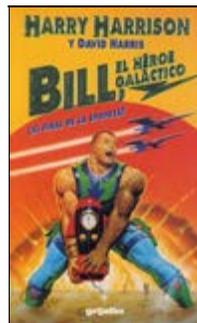
Scribd, July 6



[Embarrassingly bad science-fiction book covers](#)

Charlie Jane Anders writes: "Orbit Books is trying to create the worst science fiction book cover of all time—but they're up against stiff competition. Orbit is [seeking suggestions](#) for a title and blurbs, so their art director can come up with the worst book cover of all time. I have great faith in the ability of the internet to spawn some truly awful science fiction book ideas. But just in case someone is lacking for inspiration, here are some truly hideous covers to make your eye-sockets bleed."...

io9, July 6; Orbit, July 6



Actions & Answers

[Not your grandmother's library](#)

Candace Brown writes: "In some libraries the classic scenario of a quiet repository of information still exists with only minor problems. But all too often libraries end up as the center of a tangled web of inefficiency, frustration, and despair when it comes to dealing with perplexing issues like mental illness, homelessness, substance abuse, out-of-control children, and the widespread demise of simple good manners. This treasured public institution, this vital part of our democracy, struggles with its changing patronage, public expectations, and serious challenges to its noble purpose of providing free access to all."...

Neighborhood Life, summer



[Mark Dimunation collects for America](#)

Sarah L. Courteau writes: "Many book collectors and curators would give all their first editions for Mark Dimunation's job. Since 1998, Dimunation has served as chief of the Library of Congress's Rare Books and Special Collections Division. It is the largest rare book collection in North America, housed in the largest library in the world, a 'huge theme park of materials,' as he describes it." In this interview, Dimunation explains why he likes his job....

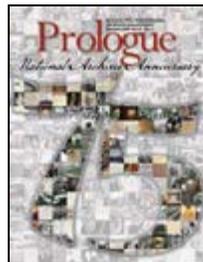
Fine Books and Collections, no. 43 (July)



[How the National Archives evolved over 75 years](#)

Prologue Editor James Worsham offers an excellent overview of the National Archives' first 75 years: "Franklin D. Roosevelt probably didn't envision such an agency, but of all the presidents of the modern era, he was the one who was most influential in establishing the broad outlines of the agency. But decades and decades of debate, delay, and doubt preceded his signature on June 19, 1934."...

Prologue 41, no. 2 (Summer): 10-25



[Ninth National Book Festival](#)

Bestselling authors David Baldacci, John Grisham, John Irving, Julia Alvarez, Judy Blume, Ken Burns, Gwen Ifill, and Jodi Picoult—as well as celebrity chef Paula Deen—will be among scores of authors and illustrators presenting at the [2009 National Book Festival](#), organized and sponsored by the Library of Congress. Now in its ninth year, this popular event celebrating the joys of reading and lifelong literacy will be held September 26 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C....

Library of Congress, July 7



[How Stanford students conduct research](#)

Chris Bourg writes: "Here are highlights from our end-of-quarter survey of first-year Stanford students in Program in Writing and Rhetoric courses. We surveyed students at the end of each quarter this year, after they finished their final research paper. Students who consulted a librarian were more likely to use (and find useful) library databases and the online class resource guide. And the more useful they found library databases, the less useful they found Google."...

Feral Librarian, July 5

[State Library of Kansas catalogs niche Wikipedia articles](#)

Bill Sowers writes: "Wikipedia, boon or bane, is an integral part of the information lives of most internet users. I've read scathing articles about it by authors who, weeks later, cite it as a source of information in an email or instant message. We have cataloged about 1,000 Wikipedia articles analytically at the State Library providing links via the Kansas Library Catalog, WorldCat/OCLC, and the State Library's consortium OPAC (ATLAS). Most all of the Wikipedia articles we've cataloged are concerned with Kansas, Kansans, or current topics that have few resources available via standard library resources."...



SLK News, July 1

[Top 11 marketing tips for collaboration](#)

(PDF file)

Peggy L. Barry of Naperville (Ill.) Public Library offers some advice on partnerships in the current issue of the Illinois Library Association's magazine. Tip #9: "Enter into a partnership with local welcome wagons, greeter groups, and realtors to include the library's print publications in any packets that are being distributed to new residents."...

ILA Reporter 27, no. 4 (Aug.): 10–11



[IMLS analysis of state LSTA grants](#)

The character of library services has changed dramatically with the advent of new information technologies, the continuous development of locally tailored services, and the expectations of the 21st-century library user, according to an analysis of the Grants to States program by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The report ([PDF file](#)) focuses on services provided through LSTA grants to state library agencies....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, July 1



[50 useful Firefox add-ons for job seekers](#)

While visiting countless employment sites and emailing résumés can be time-consuming and fruitless, your browser may help make the search more efficient. Firefox 3 has proven itself remarkably popular, especially thanks to the add-on feature which allows users to customize their browsers to perform a wide range task-specific functions. Check out these 50 helpful Firefox add-ons to make the job search easier....

Job Profiles, July 7

[Check out Bookmaplet](#)

Bookmaplet is a quick and easy way to get a Google Maps snapshot of an address on a website—without having to leave the page. Bookmaplet is a free "bookmarklet" resource. Simply drag "Map this address" graphic to your browser's toolbar. Then highlight any online address, and a small window will appear that maps the location....

Bookmaplet



[Scholarly email lists fight for relevance](#)

Jeffrey R. Young writes: "Once they were hosts to lively discussions about academic style and substance, but the time of scholarly email lists has passed, meaningful posts slowing to a trickle as professors migrate to blogs, wikis, Twitter, and social networks like Facebook. That's the argument made by T. Mills Kelly, an associate professor of history and associate director of the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University. Naturally, he first made the argument on his blog."...

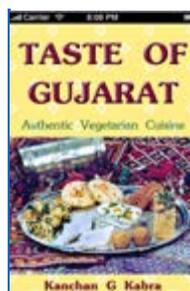
Chronicle of Higher Education, June 29

[100 iPhone apps for culture snobs](#)

For many academics, college inspires opportunities for becoming more cultured. From learning exotic

languages to trying new foods to exploring literature and philosophy, the university prepares you for a life of learning and enrichment. If you feel that you're well on your way to becoming an epic culture snob who quotes Latin while visiting the locals' favorite coffee shop in Guam, you'll want to check out this list of 100 awesome iPhone apps....

Online College, July 6



[WorldCat Identities](#)

Steven Harris writes: "I've looked at [WorldCat Identities](#) a few times since it was announced in 2008, but as I look at it more, I've begun to think differently about it. My biggest revelation: It's not really a biography site at all. It's an aggregation of metadata about authors who are listed in the WorldCat database.

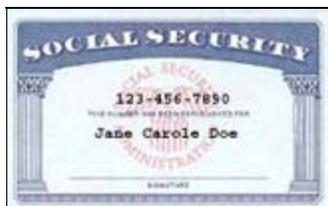


It functions somewhat like an authority record for an author, but designed for a general audience instead of for librarians. Each author's entry is nicely organized and easy to read."...

Collections 2.0, July 5

[Social Security numbers deduced from public data](#)

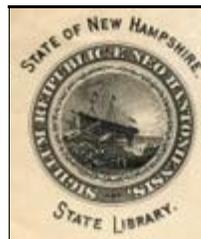
New research shows that Social Security numbers can be predicted from publicly available birth information with a surprising degree of accuracy. By analyzing a public data set called the "Death Master File," which contains SSNs and birth information for people who have died, computer scientists from Carnegie Mellon University discovered distinct patterns in how the numbers are assigned. In many cases, knowing the date and state of an individual's birth was enough to predict a person's SSN....



Wired Science, July 6

[160 years of free public libraries](#)

Larry Nix writes: "July 7 marks the 160th anniversary of the passage by the state of New Hampshire of the first general free public library law in the United States. The passage of this law in 1849 marked a major milestone in the development of the American public library. In 1872, Illinois passed a [more comprehensive law](#) allowing for the establishment of free public libraries. Both state laws served as models for other states."...



Library History Buff Blog, July 6

[Spotlight on the National Library of Vanuatu](#)

Andrew Finegan visited the Melanesian nation of Vanuatu in June and reports on its national library: "You'd think that, with such a nice big colorful sign, you'd be visiting a huge, amazing library. On arriving there, I was asked to remove my shoes, as a measure of pest control. Clad in socks, I then



stepped into the first of two small rooms. There were many fascinating and sometimes hilariously non-PC titles written by 19th- and early 20th-century missionaries."...
 Librarian Idol, July 1

[First Spouses join Scholastic's Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Summer reading got a boost recently as 38 governor's spouses and one state governor joined the Scholastic Summer Challenge literacy campaign as Reading Ambassadors to encourage kids to read four or more books. Twenty-eight Reading Ambassadors also hosted events in their states to speak to students, families, and teachers about the importance of summer reading. Librarians can engage in the challenge as well by [logging on](#) to explore new multimedia content about kids and reading....

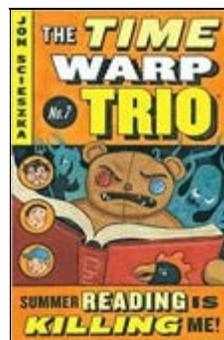
Scholastic, July 8



[Summer reading? Good! Assigned reading? Bad](#)

Lisa Von Drasek writes: "Libraries have been on the forefront of summer reading for over 20 years. Children's and Young Adult librarians have been killing themselves every summer to provide rich literary experiences. Children who read over the summer will maintain their literacy skills, perhaps even improve their comprehension and vocabulary. Reading during the summer break is good; not reading during the summer break is bad. So what's the problem? Why are so many families filled with dread when that summer reading assignment arrives home in at the end of the school year? The key word is 'assigned.'"...

EarlyWord: The Publisher, July 6



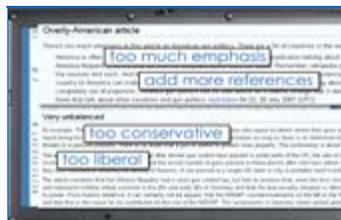
[100 best blogs for school librarians](#)

School librarians, whether they work small college libraries, large research universities and departments, or elementary schools, need to stay current on the latest in technology innovation, reading lists, the publishing world, e-book trends, special project and lesson ideas, and a lot more. Luckily, you don't have to think of everything all by yourself. These 100 bloggers serve as excellent reference resources for learning about everything from library technology to young adult fiction....

Online College, July 7

[Wikipedia: Beneath the surface](#)

What is a wiki? How does information get into Wikipedia in the first place? Who creates it? This short animation (6:41) created by the North Carolina State University Libraries introduces students to what goes on behind the scenes so they



can make the best use of the surface content....

YouTube, July 8

[Lou and Andy in the library](#)

Lou Todd and the wheelchair-bound Andy Pipkin, two characters in the BBC-TV series *Little Britain*, visit the Herby town library (1:29). Andy wants to take three books out of the library; two identical ones about Chinese history, and one about Chinese language and its origins, despite Lou's suggestion of Clive King's *Stig of the Dump*....



YouTube, Aug. 22, 2007

[Home-made movie remakes from the childhood of a YA novelist](#)

Daniel Kraus writes: "I work at ALA's *Booklist* magazine. I make a lot of their videos. My debut young-adult novel, *The Monster Variations*, comes out on August 11. As a promotional tool (but mostly because it's fun), I've been posting all the terrible movies I made as a teen growing up in Iowa. The blog is called [Francis Ford Iowa](#). We remade movies we liked, including *Misery* ([part 1](#) and [part 2](#), above, 9:16), *Night of the Living Dead*, *The Blob*, and *The Godfather*..."



BoingBoing, July 7

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AL Direct, July 8, 2009

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U.S. & World News

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Civil rights pioneer, librarian E. J. Josey dies at 85

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/06/civil-rights-pioneer-librarian-ej-josey-dies-at-85/>]

American Libraries Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel writes: “Elonnie Junius Josey, better known as E. J., died July 3 in Washington, North Carolina, at age 85. E. J. Josey was born January 20, 1924. By 1984 he had reached the pinnacle of his profession, becoming the second African-American president of ALA (Clara Jones was the first, in 1976) after devoting his professional life to fighting the racism that permeated American society. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing E. J. knew him to be a fighter.” ALA President Jim Rettig comments [http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/ejjosey_pio.cfm] on Josey’s legacy. Memorial contributions can be sent to the E. J. Josey Foundation for Justice and Peace, 526 West Second St., Washington, NC 27889....

AL Inside Scoop, July 6

Clermont County curbs service as Ohio budget battle rages

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/july2009/stri
cklandadamant070809.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/july2009/stri
cklandadamant070809.cfm)]

In order to plug a \$1.9-million deficit left over from the FY2008 budget, the board of the Clermont County (Ohio) Public Library approved July 1 the layoff of 24 workers, effective the very next day. Additionally, trustees voted to trim service hours systemwide from 59 hours a week to 48 as of August 3, and to immediately curtail CCPL-funded outreach services and programming, and to suspend construction work on a multimillion-dollar Union Township branch....

American Libraries Online, July 8

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

ALA News

Chicago plays host to national library leaders

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/ac0
9overall_pio.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/ac0
9overall_pio.cfm)]

As job seekers, families, and students rely on free library resources, more than 25,000 library leaders and library supporters will gather July 9–15 at Chicago's McCormick Place West to discuss the challenges facing U.S. libraries caused by increased usage during tough economic times. Other issues include the surge in library use, the changing role of libraries, technology, bandwidth challenges, literacy, and issues affecting school libraries....

Recession drives membership numbers downward

[[http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/07/recession-drives-membership-n
umbers-downward/](http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/07/recession-drives-membership-n
umbers-downward/)]

By any measure, ALA's membership retention level has always been enviable. But the other shoe has dropped in the nation's economic deep recession, as May figures show. With ALA Publishing Department revenue already in decline, membership dues revenue at \$4.3 million is under budget by \$127,000, or 2.8%. The number of new and renewing members has declined from 67,827 to 65,437, or –3.52%....

AL Inside Scoop, July 7

Median librarian salary slightly up, mean slightly down

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/sal
survey_apa.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/sal
survey_apa.cfm)]

Analysis of data from more than 1,179 public and academic libraries shows that the mean salary for librarians with ALA-accredited master's degrees decreased less than 1% from 2008, down only \$100 to \$58,860. The median salary was \$54,500, or 2% higher than 2008. Salaries ranged from \$22,000 to \$256,800. Results from the 2009 edition of the ALA-APA Salary Survey: Librarian—Public and Academic are available in two ways:

immediately for subscribers to the ALA-APA Library Salary Database [<http://www.ala.org/cfapps/salarysurvey/salarysurveyform/form.cfm>] and in print from the ALA Store [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2726>]....

Copyright "Lucy Booth" at Member Pavilion

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3092>]

Members of the Copyright Advisory Network and OITP Copyright Committee will answer questions at the Copyright "Lucy Booth" at ALA Annual Conference inside the Member Pavilion on July 11–12. Come by to chat about hot copyright issues and check out useful tools such as the Public Domain slider, [<http://librarycopyright.net/digitalslider>] Section 108 spinner, [<http://librarycopyright.net/108spinner>] and some new tools....

District Dispatch, July 7

E-Participation Task Force report [<http://connect.ala.org/node/77284>]

The RUSA E-Participation Task Force was formed in anticipation of reduced member attendance at ALA Midwinter Meetings. Its July 2 status report concludes, in part: "ALA and RUSA will have to make choices. The Task Force understands that Midwinter is an important revenue source for both ALA and RUSA, but most organizations do not have face-to-face meetings except for boards. In essence, RUSA (and other ALA division) members are paying additional costs, significant ones in many cases due to the travel requirements, for the privilege of doing committee work." The report will go to the ALA Executive Board at Annual Conference....

RUSA E-Participation Task Force Status Report, July 2

Attend Annual Conference virtually

[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Virtual_Conference_2009]

This year ALA is offering a Virtual Conference, 10 interactive web sessions that will take place July 13–14 at the end of ALA Annual Conference. The programs were selected from offerings at Annual and are among the most interesting and relevant to libraries of all types. All full registrants to Annual Conference will have access to these sessions; those not attending in person can register

[<http://ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/reg/index.cfm>] for the Virtual Conference online through the ALA website....

Conference Connect tips

[<http://itts.ala.org/update/2009/07/07/conference-connect-tips/>]

Jenny Levine writes: "Back in January, I got an early taste of the power of ALA Connect during ALA's Midwinter Meeting while the Website Advisory Committee was beta testing it. I found the site to be a huge help, so I want to share some tips as we all head to Annual because if you're lucky enough to have a laptop or web-enabled cell phone with you at #ala2009, Connect can be both useful and fun...."

ITTS Update, July 7

Play ball at Annual Conference

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

The Campaign for America's Libraries and the Public Programs Office will host "Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball

Experience” on July 11 at McCormick Place West. The program features a distinguished panel of speakers, including authors Lawrence R. Hogan, Sharon Robinson, and Kadir Nelson. Following the program, author Phil Bildner and author/illustrator Loren Long of the children’s series “Sluggers” will be signing ALA Graphics’ new Sluggers posters [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2664>] (above)....

OCLC Inclusion Initiative at Spectrum Leadership Institute [http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/oclspectrum_ofd.cfm]

The OCLC Inclusion Initiative will be a sponsor of the Professional Options Fair at the 2009 Spectrum Leadership Institute, held July 8–10 during ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The Spectrum Leadership Institute provides three days of leadership programming for the current class of Spectrum Scholars. The Professional Options Fair offers attendees an opportunity to discuss careers in various areas of librarianship....

Diversity and Outreach Fair participants [http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/divfair_olos.cfm]

The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee has announced the librarians and organizations selected to participate in the 2009 Diversity and Outreach Fair at Annual Conference in Chicago. The Fair will take place 3–5 p.m., July 11, at McCormick Place West in the Special Events Area. This annual event celebrates extraordinary examples of diversity and equity of access in America’s libraries....

ALA TechSource bloggers at Annual [<http://www.alatechsource.org/blog/2009/07/techsource-forum-annual-is-coming.html>]

Annual is just around the corner. ALA TechSource bloggers discuss what they are most looking forward to this year in the Windy City. Jason Griffey writes: “ALA Annual is always a blur of activity, and it’s sad to say that while I tend to overplan like crazy, it usually takes me days after I get back before I really know what the most valuable part of the whole Annual experience was. There’s a whole lot to look forward to this year, from the first ALA Annual Unconference to some great speakers.” Check the Conference wiki for other bloggers [http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Blogging_Annual] and tweeters [http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Microblogging_Annual]....
ALA TechSource, July 2

Intellectual freedom programs at Annual [<http://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=448>]
Office for Intellectual Freedom Program Coordinator Jen Hammond writes: “We’ve blogged about all of our programs coming up for ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Here you will find them listed chronologically, with time and room number, and a brief description.”...
OIF Blog, July 7

FTRF gala at the Art Institute of Chicago [<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/gal>]

a_ftrf.cfm]

The Freedom to Read Foundation will celebrate its 40th anniversary at a gala dinner on July 12 in Chicago at the new Modern Wing of the Art Institute of Chicago. The event will honor the FTRF's visionary founder Judith Krug and Chicago's McCormick Freedom Museum, which strives to educate the public about the Bill of Rights and individual freedoms....

Forsman's jewelry returns to Annual

[<http://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=457>]

In case you missed her last year, Carolyn Forsman

[<http://carolynforsman.com/splash.cfm>] is back! Please visit Booth 3431 in the exhibits area at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago to check out her new designs. Her famous Banned Books bracelets

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2622>] are now joined by necklaces, pins, flashing spike rings, glowing necklaces, peace symbol

jewelry, and newspaper headline pins. Proceeds from her sales go to

support the important work of the Freedom to Read Foundation

[<http://www.ftrf.org/ala/mgrps/affiliates/relatedgroups/freedomtoreadfoundation/index.cfm>]....

OIF Blog, July 7

Public awareness and media relations programs

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

Some of the nation's media experts will participate in a series of informative programs at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, including "PR Forum: Breaking through the message clutter @ your library" and "Media training: How to do business with the media and win."...

Featured review: Adult books

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3453951]

Brandreth, Gyles. Oscar Wilde and the Dead Man's Smile. Sept. 2009.

Touchstone, paperback (978-1-4165-3485-3).

Brandreth has enjoyed considerable critical success for his two previous mysteries starring Oscar Wilde as a late-Victorian-era sleuth: Oscar Wilde and a Death of No Importance (2008) and Oscar Wilde and a Game Called Murder (2008). This series offers a wonderful counterpoint to the slew of contemporary mysteries that reanimate Sherlock Holmes (often as clumsily as Dr. Frankenstein assembled his monster). It comes as a shock to think of the aesthete Wilde as a detective, but Brandreth easily shows how the writer's quickness of mind could lend itself to deductive brilliance. The latest in the series is much more expansive than the first two, encompassing 1882 through 1883, the year of Wilde's American tour and its aftermath in Paris. This wide range seems more of an excuse to work in Wilde biography and witticisms than part of the mystery, which doesn't come into play until far into the book....

Back Page

[<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2009/07/08/launch-party-in-chicago-for-bill-otts-back-page-book/>]

Keir Graff writes: "Everyone coming to Chicago for the ALA Annual Conference undoubtedly has a full schedule already, but here's a late-breaking, must-attend event—a launch party, sponsored by Time Out Chicago, for Booklist Editor and Publisher Bill Ott's brand-new book, *The Back Page* [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2644>]. [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2644>] The event will be in Pritzker Park, State and Van Buren Streets, 5–7 p.m., July 12....
Likely Stories, July 8

rolls out reference blog
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/ptofref_booklist.cfm]

Booklist Online has added Points of Reference [<http://pointsofreference.booklistonline.com/>] to its growing family of blogs. Mary Ellen Quinn and a team of front-line experts from academic, public, and school libraries post about reference sources and trends in reference publishing and services. The categories of posts cover print and web resources, current news, reference classics, technology, and general "At the Reference Desk" issues....

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

Chicago Update

High-altitude thrills on the Sears Tower Ledge
[<http://www.theskydeck.com/theledge.asp>]
The Ledge has brought an exhilarating new experience to the Sears Tower since it opened July 2. At 1,353 feet up, the Ledge's glass boxes extend out 4.3 feet from the skyscraper's Skydeck [<http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/2009/07/skydeck-heights-sears-tower-chicago-tourist.html>] on the 103rd floor, providing never-before-seen views of the city. The inspiration for the Ledge came from hundreds of forehead prints visitors left behind on Skydeck windows every week. Opened in 1974, the Skydeck attracts more than 1.3-million visitors annually who can enjoy views of up to 50 miles and four states. Watch the video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ld4Mc9bKths>] (1:39). Best compilation of photos is on the site [<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/worldnews/article-1196967/Dont-look-Terrifying-view-glass-box-balcony-jutting-skyscrapers-103rd-floor.html>]....
Sears Tower; Chicago Tribune, July 1; YouTube, July 1; Daily Mail (U.K.), July 3

Chicago's new wave of microbreweries
[<http://travel.nytimes.com/2009/06/28/travel/28journeys.html>]
It's just shy of 5 p.m. on a sunny spring Friday in Chicago, and the intimate front room of Michael and Louise's Hopleaf Bar at 5148 N. Clark Street is already packed, the decibel level growing. Creative types mix with professionals; young women in stylish jeans and sweaters rub elbows with older guys who look as if they've been hitting this

bar as long as they've been hitting on the ladies. This is a bar that starts rolling early and doesn't stop until last call. And it's all about beer....

New York Times, June 28

locations

[<http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/movies/chi-0702-public-enemies-location.ar0jul02,0,7141288.story>]

Sitting in darkened theaters to watch Johnny Depp in Public Enemies, Chicagoans will recognize some of the three-dozen city locations featured in the film, as well as the many other scenes shot in Indiana, Wisconsin, and downstate Illinois. Visit some on your own: the Biograph Theater, the Uptown National Bank Building, the Aragon ballroom, or the Pittsfield building....

Chicago Tribune, July 2

Segedin at the Byron Roche Gallery

[http://www.byronroche.com/leopold_segedin.html]

Chicago artist Leopold Segedin has been painting scenes of Chicago for more than 60 years. His painting, L Platform I (1988) graced the cover of the June 1–15 issue of Booklist magazine. An exhibiting artist since 1947, Segedin has a show of new work that will be on exhibit at the Byron Roche Gallery, 750 N. Franklin, Suite 201, through Saturday, July 11....

Byron Roche Gallery

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plapublications/pldsstatreport/index.cfm>]

Division News

Teaching Literary Research

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/teachingliterary_acrl.cfm]

ACRL has published a new title, Teaching Literary Research: Challenges in a Changing Environment, [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2719>] a collection of essays by librarians and English faculty that explore the relationship between information literacy and literary research. Edited by Kathleen A. Johnson and Steven R. Harris, the book's essays provide an expanded exploration of teaching research skills to students at a variety of levels, undergraduate through graduate....

ALSC oral histories feature legendary school librarians

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

The first two transcriptions of oral history interviews with luminaries from ALSC will go live on July 15. Interviews with Margaret Kimmel and Ruth Gordon will be available on the members-only side of the ALSC website.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/aboutalsc/historyofalsc/index.cfm>]
Kimmel was ALSC president in 1980–1981, and Gordon has had a multifaceted career in library service to children and children’s literature. Oral history interviews with Mimi Kayden and Peggy Sullivan are scheduled to go online by Midwinter 2010....

ALSC to offer second William C. Morris Seminar

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

ALSC seeks applications for its second biennial “William C. Morris Seminar: Book Evaluation Training,” to be held January 15, 2010, prior to the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. This invitational seminar is intended to train and mentor ALSC members in the group evaluation process and children’s media evaluation techniques. Applications [http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/confevents/morris_events/morrisseminar.cfm] must be received by September 8....

Advocacy 401 from ALTAFF

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/conferences/annual/programs/advocacy401.cfm>]

ALTAFF’s Legislation and Advocacy committees will present Advocacy 401, a down-to-earth, practical discussion of how to make LSTA reauthorization happen, 10:30 a.m.–noon, July 12, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Melanie Anderson and Kristin Murphy, both of the ALA Washington Office, will tell the audience what LSTA is all about, what the reauthorization will mean, and what steps are needed to ensure that this legislation passes....

Round Table News

Historic maps on the web and in Second Life

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/magert/oversightgroups/2009annProgI.cfm>]

If you are interested in maps, cartography, genealogy, history, or social sciences, join the Map and Geography Round Table, 3:30–5:30 p.m., July 11, at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, as David Rumsey of Cartography Associates [<http://www.davidrumsey.com/>] presents “Giving Maps a Second Life with Digital Technologies.” Using imaging software, GIS, and popular applications like Google Earth and Second Life, Rumsey has given new life to old maps....

Map and Geography Round Table

Awards

Spectrum Scholarship winners announced

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/2009spectrumwinners_ofd.cfm]

The ALA Office for Diversity has chosen its 2009 Spectrum Scholars. The Spectrum Scholarship program provides \$5,000 scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students pursuing graduate degrees in library and information studies. This year’s 50 scholarships bring the

number awarded since 1997 to a total of 608....

60 years of the National Book Awards

[http://www.abebooks.com/books/american-literature-nba-foundation/national-book-awards.shtml?cm_mmc=nl_-_nl_-_cme_nbookawrds_-_main-cta]

Richard Davies writes: "For six decades, the National Book Awards, [<http://www.nationalbook.org/>] which are organized by the National Book Foundation, has acclaimed the cream of the literary crop, and now it intends to celebrate its 60th anniversary with a campaign

[http://www.nationalbook.org/nba2009_60thanniversary.html] to select the best book from its long list of fiction winners. In all, there are 77

books on the list because there was a change in format and name during the 1980s where multiple awards were handed out. AbeBooks.com is an official partner for the Best of the National Book Awards and they would like to hear your opinions [<mailto:media@abebooks.com>] about the contenders."...

AbeBooks.com; National Book Foundation

Inaugural Arkansas poetry prize [<http://www.uark.edu/~uaprinfo/>]

Poet Michael Walsh has won the University of Arkansas Press's inaugural \$5,000 Miller Williams Poetry Prize for his poetry collection, *The Dirt Riddles*. The book will be published in the spring of 2010. Walsh will give a featured reading at the 2010 Arkansas Festival of Writers, sponsored by the university's Programs in Creative Writing and Translation....

University of Arkansas Press, July 1

BBC Samuel Johnson Prize

[<http://www.thesamueljohnsonprize.co.uk/pages/news/index.asp?NewsID=22>]

A book about a life-long obsession with whales inspired by the literary classic *Moby-Dick* has won the UK's most prestigious nonfiction prize. *Leviathan, or The Whale* by Philip Hoare was named the 2009 winner of the £20,000 (\$32,350 U.S.) BBC Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction on July 1. Travelling around the globe and taking the reader deep into the whale's domain, Hoare sheds light on our perennial fascination with whales....

Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction, July 1

2009 Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest winners

[<http://www.bulwer-lytton.com/2009.htm>]

Since 1982, the English Department at San Jose State University has sponsored the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, a whimsical literary competition that challenges entrants to compose the opening sentence to the worst of all possible novels. The contest was inspired by Edward Bulwer-Lytton (1803–1873), the originator of the first line, "It was a dark and stormy night," in *Paul Clifford* (1830). The 2009 first-place winner is David McKenzie, a quality systems consultant and writer from Federal Way, Washington....

Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest

Seen Online

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Chicago libraries are important as ever

[<http://www.suntimes.com/news/otherviews/1653032,CST-EDT-open06.article>]

Chicago Public Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey and ALA President Jim Rettig write: “As more than 20,000 librarians and library supporters arrive in Chicago for the ALA Annual Conference July 9–15, libraries remain among the city’s treasured institutions. In fact, libraries in Chicago and nationwide are playing a highly visible, vital role in American life as the recession drags on and people look for sources of free, effective help in a time of crisis. Chicago’s public library is also doing its part to help residents avoid potholes in the long road to economic recovery.”...

Chicago Sun-Times, July 6

Libraries think outside the book in Denver

[http://www.denverpost.com/lifestyles/ci_12764208]

In a world that increasingly skips paper in favor of pixels, libraries are reinventing themselves. They are transforming into community centers and job banks. They are lending electronically and marketing in ways that dare their commercial bookselling counterparts to stay competitive. They’re even offering to let folks come in and play video games. The Denver Post offers a good outline of these “new” library services....

Denver Post, July 7

German science librarian was 1971 plane-crash survivor

[<http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/europe/07/02/germany.aircrash.survivor/index.html>]

Juliane Diller is not someone you’d expect to attract attention. Plainly dressed and wearing prescription glasses, she sits behind her desk at the Zoologische Staatssammlung München in Munich, Germany, where she is the chief librarian. But when she was 17, Diller was the sole survivor of LANSIA Flight 508, which was hit by lightning and exploded two miles in the air above the Peruvian rainforest on December 24, 1971. Watch the video interview

[<http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/europe/07/02/germany.aircrash.survivor/index.html#cnnSTCVideo>] (1:55)....

CNN, July 2

Jackson funeral shown at Pratt Library

[<http://wjz.com/local/michael.jackson.funeral.2.1075647.html>]

As millions watched the Michael Jackson memorial on TV around the world July 7, hundreds of people gathered at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, where the memorial was streamed live on big screens. It was a part of history they couldn’t miss. The library says part of the reason it decided to simulcast the memorial service is the increase in Jackson’s popularity since his death. All of his CDs and books are checked out....

WJZ-TV, Baltimore, July 7

Renovated Loudoun County branch has teen center

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/07/02/AR2009070203464.html>]

The Loudoun County (Va.) Public Library will have a new chill spot where teenagers can socialize and play video games—the Rust branch in Leesburg. The branch is scheduled to reopen July 11 with new features, including an enclosed teen center and expanded children’s area. It has nearly doubled

in size since closing for a \$10.4-million renovation in 2007....
Washington Post, July 5

Missing items in the National Archives

[http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_12753312]
Researchers can find the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights in the National Archives collections, but they won't find the patent file for the Wright Brothers' flying machine (right) or the maps for the first atomic bomb missions anywhere in the inventory. Some were stolen by researchers or NARA employees. Others simply disappeared without a trace. And Inspector General Paul Brachfeld is conducting a criminal investigation into a hard drive missing from the Archives that has copies of sensitive records from the Clinton administration. The list of missing items is here [<http://www.archives.gov/research/recover/missing-documents.html>]....
Associated Press, July 4; National Archives and Records Administration

Baseball auction may have stolen items

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/05/sports/baseball/05bats-001.html>]
While the FBI examines whether some materials that were supposed to be sold at Major League Baseball's All-Star Game auction on July 14 were stolen, a baseball historian offered evidence indicating that at least one of the items was taken from the New York Public Library's Spalding Collection. An 1877 letter [<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/03/sports/baseball/03auction.html>] to Boston Red Stockings Manager Harry Wright (right) included in the auction was referenced in a 1956 Cornell dissertation by Harold Seymour as housed at NYPL....
New York Times, July 3, 6

New York's new online catalog

[<http://www.nypl.org/news/thecatalog.cfm>]
After three years of development, the New York Public Library's new public catalog debuted July 6. Representing for the first time the library's combined circulating, reference, and research holdings, the new system—called The Catalog and using modules of the Innovative Interfaces Millennium system—unites the previously separate collections of the Branch Libraries, formerly found in LEO, and the Research Libraries, formerly found in CATNYP, into a single search interface. Unfortunately, the launch [<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/08/nyregion/08library.html>] on July 6 met with some malfunctions, which persisted [http://www.nypl.org/news/articles/preview/other/?article_id=309] through the following day....
New York Public Library; New York Times, July 7

San Diego central library gains momentum

[<http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2009/jul/08/1m8library234922-council-oks-school-library-combin/>]
The proposal to build a new main library in downtown San Diego, California, picked up more momentum July 7 when city council agreed to incorporate a high school to help fund it. The San Diego Unified School District has agreed to chip in \$20 million in exchange for a long-term lease of two floors of the nine-story library. The council voted 5–3 to move forward with the new school-library combination....

San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, July 8

Declaration of Independence found in British Archives

[<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article6626781.ece>]

A copy of the American Declaration of Independence has been discovered in Britain. The document, which is in perfect condition, is believed to be one of only 200 printed and was stumbled upon among files at the National Archives in Kew, southwest London, by an American doing research. Printed on July 4, 1776, it brings the total of known surviving copies worldwide to 26. The first official printings of the Declaration are known as Dunlaps because the name of the printer, John Dunlap, is given on each copy. A copy can be downloaded for free

[<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/stories/327.htm?WT.lp=n-33642>] from the Archives site....

The Times (U.K.), July 2; National Archives

Woman sentenced in LC identity fraud

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/07/06/AR2009070601850.html>]

A 35-year-old Southeast Washington woman was sentenced to 2-1/2 years in federal prison for using the purloined identities of Library of Congress employees to purchase nearly \$40,000 in goods. Federal prosecutors said Labiska Gibbs enlisted a relative, Library of Congress worker William Sinclair Jr., to access an internal database and give her the names, birth dates, and Social Security numbers of at least 10 employees....

Washington Post, July 6

U.S. confirms investigation of Google Books deal

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/03/technology/companies/03google.html>]

The Justice Department confirmed July 2 that it was conducting an antitrust investigation into the settlement of a lawsuit that groups representing authors and publishers filed against Google. In a letter to the federal judge charged with reviewing the settlement, the Justice Department said it was reviewing concerns that the agreement could violate the Sherman Antitrust Act....

New York Times, July 2

Ousted children's librarian sues to get job back

[<http://www.theday.com/re.aspx?re=4c31ed89-e56f-4fb3-aaa5-789b6b26a957>]

The former head of children's programs at the Stonington (Conn.) Free Library is suing the library, saying officials fired her in part because she was the victim of domestic violence. Heather Gillies, who worked at the library from 2001 until 2007, filed suit in New London Superior Court. She asked the court to reinstate her to her former job and for the library to pay lost wages and benefits as well as damages and attorneys' fees. The suit alleges that the board was motivated in part to fire her because she had filed a police report about domestic violence....

New London (Conn.) Day, July 7

World's oldest bible published online

[<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/religion/5749555/Worlds-oldest-Bible-published-in-full-online.html>]

More than 800 surviving pages and fragments from the Codex Sinaiticus [<http://www.codexsinaiticus.org/en/manuscript.aspx>], handwritten in Greek

uncials on parchment leaves in the 4th century, have been reunited. In 2008, the British Library put the Book of Psalms and St. Mark's Gospel online, and now the remaining pages have been made free for public use for the first time. In addition to an image of the text, a Greek transcription is also provided, and (for some pages) an English, German, or Russian translation. Listen to the interview [<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=106312433>] (4:08) with Scot McKendrick [<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/sacredtexts/podscotmckendrick.html>], the British Library's head of Western manuscripts... The Telegraph (U.K.), July 6; All Things Considered, July 6; British Library

Hawaiian libraries brace for branch closings [<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009907020357>] Hawaii's state library system is facing budget cuts of more than \$5.7 million, nearly 20% of current spending, which could lead to the closing of branches and cutting of hours. How libraries will deal with a 20% cut cannot be decided until after legal challenges to Gov. Linda Lingle's furlough plans for state employees are resolved, library officials said. State Librarian Richard Burns will present the plans for dealing with budget cuts at a July 9 special meeting of the state Board of Education.... Honolulu Advertiser, July 2

Oak Brook mulls privatization [<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=304777>] Faced with declining sales tax revenue, the village of Oak Brook, Illinois, is considering a radical step to save money—privatizing its public library. Village trustees are looking at several options to cut \$300,000—more than 20%—from the library's nearly \$1.4-million annual budget. Unlike most Chicago suburbs, Oak Brook does not collect property taxes for village services, but instead relies on sales taxes to support its general fund.... Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, July 5

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Tech Talk

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Serious security hole for IE users [<http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-ap-us-tec-microsoft-security,0,5696443.story>] Microsoft has taken the rare step of warning about a serious computer security vulnerability it hasn't quite fixed yet. The vulnerability disclosed July 6 affects Internet Explorer users whose computers run the Windows XP or Windows Server 2003 operating software. It can allow hackers to remotely take control of victims' machines after they visit a website that's been hacked. Unfortunately, hackers have been exploiting the bug since early June, and Microsoft may have known about [<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2009/070709-microsoft-may-have-known-about.html?hpg1=bn>] the breach for some 18 months. Security Watch has some

quick-fix

[http://blogs.pcmag.com/securitywatch/2009/07/zero-day_exploit_hits_windows.php] instructions until the regular patch is issued....

Associated Press, July 7; Network World, July 7; Security Watch, July 6

The 10 dumbest mistakes network managers make

[<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2009/070609-network-managers-mistakes.html>]

Carolyn Duffy Marsan writes: “When you look at the worst corporate security breaches, it’s clear that network managers keep making the same mistakes over and over again, and that many of these mistakes are easy to avoid. In 2008, Verizon Business analyzed

[<http://newscenter.verizon.com/press-releases/verizon/2009/verizon-business-2009-data.html>] 90 security breaches (PDF file

[http://www.verizonbusiness.com/resources/security/reports/2009_databreach_rp.pdf]) that represented 285 million compromised records. What’s astonishing is how often these security breaches were the result of network managers forgetting to take obvious steps to secure their systems, particularly noncritical servers. We put together a list of the simplest steps that a network manager can take to eliminate the majority of security breaches.”...

Network World, July 5; Verizon, Apr. 15

Are desktop PCs on the way out?

[<http://gizmodo.com/5301401/so-long-desktop-pc-you-suck>]

John Herrman writes: “Desktop PCs have been in decline for a decade, and countless people have said their piece about it. But new evidence suggests the desktop tower’s death spiral is underway—and we’re not too broken up about it. In U.S. retail, 80% of sales are notebooks now. Put yourself in the shoes of any number of potential consumers, be it kids, adults, techies, or luddites. In virtually any scenario, a laptop is the sensible buy.”...

Gizmodo, June 29

10 useful tips for using FriendFeed

[<http://maketecheasier.com/10-useful-tips-to-using-friendfeed/2009/07/03>]

Shevonne writes: “FriendFeed is increasingly becoming as popular as a social aggregator with community features. It was one of the first to use the ‘like’ functionality that more and more websites (Facebook, Digg, Seismic) are adopting. Additionally, FriendFeed has built a social community that allows you to quickly find an answer to any kind of question that you ask, or get to know other people who share similar interests. Here are 10 useful tips to enjoying all that FriendFeed has to offer....

MakeTechEasier, July 3

[<http://twittruth.com>] Discover the truth about your Twittering

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

Marshall Kirkpatrick writes: “How do you really use Twitter? Do you retweet a lot of other peoples’ content, share a lot of links, and respond to direct messages? A new service called Twit Truth

[<http://twittruth.com>] will tell you the cold, hard facts about your own use of Twitter. It might sound trivial, but you could also say this

service is an example of the kind of conversation data mining that will define some of the most exciting innovation in the future of the web.”...

ReadWriteWeb, July 6

[<http://www.twellow.com/>]10 ways to find people on Twitter

[<http://mashable.com/2009/07/02/twitter-people/>]

Josh Catone writes: “Twitter is all about facilitating conversations, but until you’re following some people, it’s just a blank page. Once you find people to follow and talk to, however, Twitter becomes exceptionally useful. You can share thoughts, ask questions, get updates about news, music, brands, and businesses, and discover helpful links and information. Finding good people to follow can be a bit daunting, though. Thankfully, there are a number of ways you can find people on Twitter. Here are 10 sites you can use to locate tweeps to follow.”...

Mashable, July 2

Gmail and other Google apps finally shed beta label

[<http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/07/07/gmail-and-other-google-apps-finally-shed-beta-label/>]

Beta versions, which are sandwiched between internal alpha versions and final release versions, typically have a lifespan of weeks or perhaps months. But Gmail was different. Released on April 1, 2004, it was still in beta five years and tens of millions of users later. That changed July 7. Gmail finally shed the beta label, signaling that Google considers the product to be fully baked. Google also took three other applications—Calendar, Docs, and Talk—out of beta. So why the long wait? The official answer doesn’t entirely clarify things....

New York Times, July 7

The hazy future of web typography

[<http://arstechnica.com/web/news/2009/07/font-face-typekit-and-font-licensing-the-state-of-web-type.ars>]

Chris Foresman writes: “Web design has certainly come a long way since the first HTML files were published, and Cascading Style Sheets have given designers lots of freedom to specify typefaces, sizes, and styles for text. But most type on the web is still limited to the 10 common “web fonts” commissioned and distributed by Microsoft in the late 1990s. A number of solutions have been proposed that would let developers use their preferred fonts, but getting everyone involved on the same page, so to speak, has revealed a morass of competing needs.”...

Ars Technica, July 6

[<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000YQUWZS?ie=UTF8&tag=oddee-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B000YQUWZS>]15 cool laptop sleeves and bags [http://www.oddee.com/item_96743.aspx]

Nora Vega brings together her picks for the ultimate in laptop totemwear, from this retro cassette-tape case (looks interesting, but durability might be an issue) to a techy high-voltage bag, a cutesy monster sleeve, or a MacTruck case “with an ultra-tough 5052-H32 Aluminum alloy shell that’s rugged enough to drive a truck over.”...

Oddee, July 7

Publishing

The library that never closes

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/2009/jul/01/internet-open-library>]

Talk to workers at either Amazon.com or Google and you get a feeling of technological inevitability—that the printed book is a stepping stone in the evolution of information and lies ready to be devoured by its hi-tech successors. Not everybody thinks that way, however, including the Open Library [<http://openlibrary.org>]
—a project with an audacious goal that it hopes can bring the web and books closer together....

The Guardian (U.K.), July 1

ACS joins the online-only model

[<http://arstechnica.com/web/news/2009/07/academic-publisher-reportedly-going-online-only.ars>]

All but a handful of the American Chemical Society journals will be going online-only next year (the exceptions are the flagship Journal of the American Chemical Society and two review-focused journals). For many of the current journals, printing costs will be reduced in the meantime by compressing them into a format where each physical page will hold two print pages. That transition will reportedly take place with the July edition of the journals....

Ars Technica, July 6

World eBook Fair [<http://worldebookfair.org/index.htm>]

The World eBook Fair runs from July 4 to August 4. Its goal is to provide free public access to 2 million PDF e-books for one month. Sponsors include Project Gutenberg, World Public Library, Ask.com, and the Internet Archive. Afterwards, readers may continue to access about 500,000 e-books for a subscription to the World Public Library....

World eBook Fair

Book club hustlers

[<http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2009-07-06/the-book-club-hustlers/?cid=topic:mainpromo4>]

Francesca Mari writes: “There is a thing authors do, nervously, when they think no one is looking. They check out their numbers—online sales figures, ratings, rankings, reader reviews. Enterprising fiction writers are now marketing themselves to book groups in person, by phone, and over Skype to boost sales. The focus on book clubs has spurred the evolution of a new breed: the author-hustler, the writer who succeeds in large part because of door-to-door salesmanship. After the writing comes a new challenge, one of industriousness, perseverance, and charm.”...

The Daily Beast, July 6

The endless summer reading list

[<http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/28179>]

Rob Lammle writes: “If you’re anything like me, you finish your summer reading list by mid-July. To help curb your end-of-summer reading blues, here are some of the longest-running series of novels in the most popular genres: sci-fi/fantasy, romance, action/adventure, kids/YA, and

mystery. If you're so inclined, these will keep you busy until next summer." The winner is The Executioner series, with 709 books, including spinoffs....

Mental Floss, July 7

Free [<http://www.scribd.com/doc/17135767/FREE-full-book-by-Chris-Anderson>]

In his new book, Free, best-selling author and Wired editor Chris Anderson makes the compelling case that in many instances businesses can profit more from giving things away than they can by charging for them. Far more than a promotional gimmick, Free is a business strategy that may well be essential to a company's survival. The full-text e-book is available

[<http://www.scribd.com/doc/17135767/FREE-full-book-by-Chris-Anderson>]

free of charge at Scribd....

Scribd, July 6

Embarrassingly bad science-fiction book covers

[<http://io9.com/5308681/can-you-come-up-with-a-science-fiction-book-cover-worse-than-these>]

Charlie Jane Anders writes: "Orbit Books is trying to create the worst science fiction book cover of all time—but they're up against stiff competition. Orbit is seeking suggestions

[<http://www.orbitbooks.net/2009/07/06/the-most-awesomely-bad-sff-cover-in-the-world/>]

for a title and blurbs, so their art director can come up with the worst book cover of all time. I have great faith in the ability of the internet to spawn some truly awful science fiction book ideas. But just in case someone is lacking for inspiration, here are some truly hideous covers to make your eye-sockets bleed."...

io9, July 6; Orbit, July 6

[<http://americanlibrariesbuyersguide.com>]

Actions & Answers

Not your grandmother's library

[<http://www.neighborhoodlife.net/features/index.php?id=59>]

Candace Brown writes: "In some libraries the classic scenario of a quiet repository of information still exists with only minor problems. But all too often libraries end up as the center of a tangled web of inefficiency, frustration, and despair when it comes to dealing with perplexing issues like mental illness, homelessness, substance abuse, out-of-control children, and the widespread demise of simple good manners. This treasured public institution, this vital part of our democracy, struggles with its changing patronage, public expectations, and serious challenges to its noble purpose of providing free access to all."...

Neighborhood Life, summer

Mark Dimunation collects for America

[<http://www.finebooksmagazine.com/issue/200907/dimunation-1.phtml>]
Sarah L. Courteau writes: “Many book collectors and curators would give all their first editions for Mark Dimunation’s job. Since 1998, Dimunation has served as chief of the Library of Congress’s Rare Books and Special Collections Division. It is the largest rare book collection in North America, housed in the largest library in the world, a ‘huge theme park of materials,’ as he describes it.” In this interview, Dimunation explains why he likes his job....
Fine Books and Collections, no. 43 (July)

How the National Archives evolved over 75 years

[<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2009/summer/history.html>]
Prologue Editor James Worsham offers an excellent overview of the National Archives’ first 75 years: “Franklin D. Roosevelt probably didn’t envision such an agency, but of all the presidents of the modern era, he was the one who was most influential in establishing the broad outlines of the agency. But decades and decades of debate, delay, and doubt preceded his signature on June 19, 1934.”...
Prologue 41, no. 2 (Summer): 10–25

[<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/2009/poster.html>]Ninth National Book Festival [<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2009/09-134.html>]
Bestselling authors David Baldacci, John Grisham, John Irving, Julia Alvarez, Judy Blume, Ken Burns, Gwen Ifill, and Jodi Picoult—as well as celebrity chef Paula Deen—will be among scores of authors and illustrators presenting at the 2009 National Book Festival, [<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>] organized and sponsored by the Library of Congress. Now in its ninth year, this popular event celebrating the joys of reading and lifelong literacy will be held September 26 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C....
Library of Congress, July 7

How Stanford students conduct research

[<http://chrisbourg.wordpress.com/2009/07/05/students-who-consult-librarian-more-likely-to-use-library-databases-and-more-fun-findings/>]
Chris Bourg writes: “Here are highlights from our end-of-quarter survey of first-year Stanford students in Program in Writing and Rhetoric courses. We surveyed students at the end of each quarter this year, after they finished their final research paper. Students who consulted a librarian were more likely to use (and find useful) library databases and the online class resource guide. And the more useful they found library databases, the less useful they found Google.”...
Feral Librarian, July 5

State Library of Kansas catalogs niche Wikipedia articles

[<http://statelibrary.mykansaslibrary.org/catalog-20-your-library-catalog-in-a-global-environment-3/>]
Bill Sowers writes: “Wikipedia, boon or bane, is an integral part of the information lives of most internet users. I’ve read scathing articles about it by authors who, weeks later, cite it as a source of information in an email or instant message. We have cataloged about 1,000 Wikipedia articles analytically at the State Library providing links via the Kansas Library Catalog, WorldCat/OCLC, and the State Library’s

consortium OPAC (ATLAS). Most all of the Wikipedia articles we've cataloged are concerned with Kansas, Kansans, or current topics that have few resources available via standard library resources. . . .

SLK News, July 1

Top 11 marketing tips for collaboration

[<http://www.ila.org/pub/reporter/current.pdf>] (PDF file)

Peggy L. Barry of Naperville (Ill.) Public Library offers some advice on partnerships in the current issue of the Illinois Library Association's magazine. Tip #9: "Enter into a partnership with local welcome wagons, greeter groups, and realtors to include the library's print publications in any packets that are being distributed to new residents." . . .

ILA Reporter 27, no. 4 (Aug.): 10–11

IMLS analysis of state LSTA grants

[<http://www.imls.gov/news/2009/070109.shtm>]

The character of library services has changed dramatically with the advent of new information technologies, the continuous development of locally tailored services, and the expectations of the 21st-century library user, according to an analysis of the Grants to States program by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The report (PDF file [<http://www.imls.gov/pdf/CatalystForChange.pdf>]) focuses on services provided through LSTA grants to state library agencies. . . .

Institute of Museum and Library Services, July 1

50 useful Firefox add-ons for job seekers

[<http://www.jobprofiles.org/library/students/fifty-useful-firefox.htm>]

While visiting countless employment sites and emailing résumés can be time-consuming and fruitless, your browser may help make the search more efficient. Firefox 3 has proven itself remarkably popular, especially thanks to the add-on feature which allows users to customize their browsers to perform a wide range task-specific functions. Check out these 50 helpful Firefox add-ons to make the job search easier. . . .

Job Profiles, July 7

Check out Bookmaplet [<http://www.bookmaplet.com/>]

Bookmaplet is a quick and easy way to get a Google Maps snapshot of an address on a website—without having to leave the page. Bookmaplet is a free "bookmarklet" resource. Simply drag "Map this address" graphic to your browser's toolbar. Then highlight any online address, and a small window will appear that maps the location. . . .

Bookmaplet

Scholarly email lists fight for relevance

[<http://chronicle.com/free/v55/i40/40college2.0.htm>]

Jeffrey R. Young writes: "Once they were hosts to lively discussions about academic style and substance, but the time of scholarly email lists has passed, meaningful posts slowing to a trickle as professors migrate to blogs, wikis, Twitter, and social networks like Facebook. That's the argument made by T. Mills Kelly, an associate professor of history and associate director of the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University. Naturally, he first made the argument on his blog." . . .

Chronicle of Higher Education, June 29

[<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewSoftware?id=319698862&mt=8>]100 iPhone apps for culture snobs
[<http://www.onlinecollege.org/2009/07/06/100-awesome-iphone-apps-for-culture-snobs/>]

For many academics, college inspires opportunities for becoming more cultured. From learning exotic languages to trying new foods to exploring literature and philosophy, the university prepares you for a life of learning and enrichment. If you feel that you're well on your way to becoming an epic culture snob who quotes Latin while visiting the locals' favorite coffee shop in Guam, you'll want to check out this list of 100 awesome iPhone apps....

Online College, July 6

[<http://worldcat.org/identities/lccn-n88-615627>]WorldCat Identities
[<http://collections2point0.wordpress.com/2009/07/05/multiple-identities/>]
Steven Harris writes: "I've looked at WorldCat Identities [<http://worldcat.org/identities/>] a few times since it was announced in 2008, but as I look at it more, I've begun to think differently about it. My biggest revelation: It's not really a biography site at all. It's an aggregation of metadata about authors who are listed in the WorldCat database. It functions somewhat like an authority record for an author, but designed for a general audience instead of for librarians. Each author's entry is nicely organized and easy to read."...
Collections 2.0, July 5

Social Security numbers deduced from public data
[<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/07/predictingssn/>]
New research shows that Social Security numbers can be predicted from publicly available birth information with a surprising degree of accuracy. By analyzing a public data set called the "Death Master File," which contains SSNs and birth information for people who have died, computer scientists from Carnegie Mellon University discovered distinct patterns in how the numbers are assigned. In many cases, knowing the date and state of an individual's birth was enough to predict a person's SSN....
Wired Science, July 6

160 years of free public libraries
[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/07/free-public-libraries-160-years.html>]
Larry Nix writes: "July 7 marks the 160th anniversary of the passage by the state of New Hampshire of the first general free public library law in the United States. The passage of this law in 1849 marked a major milestone in the development of the American public library. In 1872, Illinois passed a more comprehensive law [<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/06/erastus-swift-willcox-unsung-hero.html>] allowing for the establishment of free public libraries. Both state laws served as models for other states."...
Library History Buff Blog, July 6

Spotlight on the National Library of Vanuatu
[<http://librarianidol.blogspot.com/2009/07/three-months-and-national-library-of.html>]

Andrew Finegan visited the Melanesian nation of Vanuatu in June and reports on its national library: “You’d think that, with such a nice big colorful sign, you’d be visiting a huge, amazing library. On arriving there, I was asked to remove my shoes, as a measure of pest control. Clad in socks, I then stepped into the first of two small rooms. There were many fascinating and sometimes hilariously non-PC titles written by 19th- and early 20th-century missionaries.”...

Librarian Idol, July 1

First Spouses join Scholastic’s Summer Reading Challenge [<http://www.stockhouse.com/News/USReleasesDetail.aspx?n=7375583>] Summer reading got a boost recently as 38 governor’s spouses and one state governor joined the Scholastic Summer Challenge literacy campaign as Reading Ambassadors to encourage kids to read four or more books. Twenty-eight Reading Ambassadors also hosted events in their states to speak to students, families, and teachers about the importance of summer reading. Librarians can engage in the challenge as well by logging on [<http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/>] to explore new multimedia content about kids and reading....

Scholastic, July 8

Summer reading? Good! Assigned reading? Bad [<http://www.earlyword.com/2009/07/06/summer-reading-good-assigned-reading-bad/>]

Lisa Von Drasek writes: “Libraries have been on the forefront of summer reading for over 20 years. Children’s and Young Adult librarians have been killing themselves every summer to provide rich literary experiences. Children who read over the summer will maintain their literacy skills, perhaps even improve their comprehension and vocabulary. Reading during the summer break is good; not reading during the summer break is bad. So what’s the problem? Why are so many families filled with dread when that summer reading assignment arrives home in at the end of the school year? The key word is ‘assigned.’”...

EarlyWord: The Publisher, July 6

100 best blogs for school librarians [<http://www.onlinecollege.org/2009/07/07/100-best-blogs-for-school-librarians/>]

School librarians, whether they work small college libraries, large research universities and departments, or elementary schools, need to stay current on the latest in technology innovation, reading lists, the publishing world, e-book trends, special project and lesson ideas, and a lot more. Luckily, you don’t have to think of everything all by yourself. These 100 bloggers serve as excellent reference resources for learning about everything from library technology to young adult fiction....

Online College, July 7

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QY8otRh1QPc>] Wikipedia: Beneath the surface [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QY8otRh1QPc>] What is a wiki? How does information get into Wikipedia in the first place? Who creates it? This short animation (6:41) created by the North Carolina State University Libraries introduces students to what goes on behind the scenes so they can make the best use of the surface content....

YouTube, July 8

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHYKr0ubCAY>] Lou and Andy in the library

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHYKr0ubCAY>]

Lou Todd and the wheelchair-bound Andy Pipkin, two characters in the BBC-TV series Little Britain, visit the Herby town library (1:29). Andy wants to take three books out of the library; two identical ones about Chinese history, and one about Chinese language and its origins, despite Lou's suggestion of Clive King's Stig of the Dump....

YouTube, Aug. 22, 2007

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtXMB5reVSQ>] Home-made movie remakes from the childhood of a YA novelist

[<http://www.boingboing.net/2009/07/07/home-made-monster-vi.html>]

Daniel Kraus writes: "I work at ALA's Booklist magazine. I make a lot of their videos. My debut young-adult novel, The Monster Variations, comes out on August 11. As a promotional tool (but mostly because it's fun), I've been posting all the terrible movies I made as a teen growing up in Iowa. The blog is called Francis Ford Iowa.

[<http://danielkraus.com/blog/>] We remade movies we liked, including

Misery (part 1 [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4Oulp047Dg>] and part 2,

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtXMB5reVSQ>] above, 9:16), Night of the Living Dead, The Blob, and The Godfather."

BoingBoing, July 7

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[<http://www.oaklandcc.edu/librarytechnician>]

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm>]

ALA Annual Conference,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/faq.cfm>]

Chicago, July 9–15. ALA is working with NxtBook and CustomNEWS to provide digital editions

[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Conference_HelpDesk] of its show daily publication, Cognotes. There will also be an interactive digital component in conjunction with the Highlights issue, published after the conference.

Wanda Urbanska, an expert and consultant on sustainability and green living, will discuss how librarians can become advocates for environmental friendliness, 10:30–11:30 a.m., July 12, as part of the Annual Conference Auditorium Speaker Series.
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/specialevents.cfm#auditorium>] Sponsored by American Libraries.

And don't forget the many Annual Conference parties and receptions.
[http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Parties_and_Receptions]

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

[<http://wikis.ala.org/annual2009/index.php/Text-an-Ambassador>]

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=general_info&id=49]

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

IT Senior Manager,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13308>] Maricopa County Library District, Phoenix, Arizona. The library

district seeks a dynamic person who will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and supervising the deployment of automated systems projects within a public library context. The IT Senior Manager directs the information and data integrity within the District, including data centers, production scheduling functions, help desk, communications networks (voice and data), library automation systems, internet portal intranet, computer hardware and software development, computer systems, operations, and disaster recovery plan....

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

[http://twitter.com/ALA_JobLIST]

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

Digital Library of the Week

[<http://worldimages.sjsu.edu/VieO47278?sid=6296&x=1319788>]

The internationally recognized WorldImages [<http://worldimages.sjsu.edu/>] database provides access to the California State University IMAGE Project. It contains almost 75,000 images, is global in coverage, and includes all areas of visual imagery. WorldImages is accessible anywhere and its images may be freely used for non-profit educational purposes. The images can be located using many search techniques, and for convenience they are organized into more than 800 portfolios which are then organized into subject groupings. A Flash player plug-in allows you to view many of the images in large size and high resolution.

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.

Public Perception How the World Sees Us

“Look, if you want a safe job, work in a library.”

—Moscow crime reporter Sergei Kanev recalls the dangers of his profession, including an attempted strangulation with a wire earlier this year, in “Moscow Crime Reporter, Facing His Obituary Daily,” *New York Times*, June 6.

[<http://www.twitter.com/amlibraries>]

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Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. How should I respond to people who ask why we still need libraries in an age where everything seems to be available online?

A. The question of why libraries are needed or useful is one that has existed for many years, not just with the advent of the Digital Age. One of the more recent discussions has covered the idea of the library as “place,
[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Library_as_Place]” sometimes referred to as a “third place”—one that is neither home nor work. A public library may be seen as more than simply a place filled with books, but rather as a community gathering place. Academic libraries have been recognizing this trend as well with the creation of the information commons, a space that encourages the sharing of ideas and information. Another way to approach this question is to look at the value of libraries.

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Value_of_Libraries] With this most recent economic downturn, there have been many reports in the news about how library usage has increased as a result. In many areas, the local public library is the only place that the public can access job listings and find applications online. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Libraries_in_the_Digital_Age].

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

Calendar

July 30:

Forum on Earth Observations III, [<http://www.forumoneo3.com/overview.htm>]
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, D.C.
“The Environmental Information Revolution.”

Aug. 4–7:

Annual Conference on Distance Teaching and Learning,
[<http://www.uwex.edu/disted/conference/>] Monona Terrace, Madison,
Wisconsin.

Aug. 8–9:

Arkansas Book and Paper Show, [<http://www.arkansasbooks.com/>]
Jacksonville.

Aug. 23–27:

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions,
[<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/index.htm>] World Library and Information
Congress, Fiera Milano Convention Centre, Milan, Italy. “Libraries
Create Futures: Building on Cultural Heritage.”

Sept. 1–5:

DrupalCon Paris, [<http://paris2009.drupalcon.org/>] Maison Internationale,
Cit  Internationale Universitaire de Paris.

Sept. 21–26:

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

Sept. 22–23:

Focusing on Photographs: Identification and Preservation,
[<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Invitation.aspx?e=8ce68ab3-6dac-4cb4-ad3b-ec8110133946>] Athenaeum of Philadelphia. Course presented by the
Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts.

Sept. 23–26:

North Dakota Library Association,
[<http://www.ndla.info/Conference/09conf.htm>] Annual Conference, Days
Hotel–Grand Dakota Lodge and Conference Center, Dickinson.
“Evolution of the Library.”

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 American Association of Publishers.

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. 19–20:

Marketing,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/marketing.cfm>]
Cleveland, Ohio. Certified Public Library Administrator course sponsored
by PLA.

Nov. 7:

Self-Publishing Book Expo, [<http://www.selfpubbookexpo.com/where.htm>] 630
Second Ave., New York City.

Nov. 19–20:

Translating and the Computer 31,
[<http://www.aslib.co.uk/training/conferences/index.htm>] Congress Center,
London. Hosted and run by Aslib, the Association for Information
Management.

Jan. 12–15,
2010:

Association for Library and Information Science Education,
[<http://www.alise.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=84121&orgId=ali>] Annual
Conference, Boston Park Plaza Hotel. "Creating a Culture of
Collaboration."

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U.S. & World News

[Ohio budget deal includes less severe library cuts](#)

Ohio libraries have been spared the proposed budget cuts that had threatened to lower their state funding by 30%. However, the biennial budget passed by the state legislature July 13 still includes a reduction in library funding of some 11%. It reduces the state's Public Library Fund by \$84.3 million over the next two years rather than the \$227.3 million proposed by Gov. Ted Strickland in June; that plan prompted a flood of protests from library supporters across the state....

American Libraries Online, July 15



[Michigan governor eliminates state library department](#)

In a money-saving move July 13, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm issued an executive order ([PDF file](#)) to eliminate the Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries.

The move will save about \$2 million per year and will reorganize the State Library of Michigan. Under this order, the library, its board of trustees, its staff, and its collection (except services for the blind and physically handicapped, and services related to census data) will be transferred to the Department of Education as of October 1.

Meanwhile, the governor also announced July 13 conceptual plans for an initiative that would take over the current state library holdings....

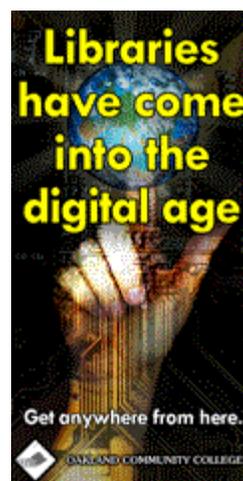
American Libraries Online, July 15



[Hawaii budget-crisis fix would close five branches](#)

Hawaii State Librarian Richard Burns has proposed closing five public libraries at the end of the year to address a \$5.7-million cut in funding. The proposal, presented by Burns to the state Board of Education July 9 to address a nearly 20% reduction in the Hawaii State Public Library System's budget, also includes \$1.3 million in furloughs and other salary savings and the elimination of 67 vacant positions to save \$2.2 million....

American Libraries Online, July 10



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ALA News

[ALA and the Department of Education promote summer learning](#)

When "United We Serve" officially launched on June 22, America's libraries and the Department of Education were poised and ready to be a major part of the program from the very beginning. They will remain engaged throughout the summer, and they call upon all Americans to join them. At a special kickoff event at Fanwood (N.J.) Memorial Library, ALA President Jim Rettig and many regional librarians had the opportunity to discuss how libraries are offering reading programs for children to combat summer reading loss and helping individuals obtain job skills and employment....

Stories of Service blog, July 14



[New online copyright education tools](#)

The Office of Information Technology Policy has released two new online copyright education tools: the Fair Use Evaluator and the Exceptions for Instructors eTool. These new resources were developed by Copyright Committee super-member Michael Brewer. The Fair Use Evaluator helps users understand how to determine if the use of a protected work is a fair use. The Exceptions for Instructors eTool guides users through the educational exceptions in U.S. copyright law....

District Dispatch, July 10



Booklist

ONLINE

[Featured review: Books for youth](#)

DiCamillo, Kate. *The Magician's Elephant*.
Sept. 2009. 208p. Candlewick, hardcover
(978-0-7636-4410-9).

From the unexpectedly miraculous feats of a two-bit illusionist to the transformative powers of love, forgiveness, and a good mutton stew, there is much magic afoot in



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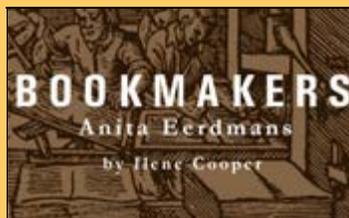




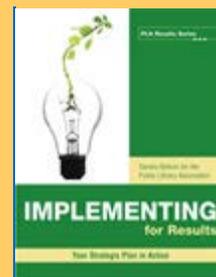
this fablelike tale from the author of the Newbery-winning *Tale of Despereaux* (2003). In DiCamillo's fifth novel, a young orphan named Peter Augustus Duchene suspects that the sibling he long thought dead is actually alive. Peter seeks out the services of a fortune-teller, who informs him that his younger sister, Adele, lives and—even more astoundingly—that an elephant will lead him to her. The winter-worn city of Baltese seems the last place Peter could expect to find such an exotic creature, but that very night a magician performing at the local opera house conjures one out of thin air, a wondrous but cataclysmic event that proves to have dire consequences....

[Bookmakers: Eerdmans Publishing Company](#)

Ilene Cooper writes: "When William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company walked away with a 2009 Caldecott Honor for Jen Bryant's *A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams* and a Batchelder Honor for the quirky *Garmann's Summer*, by Stian Hole, some people were surprised. Wasn't Eerdmans a religious publisher? Well, there's no doubt it started out that way. According to company Vice President Anita Eerdmans, although the youth imprint is more diverse than ever, the adult side is still largely devoted to religious books; but that list has broadened considerably from its Protestant roots, with Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish authors now on the roster."...



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



For nearly two decades, the Public Library Association's Results Series has been the definitive resource for practical, everyday management. In this latest volume, [Implementing for Results](#), Sandra Nelson offers tips to help determine which activities effectively support goals and objectives, and all the necessary tools for reviewing current and potential library activities. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**



Division News

[Top 25 websites for teaching and learning](#)

AASL has launched a new resource for school library media specialists and their teacher colleagues. The [Top 25 Websites for Teaching and Learning](#), a list honoring the top 25 internet sites for enhancing learning and curriculum development, are considered the "best of the best" by AASL. These websites foster qualities of innovation, creativity, active participation, and collaboration....



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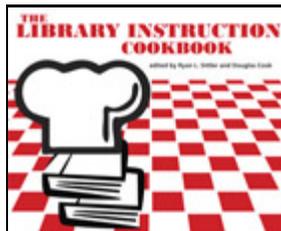
[Landmark websites for teaching and learning](#)



Another new AASL resource for school library media specialists, [Landmark Websites for Teaching and Learning](#), is a list that honors the top internet sites for enhancing learning and curriculum development. These landmark sites are recognized because of their exemplary histories of authoritative, dynamic content and curricular relevance. All honored sites are free, web-based sites that are user-friendly and encourage a community of learners to explore and discover....

[New ACRL publication: *Library Instruction Cookbook*](#)

ACRL has published a new title, [The Library Instruction Cookbook](#), edited by Ryan Sittler and Doug Cook. The book is a practical collection of "learning recipes," each including plans for conducting a specific type of learning session and indicating how the recipe teaches research skills from the ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education. It includes interactive recipes from academic librarians from around the world....

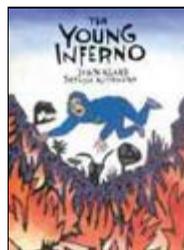


Awards

[2009 CLPE Poetry Award](#)

The winner of the CLPE Poetry Award is John Agard's *The Young Inferno*, illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura (Frances Lincoln, 2009). This award for an outstanding U.K. poetry book for children was established in 2003 by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education, a charitable trust located in London....

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education, July 7

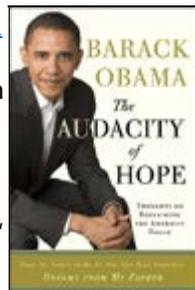


Seen Online

[Imprisoned terrorist denied Obama book](#)

The federal government's most secure prison has rejected an inmate's request to read two books written by President Barack Obama. Ahmed Omar Abu Ali is serving a 30-year sentence at the supermax prison in Florence, Colorado, for aiding al-Qaeda and plotting to assassinate former President George W. Bush. In 2008, Abu Ali requested two books written by Obama, *Dreams from My Father* and *The Audacity of Hope*. Prison officials, citing guidance from the FBI, determined that passages in both books contain information that could damage national security....

Associated Press, July 9



[British authors in revolt over school-visit scheme](#)

Philip Pullman has led a chorus of protest from prominent children's authors over a new scheme that will require them to be vetted before they can visit schools. He called the plans "outrageous, demeaning, and insulting" and said he wouldn't be appearing in schools again because of it. Set up in response to the murders of two schoolgirls in

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[Information Tech Librarian](#) and
[Emerging Tech Librarian](#).

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. The Information Technology Librarian serves as project manager to help guide the planning and implementation of the conversion to a new integrated library system, and provides ongoing tech support to assist the development of innovative initiatives related to acquisitions, cataloging, and special collections. The User Services Librarian for Emerging Technologies identifies and promotes the use of emerging and existing technologies, collaborating to provide innovative library services designed to enrich the university learning experience; and helps define, plan, and implement new learning spaces and services in support of student learning....



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Soham by school caretaker Ian Huntley in August 2002, the Independent Safeguarding Authority will vet all individuals who work with children from October this year, requiring them to register with a national database for a fee of £64 (\$104 U.S.)....

The Guardian (U.K.), July 10

[Parent accused of ramming Everett school librarian](#)

An Everett, Washington, man is accused of berating 5th-graders on safety patrol and using his vehicle to knock down an elementary school librarian during a dispute over what entrance he was supposed to use when dropping off his child at school. Prosecutors charged Trevor Wipf on July 13 with second-degree attempted assault, a felony. He is accused of intentionally driving his sport utility vehicle into the librarian at Jefferson Elementary School on December 16....

Everett (Wash.) Herald, July 14

[UC Irvine's Southeast Asian archive threatened](#)

In an unremarkable room in a corner of the University of California, Irvine's main library, little-known stories of Southeast Asian refugees are kept alive. The room holds audio recordings of those recounting their journeys fleeing Vietnam by boat, letters written from refugee camps to families left behind, and refugee orientation brochures they picked up upon arriving in Orange County. But with the university facing severe budget cutbacks, some academics fear that the investment and legwork that kept the archive vibrant will suffer....

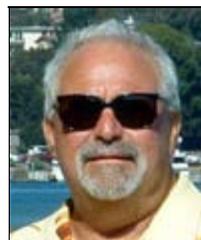
Los Angeles Times, July 13



[Retired librarian sees hard times for California school libraries](#)

When Dennis Donley (right) began his career nearly 35 years ago, he joined a crew of 40 teachers who staffed every middle and high school library in the San Diego, California, school district. But San Diego Unified, along with other districts across the state, has whittled its library staff while struggling with budget cuts. "I just don't see anything good happening with my profession," he said. "I would love to see every school with a full-time librarian. Is that going to happen? Probably not."...

San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, July 7



[Boone library head says he was forced to resign](#)

John Blake, director of the Watauga County Public Library in Boone, North Carolina, says he has been forced to resign. Blake has been the county's head librarian for nearly five years and was surprised by the request that he resign. Louise Humphrey, director of libraries for the three-county Appalachian Regional Library, said she was responsible for all personnel decisions and refused to comment on the action....

Watauga (N.C.) Democrat, July 9

[New Gwinnett branch, but no money for staff](#)

A new state-of-the-art branch for Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library is slated for completion in winter 2010, but the county has no money to staff it. Cuts in the budget have forced the library to [close](#) all of its existing 14 branches two days a week and cut hours, effective August 9. The Hamilton Mill branch



Digital Library of the Week



The Brown University Library's [Anne S. K. Brown Military Collection](#) is the foremost American collection of material devoted to the history and iconography of soldiers and soldiering, and is one of the world's largest collections devoted to the study of military and naval uniforms. Brown's Center for Digital Initiatives is digitizing 15,000 individual prints, drawings, and watercolors from the collection, including works by William Hogarth, Sir John Millais, Jean Baptiste Antoine de Verger, and many others. Treasures include one of the earliest depictions of an African-American soldier, painted by de Verger circa 1780, and sepia images of veterans of Napoleon's Grande Armée in their original uniforms and insignia. The earliest pictures in the collection date from the 16th century, and

(above) in Dacula was funded through revenues from the 2005 special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST), but the money cannot be used for paying salaries....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, July 9; Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library, July 7

[Job hunters swell Arkansas libraries](#)

Public libraries in Arkansas have become more popular, particularly for those seeking jobs. Many libraries provide free internet and free résumé services. As a result, the state's 231 public libraries are seeing an increase in usage—mostly by people looking for work, said Barbara Martin, executive director of the Arkansas Library Association. The Central Arkansas Library System in Little Rock has reported a 15% increase in the number of patrons during the first six months of this year....

Associated Press, July 11

[Alabama libraries use Skype to connect military families](#)

To help make communication easier for the families of soldiers overseas, the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Public Library is participating in Connecting Families, a project that connects Alabama military families with their loved ones serving overseas or across the nation. Three new Apple Macintosh computers, loaded with Skype software, have been installed in the library to allow military families to communicate visually and verbally with family members in the armed forces, said Vince Bellofatto, the library's public relations coordinator....

Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News, July 7

[1502 hymnal finds new home](#)

A priceless library hidden away at the top of a Cheshire church tower containing books up to 500 years old has been acquired by the John Rylands University Library at the University of Manchester. The library includes one of only three known copies of a 1502 hymnal printed by Wynkyn de Worde (d. 1534)—the first printer to set up a printing press in Fleet Street, later the home of the U.K. newspaper industry. The council of St Mary's Church in Nantwich was concerned at the deteriorating [condition of the books](#), so arranged for university staff safely to transport them to the Rylands library....



University of Manchester, July 15; *Manchester Evening News*, July 15

[Coconut Grove branch earns historic designation](#)

The Miami-Dade (Fla.) Public Library System's Coconut Grove branch (right) was designated a historic site July 7 by the city's Historic and Environmental Preservation Board and placed on the Miami Register of Historic Places. The branch is the oldest standing library in Miami-Dade County. Its original building was completed in 1901, although the library has operated since 1896....



Miami Herald, July 7

[State drops charges against Nebraska librarian](#)

Charges against a former Valparaiso (Nebr.) Library director have been dismissed. During Mary Rittenburg's arraignment in district court July 6, her legal counselor Susan Kirchman stated an agreement had been reached after Rittenburg agreed to pay restitution. Court documents say that between April 1, 2006 and March 10, 2009,

the most recent items include over 1,600 paintings, drawings, and watercolors depicting World War II by artists who served in the United States armed forces.

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

"Having a bookstore so close to a library is a great thing. There is no competition between us as some might think. We each serve book lovers in our unique ways. There are some of my customers who never go to the library and vice versa. But with the economy being what it is, I'm hearing more of my customers mention that they've been going to the library more often. I am happy for them that they are still reading. Of course I miss their business, but I know when I see them, they're buying things they can feel really good about. I have found that actually calling the local library to inquire about stock is a great way to calm a kid down if we don't have the book they're looking

Rittenburg had "obtained" property from the Valparaiso Library in an amount in excess of \$1,500....

Waverly (Nebr.) News, July 9

[Tampered VHS tapes at Brooklyn Public Library](#)

A grandmother got the shock of her life when the *Austin Powers* movie she borrowed from a Brooklyn Public Library branch contained pornography. Esther Klein went to the Midwood branch to get the Mike Myers comedy for her grandchildren, but it featured 30 minutes of hardcore porn. Altered VHS tapes began appearing in January. The library did an internal investigation and found 18 of them, but thought the problem was solved when police arrested a 29-year-old man who had borrowed a video and returned it with porn clips....

WCBS-TV, New York, July 15

[Man charged in Cape Girardeau thefts](#)

A former maintenance worker at the Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Public Library has been charged in connection with recent break-ins and thefts at the building. Corey Overbey, 22, was arrested July 9. The library has been a victim of break-ins over the past month, with the most recent July 6. About \$2,700 in cash collected for library fines and food belonging to employees were stolen....

Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, July 11

[Head to the library for fishing tackle](#)

The Elliot Lake (Ont.) Public Library has added a new service that is a bit different from most. People with a library card can check out more than books or videos—they can now check out fishing rods, reels, and a limited amount of tackle. The program started in June after the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters donated eight fishing combos including rods, reels, and tackle. The federation replenishes the gear as needed....

Sault Ste. Marie (Ont.) Star, July 10



[Goth sock puppets teach lessons at library](#)

Fifteen-year-old Alicia McConnell is not into goth fashion or culture. So before she would participate in a July 9 workshop at the Sycamore (Ill.) Public Library to make gocks—goth sock puppets—she had to redefine the term. Gocks first started in 2006 when a youth librarian in Utah put a tongue stud on a sock puppet to make a goth character. The idea spread like wildfire to libraries across the country....

DeKalb (Ill.) Daily Chronicle, July 11



[Milton librarian wins pedometer challenge](#)

When she says she's been on her feet all day, you can believe it—she's got proof. Leslie Fitch, chief librarian of the Milton (Ontario) Public Library, recently won a challenge among the head librarians across the Halton region to see who could walk the most steps in one week. The librarians wore pedometers from morning until night for one week to track their footfalls, and Fitch won with a total score of 84,205 steps, or the equivalent of about 68 kilometers (42.2 miles)....

Milton (Ont.) Canadian Champion, July 10



for. We have each saved each other from book disasters by having books on hand and reserving them. And customers who don't know us are always pleasantly surprised to see that I'm recommending they go get a book for free across the street if I'm out of it. The goodwill that this gesture creates comes back tenfold."

—Josie Leavitt, co-owner of the Flying Pig Bookstore in Shelburne, Vermont, in "I Love the Library," *Publishers Weekly*, July 13.



AL on Twitter. Follow *American Libraries* news stories, videos, and blog posts on [Twitter](#).

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. I know that ALA has the [Great Web Sites for Kids](#) and my library gives copies of *YALSA's Social Networking: A Guide for Teens (PDF file)* to all of our young adult visitors. Is there a list of websites ALA points to for

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Tech Talk

[Office 2010: Most of the innovations are online](#)

Tom Spring and Edward N. Albro write: "It has taken Microsoft a long time to bring its flagship Office suite to the web and now it finally has with Office 2010, announced July 13. The software suite comes packed with meaningful improvements such as new cut-and-paste features for Word and new ways to broadcast your PowerPoint presentations online. But the most striking addition to Office 2010 is the introduction of Office Web Apps. These are lightweight versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote that are all accessible via desktop, mobile devices, and web browsers."...

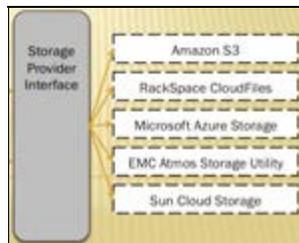
PC World, July 13



[LC test drives cloud storage](#)

Dave Rosenberg writes: "The [Library of Congress](#) National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program and DuraSpace have announced that they will launch a one-year pilot program to test the use of cloud technologies to enable perpetual access to digital content. The pilot will focus on a new service called [DuraCloud](#) that replicates and distributes content across multiple cloud providers and enables organizations to share, access, and preserve it."...

Software, Interrupted, July 14; *Library of Congress*, July 14



[16 Twitter commands and shortcuts](#)

Chris Lake writes: "I love a shortcut, and regularly make use of a range of keyboard shortcuts on Twitter. There are more than you might imagine. As such, I have aggregated a bunch of commands to provide you with one handy cut-out-and-keep, 'bookmark on Delicious' guide. Let's skip the basics. I assume you already know how to reply (@username), direct message (D username), retweet (RT @username) and so on."...

Econsultancy, June 30

[Augmented Reality round-up](#)

Keir Clarke writes: "Augmented Reality is a technology that blends computer data with real-time footage. With the recent release of [Layar](#) it seems that AR is finally beginning to gain some momentum in the market place. Layar claims to be the world's first AR browser, but [Wikitude](#) (right) might argue with that. Wikitude, a mobile travel guide for Android phones based on location-based Wikipedia content, allows users to view 350,000 world-wide points of interest on a mobile phone. The application has been offering an augmented reality cam view since last year."...

Google Maps Mania, July 13

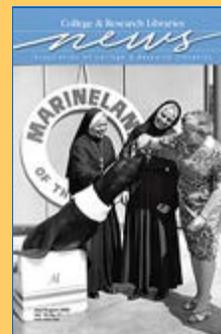


[20 tips to manage your social networks](#)

librarians to use?

A. There is a section of the ALA Recommended Websites called [Web Resources for Parents, Librarians, and Educators](#)—which has links to the Best Websites for Teaching and Learning lists just announced by AASL, both the [Top 25 Websites for Teaching and Learning](#) and the [Landmark Websites for Teaching and Learning](#). Other resources include a sometimes overlooked section of Great Web Sites for Kids, the [Sites for Parents, Caregivers, Teachers and Others](#), and there is also the longtime ALA Library Fact Sheet 29, [Links to Library Web Resources](#). From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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



The July/August issue of *College & Research Libraries News* has an article on [how to make freshman orientation fun](#), by Alice Wasielewski, visiting reference and instruction librarian at

Mahendra Palsule writes: "The more I started using social networking sites, the more I began feeling disoriented. After a while, I lost count of how many Web 2.0 services I had signed up with. I no longer knew what I had dugg, found delicious, or stumbled upon. Keeping track of groups of friends on multiple networks, commenting on their updates, updating my status, responding to email, and pretty soon, I had social networking fatigue. These 20 tips can help you stay afloat and in control." Don't forget [Part 2](#)....

MakeUseOf.com, July 7–8



[100 essential skills for geeks](#)

Anton Olsen writes: "As Geeks we are expected to have a certain set of skills that the majority of the population does not possess. This list is by no means complete, but I think it is a good sample of the skills required to be a true geek. I won't pretend to have all the skills listed here. I even had to Google a few of them." Can you do cool things to Altoids tins, or build a failsafe into a fighting robot so it doesn't kill you?...

GeekDad, July 10



Publishing

[Jackson books may exceed demand](#)

Since Michael Jackson's death, sales of books about the singer have not been particularly robust compared to his chart-busting music sales. It's not clear how much that will change with the arrival of four new Jackson titles in July and August, as TV and print tabloids continue to focus on the cause of his death, his heirs, and estate. The two titles with the biggest announced printings are *Unmasked: The Final Years of Michael Jackson*, by Ian Halperin, and *Michael Jackson: The Magic, the Madness, the Whole Story, 1958–2009*, by Randy J. Taraborrelli. Both were due on July 14....

EarlyWord: The Publisher | Librarian Connection, July 10



[Bowker introduces Books in Print 2.0](#)

R. R. Bowker has announced a beta release of Books in Print 2.0, an enhanced version of the company's flagship book discovery and collection-development platform, Books in Print. The new service, introduced at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, includes built-in edition grouping (FRBR), relevancy ranked search, result faceting, word clouds, first chapters, fiction and nonfiction profiles, and RSS feeds....

R. R. Bowker



[Down with Verdana!](#)

Farhad Manjoo writes: "For typography geeks, the web is a depressingly drab place. Just look around the page you're reading now: There are only a couple of fonts, Arial and Verdana, used to display most of the text. That would be fine, except that they're the same two fonts you find



Eastern Kentucky University.

Calendar

Aug. 11–16:

[Society of American Archivists and Council of State Archivists](#), Joint Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas. "Sustainable Archives."

Sept. 2–4:

[International Association of School Librarianship](#), Annual Conference, Abano Terme, Padua, Italy. "School Libraries in the Picture: Preparing the Pupils for the Future."

Sept. 9–11:

[Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios](#), XL Jornadas Mexicanas de Biblioteconomía, Centro Internacional Acapulco, Mexico.

Sept. 23–25:

[Society for Scholarly Publishing](#), "IN" Conference, Hotel Providence, Rhode Island. "Interact, Inspire, Innovate."

Sept. 27–Oct. 1:

[International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers](#), Annual Conference, Brugge and Oostende, Belgium. "Confluence of Ideas: Evolving to Meet the Challenges of Global Change."

Sept. 28–

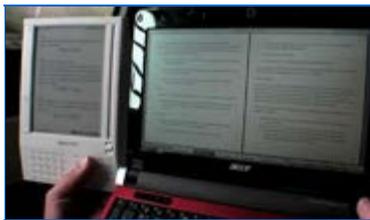
everywhere else on the web. Compared with the typical issue of *Cosmo*, every online magazine looks like something out of the 1800s. Typeface designers and font fanciers have new reason for optimism though.”...

Slate, July 13

[The state of e-paper](#)

Amazon and the Kindle have the clear lead in the e-reader wars. However, numerous competitors to Amazon's Kindle are cropping up and it's worth taking a moment to review the state of the art in e-paper. This roundup offers summaries of PVI eInk, Pixel Qi, Bridge Stone QR-LPD, Fujitsu and its FLEPIa Color EReader, Qualcomm Mirasol Display Technology, Plastic Logic, ASU, LiquaVista, Opalux's P-Ink, Gamma Dynamics, and others....

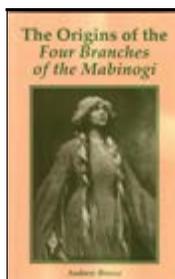
Kindle Review, July 12



[Was the Mabinogion written by a woman?](#)

A new book coming out in July suggests that the *Mabinogion*, a medieval masterpiece of Welsh literature, was written, at least in part, by a Welsh princess. In *The Origins of the Four Branches of the Mabinogi* (Gracewing), Andrew Breeze of the University of Navarre argues that the *Mabinogion's* first four stories were the work of a female, which he believes was Gwenllïan, daughter of Gruffudd ap Cynan, King of Gwynedd....

Medieval News, July 13



Actions & Answers

[Task force report on cyber safety](#)

Members of an internet safety task force on July 8 suggested several ways to improve cyber safety for children, focusing on three key areas: education before a child gets on the internet, control while the child is online, and having set procedures if problems arise. The task force, which included representatives from several online service providers and nonprofit organizations, met for more than a year to develop its report ([PDF file](#)) and recommendations....

eSchool News, July 9



[Applications for broadband stimulus funds](#)

Applications and detailed guidance for the Broadband Initiatives Program and the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program are now available on the [Broadband USA](#) website. On July 31, applicants will be able to apply for a grant using an electronic intake system. The use of this system is required for applicants requesting more than \$1 million in assistance. The deadline for applications is August 14....



Oct. 2:

[Library and Information Association of South Africa](#), Annual Conference, Central University of Technology, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Oct. 7–10:

[North American Cartographic Information Society](#), Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Sacramento Capitol Plaza, Sacramento, California.

Oct. 12–14:

[Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa](#), Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Oct. 18–21:

[Geological Society of America / Geoscience Information Society](#), Annual Conference, Oregon Convention Center, Portland. "From Volcanoes to Vineyards: Living with Dynamic Landscapes."

Nov. 4–7:

[Charleston Conference](#), Francis Marion Hotel and Embassy Suites Hotel, Charleston, S.C. "Necessity Is the Mother of Invention."

Nov. 12–15:

[Theatre Library Association and American Society for Theatre Research](#), Joint Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. "Theatre,

District Dispatch, July 12

[The case of the disappearing liberal arts colleges](#)

Roger G. Baldwin and Vicki L. Baker write: "The continuing saga over the closure of Antioch College (including a plan to [revive](#) it) heightened concern that many storied, but financially stressed, liberal arts colleges may be in danger of closing in a time of economic turmoil. But the focus by reporters and educational policy makers on the potential closure of some colleges may mask a more serious threat to liberal arts colleges—a slow abandonment of their traditional mission in favor of a more 'professional' orientation."...

Inside Higher Ed, July 1, 9

[Crap Detection 101](#)

Howard Rheingold writes: "The answer to almost any question is available within seconds, courtesy of the invention that has altered how we discover knowledge—the search engine. The real difficulty kicks in when you click down into your search results. At that point, it's up to you to sort the accurate bits from the misinfo, disinfo, spam, scams, urban legends, and hoaxes. 'Crap detection,' as Hemingway called it in 1954, is more important than ever before, now that the automation of crapcasting has generated its own word: spamming."...

San Francisco Chronicle, June 30

[LC opens Facebook page](#)

Matt Raymond writes: "To paraphrase the old Elvis Presley album, 200 million Facebook fans can't be wrong. If you're reading this, chances are that you might be among them. So now you can show your de facto national library a little love the easy way—by becoming a fan of our new official [Facebook page](#). If you're keeping score at home, in addition to Facebook, we're also active on [Flickr](#), [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#), and [iTunes U](#)."...

Library of Congress Blog, July 9



[Ambush makeover: From librarian to "hot grandma"](#)

Us Weekly contributor Jill Martin and hairstylist Louis Licari give a few lucky *Today* show fans on the Plaza an ambush makeover. Edwina Hefner is a retired librarian from Tennessee who has been married for 45 years. She spends most of her time volunteering, and her family says she deserves a new look because she works so hard. "I want her to be a hot grandmother," said one of her granddaughters. Watch the [video](#) (5:41)....

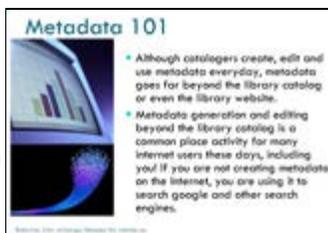
Today show, July 9



[Metadata for catalogers](#)

Robin Fay, head of database maintenance at the University of Georgia, has shared her presentation on the basics of metadata for catalogers. This slideshow encompasses both the larger context of metadata (the web) and library catalogs, and it includes a brief example of crosswalking metadata into MARC....

Robin Fay, July 10



[LC adds storage space at Fort](#)

Performance, and DestiNation."

Nov. 18–21:

[National Association for the Education of Young Children](#)

Annual Conference, Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C. "Your Community, Your Opportunity, Your Conference."

Nov. 19–20:

[Middle East Librarians Association](#)

Annual Meeting, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Nov. 19–22:

[National Council of Teachers of English](#)

Annual Convention, Pennsylvania Convention Center and the Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia. "Once and Future Classics: Reading Between the Lines."

Dec. 3–4:

[Urban Libraries Council](#)

Biennial Conference Series, Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library. "Partners for Success: Regional Solutions for Local Vitality."

Dec. 27–30:

[Modern Language Association](#), Annual Convention, Philadelphia.

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Librarian of Congress James H. Billington, in a July 7 ribbon-cutting ceremony, celebrated the completion of two new modules and four cold-storage rooms at the library's high-density storage facility in Fort Meade, Maryland (above). The new units will accommodate approximately 33 million items from the library's special collections, including maps, globes, manuscripts, prints and photographs, sheet music, and microfilm. Also included is a new processing area, a quarantine room, a loading dock, and mechanical spaces....

Library of Congress, July 7



The academic library serials and databases review

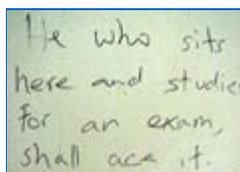
Annette Day and Hilary Davis write: "The experience of a serials and databases review—reviewing all continuing expense obligations—can be a painful, traumatic process for any library. But it can also provide tremendous insights into the collection. In this article, we outline the review steps from the perspective of an academic library and unpack some of the big issues and questions facing our profession that surface through conducting a review."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, July 8

Library graffiti at the University of Chicago

Carolyn Kellogg writes: "Song lyrics, lovelorn notes, and math problems appear on the walls of the University of Chicago's Regenstein Library, all graffiti left there by students. In some, a chain of comments was left that may not have been seen by the original defacer—but probably served to amuse those who came after. Sometimes the graffiti is literary." University of Chicago researcher Quinn Dombrowski posted [704 photos](#) of library graffiti on Flickr....

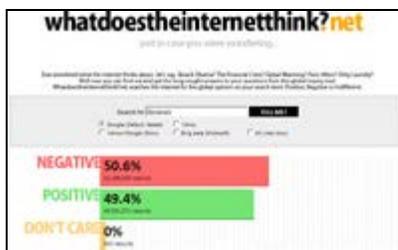
Los Angeles Times Jacket Copy, July 8; Flickr



What does the internet think?

Ever wonder what that huge informational powerhouse called the internet thinks about a particular topic, say—Barack Obama, swine flu, the iPhone, or libraries? The [whatdoestheinternetthink](#) website tries to demystify those nagging questions that have, until now, remained unanswered. The site analyzes search engine results on a given topic and categorizes the final result as Positive, Negative, or Don't Care. Unfortunately, what the internet thinks about libraries is pretty evenly split (above)....

Popgadget, June 29; [whatdoestheinternetthink?net](#)



Website recreates Apollo 11 mission in real time

This month, families will be able to watch the Apollo 11 mission recreated in real time on the web, follow Twitter feeds of transmissions between Mission Control and the spacecraft, and even get an email alert when the lunar module touches down. Those



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features are part of a new website from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum commemorating the moon mission and Kennedy's push to land Americans there first. WeChooseTheMoon.org goes live at 8:02 a.m. on July 16, 90 minutes before the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida....

eSchool News, July 14

Librarian vs. stereotypes: We listen!

Librarians listen to your needs and match you with the best resources for your topic; here, Stereotype realizes he can make assumptions about what people want—it could be dangerous! This is the most recent (1:26) of three training videos produced by the University of Texas at Arlington Library....

YouTube, June 9



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Conference Highlights

[ALA Annual Conference brings crowds to the Windy City](#)

Nearly 29,000 librarians, library supporters, and exhibitors attended the ALA Annual Conference July 9–15, held at McCormick Place in Chicago. Librarians paid tribute to the memories of former ALA President E. J. Josey and Judith F. Krug, held workshops devoted to the plight of libraries during hard economic times, tackled the issue of privacy and access to government information, and paid special attention to the areas of intellectual freedom and public awareness....



[Hefner on change and the First Amendment](#)

Opening General Session speaker Christie Hefner drew a clear parallel between businesses and libraries in terms of what they need to do to survive. She noted how, as Playboy Enterprises CEO, she came to the conclusion that the company “didn’t want to be a magazine company—we wanted to be a company that represented a style of content.” That led *Playboy* to expand to television in the 1980s, the internet in the 1990s, and mobile devices today....



AL Inside Scoop, July 11

[Chatting with Christie Hefner](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: “Keynote speaker Christie Hefner took a few minutes to chat with me before her Opening General Session speech Saturday. Hefner is the director of the Center for American Progress and longtime CEO of Playboy Enterprises, the company founded by her father, Hugh Hefner. Asked what her major message to librarians would be, she said it in two words: ‘Thank you.’ ‘I actually love librarians,’ she added.”...

AL Inside Scoop, July 11

[Freedom to Read Foundation memorializes Judith Krug](#)

Some 525 librarians and library supporters—a virtual who’s who of librarianship—spent Sunday evening in the new wing of the Art Institute of Chicago,



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enthralled by its splendor and by the speakers who gathered to help the Freedom to Read Foundation celebrate its 40th anniversary and pay tribute to its founder, Judith Krug, who died April 11. Author Judy Blume presented the Founder's Award to Krug, saying that she had planned to present it to her in person....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13



[Cokie Roberts on the roles of women](#)

Journalist and author Cokie Roberts discussed the writing and updating of her book *We Are Our Mother's Daughters*, as well as her research into the roles of women throughout American history, before a crowd of about 700 at the PLA President's Program on Monday. "I, of course, use libraries all the time in doing research on these history books," Roberts said....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13



[Urbanska's green library initiatives](#)

During her Sunday Auditorium Speaker Series speech, *Simple Living* host Wanda Urbanska argued that libraries are inherently green because of their role in helping to reduce consumption. Nevertheless, she urged the crowd to make green choices in their libraries and their lives. "Reclaim your role as eco-role models and exemplars in your community," she said. "Change is happening rapidly. Let libraries continue to be at the center of it."...

AL Inside Scoop, July 12



[Civil rights hero on stage](#)

Rick Roche writes: "Monday began with song and dance. Before Melba Pattillo Beals spoke about her books *Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock High School* and *White Is a State of Mind*, the St. Ailbe Children's Choir of Chicago and its dance troupe sang rousing gospel songs on the stage. Pat Scales of ALSC then profiled the pioneering African-American librarian Charlemae Rollins, for whom her division's lecture series is dedicated. With some difficulty, due to her new titanium hip, Beals then took the stage."...

PLA Blog, July 16



[Secrets expert tells all](#)

Sunday, the same day that National Security Archive Director Tom Blanton keynoted the ALA President's Program, a front-page article in the *New York Times* revealed that former Vice President Dick Cheney ordered the CIA to withhold information from Congress about a secret counterterrorism program. Blanton noted that as President Gerald Ford's chief

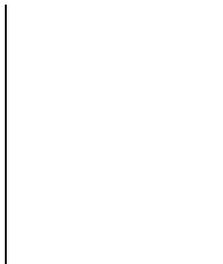


A grand total of [28,941](#)

librarians and library staff, exhibitors, and library supporters attended **ALA Annual Conference** in Chicago, July 9–14. Attendance was well above the 22,047 who went to last year's conference in Anaheim, California, as well as the 28,499 who attended the 2007 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The number also surpassed the previous Chicago Annual Conference figure in 2005 of 27,962.



[Visit Flickr](#) to see the thousands of photos uploaded by ALA Annual Conference attendees (tagged ala2009). See also Heather Devine's



of staff, Cheney had convinced him to veto amendments strengthening the Freedom of Information Act. Congress overrode Ford's veto, allowing Blanton 35 years later to show his audience declassified government documents obtained by the NSA through FOIA requests....

AL Inside Scoop, July 12

[Pride and Passion: The African-American baseball experience](#)

Rick Roche writes: "On Saturday morning, my love of baseball (and my sweetheart) drew me to 'Pride and Passion: The African-American Baseball Experience.' It was a wonderful program that I would not want to have missed. Not only did I hear Negro Leagues historian Lawrence Hogan recount his friendships with the old players, I heard [Sharon Robinson](#) tell about her new children's book about her father, Jackie Robinson, and heard Kadir Nelson explain how he wrote and illustrated his award-winning *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*."... ricklibrarian, July 11; WLS-TV, July 10



[Camila Alire inaugurated 2009–2010 president](#)

Camila Alire, dean emerita at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, began her term July 14 as 2009–2010 ALA president. Alire is currently professor of practice (adjunct) for Simmons College's Ph.D. program in managerial leadership and part-time professor for the San Jose State University Library and Information Science executive MLIS managerial leadership program....



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Speakers

[James Ellroy boosts books, blasts bits](#)

Author James Ellroy is an arrogantly proud Luddite who exults in his disengagement with contemporary culture. "I live in a vacuum," he told a rapt crowd who attended his Saturday-morning Auditorium Speaker Series appearance. "I ignore pop culture, I don't read a newspaper." Ellroy, known for *L.A. Confidential* and other unrelentingly gritty crime novels, saved his highest disdain for technology....

AL Inside Scoop, July 11



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[Chatting with Tracy Kidder](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: "Before Tracy Kidder's Monday afternoon speech, I had an opportunity to chat with him about his new book, *Strength in What Remains*, the true story of Deogratias, a young man from Burundi in central Africa. In 1993 he was forced onto a terrifying journey, beginning with a six-months-long escape on foot from ethnic violence in Burundi and genocide in Rwanda. He winds up in New York City, where it sometimes seemed his troubles had only just begun."...

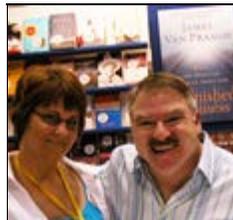
AL Inside Scoop, July 14



[The medium has a message](#)

Despite murmurs of controversy surrounding his Annual Conference appearance Saturday afternoon, survival evidence medium James van Praagh had the undivided attention of several hundred truth seekers curious to hear about "what the dead can teach us," which serves as the subtitle of his latest book, *Unfinished Business* (HarperCollins). Even as a toddler, van Praagh said, he could see spirits and otherworldly lights around people....

AL Inside Scoop, July 11



[An hour with Gregory Maguire](#)

Rick Roche writes: "Gregory Maguire, author of *Wicked*, *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*, and *Mirror, Mirror*, opened the ALA Auditorium Speaker Series Saturday with a very personal talk, 'Playing with Stolen Property.' Readers of his books know that he reuses characters from old children's literature in writing new stories. Maguire's life began with a tragedy, the death of his mother in childbirth, and later he nearly let his infant brother die under the porch when the gang gave the baby the role of the Wicked Witch of the East."...

PLA Blog, July 11



[Confessions of Lisa Scottoline](#)

"I am a library slut," admitted mystery author Lisa Scottoline. "That means I will go to any library that will have me," to give thanks to librarians, who changed the direction of her life. Edgar Award-winner Scottoline ebulliently told her Monday-morning audience that she grew up in a household that only had one book—*TV Guide*. It wasn't until she went to her school library that she found out that not only did some books have hard covers, she joked, but "they didn't all have Lucille Ball on them."...

AL Inside Scoop, July 14



[Her stroke of insight](#)

Harvard-trained neuroanatomist Jill Bolte Taylor captivated the audience Monday as she described the massive, debilitating stroke she suffered in 1996 at age 37 and her "journey into and back out of the silent abyss of the wounded brain." On the morning it happened, she "could not walk, talk, read, write, or recall any of my life. I essentially became an infant in a woman's body."...

AL Inside Scoop, July 16



Heard and overheard at Annual

"For me it was more fun doing banned book readings than to go to the *Playboy* Super Bowl Party."

—Former *Playboy* Enterprises CEO Christie Hefner, at the Opening General Session, July 11.

"I love it when librarians dress up."

—Tweet from Kristin Fontichiaro, Michigan, July 12.

"If a team is caught in drug testing—and those will be multiple choice—the second-place team will have to take those same drugs."

—Author/Illustrator Mo Willems, laying down the strict steroid policy of the Book Cart Drill Team World Championships, July 12.

"Didn't get a single freebie from exhibits. Does this happen to all ALA newbies? Srsly, how do I explain this to family / coworkers?"

—Tweet from Bohyun Kim, Miami, July 13.

"Librarians can get pretty gangsta when they need to."

—Tweet from themba, July 13.

"I'd like to see a picture of a chair right now."

—Attendee at a full-past-capacity session, after the presenter offered a photo of cupcakes as the last slide in her presentation.

[The story behind *The Soloist*](#)

Steve Lopez, *Los Angeles Times* columnist and author of *The Soloist*, told the Closing Session crowd Tuesday how he met Nathaniel Anthony Ayers, and how their relationship grew and the story developed into the book. "The deal with writing a column is, it's like having a pet monster that's always hungry," Lopez said. "You have to keep finding more stories." He met Ayers, a homeless musician with schizophrenia, while in downtown Los Angeles checking on another story lead. Ayers was playing a violin that was missing two strings....



AL Inside Scoop, July 14

"You could not have picked a more appropriate speaker today. Because guess what? Can you believe I was married in a library?"

—*The Soloist* author Steve Lopez, during his Closing Session speech, July 14.

"Am home from #ala2009 and in need of a new bookshelf. Gah, what an incredible weekend."

—Tweet from orangerooibos, July 13.

"Five signs you've spent the last five days entirely in the company of other librarians [drum roll]. 1) gratuitous drinking and swearing, 2) reading manga and graphic novels, 3) assigning acronyms to family members and household objects, 4) making lists for no apparent reason, and 5) tweeting too hard."

—Tweet from Dave Wilson, San Antonio, July 14.

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[Booklist Books for Youth Forum: Celebrating Lincoln](#)

Cheryl Becker writes: "This event on Friday evening was a fun and nice way to begin the ALA conference. Three authors and one editor talked about the creation of their books about Lincoln. How fitting for a conference of librarians, in Illinois, in 2009, the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. Russell Freedman, author of *Lincoln: A Photobiography*, focused on the role of research and how he learned more about Lincoln, a man of 'intellect and melancholy,' and his fascination with details."...

PLA Blog, July 12

[Blogs and books](#)

Rick Roche writes: "At *Booklist's* 'Books and Blogs: Made for Each Other?' on Saturday, *Booklist* Online Editor Keir Graff and a panel of bloggers discussed the relationship of blogs with books and its prospects for the near future. Graff listed some qualities that make blogs useful to book professionals. None of the panelists thought that writing blogs hurt their print-writing style, and Mary Burkey of Audiobooker thought that bloggers who are free of institutional ties are franker in their blogs."...

ricklibrarian, July 12

[American Libraries looks to the future](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: "The central concerns expressed by the *American Libraries* Advisory Committee, which held one of its two annual face-to-face meetings Saturday, related to the magazine's ever-changing role as a communications vehicle, a membership perk, and a revenue generator. I talked with the committee about our decision to combine the forthcoming August-September issue of print *AL*, which was partly a one-time response to the financial crunch and staff reductions ALA recently experienced. But it also means that in 2009 there will only be nine print issues."...

AL Inside Scoop, July 17



Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. I've just come back from the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago and am trying to pull

Chicago Sidetrips

Yes and no

mk Eagle writes: "I have a feeling that my first stop in Chicago wasn't one that many other librarians visited. I didn't pick up my conference materials or check into my hotel. I didn't wander through the new modern wing at the art museum or indulge in my first hot dog. I didn't go anywhere near McCormick Place. Instead, I went to a tattoo parlor."...

YALSA Blog, July 13

From China to Chicago

A delegation of directors of provincial-level libraries in China attended Annual Conference after spending 10 days at a training program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Mortenson Center. They were taking part in a continuing professional education program covering library management, public services, and digital library development. Following the conference, they traveled in groups of two to various libraries around the U.S. for one-week visits....

AL Inside Scoop, July 14



Does Chicago work as a conference site?

Rick Roche writes: "Nearly every librarian I know enjoys coming to Chicago. The city is especially beautiful this time of year, filled with flowers. There are more than ever since Mayor Daley has put planters everywhere and the parks have installed more gardens. The city is also full of museums (above), zoos, and great architecture. Having ALA Annual Conference in the city is a popular idea. But I see one big, big problem—the distance between McCormick Place (the convention center) and the city center where all the visiting librarians stay."...

ricklibrarian, July 14



Division Sessions

YALSA meets Project Runway

The crowd of 400 teen-services librarians cheered wildly as their colleagues strutted and posed along the catwalk in the Westin River North Hotel Friday night for YALSA's happy hour and fashion show. The event was hosted by New York Public Library Young Adult Librarian Jack Martin, but the big draw was Chicago fashion designer Steven Rosengard (above), who emceed the fashion show....

AL Inside Scoop, July 10



YALSA Preconference: How to win a Newbery in a fair fight

Betsy Bird writes: "My job? To sneak into

together my trip report. With efforts at "going green" there seemed to be fewer handouts—or at least fewer copies available. Can you tell me where I can find the speakers' presentations and handouts? The presenters said they would be "on the web." But where?

A. Good question! How [handouts and other output](#) from the Annual Conference are disseminated varies considerably from division to division, or from one program planner or speaker to another. A couple of years ago, ALA instituted the [Conference Materials Archive](#) in order to provide a central place to collect the handouts or other conference content—or at least links to that content. But there is great inconsistency as to whether materials are there. The [ALA Library](#) will seek out handouts when possible, but here are some of our tricks for when they are not on the wiki.

1. We use the *2009 Annual Conference Program Book* ([big PDF file](#)—almost 9MB) to identify the sponsor of the program and exact title.

2. Then, we do a search of the ALA website, to see if the unit has posted the content.

3. The next step is a general web search

the YALSA 'Genre Galaxy' preconference on Friday so as to tape author James Kennedy. Lest you think I am a person accustomed to sneaking, though, I got two feet into the Hilton and then broke down to confess the whole thing to the



organizers." (To watch the entire Kennedy vs. "Gaiman" fight for the Newbery Medal sequence, begin with [Part 2](#) and continue with [Part 3](#), or read a [partial transcript](#) on Kennedy's blog.)...

A Fuse #8 Production, July 11–12; James Kennedy Blog, July 13

[Readers advisory in a digital world](#)

Barb Macikas writes: "I thought a good place for me to start at Conference was PLA's Saturday program, 'What Do I Watch, Listen to, Play, or Download Next?' Presenter Helen Stewart from Schaumburg (Ill.) Public Library started the session off with lots of great information about readers advisory for movies. Stewart reminded the group of challenges facing librarians who work with multimedia. She highlighted the importance of design display—think retail when displaying DVDs, and change displays often to increase interest and excitement."...

PLA Blog, July 11

[Digitizing the humanities](#)

Karen Munro writes: "The ACRL Literatures in English Section program on 'Open Access Digital Initiatives in the Humanities' on Saturday was one of the highlights of the conference. Some truly fascinating and robust digital initiatives are taking hold (and gaining ground) in the humanities. One of the most interesting (to me) is [NINES](#), which has been around for a very long time, but which now seems to be really taking off in new directions."...

Re: Generations, July 14

[Making information literacy seamless across K–16](#)

Ellie Collier writes: "When I arrived at AASL's Saturday-morning 'Closing the Gap' session, Jane Prestebak of Robbinsdale Area Schools in New Hope, Minnesota, was sharing her project—a Research Project Calculator—based on student standards for Minnesota. She felt it was important to start with a question, then ask the student to make a value judgment. Asking students to write about cats invited copying; whereas 'Cats make better pets than dogs' invites debate."...

Ellie <3 Libraries, July 11

[Sharing real life with real kids](#)

"God bless the [school] librarians who let me lay on my belly in the stacks and read and read and read," acclaimed YA author Laurie Halse Anderson told an electrified capacity crowd at the Saturday AASL President's Program, "Literacy Leadership and Librarian Flair." Asserting that kids need school librarians more than ever, Anderson recounted the story of a 15-year-old boy who burst into tears in his school library one Friday after the media specialist said hello to him. "You do the work of angels," she concluded....

AL Inside Scoop, July 16

[Who owns antiquity?](#)

Do antiquities still belong in museums located far in time and space from the makers of the artifacts they

or a check the [division's blogs and podcasts](#).

4. Finally, we try a search for the specific speaker to see if the material has been posted on the speaker's personal or institutional webpage or blog.

To complicate matters even more, with the exception of the very few contemporaneous blog posts, there is a time lag between the program presentation and the posting or publication of the content. Also, there is always the possibility that a presentation is not recorded or written and may only be captured when the presenter uses the content in a substantially revised form in a publication a year or more later.

We are looking into ways for using [ALA Connect](#) for these materials and would welcome comments.

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house? Or do they belong to the government that happens to be in control of the land where the culture once flourished? At the ALCTS President's Program on Monday, James Cuno, president and director of the Art Institute of Chicago, made a strong case for the argument that "we all own antiquity," and that museums and libraries exist to "keep the past in the public domain for the sake of those who succeed us."...



AL Inside Scoop, July 16

[Screencasting a wide net](#)

The RUSA Machine-Assisted Reference Section's Hot Topics Discussion Group presented a panel discussion Saturday on screencasting: "Casting a Wide Net: Using Screencasts to Reach and Teach Library Users." Eric Frierson of the University of Texas at Arlington demonstrated how his library's online catalog used embedded screencasts, with links to videos appearing when users are likely to need them....

AL Inside Scoop, July 11

[Who doesn't care about privacy?](#)

"Who Cares About Privacy?" was the title of a thoughtful program Sunday sponsored by RUSA's Machine-Assisted Reference Section. It answered its own rhetorical question with a subtitle: "Boundaries, Millennials, and the MySpace Mindset." Presenters Frances Jacobson Harris, author of *I Found It on the Internet*, and cultural historian Siva Vaidhyanathan were in full agreement, emphasizing that just because young people see privacy differently doesn't mean that they don't value it....

AL Inside Scoop, July 16

[LITA on science fiction and fantasy](#)

Steve McCann writes: "This 20th-anniversary meeting of the Imaginary Interest Group on Saturday was a well-run affair featuring free books, entertaining stories, and good-humored pandering towards librarians. The packed house thoroughly enjoyed themselves listening to TOR authors speak about metaphor, imagination, the state of the Science Fiction and Fantasy genres, and the power of libraries."...

LITA Blog, July 13

[Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me! taping](#)

Greg Landgraf writes: "Thursday's taping of NPR's *Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!* was a sell-out success. ALTAFF bought out the taping as a fundraiser, and drew a sell-out crowd of more than 500 librarians. Host Peter Sagal said it was the show's first buyout of any kind, and certainly its first time playing to such a biblioaudience. Paula Poundstone is the ALTAFF spokesperson, and before the taping, she took some time to speak with AL Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick and me."...



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Other Events

[Library volunteers build communities](#)

The Chapter Relations Office once again organized a Libraries Build Communities program where ALA volunteers were given the opportunity to visit local school libraries and help out with projects. At the Academy for Global Citizenship school on West 47th Street in Chicago on Friday, volunteers painted shelves, pulled weeds, planted flowers, polished door handles, and performed other chores to make the school shine, as you can see in this video (1:39)....



CLTV, July 10

[When challenges coalesce](#)

Chicago's proximity to southern Wisconsin gave embattled officials of the West Bend Community Memorial Library, located some 40 miles northwest of Milwaukee, a platform on Monday morning to offer their hard-earned insights at "Intellectual Freedom on the Front Lines: West Bend Library Supporters Share Their Story." Librarians and trustees told the complicated story of West Bend's oft-stymied attempts since February to address a reconsideration request by area residents....

AL Inside Scoop, July 16

[Council supports universal healthcare](#)

With healthcare costs eating up chunks of shrinking library budgets across the country, the ALA Council on Wednesday overwhelmingly passed a resolution supporting affordable, universal healthcare, including the option of a single-payer healthcare program. This is essentially a reaffirmation of a resolution adopted by ALA in June 2006. More Council actions are reported [here](#)....

AL Inside Scoop, July 15

[Open Gaming Night](#)

Daniel A. Freeman writes: "On Friday at one of Chicago's swankier hotels I took part in a distinctly non-swanky event: Open Gaming Night. In an elegant ballroom at the Chicago Hilton, a group of professionals from around the country gathered to kick back, socialize, and have some fun. Librarians from many different types of facilities, from big cities and small towns, wore bright smiles as they played games together. Some old friends caught up, and a lot of people made new ones."...



ALA TechSource blog, July 10

[When graphic novels get too graphic](#)

Comic books have finally won their long battle for legitimacy, affirmed Charles Brownstein, opening a Monday program on censorship and graphic novels sponsored by ALA's Intellectual Freedom Committee. Noting that every library that matters now collects graphic novels and material that was once condemned is now lauded, Brownstein (executive director of the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund) said, "We are now at the moment where we've overcome the stigma" and the time has come to turn to other concerns, such as legal challenges to



the material....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13

[A tale of four panelists](#)

Because of its unwavering commitment to intellectual freedom and inclusion, ALA prides itself on representing diverse viewpoints at its conference programs. Annual Conference is no exception, as evinced by Sunday morning's 11th-hour cancellation of the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table's intriguingly titled "Perspectives on Islam: Beyond the Stereotyping" because three out of four panelists withdrew their participation. What happened? It all depends on who you talk to....

AL Inside Scoop, July 11

[From awareness to geekdom](#)

Three weeks into a pilot campaign aimed at moving OCLC's 2008 study *From Awareness to Funding* from theory to practice, OCLC hosted a session Saturday to talk about where the study has taken them since its publication one year ago and to discuss their new campaign: [Geek the Library](#). Its purpose is to show what *Awareness* calls "Probable Supporters," or regular voters who are likely to vote in favor of library funding....

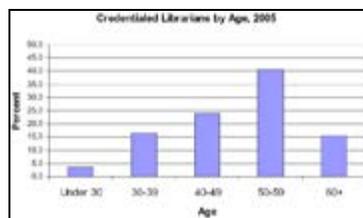
AL Inside Scoop, July 12



[Librarian demographics](#)

Heidi Dolamore writes: "On Monday, I observed the ALA Executive Board. They had an interesting agenda, including a report on librarian demographics ([PDF file](#)). It was fascinating and merits discussion among a wider audience. I'll walk you through the slides, but keep in mind: While the numbers aren't completely raw, you might consider them still medium rare. As such I defer to the ALA Office for Research and Statistics when it comes to explaining all the charts and graphs. Keep in mind that this data represents particular snapshots and projections; it can be difficult to predict trends."...

YALSA Blog, July 14



[How libraries can work with the media](#)

Sunday morning's PR Forum featured a panel of five experts who offered tips and tactics that will help libraries get their stories told through both new and traditional media. First up was longtime Chicago broadcaster and media trainer Dave Baum (far right), who gave a quick tutorial on how to be relevant on the radio. He warned that you must have a convincing pitch ready for radio producers: "Give them an issue they can present both sides on, like banned books, or tell a story about how your library works. People go to sleep without stories." Tools and handouts from the PR Forum are available [online](#)....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13



[A stationary Parade of Bookmobiles](#)

Bookmobiles were again on view

Sunday, parked outside McCormick Place, at ALA's third annual Parade of Bookmobiles event. The brand-new Warren-Newport Public Library bookmobile received a LLAMA Best of Show Award for its wrap design. The old WNPL bookmobile was acquired by author and musician Tom Corwin, who plans to give the mobile library a workout in 2010, driving it in a "Behind the Wheel of the Bookmobile" tour....
AL Inside Scoop, July 16



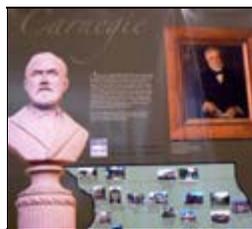
[Space is the place](#)

Ericka Dow writes: "Exciting NASA Materials for Libraries' was a fantastic program on Sunday! I love to hear scientists talk because they are so enthusiastic about what they do and as a result many of them are great at outreach. ALA's Public Programs Office is sponsoring a traveling exhibit in conjunction with the Space Telescope Science Institute, the Smithsonian, and NASA called 'Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery.' Frank Summers, besides being a really lively guy, is astrophysicist at STSI and curator of the traveling exhibit."...
PLA Blog, July 12



[Art and architecture in Illinois libraries](#)

Larry Nix writes: "One of my conference highlights was an opportunity to see the exhibit '[Art and Architecture in Illinois Libraries](#).' The exhibit was put together by Allen Lanham and his staff at the Eastern Illinois University Library with funding from an LSTA grant awarded by the Illinois State Library. The travelling exhibit is being displayed by libraries across Illinois."...
Library History Buff Blog, July 15



[Poets and Poetry @ your library](#)

Colleen Barbus writes: "Sunday morning we joined representatives from the ALA Public Programs Office, the Academy of American Poets, the Greensboro (N.C.) Public Library, and award-winning poet Jane Hirshfield for a discussion of best practices in poetry programming for public audiences. Mary Davis Fournier highlighted an opportunity for talented librarians to submit their original poetry to a program sponsored by Consortium Books, titled *Voices from the Stacks*, to be published as an e-book in time for next year's Annual Conference."...
Programming Librarian, July 13

[SRRT turns 40](#)

The Social Responsibilities Round Table celebrated its 40th anniversary Monday night at the Alternative Media Reception co-organized with the Alternative Press Center. The party, held at Hyde Park's funky Experimental Station, included a Mediterranean food buffet, impromptu speeches, jazz from the three-piece combo Brian Sandstrom and Friends, three kinds of vegan cake, and some far left publisher types....
AL Inside Scoop, July 15



[Washington Office videos](#)

The ALA Washington Office was able to videorecord some of its programs at Annual Conference. Included are the broadband stimulus presentation at the Washington Office Update on Saturday; and the "Libraries and Mobile Devices: Public Policy Considerations" panel on Sunday (above, in two parts), featuring Timothy Vollmer, Jason Griffey, Bonnie Tijerina, Tom Peters, Deborah Caldwell-Stone, and Eli Neiberger....

District Dispatch, July 16



Awards

[Valkyries ride to drill team victory](#)

Dressed in Viking armor and braids and performing to "Ride of the Valkyries," the Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library Warrior Librarians took first place Sunday in the fifth annual Library Book Cart Drill Team Championship, winning a gold book cart from sponsor Demco before a standing-room-only crowd. For the first time, two teams tied for first place in the judges' scoring. Oak Park was selected over the Cart Wheels from Des Plaines (Ill.) Public Library (watch them in a 1:35 [video](#)) in an audience vote....

AL Inside Scoop, July 12; YouTube, July 12



[The provocative Printz](#)

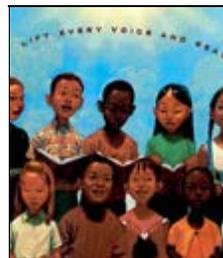
Lisa Goldstein writes: "The Michael L. Printz Award is given to a book that 'exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature,' and I heard some terrific speeches at the Printz Awards ceremony on Monday night. M. T. Anderson noted how often he and others 'underestimate teens.' Teens are not jaded, 'bland, and blank.' They are 'eccentric' and curious about the world. He observed that there is 'only one taboo left in young adult literature: intelligence.'"...

PLA Blog, July 15

[CSK Awards celebrate 40th year](#)

Chicago native and Black Entertainment Television's *Sunday Best* finalist Shari Addison led a capacity crowd in "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Read" to begin the 40th Annual Coretta Scott King Book Awards breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Tuesday morning. Despite the early hour, attendees were greeted to a star-studded array of inspiring thank-you speeches....

AL Inside Scoop, July 16



[Caldecott artwork on exhibit](#)

An exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago, "[Picture Perfect: Art from Caldecott Award Books, 2006–2009](#)," puts award-winning children's book illustrations on display. Up close, this is seriously impressive stuff. Originals of many recent Caldecott medal and honor books were on show, alongside tables



displaying the books represented...
ALSC Blog, July 10

[Randolph Caldecott: The music video](#)

Betsy Bird put together this musical meditation on the Caldecott Medal, with music by the Effin' Gs and a special appearance throughout of Susan Marie Swanson's *The House in the Night*...

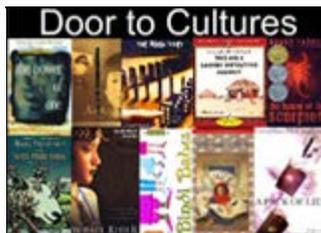
YouTube, July 13



[Evaluating audiobooks](#)

Mary Burkey writes: "Sunday's panel was a happy reunion of nearly all the members of the 2008 Odyssey Award committee, while those missing lent their support from afar. After our hundreds and hundreds of hours under the headphone, we all developed 'Odyssey Ears'—and listening habits so arcane that we would blurt out phases like 'Stop woofing the mic!' while listening on the treadmill at the gym. Here are the PowerPoint, links to handouts, and session notes from the panel."...

Audiobooker, July 12



[Best Books for Young Adults discussion](#)

Linda Braun writes: "At conference there was a discussion of YALSA's Best Books for Young Adults list, including how the list is selected and how it is used. Following these discussions, the YALSA board decided that it needs to consider all of the feedback provided by members. Using feedback from board and members, the Executive Committee of YALSA will work to develop a new strategy for BBYA that will be ready for consideration at Midwinter 2010."...

YALSA Blog, July 15



Tech Events

[ALA's unconference](#)

Rick Roche writes: "What was 'un' about the Unconference on Friday? It was certainly not unfriendly, for 75 librarians spent the day together laughing and telling stories about their work. Uncontrolled is not applicable, as Michelle Boule, Meredith Farkas, and their volunteers kept speakers like Jason Griffey (right) to their assigned times all day, something many program organizers fail to do. It wasn't unappreciated; participants left with new contacts and ideas."...

PLA Blog, July 11



[LITA's top tech trends](#)

LITA's 10th year of Top Tech Trends on Sunday was likely its best-attended ever—thanks to free Wi-Fi in the room, live



streaming video from Shanachies, and a live blog to aggregate tweets from attendees (real and virtual) using hashtags #toptech and #ttt09 or giving comments or questions directly on the blog. While ALA is working hard to increase virtual participation, Top Tech Trends was more focused on *being online* than *getting online*. Watch the [video](#) (34:33)....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13

[Lib 1.0 Committee still out on Lib 2.0 promise](#)

A packed meeting room awaited a panel of techie librarians to address the question of whether Library 2.0 has lived up to its promise at the LITA Internet Resources and Services Interest Group's Tuesday session, "The Ultimate Debate." The panel couldn't exactly agree on what Library 2.0 was, let alone whether it has fulfilled its promise, but traditional ways of thinking may not even be sufficient to judge Lib 2.0 effectiveness. For the panel's starter questions (and his "starter answers"), see David Lee King's [blog](#)....

AL Inside Scoop, July 14; David Lee King, July 15

[Bringing technology to the developing world](#)

To anyone attending an ALA conference, viewing the many attendees toting laptops or sporting smartphones and the exhibit hall dominated by high-tech vendors, it's inescapable how pervasive technology has become in our society; in developing countries, it's obviously another story. "Technology and the Developing World," a Saturday-morning program presented by LITA, illustrated various approaches to rectifying that situation....

AL Inside Scoop, July 12



[The BIGWIG Showcase and Google's new Wave](#)

Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "At the BIGWIG Social Software Showcase Monday, eight presenters gave brief talks on trends in social software in a 'speed-dating' format, where each presenter had 10 minutes to talk to a roving audience. I was most interested in hearing Jason Griffey's talk on Google Wave, a product that, I admit, I hadn't paid much attention to until his presentation."...

AL Inside Scoop, July 15



[Data power through data linking](#)

"From Legacy Data to Linked Data: Preparing Libraries for Web 3.0" drew enough of an audience on Monday that some had to listen from the hallway. Data objects and agents already have identifiers, explained Diane Hillmann of the Information Institute of Syracuse and Metadata Management Associates. In linked data, however, relationships between data also have identifiers. That way, "The relationships can be identified and explained and given context," she said....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13

[Choosing sides on net](#)

[neutrality](#)

The knotty issue of net neutrality—the principle that network providers should not discriminate on the sites or applications they provide access to—and its implications for libraries was deftly explicated by a panel of experts assembled Sunday morning by LITA. Clifford Lynch (far right), director of the Coalition for Networked Information, opened by framing the issue in a historical context....

AL Inside Scoop, July 12



Seen Online

[Rettig on the radio](#)

On July 9, ALA President Jim Rettig appeared on *The Noon Show* on WGN radio with news anchor Steve Bertrand. Beginning by noting that 25,000 librarians were descending on Chicago, Bertrand asked Rettig what constituted a typical librarian. Rettig replied that the typical librarian has earned a master's degree and has "an incredible commitment" to connecting people with information they can use in their lives. Among other [media coverage](#), WGN's Nick DiGilio had ALA President-Elect Camila Alire on his [July 11 show](#)....

Visibility @ your library, July 9, 14



[Twitterers confront hashtagging](#)

Eric Hellman writes: "It's interesting to see what happens when librarians, all of whom should have at least a bit of training in the application of subject headings, are presented with the task of hashtagging their tweets. That's exactly what happened this past weekend when more than 28,000 people attended the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Over 1,500 tweets were hashtagged to indicate they were related to the meeting."...

Go to Hellman, July 14

[A visit to the Exhibit Hall](#)

Director Gerard Saylor of the L. D. Fargo Public Library in Lake Mills, Wisconsin, writes: "I went down to walk the exhibits (8:12) at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on Saturday. I found Neil Gaiman, Mike Bowan, the creators of the *Unshelved* comic strip, coffee, Pirate Girl, Libby Hellmann, Neil Gaiman look-a-like Marcus Sakey, smoothies, and a Spyderco J. D. Smith sprint run knife."...

YouTube, July 12



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Conference Highlights

ALA Annual Conference brings crowds to the Windy City

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

Nearly 29,000 librarians, library supporters, and exhibitors attended the ALA Annual Conference July 9–15, held at McCormick Place in Chicago. Librarians paid tribute to the memories of former ALA President E. J. Josey and Judith F. Krug, held workshops devoted to the plight of libraries during hard economic times, tackled the issue of privacy and access to government information, and paid special attention to the areas of intellectual freedom and public awareness....

Hefner on change and the First Amendment

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/11/opening-general-session-christie-hefner-on-change-business-and-the-first-amendment/>]

Opening General Session speaker Christie Hefner drew a clear parallel between businesses and libraries in terms of what they need to do to survive. She noted how, as Playboy Enterprises CEO, she came to the

conclusion that the company “didn’t want to be a magazine company—we wanted to be a company that represented a style of content.” That led Playboy to expand to television in the 1980s, the internet in the 1990s, and mobile devices today....

AL Inside Scoop, July 11

Chatting with Christie Hefner

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/11/chatting-with-christie-hefner/>]

Leonard Kniffel writes: “Keynote speaker Christie Hefner took a few minutes to chat with me before her Opening General Session speech Saturday. Hefner is the director of the Center for American Progress and longtime CEO of Playboy Enterprises, the company founded by her father, Hugh Hefner. Asked what her major message to librarians would be, she said it in two words: ‘Thank you.’ ‘I actually love librarians,’ she added.”...

AL Inside Scoop, July 11

Freedom to Read Foundation memorializes Judith Krug

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/13/freedom-to-read-foundation-celebrates-40-years-and-the-life-of-judith-krug/>]

Some 525 librarians and library supporters—a virtual who’s who of librarianship—spent Sunday evening in the new wing of the Art Institute of Chicago, enthralled by its splendor and by the speakers who gathered to help the Freedom to Read Foundation celebrate its 40th anniversary and pay tribute to its founder, Judith Krug, who died April 11. Author Judy Blume presented the Founder’s Award to Krug, saying that she had planned to present it to her in person....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13

Cokie Roberts on the roles of women

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/13/cokie-roberts-examines-changing-and-unchanging-roles-of-women/>]

Journalist and author Cokie Roberts discussed the writing and updating of her book *We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters*, as well as her research into the roles of women throughout American history, before a crowd of about 700 at the PLA President’s Program on Monday. “I, of course, use libraries all the time in doing research on these history books,” Roberts said....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13

Urbanska’s green library initiatives

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/12/urbanska-sees-positive-signs-for-green-libraries/>]

During her Sunday Auditorium Speaker Series speech, Simple Living host Wanda Urbanska argued that libraries are inherently green because of their role in helping to reduce consumption. Nevertheless, she urged the crowd to make green choices in their libraries and their lives. “Reclaim your role as eco-role models and exemplars in your community,” she said. “Change is happening rapidly. Let libraries continue to be at the center of it.”...

AL Inside Scoop, July 12

Civil rights hero on stage

[<http://plablog.org/2009/07/civil-rights-hero-at-ala.html>]

Rick Roche writes: “Monday began with song and dance. Before Melba Pattillo Beals spoke about her books *Warriors Don’t Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock High School* and *White Is a State of Mind*, the St. Ailbe Children’s Choir of Chicago and its dance troupe sang rousing gospel songs on the stage. Pat Scales of ALSC then profiled the pioneering African-American librarian Charlemae Rollins, for whom her division’s lecture series is dedicated. With some difficulty, due to her new titanium hip, Beals then took the stage.”...

PLA Blog, July 16

Secrets expert tells all

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/12/presidents-program-secrets-expert-tells-all/>]

Sunday, the same day that National Security Archive Director Tom Blanton keynoted the ALA President’s Program, a front-page article in the New York Times revealed that former Vice President Dick Cheney ordered the CIA to withhold information from Congress about a secret counterterrorism program. Blanton noted that as President Gerald Ford’s chief of staff, Cheney had convinced him to veto amendments strengthening the Freedom of Information Act. Congress overrode Ford’s veto, allowing Blanton 35 years later to show his audience declassified government documents obtained by the NSA through FOIA requests....

AL Inside Scoop, July 12

Pride and Passion: The African-American baseball experience

[<http://ricklibrarian.blogspot.com/2009/07/pride-and-passion-african-american.html>]

Rick Roche writes: “On Saturday morning, my love of baseball (and my sweetheart) drew me to ‘Pride and Passion: The African-American Baseball Experience.’ It was a wonderful program that I would not want to have missed. Not only did I hear Negro Leagues historian Lawrence Hogan recount his friendships with the old players, I heard Sharon Robinson [<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/video?id=6908915>] tell about her new children’s book about her father, Jackie Robinson, and I heard Kadir Nelson explain how he wrote and illustrated his award-winning *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*.”...

ricklibrarian, July 11; WLS-TV, July 10

Camila Alire inaugurated 2009–2010 president

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

Camila Alire, dean emerita at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, began her term July 14 as 2009–2010 ALA president. Alire is currently professor of practice (adjunct) for Simmons College’s Ph.D. program in managerial leadership and part-time professor for the San Jose State University Library and Information Science executive MLIS managerial leadership program....

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

Speakers

James Ellroy boosts books, blasts bits

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/11/james-ellroy-boosts-books-blasts-bits/>]

Author James Ellroy is an arrogantly proud Luddite who exults in his disengagement with contemporary culture. "I live in a vacuum," he told a rapt crowd who attended his Saturday-morning Auditorium Speaker Series appearance. "I ignore pop culture, I don't read a newspaper."

Ellroy, known for L.A. Confidential and other unrelentingly gritty crime novels, saved his highest disdain for technology....

AL Inside Scoop, July 11

Chatting with Tracy Kidder

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/14/chatting-with-tracy-kidder/>]

Leonard Kniffel writes: "Before Tracy Kidder's Monday afternoon speech, I had an opportunity to chat with him about his new book, Strength in What Remains, the true story of Deogratias, a young man from Burundi in central Africa. In 1993 he was forced onto a terrifying journey, beginning with a six-months-long escape on foot from ethnic violence in Burundi and genocide in Rwanda. He winds up in New York City, where it sometimes seemed his troubles had only just begun."...

AL Inside Scoop, July 14

The medium has a message

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/11/the-medium-has-a-message/>]

Despite murmurs of controversy surrounding his Annual Conference appearance Saturday afternoon, survival evidence medium James van Praagh had the undivided attention of several hundred truth seekers curious to hear about "what the dead can teach us," which serves as the subtitle of his latest book, Unfinished Business (HarperCollins). Even as a toddler, van Praagh said, he could see spirits and otherworldly lights around people....

AL Inside Scoop, July 11

An hour with Gregory Maguire

[<http://plablog.org/2009/07/an-hour-with-gregory-maguire-author-of-wicked.html>]

Rick Roche writes: "Gregory Maguire, author of Wicked, Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister, and Mirror, Mirror, opened the ALA Auditorium Speaker Series Saturday with a very personal talk, 'Playing with Stolen Property.' Readers of his books know that he reuses characters from old children's literature in writing new stories. Maguire's life began with a tragedy, the death of his mother in childbirth, and later he nearly let his infant brother die under the porch when the gang gave the baby the role of the Wicked Witch of the East."...

PLA Blog, July 11

Confessions of Lisa Scottoline

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/14/lisa-scottoline-confessions-of-a-library-slut/>]

"I am a library slut," admitted mystery author Lisa Scottoline. "That means I will go to any library that will have me," to give thanks to librarians, who changed the direction of her life. Edgar Award-winner Scottoline ebulliently told her Monday-morning audience that she grew up in a household that only had one book—TV Guide. It wasn't until she went to her school library that she found out that not only did some books have hard covers, she joked, but "they didn't all have Lucille Ball on them."...
AL Inside Scoop, July 14

Her stroke of insight

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/16/her-stroke-of-insight/>]

Harvard-trained neuroanatomist Jill Bolte Taylor captivated the audience Monday as she described the massive, debilitating stroke she suffered in 1996 at age 37 and her "journey into and back out of the silent abyss of the wounded brain." On the morning it happened, she "could not walk, talk, read, write, or recall any of my life. I essentially became an infant in a woman's body."...
AL Inside Scoop, July 16

The Soloist

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/14/the-story-behind-the-soloist/>]

Steve Lopez, Los Angeles Times columnist and author of The Soloist, told the Closing Session crowd Tuesday how he met Nathaniel Anthony Ayers, and how their relationship grew and the story developed into the book. "The deal with writing a column is, it's like having a pet monster that's always hungry," Lopez said. "You have to keep finding more stories." He met Ayers, a homeless musician with schizophrenia, while in downtown Los Angeles checking on another story lead. Ayers was playing a violin that was missing two strings....
AL Inside Scoop, July 14

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plapublications/pldsstatreport/index.cfm>]

ALA Publishing

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Books for Youth Forum: Celebrating Lincoln

[<http://plablog.org/2009/07/booklist-books-for-youth-forum-celebrating-lincoln.html>]

Cheryl Becker writes: "This event on Friday evening was a fun and nice way to begin the ALA conference. Three authors and one editor talked about the creation of their books about Lincoln. How fitting for a conference of librarians, in Illinois, in 2009, the 200th anniversary of

Lincoln's birth. Russell Freedman, author of *Lincoln: A Photobiography*, focused on the role of research and how he learned more about Lincoln, a man of 'intellect and melancholy,' and his fascination with details."...
PLA Blog, July 12

Blogs and books

[<http://ricklibrarian.blogspot.com/2009/07/books-and-blogs-made-for-each-other.html>]

Rick Roche writes: "At Booklist's 'Books and Blogs: Made for Each Other?' on Saturday, Booklist Online Editor Keir Graff and a panel of bloggers discussed the relationship of blogs with books and its prospects for the near future. Graff listed some qualities that make blogs useful to book professionals. None of the panelists thought that writing blogs hurt their print-writing style, and Mary Burkey of Audiobooker thought that bloggers who are free of institutional ties are franker in their blogs."...
ricklibrarian, July 12

looks to the future

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/17/american-libraries-advisory-committee-looks-to-2010-and-beyond/>]

Leonard Kniffel writes: "The central concerns expressed by the American Libraries Advisory Committee, which held one of its two annual face-to-face meetings Saturday, related to the magazine's ever-changing role as a communications vehicle, a membership perk, and a revenue generator. I talked with the committee about our decision to combine the forthcoming August-September issue of print AL, which was partly a one-time response to the financial crunch and staff reductions ALA recently experienced. But it also means that in 2009 there will only be nine print issues."...
AL Inside Scoop, July 17

Chicago Sidetrips

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Yes and no [<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/07/13/yes-and-no/>]
mk Eagle writes: "I have a feeling that my first stop in Chicago wasn't one that many other librarians visited. I didn't pick up my conference materials or check into my hotel. I didn't wander through the new modern wing at the art museum or indulge in my first hot dog. I didn't go anywhere near McCormick Place. Instead, I went to a tattoo parlor."...
YALSA Blog, July 13

From China to Chicago

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/14/from-china-to-chicago/>]
A delegation of directors of provincial-level libraries in China attended Annual Conference after spending 10 days at a training program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Mortenson Center. They were taking part in a continuing professional education program covering library management, public services, and digital library development. Following the conference, they traveled in groups of two to various

libraries around the U.S. for one-week visits....

AL Inside Scoop, July 14

Does Chicago work as a conference site?

[<http://ricklibrarian.blogspot.com/2009/07/chicago-as-ala-conference-site-its-it.html>]

Rick Roche writes: “Nearly every librarian I know enjoys coming to Chicago. The city is especially beautiful this time of year, filled with flowers. There are more than ever since Mayor Daley has put planters everywhere and the parks have installed more gardens. The city is also full of museums (above), zoos, and great architecture. Having ALA Annual Conference in the city is a popular idea. But I see one big, big problem—the distance between McCormick Place (the convention center) and the city center where all the visiting librarians stay.”...

ricklibrarian, July 14

Division Sessions

YALSA meets Project Runway

[<http://www.al.aala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/10/yalsa-meets-project-runway/>]

The crowd of 400 teen-services librarians cheered wildly as their colleagues strutted and posed along the catwalk in the Westin River North Hotel Friday night for YALSA’s happy hour and fashion show. The event was hosted by New York Public Library Young Adult Librarian Jack Martin, but the big draw was Chicago fashion designer Steven Rosengard (above), who emceed the fashion show....

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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_XIPPM8wmk#t=5m59s] YALSA Preconference: How to win a Newbery in a fair fight

[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/blog/1790000379/post/1170046517.html>]

Betsy Bird writes: “My job? To sneak into the YALSA ‘Genre Galaxy’ preconference on Friday so as to tape author James Kennedy. Lest you think I am a person accustomed to sneaking, though, I got two feet into the Hilton and then broke down to confess the whole thing to the organizers.” (To watch the entire Kennedy vs. “Gaiman” fight for the Newbery Medal sequence, begin with Part 2

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kL_tthUhpK0#t=5m52s] and continue with Part 3 [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_XIPPM8wmk], or read a partial transcript [<http://jameskennedy.com/2009/07/13/i-win-the-newbery/>] on Kennedy’s blog.)...

A Fuse #8 Production, July 11–12; James Kennedy Blog, July 13

Readers advisory in a digital world

[<http://plablog.org/2009/07/readers-advisory-in-a-digital-world.html>]

Barb Macikas writes: “I thought a good place for me to start at Conference was PLA’s Saturday program, ‘What Do I Watch, Listen to, Play, or Download Next?’ Presenter Helen Stewart from Schaumburg (Ill.) Public Library started the session off with lots of great information about readers advisory for movies. Stewart reminded the group of challenges facing librarians who work with multimedia. She highlighted the importance of design display—think retail when displaying DVDs, and

change displays often to increase interest and excitement.”...

PLA Blog, July 11

Digitizing the humanities

[<http://www.cla.ca/divisions/cacul/regenerations/2009/07/digitizing-humanities.html>]

Karen Munro writes: “The ACRL Literatures in English Section program on ‘Open Access Digital Initiatives in the Humanities’ on Saturday was one of the highlights of the conference. Some truly fascinating and robust digital initiatives are taking hold (and gaining ground) in the humanities. One of the most interesting (to me) is NINES

[<http://www.nines.org/>], which has been around for a very long time, but which now seems to be really taking off in new directions.”...

Re:Generations, July 14

Making information literacy seamless across K–16

[<http://ellieheartslibraries.wordpress.com/2009/07/11/ala-2009-closing-the-gap-making-information-literacy-seamless-across-k-16/>]

Ellie Collier writes: “When I arrived at AASL’s Saturday-morning ‘Closing the Gap’ session, Jane Prestebak of Robbinsdale Area Schools in New Hope, Minnesota, was sharing her project—a Research Project Calculator—based on student standards for Minnesota. She felt it was important to start with a question, then ask the student to make a value judgment. Asking students to write about cats invited copying; whereas ‘Cats make better pets than dogs’ invites debate.”...

Ellie <3 Libraries, July 11

Sharing real life with real kids

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/16/sharing-real-life-with-real-kids/>]

“God bless the [school] librarians who let me lay on my belly in the stacks and read and read and read,” acclaimed YA author Laurie Halse Anderson told an electrified capacity crowd at the Saturday AASL President’s Program, “Literacy Leadership and Librarian Flair.” Asserting that kids need school librarians more than ever, Anderson recounted the story of a 15-year-old boy who burst into tears in his school library one Friday after the media specialist said hello to him. “You do the work of angels,” she concluded....

AL Inside Scoop, July 16

Who owns antiquity?

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/16/who-owns-antiquity/>]

Do antiquities still belong in museums located far in time and space from the makers of the artifacts they house? Or do they belong to the government that happens to be in control of the land where the culture once flourished? At the ALCTS President’s Program on Monday, James Cuno, president and director of the Art Institute of Chicago, made a strong case for the argument that “we all own antiquity,” and that museums and libraries exist to “keep the past in the public domain for the sake of those who succeed us.”...

AL Inside Scoop, July 16

Screencasting a wide net

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/11/annual-saturday-screencasting>]

-a-wide-net/]

The RUSA Machine-Assisted Reference Section's Hot Topics Discussion Group presented a panel discussion Saturday on screencasting: "Casting a Wide Net: Using Screencasts to Reach and Teach Library Users." Eric Frierson of the University of Texas at Arlington demonstrated how his library's online catalog used embedded screencasts, with links to videos appearing when users are likely to need them....

AL Inside Scoop, July 11

Who doesn't care about privacy?

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/16/who-doesnt-care-about-privacy/>]

"Who Cares About Privacy?" was the title of a thoughtful program Sunday sponsored by RUSA's Machine-Assisted Reference Section. It answered its own rhetorical question with a subtitle: "Boundaries, Millennials, and the MySpace Mindset." Presenters Frances Jacobson Harris, author of *I Found It on the Internet*, and cultural historian Siva Vaidyanathan were in full agreement, emphasizing that just because young people see privacy differently doesn't mean that they don't value it....

AL Inside Scoop, July 16

LITA on science fiction and fantasy

[<http://litablog.org/2009/07/13/science-fiction-and-fantasy-uncovering-the-modern-world-of-information-society-and-technology-through-metaphor-and-imagination/>]

Steve McCann writes: "This 20th-anniversary meeting of the Imaginary Interest Group on Saturday was a well-run affair featuring free books, entertaining stories, and good-humored pandering towards librarians. The packed house thoroughly enjoyed themselves listening to TOR authors speak about metaphor, imagination, the state of the Science Fiction and Fantasy genres, and the power of libraries."...

LITA Blog, July 13

taping

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/10/annual-thursday-wait-wait/>]

Greg Landgraf writes: "Thursday's taping of NPR's Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me! was a sell-out success. ALTAFF bought out the taping as a fundraiser, and drew a sell-out crowd of more than 500 librarians. Host Peter Sagal said it was the show's first buyout of any kind, and certainly its first time playing to such a biblioaudience. Paula Poundstone is the ALTAFF spokesperson, and before the taping, she took some time to speak with AL Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick and me."...

AL Inside Scoop, July 10

Other Events

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[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4UydHzmtkY>]Library volunteers build communities [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4UydHzmtkY>]
The Chapter Relations Office once again organized a Libraries Build Communities program where ALA volunteers were given the opportunity to

visit local school libraries and help out with projects. At the Academy for Global Citizenship school on West 47th Street in Chicago on Friday, volunteers painted shelves, pulled weeds, planted flowers, polished door handles, and performed other chores to make the school shine, as you can see in this video (1:39)....

CLTV, July 10

When challenges coalesce

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/16/when-challenges-coalesce/>] Chicago's proximity to southern Wisconsin gave embattled officials of the West Bend Community Memorial Library, located some 40 miles northwest of Milwaukee, a platform on Monday morning to offer their hard-earned insights at "Intellectual Freedom on the Front Lines: West Bend Library Supporters Share Their Story." Librarians and trustees told the complicated story of West Bend's oft-stymied attempts since February to address a reconsideration request by area residents....

AL Inside Scoop, July 16

Council supports universal healthcare

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/15/ala-council-supports-universal-healthcare/>]

With healthcare costs eating up chunks of shrinking library budgets across the country, the ALA Council on Wednesday overwhelmingly passed a resolution supporting affordable, universal healthcare, including the option of a single-payer healthcare program. This is essentially a reaffirmation of a resolution adopted by ALA in June 2006. More Council actions are reported here

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/15/legislative-day-will-become-an-advocacy-day-for-dc-annual-2010/>]....

AL Inside Scoop, July 15

Open Gaming Night

[<http://www.alatechsource.org/blog/2009/07/annual-2009-let-the-games-begin.html>]

Daniel A. Freeman writes: "On Friday at one of Chicago's swankier hotels I took part in a distinctly non-swanky event: Open Gaming Night. In an elegant ballroom at the Chicago Hilton, a group of professionals from around the country gathered to kick back, socialize, and have some fun. Librarians from many different types of facilities, from big cities and small towns, wore bright smiles as they played games together. Some old friends caught up, and a lot of people made new ones."...

ALA TechSource blog, July 10

When graphic novels get too graphic

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/13/when-graphic-novels-get-too-graphic/>]

Comic books have finally won their long battle for legitimacy, affirmed Charles Brownstein, opening a Monday program on censorship and graphic novels sponsored by ALA's Intellectual Freedom Committee. Noting that every library that matters now collects graphic novels and material that was once condemned is now lauded, Brownstein (executive director of the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund) said, "We are now at the moment where we've overcome the stigma; and the time has come to turn to other concerns, such as legal challenges to the material...."

AL Inside Scoop, July 13

A tale of four panelists

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/11/a-tale-of-four-panelists/>]

Because of its unwavering commitment to intellectual freedom and inclusion, ALA prides itself on representing diverse viewpoints at its conference programs. Annual Conference is no exception, as evinced by Sunday morning's 11th-hour cancellation of the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table's intriguingly titled "Perspectives on Islam: Beyond the Stereotyping" because three out of four panelists withdrew their participation. What happened? It all depends on who you talk to....

AL Inside Scoop, July 11

From awareness to geekdom

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/12/from-awareness-to-geekdom/>]

Three weeks into a pilot campaign aimed at moving OCLC's 2008 study From Awareness to Funding from theory to practice, OCLC hosted a session Saturday to talk about where the study has taken them since its publication one year ago and to discuss their new campaign: Geek the Library [<http://geekthelibrary.org/>]. Its purpose is to show what Awareness calls "Probable Supporters," or regular voters who are likely to vote in favor of library funding....

AL Inside Scoop, July 12

Librarian demographics

[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/07/14/librarian-demographics/>]

Heidi Dolamore writes: "On Monday, I observed the ALA Executive Board. They had an interesting agenda, including a report on librarian demographics (PDF file

[http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/officers/ebsddocuments/2008_2009ebdocuments/ebd12_58lib_retire.pdf]). It was fascinating and merits discussion among a wider audience. I'll walk you through the slides, but keep in mind: While the numbers aren't completely raw, you might consider them still medium rare. As such I defer to the ALA Office for Research and Statistics when it comes to explaining all the charts and graphs. Keep in mind that this data represents particular snapshots and projections; it can be difficult to predict trends."...

YALSA Blog, July 14

How libraries can work with the media

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/13/how-libraries-can-work-with-the-media/>]

Sunday morning's PR Forum featured a panel of five experts who offered tips and tactics that will help libraries get their stories told through both new and traditional media. First up was longtime Chicago broadcaster and media trainer Dave Baum (far right), who gave a quick tutorial on how to be relevant on the radio. He warned that you must have a convincing pitch ready for radio producers: "Give them an issue they can present both sides on, like banned books, or tell a story about how your library works. People go to sleep without stories." Tools and handouts from the PR Forum are available online

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/prforum/prforum.cfm>]....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13

A stationary Parade of Bookmobiles

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/16/a-stationary-parade-of-bookmobiles/>]

Bookmobiles were again on view Sunday, parked outside McCormick Place, at ALA's third annual Parade of Bookmobiles event. The brand-new Warren-Newport Public Library bookmobile received a LLAMA Best of Show Award for its wrap design. The old WNPL bookmobile was acquired by author and musician Tom Corwin, who plans to give the mobile library a workout in 2010, driving it in a "Behind the Wheel of the Bookmobile" tour....

AL Inside Scoop, July 16

Space is the place [<http://plablog.org/2009/07/space-is-the-place.html>]

Ericka Dow writes: "'Exciting NASA Materials for Libraries' was a fantastic program on Sunday! I love to hear scientists talk because they are so enthusiastic about what they do and as a result many of them are great at outreach. ALA's Public Programs Office is sponsoring a traveling exhibit in conjunction with the Space Telescope Science Institute, the Smithsonian, and NASA called 'Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery.' Frank Summers, besides being a really lively guy, is astrophysicist at STSI and curator of the traveling exhibit."...

PLA Blog, July 12

Art and architecture in Illinois libraries

[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/07/art-and-architecture-in-illinois.html>]

Larry Nix writes: "One of my conference highlights was an opportunity to see the exhibit 'Art and Architecture in Illinois Libraries.

[<http://www.library.eiu.edu/artarch/>]' The exhibit was put together by Allen Lanham and his staff at the Eastern Illinois University Library with funding from an LSTA grant awarded by the Illinois State Library. The travelling exhibit is being displayed by libraries across Illinois."...

Library History Buff Blog, July 15

Poets and Poetry @ your library

[<http://programminglibrarian.org/blog/2009/july-2009/great-programs-with-poets-and-poetry-your-library.html>]

Colleen Barbus writes: "Sunday morning we joined representatives from the ALA Public Programs Office, the Academy of American Poets, the Greensboro (N.C.) Public Library, and award-winning poet Jane Hirshfield for a discussion of best practices in poetry programming for public audiences. Mary Davis Fournier highlighted an opportunity for talented librarians to submit their original poetry to a program sponsored by Consortium Books, titled Voices from the Stacks, to be published as an e-book in time for next year's Annual Conference."...

Programming Librarian, July 13

SRRT turns 40

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/15/srrt-turns-forty/>]

The Social Responsibilities Round Table celebrated its 40th anniversary Monday night at the Alternative Media Reception co-organized with the Alternative Press Center. The party, held at Hyde Park's funky

Experimental Station, included a Mediterranean food buffet, impromptu speeches, jazz from the three-piece combo Brian Sandstrom and Friends, three kinds of vegan cake, and some far left publisher types....

AL Inside Scoop, July 15

Washington Office videos [<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3295>]
The ALA Washington Office was able to videorecord some of its programs at Annual Conference. Included are the broadband stimulus presentation at the Washington Office Update on Saturday; and the "Libraries and Mobile Devices: Public Policy Considerations" panel on Sunday (above, in two parts), featuring Timothy Vollmer, Jason Griffey, Bonnie Tijerina, Tom Peters, Deborah Caldwell-Stone, and Eli Neiberger....

District Dispatch, July 16

Awards

Valkyries ride to drill team victory

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/12/valkyries-ride-to-drill-team-victory/>]

Dressed in Viking armor and braids and performing to "Ride of the Valkyries," the Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library Warrior Librarians took first place Sunday in the fifth annual Library Book Cart Drill Team Championship, winning a gold book cart from sponsor Demco before a standing-room-only crowd. For the first time, two teams tied for first place in the judges' scoring. Oak Park was selected over the Cart Wheels from Des Plaines (Ill.) Public Library (watch them in a 1:35 video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwYJT-wOehI>]) in an audience vote....

AL Inside Scoop, July 12; YouTube, July 12

The provocative Printz

[<http://plablog.org/2009/07/provocative-printz.html>]

Lisa Goldstein writes: "The Michael L. Printz Award is given to a book that 'exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature,' and I heard some terrific speeches at the Printz Awards ceremony on Monday night. M. T. Anderson noted how often he and others 'underestimate teens.' Teens are not jaded, 'bland, and blank.' They are 'eccentric' and curious about the world. He observed that there is 'only one taboo left in young adult literature: intelligence.'"

PLA Blog, July 15

CSK Awards celebrate 40th year

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/16/coretta-scott-king-awards-celebrate-40th-year/>]

Chicago native and Black Entertainment Television's Sunday Best finalist Shari Addison led a capacity crowd in "Lift Every Voice and Read" to begin the 40th Annual Coretta Scott King Book Awards breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Tuesday morning. Despite the early hour, attendees were greeted to a star-studded array of inspiring thank-you speeches....

AL Inside Scoop, July 16

Caldecott artwork on exhibit [<http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/?p=817>]
An exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago, "Picture Perfect: Art from Caldecott Award Books, 2006–2009 [<http://www.artic.edu/aic/exhibitions/exhibition/caldecott>]," puts award-winning children’s book illustrations on display. Up close, this is seriously impressive stuff. Originals of many recent Caldecott medal and honor books were on show, alongside tables displaying the books represented....
ALSC Blog, July 10

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMIjWQQavcY>] Randolph Caldecott: The music video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMIjWQQavcY>]
Betsy Bird put together this musical meditation on the Caldecott Medal, with music by the Effin' Gs and a special appearance throughout of Susan Marie Swanson's *The House in the Night*....
YouTube, July 13

Evaluating audiobooks
[<http://audiobooker.booklistonline.com/2009/07/12/evaluating-audiobooks-ala-2009/>]
Mary Burkey writes: "Sunday's panel was a happy reunion of nearly all the members of the 2008 Odyssey Award committee, while those missing lent their support from afar. After our hundreds and hundreds of hours under the headphone, we all developed 'Odyssey Ears'—and listening habits so arcane that we would blurt out phases like 'Stop woofing the mic!' while listening on the treadmill at the gym. Here are the PowerPoint, links to handouts, and session notes from the panel."...
Audiobooker, July 12

Best Books for Young Adults discussion
[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/07/15/risky-business-more/>]
Linda Braun writes: "At conference there was a discussion of YALSA’s Best Books for Young Adults list, including how the list is selected and how it is used. Following these discussions, the YALSA board decided that it needs to consider all of the feedback provided by members. Using feedback from board and members, the Executive Committee of YALSA will work to develop a new strategy for BBYA that will be ready for consideration at Midwinter 2010."...
YALSA Blog, July 15

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

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ALA’s unconference
[<http://plablog.org/2009/07/the-unconference-at-ala.html>]
Rick Roche writes: "What was 'un' about the Unconference on Friday? It was certainly not unfriendly, for 75 librarians spent the day together laughing and telling stories about their work. Uncontrolled is not applicable, as Michelle Boule, Meredith Farkas, and their volunteers kept

speakers like Jason Griffey (right) to their assigned times all day, something many program organizers fail to do. It wasn't unappreciated; participants left with new contacts and ideas."...

PLA Blog, July 11

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/13/topotech-ala2009/>]LITA's top tech trends

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/13/topotech-ala2009/>] LITA's 10th year of Top Tech Trends on Sunday was likely its best-attended ever—thanks to free Wi-Fi in the room, live streaming video from Shanachies, and a live blog to aggregate tweets from attendees (real and virtual) using hashtags #topotech and #ttt09 or giving comments or questions directly on the blog. While ALA is working hard to increase virtual participation, Top Tech Trends was more focused on being online than getting online. Watch the video

[<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/1797127>] (34:33)....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13

Lib 1.0 Committee still out on Lib 2.0 promise

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/14/lib10-committee-still-out-on-lib20-promise/>]

A packed meeting room awaited a panel of techie librarians to address the question of whether Library 2.0 has lived up to its promise at the LITA Internet Resources and Services Interest Group's Tuesday session, "The Ultimate Debate." The panel couldn't exactly agree on what Library 2.0 was, let alone whether it has fulfilled its promise, but traditional ways of thinking may not even be sufficient to judge Lib 2.0 effectiveness. For the panel's starter questions (and his "starter answers"), see David Lee King's blog

[<http://www.davidleeking.com/2009/07/15/starter-questions-for-ultimate-debate-2009/>]....

AL Inside Scoop, July 14; David Lee King, July 15

Bringing technology to the developing world

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/12/bringing-technology-to-the-developing-world/>]

To anyone attending an ALA conference, viewing the many attendees toting laptops or sporting smartphones and the exhibit hall dominated by high-tech vendors, it's inescapable how pervasive technology has become in our society; in developing countries, it's obviously another story. "Technology and the Developing World," a Saturday-morning program presented by LITA, illustrated various approaches to rectifying that situation....

AL Inside Scoop, July 12

The BIGWIG Showcase and Google's new Wave

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/15/bigwig-showcase-googles-new-wave-changes-everything/>]

Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "At the BIGWIG Social Software Showcase Monday, eight presenters gave brief talks on trends in social software in a 'speed-dating' format, where each presenter had 10 minutes to talk to a roving audience. I was most interested in hearing Jason Griffey's talk on Google Wave, a product that, I admit, I hadn't paid much attention to until his presentation."...

AL Inside Scoop, July 15

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/13/data-power-through-data-linking/>]Data power through data linking

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/13/data-power-through-data-linking/>]

“From Legacy Data to Linked Data: Preparing Libraries for Web 3.0” drew enough of an audience on Monday that some had to listen from the hallway. Data objects and agents already have identifiers, explained Diane Hillmann of the Information Institute of Syracuse and Metadata Management Associates. In linked data, however, relationships between data also have identifiers. That way, “The relationships can be identified and explained and given context,” she said....

AL Inside Scoop, July 13

Choosing sides on net neutrality

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/12/choosing-sides-on-net-neutrality/>]

The knotty issue of net neutrality—the principle that network providers should not discriminate on the sites or applications they provide access to—and its implications for libraries was deftly explicated by a panel of experts assembled Sunday morning by LITA. Clifford Lynch (far right), director of the Coalition for Networked Information, opened by framing the issue in a historical context....

AL Inside Scoop, July 12

Seen Online

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Rettig on the radio [<http://www.pio.ala.org/visibility/?p=849>]

On July 9, ALA President Jim Rettig appeared on The Noon Show on WGN radio with news anchor Steve Bertrand. Beginning by noting that 25,000 librarians were descending on Chicago, Bertrand asked Rettig what constituted a typical librarian. Rettig replied that the typical librarian has earned a master’s degree and has “an incredible commitment” to connecting people with information they can use in their lives. Among other media coverage,

[<http://www.pio.ala.org/visibility/?p=888>] WGN’s Nick DiGilio had ALA President-Elect Camila Alire on his July 11 show

[<http://www.wgnradio.com/shows/nickd/wgnam-nickd-uncut-podcast-090711b,0,4022035.mp3file>]....

Visibility @ your library, July 9, 14

Twitterers confront hashtagging

[<http://go-to-hellman.blogspot.com/2009/07/twittering-librarians-confront.html>]

Eric Hellman writes: "It’s interesting to see what happens when librarians, all of whom should have at least a bit of training in the application of subject headings, are presented with the task of hashtagging their tweets. That’s exactly what happened this past weekend when more than 28,000 people attended the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Over 1,500 tweets were hashtagged to indicate they were related to the meeting."...

Go to Hellman, July 14

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNR66iJ8wjI>]A visit to the Exhibit Hall
[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNR66iJ8wjI>]
Director Gerard Saylor of the L. D. Fargo Public Library in Lake Mills,
Wisconsin, writes: "I went down to walk the exhibits (8:12) at the 2009
ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on Saturday. I found Neil Gaiman, Mike
Bowen, the creators of the Unshelved comic strip, coffee, Pirate Girl,
Libby Hellmann, Neil Gaiman look-a-like Marcus Sakey, smoothies, and a
Spyderco J. D. Smith sprint run knife."...
YouTube, July 12

[<http://www.oaklandcc.edu/librarytechnician>]

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

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/generalinformation.cfm>]

A grand total of 28,941

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/07/15/executive-board-learns-chicago-may-set-attendance-record/>] librarians and library staff, exhibitors,
and library supporters attended ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, July
9–14. Attendance was well above the 22,047 who went to last year's
conference in Anaheim, California, as well as the 28,499 who attended the
2007 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The number also surpassed the
previous Chicago Annual Conference figure in 2005 of 27,962.

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/davidking/3711291617/in/set-72157621314013552/>]

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/epist/3716855230/>]

Visit Flickr [<http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=ala2009>] to see the
thousands of photos uploaded by ALA Annual Conference attendees (tagged
ala2009). See also Heather Devine's photo and tweet tracker.

[<http://www.flexyourinfo.com/projects/ALA2009/>]

Find more conference coverage in the online version of Cognotes

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/cognotes.cfm>

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/cognotes.cfm>
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[<http://www.dnblearn.com>]

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Public Perception
Heard and overheard at Annual

“For me it was more fun doing banned book readings than to go to the Playboy Super Bowl Party.”

?Former Playboy Enterprises CEO Christie Hefner, at the Opening General Session, July 11.

“I love it when librarians dress up.”

?Tweet from Kristin Fontichiaro, Michigan, July 12.

“If a team is caught in drug testing—and those will be multiple choice—the second-place team will have to take those same drugs.”

?Author/Illustrator Mo Willems, laying down the strict steroid policy of the Book Cart Drill Team World Championships, July 12.

“Didn’t get a single freebie from exhibits. Does this happen to all ALA newbies? Srsly, how do I explain this to family / coworkers?”

?Tweet from Bohyun Kim, Miami, July 13.

“Librarians can get pretty gangsta when they need to.”

?Tweet from themba, July 13.

“I’d like to see a picture of a chair right now.”

?Attendee at a full-past-capacity session, after the presenter offered a photo of cupcakes as the last slide in her presentation.

“You could not have picked a more appropriate speaker today. Because guess what? Can you believe I was married in a library?”

?The Soloist author Steve Lopez, during his Closing Session speech, July 14.

“Am home from #ala2009 and in need of a new bookshelf. Gah, what an incredible weekend.”

?Tweet from orangerooibos, July 13.

“Five signs you’ve spent the last five days entirely in the company of other librarians [drum roll]. 1) gratuitous drinking and swearing, 2) reading manga and graphic novels, 3) assigning acronyms to family members and household objects, 4) making lists for no apparent reason, and 5) tweeting too hard.”

?Tweet from Dave Wilson, San Antonio, July 14.

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. I've just come back from the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago and am trying to pull together my trip report. With efforts at "going green" there seemed to be fewer handouts—or at least fewer copies available. Can you tell me where I can find the speakers' presentations and handouts? The presenters said they would be "on the web." But where?

A. Good question! How handouts and other output [<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Conferences>] from the Annual Conference are disseminated varies considerably from division to division, or from one program planner or speaker to another. A couple of years ago, ALA instituted the Conference Materials Archive [http://presentations.ala.org/index.php?title=Main_Page] in order provide a central place to collect the handouts or other conference content—or at least links to that content. But there is great inconsistency as to whether materials are there. The ALA Library [<mailto:library@ala.org>] will seek out handouts when possible, but here are some of our tricks for when they are not on the wiki.

1. We use the 2009 Annual Conference Program Book (big PDF file [http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/2009/ALA_Chicago_ProgramGuide_FINAL.pdf]
—almost 9MB) to identify the sponsor of the program and exact title.

2. Then, we do a search of the ALA website, to see if the unit has posted the content.

3. The next step is a general web search or a check the division's blogs and podcasts.

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

4. Finally, we try a search for the specific speaker to see if the material has been posted on the speaker's personal or institutional webpage or blog.

To complicate matters even more, with the exception of the very few contemporaneous blog posts, there is a time lag between the program presentation and the posting or publication of the content. Also, there is always the possibility that a presentation is not recorded or written and may only be captured when the presenter uses the content in a substantially revised form in a publication a year or more later.

We are looking into ways for using ALA Connect [<http://connect.ala.org/>] for these materials and would welcome comments.

From the ALA Professional Tips wiki

[http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/ALA_Annual_Conference_handouts%2C_etc.].

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[Fired Lexington PL Director Imhoff may sue board](#)

The board of the Lexington (Ky.) Public Library fired Director Kathleen Imhoff July 15 after the five board members present (out of seven) voted unanimously to terminate her contract, which was set to run until June 2011. The action follows months of squabbling over the details of Imhoff's expense accounts over the past five years. "I am still more than willing to mediate this situation," Imhoff told *American Libraries*, "and would prefer not to go to litigation."...
 American Libraries Online, July 22



[Hawaii board delays plan to close branches](#)

Deferring a vote on Hawaii State Librarian Richard Burns's (right) proposal to shut five public libraries, the Hawaii Board of Education has directed him to submit a new plan to address a \$5.7-million cut in funding that does not include library closures. At its July 16 meeting, the board approved the rest of the proposal presented by Burns July 9, but passed motions protecting the five branches that had been targeted for closure....
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ALA News

[Alphonse F. Trezza dies at 88](#)

ALA Honorary Member Alphonse F. Trezza died July 15 at his home in Tallahassee, Florida. Trezza was professor emeritus at the Florida State University SLIS in Tallahassee, and formerly served as director of the Illinois State Library and director of the U.S. National

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Commission on Libraries and Information Science. He was chosen for ALA's highest award as an Honorary Member in 2007 for his development of cooperative library systems....

Illinois State Library Newsletter 2, no. 29 (July 17)

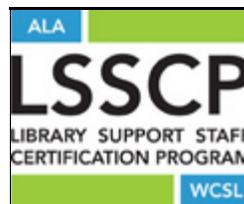
[25 libraries to host Lincoln traveling exhibit](#)

The Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, has selected 25 libraries to host a new traveling exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War." One copy of the exhibition will travel to public, academic, and special libraries from mid-2009 through 2013. The selected libraries will host the 1,000-square-foot exhibit for six weeks and receive a \$2,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for exhibit-related expenses....



[Support staff certification program approved](#)

The ALA Executive Board approved the establishment of a Library Support Staff Certification Program at its July 13 meeting in Chicago. The LSSC Program is the first national, voluntary certification program for library support staff. Funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, it will now enter a testing phase in five library organizations across the United States....



[COA announces accreditation actions](#)

The Committee on Accreditation has announced accreditation actions taken at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Continued accreditation status was granted to the University of Iowa, University of South Florida, and University of Tennessee....



[How has your library stepped up to the plate?](#)

The Campaign for America's Libraries is looking for stories about how libraries are promoting the fourth season of "Step Up to the Plate @ your library." From now until August 18, libraries can submit stories, photos, and videos of their activities by [email](#). Examples can include footage and photos from events, photos of signage, "Step Up to the Plate" PSAs, clips from local media, or scans of publicity materials....



[Advocacy Day planned for Annual Conference 2010](#)

In 2010, the ALA Washington Office will replace its annual National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., with an exciting, one-time opportunity—Library Advocacy Day—that combines a rally on Capitol Hill with participants' traditional visits to Congressional offices.

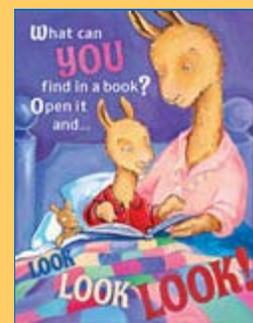
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Anna Dewdney's adorable characters come to life in this new poster created exclusively for ALA Graphics. Featuring [Llama Llama and Mama Llama](#), this poster illustrates the importance of parents and children reading—and discovering new

Set for June 28, the event will give the those attending the 2010 ALA Annual Conference, scheduled for June 24–30 in Washington, a chance to get involved in federal advocacy and encourage them to take part in future National Library Legislative Days....

District Dispatch, July 20

AL Focus

[Sylvia Ivie at the Coretta Scott King Book Awards celebration](#)

Sylvia Ivie, presenter of the first Coretta Scott King Book Awards, spoke to AL Focus at the 40th anniversary celebration about what the CSK Book Awards have developed into and why they are still necessary (2:02)....



[Christie Hefner at the Opening General Session](#)

Before her Opening General Session speech at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference, *American Libraries* spoke (2:21) with former Playboy Enterprises CEO Christie Hefner about her message to librarians, her memories of Judith Krug and the important First Amendment battles they fought, and what helped her to succeed in what some would call a man's job....



[Wanda Urbanska at the Auditorium Speaker Series](#)

At her presentation at Annual Conference, Wanda Urbanska discussed the "disease" of overconsumption and the idea of simplicity as a lifestyle, and offered suggestions for how to incorporate these ideas into libraries—and help the environment at the same time. This video of the complete presentation (53:47) includes a brief question-and-answer segment, which evolved into a discussion on how to advocate for environmentally friendly options....



[Wanda Urbanska backstage](#)

After her speech at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference, *Simple Living* host Wanda Urbanska spoke (2:28) with *American Libraries* Editor Leonard Kniffel about her work with libraries and how librarians can advocate for green choices to administrators charged with monitoring the bottom line....



[Paula Poundstone at Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!](#)

AL Focus visited ALTAFF Spokesperson Paula Poundstone July 9 before a taping of National Public Radio's *Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!* attended by 500 librarians. The conversation (3:21) covered Poundstone's role as ALTAFF spokesperson, her kids' reading habits, the Three Stooges, the dreaded acronym game, and the horrors of math. Transcript to



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[Coordinator of Library Systems.](#)

Texas Woman's University, Denton. Performs responsible leadership and administers and supports daily operational requirements of the libraries' information computer network system including hardware and software, online library system (ExLibris' Voyager), and web-based technologies. Oversees installation of hardware, software,

come....

[Carl Kasell at Wait Wait...](#)

National Public Radio newscaster and official judge and scorekeeper for *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!* Carl Kasell spoke (2:17) to AL Focus before the July 9 taping of the show. Topics included the NPR library, the First Amendment, his use of libraries as a child, and Charles Kuralt....



[Dan Kraus at the Live @ your library stage](#)

AL Focus caught up with Dan Kraus, the founder of AL Focus, currently an editor with *Booklist* magazine, and author of the novel *The Monster Variations*, after his reading on the Live @ your library stage at ALA Annual Conference. Dan discusses (1:35) his new book as well as the experience of being on the other side of the AL Focus cameras....



[NMRT résumé review service](#)

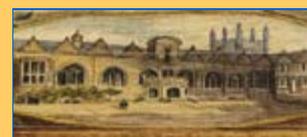
Sarah Johnson, a reviewer for the New Members Round Table [Résumé Review Service](#), discusses the program and how to participate in it (2:06), as well as some of the common résumé mistakes she sees. Librarians from all types of libraries, with various specializations, have volunteered to help you make your résumé shine. Transcript to come....



system upgrades, network security, web page design, interface and updates, planning and implementing a long-range automation plan, creating reports, and documentation....



Digital Library of the Week



[On the Edge: The Hidden Art of Fore-Edge Book Painting](#)

highlights a special collection of more than 200 high-resolution images of fore-edge paintings housed in the Rare Books Department of the Boston Public Library. The books and images on the site can be explored in a variety of ways, either by wandering through the main gallery, or browsing the works by subject, book title, or painting title. The featured works section provides additional information about selected books, including detail shots and a video of the book as it is fanned to display the hidden artwork. Anywhere on the site, you may click on an image to view a

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[Featured review: Media](#)

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. *The Boy Who Dared*. Read by David Ackroyd. Apr. 2009. 4hr. Listening Library, CD (978-0-7393-7407-8).

Bartoletti encountered the true story of Helmuth Hübener when researching the 2006 Newbery Honor title *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* (also available from Listening Library). In *The Boy Who Dared*, Bartoletti imagines 17-year-old Hübener's thoughts as he awaits Nazi execution, tracing the German boy's evolution from youthful Nazi supporter to teen resistance fighter through flashbacks. Ackroyd's American accent, mature voice, and straightforward delivery establish a historical-documentary feel to the audio....



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[Southard heading southward](#)

Greta K. Southard, longtime executive director of the Public Library Association has announced that she will resign her position as of August 31. She has been executive director of PLA since 1996. Southard was selected executive director of the Boone County (Ky.) Public Library from a nationwide pool of candidates. She will assume the post in September....



[2009 PLDS statistical report now available](#)

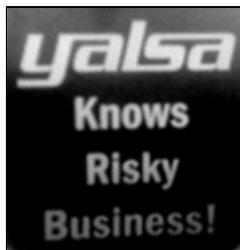
Designed to aid and enhance the public library planning and evaluation process, PLA's [Public Library Data Service Statistical Report 2009](#) is now available. The current edition will help library managers identify top-performing libraries, compare service levels and technology usage, and provide documentation for funding requests. Also included are the results of a special survey on library facilities. The data contained in this year's report was collected from more than 800 public libraries. Available soon in the ALA Store....

[Registration open for YALSA fall courses](#)

YALSA will offer three online courses this fall: "AIMing at Tweens: Advising, Involving, Motivating," taught by Teri Lesesne; "Graphic Novels and Teen Readers: The Basics and Beyond," taught by Francisca Goldsmith; and "Reaching Teens with Gaming," taught by Beth Gallaway. The first two both meet for four weeks; the last one meets for six weeks. All courses begin October 5. [Registration](#) for YALSA's online courses is available now through October 2....

[Taking a risk? Tell YALSA](#)

Are you taking risks at your library? YALSA wants to hear about your experiences as part of YALSA President Linda Braun's theme, "Risky Business." Braun's presidential advisory task force helped her develop the theme. Throughout the year, she plans to develop content that highlights the ways that YALSA, librarians, and teens manage risk effectively. Braun will discuss smart risk-taking in depth on August 5 during a YALSA online chat in ALA Connect....



[L4L trainers ready to implement AASL standards](#)

On July 9, AASL trained more than 60 state-level coordinators from 46 states in the development of customized implementation strategies for AASL's standards and guidelines. The all-day summit, Training4Trainers, was part of Learning4Life, AASL's plan for its *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner and Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs*....



[Still time for the WrestleMania Reading Challenge](#)

Registration for the 2009–2010



larger version. A series of [articles](#), written by leading experts in the field, provide historical and curatorial insight into fore-edge painting. A full-text search feature is also provided. This online collection was made possible by a generous gift from Anne and David Bromer. The website concept was developed by Tom Blake and Scot Colford. Website programming and design by Josh Boughey. High-resolution photography was done at the Boston Public Library's digital-imaging studio. Descriptive information was captured and created by Jay Campbell and Leslie Burmeister.

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.

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"As a kid, I spent every summer bent over a stack of books, obsessively writing detailed reports on each one. I fondly remember the scratchy couches and Freon-cooled bliss of the Lemont (Ill.) Public Library."

—Author, screenwriter, and blogger Diablo Cody, in

WrestleMania Reading Challenge will close July 31—teens and tweens at your library could win a trip to WrestleMania XXVI in Phoenix, and you could win \$2,000 for your library. Just complete the Teen Read Week [registration](#) and say “yes” to the WrestleMania Reading Challenge by July 31...

YALSA Blog, July 20

Awards

[Sr. Calavera goes to the Belpré celebration](#)

The skeleton Señor Calavera receives an invitation to attend the ALA Pura Belpré book award ceremony. Now all he needs is to make it there in time! This video (4:38) was shown at the ALSC Pura Belpré Celebración at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, where *Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book* by Yuyi Morales received the Pura Belpré Medal for illustration and the Pura Belpré Honor for narrative. Morales was the puppeteer in the video....



YouTube, July 14

[Lions and tigers and Best Books—oh my!](#)

mk Eagle writes: “Unless you’ve been hiding under a rock for the past few weeks, you’ve probably heard about the controversy surrounding one of YALSA’s best-known lists: the Best Books for Young Adults. Heck, you’d have to be ignoring Twitter, various journals, and the YALSA Blog to have not heard a peep about the kerfuffle. But what really happened?”...

YALSA Blog, July 20

[Five outstanding Friends groups](#)

ALTAFF and Baker and Taylor recognized five Friends of the Library groups during the division’s Gala Author Tea held recently during Annual Conference in Chicago. Each group received a \$1,000 check and an engraved plaque to honor their achievements. The five Friends groups include Friends of the Florence County (S.C.) Library, Friends of the San Benito County (Calif.) Free Library, Friends of the Orangevale (Calif.) Library, Friends of the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Public Library, and Friends of Henderson (Nev.) Libraries....

[Peter Lyman Memorial/SAGE Scholarship in New Media](#)

The first scholarship winner has been selected for the newest ALA scholarship, the Peter Lyman Memorial/SAGE Scholarship in New Media. Stacy Kitsis, English teacher at Arlington (Mass.) High School, has been selected to receive the scholarship in memory of Peter Lyman, the former university librarian and professor emeritus of the School of Information at the University of California, Berkeley. Lyman was nationally known for his landmark study on information overload, “How Much Information?” coauthored with Hal Valerian....

[2009 Diversity Research grants](#)

ALA’s Office for Diversity has announced the recipients of the Diversity Research Grants for 2009. The grants consist of a one-time \$2,000 annual award for original research and a \$500 travel grant to attend and present at the ALA Annual Conference. The grants will go to Clayton Copeland (University of South Carolina), Diana Tedone (UCLA), and Stephanie Maatta Smith (University of South Florida)....

“Summer Sucks,”
Entertainment Weekly, July 24.



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Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. I work in a public library. With the downturn in the economy, the people who come into the library seem to be more stressed, and in turn take their stresses out on the librarians. This makes the library environment more stressful to be in, and my life more stressful as well. Do you have any suggestions for how the library staff can reduce their stress levels while still providing the best services to our patrons?

A. Increased stress in the workplace is not unique to libraries, nor did it start with this latest economic downturn. The ALA

[Coretta Scott King Award audio resources](#)

TeachingBooks.net has launched the Coretta Scott King Book Award Curriculum Resource Center, a free, online site for educators and families that features more than 250 original recordings with the award-winning authors and illustrators, as well as hundreds of lesson plans. The center was developed to assemble teaching materials that connect the books to the curriculum in any classroom....

TeachingBooks.net, July 13



[BWB/NCFL Libraries and Family Award](#)

Better World Books and the National Center for Family Literacy have launched a Libraries and Family Award, which will recognize exceptional family programming in libraries around the country. Each year, three winning libraries will be awarded \$10,000 in grants. The competition will be conducted through an online RFP process. Award criteria and an application will be available online by October 1....

National Center for Family Literacy



[Montana database wins ESRI award](#)

A program developed by the Montana State Library in Helena received a Special Achievement in GIS Award July 15 at the 2009 ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, California. The Natural Resource Information System was selected from more than 300,000 organizations worldwide to receive the award, which recognizes extraordinary contributions to our global society through GIS technology....

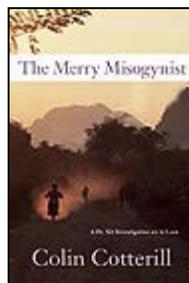
Montana State Library, July 15



[The Dagger in the Library Award goes to Colin Cotterill](#)

The U.K. Crime Writers' Association has awarded mystery author Colin Cotterill the 2009 Dagger in the Library Award, which carries a prize of £1,500 (\$2,480 U.S.) to the author, plus £300 (\$500 U.S.) to a participating library's readers' group. The annual award is given to "the author of crime fiction whose work is currently giving the greatest enjoyment to library users." Authors are nominated by UK libraries and readers' groups and judged by a panel of librarians....

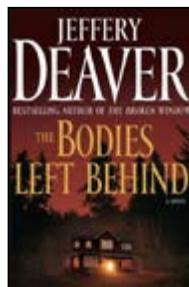
Crime Writers' Association, July 15



[Best thrillers of 2009](#)

Members of the International Thriller Writers gathered together July 13 to hand out awards at the awesomely named [Thrillerfest](#) in New York City. David Morrell, author of *The Shimmer* (2009) and *Scavenger* (2007), received the lifetime achievement "ThrillerMaster" Award. Brad Meltzer (*The Book of Lies*, 2008) took home the Silver Bullet Award for contributions to the advancement of literacy. Best Thriller of the Year went to Jeffery Deaver's *The Bodies Left Behind* (2008)....

Likely Stories, July 15



Library has put together a [collection of resources](#) that include articles both on generally applicable ways to reduce stress in the workplace and library-specific techniques. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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



ALA is still accepting applications for the [2010 class of Emerging Leaders](#). For the first time since its establishment, the Emerging Leaders program will accept non-MLS library workers. The deadline for [applications](#) is July 31.

Calendar

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[Search Engine Strategies](#), McEnery Convention Center, San José, California.

Aug. 11–14:
[Balisage: The Markup Conference](#), Hotel Europa, Montréal, Quebec.

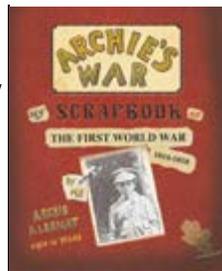
Sept. 2–4:
[Best Practices Exchange](#), University at Albany, SUNY. "Tackling Technology Together."

Sept. 10:
[Dewey or Do We](#)

[2009 UKLA Children's Book Awards](#)

The United Kingdom Literacy Association announced the winners of the UKLA Children's Book Awards July 9 at the University of Greenwich. The winner in the 12–16 age category was Siobhan Dowd's *Bog Child*, while *Archie's War* by Marcia Williams won in the 3–11 age group. Books are judged both on their content and the means of expression (challenging use of language, imaginative expression, illustration and other graphics)....

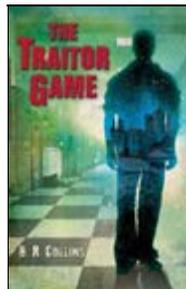
UK Literacy Association, July 9



[2009 Branford Boase Award](#)

Walker Books in London has awarded the 10th annual Branford Boase Award to *The Traitor Game* (Bloomsbury, 2008), written by Bridget R. Collins and edited by Emma Matthewson. The book explores the way boys create friendships and how fragile these relationships can be when dealing with issues of bullying, homosexuality, and peer pressure. The award is given annually to the author and editor of an outstanding novel for young people by a first-time writer....

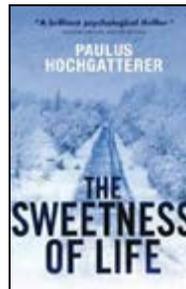
Walker Books, July 9



[European Union Prize for Literature](#)

The names of 12 European authors to receive the first-ever [European Union Prize for Literature](#) were announced by the European Commission July 16. The prizes will be presented during a ceremony in Brussels on September 28. The aim of the prize is to put the spotlight on the creativity and diverse wealth of Europe's contemporary literature. The prize will be granted in three phases; by 2011, a winner will have been announced for each of the 34 countries participating in the EU Culture Programme....

EuroAlert.net, July 16



[2008–2009 Research Library Awards \(The Rellas\)](#)

Megan Kate Nelson spent last year reading and taking notes in many research libraries throughout the nation and came to appreciate all of their various delights, horrors, and quirks. These awards were determined after much musing about her own experiences and in consultation with other scholars. Among them are honors for Best Pencils at the Massachusetts Historical Society, and Best Lunchtime Ritual at the Huntington Library....

AuntieQuarian, July 17

Seen Online

[Libraries commemorate 1969 moon landing](#)

The 40th anniversary of the first moon walk was celebrated July 20, but Massachusetts libraries are finding ways to commemorate the historic event all summer long. From stories and crafts that teach children about space to special presentations that all ages can enjoy, libraries are doing all they can to educate people about Apollo 11's triumph on July 20, 1969, and the wonders of the universe. The West Bridgewater Public Library, for example, has landed samples of NASA moon rocks and meteorites....



[Not: Designing and Building a Merchandized Library](#)

Association for Small and Rural Libraries, Preconference, Anna Porter Public Library, Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Sept. 10–12:

[International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval](#)

Microsoft Research, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Sept. 16–17:

[OCLC Digital Forum West](#)

Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles. "Convergence: Where Metadata and Access Meet for Digital Discovery and Delivery."

Sept. 21–22:

[EdUI Conference on Web Design, Usability and Accessibility](#)

University of Virginia, Charlottesville. "Remaining ."

Oct. 4–8:

[National Media Market](#)

Griffin Gate Marriott Resort, Lexington, Kentucky.

Oct. 6–9:

[Illinois Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Peoria.

Oct. 6–9:

[North Carolina Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Greenville.

Oct. 7–9:

[Georgia Library Association](#)

Annual

Brockton (Mass.) Enterprise, July 17

[Passport services help fund Flagler County library](#)

Despite a down-and-out economy, the Flagler County (Fla.) Public Library has a new funding source that's already produced enough cash to pay for some long-needed upgrades. Thanks to new passport services offered in the Palm Coast library, there is a newly renovated room for patrons to read library materials, surf the internet on laptops, and watch local government meetings on two state-of-the-art televisions....

Daytona Beach (Fla.) News-Journal, July 18

[TLA's new Tattooed Ladies calendar](#)

Former Texas Library Association President Gretchen Hoffman (right) has a starfish tattooed onto her left shoulder blade. She is one of 18 librarians showing off a different side of the profession in a new calendar featuring tattooed librarians from Texas. The TLA calendar, slated to come out in July and called [The Tattooed Ladies of TLA](#), covers 18 months and will raise money for the association's disaster-relief fund. Be sure to watch the KXAN [video](#) (2:05)....

KXAN-TV, Austin, Texas, July 14; Texas Library Association



[New university computer policy sparks library arrest](#)

A 25-year-old man was arrested July 15 in the University of Montana's Mansfield Library for protesting a [new policy](#) that limits public access to most computers. Nicholas Stocks left the library in handcuffs after urging patrons to rebel against the change that requires student IDs for most computer use. The library has about 100 computers that previously did not require identification for use. However, as the library moves toward digital collections, users must now enter a student ID to log on to most computers....

The Missoulian, July 17; University of Montana, July 13



[Rockford board delays action on shortfall](#)

City officials surprised the Rockford (Ill.) Public Library board in early July by announcing that the city will no longer contribute \$683,000 to its employees' pension in 2010. On July 20, the board held off discussions in open and closed sessions about finding new revenue streams or the likelihood of library hours, staff, and services being reduced. Before the meeting, trustee President John Brien acknowledged the board "has to have discussions with the union before we do anything."...

Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, July 21

[Mount Prospect mural features wild animals](#)

A near life-size mural in the Children's Department at the Mount Prospect (Ill.) Public Library features elephants, giraffes, and monkeys interacting with fearless young readers, in a whimsical display by artist Greg Gove (right). The 40-foot mural stretches along the north wall of the department, interrupted by doors to the reading rooms, which double as tree trunks. The centerpiece is a giraffe, with a book on its head, and its



Conference, Columbus.

Oct. 19–23:
[Open Access Week.](#)

Nov. 12–15:
[Theatre Library Association.](#) Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. "Theatre, Performance, and DestiNation."

Nov. 19–22:
[California School Library Association.](#) Annual Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Ontario, California.

Dec. 3–4:
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Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, July 15

[Dallas is poised to slash library funding](#)

In September, the city of Dallas will adopt a new budget that shaves about \$190 million from its planned \$1.9-billion operating budget. Libraries will bear a significant part of that burden. According to a June briefing, the library budget will be slashed by a third to just under \$22 million. Under a proposal that must be approved by the council, most branch libraries will open for 23 hours per week, less than half what they average now. The central library will also shave 28 hours a week from its current 68-hour schedule....

Dallas Morning News, July 20

[Volunteers to play larger roles in libraries in Ohio...](#)

Marilyn Welling spends several hours per week in the basement of the Wright Memorial Public Library in Oakwood, Ohio, cataloging dozens of books. She is one of hundreds of volunteers essential for services and summer programs at area libraries. But with state budget cuts looming, many volunteers might play an even bigger role in the daily operations and programs of libraries....

Dayton (Ohio) Daily News, July 19

[...and in Santa Cruz County](#)

After Santa Cruz (Calif.) Public Library System leaders cut back on hours, staff, and programs at branches around the county in June to deal with a swelling deficit, the number of new library volunteers walking through his door jumped from four per week to 10. Volunteer Coordinator Ron D'Alessandro has received so many offers of assistance that for the first time he is asking potential volunteers for résumés so he can tailor their skills to the positions that need to be filled....

San José (Calif.) Mercury News, July 20

[San Bernardino libraries struggle for funds](#)

Cash-strapped libraries in San Bernardino, California, are trying to preserve basic services through cash gifts from a donor group, a state grant for online services, and a proposed infusion from a city cultural fund. Acting Library Director Millicent Price recommended using a proposed \$200,000 transfer from the city cultural-development fund to pay the salaries of two program coordinators and part-time support staff and to preserve programs that include story readings, puppet shows, a chess club, and a monthly literary salon....

Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise, July 18

[Princeton tries out Redbox](#)

Located near the driveway at the rear of the Princeton (N.J.) Public Library, the \$1-a-night DVD-dispensing machine called Redbox contains 700 new DVDs, or some 25 movie titles. By not having to buy multiple copies of new movies, the library saves money to purchase more foreign-language films, indie productions, and TV series. In exchange for providing a location and power, the library gets three cents on every dollar spent on a Redbox DVD. PPL is one of 10 libraries piloting the Redbox machines, which are owned by Coinstar....

Princeton (N.J.) Town Topics, July 15



[Grave excavation continues in Peoria](#)

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Three more burial sites yielded four more sets of human remains July 20, as a team of archaeologists continued to identify and remove them to build an addition behind Peoria (Ill.) Public Library's Lincoln branch. "We're looking at ways to investigate as few of the burial sites as possible," Project Manager Roger Anderson said. "We've identified 84 sites that would fall beneath the footprint of the 12,000-square-foot addition, which is a lot less expensive than looking into all 303 of them."...

Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star, July 20

[Laura Bush praises new namesake library](#)

Growing up in Midland, Texas, former first lady Laura Bush said she thought the library was the most important building in town. Bush, a longtime supporter of literacy and the arts, said she was honored that the newest branch of the Westbank Community Library District in Austin would be named for her. Hundreds of people gathered July 19 at "Laura's Library" to hear Bush speak at the dedication of the \$6-million building....

Austin (Tex.) American-Statesman, July 20

[Restore the noble purpose of libraries](#)

William H. Wisner writes: "Libraries were once a sacred secular space of silence and reverence—a place where one automatically lowered one's voice. As a direct heir to the Enlightenment, the establishment of libraries was a testament to the self-evident integrity of mankind, the belief that we all desire to find the truth through knowledge. Librarians once framed our mission in those terms—before libraries became the noisy computer labs they now are, with their jingle of ringtones, clattering keyboards, and unquenchable printers. And we reference librarians had a higher, more dignified calling than merely changing the printer paper." Kelly Nuxoll [follows up](#)....

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Christian Science Monitor, July 17, 21

[Banned library trustee turns himself in](#)

Randolph L. Hopp, a trustee of the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin, Illinois, whose library-use privileges were revoked for one year, turned himself in to police in July on an unrelated outstanding arrest warrant. The warrant involved a 2005 incident in a bank in Carpentersville. Hopp's library privileges were suspended June 30 following a closed-door board meeting under allegations that he harassed library staff....

Elgin (Ill.) Courier News, July 15

[Many school libraries in China are neglected](#)

Most schools in Chinese cities have a mini-library attached to them that is supposed to help children develop a lifelong love of books and literature. But a recent study found that many school libraries have failed to accomplish this and have even fallen into oblivion. Only seven out of 24 students say they frequented school libraries. Some did not even know when the libraries were open. Watch the [video](#) (3:18)....

China Central Television, July 9

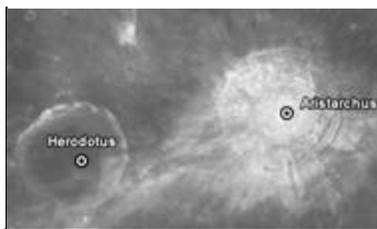


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Tech Talk

[Fly yourself to Google Moon](#)

Forty years after Apollo 11, Google has released a Google Earth version of the Moon. All you need is Google Earth 5.0 (if you already have it, no upgrade is required). Just click the planet button on the top toolbar of Google Earth, and choose Moon. Each of the Apollo landing missions is chronicled in an immersive and interactive 3D environment through pictures and stories. The Human Artifacts layer contains locations and trivia on every robotic spacecraft that's ever landed on or crashed into the moon....



Google Lat Long Blog, July 20

[Troubleshoot a flaky internet connection](#)

Gina Trapani writes: "You're zooming down the information superhighway getting things done when your usually-trusty browser throws up the dreaded 'Server not found' message. Argh! Now what? Roll up your sleeves and get troubleshooting, that's what. When your internet connection goes down or starts acting up, here's what to do."...

Lifehacker, July 22



[Open source vs. proprietary library software](#)

Brett Bonfield writes: "It's interesting how many people don't really understand the concept of open source. People often describe freeware as open source, or they'll describe free web-based applications as open source, or applications with APIs that allow for mashups. There are articles all the time that recommend free software, but don't distinguish programs the authors gives away for free from software that is actually open source. For a program to be open source, it has to meet two basic qualifications."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, July 22

[How to choose the best web browser](#)

Michael Muchmore writes: "The recent launch of Firefox 3.5 was just the latest in a crescendo of activity on the browser front over the past few months. We've seen Google tout speed with its bare-bones Chrome 2. We've seen Apple's Safari 4 bring on both the speed and all the interface eye candy we've come to expect. Starting it all was that juggernaut Microsoft, coming out with Internet Explorer 8, which the company claimed was more compliant with open web standards. Here are our takes and links to reviews of the top recent entries to help you make your choice."...

PC Magazine, July 16



[Students may not be as software-savvy as they think](#)

Erica R. Hendry writes: "When it comes to basic computer applications, even members of the millennial generation may not know as much as they think they do. A study by North Carolina Central University ([PDF file](#)) found that most students overestimated their skill levels when they were asked how they perceived their ability to complete certain tasks and then tested on those tasks. Students correctly perceived their skill level only in PowerPoint, the study said."...

Chronicle of Higher Education, July 21

[Catching spammers in the act](#)

Robert Lemos writes: "Researchers have shed new light on the methods by which spammers harvest email addresses from the web and relay bulk messages through multiple computers. They say that findings could provide additional ammunition in the fight against junk email campaigns. Currently, more than 90% of the email messages traversing the internet appear to be spam."...

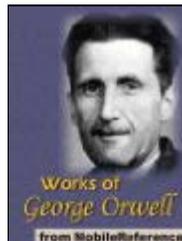
Technology Review, July 15

Publishing

[Orwell books erased from Kindle](#)

In a move that angered customers and generated waves of online pique, on July 17 Amazon.com remotely deleted some digital editions of George Orwell's *1984* and *Animal Farm* from the Kindle devices of readers who had bought them. Amazon spokesman Drew Herdener said that the books were added to the Kindle store by a company that did not have rights to them. Amazon effectively acknowledged that the deletions were a bad idea and said they would not delete e-books in the future under similar circumstances. But Farhad Manjoo [advises](#). "Don't put too much stock in that promise," and Sam Jordison is [worried](#)....

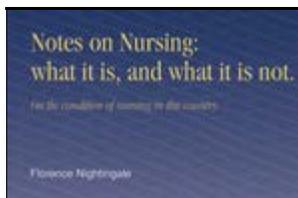
New York Times, July 17; *Slate*, July 20; *The Guardian* (U.K.), July 21



[Amazon to distribute Michigan's digitized books](#)

The University of Michigan will make thousands of books that are no longer in copyright available as reprints on demand under a new agreement with BookSurge, part of the Amazon.com group of companies. As individual copies are sold, BookSurge will print and bind the books in softcover form. Maria Bonn, director of the UM Library's scholarly publishing office, said the reprint program includes books digitized both by the university and through its partnership with Google. The initial offering on Amazon will include more than 400,000 titles in more than 200 languages....

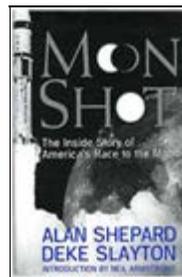
University of Michigan, July 21



[Men, and books, on the Moon](#)

Scott Laming writes: "Forty years ago, Neil Armstrong stepped on to the Moon and earned his place in history. The rivalry between America and Russia manifested both in the Cold War and in who could put someone on the Moon. During the Apollo missions, a dozen of the 38 astronauts who flew eventually walked on the moon." Here are some of their books, along with the Moon in science fiction and some lunar-themed children's books....

Abebooks



[Does the book industry want to get Napstered?](#)

Jack Shafer writes: "Book publishers are in the process of picking a fight with Amazon.com and other sellers over the pricing of e-books. If the publishers are lucky, they'll lose. Here's why."...

Slate, July 15

[Beers named after books and authors](#)

Josh Christie writes: "Musing over a pint last night, Rogue's Shakespeare Stout popped into mind. Surely

that wasn't the only brewery that took inspiration from the literary world? I'm a smart guy, but I certainly am not the first lover of brews and books. Wouldn't you know it, there are tons of beers that draw inspiration from the world's great literature. Some of the names are pretty obvious, others a bit more subtle."...

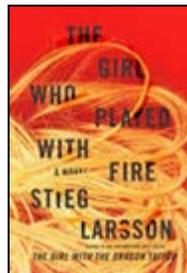
Brews and Books, July 17



[Why Scandinavians write the best crime novels](#)

Larissa Kyzer writes: "Although the Scandinavian crime novel has enjoyed immense popularity in Europe for decades, it has become something of a sensation in the English-speaking world in recent years. Henning Mankell, Stieg Larsson, Arnaldur Indriðason, Karin Fossum, Jo Nesbø, and myriad others from the Nordic climes have become staples in the diets of mystery aficionados in the U.S. and U.K., but not without a fair amount of bemusement on the part of their readers."...

The L Magazine, July 17



[Book Blogger Appreciation Week](#)

Last year, more than 400 blogs came together to celebrate the art of book blogging during the first-ever Book Blogger Appreciation Week. This second annual celebration will take place September 14–18. Anyone who blogs about books is invited to participate. There will be special guest posts, daily blogging themes, and giveaways. [Registration](#) ensures your inclusion in the BBAW 09 Database of Book Bloggers and enters you into the drawing for the Grand Prize...

Book Blogger Appreciation Week



Actions & Answers

[Ohio Library Council cancels 2009 convention](#)

On July 17, the Ohio Library Council board of directors made the difficult decision to cancel the 2009 Convention and Expo, slated for October 21–23 in Cleveland. The decision was unanimously supported by Convention Chair Tom Adkins, as well as the Planning Committee chairs. OLC staff learned last week in a survey of library directors that very few libraries will have the funds to send their staff to this event, because of recent developments in the state's public library funding....

Ohio Library Council, July 20



[Little lyrics for librarians](#)

Larry Nix writes: "Thanks to librariansa collector extraordinaire Norman D.

Stevens, I obtained a copy of a reprint of a wonderful little publication entitled *Little Lyrics for Librarians* by William Fitch Smyth (1857–1940). The reprint contains a foreword by Stevens which provides background information on Smyth and his small book of library-related poems. Smyth worked as an evening attendant in the general reference division of the Cleveland Public Library from 1904 until his death in 1940. The original booklet was published in 1910.”...

Library History Buff Blog, July 20

A LIBRARIAN'S LIFE

A librarian's life is the life for me
For there's nothing at all to do, you see,
But to sit at a desk and read new books,
And admire yourself, and think of your looks.
To questioning souls one can tartly say:
"I can't be bothered with you to-day,
For I haven't finished this novel. See?"
A librarian's life is the life for me.

[A day in the life of a reference librarian](#)

Beth Goldman, outreach, IT, and reference librarian at Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood, Massachusetts, writes: “Weekday, a.m. Library has not opened yet. Come in and walk up the stairs and turn on the Waiting List computer. Check to be sure Print Station is up. Uh-oh, strange message. That's because the power went off last night during the thunder and lightning storm. Run upstairs to the computer server and check to be sure all is okay and restart program.”...

Norwood (Mass.) Daily News Transcript, July 20



[A day in the life of a children's librarian](#)

Noel De Vries writes: “The truth is, life in the stacks has its share of adventure. A boy, about 12, came in with a list of Newbery Medal winners. I helped him locate several, recommending some over others. ‘Oh, these aren't for me,’ he said. ‘I'm getting them for my grandma.’ ‘Okay,’ I replied. ‘But still, this one's better than that one.’ ‘Eh,’ he shrugged, taking the book from my hands. ‘She's just an old lady. She won't care.’”...

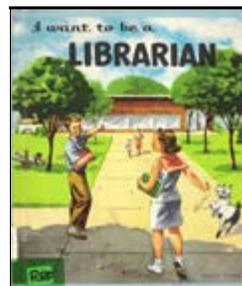
Novel Journey, July 20



[I want to be a librarian](#)

Holly Hibner and Mary Kelly write: “Thanks to anonymous submitter for this wonderful relic from the past! Submitter says there is lots of information about the card catalog and finding good books. (I wonder if this counts as a good book?) I quickly breezed through the WorldCat holdings and a lot of public libraries are hanging on to this title. Please do the profession a favor and get something more current.”...

Awful Library Books, July 13



[A galaxy of comicalities](#)

Steven Lomazow writes: “One gem of American humor in my collection is a volume composed of the complete file of *Galaxy of Comicalities*, published weekly in Philadelphia in 1833–1834. The editor is not identified (nor is he/she in Sloane) but the contents reveal the spectrum of American humor in its day, including what appears to be the first introduction of magazine readers to



America's most important homespun hero, Davy Crockett."...

Magazine History: A Collector's Blog, July 19

[How not to tweet](#)

David Lee King writes: "Every once in awhile, a library follows me on Twitter. When they do, I usually check out their Twitter feed (but rarely follow them). And every once in awhile, I see something like this (right). This isn't 'Pick on MSJLibrary Day'—I'm sure they're a fine library, and I commend them for jumping into Twitter to figure it out. But maybe this post will help other libraries as they work on figuring out social media sites like Twitter."...



David Lee King, July 21

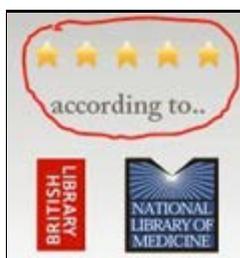
[The people speak out on libraries at Gov Gab](#)

Gov Gab, the U.S. government blog, posed the question: "When was the last time you used your local library and what are your favorite library resources and programs?" Only a few people (including IMLS Public Affairs Officer Jeannine Mjoseh) have answered so far. Kristine offers: "Public librarians are masters of doing more with less."...

Gov Gab, July 20

[On the pitfalls of social media: The case of Clinical Reader](#)

Peter E. Murray writes: "As libraries feel the need to join the social media landscape to meet a segment of their user population already there, it is useful to step back and get acclimated. There is a pace of information flow that is unlike anything else in the physical world, and a minor incident—be it an ill-advised policy decision or an unfortunate slip of the tongue—can quickly spiral out of your control. And that is probably the key word: *control*. You don't, can't, and won't have it." With some additional [commentary](#)....



Disruptive Library Technology Jester, July 19

[Conference fashion tips for men](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "It must be something that kicks in with geezerdom, but I've been bothered a lot more lately by people who are badly dressed who should know better. I am not complaining about kids (now defined as anyone under 30). I am addressing the grown-up guys I see at conferences, at church services, well, just generally in public. These pointers cost little or nothing and would make my environment much more attractive."...

Blue Skunk Blog, July 19

[NYPL's new wireless reading room opens](#)

The New York Public Library's Beaux-Arts Edna Barnes Salomon Room is the home to a new wireless internet reading and study room that opened July 20 in the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street. In the setting of this striking room, seating is provided for 128 users who have access to work space and to free Wi-Fi. For the first time in the Fifth Avenue Library, users will also have access to laptops available for loan....



New York Public Library, July 20

[NYPL in 1908](#)

The Shorpy photo blog has this photo of

the New York Public Library under construction circa 1908, some six years after groundbreaking and three years before it finally opened. Compare this with a [similar photo](#) from 1915 and see the



number of cars that have appeared in just seven years. And what *is* that man doing on the roof? Taking a photo of the scene below?....
Shorpy, July 20

[Rockin' the Lancaster Library](#)

Stewart Parsons is the music librarian at the Lancaster Library in the UK. After 20 years of doing the usual library gig he wanted to push boundaries a bit and created "Get It Loud in Libraries." Founded in 2005, Get It Loud is a unique project that received the 2007 Love Libraries Award and is "designed to give people, especially young people who love music, a damn good time in a library." Watch the 2007 [video](#) (5:36) by Shush Productions....
Book Patrol, July 17; YouTube, Mar. 13, 2007



[New Jersey librarians go mobile in pilot program](#)

Eight public libraries in New Jersey will join the New Jersey State Library, the NJSL Talking Book and Braille Center, and Gold Mobile in a six-month pilot program to determine the effectiveness of using text messaging and mobile communications to provide information to users. NJSL Director of Marketing Nancy Dowd said the program will concentrate on outreach to teens and the parents of younger children....



New Jersey State Library, July 15

[Blended learning helps boost achievement](#)

A new analysis of existing online-learning research by the U.S. Department of Education reveals that students who took all or part of their class online performed better, on average, than those taking the same course through traditional face-to-face instruction. Most of the studies examined by researchers dealt with college-level courses, and officials cautioned against generalizing the report's findings to the K-12 level. Still, the report ([PDF file](#)) could help educators as they seek to create effective learning environments for all students....



eSchool News, July 14

[Vinland Map authentic, says Danish expert](#)

The 15th-century Vinland Map, the earliest known map to show part of America before explorer Christopher Columbus landed on the continent, is almost certainly genuine, a Danish expert said July 17. Rene Larsen, rector of the School of Conservation at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, said his team carried out studies of the ink, writing, wormholes, and parchment of the map, which is housed at



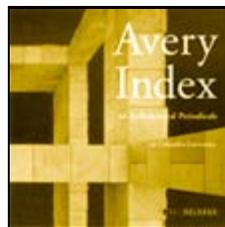
Yale University. American scholars have carbon-dated the map to about 1440....

Medieval News, July 19

[**Avery Index returns to Columbia University**](#)

The J. Paul Getty Trust has returned ownership of the *Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals* to Columbia University effective July 1. One of the preeminent research tools in architecture, the index offers a comprehensive listing of journal articles published worldwide on architecture and design, city planning, interior design, landscape architecture, and historic preservation. For the past 26 years, the *Avery Index* has been a joint project between the Getty Trust and Columbia, with the Getty providing funding and technical support, while the university managed its production....

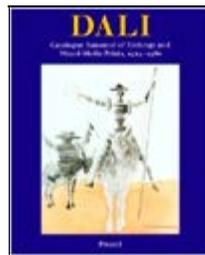
J. Paul Getty Trust, July 1



[**The catalogue raisonné**](#)

Craig Bunch writes: "The catalogue raisonné is a wonderful and specialized category of art reference source whose ideals include completeness and authority, but which invariably falls short of at least the former ideal. Publication brings to light a statement of what is known by an expert or team of experts about an artist's works; at the same time, it is an invitation (reluctant, perhaps) for corrections, updating, and controversy."...

Point of Reference, July 19



[**Duke puts historic TV ads on iTunes U**](#)

More than 1,500 historic TV commercials from the Hartman Center for Sales, Advertising, and Marketing History in the Duke University Special Collections Library are available on iTunes U in a collection called [AdViews](#). These ads, mostly from the 1950s and 1960s, are part of the Hartman Center's D'Arcy Masius Benton and Bowles advertising agency archive, which includes 12,000 commercials total. The library plans to make the remaining commercials available by the end of 2009....

Duke University, July 21



[**JISC's Libraries of the Future documentary**](#)

The UK's Joint Information Systems Committee has released a specially commissioned documentary (9:41) on its Libraries of the Future campaign. The campaign stimulated debate among librarians, information professionals, and academics on the issues surrounding technology's impact on the emerging role of the academic library in the 21st century through a series of events, printed resources, and podcast interviews....

Joint Information Systems Committee, July 17



[**Keep it local, America**](#)

Tom Campbell and friends of the [Regulator Bookshop](#) in Durham, North Carolina, have created a campy, fun,



1940s newsreel–style [video](#) (1:52) with a serious message: Shopping local is green. The spot uses archival and newly shot video to dramatize how a book shipped from an internet retailer rather than bought at a local bookstore raises the carbon load in the environment significantly. “How much fuel is required to make up the difference?” asks the video narrator. “Too much, chum!”...
Bookselling This Week, July 16; YouTube, July 9

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AL Direct, July 22, 2009

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U.S. & World News

Fired Lexington PL Director Imhoff may sue board

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/july2009/imhofffired072209.cfm>]

The board of the Lexington (Ky.) Public Library fired Director Kathleen Imhoff July 15 after the five board members present (out of seven) voted unanimously to terminate her contract, which was set to run until June 2011. The action follows months of squabbling over the details of Imhoff's expense accounts over the past five years. "I am still more than willing to mediate this situation," Imhoff told American Libraries, "and would prefer not to go to litigation."... American Libraries Online, July 22

Hawaii board delays plan to close branches

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/july2009/hawaiiidelaysclosures072109.cfm>]

Deferring a vote on Hawaii State Librarian Richard Burns's (right) proposal to shut five public libraries, the Hawaii Board of Education has

directed him to submit a new plan to address a \$5.7-million cut in funding that does not include library closures. At its July 16 meeting, the board approved the rest of the proposal presented by Burns July 9, but passed motions protecting the five branches that had been targeted for closure....

American Libraries Online, July 21

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[<http://www.colormarq.com/>]
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ALA News
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Alphonse F. Trezza dies at 88

[<http://www.librarynewsletters.org/isl/issue.aspx?volume=2&issue=29>]

ALA Honorary Member Alphonse F. Trezza died July 15 at his home in Tallahassee, Florida. Trezza was professor emeritus at the Florida State University SLIS in Tallahassee, and formerly served as director of the Illinois State Library and director of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. He was chosen for ALA's highest award as an Honorary Member in 2007 for his development of cooperative library systems....

Illinois State Library Newsletter 2, no. 29 (July 17)

25 libraries to host Lincoln traveling exhibit

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

The Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, has selected 25 libraries to host a new traveling exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War." One copy of the exhibition will travel to public, academic, and special libraries from mid-2009 through 2013. The selected libraries will host the 1,000-square-foot exhibit for six weeks and receive a \$2,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for exhibit-related expenses....

Support staff certification program approved

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

The ALA Executive Board approved the establishment of a Library Support Staff Certification Program at its July 13 meeting in Chicago. The LSSC Program is the first national, voluntary certification program for library support staff. Funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, it will now enter a testing phase in five library organizations across the United States....

COA announces accreditation actions

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

The Committee on Accreditation has announced accreditation actions taken

at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Continued accreditation status was granted to the University of Iowa, University of South Florida, and University of Tennessee....

How has your library stepped up to the plate?

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

The Campaign for America's Libraries is looking for stories about how libraries are promoting the fourth season of "Step Up to the Plate @ your library." From now until August 18, libraries can submit stories, photos, and videos of their activities by email [<mailto:baseball@ala.org>]. Examples can include footage and photos from events, photos of signage, "Step Up to the Plate" PSAs, clips from local media, or scans of publicity materials....

Advocacy Day planned for Annual Conference 2010

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3326>]

In 2010, the ALA Washington Office will replace its annual National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., with an exciting, one-time opportunity—Library Advocacy Day—that combines a rally on Capitol Hill with participants' traditional visits to Congressional offices. Set for June 28, the event will give the those attending the 2010 ALA Annual Conference, scheduled for June 24–30 in Washington, a chance to get involved in federal advocacy and encourage them to take part in future National Library Legislative Days....

District Dispatch, July 20

AL Focus

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[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/sylvia-ivie-coretta-scott-king-book-awards>]Sylvia Ivie at the Coretta Scott King Book Awards celebration

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/sylvia-ivie-coretta-scott-king-book-awards>] Sylvia Ivie, presenter of the first Coretta Scott King Book Awards, spoke to AL Focus at the 40th anniversary celebration about what the CSK Book Awards have developed into and why they are still necessary (2:02)....

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/christie-hefner-interview>]Christie Hefner at the Opening General Session

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/christie-hefner-interview>] Before her Opening General Session speech at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference, American Libraries spoke (2:21) with former Playboy Enterprises CEO Christie Hefner about her message to librarians, her memories of Judith Krug and the important First Amendment battles they fought, and what helped her to succeed in what some would call a man's job....

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/wanda-urbanska-2009-ala-annual-conference>]Wanda Urbanska at the Auditorium Speaker Series

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/wanda-urbanska-2009-ala-annual-conference>] At her presentation at Annual Conference, Wanda Urbanska discussed the "disease" of overconsumption and the idea of simplicity as a lifestyle, and offered suggestions for how to incorporate these ideas

into libraries—and help the environment at the same time. This video of the complete presentation (53:47) includes a brief question-and-answer segment, which evolved into a discussion on how to advocate for environmentally friendly options....

Wanda Urbanska backstage

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/wanda-urbanska-interview>]

After her speech at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference, Simple Living host Wanda Urbanska spoke (2:28) with American Libraries Editor Leonard Kniffel about her work with libraries and how librarians can advocate for green choices to administrators charged with monitoring the bottom line....

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/paula-poundstone-wait-wait-dont-tell-me>]Wait Wait...

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/paula-poundstone-wait-wait-dont-tell-me>] AL Focus visited ALTAFF Spokesperson Paula Poundstone July 9 before a taping of National Public Radio's Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me! attended by 500 librarians. The conversation (3:21) covered Poundstone's role as ALTAFF spokesperson, her kids' reading habits, the Three Stooges, the dreaded acronym game, and the horrors of math. Transcript to come....

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/carl-kasell-backstage-wait-wait-dont-tell-me>]Wait Wait...

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/carl-kasell-backstage-wait-wait-dont-tell-me>]

National Public Radio newscaster and official judge and scorekeeper for Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me! Carl Kasell spoke (2:17) to AL Focus before the July 9 taping of the show. Topics included the NPR library, the First Amendment, his use of libraries as a child, and Charles Kuralt....

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/dan-kraus-live-your-library-stage>]Dan Kraus at the Live @ your library stage

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/dan-kraus-live-your-library-stage>] AL Focus caught up with Dan Kraus, the founder of AL Focus, currently an editor with Booklist magazine, and author of the novel The Monster Variations, after his reading on the Live @ your library stage at ALA Annual Conference. Dan discusses (1:35) his new book as well as the experience of being on the other side of the AL Focus cameras....

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/nmrt-resume-review-service>]NMRT Resume Review Service

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/nmrt-resume-review-service>] Sarah Johnson, a reviewer for the New Members Round Table Resume Review Service,

[<http://ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/nmrt/oversightgroups/comm/resreview/resumereview.cfm>] discusses the program and how to participate in it (2:06), as well as some of the common résumé mistakes she sees. Librarians from all types of libraries, with various specializations, have volunteered to help you make your résumé shine. Transcript to come....

Featured review: Media

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3542847]

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. *The Boy Who Dared*. Read by David Ackroyd.

Apr. 2009. 4hr. Listening Library, CD (978-0-7393-7407-8).

Bartoletti encountered the true story of Helmuth Hübener when researching the 2006 Newbery Honor title *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* (also available from Listening Library). In *The Boy Who Dared*, Bartoletti imagines 17-year-old Hübener's thoughts as he awaits Nazi execution, tracing the German boy's evolution from youthful Nazi supporter to teen resistance fighter through flashbacks.

Ackroyd's American accent, mature voice, and straightforward delivery establish a historical-documentary feel to the audio....

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

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plapublications/pldsstatreport/index.cfm>]

Division News

Southard heading southward

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

Greta K. Southard, longtime executive director of the Public Library Association has announced that she will resign her position as of August 31. She has been executive director of PLA since 1996. Southard was selected executive director of the Boone County (Ky.) Public Library from a nationwide pool of candidates. She will assume the post in September....

2009 PLDS statistical report now available

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

Designed to aid and enhance the public library planning and evaluation process, PLA's Public Library Data Service Statistical Report 2009 [<http://www.pla.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plapublications/pldsstatreport/index.cfm>] is now available. The current edition will help library managers identify top-performing libraries, compare service levels and technology usage, and provide documentation for funding requests. Also included are the results of a special survey on library facilities. The data contained in this year's report was collected from more than 800 public libraries. Available soon in the ALA Store....

Registration open for YALSA fall courses

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

YALSA will offer three online courses this fall: "AIMing at Tweens:

Advising, Involving, Motivating,” taught by Teri Lesesne; “Graphic Novels and Teen Readers: The Basics and Beyond,” taught by Francisca Goldsmith; and “Reaching Teens with Gaming,” taught by Beth Gallaway. The first two both meet for four weeks; the last one meets for six weeks. All courses begin October 5. Registration [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/onlinecourses/info.cfm#current>] for YALSA’s online courses is available now through October 2....

Taking a risk? Tell YALSA

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

Are you taking risks at your library? YALSA wants to hear about your experiences as part of YALSA President Linda Braun’s theme, “Risky Business.” Braun’s presidential advisory task force helped her develop the theme. Throughout the year, she plans to develop content that highlights the ways that YALSA, librarians, and teens manage risk effectively. Braun will discuss smart risk-taking in depth on August 5 during a YALSA online chat in ALA Connect....

L4L trainers ready to implement AASL standards

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/l4l_standards_aasl.cfm]

On July 9, AASL trained more than 60 state-level coordinators from 46 states in the development of customized implementation strategies for AASL’s standards and guidelines. The all-day summit, Training4Trainers, was part of Learning4Life, AASL’s plan for its Standards for the 21st-Century Learner and Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs....

Still time for the WrestleMania Reading Challenge

[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/07/20/wrestlemania-reading-challenge-registration-ends-july-31-sign-up-today/>]

Registration for the 2009–2010 WrestleMania Reading Challenge will close July 31—teens and tweens at your library could win a trip to WrestleMania XXVI in Phoenix, and you could win \$2,000 for your library. Just complete the Teen Read Week registration

[<http://www.ala.org/teenread>] and say “yes” to the WrestleMania Reading Challenge by July 31...

YALSA Blog, July 20

Awards

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY1CjAhiDgA>]Sr. Calavera goes to the Belpré celebration [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY1CjAhiDgA>]

The skeleton Señor Calavera receives an invitation to attend the ALA Pura Belpré book award ceremony. Now all he needs is to make it there in time! This video (4:38) was shown at the ALSC Pura Belpré Celebración at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, where Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book by Yuyi Morales received the Pura Belpré Medal for illustration and the Pura Belpré Honor for narrative. Morales was the puppeteer in the video....

YouTube, July 14

Lions and tigers and Best Books—oh my!

[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/07/20/lions-and-tigers-and-best-books-oh-my/>]

mk Eagle writes: “Unless you’ve been hiding under a rock for the past few weeks, you’ve probably heard about the controversy surrounding one of YALSA’s best-known lists: the Best Books for Young Adults. Heck, you’d have to be ignoring Twitter, various journals, and the YALSA Blog to have not heard a peep about the kerfuffle. But what really happened?”...

YALSA Blog, July 20

Five outstanding Friends groups

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

ALTAFF and Baker and Taylor recognized five Friends of the Library groups during the division’s Gala Author Tea held recently during Annual Conference in Chicago. Each group received a \$1,000 check and an engraved plaque to honor their achievements. The five Friends groups include Friends of the Florence County (S.C.) Library, Friends of the San Benito County (Calif.) Free Library, Friends of the Orangevale (Calif.) Library, Friends of the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Public Library, and Friends of Henderson (Nev.) Libraries....

Peter Lyman Memorial/SAGE Scholarship in New Media

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

The first scholarship winner has been selected for the newest ALA scholarship, the Peter Lyman Memorial/SAGE Scholarship in New Media. Stacy Kitsis, English teacher at Arlington (Mass.) High School, has been selected to receive the scholarship in memory of Peter Lyman, the former university librarian and professor emeritus of the School of Information at the University of California, Berkeley. Lyman was nationally known for his landmark study on information overload, “How Much Information?”” coauthored with Hal Valerian....

2009 Diversity Research grants

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

ALA’s Office for Diversity has announced the recipients of the Diversity Research Grants for 2009. The grants consist of a one-time \$2,000 annual award for original research and a \$500 travel grant to attend and present at the ALA Annual Conference. The grants will go to Clayton Copeland (University of South Carolina), Diana Tedone (UCLA), and Stephanie Maatta Smith (University of South Florida)....

Coretta Scott King Award audio resources

[<http://www.teachingbooks.net/crc.cgi?id=1>]

TeachingBooks.net has launched the Coretta Scott King Book Award Curriculum Resource Center, a free, online site for educators and families that features more than 250 original recordings with the award-winning authors and illustrators, as well as hundreds of lesson plans. The center was developed to assemble teaching materials that

connect the books to the curriculum in any classroom....
TeachingBooks.net, July 13

BWB/NCFL Libraries and Family Award

[<http://www.famlit.org/libraries-and-families-award>]

Better World Books and the National Center for Family Literacy have launched a Libraries and Family Award, which will recognize exceptional family programming in libraries around the country. Each year, three winning libraries will be awarded \$10,000 in grants. The competition will be conducted through an online RFP process. Award criteria and an application will be available online by October 1....

National Center for Family Literacy

Montana database wins ESRI award

[<http://nris.mt.gov/new/displayRelease.asp?relNum=299>]

A program developed by the Montana State Library in Helena received a Special Achievement in GIS Award July 15 at the 2009 ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, California. The Natural Resource Information System was selected from more than 300,000 organizations worldwide to receive the award, which recognizes extraordinary contributions to our global society through GIS technology....

Montana State Library, July 15

The Dagger in the Library Award goes to Colin Cotterill

[<http://www.thecwa.co.uk/daggers/2009/library.html>]

The U.K. Crime Writers' Association has awarded mystery author Colin Cotterill the 2009 Dagger in the Library Award, which carries a prize of £1,500 (\$2,480 U.S.) to the author, plus £300 (\$500 U.S.) to a participating library's readers' group. The annual award is given to "the author of crime fiction whose work is currently giving the greatest enjoyment to library users." Authors are nominated by UK libraries and readers' groups and judged by a panel of librarians....

Crime Writers' Association, July 15

Best thrillers of 2009

[<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2009/07/15/2009-best-thriller-of-the-year-winners-announced/>]

Members of the International Thriller Writers gathered together July 13 to hand out awards at the awesomely named Thrillerfest

[<http://www.thrillerwriters.org/thrillerfest/current-and-past-thriller-awards.html>] in New York City. David Morrell, author of *The Shimmer* (2009) and *Scavenger* (2007), received the lifetime achievement

"ThrillerMaster" Award. Brad Meltzer (*The Book of Lies*, 2008) took home the Silver Bullet Award for contributions to the advancement of literacy. Best Thriller of the Year went to Jeffery Deaver's *The Bodies Left Behind* (2008)....

Likely Stories, July 15

2009 UKLA Children's Book Awards

[http://www.ukla.org/site/awards/ukla_childrens_book_awards/]

The United Kingdom Literacy Association announced the winners of the UKLA Children's Book Awards July 9 at the University of Greenwich. The winner in the 12–16 age category was Siobhan Dowd's *Bog Child*, while Archie's

War by Marcia Williams won in the 3–11 age group. Books are judged both on their content and the means of expression (challenging use of language, imaginative expression, illustration and other graphics)....

UK Literacy Association, July 9

2009 Branford Boase Award

[<http://www.branfordboaseaward.org.uk/BBA/branfordboaseawa.html>]

Walker Books in London has awarded the 10th annual Branford Boase Award to *The Traitor Game* (Bloomsbury, 2008), written by Bridget R. Collins and edited by Emma Matthewson. The book explores the way boys create friendships and how fragile these relationships can be when dealing with issues of bullying, homosexuality, and peer pressure. The award is given annually to the author and editor of an outstanding novel for young people by a first-time writer....

Walker Books, July 9

European Union Prize for Literature

[<http://euroalert.net/en/news.aspx?idn=8957>]

The names of 12 European authors to receive the first-ever European Union Prize for Literature [<http://www.euprizeliterature.eu/>] were announced by the European Commission July 16. The prizes will be presented during a ceremony in Brussels on September 28. The aim of the prize is to put the spotlight on the creativity and diverse wealth of Europe's contemporary literature. The prize will be granted in three phases; by 2011, a winner will have been announced for each of the 34 countries participating in the EU Culture Programme....

EuroAlert.net, July 16

2008–2009 Research Library Awards (The Rellas)

[<http://auntiequarian.blogspot.com/2009/07/2008-2009-research-library-award-s.html>]

Megan Kate Nelson spent last year reading and taking notes in many research libraries throughout the nation and came to appreciate all of their various delights, horrors, and quirks. These awards were determined after much musing about her own experiences and in consultation with other scholars. Among them are honors for Best Pencils at the Massachusetts Historical Society, and Best Lunchtime Ritual at the Huntington Library....

AuntieQuarian, July 17

Seen Online

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Land_on_the_Moon_7_21_1969-repair.jpg]Libraries commemorate 1969 moon landing

[<http://www.enterpriseneews.com/news/x1120032931/Space-shots-local-libraries-commemorating-1969-moon-landing-all-summer-long>]

The 40th anniversary of the first moon walk was celebrated July 20, but Massachusetts libraries are finding ways to commemorate the historic event all summer long. From stories and crafts that teach children about space to special presentations that all ages can enjoy, libraries are doing all they can to educate people about Apollo 11's triumph on

July 20, 1969, and the wonders of the universe. The West Bridgewater Public Library, for example, has landed samples of NASA moon rocks and meteorites....

Brockton (Mass.) Enterprise, July 17

Passport services help fund Flagler County library

[<http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/News/Neighbors/NewsTri bune/flaNT02071809.htm>]

Despite a down-and-out economy, the Flagler County (Fla.) Public Library has a new funding source that's already produced enough cash to pay for some long-needed upgrades. Thanks to new passport services offered in the Palm Coast library, there is a newly renovated room for patrons to read library materials, surf the internet on laptops, and watch local government meetings on two state-of-the-art televisions....

Daytona Beach (Fla.) News-Journal, July 18

TLA's new Tattooed Ladies calendar

[http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/Librarians_show_their_wild_side]

Former Texas Library Association President Gretchen Hoffman (right) has a starfish tattooed onto her left shoulder blade. She is one of 18 librarians showing off a different side of the profession in a new calendar featuring tattooed librarians from Texas. The TLA calendar, slated to come out in July and called The Tattooed Ladies of TLA, [<http://www.txla.org/temp/tattoo.html>] covers 18 months and will raise money for the association's disaster-relief fund. Be sure to watch the KXAN video

[http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/Librarians_show_their_wild_side] (2:05)....

KXAN-TV, Austin, Texas, July 14; Texas Library Association

New university computer policy sparks library arrest

[<http://www.missoulian.com/articles/2009/07/17/news/local/news03.txt>]

A 25-year-old man was arrested July 15 in the University of Montana's Mansfield Library for protesting a new policy [<http://content.lib.umt.edu/facultyblog/?p=222>] that limits public access to most computers. Nicholas Stocks left the library in handcuffs after urging patrons to rebel against the change that requires student IDs for most computer use. The library has about 100 computers that previously did not require identification for use. However, as the library moves toward digital collections, users must now enter a student ID to log on to most computers....

The Missoulian, July 17; University of Montana, July 13

Rockford board delays action on shortfall

[<http://www.rrstar.com/news/x488848391/Library-Board-delays-action-on-638K-pension-shortfall>]

City officials surprised the Rockford (Ill.) Public Library board in early July by announcing that the city will no longer contribute \$683,000 to its employees' pension in 2010. On July 20, the board held off discussions in open and closed sessions about finding new revenue streams or the likelihood of library hours, staff, and services being reduced. Before the meeting, trustee President John Brien acknowledged the board "has to have discussions with the union before we do anything...."

Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, July 21

Mount Prospect mural features wild animals

[<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=306552>]

A near life-size mural in the Children's Department at the Mount Prospect (Ill.) Public Library features elephants, giraffes, and monkeys interacting with fearless young readers, in a whimsical display by artist Greg Gove (right). The 40-foot mural stretches along the north wall of the department, interrupted by doors to the reading rooms, which double as tree trunks. The centerpiece is a giraffe, with a book on its head, and its owner, a little girl, about to climb a ladder to get it back....

Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, July 15

Dallas is poised to slash library funding

[<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/072009d nmetdallibrary.46293a3.html>]

In September, the city of Dallas will adopt a new budget that shaves about \$190 million from its planned \$1.9-billion operating budget. Libraries will bear a significant part of that burden. According to a June briefing, the library budget will be slashed by a third to just under \$22 million. Under a proposal that must be approved by the council, most branch libraries will open for 23 hours per week, less than half what they average now. The central library will also shave 28 hours a week from its current 68-hour schedule....

Dallas Morning News, July 20

Volunteers to play larger roles in libraries in Ohio...

[<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/volunteers-to-play-larger-roles-at-libraries-211824.html>]

Marilyn Welling spends several hours per week in the basement of the Wright Memorial Public Library in Oakwood, Ohio, cataloging dozens of books. She is one of hundreds of volunteers essential for services and summer programs at area libraries. But with state budget cuts looming, many volunteers might play an even bigger role in the daily operations and programs of libraries....

Dayton (Ohio) Daily News, July 19

...and in Santa Cruz County

[http://www.mercurynews.com/centralcoast/ci_12873936?]

After Santa Cruz (Calif.) Public Library System leaders cut back on hours, staff, and programs at branches around the county in June to deal with a swelling deficit, the number of new library volunteers walking through his door jumped from four per week to 10. Volunteer Coordinator Ron D'Alessandro has received so many offers of assistance that for the first time he is asking potential volunteers for résumés so he can tailor their skills to the positions that need to be filled....

San José (Calif.) Mercury News, July 20

San Bernardino libraries struggle for funds

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_N_nlibraries19.46 e56ee.html]

Cash-strapped libraries in San Bernardino, California, are trying to preserve basic services through cash gifts from a donor group, a state grant for online services, and a proposed infusion from a city cultural

fund. Acting Library Director Millicent Price recommended using a proposed \$200,000 transfer from the city cultural-development fund to pay the salaries of two program coordinators and part-time support staff and to preserve programs that include story readings, puppet shows, a chess club, and a monthly literary salon....

Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise, July 18

Princeton tries out Redbox [<http://www.towntopics.com/jul1509/other1.php>]
Located near the driveway at the rear of the Princeton (N.J.) Public Library, the \$1-a-night DVD-dispensing machine called Redbox contains 700 new DVDs, or some 25 movie titles. By not having to buy multiple copies of new movies, the library saves money to purchase more foreign-language films, indie productions, and TV series. In exchange for providing a location and power, the library gets three cents on every dollar spent on a Redbox DVD. PPL is one of 10 libraries piloting the Redbox machines, which are owned by Coinstar....

Princeton (N.J.) Town Topics, July 15

Grave excavation continues in Peoria

[<http://www.pjstar.com/news/x212471663/Grave-excavation-continues-at-Lincoln-branch-library>]

Three more burial sites yielded four more sets of human remains July 20, as a team of archaeologists continued to identify and remove them to build an addition behind Peoria (Ill.) Public Library's Lincoln branch.

"We're looking at ways to investigate as few of the burial sites as possible," Project Manager Roger Anderson said. "We've identified 84 sites that would fall beneath the footprint of the 12,000-square-foot addition, which is a lot less expensive than looking into all 303 of them."...

Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star, July 20

Laura Bush praises new namesake library

[<http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/2009/07/20/0720bushlibrary.html>]

Growing up in Midland, Texas, former first lady Laura Bush said she thought the library was the most important building in town. Bush, a longtime supporter of literacy and the arts, said she was honored that the newest branch of the Westbank Community Library District in Austin would be named for her. Hundreds of people gathered July 19 at "Laura's Library" to hear Bush speak at the dedication of the \$6-million building....

Austin (Tex.) American-Statesman, July 20

Restore the noble purpose of libraries

[<http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/0717/p09s01-coop.html>]

William H. Wisner writes: "Libraries were once a sacred secular space of silence and reverence—a place where one automatically lowered one's voice. As a direct heir to the Enlightenment, the establishment of libraries was a testament to the self-evident integrity of mankind, the belief that we all desire to find the truth through knowledge. Librarians once framed our mission in those terms—before libraries became the noisy computer labs they now are, with their jingle of ringtones, clattering keyboards, and unquenchable printers. And we reference librarians had a higher, more dignified calling than merely changing the printer paper."

Kelly Nuxoll follows up

[<http://features.csmonitor.com/books/2009/07/21/whats-the-best-use-of-the-public-library/>]....

Christian Science Monitor, July 17, 21

Banned library trustee turns himself in

[http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/couriernews/news/1667821,Warrant-served-library-Trustee-Hopp_el071509.article]

Randolph L. Hopp, a trustee of the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin, Illinois, whose library-use privileges were revoked for one year, turned himself in to police in July on an unrelated outstanding arrest warrant. The warrant involved a 2005 incident in a bank in Carpentersville. Hopp's library privileges were suspended June 30 following a closed-door board meeting under allegations that he harassed library staff....

Elgin (Ill.) Courier News, July 15

[<http://www.cctv.com/program/cultureexpress/20090709/102843.shtml>]Many school libraries in China are neglected

[<http://english.cctv.com/20090709/101612.shtml>]

Most schools in Chinese cities have a mini-library attached to them that is supposed to help children develop a lifelong love of books and literature. But a recent study found that many school libraries have failed to accomplish this and have even fallen into oblivion. Only seven out of 24 students say they frequented school libraries. Some did not even know when the libraries were open. Watch the video

[<http://www.cctv.com/program/cultureexpress/20090709/102843.shtml>]
(3:18)....

China Central Television, July 9

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Tech Talk

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Fly yourself to Google Moon

[<http://google-latlong.blogspot.com/2009/07/fly-yourself-to-moon.html>]

Forty years after Apollo 11, Google has released a Google Earth version of the Moon. All you need is Google Earth 5.0 (if you already have it, no upgrade is required). Just click the planet button on the top toolbar of Google Earth, and choose Moon. Each of the Apollo landing missions is chronicled in an immersive and interactive 3D environment through pictures and stories. The Human Artifacts layer contains locations and trivia on every robotic spacecraft that's ever landed on or crashed into the moon....

Google Lat Long Blog, July 20

Troubleshoot a flaky internet connection

[<http://lifes hacker.com/5319976/how-to-troubleshoot-a-flaky-internet-connection>]

Gina Trapani writes: "You're zooming down the information superhighway getting things done when your usually-trusty browser throws up the dreaded 'Server not found' message. Argh! Now what? Roll up your sleeves and get troubleshooting, that's what. When your internet connection goes

down or starts acting up, here's what to do."...
Lifehacker, July 22

Open source vs. proprietary library software
[<http://inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2009/w-e-b-s-i-t-e-find-out-what-it-means-to-me/>]

Brett Bonfield writes: "It's interesting how many people don't really understand the concept of open source. People often describe freeware as open source, or they'll describe free web-based applications as open source, or applications with APIs that allow for mashups. There are articles all the time that recommend free software, but don't distinguish programs the authors gives away for free from software that is actually open source. For a program to be open source, it has to meet two basic qualifications."...
In the Library with the Lead Pipe, July 22

How to choose the best web browser
[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2350275,00.asp>]
Michael Muchmore writes: " bring on both the speed and all the interface eye candy we've come to expect. Internet Explorer 8, which the company claimed was more compliant with open web standards. Here are our takes and links to reviews of the top recent entries to help you make your choice."...
PC Magazine, July 16

Students may not be as software-savvy as they think
[<http://chronicle.com/wiredcampus/index.php?id=3889>]
Erica R. Hendry writes: "When it comes to basic computer applications, even members of the millennial generation may not know as much as they think they do. A study by North Carolina Central University (PDF file [<http://jite.org/documents/Vol8/JITEv8p141-160Grant428.pdf>]) found that most students overestimated their skill levels when they were asked how they perceived their ability to complete certain tasks and then tested on those tasks. Students correctly perceived their skill level only in PowerPoint, the study said."...
Chronicle of Higher Education, July 21

Catching spammers in the act
[<http://www.technologyreview.com/communications/23003/>]
Robert Lemos writes: "Researchers have shed new light on the methods by which spammers harvest email addresses from the web and relay bulk messages through multiple computers. They say that findings could provide additional ammunition in the fight against junk email campaigns. Currently, more than 90% of the email messages traversing the internet appear to be spam."...
Technology Review, July 15

Publishing

Orwell books erased from Kindle
[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/18/technology/companies/18amazon.html>]

In a move that angered customers and generated waves of online pique, on July 17 Amazon.com remotely deleted some digital editions of George Orwell's 1984 and Animal Farm from the Kindle devices of readers who had bought them. Amazon spokesman Drew Herdener said that the books were added to the Kindle store by a company that did not have rights to them. Amazon effectively acknowledged that the deletions were a bad idea and said they would not delete e-books in the future under similar circumstances. But Farhad Manjoo advises, [<http://www.slate.com/id/2223214/>] "Don't put too much stock in that promise," and Sam Jordison is worried [<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/booksblog/2009/jul/21/ebooks-worry>].... New York Times, July 17; Slate, July 20; The Guardian (U.K.), July 21

Amazon to distribute Michigan's digitized books

[http://www.lib.umich.edu/news/stories/agreement_with_amazon_will_make_digital_books_widely_available_536.html]

The University of Michigan will make thousands of books that are no longer in copyright available as reprints on demand under a new agreement with BookSurge, part of the Amazon.com group of companies. As individual copies are sold, BookSurge will print and bind the books in softcover form. Maria Bonn, director of the UM Library's scholarly publishing office, said the reprint program includes books digitized both by the university and through its partnership with Google. The initial offering on Amazon will include more than 400,000 titles in more than 200 languages....

University of Michigan, July 21

Men, and books, on the Moon

[http://www.abebooks.com/books/man-moon-armstrong-apollo-sputnik/aldrin-glen.shtml?cm_mmc=nl-_-nl-_-cme_moonld-_-bot-cta]

Scott Laming writes: "Forty years ago, Neil Armstrong stepped on to the Moon and earned his place in history. The rivalry between America and Russia manifested both in the Cold War and in who could put someone on the Moon. During the Apollo missions, a dozen of the 38 astronauts who flew eventually walked on the moon." Here are some of their books, along with the Moon in science fiction and some lunar-themed children's books....

Abebooks

Does the book industry want to get Napstered?

[<http://www.slate.com/id/2222941/>]

Jack Shafer writes: "Book publishers are in the process of picking a fight with Amazon.com and other sellers over the pricing of e-books. If the publishers are lucky, they'll lose. Here's why."...

Slate, July 15

Beers named after books and authors

[<http://brewsandbooks.com/index.php/2009/07/literary-libations-beers-named-after-books-authors/>]

Josh Christie writes: "Musing over a pint last night, Rogue's Shakespeare Stout popped into mind. Surely that wasn't the only brewery that took inspiration from the literary world? I'm a smart guy, but I certainly am not the first lover of brews and books.

Wouldn't you know it, there are tons of beers that draw inspiration

from the world's great literature. Some of the names are pretty obvious, others a bit more subtle.”...

Brews and Books, July 17

Why Scandinavians write the best crime novels

[<http://www.thelmagazine.com/newyork/why-scandinavians-really-write-the-best-crime-novels/Content?oid=1203382>]

Larissa Kyzer writes: “Although the Scandinavian crime novel has enjoyed immense popularity in Europe for decades, it has become something of a sensation in the English-speaking world in recent years. Henning Mankell, Stieg Larsson, Arnaldur Indriðason, Karin Fossum, Jo Nesbø, and myriad others from the Nordic climes have become staples in the diets of mystery aficionados in the U.S. and U.K., but not without a fair amount of bemusement on the part of their readers.”...

The L Magazine, July 17

Book Blogger Appreciation Week [<http://bookbloggerappreciationweek.com/>]

Last year, more than 400 blogs came together to celebrate the art of book blogging during the first-ever Book Blogger Appreciation Week. This second annual celebration will take place September 14–18. Anyone who blogs about books is invited to participate. There will be special guest posts, daily blogging themes, and giveaways. Registration [http://bookbloggerappreciationweek.com/index.php/site/comments/register_for_book_blogger_appreciation_week_2009/] ensures your inclusion in the BBAW 09 Database of Book Bloggers and enters you into the drawing for the Grand Prize...

Book Blogger Appreciation Week

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

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Ohio Library Council cancels 2009 convention

[http://www.olc.org/news_story072009.asp]

On July 17, the Ohio Library Council board of directors made the difficult decision to cancel the 2009 Convention and Expo, slated for October 21–23 in Cleveland. The decision was unanimously supported by Convention Chair Tom Adkins, as well as the Planning Committee chairs. OLC staff learned last week in a survey of library directors that very few libraries will have the funds to send their staff to this event, because of recent developments in the state's public library funding....

Ohio Library Council, July 20

[http://4.bp.blogspot.com/_DtpYdAYE0TY/SmTE2GtF5oI/AAAAAAAAASE/B5QYU-CjXC4/s1600-h/booklet-smyth2-72.jpg]

Little lyrics for librarians
[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/07/little-lyrics-for-librarians.html>]

Larry Nix writes: “Thanks to librarianship collector extraordinaire Norman D. Stevens, I obtained a copy of a reprint of a wonderful little publication entitled *Little Lyrics for Librarians* by William Fitch Smyth (1857–1940). The reprint contains a foreword by Stevens which provides background information on Smyth and his small book of library-related poems. Smyth worked as an evening attendant in the general reference division of the Cleveland Public Library from 1904 until his death in 1940. The original booklet was published in 1910.”...

Library History Buff Blog, July 20

A day in the life of a reference librarian

[<http://www.dailynewstranscript.com/lifestyle/columnists/x737378688/From-the-Library-A-morning-in-the-life-of-a-librarian>]

Beth Goldman, outreach, IT, and reference librarian at Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood, Massachusetts, writes: “Weekday, a.m. Library has not opened yet. Come in and walk up the stairs and turn on the Waiting List computer. Check to be sure Print Station is up. Uh-oh, strange message. That’s because the power went off last night during the thunder and lightning storm. Run upstairs to the computer server and check to be sure all is okay and restart program.”...

Norwood (Mass.) Daily News Transcript, July 20

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=1350>]A day in the life of a children’s librarian

[<http://noveljourney.blogspot.com/2009/07/true-adventures-of-childrens-librarian.html>]

Noel De Vries writes: “The truth is, life in the stacks has its share of adventure. A boy, about 12, came in with a list of Newbery Medal winners. I helped him locate several, recommending some over others. ‘Oh, these aren’t for me,’ he said. ‘I’m getting them for my grandma.’ ‘Okay,’ I replied. ‘But still, this one’s better than that one.’ ‘Eh,’ he shrugged, taking the book from my hands. ‘She’s just an old lady. She won’t care.’”...

Novel Journey, July 20

I want to be a librarian

[<http://awfullibrarybooks.wordpress.com/2009/07/13/i-want-to-be-a-librarian/>]

Holly Hibner and Mary Kelly write: “Thanks to anonymous submitter for this wonderful relic from the past! Submitter says there is lots of information about the card catalog and finding good books. (I wonder if this counts as a good book?) I quickly breezed through the WorldCat holdings and a lot of public libraries are hanging on to this title. Please do the profession a favor and get something more current.”...

Awful Library Books, July 13

A galaxy of comicalities

[<http://magazinehistory.blogspot.com/2009/07/galaxy-of-comicalities.html>]

Steven Lomazow writes: “One gem of American humor in my collection is a volume composed of the complete file of *Galaxy of Comicalities*, published weekly in Philadelphia in 1833–1834. The editor is not identified (nor is he/she in Sloane) but the contents reveal the spectrum of American humor in its day, including what appears to be the first introduction of magazine readers to America’s most important homespun hero, Davy

Crockett.”...

Magazine History: A Collector’s Blog, July 19

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/davidking/3742917884/>]How not to tweet

[<http://www.davidleeking.com/2009/07/21/how-not-to-tweet/>]

David Lee King writes: “Every once in awhile, a library follows me on Twitter. When they do, I usually check out their Twitter feed (but rarely follow them). And every once in awhile, I see something like this (right). This isn’t ‘Pick on MSJLibrary Day’—I’m sure they’re a fine library, and I commend them for jumping into Twitter to figure it out. But maybe this post will help other libraries as they work on figuring out social media sites like Twitter.”...

David Lee King, July 21

The people speak out on libraries at Gov Gab

[http://blog.usa.gov/roller/govgab/entry/your_turn?comment=view]

Gov Gab, the U.S. government blog, posed the question: “When was the last time you used your local library and what are your favorite library resources and programs?” Only a few people (including IMLS Public Affairs Officer Jeannine Mjoseth) have answered so far. Kristine offers: “Public librarians are masters of doing more with less.”...

Gov Gab, July 20

On the pitfalls of social media: The case of Clinical Reader

[<http://dltj.org/article/clinical-reader-background/>]

Peter E. Murray writes: “As libraries feel the need to join the social media landscape to meet a segment of their user population already there, it is useful to step back and get acclimated. There is a pace of information flow that is unlike anything else in the physical world, and a minor incident—be it an ill-advised policy decision or an unfortunate slip of the tongue—can quickly spiral out of your control. And that is probably the key word: control. You don’t, can’t, and won’t have it.” With some additional commentary [<http://dltj.org/article/learning-from-clinical-reader/>]....

Disruptive Library Technology Jester, July 19

Conference fashion tips for men

[<http://doug-johnson.squarespace.com/blue-skunk-blog/2009/7/19/fashion-pointers.html>]

Doug Johnson writes: “It must be something that kicks in with geezerdom, but I’ve been bothered a lot more lately by people who are badly dressed who should know better. I am not complaining about kids (now defined as anyone under 30). I am addressing the grown-up guys I see at conferences, at church services, well, just generally in public. These pointers cost little or nothing and would make my environment much more attractive.”...

Blue Skunk Blog, July 19

NYPL’s new wireless reading room opens

[http://www.nypl.org/press/releases/?article_id=310]

The New York Public Library’s Beaux-Arts Edna Barnes Salomon Room is the home to a new wireless internet reading and study room that opened July 20 in the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street. In the setting of this striking room, seating is provided for 128 users who have access to work space and to free Wi-Fi. For the first time

in the Fifth Avenue Library, users will also have access to laptops available for loan....

New York Public Library, July 20

[http://www.shorpy.com/node/6534?size=_original]NYPL in 1908

[<http://www.shorpy.com/node/6534>]

The Shorpy photo blog has this photo of the New York Public Library under construction circa 1908, some six years after groundbreaking and three years before it finally opened. Compare this with a similar photo

[<http://www.shorpy.com/node/476>] from 1915 and see the number of cars that have appeared in just seven years. And what is that man doing on the roof? Taking a photo of the scene below?....

Shorpy, July 20

Rockin’ the Lancaster Library

[<http://www.bookpatrol.net/2009/07/rockin-library.html>]

Stewart Parsons is the music librarian at the Lancaster Library in the UK. After 20 years of doing the usual library gig he wanted to push boundaries a bit and created "Get It Loud in Libraries." Founded in 2005, Get It Loud is a unique project that received the 2007 Love Libraries Award and is "designed to give people, especially young people who love music, a damn good time in a library." Watch the 2007 video

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBqcyzDpDbM>] (5:36) by Shush Productions....

Book Patrol, July 17; YouTube, Mar. 13, 2007

New Jersey librarians go mobile in pilot program

[<http://newsletter.njstatelib.org/blog/2009/07/15/nj-libraries-go-mobile-in-pilot-program/>]

Eight public libraries in New Jersey will join the New Jersey State Library, the NJSL Talking Book and Braille Center, and Gold Mobile in a six-month pilot program to determine the effectiveness of using text messaging and mobile communications to provide information to users. NJSL Director of Marketing Nancy Dowd said the program will concentrate on outreach to teens and the parents of younger children....

New Jersey State Library, July 15

Blended learning helps boost achievement

[<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/?i=59695>]

A new analysis of existing online-learning research by the U.S. Department of Education reveals that students who took all or part of their class online performed better, on average, than those taking the same course through traditional face-to-face instruction. Most of the studies examined by researchers dealt with college-level courses, and officials cautioned against generalizing the report's findings to the K-12 level. Still, the report (PDF file

[<http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/tech/evidence-based-practices/finalreport.pdf>]) could help educators as they seek to create effective learning environments for all students....

eSchool News, July 14

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/d/dd/Vinland_Map_HiRes.jpg]V

inland Map authentic, says Danish expert

[<http://medievalnews.blogspot.com/2009/07/vinland-map-is-authentic-expert.h>

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The 15th-century Vinland Map, the earliest known map to show part of America before explorer Christopher Columbus landed on the continent, is almost certainly genuine, a Danish expert said July 17. Rene Larsen, rector of the School of Conservation at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, said his team carried out studies of the ink, writing, wormholes, and parchment of the map, which is housed at Yale University. American scholars have carbon-dated the map to about 1440....

Medieval News, July 19

returns to Columbia University

[http://www.getty.edu/news/press/center/avery_index.html]

The J. Paul Getty Trust has returned ownership of the Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals to Columbia University effective July 1. One of the preeminent research tools in architecture, the index offers a comprehensive listing of journal articles published worldwide on architecture and design, city planning, interior design, landscape architecture, and historic preservation. For the past 26 years, the Avery Index has been a joint project between the Getty Trust and Columbia, with the Getty providing funding and technical support, while the university managed its production....

J. Paul Getty Trust, July 1

The catalogue raisonné;

[<http://pointsofreference.booklistonline.com/2009/07/19/the-catalogue-raisonne/>]

Craig Bunch writes: "The catalogue raisonné is a wonderful and specialized category of art reference source whose ideals include completeness and authority, but which invariably falls short of at least the former ideal. Publication brings to light a statement of what is known by an expert or team of experts about an artist's works; at the same time, it is an invitation (reluctant, perhaps) for corrections, updating, and controversy."...

Point of Reference, July 19

Duke puts historic TV ads on iTunes U

[<http://news.duke.edu/2009/07/adviews.html>]

More than 1,500 historic TV commercials from the Hartman Center for Sales, Advertising, and Marketing History in the Duke University Special Collections Library are available on iTunes U in a collection called AdViews. [<http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/adviews>] These ads, mostly from the 1950s and 1960s, are part of the Hartman Center's D'Arcy Masius Benton and Bowles advertising agency archive, which includes 12,000 commercials total. The library plans to make the remaining commercials available by the end of 2009....

Duke University, July 21

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjoJd_uN-7M] JISC's Libraries of the Future documentary

[<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/news/stories/2009/07/lotfdocumentary.aspx>]

The UK's Joint Information Systems Committee has released a specially commissioned documentary (9:41) on its Libraries of the Future campaign. The campaign stimulated debate among librarians, information professionals, and academics on the issues surrounding technology's

impact on the emerging role of the academic library in the 21st century through a series of events, printed resources, and podcast interviews....
Joint Information Systems Committee, July 17

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vPT5dhR0AA>]Keep it local, America
[<http://news.bookweb.org/6929.html>]
Tom Campbell and friends of the Regulator Bookshop
[<http://www.regulatorbookshop.com/>] in Durham, North Carolina, have created a campy, fun, 1940s newsreel–style video
[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vPT5dhR0AA>] (1:52) with a serious message: Shopping local is green. The spot uses archival and newly shot video to dramatize how a book shipped from an internet retailer rather than bought at a local bookstore raises the carbon load in the environment significantly. “How much fuel is required to make up the difference?” asks the video narrator. “Too much, chum!”...
Bookselling This Week, July 16; YouTube, July 9

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[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2655>]

Anna Dewdney’s adorable characters come to life in this new poster created exclusively for ALA Graphics. Featuring Llama Llama and Mama Llama, [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2655>] this poster illustrates the importance of parents and children reading—and discovering new things—together. NEW! From ALA Graphics.

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Coordinator of Library Systems,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13486>] Texas Woman's University, Denton. Performs responsible leadership and administers and supports daily operational requirements of the libraries' information computer network system including hardware and software, online library system (ExLibris' Voyager), and web-based technologies. Oversees installation of hardware, software, system upgrades, network security, web page design, interface and updates, planning and implementing a long-range automation plan, creating reports, and documentation....

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

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[<http://foreedge.bpl.org/node/865>]

On the Edge: The Hidden Art of Fore-Edge Book Painting

[<http://foreedge.bpl.org/>] highlights a special collection of more than 200 high-resolution images of fore-edge paintings housed in the Rare Books Department of the Boston Public Library. The books and images on the site can be explored in a variety of ways, either by wandering through the main gallery, or browsing the works by subject, book title, or painting title. The featured works section provides additional information about selected books, including detail shots and a video of the book as it is fanned to display the hidden artwork. Anywhere on the site, you may click on an image to view a larger version. A series of articles [<http://foreedge.bpl.org/articles>], written by leading experts in the field, provide historical and curatorial insight into fore-edge painting. A full-text search feature is also provided. This online collection was made possible by a generous gift from Anne and David

Bromer. The website concept was developed by Tom Blake and Scot Colford. Website programming and design by Josh Boughey. High-resolution photography was done at the Boston Public Library's digital-imaging studio. Descriptive information was captured and created by Jay Campbell and Leslie Burmeister.

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.

Public Perception How the World Sees Us

“As a kid, I spent every summer bent over a stack of books, obsessively writing detailed reports on each one. I fondly remember the scratchy couches and Freon-cooled bliss of the Lemont (Ill.) Public Library.”

—Author, screenwriter, and blogger Diablo Cody, in “Summer Sucks,” Entertainment Weekly, July 24.

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Ask the ALA Librarian

[http://www.flickr.com/photos/programwitch/1483037699/]

Q. I work in a public library. With the downturn in the economy, the people who come into the library seem to be more stressed, and in turn take their stresses out on the librarians. This makes the library environment more stressful to be in, and my life more stressful as well. Do you have any suggestions for how the library staff can reduce their stress levels while still providing the best services to our patrons?

A. Increased stress in the workplace is not unique to libraries, nor did it start with this latest economic downturn. The ALA Library has put together a collection of resources [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Stress_in_the_Library_Workplace] that include articles both on generally applicable ways to reduce stress in the workplace and library-specific techniques. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Managing_Stress_in_the_Library_Workplace].

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

questions.

ALA is still accepting applications for the 2010 class of Emerging Leaders.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/hrdr/abouthrdr/emergingleaders.cfm>]
] For the first time since its establishment, the Emerging Leaders program will accept non-MLS library workers. The deadline for applications [<http://www.ala.org/cfapps/emergingleaders/>] is July 31.

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Aug. 10–14:

Search Engine Strategies,
[<http://www.searchenginestrategies.com/sanjose/>] McEnery Convention Center, San José, California.

Aug. 11–14:

Balisage: The Markup Conference, [<http://www.balisage.net/index.htm>]
Hotel Europa, Montréal, Quebec.

Sept. 2–4:

Best Practices Exchange, [<http://www.bpexchange.org/2009/>] University at Albany, SUNY. “Tackling Technology Together.”

Sept. 10:

Dewey or Do We Not: Designing and Building a Merchandized Library,
[<https://www.bcr.org/ARSL/conf09/preconf.html>] Association for Small and Rural Libraries, Preconference, Anna Porter Public Library, Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Sept. 10–12:

International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval,
[<http://kmi.open.ac.uk/events/ictir09/>] Microsoft Research, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Sept. 16–17:

OCLC Digital Forum West,
[<http://www.oclc.org/western/digitalforum/default.htm>] Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles. “Convergence: Where Metadata and Access Meet for Digital Discovery and Delivery.”

Sept. 21–22:

EdUI Conference on Web Design, Usability and Accessibility
[<http://www.eduiconf.org/>], [<http://www.eduiconf.org/>] University of Virginia, Charlottesville. “Remaining .”

Oct. 4–8:
National Media Market, [<http://nmm.net/>] Griffin Gate Marriott Resort,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Oct. 6–9:
Illinois Library Association, [<http://www.ila.org/events/conference.htm>]
Annual Conference, Peoria.

Oct. 6–9:
North Carolina Library Association,
[<http://www.nclaonline.org/conference/index.html>] Annual Conference,
Greenville.

Oct. 7–9:
Georgia Library Association, [<http://www.georgiacoma.org/>] Annual
Conference, Columbus.

Oct. 19–23:
Open Access Week. [<http://www.openaccessweek.org/>]

Nov. 12–15:
Theatre Library Association,
[<http://tla.library.unt.edu/conferences.html>] Annual Conference, San
Juan, Puerto Rico. “Theatre, Performance, and DestiNation.”

Nov. 19–22:
California School Library Association, [<http://www.csla.net/>] Annual
Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Ontario, California.

Dec. 3–4:
Partners for Success: Regional Solutions for Local Vitality,
[<https://m360.urbanlibraries.org/event.aspx?eventID=7719&instance=0>]
Nashville Public Library. Meeting organized by Urban Libraries Council.

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[Obama to tap NYPL's Ferriero as U.S. archivist](#)

President Barack Obama announced July 28 that he intended to nominate David S. Ferriero to serve as archivist of the United States. The archivist heads the National Archives and Records Administration, which oversees the public release of presidential papers and other government documents. Ferriero is currently the Andrew W. Mellon director of the New York Public Libraries; he has also served as university librarian and vice provost for library affairs at Duke University, and for 31 years on the staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technologies libraries....



American Libraries Online, July 29

[Rules for broadband stimulus funds hinder libraries](#)

The ALA Washington Office sent a letter ([PDF file](#)) to Assistant Secretary of Commerce Larry Strickling July 23 stating that the first-round Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) to implement the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program raises significant concerns and creates hurdles for libraries considering applying for broadband funding. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act gives libraries, as anchor institutions, priority, but the NOFA in effect discourages libraries from applying for funding in a number of ways. [Ars Technica](#) goes into more detail....

District Dispatch, July 27; Ars Technica, July 29



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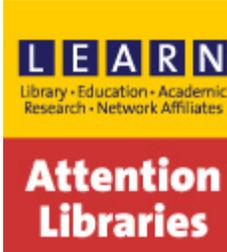


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surprised at just how much people came together on social media sites around this event and its sessions. Clearly there's going to be a parallel event online for all future ALA conferences, one driven completely by people and not by planners. So here's a benchmark for future measurements, because for the first time, we'll have an archive we can refer back to, at least for Twitter, which was the most heavily used site during the conference. Here's a summary I wrote for ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels."...

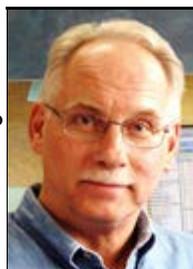
ALA Marginalia, July 29



[OITP appoints Fellow](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy appointed Bob Bocher, library technology consultant with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, as an OITP Fellow. Bocher will provide OITP with strategic advice on an array of networking issues from the technical, policy, and operational perspectives. He has worked with OITP in a number of areas over the past several years....

District Dispatch, July 28



[Make ALA Connect work for you](#)

Peter Bromberg writes: "The more I use [ALA Connect](#), the more I realize that selectively turning on Email Notifications is key to integrating Connect into my professional life. This ensures that updates (the ones I want anyway) are pushed out to me. Help spread the word by posting this attractively designed and competitively-priced banner ad (in both border and nonborder stylings) on your blog, homepage, or social network of choice."...

Library Garden, July 28



[Library Notes: AL Direct's predecessor](#)

Larry Nix writes: "*Library Notes* was a quarterly ALA publication established by Melvil Dewey's Library Bureau in 1886. A [promotional flyer](#) indicates that the publication will print only items of news likely to be directly useful to its readers. The very [first issue](#) of *Library Notes* can be found in Google Books." Dewey describes it as "so practically useful and so low in price that every library would feel" compelled to subscribe to the "advance guard" of the "modern library spirit."...

Library History Buff, July 26; *Library Notes* 1, no. 1 (June 1886)



[Minors and internet interactivity](#)

ALA Council passed a new interpretation of the [Library Bill of Rights](#) July 15 during ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Minors and Internet Interactivity defines the rights of minors to retrieve, interact with, and create information posted on the internet in schools and libraries as extensions of their First Amendment rights. Another new interpretation is on the [Importance of Education to Intellectual Freedom](#)....

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Your Patrons Need You Now More Than Ever!

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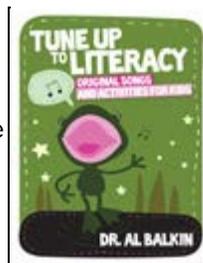
- Researchers
- Job Seekers
- Students



Library gaming aficionado Jenny Levine helps you implement gaming programs that benefit your patrons with [Gaming and Libraries: Learning Lessons from the Intersections](#), the latest issue of *Library Technology Reports*. She has spotted emerging themes and illustrates them

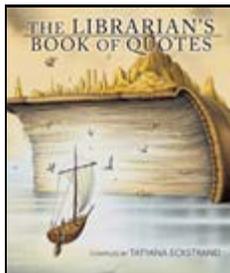
[Make literacy learning easy with songs and activities](#)

ALA Editions has released [Tune Up to Literacy: Original Songs and Activities for Kids](#) by Al Balkin. The ASCAP award-winning composer and children's educator shares his original songs and demonstrates how music encourages literacy. The book introduces and reinforces such crucial literacy concepts as the alphabet, vowels, consonants, nouns, verbs, adjectives, sentence construction, punctuation, sequence, and rhyming....



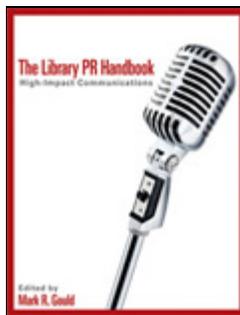
[Inspiring quotes celebrate the love of libraries](#)

ALA Editions is releasing [The Librarian's Book of Quotes](#) compiled by Tatyana Eckstrand. A compendium of nearly 300 insightful, thought-provoking, and inspiring aphorisms, the book sings the praises of librarians' skills and values and the institutions they support. Writers from Shakespeare to Ray Bradbury and librarians from John Cotton Dana to Nancy Pearl are among those quoted. Citations are provided to the original source material, and a handy biographical dictionary provides background information....



[New strategies for library public relations](#)

ALA Editions has released [The Library PR Handbook](#), edited by Mark Gould, director of the ALA's Public Information Office. Written by high-profile experts in the PR field, this new handbook aims to keep library personnel on top of this fast-paced, complex role. Gould is a veteran of 25 years in the communication field and has been the director of PIO since 2000....



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Summertime in Chicago

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AL Focus

[Annual Conference 2009 overview](#)

This is our grand overview (1:38) of the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, including sights and sounds from the ALSC Charlemae Rollins President's Program, Laurie Halse Anderson, the Bookcart Drill Team World Championships, the Exhibit Hall, the ALA Presidential Inauguration, Cokie Roberts, and more....



[Bookcart Drill Team World Championships](#)

A photo essay (1:00) from the Bookcart Drill Team World Championships, held at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, set to "Ride of the Valkyries," the music played by the winning team, the Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library Warrior Librarians....



[Interview with Cokie Roberts](#)

Career Leads from

ALA JobLIST

M Library

[Associate University Librarian for Publishing](#)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Directs the scholarly publishing activities at the University of Michigan by overseeing the University of Michigan Press, the Scholarly Publishing Office, the Library's Institutional Repository Deep Blue, and the Library's Copyright

Before her PLA President's Program speech at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference, journalist Cokie Roberts spoke (2:09) with AL Focus about the new revised and expanded edition of her book *We Are Our Mother's Daughters*, as well as the state of libraries and the future of journalism....



[Interview with Tracy Kidder](#)

AL Focus catches up (1:57) with author Tracy Kidder before his Auditorium Speaker Series presentation at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference. Kidder discusses his new book, *Strength in What Remains*, as well as his ideal vision for libraries—and you will want to hear what he calls libraries and librarians....



Office. Leads the development of content delivery through a financially sustainable publishing program, involving both print and electronic models, and will represent the University Library in national and international conversations about the future of scholarly publishing....

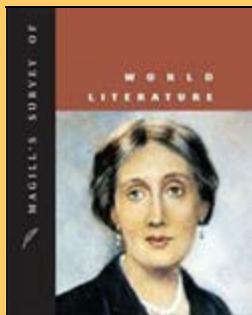


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Reference](#)

Kellman, Steven G. (editor). *Magill's Survey of World Literature*. 6 vols. Rev. ed. Feb. 2009. 3,000p. Salem, hardcover (978-1-58765-431-2).

This outstanding set is a revision of the 1993 Marshall Cavendish publication of the same name and its 1995 supplement. The 380 writers included are 87 more than in the previous edition and are said to be, in a publisher's note, "at the heart of literary studies for middle- and high-school students and at the center of book discussions among library patrons." New additions include Douglas Adams, Roberto Bolaño, Laura Esquivel, Gao Xingjian, Seamus Heaney, Haruki Murakami, J. K. Rowling, and Zadie Smith. Although there are entries as well for other contemporary authors, the tendency is much more toward canonical and classic authors going back to Aeschylus and Sappho. Relatively few of these authors are regularly studied or read for pleasure by high-school students, and fewer still by middle-schoolers. Nevertheless, these are authors who are worth knowing, and dipping into these volumes at random might make almost any avid reader want to dig deeper. The set makes a fine companion to *Magill's Survey of American Literature* (2006). There is a very small overlap, in that each survey includes some Canadian authors....



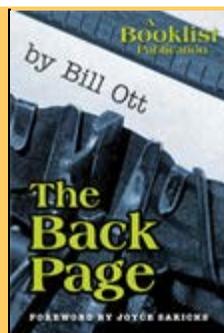
[Booklist's "Back Page" now in one entertaining package](#)

Booklist editors don't just review and recommend books; several write them, too. A new ALA Editions release, [The Back Page](#) by *Booklist* Publisher Bill Ott, offers a selected compendium of the author's favorite "Back Page" columns from *Booklist* magazine:

Digital Library of the Week



The [Louisiana Digital Library](#) is an online library containing photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, oral histories, and more that document Louisiana's history and culture. There are currently 19 participating libraries, archives, museums, and historical centers participating in the LDL. Each institution contributes the digital items and descriptive text for its collections. Selected collections include Louisiana Hurricane Resources,



columns filled with humor and occasional defiance of the conventional, a peek into the publishing world. Ott's "Back Page" (part readers' advisory and part commentary on the world of books and literature, good and not so good) delights readers with anecdotes, stories, quizzes—almost impossible to answer without cheating—and a host of insights into what makes books what they are....

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Public Library Data Service Statistical Report 2009
[Click for more information and to order](#) **PLA** Public Library Association

Division News

[YALSA seeks editor for new online journal](#)

YALSA is accepting applications for a member editor for its new online research journal. The deadline for applications is September 30. Applicants must have editorial experience, excellent communications skills, the technical capacity to work in an electronic environment, and be YALSA members....

Awards

[Apply now for 2010 National Library Week Grant](#)

All types of libraries are invited to [apply](#) for the Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant. The \$3,000 grant will be awarded to a single library for the best public awareness campaign incorporating the 2010 National Library Week theme, "Communities Thrive @ your library." The grant is administered by the ALA Public Awareness Committee. This year's deadline is October 16....

[BRASS Emerald Research Award](#)

Bryna Coonin, reference librarian at East Carolina University's Joyner Library, has been selected as the second of two recipients of the 2009 Emerald Research Award. The award, administered by the RUSA Business Reference and Services Section, provides \$5,000 to the winner in support of proposed research in the field of business reference. Coonin's winning proposal focuses on open access publishing as it relates to business librarianship....



[2009 Eisner Awards](#)

The Eisner Awards, given for creative achievement in American comic books, were presented July 24 at the

Louisiana State Museum Jazz Collection, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Jesuit Scrapbooks from the New Orleans Province, Louisiana Purchase and Louisiana Colonial History, and Mississippi River Flood of 1927 Photographs. The library can be browsed by subject, institution, media format, geographic focus, time period, and collection name. LOUIS: the Louisiana Library Network, provides technological support for the institutions who participate.

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

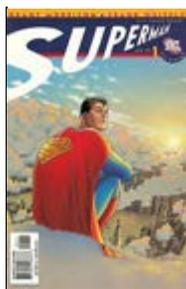
How the World Sees Us

"A refreshing read in the A/C is just what July requires sometimes. . . . That's why I love you, Library. You are always thinking of others."

—Columnist Gwenn Garland, showing thanks to her public library, in "Dear Wicomico Library: Why We Think You Are So Top Shelf," *Salisbury*

San Diego Comic-Con International. Among the winners was "Murder He Wrote," by Ian Boothby, Nina Matsumoto, and Andrew Pepoy, in *The Simpsons' Treehouse of Horror #14* (for best short story); *All Star Superman*, by Grant Morrison and Frank Quitely (for best continuing series); and *Tiny Titans*, by Art Baltazar and Franco (for best publication for kids)....

San Diego Comic-Con International, July 24



(Md.) Daily Times, May 28.

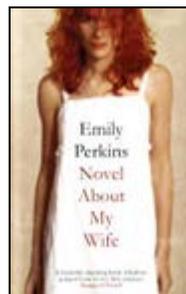


AL on Twitter. Follow *American Libraries* news stories, videos, and blog posts on [Twitter](#).

[Montana New Zealand Book Awards](#)

The winners of the Montana New Zealand Book Awards 2009 were congratulated July 27 at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. The awards, sponsored by Montana Wines, celebrate the best books written and illustrated by New Zealanders. The winner for best fiction was *Novel About My Wife*, by Emily Perkins; the award for best nonfiction went to *Rita Angus: An Artist's Life*, by Jill Trevelyan....

Montana New Zealand Book Awards



Seen Online

[House increases state library funding](#)

The House of Representatives passed the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill (H.R. 3293) July 24, which includes an increase in funding for the LSTA Grants to State Library Agencies program. The program was allocated \$172.6 million, approximately \$1 million over the FY2009 level....

District Dispatch, July 27

[Ohio library funding gets creative](#)

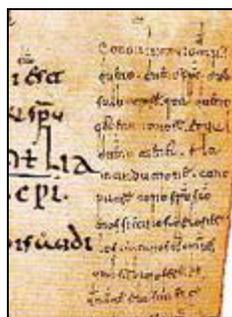
After the Ohio Legislature recently approved an 11% reduction in funding, libraries in the state are hoping donations will help fill the gap. Debra Manley raised \$5,000 for the Wood County District Public Library in Bowling Green at a recent garage sale. With pants left over from the sale, she and three friends came up with a Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants fundraiser. They sewed extra pockets into the pants and are passing them around the community, asking recipients to fill a pocket with \$100 and a note describing their first or most memorable experience at a public library....

Toledo (Ohio) Blade, July 29

[The art and absurdity of marginalia](#)

Daniel Kalder writes: "Last year I joined the library at the University of Texas at Austin and rediscovered a literary form—readers' inscriptions in the margins of library books. The conventions of the genre are simple: You state something obvious in a fragmentary/declaratory style, adding a question mark, exclamation mark, or ellipsis according to the degree of confidence you have in your perceptions. What motivates readers to write such unnecessary, moronic comments in the margins?"...

The Guardian (U.K.), July 28



[Iowa City considers sex-offender policy](#)

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. I am writing a research paper on the Pacific Northwest Library Association and need to know what its affiliation is, if any, with the American Library Association?

A. The [Pacific Northwest Library Association](#) is a regional chapter of the American Library Association. See all of ALA's [state and regional chapters](#) on the section of our website for our [Chapter Relations Office](#). At the 1954 ALA Midwinter Meeting, it was decided that changes to Article V of the ALA Bylaws—which defines

A policy being considered by the Iowa City Public Library's board of trustees would keep registered sex offenders out of the library but grant them the use of online resources and the ability to send a representative to check out material. The proposed policy is in response to a new Iowa law that went into effect July 1 prohibiting sex offenders who have been convicted of a crime against a minor from entering a public library without the written permission of the library administrator....

Iowa City (Iowa) Press-Citizen, July 23

[Maynard library director is graphic novel proponent](#)

Since 2001, Maynard (Mass.) Public Library Director Stephen Weiner has published eight books about graphic novels and has taught graphic-novel courses at Simmons College. When he tried to introduce graphic novels at the library in Somerville before he came to Maynard, Weiner got about 50 or 60 complaints from residents and even staff. He attributes the change in sentiment to two events in 2002: a graphic-novel event hosted by ALA and the release of the wildly popular *Spider-Man* movie....

Maynard (Mass.) Beacon-Villager, July 23



[Advocates mobilize defense for Library of Michigan](#)

Librarians and advocates across the state are mobilizing to defend the Library of Michigan, which could be dismantled and its collections scattered in a budget-cutting move. After a meeting on the lawn of the State Capitol on August 5, the Michigan Genealogical Council is planning a march to the library. The Michigan Library Association is urging Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the legislature to maintain the library system's level of services, to keep state aid to public libraries at \$10 million in 2009, and to retain the position of the state librarian....

Toledo (Ohio) Blade, July 24

[Lust in the British Library](#)

Sathnam Sanghera writes: "All libraries are, of course, petri dishes of simmering lust, but the British Library is extreme. Its walls contain more erotic pressure than an oil rig, a North Sea fishing trawler, and several episodes of *Mad Men* combined. My preferred explanation is the silence. But when everyone is sitting around in silence, you can project what you like onto them and everyone remains a sexual possibility."...

The Times (U.K.), July 28

[Britain's most avid reader has borrowed 25,000 library books](#)

Louise Brown (right), 91, has read up to a dozen books a week since 1946 without incurring a single fine for late returns. She borrows mainly large-print books because she is partially sighted, and has almost worked her way through her local library's entire collection. The staff of the Stranraer Library in Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland, say Brown's rapacious reading habits over the past 60 years could earn her a place in the record books....

Daily Telegraph (U.K.), July 29



[Testimony begins in Sacramento library scam case](#)

Check by check, a veteran accountant in Sacramento Superior Court on July 28 detailed the bank accounts that prosecutors hope will help

the very nature, purpose, and requirements of ALA chapters—meant that all previously established ALA chapters no longer existed as of February 4, 1954. Further, at the third Council session of the 1954 ALA Annual Conference, it was decided that existing chapters of ALA had to apply for formal redesignation no later than the 1956 ALA Midwinter Meeting. PNLA was redesignated as an ALA chapter on January 31, 1957, at the second Council session of the 1957 ALA Midwinter Meeting. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Library accessibility tipsheets

The ASCLA [Library Accessibility—What You Need to Know](#) set of 15 tipsheets was developed to help librarians in all types of libraries understand and manage access issues, including patrons who have cognitive, mental, or emotional illnesses; patrons with learning and/or developmental disabilities; patrons with service animals; patrons needing assistive technologies; and patrons with physical disabilities.

them convict three people in the city's library kickback scandal. Former Facilities Director Dennis Nilsson, former Security Director James Mayle, and his wife Janie Rankins-Mayle have been accused in an elaborate scheme that officials say cost taxpayers \$800,000 in overpayments and tainted the Sacramento Public Library system so badly that its director, Anne Marie Gold, eventually resigned....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, July 29

[Moline library worker files discrimination suit](#)

The former operations manager for the Moline (Ill.) Public Library has filed a discrimination suit against the city, the library, and retiring Library Director Leslie Kee. Mary B. Clark filed the suit July 27 in U.S. District Court in Rock Island, alleging that her position was eliminated at the end of December in retaliation for her complaints about Kee....

Davenport (Iowa) Quad-City Times, July 28

[Layoffs possible in Aurora](#)

Some 40 Aurora (Colo.) Public Library employees could be laid off at the end of the year to make up a projected \$8-million city budget shortfall in 2010. However, if a ballot measure to create a separate funding source for libraries passes in November, those jobs could be saved. The council will receive a preliminary 2010 budget in September and vote on the final version later in the fall....

Denver Post, July 25

[Archivists catalog items for George W. Bush Library](#)

Some 40,000 items make up the collection of documents, artifacts, and memorabilia that former President George W. Bush amassed during eight years in the White House. The entire collection, which includes 100 terabytes of digital files, was delivered to a warehouse (right) in Lewisville, Texas, after he left office. National Archives and Records Administration personnel have spent the past few months trying to inventory everything....



Dallas Morning News, July 27

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Tech Talk

[The Open Library Environment final report](#)

With funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the [Open Library Environment project](#) convened a multinational group of libraries to analyze library business processes and to define a next-generation library technology platform. The resulting OLE platform is predicated on service-oriented architecture and a community-source model of development and governance. Its draft final report ([PDF file](#)) describes a system for managing and delivering intellectual information designed by and for academic and research libraries....

OLE Project, July 26



[Yahoo to get Binged](#)

A few months from now, Yahoo's search engine will be "powered by [Bing.](#)" After months

Calendar

Aug. 13–16:

[Gen Con Indy Gaming Convention](#), Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis.

Aug. 23–23:

[Papermania Plus Antiques Extravaganza](#), XL Center, Hartford, Connecticut.

Sept. 16–17:

[OCLC Digital Forum West](#), Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles. "Convergence: Where Metadata and Access Meet for Digital Discovery and Delivery."

Sept. 17:

[Ohio Preservation Council](#), 25th Anniversary Symposium, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. "Celebrating Paper."

Sept. 22–23:

[Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts](#), Athenaeum of Philadelphia. "Focusing on Photographs: Identification and Preservation."

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:

of back and forth between Microsoft and Yahoo, the two companies finally announced a deal July 29 that will bring Microsoft's search engine to Yahoo's properties, while Yahoo will become the sales force for both companies' premium search advertisers. Barring any roadblocks from industry and government regulators, this deal will grant Microsoft an exclusive license to Yahoo's core search technologies for 10 years. Bing could prove a worthy competitor to Google....

ReadWriteWeb, July 29



[Microsoft game aims to improve search results](#)

Researchers at Microsoft's labs in Redmond, Washington, have released an online game to help fine-tune search results. Called [Page Hunt](#), the game presents players with web pages and asks them to guess the queries that would produce the page within its first five results. Players score 100 points if the page is number 1 on the list, 90 points if it's number 2, and so on. The idea is to gather useful information on user search habits which could be used to calibrate search algorithms and ranking scheme....

Technology Review Editors' Blog, July 27



[Sharing on Facebook more popular than email](#)

Adam Ostrow writes: "[AddToAny](#) is the maker of one the most popular widgets that let content sites provide their readers with an easy way to share stories across multiple social media sites. According to AddToAny, Facebook now dominates sharing, with 24% of shares from the widget consisting of users posting items to the social network. That handily beats out email (11.1%) and Twitter (10.8%), making the world's most popular social network also the most popular service for sharing content."...

Mashable, July 20

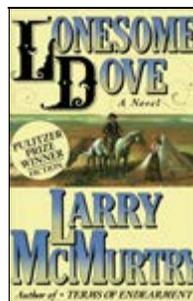


Publishing

[100 best beach books ever](#)

People talk a lot about the wisdom of crowds, but the truth is that large packs of people are better at judging some things than others. Almost 16,000 National Public Radio fans cast some 136,000 votes in NPR's Best Beach Books Ever poll. Whether such a vote can determine literary quality, who can say? But there's one thing a multitude of book-loving NPR types can most definitely do, and that's pick a list of books that will appeal to . . . book-loving NPR types....

National Public Radio, July 29



[Amazon faces a fight over its e-books](#)

Civil libertarians and consumer advocates want Amazon.com to fundamentally alter its method for selling Kindles, lest it be forced one day by court order to change or recall books, or by a government deciding that a particular work is politically damaging or

[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. 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. "Law for School Librarians: Knowing Minors' Rights."

Nov. 5:

[Preconference, AASL National Conference.](#)

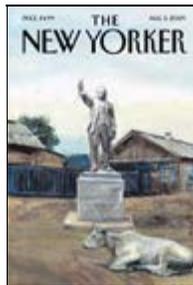
embarrassing. The Boston-based Free Software Foundation plans to petition Amazon to give up control over the books people load on their Kindles and to reconsider its use of digital-rights-management software....

New York Times, July 26

[Can the Kindle really improve on the book?](#)

Nicholson Baker writes: "Here's what you buy when you buy a Kindle book. You buy the right to display a grouping of words in front of your eyes for your private use with the aid of an electronic display device approved by Amazon. Kindle books aren't transferable. You can't give them away or lend them or sell them. You can't print them. They are closed clumps of digital code that only one purchaser can own. A copy of a Kindle book dies with its possessor."...

New Yorker, Aug. 3



Charlotte Convention Center, North Carolina. "The Games Libraries Play," and others.

Nov. 5:
[OCLC Digital Forum East](#), Arlington (Va.) Public Library.

Nov. 7:
[Buckeye Book Fair](#), Fisher Auditorium, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster.

Jan. 20–21:
[Atmospheric Science Librarians International](#), 13th Annual Conference, Atlanta. "Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians."

@ [More...](#)



Actions & Answers

[101 best genealogy websites](#)

This 10th annual roundup of noteworthy genealogy websites honors 10 categories of 10 noteworthy sites each (plus one to make 101). The *Family Tree Magazine* editors have tried to encompass more Web 2.0 sites that are paving the way for changes in online genealogy over the next 10 years. Sites that are mostly free but where you might still wind up pulling out your credit card for some purchase or other are marked with a \$....

Family Tree Magazine



[PC Magazine's top 100 websites for 2009](#)

Kyle Monson writes: "Deciding upon our list of 100 sites is a months-long process. We solicited website nominations from every corner of the web—PCMag and AppScout readers, Twitter followers, Facebook friends, our own staff, and more. A small committee of our own experts then evaluated each nominated site one by one, judging it according to its content quality, design, and originality, to arrive at our two lists of 50 websites."...

PC Magazine, July 27



[Library Day in the Life Project](#)

Bobbi L. Newman writes: "It seems like the time is right, so July 27 begins the Second Annual Library Day in the Life project. It started last summer with [this post](#) suggesting that we blog what we do all day at work. Libraries are changing rapidly and we all know no one has time to read books, despite what the public may think. So how you participate? [Go to the wiki](#), create a free account, and record on your blog what you do for a day or two, or an entire week."...

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Librarian by Day, July 22

[Many public libraries face asbestos remediation](#)

As the nation's public libraries age, they face updates that result in closures, often because older buildings contain significant amounts of asbestos that represent a threat to public health. Asbestos was widely used in insulation, floor and roofing tiles, tile glues, and some ceiling panels until the 1970s, when health officials began to recognize it as the most common cause of respiratory disease, lung and digestive-system cancers, and mesothelioma. That more libraries, both public and academic, will face asbestos remediation of some kind in the near future is a given....

Mesothelioma News, July 27



[Talking points on strong school media centers](#)

On July 17, Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland signed [legislation](#) (Sec. 3306.10 of HB 1) that will phase in funding for licensed librarian and media specialists in Ohio's schools, based upon school populations. The Ohio Educational Library Media Association has posted information on its website to help other states with their advocacy efforts, including a timeline with strategies, a wiki with talking points, a brief on why principals should support school libraries, and a fact sheet on strong school libraries....

Ohio Educational Library Media Association

[Don't let Google ignore reader privacy](#)



Hugh D'Andrade writes: "As Google expands its Google Book Search service, adding millions of titles, it will dramatically increase the public's access to books. But Google may be leaving out the privacy we have come to expect, with systems that monitor the digital books you search, the pages you read, how long you spend on various pages, and even what you write down in the margins. The Electronic Frontier Foundation has written a letter ([PDF file](#)) to Google CEO Eric Schmidt, demanding that Google take specific steps to protect your freedom to read privately."...

Electronic Frontier Foundation, July 23

[How to read a privacy policy](#)

Shirl Kennedy writes: "A July 17 report ([PDF file](#)) from the [Common Data Project](#), a nonprofit based in New York City, analyzes the privacy policies of 10 major websites, as well as several start-ups. You need to read this because you *use* most or all of these websites—some of them on a daily basis—Google, Yahoo!, Wikipedia, Microsoft, AOL, Amazon, eBay, Facebook, Craigslist, Photobucket, NYT, WebMD, Ask, Cuil, and Ixquick. One intriguing visual shows how the various privacy policies stack up next to each other, literally, in terms of their length."...

Resource Shelf, July 27; Common Data Project

[Guidance for users of orphan works](#)

Mary Minow writes: "The Society of American Archivists' newly released 15-page *Orphan Works: Statement of Best Practices* ([PDF file](#)) was put together by Peter Hirtle and others who work with orphans day in and day out. The statement helpfully reminds us to check first to see if the work may be in the public domain. Then it draws a sliding scale of effort required based on factors such as the likelihood of finding the rights holder, the age of the work, the status

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of the creator, and the proposed distribution of the work.”...
LibraryLaw Blog, July 22

[10 great government websites](#)

Joab Jackson writes: “The days of a web presence being an optional component for agencies are long gone. For most citizens, the primary way of interacting with their government is through websites. Agencies have responded to that demand by creating richer, more interactive sites. Here are 10 websites that are meeting and exceeding the Obama administration’s goal of government transparency.”...



Government Computer News, July 27

[Six things libraries should tweet](#)

Andy Burkhardt writes: “David Lee King correctly [pointed out](#) some things you shouldn’t do on Twitter. He also said you should think about the big picture like, ‘What do you want to get out of it?’ But people often wonder, what sort of things should our library tweet about? Here’s a list.”...

Information Tyrannosaur, July 27

[UCLA to document Los Angeles culture](#)

The University of California, Los Angeles, Library has launched a project that will preserve and make accessible its collections that document the multiplicity of cultures and hidden histories of the Los Angeles region. “Collecting Los Angeles,” the first project funded by a recent gift from the Arcadia Fund, will build on the library’s existing strengths in this area, including special collections, photos, oral histories, maps, and circulating materials on local history, government, politics, literature, and the performing and visual arts....
UCLA, July 23



[Greatest movie misquotes](#)

Tim Dirks writes: “Many oft-cited film lines or scenes are apocryphal or misquoted, but after many years of repetition by fans and in subsequent films, they have become part of the filmgoing public’s consciousness. Many of the following quotations were either commonly attributed wrongly or in fact were never actually spoken.” Some examples: James Cagney’s “You dirty rat!” and Johnny Weissmuller’s “Me Tarzan, you Jane.” With audioclips....



The Greatest Films

[Wolfram Alpha can help you count carbs](#)

Answer engine [Wolfram Alpha](#)’s nutrition and wellness data can be used to find vital food statistics. Whether you are interested in determining total fat, cholesterol, sodium, sugar, carbohydrates, or other nutrients, the database can provide information for an individual food item, a meal, or a comprehensive calculation of daily diet. In this post, the Wolfram Alpha Team demonstrates how to calculate and compare the nutritional values of two food items....
Wolfram Alpha Blog, July 27

[International Year of Astronomy opportunity](#)

2009 has been designated the International Year of Astronomy. The Space Telescope Science Institute invites you to celebrate with NASA by holding a public event in your library featuring a special image taken by NASA's space observatories. Libraries can apply for selection as a site for a national unveiling of a new multiwavelength image of the Galactic Center in November 2009.

[Applications](#) must be submitted online by 5 p.m. Eastern time July 31....

HubbleSource



[In appreciation of library catalogers](#)

David Badertscher writes: "For almost 40 years I have been in charge of law libraries. During that time I have acquired great appreciation and respect for the value and work of library catalogers. This posting is a small token of that respect and gratitude. A prominent information consultant told me some years ago that he liked to hire catalogers for applications development in database and web searching because he found their training and expertise to be so helpful and effective."...

Criminal Law Library Blog, July 23

[Depository library spotlighted](#)

Johnson County (Kans.) Library (right) is the first public library to be highlighted in the monthly [Depository Library Spotlight](#) on the Federal Depository Library Program website in July. Citing library staff for making government information relevant and available to users through "outreach and more outreach," the article describes the library's web resources, an annual GovFest for business owners and would-be entrepreneurs, and staff leadership in the GovDoc Kids Group that sponsors the annual Constitution Day Poster Contest....

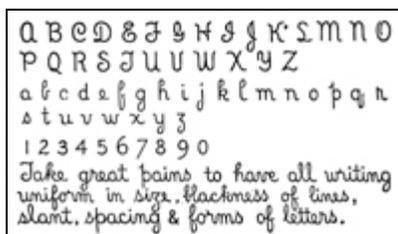
Shawnee (Kans.) Dispatch, July 29; FDLP Desktop, July 1



[Library handwriting](#)

Melvil Dewey writes: "The fact remains that there is nothing that pays better for the time it costs the candidate for a position in a library, than to be able to write a satisfactory library-hand. In so many cases, superior mental abilities have been put to a great disadvantage in the competition for desirable places by this apparently trifling item, that it seems worth a special article pointing out why it is so important and the best way to attain the desired end. Even in libraries where writing machines [typewriters] are largely used, there remains all the writing on blank books and many other places where it is not practicable to use the machine."...

Library Notes 1, no. 4 (March 1887): 273-282



[Lebanese librarians get proactive about reading](#)

Two librarians in Lebanon have prepared a guidebook for teachers, written in both French and Arabic, titled *99 Recipes to Spice Up the Taste of Reading*. The book, published by the Assabil Friends of Public



Libraries Association in Beirut and written by Nawal Traboulsi (right) and Marie Rivière, addresses such topics as understanding the role of libraries, playing with language and writing, creating and analyzing images, finding information, thinking critically, working with groups and individuals, learning about other cultures, and learning new technologies....

Assabil Friends of Public Libraries Association

[You can be in the Library 101 video](#)

Michael Porter writes: "You are officially invited to be in our new, inspiring, yet lovably goofy nerdcore music video *Library 101*. Getting into this video is actually really easy. Simply take and share a picture of you posing with a 0 and a 1. David Lee King and I even have a [Flickr group](#) where you can put your 101 pictures, and we've uploaded color 0s, 1s, 101s, and background to Flickr so people can start to get extra creative with their submissions." The video will be unveiled at the Internet Librarian Conference in October....



Libraryman, July 25

[Colbert nails public library crime](#)

In this tongue-in-cheek episode of "Nailed 'Em," comedian Steven Colbert uncovers the apparent theft of books from the Memorial Library of Nazareth (Pa.) and Vicinity by 7-year-old Dominic Philip (right), who was prevented from checking out library books when someone discovered he actually lived in Tatamy, a municipality that does not financially support the library. The episode (4:14) features Princeton (N.J.) Public Library Director Leslie Burger....



The Colbert Report, July 27

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AL Direct, July 29, 2009

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U.S. & World News

Obama to tap NYPL's Ferriero as U.S. archivist

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/july2009/ferrerotobecomeusarchivist072909.cfm>]

President Barack Obama announced July 28 that he intended to nominate David S. Ferriero to serve as archivist of the United States. The archivist heads the National Archives and Records Administration, which oversees the public release of presidential papers and other government documents. Ferriero is currently the Andrew W. Mellon director of the New York Public Libraries; he has also served as university librarian and vice provost for library affairs at Duke University, and for 31 years on the staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technologies libraries....
American Libraries Online, July 29

Rules for broadband stimulus funds hinder libraries

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3377>]

The ALA Washington Office sent a letter (PDF file

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/ALA-Lett>

er-to-Asst-Secretary-Strickling1.pdf]) to Assistant Secretary of Commerce
Larry Strickling July 23 stating that the first-round Notice of Funds
Availability (NOFA) to implement the Broadband Technologies Opportunities
Program raises significant concerns and creates hurdles for libraries
considering applying for broadband funding. The American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act gives libraries, as anchor institutions, priority, but
the NOFA in effect discourages libraries from applying for funding in a
number of ways. Ars Technica

[<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/news/2009/07/libraries-shut-out-of-broadband-stimulus-money-1.ars>] goes into more detail....

District Dispatch, July 27; Ars Technica, July 29

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

ALA News

[<http://www.flexyourinfo.com/projects/ALA2009/>]Annual Conference in
Chicago: Online activity

[<http://discuss.ala.org/marginalia/2009/07/29/summary-of-online-ala2009/>]

Jenny Levine writes: "I think even we were surprised at just how much
people came together on social media sites around this event and its
sessions. Clearly there's going to be a parallel event online for
all future ALA conferences, one driven completely by people and not by
planners. So here's a benchmark for future measurements, because
for the first time, we'll have an archive we can refer back to, at
least for Twitter, which was the most heavily used site during the
conference. Here's a summary I wrote for ALA Executive Director
Keith Michael Fiels."...

ALA Marginalia, July 29

OITP appoints Fellow [<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3387>]

The Office for Information Technology Policy appointed Bob Bocher,
library technology consultant with the Wisconsin Department of Public
Instruction, as an OITP Fellow. Bocher will provide OITP with strategic
advice on an array of networking issues from the technical, policy, and
operational perspectives. He has worked with OITP in a number of areas
over the past several years....

District Dispatch, July 28

Make ALA Connect work for you

[<http://librarygarden.blogspot.com/2009/07/make-ala-connect-work-for-you-appeal.html>]

Peter Bromberg writes: "The more I use ALA Connect

[<http://connect.ala.org/>], the more I realize that selectively turning on
Email Notifications is key to integrating Connect into my professional
life. This ensures that updates (the ones I want anyway) are pushed out
to me. Help spread the word by posting this attractively designed and
competitively-priced banner ad (in both border and nonborder stylings) on

your blog, homepage, or social network of choice.”...
Library Garden, July 28

[http://2.bp.blogspot.com/_DtpYdAYE0TY/Sm0PfnZwGII/AAAAAAAAAASk/IV0nZ2bs9tA/s1600-h/dewey-library-notes-72.jpg]’s predecessor
[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/07/melvil-deweys-library-notes.html>]

Larry Nix writes: “Library Notes was a quarterly ALA publication established by Melvil Dewey’s Library Bureau in 1886. A promotional flyer [http://2.bp.blogspot.com/_DtpYdAYE0TY/Sm0PfnZwGII/AAAAAAAAAASk/IV0nZ2bs9tA/s1600-h/dewey-library-notes-72.jpg] indicates that the publication will print only items of news likely to be directly useful to its readers. The very first issue [<http://books.google.com/books?id=PqIQAAAIAAJ&pg=PA1>] of Library Notes can be found in Google Books.” Dewey describes it as “so practically useful and so low in price that every library would feel” compelled to subscribe to the “advance guard” of the “modern library spirit.”...

Library History Buff, July 26; Library Notes 1, no. 1 (June 1886)

Minors and internet interactivity

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/statementsif/interpretations/minorsinternetinteractivity.cfm>]

ALA Council passed a new interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights [<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.cfm>] July 15 during ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

Minors and Internet Interactivity defines the rights of minors to retrieve, interact with, and create information posted on the internet in schools and libraries as extensions of their First Amendment rights.

Another new interpretation is on the Importance of Education to Intellectual Freedom

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/statementsif/interpretations/importanceofeducation.cfm>]....

Make literacy learning easy with songs and activities

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

ALA Editions has released Tune Up to Literacy: Original Songs and Activities for Kids [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2632>] by Al Balkin. The ASCAP award-winning composer and children’s educator shares his original songs and demonstrates how music encourages literacy. The book introduces and reinforces such crucial literacy concepts as the alphabet, vowels, consonants, nouns, verbs, adjectives, sentence construction, punctuation, sequence, and rhyming....

Inspiring quotes celebrate the love of libraries

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

ALA Editions is releasing The Librarian’s Book of Quotes [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2635>] compiled by Tatyana Eckstrand. A compendium of nearly 300 insightful, thought-provoking, and inspiring aphorisms, the book sings the praises of librarians’ skills and values and the institutions they support. Writers from Shakespeare to Ray Bradbury and librarians from John Cotton Dana to Nancy Pearl are among those quoted. Citations are provided to the original

source material, and a handy biographical dictionary provides background information....

New strategies for library public relations

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

ALA Editions has released The Library PR Handbook

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2718>], edited by Mark Gould, director of the ALA's Public Information Office. Written by high-profile experts in the PR field, this new handbook aims to keep library personnel on top of this fast-paced, complex role. Gould is a veteran of 25 years in the communication field and has been the director of PIO since 2000....

AL Focus

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/2009-ala-annual-conference-overview>]Annual Conference 2009 overview

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/2009-ala-annual-conference-overview>]

This is our grand overview (1:38) of the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, including sights and sounds from the ALSC Charlemae Rollins President's Program, Laurie Halse Anderson, the Bookcart Drill Team World Championships, the Exhibit Hall, the ALA Presidential Inauguration, Cokie Roberts, and more....

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/fifth-annual-bookcart-drill-team-world-championships>]Bookcart Drill Team World Championships

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/fifth-annual-bookcart-drill-team-world-championships>]

A photo essay (1:00) from the Bookcart Drill Team World Championships, held at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, set to "Ride of the Valkyries," the music played by the winning team, the Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library Warrior Librarians....

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/cokie-roberts-interview>]Interview with Cokie Roberts

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/cokie-roberts-interview>]

Before her PLA President's Program speech at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference, journalist Cokie Roberts spoke (2:09) with AL Focus about the new revised and expanded edition of her book *We Are Our Mother's Daughters*, as well as the state of libraries and the future of journalism....

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/tracy-kidder-interview>]Interview with Tracy Kidder

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/tracy-kidder-interview>]

AL Focus catches up (1:57) with author Tracy Kidder before his Auditorium Speaker Series presentation at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference. Kidder discusses his new book, *Strength in What Remains*, as well as his ideal vision for libraries—and you will want to hear what he calls libraries and librarians....

Featured review: Reference

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3423646]

Kellman, Steven G. (editor). *Magill's Survey of World Literature*. 6 vols. Rev. ed. Feb. 2009. 3,000p. Salem, hardcover (978-1-58765-431-2).

This outstanding set is a revision of the 1993 Marshall Cavendish publication of the same name and its 1995 supplement. The 380 writers included are 87 more than in the previous edition and are said to be, in a publisher's note, "at the heart of literary studies for middle- and high-school students and at the center of book discussions among library patrons." New additions include Douglas Adams, Roberto Bolaño, Laura Esquivel, Gao Xingjian, Seamus Heaney, Haruki Murakami, J. K. Rowling, and Zadie Smith. Although there are entries as well for other contemporary authors, the tendency is much more toward canonical and classic authors going back to Aeschylus and Sappho. Relatively few of these authors are regularly studied or read for pleasure by high-school students, and fewer still by middle-schoolers. Nevertheless, these are authors who are worth knowing, and dipping into these volumes at random might make almost any avid reader want to dig deeper. The set makes a fine companion to *Magill's Survey of American Literature* (2006). There is a very small overlap, in that each survey includes some Canadian authors....

"Back Page" now in one entertaining package

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

Booklist editors don't just review and recommend books; several write them, too. A new ALA Editions release, *The Back Page* [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2644>] by Booklist Publisher Bill Ott, offers a selected compendium of the author's favorite "Back Page" columns from *Booklist* magazine: columns filled with humor and occasional defiance of the conventional, a peek into the publishing world. Ott's "Back Page" (part readers' advisory and part commentary on the world of books and literature, good and not so good) delights readers with anecdotes, stories, quizzes—almost impossible to answer without cheating—and a host of insights into what makes books what they are....

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

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plapublications/pldsstatreport/index.cfm>]
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YALSA seeks editor for new online journal

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/edi
tor_yalsa.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/edi
tor_yalsa.cfm)]

YALSA is accepting applications for a member editor for its new online research journal. The deadline for applications is September 30.

Applicants must have editorial experience, excellent communications skills, the technical capacity to work in an electronic environment, and be YALSA members....

Awards

Apply now for 2010 National Library Week Grant

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/app
lynlwgrant_pio.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/app
lynlwgrant_pio.cfm)]

All types of libraries are invited to apply

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/natlibraryweek/nlwgrant.cfm>]

for the Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant. The \$3,000 grant will be awarded to a single library for the best public awareness campaign incorporating the 2010 National Library Week theme, "Communities Thrive @ your library." The grant is administered by the ALA Public Awareness Committee. This year's deadline is October 16....

BRASS Emerald Research Award

[[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/bra
sscoonin_rusa.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/bra
sscoonin_rusa.cfm)]

Bryna Coonin, reference librarian at East Carolina University's Joyner Library, has been selected as the second of two recipients of the 2009 Emerald Research Award. The award, administered by the RUSA Business Reference and Services Section, provides \$5,000 to the winner in support of proposed research in the field of business reference. Coonin's winning proposal focuses on open access publishing as it relates to business librarianship....

2009 Eisner Awards [http://www.comic-con.org/cci/cci_eisners_09win.shtml]

The Eisner Awards, given for creative achievement in American comic books, were presented July 24 at the San Diego Comic-Con International. Among the winners was "Murder He Wrote," by Ian Boothby, Nina Matsumoto, and Andrew Pepoy, in The Simpsons' Treehouse of Horror #14 (for best short story); All Star Superman, by Grant Morrison and Frank Quitely (for best continuing series); and Tiny Titans, by Art Baltazar and Franco (for best publication for kids)....

San Diego Comic-Con International, July 24

Montana New Zealand Book Awards

[http://www.booksellers.co.nz/mba_winners.htm]

The winners of the Montana New Zealand Book Awards 2009 were congratulated July 27 at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. The awards, sponsored by Montana Wines, celebrate the best books written and illustrated by New Zealanders. The winner for best fiction was Novel About My Wife, by Emily Perkins; the award for best nonfiction went to

Rita Angus: An Artist's Life, by Jill Trevelyan....
Montana New Zealand Book Awards

Seen Online

House increases state library funding

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3372>]

The House of Representatives passed the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill (H.R. 3293) July 24, which includes an increase in funding for the LSTA Grants to State Library Agencies program. The program was allocated \$172.6 million, approximately \$1 million over the FY2009 level....

District Dispatch, July 27

Ohio library funding gets creative

[<http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090729/NEIGHBORS/907280333>]

After the Ohio Legislature recently approved an 11% reduction in funding, libraries in the state are hoping donations will help fill the gap. Debra Manley raised \$5,000 for the Wood County District Public Library in Bowling Green at a recent garage sale. With pants left over from the sale, she and three friends came up with a Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants fundraiser. They sewed extra pockets into the pants and are passing them around the community, asking recipients to fill a pocket with \$100 and a note describing their first or most memorable experience at a public library....

Toledo (Ohio) Blade, July 29

The art and absurdity of marginalia

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/booksblog/2009/jul/28/library-books-margin-muse>]

Daniel Kalder writes: "Last year I joined the library at the University of Texas at Austin and rediscovered a literary form—readers' inscriptions in the margins of library books. The conventions of the genre are simple: You state something obvious in a fragmentary/declaratory style, adding a question mark, exclamation mark, or ellipsis according to the degree of confidence you have in your perceptions. What motivates readers to write such unnecessary, moronic comments in the margins?"...

The Guardian (U.K.), July 28

Iowa City considers sex-offender policy

[<http://www.press-citizen.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/200907230320/NEWS01/907230307>]

A policy being considered by the Iowa City Public Library's board of trustees would keep registered sex offenders out of the library but grant them the use of online resources and the ability to send a representative to check out material. The proposed policy is in response to a new Iowa law that went into effect July 1 prohibiting sex offenders who have been convicted of a crime against a minor from entering a public library without the written permission of the library administrator....

Iowa City (Iowa) Press-Citizen, July 23

Maynard library director is graphic novel proponent

[<http://www.wickedlocal.com/maynard/news/x1021933872/Maynard-library-director-makes-a-space-for-comic-books>]

Since 2001, Maynard (Mass.) Public Library Director Stephen Weiner has published eight books about graphic novels and has taught graphic-novel courses at Simmons College. When he tried to introduce graphic novels at the library in Somerville before he came to Maynard, Weiner got about 50 or 60 complaints from residents and even staff. He attributes the change in sentiment to two events in 2002: a graphic-novel event hosted by ALA and the release of the wildly popular Spider-Man movie....

Maynard (Mass.) Beacon-Villager, July 23

Advocates mobilize defense for Library of Michigan

[<http://toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090724/NEWS24/907240355/0/BUSINESS07>]

Librarians and advocates across the state are mobilizing to defend the Library of Michigan, which could be dismantled and its collections scattered in a budget-cutting move. After a meeting on the lawn of the State Capitol on August 5, the Michigan Genealogical Council is planning a march to the library. The Michigan Library Association is urging Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the legislature to maintain the library system's level of services, to keep state aid to public libraries at \$10 million in 2009, and to retain the position of the state librarian....

Toledo (Ohio) Blade, July 24

Lust in the British Library

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/sathnam_sanghera/article6729152.ece]

Sathnam Sanghera writes: "All libraries are, of course, petri dishes of simmering lust, but the British Library is extreme. Its walls contain more erotic pressure than an oil rig, a North Sea fishing trawler, and several episodes of Mad Men combined. My preferred explanation is the silence. But when everyone is sitting around in silence, you can project what you like onto them and everyone remains a sexual possibility."...

The Times (U.K.), July 28

Britain's most avid reader has borrowed 25,000 library books

[<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopping/howaboutthat/5932159/Britains-most-avid-reader-91-has-borrowed-25000-library-books.html>]

Louise Brown (right), 91, has read up to a dozen books a week since 1946 without incurring a single fine for late returns. She borrows mainly large-print books because she is partially sighted, and has almost worked her way through her local library's entire collection. The staff of the Stranraer Library in Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland, say Brown's rapacious reading habits over the past 60 years could earn her a place in the record books....

Daily Telegraph (U.K.), July 29

Testimony begins in Sacramento library scam case

[<http://www.sacbee.com/ourregion/story/2063927.html>]

Check by check, a veteran accountant in Sacramento Superior Court on July 28 detailed the bank accounts that prosecutors hope will help them convict three people in the city's library kickback scandal. Former

Facilities Director Dennis Nilsson, former Security Director James Mayle, and his wife Janie Rankins-Mayle have been accused in an elaborate scheme that officials say cost taxpayers \$800,000 in overpayments and tainted the Sacramento Public Library system so badly that its director, Anne Marie Gold, eventually resigned....
Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, July 29

Moline library worker files discrimination suit
[http://www.qctimes.com/news/local/article_ad57c79e-7b84-11de-825b-001cc4c03286.html]

The former operations manager for the Moline (Ill.) Public Library has filed a discrimination suit against the city, the library, and retiring Library Director Leslie Kee. Mary B. Clark filed the suit July 27 in U.S. District Court in Rock Island, alleging that her position was eliminated at the end of December in retaliation for her complaints about Kee....
Davenport (Iowa) Quad-City Times, July 28

Layoffs possible in Aurora
[http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci_12911433]
Some 40 Aurora (Colo.) Public Library employees could be laid off at the end of the year to make up a projected \$8-million city budget shortfall in 2010. However, if a ballot measure to create a separate funding source for libraries passes in November, those jobs could be saved. The council will receive a preliminary 2010 budget in September and vote on the final version later in the fall....
Denver Post, July 25

Archivists catalog items for George W. Bush Library
[http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/bushlibrary/stories/DN-bushlib_27met.ART0.State.Edition2.4ba54d2.html]
Some 40,000 items make up the collection of documents, artifacts, and memorabilia that former President George W. Bush amassed during eight years in the White House. The entire collection, which includes 100 terabytes of digital files, was delivered to a warehouse (right) in Lewisville, Texas, after he left office. National Archives and Records Administration personnel have spent the past few months trying to inventory everything....
Dallas Morning News, July 27

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Tech Talk

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The Open Library Environment final report
[<http://oleproject.org/final-ole-project-report/>]
With funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Open Library Environment project [<http://oleproject.org/participants/>] convened a multinational group of libraries to analyze library business processes and to define a next-generation library technology platform. The resulting OLE platform is predicated on service-oriented architecture and a community-source model of development and governance. Its draft final report (PDF file

[http://oleproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/ole_report_draft_26july09.pdf] describes a system for managing and delivering intellectual information designed by and for academic and research libraries....
OLE Project, July 26

Yahoo to get Binged

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

A few months from now, Yahoo's search engine will be "powered by Bing. [<http://bing.com>]" After months of back and forth between Microsoft and Yahoo, the two companies finally announced a deal July 29 that will bring Microsoft's search engine to Yahoo's properties, while Yahoo will become the sales force for both companies' premium search advertisers. Barring any roadblocks from industry and government regulators, this deal will grant Microsoft an exclusive license to Yahoo's core search technologies for 10 years. Bing could prove a worthy competitor to Google....

ReadWriteWeb, July 29

Microsoft game aims to improve search results

[<http://technologyreview.com/blog/editors/23898/>]

Researchers at Microsoft's labs in Redmond, Washington, have released an online game to help fine-tune search results. Called Page Hunt

[<http://sigirpagehunt.msrlivelabs.com/>], the game presents players with web pages and asks them to guess the queries that would produce the page within its first five results. Players score 100 points if the page is number 1 on the list, 90 points if it's number 2, and so on. The idea is to gather useful information on user search habits which could be used to calibrate search algorithms and ranking scheme....

Technology Review Editors' Blog, July 27

Sharing on Facebook more popular than email

[<http://mashable.com/2009/07/20/facebook-sharing-data/>]

Adam Ostrow writes: "AddToAny [<http://www.addtoany.com>] is the maker of one the most popular widgets that let content sites provide their readers with an easy way to share stories across multiple social media sites. According to AddToAny, Facebook now dominates sharing, with 24% of shares from the widget consisting of users posting items to the social network. That handily beats out email (11.1%) and Twitter (10.8%), making the world's most popular social network also the most popular service for sharing content."...

Mashable, July 20

Publishing

100 best beach books ever

[<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=106983620>]

People talk a lot about the wisdom of crowds, but the truth is that large packs of people are better at judging some things than others. Almost 16,000 National Public Radio fans cast some 136,000 votes in NPR's Best Beach Books Ever poll. Whether such a vote can determine literary quality, who can say? But there's one thing a multitude of book-loving

NPR types can most definitely do, and that's pick a list of books that will appeal to . . . book-loving NPR types....

National Public Radio, July 29

Amazon faces a fight over its e-books

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/27/technology/companies/27amazon.html>]

Civil libertarians and consumer advocates want Amazon.com to fundamentally alter its method for selling Kindles, lest it be forced one day by court order to change or recall books, or by a government deciding that a particular work is politically damaging or embarrassing. The Boston-based Free Software Foundation plans to petition Amazon to give up control over the books people load on their Kindles and to reconsider its use of digital-rights-management software....

New York Times, July 26

Can the Kindle really improve on the book?

[http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2009/08/03/090803fa_fact_baker?currentPage=all]

Nicholson Baker writes: "Here's what you buy when you buy a Kindle book. You buy the right to display a grouping of words in front of your eyes for your private use with the aid of an electronic display device approved by Amazon. Kindle books aren't transferable. You can't give them away or lend them or sell them. You can't print them. They are closed clumps of digital code that only one purchaser can own. A copy of a Kindle book dies with its possessor."...

New Yorker, Aug. 3

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

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[<http://www.liveroots.com/>]101 best genealogy websites

[<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/101for2009/>]

This 10th annual roundup of noteworthy genealogy websites honors 10 categories of 10 noteworthy sites each (plus one to make 101). The Family Tree Magazine editors have tried to encompass more Web 2.0 sites that are paving the way for changes in online genealogy over the next 10 years. Sites that are mostly free but where you might still wind up pulling out your credit card for some purchase or other are marked with a \$....

Family Tree Magazine

[<http://imslp.org/wiki/>]'s top 100 websites for 2009

[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2350553,00.asp>]

Kyle Monson writes: "Deciding upon our list of 100 sites is a months-long process. We solicited website nominations from every corner of the web—PCMag and AppScout readers, Twitter followers, Facebook friends, our own staff, and more. A small committee of our own experts then evaluated each nominated site one by one, judging it according to

its content quality, design, and originality, to arrive at our two lists of 50 websites.”...

PC Magazine, July 27

Library Day in the Life Project

[<http://librarianbyday.net/2009/07/2nd-annual-library-day-in-the-life-project/>]

Bobbi L. Newman writes: “It seems like the time is right, so July 27 begins the Second Annual Library Day in the Life project. It started last summer with this post

[<http://librarianbyday.net/2008/07/what-is-a-librarians-day-like/>] suggesting that we blog what we do all day at work. Libraries are changing rapidly and we all know no one has time to read books, despite what the public may think. So how you participate? Go to the wiki, [<http://librarydayinthelife.pbworks.com/>] create a free account, and record on your blog what you do for a day or two, or an entire week.”...

Librarian by Day, July 22

Many public libraries face asbestos remediation

[<http://www.mesotheliomaweb.org/jul200927a.htm>]

As the nation’s public libraries age, they face updates that result in closures, often because older buildings contain significant amounts of asbestos that represent a threat to public health. Asbestos was widely used in insulation, floor and roofing tiles, tile glues, and some ceiling panels until the 1970s, when health officials began to recognize it as the most common cause of respiratory disease, lung and digestive-system cancers, and mesothelioma. That more libraries, both public and academic, will face asbestos remediation of some kind in the near future is a given....

Mesothelioma News, July 27

Talking points on strong school media centers

[<http://www.oelma.org/Ohio.htm>]

On July 17, Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland signed legislation

[http://www.oelma.org/Leg_update_7_15.htm] (Sec. 3306.10 of HB 1) that will phase in funding for licensed librarian and media specialists in Ohio’s schools, based upon school populations. The Ohio Educational Library Media Association has posted information on its website to help other states with their advocacy efforts, including a timeline with strategies, a wiki with talking points, a brief on why principals should support school libraries, and a fact sheet on strong school libraries....

Ohio Educational Library Media Association

Don’t let Google ignore reader privacy

[<http://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2009/07/take-action-dont-let-google>]

Hugh D’Andrade writes: “As Google expands its Google Book Search service, adding millions of titles, it will dramatically increase the public’s access to books. But Google may be leaving out the privacy we have come to expect, with systems that monitor the digital books you search, the pages you read, how long you spend on various pages, and even what you write down in the margins. The Electronic Frontier Foundation has written a letter (PDF file

[http://www.eff.org/files/gbs_privacy_schmidt_letter.pdf]) to Google CEO Eric Schmidt, demanding that Google take specific steps to protect your

freedom to read privately.”...

Electronic Frontier Foundation, July 23

How to read a privacy policy

[<http://www.resourceshelf.com/2009/07/27/resource-of-the-week-report-how-to-read-a-privacy-policy/>]

Shirl Kennedy writes: “A July 17 report (PDF file

[http://commondataport.org/images/How_To_Read_A_Privacy_Policy.pdf]) from the Common Data Project,

[<http://commondataport.org/paper-policies-intro>] a nonprofit based in New York City, analyzes the privacy policies of 10 major websites, as well as several start-ups. You need to read this because you use most or all of these websites—some of them on a daily basis—Google, Yahoo!, Wikipedia, Microsoft, AOL, Amazon, eBay, Facebook, Craigslist, Photobucket, NYT, WebMD, Ask, Cuil, and Ixquick. One intriguing visual shows how the various privacy policies stack up next to each other, literally, in terms of their length.”...

Resource Shelf, July 27; Common Data Project

Guidance for users of orphan works

[<http://blog.librarylaw.com/librarylaw/2009/07/at-last-guidance-for-users-of-orphan-works.html>]

Mary Minow writes: “The Society of American Archivists’ newly released 15-page Orphan Works: Statement of Best Practices (PDF file

[<http://www.archivists.org/standards/OWBP-V4.pdf>]) was put together by

Peter Hirtle and others who work with orphans day in and day out. The statement helpfully reminds us to check first to see if the work may be in the public domain. Then it draws a sliding scale of effort required based on factors such as the likelihood of finding the rights holder, the age of the work, the status of the creator, and the proposed distribution of the work.”...

LibraryLaw Blog, July 22

[<https://www.prioritymail.com/simulator.asp?id=17274869&ssno=26968>]

10 great government websites

[<http://gcn.com/articles/2009/07/27/gcn-great-gov-web-sites-2009.aspx>]

Joab Jackson writes: “The days of a web presence being an optional component for agencies are long gone. For most citizens, the primary way of interacting with their government is through websites. Agencies have responded to that demand by creating richer, more interactive sites. Here are 10 websites that are meeting and exceeding the Obama administration’s goal of government transparency.”...

Government Computer News, July 27

Six things libraries should tweet

[<http://andyburkhardt.com/2009/07/27/six-things-libraries-should-tweet/>]

Andy Burkhardt writes: “David Lee King correctly pointed out

[<http://www.davidleeking.com/2009/07/21/how-not-to-tweet/>] some things you shouldn’t do on Twitter. He also said you should think about

the big picture like, ‘What do you want to get out of it?’ But people often wonder, what sort of things should our library tweet about?

Here’s a list.”...

Information Tyrannosaur, July 27

[http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/dlib/lat/display.cfm?ms=uclalat_1429_b181_82085-2]UCLA to document Los Angeles culture

[<http://newsroom.ucla.edu/portal/ucla/collecting-los-angeles-96365.aspx>]
The University of California, Los Angeles, Library has launched a project that will preserve and make accessible its collections that document the multiplicity of cultures and hidden histories of the Los Angeles region. "Collecting Los Angeles," the first project funded by a recent gift from the Arcadia Fund, will build on the library's existing strengths in this area, including special collections, photos, oral histories, maps, and circulating materials on local history, government, politics, literature, and the performing and visual arts....

UCLA, July 23

Greatest movie misquotes [<http://www.filmsite.org/moments0.html>]

Tim Dirks writes: "Many oft-cited film lines or scenes are apocryphal or misquoted, but after many years of repetition by fans and in subsequent films, they have become part of the filmgoing public's consciousness. Many of the following quotations were either commonly attributed wrongly or in fact were never actually spoken." Some examples: James Cagney's "You dirty rat!" and Johnny Weissmuller's "Me Tarzan, you Jane." With audioclips....

The Greatest Films

Wolfram Alpha can help you count carbs

[<http://blog.wolframalpha.com/2009/07/27/wolframalpha-can-help-you-make-smart-food-choices/>]

Answer engine Wolfram Alpha [<http://www.wolframalpha.com/>]'s nutrition and wellness data can be used to find vital food statistics. Whether you are interested in determining total fat, cholesterol, sodium, sugar, carbohydrates, or other nutrients, the database can provide information for an individual food item, a meal, or a comprehensive calculation of daily diet. In this post, the Wolfram Alpha Team demonstrates how to calculate and compare the nutritional values of two food items....

Wolfram Alpha Blog, July 27

International Year of Astronomy opportunity

[<http://hubblesource.stsci.edu/events/iyafinale/>]

2009 has been designated the International Year of Astronomy. The Space Telescope Science Institute invites you to celebrate with NASA by holding a public event in your library featuring a special image taken by NASA's space observatories. Libraries can apply for selection as a site for a national unveiling of a new multiwavelength image of the Galactic Center in November 2009. Applications

[<http://hubblesource.stsci.edu/events/iyafinale/request.php>] must be submitted online by 5 p.m. Eastern time July 31....

HubbleSource

In appreciation of library catalogers

[http://www.criminallawlibraryblog.com/2009/07/in_appreciation_of_library_catalogers.html]

David Badertscher writes: "For almost 40 years I have been in charge of law libraries. During that time I have acquired great appreciation and respect for the value and work of library catalogers. This posting is a

small token of that respect and gratitude. A prominent information consultant told me some years ago that he liked to hire catalogers for applications development in database and web searching because he found their training and expertise to be so helpful and effective.”...

Criminal Law Library Blog, July 23

Depository library spotlighted

[<http://www.shawneedispatch.com/news/2009/jul/29/library-featured-web-site/>]

Johnson County (Kans.) Library (right) is the first public library to be highlighted in the monthly Depository Library Spotlight

[<http://www.fdlp.gov/outreach/spotlight/437-johnson-county-library-in-overl-and-park-kansas>] on the Federal Depository Library Program website in July. Citing library staff for making government information relevant and available to users through “outreach and more outreach,” the article describes the library’s web resources, an annual GovFest for business owners and would-be entrepreneurs, and staff leadership in the GovDoc Kids Group that sponsors the annual Constitution Day Poster Contest....

Shawnee (Kans.) Dispatch, July 29; FDLP Desktop, July 1

Library handwriting

[<http://books.google.com/books?pg=PA273&id=PqIQAAAAIAAJ>]

Melvil Dewey writes: “The fact remains that there is nothing that pays better for the time it costs the candidate for a position in a library, than to be able to write a satisfactory library-hand. In so many cases, superior mental abilities have been put to a great disadvantage in the competition for desirable places by this apparently trifling item, that it seems worth a special article pointing out why it is so important and the best way to attain the desired end. Even in libraries where writing machines [typewriters] are largely used, there remains all the writing on blank books and many other places where it is not practicable to use the machine.”...

Library Notes 1, no. 4 (March 1887): 273–282

Lebanese librarians get proactive about reading

[http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=1&categ_id=1&article_id=104494]

Two librarians in Lebanon have prepared a guidebook for teachers, written in both French and Arabic, titled 99 Recipes to Spice Up the Taste of Reading. The book, published by the Assabil Friends of Public Libraries Association in Beirut and written by Nawal Traboulsi (right) and Marie Rivière, addresses such topics as understanding the role of libraries, playing with language and writing, creating and analyzing images, finding information, thinking critically, working with groups and individuals, learning about other cultures, and learning new technologies....

Assabil Friends of Public Libraries Association

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mlibrarianus/3746823115/in/pool-library101>] You can be in the Library 101 video

[<http://www.libraryman.com/blog/2009/07/25/you-can-be-in-the-library-101-video-now-in-colors/>]

Michael Porter writes: “You are officially invited to be in our new, inspiring, yet lovably goofy nerdcore music video Library 101. Getting

into this video is actually really easy. Simply take and share a picture of you posing with a 0 and a 1. David Lee King and I even have a Flickr group [<http://www.flickr.com/groups/library101/>] where you can put your 101 pictures, and we've uploaded color 0s, 1s, 101s, and background to Flickr so people can start to get extra creative with their submissions." The video will be unveiled at the Internet Librarian Conference in October....

Libraryman, July 25

[<http://www.colbertnation.com/the-colbert-report-videos/239944/july-27-2009/nailed--em---library-crime>] Colbert nails public library crime
[<http://www.colbertnation.com/the-colbert-report-videos/239944/july-27-2009/nailed--em---library-crime>]

In this tongue-in-cheek episode of "Nailed 'Em," comedian Steven Colbert uncovers the apparent theft of books from the Memorial Library of Nazareth (Pa.) and Vicinity by 7-year-old Dominic Philip (right), who was prevented from checking out library books when someone discovered he actually lived in Tatamy, a municipality that does not financially support the library. The episode (4:14) features Princeton (N.J.) Public Library Director Leslie Burger....

The Colbert Report, July 27

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[<http://www.alatechsource.org/ltr/gaming-libraries-learning-lessons-from-the-intersections>]

Library gaming aficionado Jenny Levine helps you implement gaming programs that benefit your patrons with Gaming and Libraries: Learning Lessons from the Intersections

[<http://www.alatechsource.org/ltr/gaming-libraries-learning-lessons-from-the-intersections>],

[<http://www.alatechsource.org/ltr/gaming-libraries-learning-lessons-from-the-intersections>]

e-intersections] the latest issue of Library Technology Reports. She has spotted emerging themes and illustrates them through five library case studies. NEW! From ALA TechSource.

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Associate University Librarian for Publishing,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13491>] University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Directs the scholarly publishing activities at the University of Michigan by overseeing the University of Michigan Press, the Scholarly Publishing Office, the Library's Institutional Repository Deep Blue, and the Library's Copyright Office. Leads the development of content delivery through a financially sustainable publishing program, involving both print and electronic models, and will represent the University Library in national and international conversations about the future of scholarly publishing....

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Digital Library of the Week

[http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.org/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/p120701coll13&CISOPTR=137&CISOBX=1&REC=10]

The Louisiana Digital Library [<http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.com/>] is an online library containing photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, oral histories, and more that document Louisiana's history and culture. There are currently 19 participating libraries, archives, museums, and historical centers participating in the LDL. Each institution contributes the digital items and descriptive text for its collections. Selected collections include Louisiana Hurricane Resources, Louisiana State Museum Jazz Collection, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Jesuit Scrapbooks from the New Orleans Province, Louisiana Purchase and Louisiana Colonial History, and Mississippi River Flood of 1927 Photographs. The library can be browsed by subject, institution, media format, geographic focus, time period, and collection name. LOUIS: the Louisiana Library Network, provides technological support for the institutions who participate.

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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“A refreshing read in the A/C is just what July requires sometimes. . . . That’s why I love you, Library. You are always thinking of others.”

—Columnist Gwenn Garland, showing thanks to her public library, in “Dear Wicomico Library: Why We Think You Are So Top Shelf,” Salisbury (Md.) Daily Times, May 28.

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Ask the ALA Librarian

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

Q. I am writing a research paper on the Pacific Northwest Library Association and need to know what its affiliation is, if any, with the American Library Association?

A. The Pacific Northwest Library Association [<http://www.pnla.org>] is a regional chapter of the American Library Association. See all of ALA's state and regional chapters [<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/cro/chapters/stateandregional/stateregional.cfm>] on the section of our website for our Chapter Relations

Office. [<http://www.ala.org/cro>] At the 1954 ALA Midwinter Meeting, it was decided that changes to Article V of the ALA Bylaws—which defines the very nature, purpose, and requirements of ALA chapters—meant that all previously established ALA chapters no longer existed as of February 4, 1954. Further, at the third Council session of the 1954 ALA Annual Conference, it was decided that existing chapters of ALA had to apply for formal redesignation no later than the 1956 ALA Midwinter Meeting. PNLA was redesignated as an ALA chapter on January 31, 1957, at the second Council session of the 1957 ALA Midwinter Meeting. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/ALA_Chapters_History].

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

Library accessibility tipsheets

The ASCLA Library Accessibility—What You Need to Know [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/ascla/asclaprotocols/accessibilitytipsheets/>] set of 15 tipsheets was developed to help librarians in all types of libraries understand and manage access issues, including patrons who have cognitive, mental, or emotional illnesses; patrons with learning and/or developmental disabilities; patrons with service animals; patrons needing assistive technologies; and patrons with physical disabilities.

Calendar

Aug. 13–16:
Gen Con Indy Gaming Convention,
[<http://www.gencon.com/2009/indy/default.aspx>] Indiana Convention Center,
Indianapolis.

Aug. 23–23:
Papermania Plus Antiques Extravaganza,
[<http://www.papermaniaplus.com/press.htm>] XL Center, Hartford,
Connecticut.

Sept. 16–17:
OCLC Digital Forum West,
[<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/briefs/brief295.htm>] Getty Research
Institute, Los Angeles. “Convergence: Where Metadata and Access Meet for
Digital Discovery and Delivery.”

Sept. 17:
Ohio Preservation Council, [<http://opc.ohionet.org/>] 25th Anniversary
Symposium, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. “Celebrating
Paper.”

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. 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. 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.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=495>] Charlotte Convention Center, North Carolina. “Law for School Librarians: Knowing Minors’ Rights.”

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[<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. 5:
OCLC Digital Forum East,
[<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/briefs/brief295.htm>] Arlington (Va.)
Public Library.

Nov. 7:
Buckeye Book Fair, [<http://buckeyebookfair.com/>] Fisher Auditorium, Ohio
Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster.

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

U.S. & World News

Ohio budget deal includes less severe library cuts

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/july2009/ohiobudgetcompromise071509.cfm>]

Ohio libraries have been spared the proposed budget cuts that had threatened to lower their state funding by 30%. However, the biennial budget passed by the state legislature July 13 still includes a reduction in library funding of some 11%. It reduces the state's Public Library Fund by \$84.3 million over the next two years rather than the \$227.3 million proposed by Gov. Ted Strickland in June; that plan prompted a flood of protests from library supporters across the state....

American Libraries Online, July 15

Michigan governor eliminates state library department

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/july2009/michstatelibrarytransferred071709.cfm>]

In a money-saving move July 13, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm issued an executive order (PDF file

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/gov/EO36_285881_7.pdf]) to eliminate

the Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries. The move will save about \$2 million per year and will reorganize the State Library of Michigan. Under this order, the library, its board of trustees, its staff, and its collection (except services for the blind and physically handicapped, and services related to census data) will be transferred to the Department of Education as of October 1. Meanwhile, the governor also announced July 13 conceptual plans for an initiative that would take over the current state library holdings....

American Libraries Online, July 15

Hawaii budget-crisis fix would close five branches

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/july2009/hawaiibudgetcrisis071009.cfm>]

Hawaii State Librarian Richard Burns has proposed closing five public libraries at the end of the year to address a \$5.7-million cut in funding. The proposal, presented by Burns to the state Board of Education July 9 to address a nearly 20% reduction in the Hawaii State Public Library System's budget, also includes \$1.3 million in furloughs and other salary savings and the elimination of 67 vacant positions to save \$2.2 million....

American Libraries Online, July 10

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

ALA News

ALA and the Department of Education promote summer learning

[http://www.serve.gov/stories_education.asp]

When "United We Serve" officially launched on June 22, America's libraries and the Department of Education were poised and ready to be a major part of the program from the very beginning. They will remain engaged throughout the summer, and they call upon all Americans to join them. At a special kickoff event at Fanwood (N.J.) Memorial Library, ALA President Jim Rettig and many regional librarians had the opportunity to discuss how libraries are offering reading programs for children to combat summer reading loss and helping individuals obtain job skills and employment....

Stories of Service blog, July 14

New online copyright education tools

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3207>]

The Office of Information Technology Policy has released two new online copyright education tools: the Fair Use Evaluator and the Exceptions for Instructors eTool. These new resources were developed by Copyright Committee super-member Michael Brewer. The Fair Use Evaluator helps users understand how to determine if the use of a protected work is a fair use. The Exceptions for Instructors eTool guides users through the educational exceptions in U.S. copyright law....

Featured review: Books for youth

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3556741]

DiCamillo, Kate. *The Magician's Elephant*. Sept. 2009. 208p. Candlewick, hardcover (978-0-7636-4410-9).

From the unexpectedly miraculous feats of a two-bit illusionist to the transformative powers of love, forgiveness, and a good mutton stew, there is much magic afoot in this fablelike tale from the author of the Newbery-winning *Tale of Despereaux* (2003). In DiCamillo's fifth novel, a young orphan named Peter Augustus Duchene suspects that the sibling he long thought dead is actually alive. Peter seeks out the services of a fortune-teller, who informs him that his younger sister, Adele, lives and— even more astoundingly—that an elephant will lead him to her. The winter-worn city of Baltese seems the last place Peter could expect to find such an exotic creature, but that very night a magician performing at the local opera house conjures one out of thin air, a wondrous but cataclysmic event that proves to have dire consequences....

Bookmakers: Eerdmans Publishing Company

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3558129]

Ilene Cooper writes: "When William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company walked away with a 2009 Caldecott Honor for Jen Bryant's *A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams and a Batchelder Honor for the quirky Garmann's Summer*, by Stian Hole, some people were surprised. Wasn't Eerdmans a religious publisher? Well, there's no doubt it started out that way. According to company Vice President Anita Eerdmans, although the youth imprint is more diverse than ever, the adult side is still largely devoted to religious books; but that list has broadened considerably from its Protestant roots, with Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish authors now on the roster."...

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

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plapublications/pldsstatreport/index.cfm>]
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Division News
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[<http://www.teachertube.com/>] Top 25 websites for teaching and learning
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/july2009/top25_aasl.cfm]

AASL has launched a new resource for school library media specialists and their teacher colleagues. The Top 25 Websites for Teaching and Learning, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aboutaasl/bestlist/bestwebsites2009/25.cfm>] a list honoring the top 25 internet sites for enhancing learning and curriculum development, are considered the “best of the best” by AASL. These websites foster qualities of innovation, creativity, active participation, and collaboration....

[<http://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm>]Landmark websites for teaching and learning

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

Another new AASL resource for school library media specialists, Landmark Websites for Teaching and Learning,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aboutaasl/bestlist/bestwebsiteslandmark.cfm>] is a list that honors the top internet sites for enhancing

learning and curriculum development. These landmark sites are recognized because of their exemplary histories of authoritative, dynamic content and curricular relevance. All honored sites are free, web-based sites that are user-friendly and encourage a community of learners to explore and discover....

Library Instruction Cookbook

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

ACRL has published a new title, The Library Instruction Cookbook, [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2721>] edited by Ryan Sittler and Doug Cook. The book is a practical collection of “learning recipes,” each including plans for conducting a specific type of learning session and indicating how the recipe teaches research skills from the ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education. It includes interactive recipes from academic librarians from around the world....

Awards

2009 CLPE Poetry Award [http://www.clpe.co.uk/poetry/poetry_02.html]

The winner of the CLPE Poetry Award is John Agard’s *The Young Inferno*, illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura (Frances Lincoln, 2009). This award for an outstanding U.K. poetry book for children was established in 2003 by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education, a charitable trust located in London....

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education, July 7

Seen Online

Imprisoned terrorist denied Obama book

[<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hFD6-79Ugp43LypT-cTjcHifggzAD99B7N280>]

The federal government's most secure prison has rejected an inmate's request to read two books written by President Barack Obama. Ahmed Omar Abu Ali is serving a 30-year sentence at the supermax prison in Florence, Colorado, for aiding al-Qaeda and plotting to assassinate former President George W. Bush. In 2008, Abu Ali requested two books written by Obama, *Dreams from My Father* and *The Audacity of Hope*. Prison officials, citing guidance from the FBI, determined that passages in both books contain information that could damage national security....
Associated Press, July 9

British authors in revolt over school-visit scheme
[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/jul/10/authors-vet-school-visits>]
Philip Pullman has led a chorus of protest from prominent children's authors over a new scheme that will require them to be vetted before they can visit schools. He called the plans "outrageous, demeaning, and insulting" and said he wouldn't be appearing in schools again because of it. Set up in response to the murders of two schoolgirls in Soham [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soham_murders] by school caretaker Ian Huntley in August 2002, the Independent Safeguarding Authority will vet all individuals who work with children from October this year, requiring them to register with a national database for a fee of £64 (\$104 U.S.)....
The Guardian (U.K.), July 10

Parent accused of ramming Everett school librarian
[<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20090714/NEWS01/707149896>]
An Everett, Washington, man is accused of berating 5th-graders on safety patrol and using his vehicle to knock down an elementary school librarian during a dispute over what entrance he was supposed to use when dropping off his child at school. Prosecutors charged Trevor Wipf on July 13 with second-degree attempted assault, a felony. He is accused of intentionally driving his sport utility vehicle into the librarian at Jefferson Elementary School on December 16....
Everett (Wash.) Herald, July 14

UC Irvine's Southeast Asian archive threatened
[<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-asian-archives13-2009jul13,0,2727347.story>]
In an unremarkable room in a corner of the University of California, Irvine's main library, little-known stories of Southeast Asian refugees are kept alive. The room holds audio recordings of those recounting their journeys fleeing Vietnam by boat, letters written from refugee camps to families left behind, and refugee orientation brochures they picked up upon arriving in Orange County. But with the university facing severe budget cutbacks, some academics fear that the investment and legwork that kept the archive vibrant will suffer....
Los Angeles Times, July 13

Retired librarian sees hard times for California school libraries
[<http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2009/jul/07/retired-school-librarian-fears-unhappy-ending-prof/>]
When Dennis Donley (right) began his career nearly 35 years ago, he joined a crew of 40 teachers who staffed every middle and high school library in the San Diego, California, school district. But San Diego Unified, along with other districts across the state, has whittled its

library staff while struggling with budget cuts. "I just don't see anything good happening with my profession," he said. "I would love to see every school with a full-time librarian. Is that going to happen? Probably not."...

San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, July 7

Boone library head says he was forced to resign

[<http://wataugademocrat.com/2009/0706/0710libriarnresigns.php>]

John Blake, director of the Watauga County Public Library in Boone, North Carolina, says he has been forced to resign. Blake has been the county's head librarian for nearly five years and was surprised by the request that he resign. Louise Humphrey, director of libraries for the three-county Appalachian Regional Library, said she was responsible for all personnel decisions and refused to comment on the action....

Watauga (N.C.) Democrat, July 9

New Gwinnett branch, but no money for staff

[http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/gwinnett/stories/2009/07/09/new_vacant_library.html]

A new state-of-the-art branch for Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library is slated for completion in winter 2010, but the county has no money to staff it. Cuts in the budget have forced the library to close

[<http://www.gwinnettpl.org/News/Changes.html>] all of its existing 14 branches two days a week and cut hours, effective August 9. The Hamilton Mill branch (above) in Dacula was funded through revenues from the 2005 special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST), but the money cannot be used for paying salaries....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, July 9; Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library, July 7

Job hunters swell Arkansas libraries

[<http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2009/07/11/ap6644049.html>]

Public libraries in Arkansas have become more popular, particularly for those seeking jobs. Many libraries provide free internet and free résumé services. As a result, the state's 231 public libraries are seeing an increase in usage—mostly by people looking for work, said Barbara Martin, executive director of the Arkansas Library Association. The Central Arkansas Library System in Little Rock has reported a 15% increase in the number of patrons during the first six months of this year....

Associated Press, July 11

Alabama libraries use Skype to connect military families

[<http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20090707/NEWS/907069946>]

To help make communication easier for the families of soldiers overseas, the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Public Library is participating in Connecting Families, a project that connects Alabama military families with their loved ones serving overseas or across the nation. Three new Apple Macintosh computers, loaded with Skype software, have been installed in the library to allow military families to communicate visually and verbally with family members in the armed forces, said Vince Bellofatto, the library's public relations coordinator....

Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News, July 7

1502 hymnal finds new home

[<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/news/display/?id=4881>]

A priceless library hidden away at the top of a Cheshire church tower containing books up to 500 years old has been acquired by the John Rylands University Library at the University of Manchester. The library includes one of only three known copies of a 1502 hymnal printed by Wynkyn de Worde (d. 1534)—the first printer to set up a printing press in Fleet Street, later the home of the U.K. newspaper industry. The council of St Mary's Church in Nantwich was concerned at the deteriorating condition of the books,

[http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/s/1126320_new_chapter_for_historic_find] so arranged for university staff safely to transport them to the Rylands library....

University of Manchester, July 15; Manchester Evening News, July 15

Coconut Grove branch earns historic designation

[http://www.miamiherald.com/news/miami_dade/east/story/1132033.html]

The Miami-Dade (Fla.) Public Library System's Coconut Grove branch (right) was designated a historic site July 7 by the city's Historic and Environmental Preservation Board and placed on the Miami Register of Historic Places. The branch is the oldest standing library in Miami-Dade County. Its original building was completed in 1901, although the library has operated since 1896....

Miami Herald, July 7

State drops charges against Nebraska librarian

[http://omahanewsstand.com/articles/2009/07/09/waverly_news/news/doc4a54daac012b1194929059.txt]

Charges against a former Valparaiso (Nebr.) Library director have been dismissed. During Mary Rittenburg's arraignment in district court July 6, her legal counselor Susan Kirchman stated an agreement had been reached after Rittenburg agreed to pay restitution. Court documents say that between April 1, 2006 and March 10, 2009, Rittenburg had "obtained" property from the Valparaiso Library in an amount in excess of \$1,500....

Waverly (Nebr.) News, July 9

Tampered VHS tapes at Brooklyn Public Library

[<http://wcbstv.com/topstories/austin.powers.library.2.1085589.html>]

A grandmother got the shock of her life when the Austin Powers movie she borrowed from a Brooklyn Public Library branch contained pornography. Esther Klein went to the Midwood branch to get the Mike Myers comedy for her grandchildren, but it featured 30 minutes of hardcore porn. Altered VHS tapes began appearing in January. The library did an internal investigation and found 18 of them, but thought the problem was solved when police arrested a 29-year-old man who had borrowed a video and returned it with porn clips....

WCBS-TV, New York, July 15

Man charged in Cape Girardeau thefts

[<http://www.semissourian.com/story/1553839.html>]

A former maintenance worker at the Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Public Library has been charged in connection with recent break-ins and thefts at the building. Corey Overbey, 22, was arrested July 9. The library has been a victim of break-ins over the past month, with the most recent July 6. About \$2,700 in cash collected for library fines and food belonging to

employees were stolen....

Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, July 11

Head to the library for fishing tackle

[<http://www.saultstar.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1650518>]

The Elliot Lake (Ont.) Public Library has added a new service that is a bit different from most. People with a library card can check out more than books or videos—they can now check out fishing rods, reels, and a limited amount of tackle. The program started in June after the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters donated eight fishing combos including rods, reels, and tackle. The federation replenishes the gear as needed....

Sault Ste. Marie (Ont.) Star, July 10

Goth sock puppets teach lessons at library

[<http://www.daily-chronicle.com/articles/2009/07/11/31597115/index.xml>]

Fifteen-year-old Alicia McConnell is not into goth fashion or culture. So before she would participate in a July 9 workshop at the Sycamore (Ill.) Public Library to make gocks—goth sock puppets—she had to redefine the term. Gocks first started in 2006 when a youth librarian in Utah put a tongue stud on a sock puppet to make a goth character. The idea spread like wildfire to libraries across the country....

DeKalb (Ill.) Daily Chronicle, July 11

Milton librarian wins pedometer challenge

[<http://www.miltoncanadianchampion.com/news/article/266945>]

When she says she’s been on her feet all day, you can believe it—she’s got proof. Leslie Fitch, chief librarian of the Milton (Ontario) Public Library, recently won a challenge among the head librarians across the Halton region to see who could walk the most steps in one week. The librarians wore pedometers from morning until night for one week to track their footfalls, and Fitch won with a total score of 84,205 steps, or the equivalent of about 68 kilometers (42.2 miles)....

Milton (Ont.) Canadian Champion, July 10

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Tech Talk

Office 2010: Most of the innovations are online

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/168277/office_2010_most_innovations_are_online.html]

Tom Spring and Edward N. Albro write: “It has taken Microsoft a long time to bring its flagship Office suite to the web and now it finally has with Office 2010, announced July 13. The software suite comes packed with meaningful improvements such as new cut-and-paste features for Word and new ways to broadcast your PowerPoint presentations online. But the most striking addition to Office 2010 is the introduction of Office Web Apps. These are lightweight versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote that are all accessible via desktop, mobile devices, and web browsers.”...

PC World, July 13

LC test drives cloud storage

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-13846_3-10286280-62.html]

Dave Rosenberg writes: “The Library of Congress

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2009/09-140.html>] National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program and DuraSpace have announced that they will launch a one-year pilot program to test the use of cloud technologies to enable perpetual access to digital content. The pilot will focus on a new service called DuraCloud

[<http://duraspace.org/duracloud.html>] that replicates and distributes content across multiple cloud providers and enables organizations to share, access, and preserve it.”...

Software, Interrupted, July 14; Library of Congress, July 14

16 Twitter commands and shortcuts

[<http://econsultancy.com/blog/4129-16-bitchin-commands-and-shortcuts-for-twitter>]

Chris Lake writes: “I love a shortcut, and regularly make use of a range of keyboard shortcuts on Twitter. There are more than you might imagine. As such, I have aggregated a bunch of commands to provide you with one handy cut-out-and-keep, “bookmark on Delicious“ guide. Let’s skip the basics. I assume you already know how to reply (@username), direct message (D username), retweet (RT @username) and so on.”...

Econsultancy, June 30

Augmented Reality round-up

[<http://googlemapsmania.blogspot.com/2009/07/augmented-reality-round-up.html>]

Keir Clarke writes: “Augmented Reality is a technology that blends computer data with real-time footage. With the recent release of Layar [<http://layar.com/>] it seems that AR is finally beginning to gain some momentum in the market place. Layar claims to be the world’s first AR browser, but Wikitude [<http://www.wikitude.org/>] (right) might argue with that. Wikitude, a mobile travel guide for Android phones based on location-based Wikipedia content, allows users to view 350,000 world-wide points of interest on a mobile phone. The application has been offering an augmented reality cam view since last year.”...

Google Maps Mania, July 13

20 tips to manage your social networks

[<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/20-tips-to-manage-your-online-social-life-part-1/>]

Mahendra Palsule writes: “The more I started using social networking sites, the more I began feeling disoriented. After a while, I lost count of how many Web 2.0 services I had signed up with. I no longer knew what I had dugg, found delicious, or stumbled upon. Keeping track of groups of friends on multiple networks, commenting on their updates, updating my status, responding to email, and pretty soon, I had social networking fatigue. These 20 tips can help you stay afloat and in control.” Don’t forget Part 2

[<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/20-tips-to-manage-your-online-social-life-%E2%80%93-part-2/>]....

MakeUseOf.com, July 7–8

100 essential skills for geeks

[<http://www.wired.com/geekdad/2009/07/100-basic-geek-skills-for-geeks/>]

Anton Olsen writes: "As Geeks we are expected to have a certain set of skills that the majority of the population does not possess. This list is by no means complete, but I think it is a good sample of the skills required to be a true geek. I won't pretend to have all the skills listed here. I even had to Google a few of them." Can you do cool things to Altoids tins, or build a failsafe into a fighting robot so it doesn't kill you?...

GeekDad, July 10

Publishing

Jackson books may exceed demand

[<http://www.earlyword.com/2009/07/10/jackson-books-may-exceed-demand/>]

Since Michael Jackson's death, sales of books about the singer have not been particularly robust compared to his chart-busting music sales. It's not clear how much that will change with the arrival of four new Jackson titles in July and August, as TV and print tabloids continue to focus on the cause of his death, his heirs, and estate. The two titles with the biggest announced printings are *Unmasked: The Final Years of Michael Jackson*, by Ian Halperin, and *Michael Jackson: The Magic, the Madness, the Whole Story, 1958–2009*, by Randy J. Taraborrelli. Both were due on July 14....

EarlyWord: The Publisher | Librarian Connection, July 10

Bowker introduces Books in Print 2.0

[<http://www.bowker.com/booksinprint2/>]

R. R. Bowker has announced a beta release of Books in Print 2.0, an enhanced version of the company's flagship book discovery and collection-development platform, Books in Print. The new service, introduced at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, includes built-in edition grouping (FRBR), relevancy ranked search, result faceting, word clouds, first chapters, fiction and nonfiction profiles, and RSS feeds....

R. R. Bowker

Down with Verdana! [<http://www.slate.com/id/2222745/>]

Farhad Manjoo writes: "For typography geeks, the web is a depressingly drab place. Just look around the page you're reading now: There are only a couple of fonts, Arial and Verdana, used to display most of the text. That would be fine, except that they're the same two fonts you find everywhere else on the web. Compared with the typical issue of *Cosmo*, every online magazine looks like something out of the 1800s. Typeface designers and font fanciers have new reason for optimism though."...

Slate, July 13

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oawX3wenxNc>]

[<http://ireaderreview.com/2009/07/12/state-of-epaper/>]

Amazon and the Kindle have the clear lead in the e-reader wars. However, numerous competitors to Amazon's Kindle are cropping up and it's worth taking a moment to review the state of the art in e-paper. This roundup offers summaries of PVI eInk, Pixel Qi, Bridge Stone QR-LPD, Fujitsu and its FLEPia Color EReader, Qualcomm Mirasol

Display Technology, Plastic Logic, ASU, LiquaVista, Opalux’s P-Ink, Gamma Dynamics, and others....

Kindle Review, July 12

written by a woman?

[<http://medievalnews.blogspot.com/2009/07/was-mabinobigion-written-by-woman.html>]

A new book coming out in July suggests that the Mabinogion, a medieval masterpiece of Welsh literature, was written, at least in part, by a Welsh princess. In *The Origins of the Four Branches of the Mabinogi* (Gracewing), Andrew Breeze of the University of Navarre argues that the Mabinogion's first four stories were the work of a female, which he believes was Gwennlian, daughter of Gruffudd ap Cynan, King of Gwynedd....

Medieval News, July 13

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

Actions & Answers

Task force report on cyber safety

[<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/index.cfm?i=59627>]

Members of an internet safety task force on July 8 suggested several ways to improve cyber safety for children, focusing on three key areas: education before a child gets on the internet, control while the child is online, and having set procedures if problems arise. The task force, which included representatives from several online service providers and nonprofit organizations, met for more than a year to develop its report (PDF file [<http://www.pointsmartreport.org/PointSmartReport.pdf>]) and recommendations....

eSchool News, July 9

Applications for broadband stimulus funds

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3278>]

Applications and detailed guidance for the Broadband Initiatives Program and the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program are now available on the Broadband USA [http://broadbandusa.sc.egov.usda.gov/download_app.htm] website. On July 31, applicants will be able to apply for a grant using an electronic intake system. The use of this system is required for applicants requesting more than \$1 million in assistance. The deadline for applications is August 14....

District Dispatch, July 12

The case of the disappearing liberal arts colleges

[<http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2009/07/09/baldwin>]

Roger G. Baldwin and Vicki L. Baker write: "The continuing saga over the closure of Antioch College (including a plan to revive

[<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/07/01/antioch>] it) heightened concern that many storied, but financially stressed, liberal arts

colleges may be in danger of closing in a time of economic turmoil. But the focus by reporters and educational policy makers on the potential closure of some colleges may mask a more serious threat to liberal arts colleges—a slow abandonment of their traditional mission in favor of a more ‘professional’ orientation.”...
Inside Higher Ed, July 1, 9

Crap Detection 101

[http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/rheingold/detail?entry_id=42805]
Howard Rheingold writes: “The answer to almost any question is available within seconds, courtesy of the invention that has altered how we discover knowledge—the search engine. The real difficulty kicks in when you click down into your search results. At that point, it’s up to you to sort the accurate bits from the misinfo, disinfo, spam, scams, urban legends, and hoaxes. ‘Crap detection,’ as Hemingway called it in 1954, is more important than ever before, now that the automation of crapcasting has generated its own word: spamming.”...
San Francisco Chronicle, June 30

LC opens Facebook page

[<http://www.loc.gov/blog/2009/07/another-book-is-added-to-our-collections-facebook/>]
Matt Raymond writes: “To paraphrase the old Elvis Presley album, 200 million Facebook fans can’t be wrong. If you’re reading this, chances are that you might be among them. So now you can show your de facto national library a little love the easy way—by becoming a fan of our new official Facebook page.
[<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-DC/The-Library-of-Congress/90245883058>] If you’re keeping score at home, in addition to Facebook, we’re also active on Flickr [http://www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress], YouTube [<http://www.youtube.com/loc>], Twitter [<http://twitter.com/librarycongress>], and iTunes U [<http://www.loc.gov/blog/2009/06/hey-u-tune-in-the-library-is-now-on-itunes-u/>].”...
Library of Congress Blog, July 9

Ambush makeover: From librarian to ‘hot grandma’;

[<http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/23694559/from/ET/>]
Us Weekly contributor Jill Martin and hairstylist Louis Licari give a few lucky Today show fans on the Plaza an ambush makeover. Edwina Hefner is a retired librarian from Tennessee who has been married for 45 years. She spends most of her time volunteering, and her family says she deserves a new look because she works so hard. “I want her to be a hot grandmother,” said one of her granddaughters. Watch the video [<http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/26184891/vp/31829723#31829723>] (5:41)...
Today show, July 9

Metadata for catalogers

[<http://www.slideshare.net/robinfay/metadata-for-catalogers-introductions>]
Robin Fay, head of database maintenance at the University of Georgia, has shared her presentation on the basics of metadata for catalogers. This slideshow encompasses both the larger context of metadata (the web) and library catalogs, and it includes a brief example of crosswalking

metadata into MARC....

Robin Fay, July 10

LC adds storage space at Fort Meade

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2009/09-139.html>]

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington, in a July 7 ribbon-cutting ceremony, celebrated the completion of two new modules and four cold-storage rooms at the library's high-density storage facility in Fort Meade, Maryland (above). The new units will accommodate approximately 33 million items from the library's special collections, including maps, globes, manuscripts, prints and photographs, sheet music, and microfilm. Also included is a new processing area, a quarantine room, a loading dock, and mechanical spaces....

Library of Congress, July 7

The academic library serials and databases review

[<http://inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2009/a-look-at-librarianship-through-the-lens-of-an-academic-library-serials-review/>]

Annette Day and Hilary Davis write: "The experience of a serials and databases review—reviewing all continuing expense obligations—can be a painful, traumatic process for any library. But it can also provide tremendous insights into the collection. In this article, we outline the review steps from the perspective of an academic library and unpack some of the big issues and questions facing our profession that surface through conducting a review."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, July 8

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/quinnanya/3592745568/in/set-72157602179427698/>

]Library graffiti at the University of Chicago

[<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/jacketcopy/2009/07/library-graffiti-at-the-university-of-chicago.html>]

Carolyn Kellogg writes: "Song lyrics, lovelorn notes, and math problems appear on the walls of the University of Chicago's Regenstein Library, all graffiti left there by students. In some, a chain of comments was left that may not have been seen by the original defacer—but probably served to amuse those who came after. Sometimes the graffiti is literary." University of Chicago researcher Quinn Dombrowski posted 704 photos

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/quinnanya/sets/72157602179427698/?page=1>]

of library graffiti on Flickr....

Los Angeles Times Jacket Copy, July 8; Flickr

What does the internet think?

[http://www.popgadget.net/2009/06/what_does_the_i.php]

Ever wonder what that huge informational powerhouse called the internet thinks about a particular topic, say—Barack Obama, swine flu, the iPhone, or libraries? The [whatdoestheinternetthink](http://www.whatdoestheinternetthink.net/)

[<http://www.whatdoestheinternetthink.net/>] website tries to demystify those nagging questions that have, until now, remained unanswered. The site analyzes search engine results on a given topic and categorizes the final result as Positive, Negative, or Don't Care. Unfortunately, what the internet thinks about libraries is pretty evenly split (above)....

Popgadget, June 29; [whatdoestheinternetthink.net](http://www.whatdoestheinternetthink.net)

Website recreates Apollo 11 mission in real time

[<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/index.cfm?i=59697>]

This month, families will be able to watch the Apollo 11 mission recreated in real time on the web, follow Twitter feeds of transmissions between Mission Control and the spacecraft, and even get an email alert when the lunar module touches down. Those features are part of a new website from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum commemorating the moon mission and Kennedy's push to land Americans there first. WeChooseTheMoon.org [<http://www.wechoosethemoon.org/>] goes live at 8:02 a.m. on July 16, 90 minutes before the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida....

eSchool News, July 14

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw2nhQJNoZI>] Librarian vs. stereotypes: We listen! [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw2nhQJNoZI>]

Librarians listen to your needs and match you with the best resources for your topic; here, Stereotype realizes he can make assumptions about what people want—it could be dangerous! This is the most recent (1:26) of three training videos produced by the University of Texas at Arlington Library....

YouTube, June 9

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Chicago, July 9–15. Watch for AL Direct's Special Post-Annual Conference issue on Friday, July 17.

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

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2489>]

For nearly two decades, the Public Library Association's Results Series has been the definitive resource for practical, everyday management. In this latest volume, *Implementing for Results*, [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2489>] Sandra Nelson offers tips to help determine which activities effectively support goals and objectives, and all the necessary tools for reviewing current and potential library activities. NEW! From ALA Editions.

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[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13428>] Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. The Information Technology Librarian serves as project manager to help guide the planning and implementation of the conversion to a new integrated library system, and provides ongoing tech support to assist the development of innovative initiatives related to acquisitions, cataloging, and special collections. The User Services Librarian for Emerging Technologies identifies and promotes the use of emerging and existing technologies, collaborating to provide innovative library services designed to enrich the university learning experience; and helps define, plan, and implement new learning spaces and services in support of student learning....

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Digital Library of the Week

[<http://dl.lib.brown.edu:8080/ImageServer/scrollnav.jsp?filename=1145713641515633.jp2>]

The Brown University Library's Anne S. K. Brown Military Collection [<http://dl.lib.brown.edu/askb/about.html>] is the foremost American collection of material devoted to the history and iconography of soldiers and soldiering, and is one of the world's largest collections devoted to the study of military and naval uniforms. Brown's Center for Digital Initiatives is digitizing 15,000 individual prints, drawings, and watercolors from the collection, including works by William Hogarth, Sir John Millais, Jean Baptiste Antoine de Verger, and many others. Treasures include one of the earliest depictions of an African-American soldier, painted by de Verger circa 1780, and sepia images of veterans of Napoleon's Grande Armée in their original uniforms and insignia. The earliest pictures in the collection date from the 16th century, and the most recent items include over 1,600 paintings, drawings, and watercolors depicting World War II by artists who served in the United States armed forces.

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.

Public Perception How the World Sees Us

“Having a bookstore so close to a library is a great thing. There is no competition between us as some might think. We each serve book lovers in our unique ways. There are some of my customers who never go to the library and vice versa. But with the economy being what it is, I'm hearing more of my customers mention that they've been going to the library more often. I am happy for them that they are still reading. Of course I miss their business, but I know when I see them, they're buying things they can feel really good about. I have found that actually calling the local library to inquire about stock is a great way to calm a kid down if we don't have the book they're looking for. We have each saved each other from book disasters by having books on hand and reserving them. And customers who don't know us are always pleasantly surprised to see that I'm recommending they go get a book for free across the street if I'm out of it. The goodwill that this gesture creates comes back tenfold.”

—Josie Leavitt, co-owner of the Flying Pig Bookstore in Shelburne, Vermont, in “I Love the Library,” Publishers Weekly, July 13.

[<http://www.twitter.com/amlibraries>]

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Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. I know that ALA has the Great Web Sites for Kids

[<http://www.ala.org/greatsites>] and my library gives copies of YALSA's Social Networking: A Guide for Teens (PDF file [http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/profdev/teen_sn_brochure.pdf]) to all of our young adult visitors. Is there a list of websites ALA points to for librarians to use?

A. There is a section of the ALA Recommended Websites called Web Resources for Parents, Librarians, and Educators

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/library/alarecommends/recommendedwebsites.cfm#educators>]
—which has links to the Best Websites for Teaching and Learning lists just announced by AASL, both the Top 25 Websites for Teaching and Learning

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aboutaasl/bestlist/bestwebsites25.cfm>] and the Landmark Websites for Teaching and Learning.

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aboutaasl/bestlist/bestwebsiteslandmark.cfm>] Other resources include a sometimes overlooked section of Great Web Sites for Kids, the Sites for Parents, Caregivers, Teachers and Others,

[<http://www.ala.org/gwstemplate.cfm?section=greatwebsites&template=/cfapps/gws/displaysection.cfm&sec=24>] and there is also the longtime ALA Library Fact Sheet 29, Links to Library Web Resources.

[<http://www.ala.org/library/fact29.html>] From the ALA Professional Tips wiki

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

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

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/crlnews/2009/jul/index.cfm>]

The July/August issue of College & Research Libraries News has an article on how to make freshman orientation fun,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/crlnews/2009/jul/hubbub.cfm>] by Alice Wasielewski, visiting reference and instruction librarian at Eastern Kentucky University.

Calendar

Aug. 11–16:

Society of American Archivists and Council of State Archivists,
[http://saa.archivists.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/events/145.html?Action=Conference_Detail&ConfID_W=145] Joint Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas.
“Sustainable Archives.”

Sept. 2–4:

International Association of School Librarianship,
[<http://www.iasl-online.org/events/conf/2009/>] Annual Conference, Abano Terme, Padua, Italy. “School Libraries in the Picture: Preparing the Pupils for the Future.”

Sept. 9–11:

Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios,
[http://jornadas.ambac.org.mx/convo_expo.htm] XL Jornadas Mexicanas de Biblioteconomía, Centro Internacional Acapulco, Mexico.

Sept. 23–25:

Society for Scholarly Publishing,
[http://sspnet.org/Events/Meetings_and_Seminars/SSP_IN_Conference/spage.aspx] “IN” Conference, Hotel Providence, Rhode Island. “Interact, Inspire, Innovate.”

Sept. 27–

Oct. 1:

International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers, [<http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=214>] Annual Conference, Brugge and Oostende, Belgium. “Confluence of Ideas: Evolving to Meet the Challenges of Global Change.”

Sept. 28–

Oct. 2:

Library and Information Association of South Africa,
[<http://www.z2a.co.za/liasa/Information.aspx/GeneralInformation>] Annual Conference, Central University of Technology, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Oct. 7–10:

North American Cartographic Information Society,
[<http://dev.nacis.org/index.cfm?x=2>] Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Sacramento Capitol Plaza, Sacramento, California.

Oct. 12–14:

Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa,
[<http://www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2009/index.html>] Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Oct. 18–21:

Geological Society of America / Geoscience Information Society,
[<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2009/index.htm>] Annual Conference,

Oregon Convention Center, Portland. “From Volcanoes to Vineyards: Living with Dynamic Landscapes.”

Nov. 4–7:

Charleston Conference, [<http://www.katina.info/conference/>] Francis Marion Hotel and Embassy Suites Hotel, Charleston, S.C. “Necessity Is the Mother of Invention.”

Nov. 12–15:

Theatre Library Association and American Society for Theatre Research, [<http://tla.library.unt.edu/conferences.html>] Joint Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. “Theatre, Performance, and DestiNation.”

Nov. 18–21:

National Association for the Education of Young Children, [<http://www.naeyc.org/conference/>] Annual Conference, Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C. “Your Community, Your Opportunity, Your Conference.”

Nov. 19–20:

Middle East Librarians Association, [<http://www.mela.us/annualmeetsmela.html>] Annual Meeting, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Nov. 19–22:

National Council of Teachers of English, [<http://www.ncte.org/annual>] Annual Convention, Pennsylvania Convention Center and the Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia. “Once and Future Classics: Reading Between the Lines.”

Dec. 3–4:

Urban Libraries Council, [<https://m360.urbanlibraries.org/event.aspx?eventID=7719&instance=0>] Biennial Conference Series, Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library. “Partners for Success: Regional Solutions for Local Vitality.”

Dec. 27–30:

Modern Language Association, [<http://www.mla.org/convention>] Annual Convention, Philadelphia.

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