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U.S. & World News

[Levy landslides make history in Ohio](#)

Election Day in Ohio reaped an unprecedented show of library support: Voters in Ohio approved 29 of the 37 library levies placed on ballots by cash-starved public libraries reeling from 11th-hour cuts to state aid for FY2010–12, with one more apparently passing but close enough to require a recount. The impressive display translates into a reprieve for 81% of the library systems that turned to Ohioans in the wake of an 11% loss in state aid. Coupled with declining state-tax revenues, libraries are enduring budget cuts of 20%–25%, the Ohio Library Council explained November 4....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 4



[Tech services consolidation looms for Five Colleges](#)

Based in Amherst, Massachusetts, Five Colleges Incorporated—a nonprofit consortium composed of Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst—is examining a consolidation of the schools' library technical services, but the push for greater efficiency has left some librarians worried about their jobs. The Librarians Council spearheading the plan issued a statement November 2 calling for "further due diligence," a cost-benefit analysis, and another report by the end of January 2010....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 4



[It may cost too much to close libraries in Reading](#)

Concerned citizens in Reading, Pennsylvania, have been brainstorming about how to keep the three branches of the Reading Public Library open ever since the board announced in late October that it had to close the three facilities at year's end and lay off nine of the 20 branch library workers, leaving the city with one operating library. There seemed to be no other choice because the library was losing more than \$650,000 in local and state



[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)

Boston, January 15–19.

[Free ALA shuttle buses.](#)

sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning, will operate between all participating hotels and the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center during the meeting. Service will also be provided for attendees with disabilities (advance notice is required).



[READ DVD Genres and Subjects](#) allows you to make your very own customized READ posters. This latest addition to the READ Design Studio has been formatted to DVD to allow for more

aid from its original FY2010 operating budget of \$2.7 million. Ironically, it could be the fiscal fallout of the closure itself that may ultimately avert the shutdown....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 4

ALA News

[ALA partially restores staff furlough loss](#)

American Libraries Editor-in-Chief Leonard Kniffel writes: "ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels announced, at an October 30 all-staff meeting at ALA Headquarters in Chicago, that [expense reductions](#) during the last six months of FY2009 (which ended August 31) had exceeded target and resulted in a modest surplus that would be used to return about half of the money all ALA employees lost during a mandated week of unpaid furlough, which amounts to about \$650 per employee."...

AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 30

[Newman and Willhoite headline FTRF Midwinter event](#)

Lesléa Newman (*Heather Has Two Mommies*) and Michael Willhoite (*Daddy's Roommate*) will discuss and sign copies of their groundbreaking books at the Freedom to Read Foundation's fifth annual author event, to be held in conjunction with ALA's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table Midwinter Social at the Midwinter Meeting January 17. The event will be held at the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street....



[Updated public library technology data available](#)

The Office for Research and Statistics is making available the most recent data published in the [Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study](#). The information provides up-to-date issues briefs related to public library technology and job-seeking, lifelong learning, and internet connectivity. Libraries are encouraged to use these briefing papers as educational tools with community stakeholders, including elected officials, funders, and program partners....

[Running for Spectrum](#)

Associate Executive Director for Finance Gregory L. Calloway joined approximately 45,000 Chicago Marathon runners October 11 in his fifth appearance to raise funds for ALA's Spectrum program. Calloway is donating funds to the new Spectrum Presidential Initiative, which has as its goal to raise \$1 million during the 2009–2010 campaign....



[Unemployed? Special ALA member rates do exist](#)

American Libraries Editor-in-Chief Leonard Kniffel writes: "How do you maximize the value of membership in ALA during tough financial times? I've had several discussions with staff recently, prompted by communications I've received from nonmembers who are exasperated by the employment prospects in the field. Do you know that ALA has a special membership category at \$46 for nonsalaried library employees, those who make less than \$25,000 a year, or who

posters, bookmarks, and type treatments than ever before—all on one disc. Use Genres and Subjects on its own, or mix and match with art and backgrounds from READ CDs 1 and 2 to design hundreds of unique posters and bookmarks. **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.



[ALA and Safeway grocery stores](#) are partnering to feature library resources on the backs of selected cereal boxes. Topics include get rich (above), learn for a lifetime, great mysteries answered, discover the world, and discover your family tree @ your library.

In this issue

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[Word-of-Mouth Marketing](#)

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are unemployed?"...
AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 29

[ALA organizational members save big on FedEx](#)

Organizational members of ALA can now save up to 20% on select FedEx Office copy and print services and 10% on other services at more than 1,800 FedEx Office locations. Enroll in the ALA FedEx Advantage Program to upload, print, and ship all in one place; enter passcode F5YF21....



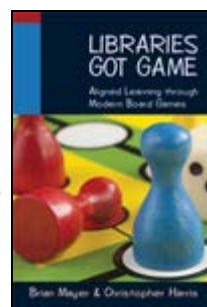
[Library materials get a move on](#)

ALA Editions has released [Moving Materials: Physical Delivery in Libraries](#), edited by Valerie Horton and Bruce Smith. Picking, packing, delivering, and returning library materials can be very time-consuming and expensive; yet it is one of the most important and least understood functions within a library. With contributions from 11 experts in the field of contemporary logistics management for libraries, this volume remedies the scarcity of collected information examining this multimillion-dollar function....



[Board gaming, the library way](#)

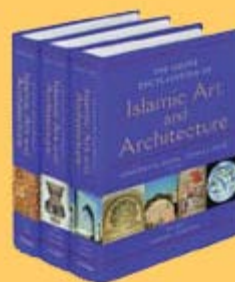
ALA Editions has released [Libraries Got Game: Aligned Learning through Modern Board Games](#) by Brian Mayer and Christopher Harris. The high-profile topic of gaming in libraries gets thorough consideration from these two educator-librarians, who explain exactly how designer board games—which are worlds apart from games produced strictly for the educational market—can become curricular staples for students of all ages....



Booklist ONLINE

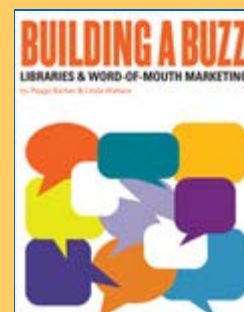
[Featured review: Reference](#)

Bloom, Jonathan M., and Sheila S. Blair, eds. *The Grove Encyclopedia of Islamic Art and Architecture*. May 2009. 3 vols. Oxford, hardcover (978-0-19-530991-1). The value of a spin-off reference work lies in its updated content, lower cost, and depth of coverage appropriate for specialized collections. *The Grove Encyclopedia of Islamic Art and Architecture* lends a new perspective to a discipline that has become critically important since the publication of its parent set, the 34-volume *Dictionary of Art* (1996). Bloom and Blair, Islam and central Asia editors for the parent set, used as their point of departure the *Dictionary of Art*'s 468-page article on *Islamic art* plus Islam-related content from other articles, including *Arms and armor*, *Jewelry*, and *Papercuts*. They define Islamic art as that "made by artists or artisans whose religion was Islam, for patrons who lived in predominantly Muslim



Rollouts

How to Work a Crisis



Readers who enjoyed the [cover story](#) by Peggy Barber and Linda Wallace in the November issue of *American Libraries* can order the authors' forthcoming ALA Editions title [Building a Buzz: Libraries and Word-of-Mouth Marketing](#) from the ALA Store.



Career Leads from



[Support Services](#)

[Librarian I](#), McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Award-winning public library serving 40,000 people in scenic central Wisconsin seeks librarian to assist in leading technical services and circulation staff. Under direction of

lands, or for purposes that are restricted or peculiar to a Muslim population or a Muslim setting." Within that framework, the encyclopedia encompasses "art and architecture in southern Europe, northern Africa, and west, central, and south Asia over 14 centuries." The goal was to "make the relatively obscure field of Islamic art as accessible as possible to the widest possible audience" and to "encourage readers to explore other aspects of Islamic civilization and the interrelationships between Islamic art and other artistic traditions."...

Reference on the Web: Performing arts

Carolyn Mulac writes: "The subject of performing arts is particularly suited to the internet. Online video and audio clips can offer a taste of a performance or a program in a way that still photographs and printed texts cannot. At the same time, those still photographs and printed texts can also be more widely disseminated through the wonders of digitization. Here is a list of free websites about the performing arts in general and sites devoted to individual performing art forms, including dance, theater, film, and television and radio."...



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head of support services, supervise technical services and shelving staff, link materials to shared online catalog, develop library computer services and website, and develop film series for adults. Some adult reference and readers' advisory work required....



@ [More jobs...](#)

Boston Update

The Cambridge Public Library

Robert Campbell writes: "The new Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library by Boston architect William Rawn is one of the best recent pieces of architecture in the Boston area. And it's one of the best pieces of old architecture, too, because Rawn's glassy new library stands beside the original Cambridge library of 1888, a minor masterpiece by architects Van Brunt and Howe that's been newly renovated by Ann Beha and Associates of Boston. The two buildings stand side by side, facing south in a green park, as if posing for a family photo."...

Boston Globe, Nov. 1



Hemingway papers come to JFK Library

In a little-known nook of Boston's John F. Kennedy Presidential Library lies a book-lined room with a lion-skin throw rug, a scrapbook with photographs of old fishermen, and a host of other odd relics from Cuba, all part of the 30-year-old Ernest Hemingway collection. The library announced this week that Cuba is sharing copies of 3,000 letters and documents from the Hemingway archives at the Cuban Ministry of Culture. The material fills a gap in the library's collection, which purports to have the most



Digital Library of the Week



The Memory of the Netherlands portal includes a total of 650 [Dutch Picture Books, 1810-1950](#) in this collection of digital books, which runs the gamut from Robinson Crusoe to Tielse Flipje (a cartoon mascot on De Betuwe jam-pot labels) and from old nursery rhymes to the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm. Each successive Dutch generation grew up with its own specific children's books, and each generation

comprehensive body of the Nobel Prize-winning author's writings. Watch the [video](#) (1:13)....

Boston Globe, Oct. 29

Did he ever return?

The [Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority](#) offers [discounts](#) on subway passes, including the Day/Week Link Pass for \$15 for 7 days with unlimited travel on the subway, local bus, commuter rail Zone 1A, and the Inner-Harbor Ferry. Boston has nurtured many forms of mass transportation, from 1631 right up to today's sophisticated mass-transit vehicles, and its current system is the oldest and fourth largest in the nation. Read its history [here](#)....

Wikipedia; Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority



Division News

ACRL conferences: Peer revered

ACRL Professional Development Manager Margot Conahan writes: "To better reflect the nature of ACRL National Conferences, we have created a new brand and redesigned the conference website. Our new look will be officially unveiled for the ACRL 2011 National Conference, March 30–April 2, in Philadelphia, and the new tagline is 'Peer Revered.' It represents the respect we have for the knowledge gained from and shared by our peers."...

ACRL Insider, Nov. 3



Divisions choose Emerging Leaders

Four divisions have chosen eight members to sponsor as 2010 ALA Emerging Leaders: Melanie Lyttle ([ALSC](#)); Hui-Fen Chang, Wendy Girven, and Arianne Hartsell-Gundy ([ACRL](#)); Melissa Ahart and Kara Smith ([AASL](#)); and Anna Koval and Amy Barr ([YALSA](#)). Each will receive \$1,000 to attend the 2010 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference, and they will join 100 of their peers as the fourth year of the program kicks off at the Midwinter Meeting in Boston....

Awards

L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award nominations

The Office for Information Technology Policy is calling for nominations for the 2010 L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award. This annual award honors individuals or groups who embody the spirit of the U.S. copyright law as voiced by the framers of our Constitution "to promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts." Send letters of nomination outlining a candidate's qualifications for this award to [Carrie Russell](#) by January 15....

National Library Week grant deadline extended

The deadline for the Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week grant has been extended to November 6. U.S. libraries of all types are invited to [apply](#) for a \$3,000 grant that will be awarded to the best public-awareness campaign that promotes the theme "Communities thrive @ your library" during National Library Week, April 11–17, 2010....

unconsciously adopted such moral standards and values as they contained. Children's books serve as indispensable witnesses of an ever-changing society. In picture books, the images are just as important as the texts. The books are by no means intended exclusively for young children. Old picture books reflect the views people held about good and evil, poor and rich; about education, with examples of dutiful and bad behavior; about love for one's own country and about people from foreign countries. The collection is a joint initiative of the National Library of the Netherlands, the Amsterdam Public Library, the Rotterdam Public Library, and the Deventer City Archives and Athenaeum Library.

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

"The Library of Doom is dark. The stairways are silent. Cobwebs hang across the doors. The Library's gardens are filled with weeds and creeping vines. Floors are covered

[Design a Tote Bag contest winners](#)

The @ your library website has awarded the Grand Prize in its Design a Tote Bag contest to Amelia Brunskill of Pennsylvania. Her "Feed Your Mind" design (right) best represents the message of libraries as modern, friendly, and intellectually stimulating places. Amelia will be awarded \$500 and will see her design on a limited-edition tote bag. Rick Mula of Tennessee was given the People's Choice award....

@ your library, Oct. 29



[Moline wins Frommer's Library Display Contest](#)

The Moline (Ill.) Public Library won the grand prize in Wiley's 2009 Frommer's Library Display Contest. The library transformed itself into a train station, complete with a cardboard Arthur Frommer as the train conductor collecting tickets (right) and Pauline Frommer waiting next to the "Frommer's Express" train. Watch the [video](#) (4:57)....

Wiley; YouTube, Sept. 25



[2009 Edmund Lester Pearson Library Humor Award](#)

The Molesworth Institute has awarded the Edmund Lester Pearson Library Humor Award for 2009 to retired Wisconsin librarian Larry T. Nix. Molesworth Institute Director Norman D. Stevens announced that the award was made, in general, for Nix's Library History Buff website, in particular for his [coverage](#) of the discovery of an original copy of the infamous *Old Librarian's Almanack* in the Harvard University Library by one Steven D. Norman, a student working on the Google Book Project. Previous recipients of the award include Bengt Hjelmqvist, John V. Richardson Jr., and Jeanette C. Smith....

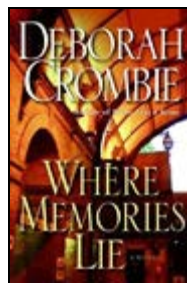
Library History Buff, Nov. 3



[2009 Macavity Award winners](#)

The Macavity Award is named for the "mystery cat" of T. S. Eliot in *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. Each year the members of Mystery Readers International nominate and vote for their favorite mysteries in four categories. This year the award for Best Mystery Novel went to Deborah Crombie for *Where Memories Lie* (Morrow, 2008). The Historical Mystery Award was given to Rhys Bowen's *A Royal Pain* (Berkley, 2008)....

Mystery Readers International



[Business Book of the Year](#)

Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World (Penguin, 2009) by investment manager Liaquat Ahamed was named 2009 Business Book of the Year at the *Financial Times* and Goldman Sachs awards gala in London October 29. The book examines how the decisions of four central bankers brought about the biggest economic crisis of the 20th century. More than just an analysis of a historical crisis, Ahamed

with broken glass.
Somewhere,
boots crunch on the
broken glass. A
shadow walks
through the
hallways. It is
the Librarian."

—Michael Dahl, *The Beast Beneath the Stairs* (Stone Arch Books, 2007), pp. 5–6.

"The question once was, 'What can a library be?' Today the question is, 'What can a library do?' Formerly it was a question of resources, of number of books, of wealth, of material. Now, it is rather a question of effectiveness, of vitality, of influence in the community."

—Springfield (Mass.) Public Library Director John Cotton Dana, 1898, in Chalmers Hadley, *John Cotton Dana: A Sketch* (Chicago: ALA, 1943), pp. 40–41.



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Charleston Conference, Charleston, S.C., Nov. 4–7, at [#chsconf09](#).

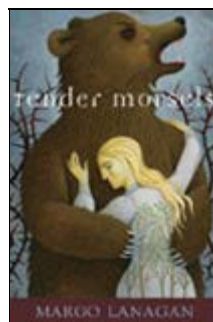
Educause Annual Conference, Denver, Nov. 3–6, at [#educause09](#).

Michigan Library Association, Annual

says there are parallels between the Great Depression and today's economic woes....
CNN, Oct. 31

2009 World Fantasy Award

A dark and shocking tale by Australian author Margo Lanagan has won the World Fantasy Award for best novel. Lanagan's YA title *Tender Morsels* (Knopf, 2008) was named joint winner of the best novel prize with Jeffrey Ford's *The Shadow Year*. *Tender Morsels* has drawn praise and condemnation alike for its challenging opening, which sees the 15-year-old Liga go through gang rape, miscarriage, and sexual abuse at the hands of her father, before escaping to a dream world where she brings up her two children....
The Guardian (U.K.), Nov. 3



Conference, Lansing, Nov. 3–6, at [#mla2009](#).

American Libraries news stories, videos, and blog posts at [amlibraries](#).

Seen Online

House reintroduces SKILLS Act

The Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLS) Act was reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives October 26 with support from both sides of the aisle. This legislation is intended to ensure that all students will have the support and resources they need for a quality education by establishing a goal that all public school libraries employ no less than one highly qualified school library media specialist. The bill was introduced by Reps. Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.)....
District Dispatch, Oct. 30

LC stands by report on Honduras coup

The Law Library of Congress is rebuffing calls from the chairmen of the House and Senate foreign relations committees to retract a report ([PDF file](#)) on the June 28, 2009, military-backed coup in Honduras that the lawmakers charge is flawed. The request, by Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.), has sparked cries of censorship from Republicans who say the Democrats don't like what the August report said: that the government of Honduras had the authority to remove deposed President Manuel Zelaya from office....
Miami Herald, Oct. 29



Omaha librarian dies of H1N1 virus

John V. Bernardi, 58, manager of Omaha Public Library's Charles B. Washington branch, died October 31 from complications of H1N1. Bernardi was a 21-year veteran of the library system and the editor of the *Nebraska Library Association Quarterly*. His was the eighth death related to the H1N1 flu in Nebraska.

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. I know ALA has reading lists in different age groups. But what about lists for other materials? Does ALA make a list of recommended videos or DVDs? And are there lists for different age groups?

A. Similar to the ALA [Recommended Reading](#) page, there is an ALA [Recommended Viewing](#) page, which links to the longtime ALSC [Notable Children's Videos](#) list, the ALSC [Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Children's Video](#), the YALSA [Fabulous Films for Young Adults](#), and the annual ALA Video Round Table [Notable](#)



His family said the symptoms hit while he was on vacation in Missouri and he was hospitalized October 25. Friends may sign his [guest book](#). Another librarian, [Debby Reynolds](#), also 58, died October 30 of complications from seasonal flu. She had worked as the librarian at Mountain View Elementary School in Purcellville, Virginia, for the last 35 years....

Omaha World-Herald, Nov. 3; KETV-TV, Omaha, Nov. 2; *Roanoke (Va.) Times*, Nov. 4

[Tapping the online power of the local library](#)

Once seen as a threat to the need for public libraries, the internet has proven the opposite, says Sari Feldman, PLA President and executive director of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library. "The web has instead generated new interest in public libraries," she says. Web links to premium resources are just part of the draw. Most libraries also provide PCs and web access to those who don't have them at home. In addition, libraries are teaching people how to use their computers and conduct web research....

U.S. News & World Report, Nov. 4

[Students protest closed library at Lincoln University](#)

The library at Lincoln University in Chester County, Pennsylvania, has been closed for renovations since January 2008, and student Amelia Sherwood was frustrated with delays in obtaining library books. After learning that the renovation was dragging because the university did not get enough money from the state to proceed with the \$17-million project—and after finding a moth in her salad in the cafeteria—she went on a hunger strike. When campus security tackled her for distributing flyers, other students joined the protest....

Philadelphia Daily News, Oct. 30

[Massachusetts librarians plan November 4 rally](#)

Librarians are heading to the State House in Boston November 4 to make some noise about proposed cuts to state aid to libraries. The latest budget proposed for the fiscal year that begins July 1 calls for an overall 16% cut to Massachusetts libraries. The rally is dubbed "Don't Close the Books on Libraries" and is sponsored by the Massachusetts Library Association....

Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger, Nov. 3



[Another suicide at NYU's Bobst Library](#)

A New York University student leaped to his death November 3 from the 10th floor of the Bobst Library to the marble-floored atrium below. Andrew Williamson-Noble, 20, used an NYU-issued card to swipe himself into the library, where he committed suicide around 4:30 a.m. The library had installed six-foot plexiglass walls on the floors facing the atrium in 2003 after two other students killed themselves. NYU [plans to reassess](#) its safety protocol in the building....

New York Daily News, Nov. 3; *Washington Square News*, Nov. 4

[Videos for Adults](#) list.
From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Calendar

Nov. 19–21:
[Colorado Association of Libraries](#), Annual Conference, Denver.

Nov. 19–22:
[California School Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Ontario.

Dec. 1–2:
[International Conference of Digital Archives and Digital Humanities](#), International Conference Hall, National Taiwan University Library, Taipei, Taiwan.

Dec. 5–6:
[Ubiquitous Learning Conference](#), Northeastern University, Boston.

Dec. 6–9:
[IEEE International Conference on Data Mining](#), Miami.

Dec. 7–9:
[Arizona Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Renaissance Glendale Hotel, Glendale.

[Librarian forced to resign for waiving fees](#)

Hundreds have signed a petition to support South Boston (Va.) Branch Manager Woodson Hughes (right), and on October 27, many people came out to the Halifax County–South Boston Regional Library System board meeting to show their support. A librarian for Halifax County for 22 years, Hughes says he was forced to resign in September after waiving some \$1,400 in overdue fees over a three-month period. Library Director Rhonda Griffin said in a staff email that continuously waiving fines for one person was the same as embezzlement. Watch the [video](#) (2:30).... WSET-TV, Lynchburg/Roanoke, Va., Oct. 28



[Caged Bird not banned but restricted](#)

A school district superintendent in Huntington Beach, California, decided November 3 to keep Maya Angelou's autobiography in middle school libraries but added a restriction that parents must provide consent for a student to check out *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. "While the [review committee] agreed that the book may contain content that might be objectionable to some, it also reinforces . . . themes such as overcoming adversity," Ocean View School District Superintendent Alan Rasmussen said....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, Nov. 3



[Montgomery County sues to regain workers comp damages](#)

Montgomery County, Maryland, is suing a county librarian who won \$5,500 in workers compensation for hurting herself while trying to retrieve a shampoo bottle from her car during her lunch break. Ginger Wilson said a gust of wind blew her car door into her while she was getting into her car at the Twinbrook branch in Rockville, causing her to fall and hurt her left arm, knee, and foot. The county has filed an appeal in Circuit Court seeking to overturn the commission's decision....

Washington (D.C.) Examiner, Nov. 3

[Local company donates town library and senior center](#)

Nearly the whole town showed up October 31 for the dedication of the largest gift in Townsend, Massachusetts, history: a new town library, meeting hall, and senior center built by container manufacturer Sterilite Corporation. The company is the town's largest employer. The town had been trying to build a new senior center and library for decades, but there was never enough money. Sterilite President Al Stone emphasized that the gift was from all the company employees, who wouldn't settle for less than a top-notch facility....

Worcester (Mass.) Telegram & Gazette, Nov. 1



[West Slope library puts wandering cat on hold](#)

Staffers at the West Slope Community Library in Portland, Oregon, came across a 16-year-old house cat in an enclosed recycling area October

Dec. 7–11:

[Search Engine Strategies](#),

Conference and Expo, Hilton Chicago.

Jan. 12–15:

[Association for Library and Information Science Education](#), Annual Conference, Boston.

Jan. 15–19:

[ALA Midwinter Meeting](#), Boston.

Feb. 22–25:

[Code4Lib 2010](#),

Renaissance Asheville Hotel, Asheville, North Carolina.

May 15–18:

[Acquisitions Institute](#), Timberline Lodge, Oregon.

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9. She was small and affectionate and seemed like a kitten, said Library Director Veronica Eden. And she wouldn't leave. But the library put a photo of the cat on the library's Facebook page and distributed fliers. On October 16, Children's Librarian Kirsten Freeman-Benson got a call from a grateful family in nearby Montclair....

Portland Oregonian, Oct. 28

[In China, objections to Google's book scans](#)

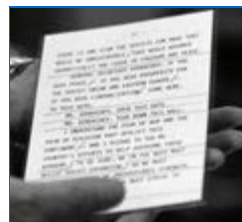
A long-running dispute over Google's efforts to digitize books spread in October to China, where authors have banded together to demand that their works be protected from what they call unauthorized copying. Two Chinese writers' groups claim that Google has scanned Chinese works into an electronic database in violation of international copyright standards. The organizations are urging China's authors to step forward and defend their rights....

New York Times, Oct. 30

[Reagan Library celebrates the fall of the Berlin Wall](#)

Twenty years ago on November 9, the Berlin Wall fell. To celebrate this historic moment, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, California, opened a new exhibit October 15 called "Fall of the Wall—The 20th Anniversary" that will run through February. Concurrently, the library is displaying a 32-foot-long replica of the wall, upon which both students and visitors can paint a message of freedom to represent the artwork put up by the people of West Berlin....

Thousand Oaks (Calif.) Acorn, Oct. 29



[Toronto LIS students opt for street reference](#)

Pedestrians passing by Bloor and Avenue Road October 24 had the chance to ask any question they liked to master's students from the University of Toronto iSchool. The students collected donations for the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which works to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa. The project was part of a [class assignment](#) for a library sciences course taught by Professor Nadia Caidi. Equipped with laptops from the faculty of information, reference books, and coffee, the students fielded 63 questions....

The Varsity (University of Toronto), Oct. 26; Faculty of Information



[Rare books as a travel destination](#)

The Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri, is one of dozens of libraries that house dazzling special collections and often mount eccentric exhibitions that, unfortunately, largely remain unfamiliar to the public. The books are not just for scholars. They are also on view for the average visitor, albeit one with a decided interest in the sciences who makes a pilgrimage to, say, western Missouri. Sometimes a visitor is even allowed a peek behind the



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New York Times, Nov. 1

[Truck dumps grease into library storm drain](#)

The Central Arkansas Library in Little Rock wants to know who dumped gallons of grease and sewage into a storm drain outside the main entrance. A surveillance video shows grease pouring out of a parked truck for at least five minutes into the drain and spilling out into the sidewalk. Two hours later, video captured a woman falling on the spilled grease after dropping off newspapers at the library. The library security office is offering a reward for information about the incident....

KLRT-TV, Little Rock, Oct. 29



[Library board mulls privacy issues in police investigation](#)

State police say they have pulled the plug on an investigation into the possible viewing of child pornography by a patron of Hendrick Hudson Free Library in Montrose, New York, because the library board refuses to cooperate with them. However, Library Director M. Jill Davis said board members are reviewing the matter, have not made a decision, and insisted that the board is not stonewalling police....

White Plains (N.Y.) Journal News, Oct. 30

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Tech Talk

[What is Google Wave anyway?](#)

Charles Hamilton writes: "Tech writers Gina Trapani and Adam Pash have created an online preview of their forthcoming book, [The Complete Guide to Google Wave](#), which does an excellent job of explaining what Google Wave is and how it can be used. The preview, available only in November, provides step-by-step instructions on how to get invited to the service, what to do when you get there, and how to make the most of it."...

Web Worker Daily, Nov. 2



[Sacred cows of library techies](#)

Cindi Trainor writes: "I posed the question, 'What are the sacred cows of library technology?' in Google Wave. What followed was a discussion about digital technology among library technologists that generated many ideas and was a great way to try out this new communication tool. Some of the ideas offered up were sacred cows to those in the field, but others challenged ideas held more widely in librarianship." Here are five, beginning with "Our users haven't asked for that."...

ALA TechSource Blog, Nov. 2

[Web addresses to use non-Latin scripts](#)

By mid-2010, internet surfers will be allowed to use web addresses written completely in Chinese, Arabic, Korean, and

other languages using non-Latin alphabets.

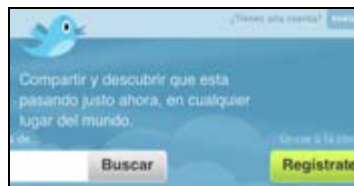
The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers [announced](#) (7:10) the decision in Seoul, South Korea, October 30, as one of the biggest changes in the web's history. In some web addresses, non-Latin scripts are already used in the portion before the dot, but next year it will be possible to write an entire URL in a non-Latin alphabet. Yet the names [carry risks](#) for new security concerns and user confusion....

New York Times, Oct. 30; ICANN; *PC World*, Oct. 30

[Twitter to translate Spanish](#)

Caroline McCarthy writes: "So how do you say 'fail whale' *en español*? Twitter has launched a Spanish translation, according to a November 3 [blog post](#) (in Spanish) by cofounder Biz Stone. It's the first of multiple volunteer-assisted translations for the microblogging site, the post explained. A look at Twitter's public timeline will show that it is used in many languages across the world, but until this point, the Twitter site has been English only. Now, users can go into their settings to translate it into Spanish."...

The Social, Nov. 3; *Twitter Blog*, Nov. 3



[Audiocassette to MP3](#)

The [Ion Tape Express](#) is simple and straightforward. Put your old cassette tape in, connect the device to your PC via the USB interface, and press "play." Voilà. The tunes are instantly converted to MP3 format and can be taken into your iTunes library, your iPod or MP3 Player, and burned onto CD or virtually any other digital platform. And if you like to relive olden times, just listen to the music off the device, which also functions as an ordinary Walkman....

Popgadget, Oct. 26



Publishing

[Creationists come to college](#)

Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: "Most of you may already have heard about the creationist edition of *The Origin of Species* that an evangelical Christian ministry will be passing out on college campuses in November. *U.S. News & World Report* has a pair of dueling blog posts from the creationist introduction writer [Ray Comfort](#) and the [director](#) of the National Center for Science Education. The book claims that Charles Darwin was a racist and didn't like women; it also draws a Hitler connection. Another major fallacy is the false dichotomy of this creationist's claims."...

Academic Librarian, Nov. 1; *U.S. News & World Report*, Oct. 29-30



[Literary Twitter chats](#)

Jennifer Tribe writes: "Twitter chats are an excellent way to interact, learn, debate, and discuss with others in the publishing and writing

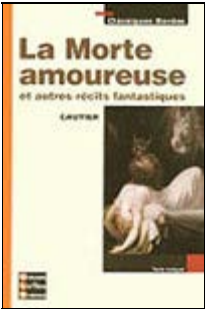
community. Chats are public conversations that take place on Twitter at a scheduled date and time. Often a discussion topic is set beforehand, but sometimes the floor is open to whatever participants wish to talk about. Anyone can listen or contribute to a chat. Here are a number of regularly scheduled Twitter chats for writers, authors, and others in the book trade.”...

Highpoint, Oct. 27

[A brief history of vampires in literature](#)

Scott Laming writes: “Between Stephenie Meyer’s *Twilight* novels and Charlaine Harris’s Southern Vampire Mysteries (also known as the *Sookie Stackhouse* or *True Blood* books), vampires are the hottest thing in literature these days. But this genre, where gothic horror often meets romance, is no johnny-come-lately; the vampire has a long, colorful history in literature. The first instances of vampire tales originally appeared in eastern European folklore.”...

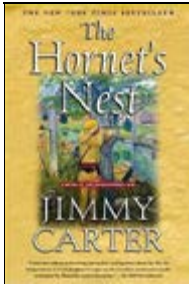
Abebooks



[10 books written by presidents](#)

Stacy Conradt writes: “It’s no secret that Barack Obama has penned a couple of books—they flew off of the shelves during his bid for the presidency. In fact, most presidents have ended up writing their memoirs at some point after leaving the White House. But some presidents have chosen to write about the things that really interest them—fly fishing, for instance. Here are 10 of those books (kind of refreshing, really, when a president chooses to not write about himself).”...

Mental Floss, Nov. 2



[ProQuest offers 90 years of the Detroit Free Press](#)

News from the Motor City—from before statehood to the American Civil War to the birth and growth of the automotive industry—is now available in ProQuest Historical



Newspapers. Issues of the *Detroit Free Press* from 1831 to 1922 have been added to the database, providing comprehensive coverage of the social, political, and economic development of Detroit, Michigan, and the Midwest....

ProQuest, Nov. 2



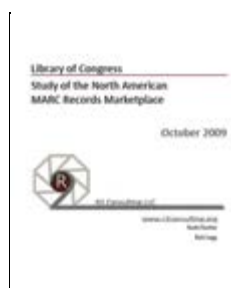
Actions & Answers

[LC releases report on bibliographic data](#)

The Library of Congress released on October 30 the results of its analysis of the creation and distribution of bibliographic data in U.S. and Canadian libraries. LC commissioned R2 Consulting

of Contoocook, New Hampshire, to search and describe the current marketplace for cataloging records in the MARC format, with a primary focus on the economics of current practices, including existing incentives and barriers to both contribution and availability....

Library of Congress, Oct. 30



[**AMA launches flu self-assessment program**](#)

To help patients and physicians better communicate and improve care coordination, the American Medical Association has launched a comprehensive, web-based, influenza health-assessment program for the public. [AMA Flu Help](#) walks patients through a series of questions to determine the severity of their symptoms, for both seasonal flu and H1N1, based upon the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. An FAQ ([PDF file](#)) explains the details....

American Medical Association, Oct. 22



[**International copyright restrictions could spell trouble**](#)

According to once-secret, now-leaked sections of the new, plurilateral Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, global internet users and ISPs might be in for a world of hurt in the near future. A U.S.-drafted chapter on internet use would require ISPs to police user-generated content, cut off internet access for copyright violators, and remove content that is accused of copyright violation without any actual proof. The chapter also completely prohibits DRM workarounds, even for archiving or retrieving one's own work. The Library Copyright Alliance has an issue brief ([PDF file](#)) on ACTA....

ReadWriteWeb, Nov. 3; Library Copyright Alliance, Oct. 15

[**FUNQ: What is a primary source?**](#)

Mary W. George writes: "I have the urge to address a perennial, insidious, and unnecessary condition that afflicts higher education in this country. It results from the most Frequently UNAsked Question (by students) that is also the most Frequently UNanswered Question (by faculty): What is a primary source? The silence surrounding this question is deafening. Undergrads are oblivious to the issue, while faculty assume that students have grasped the difference between primary and secondary sources at about the same time, and with the same clarity, that they figured out sex."...

Keywords from a Librarian, Nov. 1

[**Copyright and digitization**](#)

Cornell University Library has published *Copyright and Cultural Institutions: Guidelines for Digitization for U.S. Libraries, Archives, and Museums* to help cultural institutions legally use the internet to improve public access to the rich collections they hold. Based on a well-received Australian manual, the book was developed by Cornell's senior policy advisor Peter B. Hirtle. As an experiment in open-access publishing,



the library has made the work available in both print and [free download](#) formats....

Cornell University Library, Oct. 29

[This blog's for you](#)

Elizabeth Bird writes: "A magazine article changed my life. Admittedly, that sounds like a bit of hyperbole, but it's true. There I was in New York City, with my shiny new MLIS degree, working at my very first children's librarian post. When I opened the August 1, 2005, issue of *School Library Journal*, I wasn't expecting anything extraordinary, and, indeed, the article that would rock my world wasn't necessarily eye-catching: Eric Oatman's feature 'Blogomania!'" Which ultimately led to [10 Blogs You Can't Live Without](#)....

School Library Journal, Nov. 1



[NYPL Library Lions gala honors Proulx, Knight, staffers](#)

Each year, the New York Public Library's black-tie Library Lions dinner honors several



distinguished individuals who have made significant cultural achievements. This year's, held November 2, honored Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist [Annie Proulx](#) (far left, author of *Brokeback Mountain*) and illustrator [Hilary Knight](#) (far right, illustrator of the Eloise books), both of whom have donated their papers to the library. In addition, NYPL librarians [Janice Moore-Smith](#), [David Smith](#), and [Julia Chang](#) were honored. The party [raised more](#) than it ever has, with the cocktail and dinner portion pulling in \$2.5 million, and the junior Young Lions dance raising nearly \$220,000, which was 45% more than the target....

New York Public Library, Nov. 2; *Vanity Fair*, Nov. 3

[The Library 101 Project](#)

Michael Porter and David Lee King debuted their multimedia collaborative Library 101 Project at the Internet Librarian conference in late October.

The [project website](#) includes a collection of 23 essays from leaders in the field, 101 resources of "need to know" technology, and a [video](#) (7:38) featuring Porter, King, and a huge cast of characters from libraries around the world....

Libraryman, Oct. 29; YouTube, Oct. 27



[Read 4,800 tweets from Internet Librarian 2009](#)

Gary Price of Resource Shelf was in attendance at the Internet Librarian conference in Monterey, California, October 26–28, and tested a free service named [Twapper Keeper](#), which creates a permanent archive of public tweets based on a hashtag, in this case, #il2009. The site is updated every five minutes. You can review tweets in groups of various sizes, from 100 at a time to all of them on one page. Here is the [page](#) containing more than 4,800 Twitter tweets from #il2009....

Resource Shelf, Oct. 29



[Ode to a Library Card](#)

Waylon Lewis writes: "I just saw this poem in my Boulder (Colo.) Public Library calendar—it's by the great poet Anne Waldman, cofounder in 1974 (with Allen Ginsberg) of the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics at Naropa Institute (now University). An inspired education, after all, is the key to the door to the American Dream." An extract: "O library card / You connect us to outer space, / ancient histories, modern too."...

Elephant Journal, Oct. 31

[Glamorous ghost haunts Louisiana library](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "A glamorous ghost haunts a Neo-Italianate mansion turned public library located on St. Charles Street in the Garden District of New Orleans. The Milton H. Latter Memorial branch of the New Orleans Public Library is distinguished not only for its lavish architecture but also for its celebrity ghost. The celestial being who haunts the halls is thought to be a former owner of the stately manor, silent film star Marguerite Clark."...

Book Patrol, Oct. 30



[Resources for beginning genealogists](#)

Carolyn L. Barkley writes: "Today, genealogy has become a mainstream hobby, marked by advertisements for Ancestry.com appearing on television during prime time. Whatever your impetus to begin researching your family, it is important to begin well. Learning to conduct effective research is the foundation for success. Here is a highly selective list of six resources that will help you get started."...

Genealogy and Family History, Oct. 29

[U.S. Census goes interactive with Footnote.com](#)

[Footnote.com](#) announced October 29 it will digitize and create a searchable database for all publicly available U.S. federal censuses, ranging from the first U.S. Census taken in 1790 to the most current public census from 1930. Through its partnership with the National Archives, the company will add more than 9.5 million images featuring over half a billion names to its extensive online record collection....

Footnote Blog, Oct. 29



[Bibliotheca Alexandrina: A digital revival](#)

Noha Adly writes: "The [International School of Information Science](#), a research institute affiliated with Egypt's [Bibliotheca Alexandrina](#), aims at furthering the library's goals of being a leading institution in knowledge dissemination and, specifically, promoting research and development related to digital libraries. The library itself has built its own digital laboratory equipped with state-of-the-art technologies offering specialized digital services, and the [Digital Assets Repository](#) was developed at the BA to create and maintain digital library collections and to preserve them for future generations."...

Educause Review 44, no. 6 (Nov./Dec.): 8–9



[Magdeburg's 24-hour library](#)

KARO Architects of Leipzig, Germany, have created an alternative library in an industrial neighborhood of Magdeburg. A temporary facility was begun in 2005 with 1,000 empty beer crates and some donated books, but eventually the books were relocated to a more permanent home. The library, now funded by the German government and housing some 20,000 books, officially opened in June. The shelves are open 24 hours a day and operate on the honor system; readers can borrow a book and either bring it back or least supply another one. The modernist building blocks were salvaged from a condemned warehouse....



PSFK, Nov. 3

[Motivate yourself while learning a second language](#)

Dean Sherwin writes: "Learning a second language in an environment where you're not immersed in it 24/7 throws up barrier after barrier. Recently I resumed learning French. But only a few months into my new endeavour, I'm currently halfway through a classic French novel called *La Guerre des Boutons*. How? I immersed myself in an environment filled with French—it's called the internet. Here are my top three tips to help you with learning a second language online."...

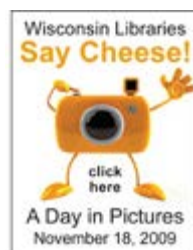
MakeUseOf, Nov. 1



[Wisconsin libraries say "cheese"](#)

Libraries across Wisconsin are taking part November 18 in a project by the Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries (a program of the Wisconsin Library Association Foundation) to remind people of the variety and wealth of resources, services, programs, and activities their library offers. A Flickr group will enable libraries to [post photos](#) showing their diverse users. Wisconsin Libraries Say Cheese! is modeled after a successful program of the New Jersey Library Association and the New Jersey State Library's Snapshot Day....

Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries



[30 bundts in 30 days](#)

Mary the Food Librarian, a Los Angeles-based librarian and baking aficionado, has vowed to prepare 30 different bundt cakes leading up to National Bundt Day on November 15. She has 11 to go. Highlights have included chocolate zucchini bundt, monkey bread in a bundt, candy corn jello bundt, and Nutella bundt. Recipe links are provided....

The Food Librarian, Oct. 17–Nov. 15



[10 coolest bookends](#)

Looking for a gift for your favorite bibliophile? Perhaps one of these bookends would be just the thing. In addition to the reading sophisticates bookends (right) from Wrapables, there are ones with Pinocchio, Anubis, Aliens vs. Predator, Voltron, fishbowls, and Star Wars trash compactor bookends....



Oddee, Oct. 31

[Baseball and books: A great combination](#)

Jennifer Schuessler writes: "Who's on first? Hester Prynne is—at least in the fantasy baseball team fielded by [Novel-T](#), a line of literary-themed T-shirts on view recently at the Brooklyn Book Festival. The shirts, created by David Bukszman and Michael Kravetsky, are advertised as a way to 'wear your read.' Each features a vaguely symbolic number on the back and an insignia on the front—a tell-tale heart or raven for Edgar Allan Poe, or a patch of grass for Walt Whitman." A dollar from the sale of each shirt is donated to Dave Eggers's [826NYC](#) project to help kids 6–18 work on their writing skills....

Paper Cuts Blog, Sept. 14



[Protagonist scrolls intensely through microfilm](#) (satire)

A headstrong young protagonist in way over her head visited the microfilm room of the New Haven (Conn.) Public Library Tuesday night in order to delve deeper into a riveting plotline that could put her career—and maybe even her life—on the line. According to sources, the plucky and determined woman worked late into the evening, whirring methodically through a reel of archived newspapers in search of information that could unlock a secret better left untouched....

The Onion, Oct. 24

[Flashmob event in Irish library](#)

This flashmob (5:24) in Tallaght Library in Ireland was organized as a part of Open House: Irish Architecture 2009. The piece is entitled "When Is a Library Not a Library?" and was designed to challenge people's perceptions of what happens in a public space. It was directed by Tony Fegan of Tallaght Community Arts and dancer Louise Costelloe, in association with the South Dublin County Libraries....

YouTube, Oct. 27



[Utah libraries share health resources](#)

Good Health Information @ your library is a Utah-wide initiative encouraging people to come to the library for information about their health and medical issues. This PSA (0:32), airing statewide through December, was jointly produced by the [Utah Women's Health Information Network](#) and Salt Lake County Library Services....

YouTube, Oct. 14



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AL Direct, November 4, 2009

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U.S. & World News

Levy landslides make history in Ohio

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/ohiolevies.cfm>]

Election Day in Ohio reaped an unprecedented show of library support: Voters in Ohio approved 29 of the 37 library levies placed on ballots by cash-starved public libraries reeling from 11th-hour cuts to state aid for FY2010–12, with one more apparently passing but close enough to require a recount. The impressive display translates into a reprieve for 81% of the library systems that turned to Ohioans in the wake of an 11% loss in state aid. Coupled with declining state-tax revenues, libraries are enduring budget cuts of 20%–25%, the Ohio Library Council explained November 4....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 4

Tech services consolidation looms for Five Colleges

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/techservices.cfm>]

Based in Amherst, Massachusetts, Five Colleges Incorporated—a nonprofit consortium composed of Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst—is examining a consolidation of the schools’ library technical services, but the push for greater efficiency has left some librarians worried about their jobs. The Librarians Council spearheading the plan issued a statement November 2 calling for “further due diligence,” a cost-benefit analysis, and another report by the end of January 2010....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 4

It may cost too much to close libraries in Reading

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/readingfightback110409.cfm>]

Concerned citizens in Reading, Pennsylvania, have been brainstorming about how to keep the three branches of the Reading Public Library open ever since the board announced in late October that it had to close the three facilities at year’s end and lay off nine of the 20 branch library workers, leaving the city with one operating library. There seemed to be no other choice because the library was losing more than \$650,000 in local and state aid from its original FY2010 operating budget of \$2.7 million. Ironically, it could be the fiscal fallout of the closure itself that may ultimately avert the shutdown....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 4

ALA News

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ALA partially restores staff furlough loss

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/10/30/expense-cuts-allow-ala-to-partially-restore-staff-furlough-loss/>]

American Libraries Editor-in-Chief Leonard Kniffel writes: “ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels announced, at an October 30 all-staff meeting at ALA Headquarters in Chicago, that expense reductions [<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/09/30/executive-director-apprises-staff-of-tight-financial-outlook/>] during the last six months of FY2009 (which ended August 31) had exceeded target and resulted in a modest surplus that would be used to return about half of the money all ALA employees lost during a mandated week of unpaid furlough, which amounts to about \$650 per employee.”...

AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 30

Newman and Willhoite headline FTRF Midwinter event

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/newmanwillhoite_ftrf.cfm]

Lesléa Newman (Heather Has Two Mommies) and Michael Willhoite (Daddy’s Roommate) will discuss and sign copies of their groundbreaking books at the Freedom to Read Foundation’s fifth annual author event, to be held in conjunction with ALA’s Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table Midwinter Social at the Midwinter Meeting January 17. The event will be held at the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street....

Updated public library technology data available

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/pltechissuesbriefs_ors.cfm]

The Office for Research and Statistics is making available the most recent data published in the Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study. [<http://www.ala.org/ala/research/initiatives/plftas/index.cfm>] The information provides up-to-date issues briefs related to public library technology and job-seeking, lifelong learning, and internet connectivity. Libraries are encouraged to use these briefing papers as educational tools with community stakeholders, including elected officials, funders, and program partners....

Running for Spectrum

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/19342976@N00/4049867265/>]

Associate Executive Director for Finance Gregory L. Calloway joined approximately 45,000 Chicago Marathon runners October 11 in his fifth appearance to raise funds for ALA's Spectrum program. Calloway is donating funds to the new Spectrum Presidential Initiative, which has as its goal to raise \$1 million during the 2009–2010 campaign....

Unemployed? Special ALA member rates do exist

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/10/29/unemployed-special-ala-membership-rates-do-exist/>]

American Libraries Editor-in-Chief Leonard Kniffel writes: "How do you maximize the value of membership in ALA during tough financial times? I've had several discussions with staff recently, prompted by communications I've received from nonmembers who are exasperated by the employment prospects in the field. Do you know that ALA has a special membership category at \$46 for nonsalaried library employees, those who make less than \$25,000 a year, or who are unemployed?"...

AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 29

ALA organizational members save big on FedEx

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/fedex_membership.cfm]

Organizational members of ALA can now save up to 20% on select FedEx Office copy and print services and 10% on other services at more than 1,800 FedEx Office locations. Enroll in the ALA FedEx Advantage Program to upload, print, and ship all in one place; enter passcode F5YF21....

Library materials get a move on

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/hortonsmith_editions.cfm]

ALA Editions has released Moving Materials: Physical Delivery in Libraries [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2642>], edited by Valerie Horton and Bruce Smith. Picking, packing, delivering, and returning library materials can be very time-consuming and expensive; yet it is one of the most important and least understood functions within a library. With contributions from 11 experts in the field of contemporary logistics management for libraries, this volume remedies the scarcity of collected information examining this multimillion-dollar function....

Board gaming, the library way

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009>]

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ALA Editions has released *Libraries Got Game: Aligned Learning through Modern Board Games* [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2770>] by Brian Mayer and Christopher Harris. The high-profile topic of gaming in libraries gets thorough consideration from these two educator-librarians, who explain exactly how designer board games—which are worlds apart from games produced strictly for the educational market—can become curricular staples for students of all ages....

Featured review: Reference

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3548206]

Bloom, Jonathan M., and Sheila S. Blair, eds. *The Grove Encyclopedia of Islamic Art and Architecture*. May 2009. 3 vols. Oxford, hardcover (978-0-19-530991-1).

The value of a spin-off reference work lies in its updated content, lower cost, and depth of coverage appropriate for specialized collections. The *Grove Encyclopedia of Islamic Art and Architecture* lends a new perspective to a discipline that has become critically important since the publication of its parent set, the 34-volume *Dictionary of Art* (1996). Bloom and Blair, Islam and central Asia editors for the parent set, used as their point of departure the *Dictionary of Art*'s 468-page article on Islamic art plus Islam-related content from other articles, including Arms and armor, Jewelry, and Papercuts. They define Islamic art as that “made by artists or artisans whose religion was Islam, for patrons who lived in predominantly Muslim lands, or for purposes that are restricted or peculiar to a Muslim population or a Muslim setting.” Within that framework, the encyclopedia encompasses “art and architecture in southern Europe, northern Africa, and west, central, and south Asia over 14 centuries.” The goal was to “make the relatively obscure field of Islamic art as accessible as possible to the widest possible audience” and to “encourage readers to explore other aspects of Islamic civilization and the interrelationships between Islamic art and other artistic traditions.”...

Reference on the Web: Performing arts

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3800681]

Carolyn Mulac writes: “The subject of performing arts is particularly suited to the internet. Online video and audio clips can offer a taste of a performance or a program in a way that still photographs and printed texts cannot. At the same time, those still photographs and printed texts can also be more widely disseminated through the wonders of digitization. Here is a list of free websites about the performing arts in general and sites devoted to individual performing art forms, including dance, theater, film, and television and radio.”...

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The Cambridge Public Library

[http://www.boston.com/ae/theater_arts/articles/2009/11/01/architect_brings_transparency_to_w_hotel_cambridge_library/?page=full]

Robert Campbell writes: “The new Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library by Boston architect William Rawn is one of the best recent pieces of architecture in the Boston area. And it’s one of the best pieces of old architecture, too, because Rawn’s glassy new library stands beside the original Cambridge library of 1888, a minor masterpiece by architects Van Brunt and Howe that’s been newly renovated by Ann Beha and Associates of Boston. The two buildings stand side by side, facing south in a green park, as if posing for a family photo.”...

Boston Globe, Nov. 1

[<http://multimedia.boston.com/m/27126586/hemingway-letters-at-jfk.htm>]Hemingway papers come to JFK Library

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/10/29/hemingway_papers_come_to_jfk_library/]

In a little-known nook of Boston’s John F. Kennedy Presidential Library lies a book-lined room with a lion-skin throw rug, a scrapbook with photographs of old fishermen, and a host of other odd relics from Cuba, all part of the 30-year-old Ernest Hemingway collection. The library announced this week that Cuba is sharing copies of 3,000 letters and documents from the Hemingway archives at the Cuban Ministry of Culture. The material fills a gap in the library’s collection, which purports to have the most comprehensive body of the Nobel Prize-winning author’s writings. Watch the video

[<http://multimedia.boston.com/m/27126586/hemingway-letters-at-jfk.htm>]
(1:13)....

Boston Globe, Oct. 29

Did he ever return? [<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M.T.A.>]

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority [<http://www.mbtta.com/>] offers discounts [http://www.mbtta.com/fares_and_passes/subway/] on subway passes, including the Day/Week Link Pass for \$15 for 7 days with unlimited travel on the subway, local bus, commuter rail Zone 1A, and the Inner-Harbor Ferry. Boston has nurtured many forms of mass transportation, from 1631 right up to today’s sophisticated mass-transit vehicles, and its current system is the oldest and fourth largest in the nation. Read its history here

[http://www.mbtta.com/about_the_mbtta/history/]....

Wikipedia; Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Division News

ACRL conferences: Peer revered

[<http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/2009/11/03/new-look-for-acrl-national-conference/>]

ACRL Professional Development Manager Margot Conahan writes: “To better

reflect the nature of ACRL National Conferences, we have created a new brand and redesigned the conference website. Our new look will be officially unveiled for the ACRL 2011 National Conference, March 30–April 2, in Philadelphia, and the new tagline is ‘Peer Revered.’ It represents the respect we have for the knowledge gained from and shared by our peers.”...

ACRL Insider, Nov. 3

Divisions choose Emerging Leaders

Four divisions have chosen eight members to sponsor as 2010 ALA Emerging Leaders: Melanie Lyttle (ALSC

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/emergingleaders_alsc.cfm]); Hui-Fen Chang, Wendy Girven, and Arianne Hartsell-Gundy (ACRL

[<http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/2009/10/28/acrls-2010-emerging-leaders/>]); Melissa Ahart and Kara Smith (AASL

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/emergingleaders_aasl.cfm]); and Anna Koval and Amy Barr (YALSA

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/emergingleaders_yalsa.cfm]). Each will receive \$1,000 to attend the 2010 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference, and they will join 100 of their peers as the fourth year of the program kicks off at the Midwinter Meeting in Boston....

Awards

L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award nominations

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/patterson_wo.cfm]

The Office for Information Technology Policy is calling for nominations for the 2010 L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award. This annual award honors individuals or groups who embody the spirit of the U.S. copyright law as voiced by the framers of our Constitution “to promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts.” Send letters of nomination outlining a candidate’s qualifications for this award to Carrie Russell [<mailto:crussell@alawash.org>] by January 15....

National Library Week grant deadline extended

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/september2009/nlwextended_pio.cfm]

The deadline for the Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week grant has been extended to November 6. U.S. libraries of all types are invited to apply

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/natlibraryweek/nlwgrant.cfm>] for a \$3,000 grant that will be awarded to the best public-awareness campaign that promotes the theme “Communities thrive @ your library”; during National Library Week, April 11–17, 2010....

Design a Tote Bag contest winners

[<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/design-tote-bag-contest-and-winner>]

The @ your library website has awarded the Grand Prize in its Design a Tote Bag contest to Amelia Brunskill of Pennsylvania. Her “Feed

Your Mind” design (right) best represents the message of libraries as modern, friendly, and intellectually stimulating places. Amelia will be awarded \$500 and will see her design on a limited-edition tote bag. Rick Mula of Tennessee was given the People's Choice award....
@ your library, Oct. 29

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMg4v-SwN6Y>]Moline wins Frommer's Library Display Contest
[<http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Section/id-301897.html>]
The Moline (Ill.) Public Library won the grand prize in Wiley's 2009 Frommer's Library Display Contest. The library transformed itself into a train station, complete with a cardboard Arthur Frommer as the train conductor collecting tickets (right) and Pauline Frommer waiting next to the "Frommer's Express" train. Watch the video
[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMg4v-SwN6Y>] (4:57)....
Wiley; YouTube, Sept. 25

2009 Edmund Lester Pearson Library Humor Award
[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/11/pearson-library-humor-award.html>]
The Molesworth Institute has awarded the Edmund Lester Pearson Library Humor Award for 2009 to retired Wisconsin librarian Larry T. Nix. Molesworth Institute Director Norman D. Stevens announced that the award was made, in general, for Nix's Library History Buff website, in particular for his coverage
[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/10/google-books-project-discovers-rare.html>] of the discovery of an original copy of the infamous Old Librarian's Almanack in the Harvard University Library by one Steven D. Norman, a student working on the Google Book Project. Previous recipients of the award include Bengt Hjelmqvist, John V. Richardson Jr., and Jeanette C. Smith....
Library History Buff, Nov. 3

2009 Macavity Award winners [<http://www.mysteryreaders.org/macavity.html>]
The Macavity Award is named for the "mystery cat" of T. S. Eliot in Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats. Each year the members of Mystery Readers International nominate and vote for their favorite mysteries in four categories. This year the award for Best Mystery Novel went to Deborah Crombie for *Where Memories Lie* (Morrow, 2008). The Historical Mystery Award was given to Rhys Bowen's *A Royal Pain* (Berkley, 2008)....
Mystery Readers International

Business Book of the Year
[<http://www.cnn.com/2009/BUSINESS/10/30/influential.business.books/>]
Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World (Penguin, 2009) by investment manager Liaquat Ahamed was named 2009 Business Book of the Year at the Financial Times and Goldman Sachs awards gala in London October 29. The book examines how the decisions of four central bankers brought about the biggest economic crisis of the 20th century. More than just an analysis of a historical crisis, Ahamed says there are parallels between the Great Depression and today's economic woes....
CNN, Oct. 31

2009 World Fantasy Award

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/nov/03/controversial-world-fantasy-award>]

A dark and shocking tale by Australian author Margo Lanagan has won the World Fantasy Award for best novel. Lanagan's YA title *Tender Morsels* (Knopf, 2008) was named joint winner of the best novel prize with Jeffrey Ford's *The Shadow Year*. *Tender Morsels* has drawn praise and condemnation alike for its challenging opening, which sees the 15-year-old Liga go through gang rape, miscarriage, and sexual abuse at the hands of her father, before escaping to a dream world where she brings up her two children....

The Guardian (U.K.), Nov. 3

Seen Online

House reintroduces SKILLS Act

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3980>]

The Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLS) Act was reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives October 26 with support from both sides of the aisle. This legislation is intended to ensure that all students will have the support and resources they need for a quality education by establishing a goal that all public school libraries employ no less than one highly qualified school library media specialist. The bill was introduced by Reps. Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.)....

District Dispatch, Oct. 30

LC stands by report on Honduras coup

[<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics/AP/story/1307368.html>]

The Law Library of Congress is rebuffing calls from the chairmen of the House and Senate foreign relations committees to retract a report (PDF file

[http://schock.house.gov/UploadedFiles/Schock_CRS_Report_Honduras_FINAL.pdf]

) on the June 28, 2009, military-backed coup in Honduras that the lawmakers charge is flawed. The request, by Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.), has sparked cries of censorship from Republicans who say the Democrats don't like what the August report said: that the government of Honduras had the authority to remove deposed President Manuel Zelaya from office....

Miami Herald, Oct. 29

[<http://www.ketv.com/news/21497748/detail.html>] Omaha librarian dies of H1N1 virus [<http://www.omaha.com/article/20091103/NEWS01/711039915>]

John V. Bernardi, 58, manager of Omaha Public Library's Charles B. Washington branch, died October 31 from complications of H1N1. Bernardi was a 21-year veteran of the library system and the editor of the Nebraska Library Association Quarterly. His was the eighth death related to the H1N1 flu in Nebraska. His family said the symptoms hit while he was on vacation in Missouri and he was hospitalized October 25. Friends may sign his guest book

[<http://www.legacy.com/gb2/default.aspx?bookid=6240722738452>]. Another librarian, Debby Reynolds,

[<http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/224882>] also 58, died October 30 of complications from seasonal flu. She had worked as the librarian at Mountain View Elementary School in Purcellville, Virginia, for the last 35 years....

Omaha World-Herald, Nov. 3; KETV-TV, Omaha, Nov. 2; Roanoke (Va.) Times, Nov. 4

Tapping the online power of the local library

[<http://www.usnews.com/money/business-economy/articles/2009/11/04/tapping-the-power-of-the-local-library-anytime-anywhere.html>]

Once seen as a threat to the need for public libraries, the internet has proven the opposite, says Sari Feldman, PLA President and executive director of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library. "The web has instead generated new interest in public libraries," she says. Web links to premium resources are just part of the draw. Most libraries also provide PCs and web access to those who don't have them at home. In addition, libraries are teaching people how to use their computers and conduct web research....

U.S. News & World Report, Nov. 4

Students protest closed library at Lincoln University

[http://www.philly.com/philly/hp/news_update/20091030_Conn__student_at_center_of_Lincoln_U__protests.html]

The library at Lincoln University in Chester County, Pennsylvania, has been closed for renovations since January 2008, and student Amelia Sherwood was frustrated with delays in obtaining library books. After learning that the renovation was dragging because the university did not get enough money from the state to proceed with the \$17-million project—and after finding a moth in her salad in the cafeteria—she went on a hunger strike. When campus security tackled her for distributing flyers, other students joined the protest....

Philadelphia Daily News, Oct. 30

[<http://ma.ala.capwiz.com/ala/ma/state/main/?state=MA>]Massachusetts librarians plan November 4 rally

[<http://www.patriotledger.com/news/x1659494688/Local-librarians-to-rally-at-statehouse-to-protest-proposed-budget-cuts>]

Librarians are heading to the State House in Boston November 4 to make some noise about proposed cuts to state aid to libraries. The latest budget proposed for the fiscal year that begins July 1 calls for an overall 16% cut to Massachusetts libraries. The rally is dubbed "Don't Close the Books on Libraries" and is sponsored by the Massachusetts Library Association....

Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger, Nov. 3

Another suicide at NYU's Bobst Library

[http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2009/11/03/2009-11-03_nyu_student_founded_dead_at_university_library.html]

A New York University student leaped to his death November 3 from the 10th floor of the Bobst Library to the marble-floored atrium below. Andrew Williamson-Noble, 20, used an NYU-issued card to swipe himself into the library, where he committed suicide around 4:30 a.m. The library had installed six-foot plexiglass walls on the floors facing the atrium in 2003 after two other students killed themselves. NYU plans to reassess

[<http://nyunews.com/news/2009/nov/04/death/>] its safety protocol in the building....

New York Daily News, Nov. 3; Washington Square News, Nov. 4

[http://www.wset.com/news/stories/1009/672742_video.html] Librarian forced to resign for waiving fees

[<http://www.wset.com/news/stories/1009/672742.html>]

Hundreds have signed a petition to support South Boston (Va.) Branch Manager Woodson Hughes (right), and on October 27, many people came out to the Halifax County–South Boston Regional Library System board meeting to show their support. A librarian for Halifax County for 22 years, Hughes says he was forced to resign in September after waiving some \$1,400 in overdue fees over a three-month period. Library Director Rhonda Griffin said in a staff email that continuously waiving fines for one person was the same as embezzlement. Watch the video

[http://www.wset.com/news/stories/1009/672742_video.html] (2:30)....

WSET-TV, Lynchburg/Roanoke, Va., Oct. 28

not banned but restricted

[<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/book-district-school-2635948-read-maya>]

A school district superintendent in Huntington Beach, California, decided November 3 to keep Maya Angelou's autobiography in middle school libraries but added a restriction that parents must provide consent for a student to check out *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. "While the [review committee] agreed that the book may contain content that might be objectionable to some, it also reinforces . . . themes such as overcoming adversity," Ocean View School District Superintendent Alan Rasmussen said....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, Nov. 3

Montgomery County sues to regain workers comp damages

[<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/local/Montgomery-County-sues-librarian-who-hurt-herself-trying-to-get-shampoo-bottle-out-of-car-8474241-68709722.html>]

Montgomery County, Maryland, is suing a county librarian who won \$5,500 in workers compensation for hurting herself while trying to retrieve a shampoo bottle from her car during her lunch break. Ginger Wilson said a gust of wind blew her car door into her while she was getting into her car at the Twinbrook branch in Rockville, causing her to fall and hurt her left arm, knee, and foot. The county has filed an appeal in Circuit Court seeking to overturn the commission's decision....

Washington (D.C.) Examiner, Nov. 3

Local company donates town library and senior center

[<http://www.telegram.com/article/20091101/NEWS/911010402/0/NEWS05>]

Nearly the whole town showed up October 31 for the dedication of the largest gift in Townsend, Massachusetts, history: a new town library, meeting hall, and senior center built by container manufacturer Sterilite Corporation. The company is the town's largest employer. The town had been trying to build a new senior center and library for decades, but there was never enough money. Sterilite President Al Stone emphasized that the gift was from all the company employees, who wouldn't settle for less than a top-notch facility....

Worcester (Mass.) Telegram & Gazette, Nov. 1

West Slope library puts wandering cat on hold

[http://www.oregonlive.com/washingtoncounty/index.ssf/2009/10/missing_kitty_lands_on_library.html]

Staffers at the West Slope Community Library in Portland, Oregon, came across a 16-year-old house cat in an enclosed recycling area October 9. She was small and affectionate and seemed like a kitten, said Library Director Veronica Eden. And she wouldn't leave. But the library put a photo of the cat on the library's Facebook page and distributed fliers. On October 16, Children's Librarian Kirsten Freeman-Benson got a call from a grateful family in nearby Montclair....
Portland Oregonian, Oct. 28

In China, objections to Google's book scans

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/31/technology/internet/31google.html>]

A long-running dispute over Google's efforts to digitize books spread in October to China, where authors have banded together to demand that their works be protected from what they call unauthorized copying. Two Chinese writers' groups claim that Google has scanned Chinese works into an electronic database in violation of international copyright standards. The organizations are urging China's authors to step forward and defend their rights....
New York Times, Oct. 30

[<http://www.toacorn.com/images/2009-10-29/034p1.preview.jpg>] Reagan Library celebrates the fall of the Berlin Wall

[http://www.toacorn.com/news/2009-10-29/Community/Reagan_Library_celebrates_20th_anniversary_of_Berl.html]

Twenty years ago on November 9, the Berlin Wall fell. To celebrate this historic moment, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, California, opened a new exhibit October 15 called "Fall of the Wall—The 20th Anniversary" that will run through February. Concurrently, the library is displaying a 32-foot-long replica of the wall, upon which both students and visitors can paint a message of freedom to represent the artwork put up by the people of West Berlin....

Thousand Oaks (Calif.) Acorn, Oct. 29

Toronto LIS students opt for street reference

[<http://www.thevarsity.ca/articles/21741>]

Pedestrians passing by Bloor and Avenue Road October 24 had the chance to ask any question they liked to master's students from the University of Toronto iSchool. The students collected donations for the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which works to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa. The project was part of a class assignment [<http://www.ischool.utoronto.ca/news-events/event/dare-challenges-successful>] for a library sciences course taught by Professor Nadia Caidi. Equipped with laptops from the faculty of information, reference books, and coffee, the students fielded 63 questions....

The Varsity (University of Toronto), Oct. 26; Faculty of Information

Rare books as a travel destination

[<http://travel.nytimes.com/2009/11/01/travel/01culture.html>]

The Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri, is one of dozens of

libraries that house dazzling special collections and often mount eccentric exhibitions that, unfortunately, largely remain unfamiliar to the public. The books are not just for scholars. They are also on view for the average visitor, albeit one with a decided interest in the sciences who makes a pilgrimage to, say, western Missouri. Sometimes a visitor is even allowed a peek behind the scenes....

New York Times, Nov. 1

Truck dumps grease into library storm drain

[http://www.fox16.com/news/local/story/Man-caught-on-tape-dumping-grease-in-library/ms-HDQa_kEqn204RQDdnYA.csp]

The Central Arkansas Library in Little Rock wants to know who dumped gallons of grease and sewage into a storm drain outside the main entrance. A surveillance video shows grease pouring out of a parked truck for at least five minutes into the drain and spilling out into the sidewalk. Two hours later, video captured a woman falling on the spilled grease after dropping off newspapers at the library. The library security office is offering a reward for information about the incident....

KLRT-TV, Little Rock, Oct. 29

Library board mulls privacy issues in police investigation

[<http://www.lohud.com/article/2009910300341>]

State police say they have pulled the plug on an investigation into the possible viewing of child pornography by a patron of Hendrick Hudson Free Library in Montrose, New York, because the library board refuses to cooperate with them. However, Library Director M. Jill Davis said board members are reviewing the matter, have not made a decision, and insisted that the board is not stonewalling police....

White Plains (N.Y.) Journal News, Oct. 30

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Tech Talk

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What is Google Wave anyway?

[<http://webworkerdaily.com/2009/11/02/what-is-google-wave-anyway-new-e-book-explains/>]

Charles Hamilton writes: "Tech writers Gina Trapani and Adam Pash have created an online preview of their forthcoming book, The Complete Guide to Google Wave [<http://completewaveguide.com/>], which does an excellent job of explaining what Google Wave is and how it can be used. The preview, available only in November, provides step-by-step instructions on how to get invited to the service, what to do when you get there, and how to make the most of it."...

Web Worker Daily, Nov. 2

Sacred cows of library techies

[<http://www.alatechsource.org/blog/2009/11/the-sacred-cows-of-library-technologists.html>]

Cindi Trainor writes: "I posed the question, 'What are the sacred cows of library technology?' in Google Wave. What followed was a discussion about digital technology among library technologists that generated many ideas

and was a great way to try out this new communication tool. Some of the ideas offered up were sacred cows to those in the field, but others challenged ideas held more widely in librarianship.” Here are five, beginning with “Our users haven’t asked for that.”...
ALA TechSource Blog, Nov. 2

[<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid46208174001?bctid=46955584001>] Web addresses to use non-Latin scripts

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/31/technology/31net.html>]
By mid-2010, internet surfers will be allowed to use web addresses written completely in Chinese, Arabic, Korean, and other languages using non-Latin alphabets. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers announced

[<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid46208174001?bctid=46955584001>] (7:10) the decision in Seoul, South Korea, October 30, as one of the biggest changes in the web’s history. In some web addresses, non-Latin scripts are already used in the portion before the dot, but next year it will be possible to write an entire URL in a non-Latin alphabet. Yet the names carry risks

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/181085/how_will_new_internet_domain_names_change_the_web.html] for new security concerns and user confusion....
New York Times, Oct. 30; ICANN; PC World, Oct. 30

Twitter to translate Spanish

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-13577_3-10390027-36.html]

Caroline McCarthy writes: “So how do you say ‘fail whale’ en español? Twitter has launched a Spanish translation, according to a November 3 blog post [<http://blog.twitter.com/2009/11/que-estas-haciendo.html>] (in Spanish) by cofounder Biz Stone. It’s the first of multiple volunteer-assisted translations for the microblogging site, the post explained. A look at Twitter’s public timeline will show that it is used in many languages across the world, but until this point, the Twitter site has been English only. Now, users can go into their settings to translate it into Spanish.”...

The Social, Nov. 3; Twitter Blog, Nov. 3

Audiocassette to MP3

[http://www.popgadget.net/2009/10/dont_throw_away.php]

The Ion Tape Express

[<http://www.iwantoneofthose.com/tape-express/index.html>] is simple and straightforward. Put your old cassette tape in, connect the device to your PC via the USB interface, and press “play.” Voilà. The tunes are instantly converted to MP3 format and can be taken into your iTunes library, your iPod or MP3 Player, and burned onto CD or virtually any other digital platform. And if you like to relive olden times, just listen to the music off the device, which also functions an ordinary Walkman....

Popgadget, Oct. 26

Publishing

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Creationists come to college

[http://blogs.princeton.edu/librarian/2009/11/creationists_come_to_college.html]

Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: “Most of you may already have heard about the creationist edition of *The Origin of Species* that an evangelical Christian ministry will be passing out on college campuses in November.

U.S. News & World Report has a pair of dueling blog posts from the creationist introduction writer Ray Comfort

[<http://www.usnews.com/blogs/god-and-country/2009/10/29/exclusive-ray-comfort-defends-his-creationist-edition-of-on-the-origin-of-species.html>] and the director

[<http://www.usnews.com/blogs/god-and-country/2009/10/30/how-creationist-origin-distorts-darwin.html>] of the National Center for Science Education.

The book claims that Charles Darwin was a racist and didn’t like women; it also draws a Hitler connection. Another major fallacy is the false dichotomy of this creationist’s claims.”...

Academic Librarian, Nov. 1; U.S. News & World Report, Oct. 29–30

Literary Twitter chats

[<http://www.highspotinc.com/blog/2009/10/twitter-chats-for-authors-publishers/>]

Jennifer Tribe writes: “Twitter chats are an excellent way to interact, learn, debate, and discuss with others in the publishing and writing community. Chats are public conversations that take place on Twitter at a scheduled date and time. Often a discussion topic is set beforehand, but sometimes the floor is open to whatever participants wish to talk about. Anyone can listen or contribute to a chat. Here are a number of regularly scheduled Twitter chats for writers, authors, and others in the book trade.”...

Highpoint, Oct. 27

A brief history of vampires in literature

[<http://www.abebooks.com/books/dracula-twilight-sookie-stackhouse/history-vampires-literature.shtml>]

Scott Laming writes: “Between Stephenie Meyer’s *Twilight* novels and Charlaine Harris’s *Southern Vampire Mysteries* (also known as the *Sookie Stackhouse* or *True Blood* books), vampires are the hottest thing in literature these days. But this genre, where gothic horror often meets romance, is no Johnny-come-lately; the vampire has a long, colorful history in literature. The first instances of vampire tales originally appeared in eastern European folklore.”...

Abebooks

10 books written by presidents

[<http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/39440/>]

Stacy Conradt writes: “It’s no secret that Barack Obama has penned a couple of books—they flew off of the shelves during his bid for the presidency. In fact, most presidents have ended up writing their memoirs at some point after leaving the White House. But some presidents have chosen to write about the things that really interest them—fly fishing, for instance. Here are 10 of those books (kind of refreshing, really, when a president chooses to not write about himself).”...

Mental Floss, Nov. 2

Detroit Free Press

[<http://www.proquest.com/en-US/aboutus/pressroom/09/20091102.shtml>]
News from the Motor City—;from before statehood to the American Civil War to the birth and growth of the automotive industry—is now available in ProQuest Historical Newspapers. Issues of the Detroit Free Press from 1831 to 1922 have been added to the database, providing comprehensive coverage of the social, political, and economic development of Detroit, Michigan, and the Midwest....
ProQuest, Nov. 2

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

Actions & Answers

LC releases report on bibliographic data

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2009/09-219.html>]
The Library of Congress released on October 30 the results of its analysis of the creation and distribution of bibliographic data in U.S. and Canadian libraries. LC commissioned R2 Consulting of Contoocook, New Hampshire, to search and describe the current marketplace for cataloging records in the MARC format, with a primary focus on the economics of current practices, including existing incentives and barriers to both contribution and availability....
Library of Congress, Oct. 30

AMA launches flu self-assessment program

[<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/h1n1/news/ama-flu-help-release.shtml>]
To help patients and physicians better communicate and improve care coordination, the American Medical Association has launched a comprehensive, web-based, influenza health-assessment program for the public. AMA Flu Help [<http://www.amafluhelp.org/>] walks patients through a series of questions to determine the severity of their symptoms, for both seasonal flu and H1N1, based upon the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. An FAQ (PDF file [<http://www.ama-assn.org/assets/h1n1/mm/ama-flu-help-faq.pdf>]) explains the details....
American Medical Association, Oct. 22

International copyright restrictions could spell trouble

[http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/copyright_treaty_leaked_trouble_for_ips_and_in.php]
According to once-secret, now-leaked sections of the new, plurilateral Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, global internet users and ISPs might be in for a world of hurt in the near future. A U.S.-drafted chapter on internet use would require ISPs to police user-generated content, cut off internet access for copyright violators, and remove content that is accused of copyright violation without any actual proof. The chapter also completely prohibits DRM workarounds, even for archiving or retrieving

one's own work. The Library Copyright Alliance has an issue brief (PDF file
[<http://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/bm~doc/issuebriefactafinalrev102609.pdf>]) on ACTA....
ReadWriteWeb, Nov. 3; Library Copyright Alliance, Oct. 15

FUNQ: What is a primary source?
[http://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/keywords_from_a_librarian/funqs_won_t_ask_won_t_tell]
Mary W. George writes: "I have the urge to address a perennial, insidious, and unnecessary condition that afflicts higher education in this country. It results from the most Frequently UNAsked Question (by students) that is also the most Frequently UNanswered Question (by faculty): What is a primary source? The silence surrounding this question is deafening. Undergrads are oblivious to the issue, while faculty assume that students have grasped the difference between primary and secondary sources at about the same time, and with the same clarity, that they figured out sex."...
Keywords from a Librarian, Nov. 1

Copyright and digitization
[<http://communications.library.cornell.edu/com/news/PressReleases/manual.cfm>]
Cornell University Library has published Copyright and Cultural Institutions: Guidelines for Digitization for U.S. Libraries, Archives, and Museums to help cultural institutions legally use the internet to improve public access to the rich collections they hold. Based on a well-received Australian manual, the book was developed by Cornell's senior policy advisor Peter B. Hirtle. As an experiment in open-access publishing, the library has made the work available in both print and free download
[<http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/14142>] formats....
Cornell University Library, Oct. 29

This blog's for you
[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6703692.html>]
Elizabeth Bird writes: "A magazine article changed my life. Admittedly, that sounds like a bit of hyperbole, but it's true. There I was in New York City, with my shiny new MLIS degree, working at my very first children's librarian post. When I opened the August 1, 2005, issue of School Library Journal, I wasn't expecting anything extraordinary, and, indeed, the article that would rock my world wasn't necessarily eye-catching: Eric Oatman's feature 'Blogomania!' Which ultimately led to 10 Blogs You Can't Live Without
[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6703692.html#Ten%20Blogs%20You%20Can%27t%20Live%20Without>]....
School Library Journal, Nov. 1

NYPL Library Lions gala honors Proulx, Knight, staffers
[<http://www.nypl.org/librarylions/index.html>]
Each year, the New York Public Library's black-tie Library Lions dinner honors several distinguished individuals who have made significant cultural achievements. This year's, held November 2, honored Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Annie Proulx

[http://nypl.org/press/releases/?article_id=353] (far left, author of Brokeback Mountain) and illustrator Hilary Knight [http://nypl.org/press/releases/?article_id=354] (far right, illustrator of the Eloise books), both of whom have donated their papers to the library. In addition, NYPL librarians Janice Moore-Smith, [<http://www.nypl.org/librarylions/moore.html>] David Smith, [<http://www.nypl.org/librarylions/smith.html>] and Julia Chang [<http://www.nypl.org/librarylions/chang.html>] were honored. The party raised more [<http://www.vanityfair.com/online/style/2009/11/the-new-york-public-library-s-annual-fall-benefit-raises-record-breaking-funds.html>] that it ever has, with the cocktail and dinner portion pulling in \$2.5 million, and the junior Young Lions dance raising nearly \$220,000, which was 45% more than the target....
New York Public Library, Nov. 2; Vanity Fair, Nov. 3

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVq5WDDA5a4>]The Library 101 Project [<http://www.libraryman.com/blog/2009/10/29/the-library-101-project-is-live-now/>]
Michael Porter and David Lee King debuted their multimedia collaborative Library 101 Project at the Internet Librarian conference in late October. The project website [<http://libraryman.com/library101/>] includes a collection of 23 essays from leaders in the field, 101 resources of “need to know” technology, and a video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVq5WDDA5a4>] (7:38) featuring Porter, King, and a huge cast of characters from libraries around the world....
Libraryman, Oct. 29; YouTube, Oct. 27

Read 4,800 tweets from Internet Librarian 2009
[<http://www.resourceshelf.com/2009/10/29/review-almost-5000-tweets-from-internet-librarian-2009/>]
Gary Price of Resource Shelf was in attendance at the Internet Librarian conference in Monterey, California, October 26–28, and tested a free service named Twapper Keeper, [<http://twapperkeeper.com/>] which creates a permanent archive of public tweets based on a hashtag, in this case, #il2009. The site is updated every five minutes. You can review tweets in groups of various sizes, from 100 at a time to all of them on one page. Here is the page [<http://twapperkeeper.com/il2009/?limit=all>] containing more than 4,800 Twitter tweets from #il2009....
Resource Shelf, Oct. 29

Ode to a Library Card
[<http://www.elephantjournal.com/2009/10/anne-waldman-ode-to-a-library-card/>]
Waylon Lewis writes: “I just saw this poem in my Boulder (Colo.) Public Library calendar—by the great poet Anne Waldman, cofounder in 1974 (with Allen Ginsberg) of the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics at Naropa Institute (now University). An inspired education, after all, is the key to the door to the American Dream.” An extract: “O library card / You connect us to outer space, / ancient histories, modern too.”...
Elephant Journal, Oct. 31

Glamorous ghost haunts Louisiana library

[<http://www.bookpatrol.net/2009/10/glamorous-ghost-haunts-louisiana.html>]
Nancy Mattoon writes: "A glamorous ghost haunts a Neo-Italianate mansion turned public library located on St. Charles Street in the Garden District of New Orleans. The Milton H. Latter Memorial branch of the New Orleans Public Library is distinguished not only for its lavish architecture but also for its celebrity ghost. The celestial being who haunts the halls is thought to be a former owner of the stately manor, silent film star Marguerite Clark."...
Book Patrol, Oct. 30

Resources for beginning genealogists
[<http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com/?p=138>]
Carolyn L. Barkley writes: "Today, genealogy has become a mainstream hobby, marked by advertisements for Ancestry.com appearing on television during prime time. Whatever your impetus to begin researching your family, it is important to begin well. Learning to conduct effective research is the foundation for success. Here is a highly selective list of six resources that will help you get started."...
Genealogy and Family History, Oct. 29

[<http://go.footnote.com/census/>]U.S. Census goes interactive with Footnote.com
[<http://blog.footnote.com/entire-u-s-census-goes-interactive-with-footnote/>]
Footnote.com [<http://www.footnote.com/>] announced October 29 it will digitize and create a searchable database for all publicly available U.S. federal censuses, ranging from the first U.S. Census taken in 1790 to the most current public census from 1930. Through its partnership with the National Archives, the company will add more than 9.5 million images featuring over half a billion names to its extensive online record collection....
Footnote Blog, Oct. 29

[<http://modernegypt.bibalex.org/collections/home/default.aspx>]Bibliotheca Alexandrina: A digital revival
[<http://www.educause.edu/EDUCAUSE+Review/EDUCAUSEReviewMagazineVolume44/BibliothecaAlexandrinaADigital/185233>]
Noha Adly writes: "The International School of Information Science, [<http://www.bibalex.org/isis/>] a research institute affiliated with Egypt's Bibliotheca Alexandrina, [<http://www.bibalex.org/>] aims at furthering the library's goals of being a leading institution in knowledge dissemination and, specifically, promoting research and development related to digital libraries. The library itself has built its own digital laboratory equipped with state-of-the-art technologies offering specialized digital services, and the Digital Assets Repository [<http://dar.bibalex.org>] was developed at the BA to create and maintain digital library collections and to preserve them for future generations."...
Educause Review 44, no. 6 (Nov./Dec.): 8–9

Magdeburg's 24-hour library
[<http://www.psfk.com/2009/11/library-transformed-into-a-24-hour-open-air-community-space/>]
KARO Architects of Leipzig, Germany, have created an alternative library

in an industrial neighborhood of Magdeburg. A temporary facility was begun in 2005 with 1,000 empty beer crates and some donated books, but eventually the books were relocated to a more permanent home. The library, now funded by the German government and housing some 20,000 books, officially opened in June. The shelves are open 24 hours a day and operate on the honor system; readers can borrow a book and either bring it back or least supply another one. The modernist building blocks were salvaged from a condemned warehouse....

PSFK, Nov. 3

[<http://www.transparent.com/wotd/>] Motivate yourself while learning a second language

[<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/top-3-tips-to-motivate-you-while-learning-a-second-language/>]

Dean Sherwin writes: “Learning a second language in an environment where you’re not immersed in it 24/7 throws up barrier after barrier.

Recently I resumed learning French. But only a few months into my new endeavour, I’m currently halfway through a classic French novel called *La Guerre des Boutons*. How? I immersed myself in an environment filled with French—it’s called the internet. Here are my top three tips to help you with learning a second language online.”...

MakeUseOf, Nov. 1

[<http://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/saycheese/libraries.html>] Wisconsin libraries say “cheese”;

[<http://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/saycheese/default.htm>]

Libraries across Wisconsin are taking part November 18 in a project by the Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries (a program of the Wisconsin Library Association Foundation) to remind people of the variety and wealth of resources, services, programs, and activities their library offers. A

Flickr group will enable libraries to post photos

[<http://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/saycheese/libraries.html>] showing their diverse users. Wisconsin Libraries Say Cheese! is modeled after a successful program of the New Jersey Library Association and the New Jersey State Library’s Snapshot Day....

Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries

30 bundts in 30 days [<http://foodlibrarian.blogspot.com/>]

Mary the Food Librarian, a Los Angeles-based librarian and baking aficionado, has vowed to prepare 30 different bundt cakes leading up to National Bundt Day on November 15. She has 11 to go. Highlights have included chocolate zucchini bundt, monkey bread in a bundt, candy corn jello bundt, and Nutella bundt. Recipe links are provided....

The Food Librarian, Oct. 17–Nov. 15

10 coolest bookends [http://www.oddee.com/item_96864.aspx]

Looking for a gift for your favorite bibliophile? Perhaps one of these bookends would be just the thing. In addition to the reading sophisticates bookends (right) from Wrapables, there are ones with Pinocchio, Anubis, Aliens vs. Predator, Voltron, fishbowls, and Star Wars trash compactor bookends....

Oddee, Oct. 31

Baseball and books: A great combination

[<http://papercuts.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/whos-on-first/>]
Jennifer Schuessler writes: “Who’s on first? Hester Prynne is—at least in the fantasy baseball team fielded by Novel-T, [<http://www.novel-t.com/shirts.htm>] a line of literary-themed T-shirts on view recently at the Brooklyn Book Festival. The shirts, created by David Bukszpan and Michael Kravetsky, are advertised as a way to ‘wear your read.’ Each features a vaguely symbolic number on the back and an insignia on the front—a tell-tale heart or raven for Edgar Allan Poe, or a patch of grass for Walt Whitman.” A dollar from the sale of each shirt is donated to Dave Eggers’s 826NYC [<http://www.826nyc.org/>] project to help kids 6–18 work on their writing skills....
Paper Cuts Blog, Sept. 14

Protagonist scrolls intensely through microfilm
[http://www.theonion.com/content/news/protagonist_scrolls_intensely]
(satire)
A headstrong young protagonist in way over her head visited the microfilm room of the New Haven (Conn.) Public Library Tuesday night in order to delve deeper into a riveting plotline that could put her career—and maybe even her life—on the line. According to sources, the plucky and determined woman worked late into the evening, whirring methodically through a reel of archived newspapers in search of information that could unlock a secret better left untouched....
The Onion, Oct. 24

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7fPrSWO6dw>]Flashmob event in Irish library [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7fPrSWO6dw>]
This flashmob (5:24) in Tallaght Library in Ireland was organized as a part of Open House: Irish Architecture 2009. The piece is entitled “When Is a Library Not a Library?” and was designed to challenge people’s perceptions of what happens in a public space. It was directed by Tony Fegan of Tallaght Community Arts and dancer Louise Costelloe, in association with the South Dublin County Libraries....
YouTube, Oct. 27

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYIFc6Kgg1c>]Utah libraries share health resources [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYIFc6Kgg1c>]
Good Health Information @ your library is a Utah-wide initiative encouraging people to come to the library for information about their health and medical issues. This PSA (0:32), airing statewide through December, was jointly produced by the Utah Women’s Health Information Network [http://womenshealthuw.in.utah.edu/uwin_projects_chcpl.php] and Salt Lake County Library Services....
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ALA Midwinter Meeting,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/information.cfm>] Boston, January 15–19. Free ALA shuttle buses, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/travel.cfm#shuttles>] sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning, will operate between all participating hotels and the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center during the meeting. Service will also be provided for attendees with disabilities (advance notice is required).

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2818>]

READ DVD Genres and Subjects

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2818>] allows you to make your very own customized READ posters. This latest addition to the READ Design Studio has been formatted to DVD to allow for more posters, bookmarks, and type treatments than ever before—all on one disc. Use Genres and Subjects on its own, or mix and match with art and backgrounds from READ CDs 1 and 2 to design hundreds of unique posters and bookmarks. NEW! From ALA Graphics.

[<http://ilovelibraries.org/loveyourlibrary/safeway/getrich.cfm>]

ALA and Safeway grocery stores

[<http://ilovelibraries.org/loveyourlibrary/safeway/index.cfm>] are partnering to feature library resources on the backs of selected cereal boxes. Topics include get rich (above), learn for a lifetime, great mysteries answered, discover the world, and discover your family tree @ your library.

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Readers who enjoyed the cover story

[<http://www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/10262009/power-word-mouth-marketing>] by Peggy Barber and Linda Wallace in the November issue of American Libraries can order the authors' forthcoming ALA Editions title Building a Buzz: Libraries and Word-of-Mouth Marketing [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2767>] from the ALA Store.

[<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/my-library-creative-essay-contest>]

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Support Services Librarian I,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13892>] McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Award-winning public library serving 40,000 people in scenic central Wisconsin seeks librarian to assist in leading technical services and circulation staff. Under direction of head of support services, supervise technical services and shelving staff, link materials to shared online catalog, develop library computer services and website, and develop film series for adults. Some adult reference and readers' advisory work required....

[<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://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/?/en/items/PRB01:864619340/&st=Generaal%20Jan%20Klaasen&sc=%28cql.serverChoice%20all%20Generaal%20%20AND%20Jan%20%20AND%20Klaasen%29and%20%28isPartOf%20any%20%22PRB01%22%29&singleitem=true>]

The Memory of the Netherlands portal includes a total of 650 Dutch Picture Books, 1810-1950

[http://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/?/en/collecties/prentenboeken_van_1810_tot_1950] in this collection of digital books, which runs the gamut from Robinson Crusoe to Tielse Flipje (a cartoon mascot on De Betuwe jam-pot labels) and from old nursery rhymes to the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm. Each successive Dutch generation grew up with its own specific children's books, and each generation unconsciously adopted such moral standards and values as they contained. Children's books serve as indispensable witnesses of an ever-changing society. In picture books, the images are just as important as the texts. The books are by no

means intended exclusively for young children. Old picture books reflect the views people held about good and evil, poor and rich; about education, with examples of dutiful and bad behavior; about love for one's own country and about people from foreign countries. The collection is a joint initiative of the National Library of the Netherlands, the Amsterdam Public Library, the Rotterdam Public Library, and the Deventer City Archives and Athenaeum Library.

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

“The Library of Doom is dark. The stairways are silent. Cobwebs hang across the doors. The Library’s gardens are filled with weeds and creeping vines. Floors are covered with broken glass. Somewhere, boots crunch on the broken glass. A shadow walks through the hallways. It is the Librarian.”

—Michael Dahl, *The Beast Beneath the Stairs* (Stone Arch Books, 2007), pp. 5–6.

“The question once was, ‘What can a library be?’ Today the question is, ‘What can a library do?’ Formerly it was a question of resources, of number of books, of wealth, of material. Now, it is rather a question of effectiveness, of vitality, of influence in the community.”

—Springfield (Mass.) Public Library Director John Cotton Dana, 1898, in Chalmers Hadley, *John Cotton Dana: A Sketch* (Chicago: ALA, 1943), pp. 40–41.

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Michigan Library Association, Annual Conference, Lansing, Nov. 3–6, at #mla2009 [<http://twitter.com/#search?q=%23mla2009>].

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Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. I know ALA has reading lists in different age groups. But what about lists for other materials? Does ALA make a list of recommended videos or DVDs? And are there lists for different age groups?

A. Similar to the ALA Recommended Reading [<http://www.ala.org/readinglists>] page, there is an ALA Recommended Viewing [<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/library/alarecommends/recommendedviewing.cfm>] page, which links to the longtime ALSC Notable Children's Videos [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/childrensnotable/notablechildrens/videos/index.cfm>] list, the ALSC Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Children's Video, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/carnegiemedal/index.cfm>] the YALSA Fabulous Films for Young Adults [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/fabfilms/09fabfilms.cfm>], and the annual ALA Video Round Table Notable Videos for Adults [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/vrt/initiatives/notablevideos/notables2009.cfm>] list. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Recommended_Videos_Lists].

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Colorado Association of Libraries, [<http://cal-webs.org/conference.html>]
Annual Conference, Denver.

Nov. 19–22:
California School Library Association, [<http://www.csla.net/con/>] Annual
Conference, Ontario.

Dec. 1–2:
International Conference of Digital Archives and Digital Humanities,

[<http://www.digital.ntu.edu.tw/DADH/indexEN.php>] International Conference Hall, National Taiwan University Library, Taipei, Taiwan.

Dec. 5–6:

Ubiquitous Learning Conference, [<http://ubi-learn.com/conference-2009/>] Northeastern University, Boston.

Dec. 6–9:

IEEE International Conference on Data Mining, [<http://www.cs.umbc.edu/ICDM09/>] Miami.

Dec. 7–9:

Arizona Library Association, [<http://www.azla.org/displayconvention.cfm>] Annual Conference, Renaissance Glendale Hotel, Glendale.

Dec. 7–11:

Search Engine Strategies, [<http://www.searchenginestrategies.com/chicago/index.php>] Conference and Expo, Hilton Chicago.

Jan. 12–15:

Association for Library and Information Science Education, [<http://www.alise.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=84121&orgId=ali>] Annual Conference, Boston.

Jan. 15–19:

ALA Midwinter Meeting, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/information.cfm>] Boston.

Feb. 22–25:

Code4Lib 2010, [<http://code4lib.org/conference/2010/>] Renaissance Asheville Hotel, Asheville, North Carolina.

May 15–18:

Acquisitions Institute, [<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/ec/aitl/>] Timberline Lodge, Oregon.

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U.S. & World News

[Hawaiian librarians aid in tsunami recovery in Samoa](#)

A pair of librarians traveled from Hawaii to Pago Pago to help in recovery efforts following the devastating tsunami that struck September 29. Lynn Davis, head of preservation at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Jane Barnwell, director of Pacific Resources for Education and Learning in Honolulu, were in American Samoa October 14–29 as a recovery task force. Davis found that the bottom layer of the files in the high court and the registrar's offices were [soaked](#), but officials in Samoa acted quickly enough to avoid what could have led to much worse damage....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 11; *Honolulu Weekly*, Nov. 4



[Open source advocates reject SirsiDynix warning](#)

In the ongoing discussion about open source library systems, one wouldn't expect a big ILS vendor selling closed, proprietary products to have anything nice to say. Nonetheless, when SirsiDynix Vice President of Innovation Stephen Abram did weigh in on the issue, his harsh criticism created quite a dust-up on Twitter and the blogosphere. But Abram's white paper ([PDF file](#)), originally believed to be a leak and published in Wikileaks October 29, may have done more to legitimize the role of open source software in libraries than challenge it. If nothing else, Abram's marketing piece revealed that open source ILSs are a threat to the vendor-based market....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 11



ALA News

[Electronic petition form now available](#)

Want to run for an ALA office by petition? Try the electronic [petition form](#). Select the type of petition you wish to create and then get the required number of signatures electronically. The form was designed to make the petition process easier, eliminating the need to



[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)

Boston, January 15–19. The Midwinter Meeting is convened for the [primary purpose](#) of expediting the business of the Association through sessions of its governing and administrative delegates serving on board, committees, and Council.



Catch [this week's REaD Alert](#), the free e-newsletter. [REaD Alerts](#) herald the delivery of new issues of *Booklist* magazine. This issue features a Spotlight on Religion

physically carry paper petitions from person to person. Paper petitions will still be available from Lois Ann Gregory-Wood in the Council room at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center during the 2010 Midwinter Meeting. The petition deadline is January 29....

[Games bring families together in U.S. libraries](#)

On November 14, libraries will showcase family-friendly gaming events that demonstrate the recreational and educational value of board and video games. Studies on gaming show that adult patrons who attend library gaming events are more open to using other library services. Libraries report that young users who have visited the library to play games return to use other free resources, such as homework-help programs. To find gaming events in your community, or for more information on National Gaming Day @ your library see the [toolkit](#)....



[Hasbro games have shipped](#)

The Hasbro games (Monopoly Deal, Pictureka! the card game, and Scrabble Slam) destined for public libraries participating in National Gaming Day, November 14, shipped on November 5. In case you're counting, that's 50,100 games going to 16,700 libraries, so it will take a few days for them to arrive across the entire country. ALA is grateful to Hasbro for this amazing donation. AlphaBound and North Star Games have also shipped....



National Gaming Day blog, Nov. 9

[Volunteer for an ALA committee](#)

ALA President-elect Roberta Stevens is seeking ALA members with diverse backgrounds to serve on ALA and Council committees. One of her most important responsibilities is to make appointments to the ALA and Council committees in collaboration with the Committee on Appointments and the Committee on Committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, submit the [committee volunteer form](#) by December 4....

[Get legislators in your library](#)

One of the best ways to get legislators to listen is to show them what your library does to benefit the community. Believe it or not, members of Congress still think of libraries as "those places with all the books." Whether it's a meeting with your trustees, a visit to your library, or a guest appearance at a holiday event, this November 18 webinar will offer practical tips for making these encounters as worthwhile as possible. Register [here](#)....

District Dispatch, Nov. 10

[What does virtual Annual look like to you?](#)

ALA Internet Development Specialist Jenny Levine writes: "For the first time in 2009, 'big ALA' experimented with offering a virtual conference component of its Annual Conference. The Conference Planning Committee has already started talking about how to improve virtual Annual in 2010. We have a three-year contract with Learning Times, so that will be the platform, but many of the other pieces are up in the air at this point. What's on your wish list?"...

ALA Marginalia, Nov. 6

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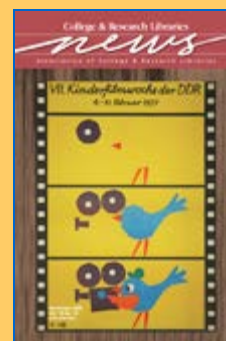


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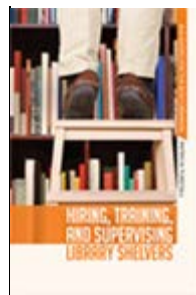


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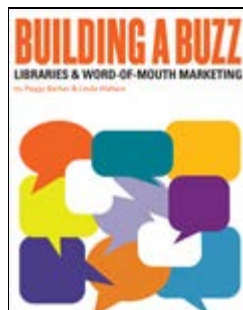
The last word on library shelve

ALA Editions has released [Hiring, Training, and Supervising Library Shelve](#) by Patricia Tunstall. Shelve are crucial to the day-to-day operations of a library, but how does one find good library shelve and keep them for more than a few months? Tunstall gives practical advice to help administrators, supervisors, and human resource personnel do just that with a complete overview on how to hire, test, train, and retain shelve....

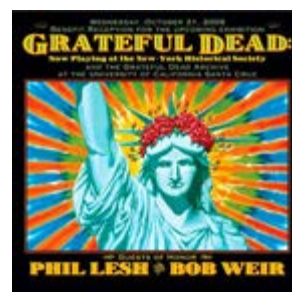


Barber and Wallace share word-of-mouth marketing expertise

ALA Editions has released [Building a Buzz: Libraries and Word-of-Mouth Marketing](#) by Peggy Barber and Linda Wallace, both well-known in the ALA and library communities. The only marketing task more important than getting the word out about libraries is doing it in the most cost-effective way possible, and this book offers numerous effective word-of-mouth marketing strategies. Known for their marketing creativity, Barber and Wallace lay out a wide range of sound marketing principles to spread the word about libraries within the community....



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Grateful Dead

[Archivist](#). Special Collections and Archives, University of California, Santa Cruz. The archivist will be part of a dynamic, collegial, and highly motivated department dedicated to building, preserving, promoting, and providing maximum access both physically and virtually to one of the library's most exciting and unique collections, the Grateful Dead Archive. The UCSC University Library utilizes innovative approaches to allow the discovery, use, management, and sharing of information in support of research, teaching, and learning....

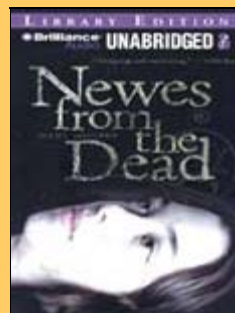


Booklist

ONLINE

Featured review: Media

Hooper, Mary. *Newes from the Dead*. Read by Rosalyn Landor. July 2009. 7 hrs. Grades 9–12. Brilliance, CD (978-1-4233-9230-9). In 1650 England, Anne Green, a servant girl at Sir Thomas Reade's manor house, is wrongly accused of infanticide and hung for her alleged crime. Miraculously, she survives, but this isn't discovered until she is on the dissecting table, surrounded by Oxford professors and medical students awaiting the start of her autopsy. Told in flashbacks, Anne shares how she became impregnated by a young lord and other events that led to the hangman's noose. The story alternates points of view between Anne and Robert, a stuttering, painfully shy medical student, who discovers Anne is still breathing right before dissection is about to begin....



Top 10 religion videos for 2009

Sue-Ellen Beauregard writes: "Reviewed over the past two years, these films cover a spectrum of religious topics and issues, from offering advice on how to face death with a Christian outlook (*Confronting Death*) to profiling a troubled Catholic parish in Massachusetts (*Scenes from a Parish*) and dramatizing a mock trial that debates God's role in



Digital Library of the Week

the Holocaust (*God on Trial*). Choose among these superb titles according to patron demand, interest, and use."...

[Margo Lanagan's 2009 Printz speech](#)

Ian Chipman writes: "Given some of the more intense scenes and themes in Margo Lanagan's dark, boundary-pushing, and extravagantly written *Tender Morsels*, it wasn't outrageous to expect something a little scandalous in her acceptance speech (13:37) at the 2009 Michael L. Printz Awards (administered by YALSA and sponsored by *Booklist*) at Annual Conference in Chicago. Instead, Lanagan went for the reverse shocker and offered a more personal, and rather disarming account of how the book came to be."...

Likely Stories, Nov. 9



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

Boston Update

[The best of Boston](#)

mk Eagle writes: "Midwinter is rapidly approaching. Those of us who already live in Boston don't have much to do besides feel smug about how much we're saving on airfare, but for folks coming in from out of town—particularly if it's your first time in our fair city—no doubt the questions have already started. Is there anything to *do* on the waterfront? What's the best way to get around the city? Where have all the R's gone, and what is this 'chowda' you speak of?"...

YALSA Blog, Nov. 10



[The Boston Hyatt boycott: Here's what we know](#)

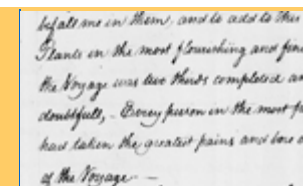
American Libraries Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel writes: "ALA President Camila Alire posted information to the ALA Council discussion list October 23 regarding a boycott of the Hyatt in Boston, one of the Midwinter Meeting hotels. Members who are concerned about this issue need to understand that while ALA as an organization cannot participate in organizing a boycott of this nature, individuals are free to vote with their feet."...

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 10



[Traveling early?](#)

Enjoy free Wi-Fi at [47 participating airports](#) (including Boston), courtesy of Google, through Friday, January 15—assuming you don't mind a little soft advertising. You will likely get a few prompts to change your home page to Google or try out Google Chrome. There



[CORRAL \(UK Colonial Registers and Royal Navy Logbooks\)](#)

is an imaging and digitizing project funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee. The project began October 1, 2008, and was funded through September 2009, during which time its principal objective was to image ship's logbooks of particular historic and scientific value, and to digitize the meteorological observations in those logbooks. The logs of Captains [Robert Fitzroy](#) (captain of HMS *Beagle* during Charles Darwin's epic voyage around the world), [James Cook](#), and [William Bligh](#) of HMS *Bounty* offer good examples. The logbooks of ships on voyages of scientific discovery and exploration are held in the UK National Archives and are stored under catalog heading [ADM55](#). Such documents record the daily activities and weather that these intrepid explorers encountered on their voyages. As such they stand not only as records of national and historical importance, they are also a unique source of climate information from those distant years and at a time when the scientific community needs to know as

will also be chances to donate to Engineers Without Borders, the One Economy Corporation, or the Climate Savers Computing Initiative. Other than that, it's free Wi-Fi for laptops and mobile devices (but not on the way back). However, you might want to take a few extra [security precautions](#)....

Lifehacker, Nov. 10; *PC World*, Nov. 10

Division News

[AASL conference draws record attendance](#)

A record-breaking 3,950 school librarians, educators, exhibitors, and guests attended AASL's 14th National Conference in Charlotte, November 5–8, to discuss key issues that impact our nation's school libraries. The conference featured two full-day and five half-day preconference workshops, several school and educational tours, more than 100 top-quality continuing education programs, author events, and more than 200 exhibiting companies. Social media expert and researcher [danah boyd](#) (above) served as the keynote speaker for the conference's Opening General Session....

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 5



[21st-century skills MILE Guide released](#)

The Partnership for 21st-Century Skills released the [Milestones for Improving Learning and Education \(MILE\) Guide](#), a hands-on tool designed to help districts and schools evaluate their integration of 21st-century skills into current and future practice, November 6 during the AASL conference. The [guide](#) includes a self-assessment tool that provides three benchmarks—early stage, transitional stage, and 21st century—for how far along schools and districts are in terms of student knowledge and skills....

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 7; *eSchool News*, Nov. 9



[AASL Author Banquet entertains and enlightens](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Pamela Goodes writes: "Authors Charles R. Smith Jr. and Laurie Halse-Anderson generated laughs and cheers from the capacity crowd attending the Author Banquet November 6 during the AASL conference. Smith talked about his experiences in writing, photography, and sports in his work of creating children's books by mixing presentations of his poetry. Anderson began her presentation by discussing how she grew up as a shy child who escaped in her school library."...

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 7



[Patterson: Librarians need to make noise](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Pamela Goodes writes: "Best-selling author James Patterson addressed a special general session, 'Turbocharge Your Day with James Patterson,' November 6 during the AASL conference. 'It's time for librarians to start making a lot more noise,' Patterson told the packed crowd. 'School libraries are not a luxury, they are a necessity.' Patterson has



much as possible concerning future and past climatic change. CORRAL has now imaged nearly 300 logbooks producing some 40,000 cataloged images, giving access to every page of these remarkable documents. The research group has three principal partners: The University of Sunderland, the UK Meteorological Office at Hadley Centre, and the British Atmospheric Data Centre.

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

"Libraries give a town a moral center. I don't know how we would get along without them."

—Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder, interviewed in the *Cohasset (Mass.) Mariner*, Oct. 26.



TweetWatch

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Digital Library

launched a new website, ReadKiddoRead.com, designed to help parents, teachers, and librarians find books that will appeal to kids at all reading and interest levels....

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 6

Barbara A. Macikas named PLA executive director

Barbara A. Macikas has been named executive director of PLA. Macikas, who was chosen from a nationwide pool of candidates, will assume her responsibilities on November 23. She brings extensive association management experience to the position, having served as executive director of ASCLA and RUSA from May 2007 to May 2009. In that position, she worked with the boards of directors of two divisions, managed two budgets, directed all day-to-day operations, and facilitated the work of volunteers in both divisions....



Registration opens for YALSA's Teen Tech Week

YALSA launched its Teen Tech Week 2010 [website](#), opening registration and offering resources, including activity ideas, presentations, and publicity tools, for the annual celebration of nonprint resources. Teen Tech Week is March 7–13, with a theme of Learn Create Share @ your library, encouraging teens to take advantage of the many technologies available to them, free of charge, at their libraries....



ACRL invites proposals for 2011 National Conference

ACRL invites proposal submissions for the ACRL 2011 National Conference to be held March 30–April 2, 2011, in Philadelphia. Contributed paper, panel session, preconference, and workshop proposals are due May 10, 2010. Cyber Zed Shed presentation, poster session, roundtable discussion, and Virtual Conference Webcast proposals are due November 1, 2010. Submit proposals via the online [form](#)....



New ACRL publication: Framing Library Instruction

ACRL has released [Framing Library Instruction: A View from Within and Without](#), number 61 in the ACRL Publications in Librarianship monographic series. In *Framing Library Instruction*, John M. Budd of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Information Science and Learning Technologies addresses the philosophical and practical implications of cognition and information and the practice of library instruction in the light of those implications....



YALSA extends deadline for blog manager

YALSA currently seeks a member manager for a new blog, to launch in 2010. This blog will focus solely on young adult literature and will provide teens with a definitive web connection to blog posts, images, booklists, videos, all related to teen reading. The member manager will lead an advisory board that prepares content for the blog and solicits content from the YALSA community. Full details, including qualifications, duties, honoraria, and how to apply, are available

Federation, Fall Forum, Long Beach, California, Nov. 11–12, at:

[#dlforum09](#).

Hawaii Library Association, Annual Conference, Kaneohe, Oahu, Nov. 12, at:

[#hla09](#).

Text Encoding Initiative Consortium, Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Nov. 9–15, at:

[#tei_09](#).

American Libraries news stories, videos, and blog posts at [amlibraries](#).

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. Our library is going to go for a bond issue next spring. What can we be doing now to build support?

A. A lot, actually. Now is the time to build awareness of the services your library offers, the [value of your library](#) to the community, and the benefits (return) your visitors get for their tax dollars (investment). Use word of mouth and other [marketing techniques](#) to position your library as a positive force in your

[online](#). Applications are due November 30....

[LL&M seeks associate editor](#)

LLAMA seeks an experienced writer or editor to assist in the production and eventually take over as editor of the division's quarterly journal, *Library Leadership and Management*. Currently the journal is operating with a coeditorship model that is working quite well, and may be a model for a new approach to producing content for *LL&M*. Applications for a shared editorship role are encouraged. Apply by May 1 to [Kerry Ward](#)....

Leads from LLAMA, Nov. 10



Awards

[ASCLA award for library service to blind and physically handicapped](#)

ASCLA seeks nominees for its annual Francis Joseph Campbell Award, which recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of library service for the blind and physically handicapped. The 2009 award, which consists of a citation and medal, was awarded to Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood (above) for his outstanding efforts as a champion and advocate for the funding and support of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in its transition from analog to digital talking book technology....



[Two contests for the public](#)

The public website for ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries, atyourlibrary.org, is offering cash prizes and Apple iPod Nanos for the winners of two contests for the public. The [At My Library Creative Essay Contest](#) seeks original, creative essays about users' unique experiences at libraries and why American libraries are important. The grand prize winner will receive \$350, and a People's Choice Award winner will receive \$100. All entries must be [emailed](#) before December 7. The site is also raffling off two Apple iPod Nanos over the next two months for anyone who signs up for its newsletter using this [form](#)....



[EBSCO offers five scholarships to attend 2010 Midwinter](#)

ALA and EBSCO are partnering to offer five scholarships for librarians to attend the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, January 15–19. Each EBSCO scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,500, and one of the five scholarships will be awarded to a first-time conference attendee. The scholarship money is to be used for conference registration, travel, and expenses. The deadline to [apply](#) is November 23....

[Business LIS student travel grant](#)

The RUSA Business Reference and Services Section seeks applicants for the 2010 BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award, a grant to help a current library school student with an interest in business reference librarianship attend the 2010 ALA Annual

community. It's good that you have a few months, as you may need to develop [social networking tools](#) or refocus your [website](#) as a vehicle for community outreach. You also have time to attend the upcoming [advocacy workshop](#) at the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting or learn about advocacy at ALA's [Advocacy University](#). From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Calendar

Dec. 7–11:
[SLA Military Libraries Workshop](#), Nashville Downtown Hilton.

Jan. 15:
[OCLC Americas Regional Council](#), first meeting, ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston. "New Ways to Communicate: Engaging the Membership."

Mar. 4–7:
[Alaska Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage.

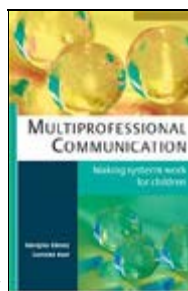
Mar. 10–12:
[Louisiana Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, Baton Rouge. "Louisiana Libraries: The Heart of Our Communities."

Conference in Washington, D.C. All applications must be received by December 15....

[2009 Nasen Awards](#)

Nasen, the leading professional association in the UK embracing special educational needs and disabilities, announced its award winners October 19. The Nasen Awards represent excellence and best practice in books, games, and DVDs in the field for special educational needs. The winner in the category of Academic Book was *Multiprofessional Communication: Making Systems Work for Children*, by Georgina Glenny and Caroline Roaf (Open University, 2008)....

Nasen, Oct. 19



Seen Online

[Google Books deadline extended](#)

Ryan Singel writes: "Google and a coalition of authors and publishers now have until November 13 to submit a new plan on how to let Google build the digital library of the future. A federal judge granted the extension ([PDF file](#)) for the Google Books settlement November 9 after the parties told the court a new settlement was being worked out in consultation with Justice Department attorneys. The Justice department asked the federal district court judge Denny Chin to not approve the settlement unless significant changes were made."...

Epicenter, Nov. 9

[Hayward library borrows Netflix model](#)

The Hayward (Calif.) Public Library will soon offer a new borrowing system based on Netflix. For a monthly fee, library users will be able to check out a limited number of materials for an unlimited amount of time. The optional system will eliminate due dates and overdue fees, asking for money upfront in return for no worries later. Pricing would begin at \$2.99 a month for up to three items out at a time. Acting Library Director Sean Reinhart's idea was approved by the city council in early November....

Oakland (Calif.) Tribune, Nov. 8

[Sioux Falls middle schools remove comic anthology](#)

A cartoon anthology filled with teenage angst, four-letter words, and some drug and sexual references has been pulled from the library collections at two Sioux Falls, South Dakota, public middle schools. Rather than remove Ariel Schrag's *Stuck in the Middle: Seventeen Comics from an Unpleasant Age* from the libraries at Edison and Patrick Henry middle schools, a review committee recommended placing the books in staff collections so that teachers can check them out and use them in class....

Sioux Falls (S.Dak.) Argus Leader, Nov. 11



[Graphic-novel grants help New Jersey libraries](#)

Graphic novels can be funny, childish, romantic, and scary. And as both publishers and librarians can testify, they're amazing at promoting reading among kids, teens, and even adults. The Newfield (N.J.) Public Library is looking forward to adding more books to its shelves in coming months thanks to a recent grant. It is one of 14 small libraries in the state awarded \$3,000 grants administered by

Mar. 17–19:

[Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association](#), Spring Conference, Kalahari Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells. "Into the Wild."

Apr. 28–30:

[Off-Campus Library Services Conference](#), Cleveland Marriott Downtown, Cleveland, Ohio.

Apr. 29–

May 1:

[LOEX Conference](#), Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan.

May 2–8:

[Choose Privacy Week](#).

May 6–7:

[Michigan Library Association](#), Spring Event, Hotel Baronette, Novi. "Academic Libraries 2010: Explore, Discover, Connect."

June 16–18:

[5th Annual Learning Commons Conference](#), Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

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the New Jersey State Library to either establish or grow their graphic novel collections....

Vineland (N.J.) Daily Journal, Nov. 10

12 indicted in Prince George's County book theft ring

Twelve people have been charged with checking out more than \$140,000 in books from Maryland colleges and community libraries and selling them for quick cash.

Prince George's County prosecutors announced the indictment November 10. About \$87,000 worth of books were taken from the Prince George's County Public Library alone between November 2008 and July 2009. Officials said the thieves targeted high-priced science and medical textbooks....

WBAL-TV, Baltimore, Nov. 10



Boston rally protests statewide cuts

About 200 library staff and trustees from across Massachusetts gathered outside the Statehouse in Boston November 4. Holding signs and chanting, "Don't close the books on our libraries," the librarians hoped their demonstration will help stave off further budget cuts to the state library system next year. Last week, Gov. Deval Patrick cut nearly \$800,000 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners budget, and more cuts are planned. A [simultaneous rally](#) was held in Bridgewater....

Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger, Nov. 5

Anchorage library faces deep cuts

If the Anchorage, Alaska, city council approves the \$7.4-million budget for next year that Mayor Dan Sullivan has proposed, the libraries will have lost 13% of their city funding in just two years. Loussac Public Library Director Karen Keller said she'll likely be cutting the hours of the smaller branches to reduce costs. A group of about 80 people [gathered](#) at the Loussac Library November 10 for a town hall meeting to offer up ideas on how to change that....

Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News, Nov. 7; KTUU-TV, Anchorage, Nov. 10



Plan to keep Reading branches open

A new plan is being hatched to keep open the Reading (Pa.) Public Library's three neighborhood branches. According to Mayor Tom McMahon, the idea was conceived at a November 9 meeting. The city would kick in \$100,000 to pay for utilities. The United Way would provide federal stimulus money to help pay for the resource center work of the main library, freeing up those funds for branch operations. The community foundation and the library board would supply some money, and volunteer help would be needed....

Reading (Pa.) Eagle, Nov. 10

Aurora voters reject library funding

Voters in Aurora, Colorado, rejected a ballot initiative November 3 that would have increased local property taxes in order to help fund the city's cash-strapped library system, putting four local branches at risk of closure.



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Under the budget approved by the city council, the Chambers Plaza, Iliff Square, Mission Viejo (above), and Hoffman Heights branches will now be tagged for closure in 2010. The budget will also see the elimination of more than 100 staff positions from the Library and Cultural Services Department....

Aurora (Colo.) Sentinel, Nov. 5

Library flood damage surpasses \$7 million

The cost to repair the Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library from August's flash flooding has surpassed \$7 million, with full use of the building not expected until late spring, Director Craig Buthod said. The amount is \$2 million more than previously estimated. Three of five new boilers on order were installed last week, and on November 9 a large crane set a new chiller in place. The boilers are providing "the first heat we have been able to generate" since the flood, Buthod said....

Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, Nov. 9

Sonoma County system to shut down for 10 days

Declining property tax revenue has prompted the Sonoma County (Calif.) Library to schedule a 10-day shutdown over the holidays to help achieve a \$1.7 million budget cut. All 13 libraries will be closed from December 24 to January 4, with more than 200 library workers and managers furloughed for that period, Library Director Sandy Cooper said. The website and online services will shut down as well....

Santa Rosa (Calif.) Press Democrat, Nov. 4

Protect kids or free speech?

Controlling what children see on TV, online, and in other electronic media requires a delicate balancing act between the First Amendment rights of content providers and the desire to protect kids from inappropriate material, said panelists during a November 2 discussion at the Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C. Digital media creates many opportunities for children but also presents potential dangers, panelists noted, including a greater chance of exposing children to inappropriate content....

eSchool News, Nov. 6

A new look for NYPL's lion logo

For the first time in at least a quarter century, the New York Public Library has unveiled a new logo, this one designed to work both online and in print. Consisting of a profile of a lion inside a circle, it sheds the fussy detail of the old one.



Instead, it uses bold, simple lines that evoke the style of stained-glass windows, woodcuts, or old printers' marks. The new logo has already been introduced on the library website and will be adopted on library signs, library cards, and printed materials. Watch the [video](#) (1:21)....

New York Times City Room Blog, Nov. 9; YouTube, Nov. 6

Secrets of the New York Public Library stacks

The New York Public Library, with its landmark headquarters at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, is a marvel of big numbers. It is undergoing a \$1.2-billion makeover in preparation for its 100th birthday. Built from 1899 to 1911, it cost \$9 million, contains 530,000 cubic feet of white Vermont marble and 125 miles of shelving, and opened with an inventory of one million items. Here are some little-known highlights of this fabled institution. (A pair of Elizabeth Barrett

Browning's slippers, anyone?)...

New York Times, Nov. 6

[Jersey City library staff greet Wendy Williams](#)

After convincing her staff to send in a tape imitating the Wendy Williams greeting, "How you doin'?" Jersey City (N.J.) Free Public Library Director Priscilla Gardner and the rest of her staff (right) appeared on the November 9 *Wendy Williams Show*. Gardner—who regularly greets her staff members with "How you doin'?"—was shocked when a letter arrived with an invitation to come to the studio and introduce Williams and her first guest....

Jersey Journal, Nov. 6



[Rocket scientist's papers go to Huntsville](#)

Konrad Dannenberg had two careers in his long, illustrious life. He was a brilliant rocket scientist and, in his later years, an energetic teacher and space ambassador, determined to pass his passion to future generations. Dannenberg died in February at 96, but his second career continues with the donation of his papers and memorabilia to the M. Louis Salmon Library at the University of Alabama in Huntsville....

Huntsville (Ala.) Times, Nov. 5



[Stroudsburg's boxing librarian](#)

Bill Lowenburg, librarian at Stroudsburg (Pa.) High School, gave a presentation on "Hooking Off the Jab: Norman Mailer and Boxing" at the annual conference of the Norman Mailer Society held October 23–24 at the Library of Congress. Lowenburg is uniquely qualified to grasp the subtle interplay between boxing and writing in Mailer's work: He fought in amateur bouts when he was younger and recently started training young fighters at a local gym. In addition, he is an accomplished photographer....

Stroudsburg (Pa.) *Pocono Record*, Nov. 4



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Tech Talk

[10 gadgets to make Google Wave more fun](#)

Sebastian Anthony writes: "It's still early days for Google Wave but already there are a large number of gadgets. Gadgets are local, client-side (as in they run on your computer), Javascript and HTML. Bear in mind that these are all beta gadgets. Many of them work just fine, but you might hit some bugs along the way." Includes VoIP conferencing and video/audio conferencing....

Download Squad, Nov. 6



[Learn the facts before you install](#)

analytics tools

Elliot Harmon writes: "Using various web statistics and analytics tools, you can learn how people are finding your website, where visitors are located geographically, and what parts of your site they're visiting. But is your visitors' information being used by others? What responsibility do you have to explain to your users what information they are giving away and to whom? In this article, we'll explore some privacy issues surrounding web analytics (especially Google Analytics) and other website tools."...

TechSoup, Oct. 26



10 ways to use Twitter lists

Sarah Evans writes: "Twitter's new Lists feature is all the rage right now. There are probably already millions of lists, and that number is growing by the minute (or second). So what are people using all these lists for? Are people creating lists just for the sake of creating lists? Savvy individuals are looking for ways to use lists to further their personal/professional agendas, and while we are all still learning how to harness the power of this new feature, here are a few ideas to get the creative juices flowing." Suggestion #8: Event attendees and live-tweeters lists....

Mashable, Nov. 4

Not just another pretty picture

Hilary Davis writes: "When I started having conversations with my library colleagues about data visualization tools and techniques, I was humbled by what I didn't know and embarrassed that I hadn't heard about, much less tested, some of the data visualization tools that are surfacing. So, I decided to start exploring what I've been missing while hiding behind the ubiquity of Microsoft Excel graphs and charts. In this post, I present some examples using a few popular data visualization tools and give an overview of some inspirational guides for creating compelling data graphics that may help you better express your own library metrics."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Nov. 11



Droid wars

Sascha Segan writes: "The [Motorola Droid](#) (right) is the hottest smartphone in America right now, but how does it measure up against the competition? We put the Droid in the ring against three levels of opponents: first, all the other Android phones available; then, the other top smartphones on Verizon, and finally, the reigning champ, the Apple iPhone 3GS. Who will come out on top?"...

PC Magazine, Nov. 6



12 coolest MP3 players

Gracie Murano collects a set of the cleverest-looking MP3 players for your enjoyment. Among them are a Rubik's Cube, an audiocassette, a toilet, a Lego, a Swiss Army knife, and a belt buckle. The [Code M](#) set of running shoes by Dada has a set of built-in players. Murano writes: "Of course, it wouldn't be practical to have an extra-



long headphone cord running from your feet up to your head, so they have decided to integrate a wireless music system in these shoes, so that you can receive the tunes on your wireless headset."...

Oddee, Nov. 4

Web archaeology: Gopherspace tunnels on

Nate Anderson writes: "Remember Gopher? The protocol predated the web, and a hardy band of enthusiasts has kept Gopherspace alive. Gopher was designed in 1991 as a client-server protocol running over TCP/IP. Much lighter than HTTP and HTML, Gopher provided essentially two options: menus and documents, both of which were accessed through port 70. The system was initially text-based, though basic image-serving ability came later. Gopher hasn't died completely, however."...

Ars Technica, Nov. 4



Publishing

Retired New Jersey librarian's novel has local roots

Alice DiNizo's résumé may include decades spent as a children's librarian, but the recent retiree's rookie effort as a novelist treads over childhood abuse, racial tension, and serial murder. The former Plainfield (N.J.) Public Library staffer is the author of *Imperfect Past* (Eloquent Books, 2009) under the pen name "J. B." The novel chronicles the life of Annie Phillips Murray, a white woman who falls in love with a black police officer during World War II in a town called North Hadley—which DiNizo says residents should instantly recognize as Plainfield....

Bridgewater (N.J.) Courier News, Nov. 6



Gay characters give Scholastic problems

Will a book with a pair of gay characters appear at Scholastic's book fairs? If no, there was angry talk of a boycott. And if yes, well, there is also angry talk of a boycott. The book in question is a novel called *Luv Ya Bunches* by Lauren Myracle. The book is aimed at readers ages 9–12, and it tells the story of four girls with nothing in common except that they are all named for flowers. And one has a pair of same-sex parents. Now Scholastic says the book will appear—with gay characters intact—at middle school fairs in spring 2010....

Christian Science Monitor, Nov. 5



Best illustrated children's books of 2009

Every year since 1952, the *New York Times Book Review* has asked a panel of judges to select 10 books from among the several thousand children's books published that year. The judges this time around were author Adam Gopnik; teacher and illustrator Jillian Tamaki; and Lisa Von Drasek, children's librarian of the Bank Street College of Education. One of their picks is Brian Floca's *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11*



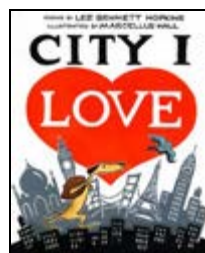
(Atheneum)....

New York Times Book Review, Nov. 8

[Interview with cover designer Chad W. Beckerman](#)

Travis Jonker writes: "If cover designers are superhero alter-egos, then Chad W. Beckerman (art director and cover designer for Abrams Books for Young Readers and Amulet Books, as well as [Mishaps and Adventures](#) blogger) would have to be Clark Kent. Friendly and hard-working by day, yet designing covers that have been known to burst onto shelves, leaping tall buildings (or at least generating lots of interest) in a single bound. Beckerman kindly sat down recently to discuss his work, the future of book covers, and his confusion over pirates with clean socks."...

100 Scope Notes, Nov. 10



[Alexander Street's streaming music and video to go mobile](#)

Electronic publisher Alexander Street Press will release a free iPhone application in early 2010 that will make its complete line of online music collections—including *Classical Music Library*, *Jazz Music Library*, and *Smithsonian Global Sound for Libraries*—fully accessible on iPhone and iPod Touch handheld devices. With subsequent releases, patrons of subscribing libraries will also be able to access all Alexander Street video collections, such as *American History in Video*, *Theatre in Video*, and *Ethnographic Video Online*....

Alexander Street Press, Nov. 9



[Summon and EBSCOhost are going there too](#)

Gary Price writes: "Both EBSCOhost Mobile and Summon Mobile from Serials Solutions have officially been released. We've had only a short time to use both and for the most part were very impressed. I am more sure than ever that mobile devices (from an e-book reader to a Palm Pre to a Droid to an iPhone) can be powerful research tools in their own right. Perhaps the most important issue is how much promotion and marketing will EBSCO and the libraries that use EBSCO give to the new mobile interface?"...

Resource Shelf, Nov. 10

[McCulture: The lost translations](#)

Aviya Kushner writes: "Americans have developed an admirable fondness for books, food, and music that preprocess other cultures. But for all our enthusiasm, have we lost our taste for the truly foreign? Translations are rarely bestsellers; it can be hard to find a newly translated book at a megabookstore, even if that book was hugely important in its home country. Solid numbers on translated books published in the United States are difficult to come by, but in a 2007 *New York Times* report on the international book market, writer Jascha Hoffman determined that less than 3% of all books published in the United States in 2004 were translated."...

Wilson Quarterly, Winter issue



Actions & Answers

Not economics but justice

Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: "I am all for librarians participating in popular political discourse, but I think this post, by Purdue University Government Information and Political Science Librarian Bert Chapman, who tries to make ["An Economic Case Against Homosexuality."](#) has some rhetorical and logical problems. The only economic issue specifically regarding homosexuality in the entire post is the claim that businesses expanding coverage makes it difficult for them. That's the case for any benefits at all, though."...

Academic Librarian, Nov. 10; Conservative Librarian, Oct. 27

Extending the library's reach

Tom Storey writes: "For 10 years, Brian Mathews has focused his passion for librarianship on students—specifically, how to mesh the student lifestyle with library services. Mathews, assistant university librarian for outreach and academic services at the University of California, Santa Barbara, is one of a growing number in the profession who are taking library services to users, rather than expecting users to come to the library. These professionals want the library to be anywhere and everywhere—particularly in places where it is not expected (such as at the beach)."...

NextSpace, no. 13 (Sept.)



A space to collaborate

David Rath writes: "If you could rebuild your campus library from the ground up, how would it be different? Would the impact of digital technology significantly alter the features and design? For many administrators, these questions are hypothetical, offering them a chance to sketch out new commons areas or draw up a features wish list. But others have had to reconsider the role of a library on a 21st-century campus as they design buildings they hope will still be relevant decades from now."...

Campus Technology, Nov. 1



Photography of and in public libraries

Peter Hirtle writes: "Jessamyn West started a fascinating exchange when she [reported](#) on her attempts to photograph the Des Moines, Iowa, Public Library. In addition to the extensive comments on her post, it also led to an interesting [exchange](#) on a list for architects. Because I know that Carolyn Wright, the Photo Attorney, is interested in efforts to restrict photography in public places, I shared the exchange with her and she [weighed in](#) on the legal issues. Anyone interested in policies regarding photographs in library buildings should read all the exchanges, but here is what I have taken away."...

LibraryLaw Blog, Nov. 9; Librarian.net, Oct. 23; Archinect, Oct. 23; Photo Attorney, Nov. 1



Experts: Copyright law hinders scholarship

Day two of the annual Educause higher-education technology

conference in Denver, November 3–6, saw at least two presenters speak out about the unfair application of strict copyright protections to scholarly journals—a practice, they said, that hinders academic endeavors. Stanford law professor and activist Lawrence Lessig said that restrictive copyright laws are “destructive of science and education” because academia has adopted a copyright model that largely mimics that of the entertainment industry....

eSchool News, Nov. 6

[Cataloger's Desktop 3.0](#)

The Library of Congress has launched Cataloger's Desktop 3.0, a major modernization of its popular web-based subscription service of important cataloging and metadata resources. Desktop, available from the Cataloging Distribution Service, provides catalogers access to more than 280 electronic manuals, cataloging and classification standards, procedures and resources. The new 3.0 version adds operational enhancements, greatly expanding its search and information-discovery features....

Library of Congress, Nov. 4



[Libraries: A bridge over the Digital Divide](#)

The Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library consistently ranks as one of the nation's busiest library systems. In 2008, it ranked 7th in the nation in the volume of materials circulated—with 17.8 million items, mostly print books, checked out by patrons. This September report ([PDF file](#)) on “Broadband and the Digital Divide: The New Role of Public Libraries” by the Knight Center of Digital Excellence offers a case study in the library's pursuit of broadband connectivity, the impact of these efforts in Northeast Ohio, and the potential role CCPL exemplifies for public libraries in bridging the digital divide....

Knight Center of Digital Excellence, June 16



[101 ways to promote a new blog](#)

David Turnbull writes: “Promoting a new blog can be quite daunting, but it doesn't have to be. As you might expect, breaking down blog promotion into small, actionable tasks eliminates the mental roadblock you've probably experienced when trying to wrap your head around how to get people's attention. You don't have to do everything in this list, and some items will have a greater effect than others, but every tactic will at least drive some traffic, and any traffic is better than no traffic.”...

Daily Blog Tips, Nov. 4

[Open access memberships: Are libraries paying too much?](#)



Philip Davis writes: “Do open access membership fees save institutions money? In the case of Columbia University, the answer is clearly no. Susan Klimley, serials and electronic resources librarian at the Columbia University Health Sciences Library, presented a talk titled ‘Cost/Benefit Analysis of BioMed Central Membership at a Large Medical Institution’ at the Charleston Conference on November 6. What motivated her to undertake the study was seeing her membership fees rise each year by 8%, and then by 10% in 2009.”...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Nov. 9

[Does entertainment want to be free?](#)

New York magazine interviewed 100 pedestrians in Soho to find out where they get their information and entertainment and how much they would pay for it. Some of the questions were: "Where do you get most of your news? How much do you spend buying music online? How much do you spend a year on books? Do you like any commercials so much that you sit and watch them?"...

New York, Nov. 8

[Dangerously irrelevant libraries](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "My friend Scott McLeod at the Dangerously Irrelevant blog posts a list of hard questions about books, libraries, and librarians in '[10 questions about books, librarians, and schools](#).' He has been using these questions as the foundation of some (very good) keynotes given at library conferences. Two things: First, it's incredibly important we have people like Scott from outside our profession giving us attention and asking us to think. Second, how we respond to folks like Scott says a lot about *us*."...

Blue Skunk Blog, Nov. 5; Dangerously Irrelevant, Nov. 3

[Twitter joins up with LinkedIn](#)

Allen Blue writes: "LinkedIn is announcing a partnership with Twitter—and some new features. The idea is simple: When you set your status on LinkedIn you can now tweet it as well, amplifying it to your followers and real-time search services like Twitter Search and Bing. And when you tweet, you can send that message to your LinkedIn connections as well, from any Twitter service or tool." [Watch](#) LinkedIn cofounder Reid Hoffman (left) and Twitter cofounder Biz Stone discuss (2:29) the great potential of the integration between their companies....

LinkedIn Blog, Nov. 9; YouTube, Nov. 9



[Apply for free Space Shuttle artifacts](#)

Libraries are invited to apply for free NASA space shuttle artifacts, including small items such as astronaut helmets, gloves, and boots, and large items such as shuttle Motion Based Simulators and Crew Compartment Trainers. NASA will retire the Space Shuttle Program at the end of 2010 and is eager for the public to learn about space exploration through exhibitions. Artifacts, which will be released as they are no longer needed, may be viewed by [eligible institutions](#) that have been given a logon and password at the General Services Administration [website](#)....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Nov. 6



[Learned book illustrations](#)

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "Michael Suarez, the new director of the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia, presented the fifth annual Kenneth Karmiole Lecture on the History of the Book Trade at the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library in Los Angeles on November 7 to an enraptured audience.

His subject, 'Learned Book Illustrations, Their Patrons, and the Vagaries of the Trade in 17th- and 18th-century England,' might, in the wrong hands, have held the potential to desiccate cortices. But Suarez is no ordinary lecturer."...



Book Patrol, Nov. 9

[Working men's libraries](#)

Larry Nix writes: "Forerunners and early competitors to America's free public libraries came in many varieties. The Working Men's Institute libraries were one type. The first Working Men's Institute was founded in 1838 in New Harmony, Indiana, with a mission to disseminate useful knowledge to those who work with their hands. It was the first of 144 such institutions in Indiana and 16 in Illinois and is the only one remaining. Its library is Indiana's oldest and still functions as a public library."...

Library History Buff Blog, Nov. 10



[It's Alabama School Libraries Week](#)

The Alabama Instructional Media Association launched its first Alabama School Libraries Week, November 9–13, recognizing the work of hundreds of library media specialists teaching in the state's K–12 public schools. At [North Highland Elementary School](#), Michelle Wilson has brought in guest readers, including administration from the central office who often don't get to see school libraries in action. Her students are capping the week with a character dress-up day November 13....

Alabama Instructional Media Association, Oct. 26; AASL Blog, Nov. 10



[Second Life Information Literacy Week](#)

Sheila Webber writes: "I have been organizing Information Literacy Week in Second Life, which runs November 9–15. You will be able to participate if you have a SL avatar and have the SL browser installed on your computer. The full schedule is posted on the event [website](#)." ACRL has an ongoing event on its site at ALA Island, and there are many other exhibits and discussions planned....

Information Literacy Weblog, Nov. 9



[A new Librarian movie in 2010, @ your theater](#)

Clarissa writes: "The first Librarian TV movie with Noah Wyle appeared in 2004 and was called *Quest for the Spear*. The second was in 2006 and was called *Return to King Solomon's Mines*, and the final one (or so we thought) aired in 2008 and was called *The Curse of the Judas Chalice*. Producer Dean Devlin recently announced that a fourth Librarian movie will be released in theaters. No word yet on the date, but since shooting will occur this year, chances are it will be released sometime in 2010."...

TV Overmind, Nov. 8



[Dewey look-alike contest](#)

Jill Rosen writes: "Legions of cat lovers have fallen for Dewey, the famous Iowa library cat immortalized last year in *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*. The children's book (*Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library!*) is out and I'm offering a copy to the owner of the kitty that most resembles



the adorable, orange, furball that was the Dew." Some submissions (such as Sydney, above) are already on display....

Baltimore Sun Unleashed blog, Nov. 8

[How to get your op-eds into print](#)

Tom McNamee, editorial page editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, delivers some valuable advice on how to write op-eds in this [excerpt](#) (2:03) from the 2009 PR Forum at ALA's Annual Conference in Chicago.

McNamee in particular emphasizes the importance of telling stories. An [op-ed](#) written by then-ALA President Jim Rettig and Chicago Public Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey appeared in the *Sun-Times* prior to the conference....

Visibility @ your library, Nov. 10



[Biblioburro, the Colombian donkey library](#)

For the past 10 years, Luis Soriano, a teacher in the small town of La Gloria, Colombia, has been following the same ritual (5:20). Every weekend, he gathers his donkey in front of his house, straps on the "Biblioburro" pouches to its back, and loads them with a selection of books from the eclectic collection he has acquired over the years. Off on his mobile library, he travels into the hills and through the fields to the villages beyond where children await his visits impatiently....

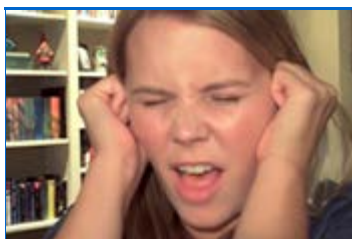
Ayoka, Aug. 24



[The f-bomb](#)

Jackson Pearce, author of *As You Wish* (HarperTeen, 2009), writes: "There's been a lot of talk about why authors should or shouldn't use mature language, themes, or concepts in YA literature. So I did a video!" In this direct talk to parents (3:00), Pearce advocates for "books that allow teens to speak in a realistic manner." Parents can use this as an opportunity to talk to their teens about appropriate speech, or they can opt to go "la-la-la-la-la" (above)....

YouTube, Nov. 4



[Libraries on YouTube: This week's top five](#)

Charlie Thomason writes: "What do superheroes, rock climbing, and zombies all have in common? Well, not much except that they're all the subject of this week's Best of Libraries on YouTube.

Every two weeks we take a look at some of the highly creative videos that libraries and library lovers have uploaded to the web."

This week includes a zombie invasion (1:00) in the McMaster University's Mills Learning Commons in Hamilton, Ontario (above)....

@ your library, Nov. 5



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AL Direct, November 11, 2009

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U.S. & World News

Hawaiian librarians aid in tsunami recovery in Samoa

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/amsamoarecovery111109.cfm>]

A pair of librarians traveled from Hawaii to Pago Pago to help in recovery efforts following the devastating tsunami that struck September 29. Lynn Davis, head of preservation at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Jane Barnwell, director of Pacific Resources for Education and Learning in Honolulu, were in American Samoa October 14–29 as a recovery task force. Davis found that the bottom layer of the files in the high court and the registrar's offices were soaked, [<http://honoluluweekly.com/feature/2009/11/frozen-in-time/>] but officials in Samoa acted quickly enough to avoid what could have led to much worse damage....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 11; Honolulu Weekly, Nov. 4

Open source advocates reject SirsiDynix warning

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/>]

abramvsoss111109.cfm]

In the ongoing discussion about open source library systems, one wouldn't expect a big ILS vendor selling closed, proprietary products to have anything nice to say. Nonetheless, when SirsiDynix Vice President of Innovation Stephen Abram did weigh in on the issue, his harsh criticism created quite a dust-up on Twitter and the blogosphere. But Abram's white paper (PDF file [<http://stephenslighthouse.sirsi.com/Open%20Source%20Position%20Paper%2020091014%20FINAL%5B1%5D.pdf>]), originally believed to be a leak and published in Wikileaks October 29, may have done more to legitimize the role of open source software in libraries than challenge it. If nothing else, Abram's marketing piece revealed that open source ILSs are a threat to the vendor-based market.... American Libraries Online, Nov. 11

ALA News

Electronic petition form now available
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/petition_governance.cfm]

Want to run for an ALA office by petition? Try the electronic petition form
[<https://www.ala.org/template.cfm?template=/CFApps/epetition/index.cfm>]. Select the type of petition you wish to create and then get the required number of signatures electronically. The form was designed to make the petition process easier, eliminating the need to physically carry paper petitions from person to person. Paper petitions will still be available from Lois Ann Gregory-Wood in the Council room at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center during the 2010 Midwinter Meeting. The petition deadline is January 29....

Games bring families together in U.S. libraries
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/gaming_pio.cfm]

On November 14, libraries will showcase family-friendly gaming events that demonstrate the recreational and educational value of board and video games. Studies on gaming show that adult patrons who attend library gaming events are more open to using other library services. Libraries report that young users who have visited the library to play games return to use other free resources, such as homework-help programs. To find gaming events in your community, or for more information on National Gaming Day @ your library see the toolkit
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/mediapresscenter/presskits/ngd09/ngd09pk.cfm>]....

Hasbro games have shipped
[<http://ngd.ala.org/2009/11/09/hasbro-games-have-shipped/>]
The Hasbro games (Monopoly Deal, Pictureka! the card game, and Scrabble Slam) destined for public libraries participating in National Gaming Day, November 14, shipped on November 5. In case you're counting, that's 50,100 games going to 16,700 libraries, so it will take a few days for them to arrive across the entire country. ALA is grateful to Hasbro for

this amazing donation. AlphaBound and North Star Games have also shipped....

National Gaming Day blog, Nov. 9

Volunteer for an ALA committee

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/stevens_governance.cfm]

ALA President-elect Roberta Stevens is seeking ALA members with diverse backgrounds to serve on ALA and Council committees. One of her most important responsibilities is to make appointments to the ALA and Council committees in collaboration with the Committee on Appointments and the Committee on Committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, submit the committee volunteer form [<http://tinyurl.com/ybpgsm9>] by December 4....

Get legislators in your library

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=4010>]

One of the best ways to get legislators to listen is to show them what your library does to benefit the community. Believe it or not, members of Congress still think of libraries as “those places with all the books.” Whether it’s a meeting with your trustees, a visit to your library, or a guest appearance at a holiday event, this November 18 webinar will offer practical tips for making these encounters as worthwhile as possible. Register here

[<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/417322194>]....

District Dispatch, Nov. 10

What does virtual Annual look like to you?

[<http://discuss.ala.org/marginalia/2009/11/06/what-does-virtual-annual-look-like-to-you/>]

ALA Internet Development Specialist Jenny Levine writes: “For the first time in 2009, ‘big ALA’ experimented with offering a virtual conference component of its Annual Conference. The Conference Planning Committee has already started talking about how to improve virtual Annual in 2010. We have a three-year contract with Learning Times, so that will be the platform, but many of the other pieces are up in the air at this point. What’s on your wish list?”...

ALA Marginalia, Nov. 6

The last word on library shelvees

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/shelvers_editions.cfm]

ALA Editions has released Hiring, Training, and Supervising Library Shelvees [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2777>] by Patricia Tunstall. Shelvees are crucial to the day-to-day operations of a library, but how does one find good library shelvees and keep them for more than a few months? Tunstall gives practical advice to help administrators, supervisors, and human resource personnel do just that with a complete overview on how to hire, test, train, and retain shelvees....

Barber and Wallace share word-of-mouth marketing expertise

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/barber_editions.cfm]

ALA Editions has released Building a Buzz: Libraries and Word-of-Mouth

Marketing [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2767>] by Peggy Barber and Linda Wallace, both well-known in the ALA and library communities. The only marketing task more important than getting the word out about libraries is doing it in the most cost-effective way possible, and this book offers numerous effective word-of-mouth marketing strategies. Known for their marketing creativity, Barber and Wallace lay out a wide range of sound marketing principles to spread the word about libraries within the community....

Featured review: Media

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3691684]

Hooper, Mary. *Newes from the Dead*. Read by Rosalyn Landor. July 2009. 7 hrs. Grades 9–12. Brilliance, CD (978-1-4233-9230-9).

In 1650 England, Anne Green, a servant girl at Sir Thomas Reade’s manor house, is wrongly accused of infanticide and hung for her alleged crime. Miraculously, she survives, but this isn’t discovered until she is on the dissecting table, surrounded by Oxford professors and medical students awaiting the start of her autopsy. Told in flashbacks, Anne shares how she became impregnated by a young lord and other events that led to the hangman’s noose. The story alternates points of view between Anne and Robert, a stuttering, painfully shy medical student, who discovers Anne is still breathing right before dissection is about to begin....

Top 10 religion videos for 2009

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3849095]

Sue-Ellen Beauregard writes: “Reviewed over the past two years, these films cover a spectrum of religious topics and issues, from offering advice on how to face death with a Christian outlook (*Confronting Death*) to profiling a troubled Catholic parish in Massachusetts (*Scenes from a Parish*) and dramatizing a mock trial that debates God’s role in the Holocaust (*God on Trial*). Choose among these superb titles according to patron demand, interest, and use.”...

[<http://blip.tv/file/2586383/>]

Margo Lanagan’s 2009 Printz speech [<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2009/11/09/margo-lanagans-2009-printz-speech/>]

Ian Chipman writes: “Given some of the more intense scenes and themes in Margo Lanagan’s dark, boundary-pushing, and extravagantly written *Tender Morsels*, it wasn’t outrageous to expect something a little scandalous in her acceptance speech (13:37) at the 2009 Michael L. Printz Awards (administered by YALSA and sponsored by Booklist) at Annual Conference in Chicago. Instead, Lanagan went for the reverse shocker and offered a more personal, and rather disarming account of how the book came to be.”...

Likely Stories, Nov. 9

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

Boston Update

The best of Boston

[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/11/10/the-best-of-boston/>]

mk Eagle writes: “Midwinter is rapidly approaching. Those of us who already live in Boston don’t have much to do besides feel smug about how much we’re saving on airfare, but for folks coming in from out of town—particularly if it’s your first time in our fair city—no doubt the questions have already started. Is there anything to do on the waterfront? What’s the best way to get around the city? Where have all the R’s gone, and what is this ‘chowda’ you speak of?”...

YALSA Blog, Nov. 10

The Boston Hyatt boycott: Here’s what we know

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/10/the-boston-hyatt-boycott-here-s-what-we-know/>]

American Libraries Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel writes: “ALA President Camila Alire posted information to the ALA Council discussion list October 23 regarding a boycott of the Hyatt in Boston, one of the Midwinter Meeting hotels. Members who are concerned about this issue need to understand that while ALA as an organization cannot participate in organizing a boycott of this nature, individuals are free to vote with their feet.”...

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 10

Traveling early?

[<http://lifehacker.com/5401140/google-makes-airport-wi-fi-free-during-the-holidays>]

Enjoy free Wi-Fi at 47 participating airports

[<http://www.freeholidaywifi.com/>] (including Boston), courtesy of Google, through Friday, January 15—assuming you don’t mind a little soft advertising. You will likely get a few prompts to change your home page to Google or try out Google Chrome. There will also be chances to donate to Engineers Without Borders, the One Economy Corporation, or the Climate Savers Computing Initiative. Other than that, it’s free Wi-Fi for laptops and mobile devices (but not on the way back). However, you might want to take a few extra security precautions [http://www.pcworld.com/article/181884/googles_free_airport_wifi_five_ways_to_protect_yourself.html]....

Lifehacker, Nov. 10; PC World, Nov. 10

Division News

AASL conference draws record attendance

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/conference_aasl.cfm]

A record-breaking 3,950 school librarians, educators, exhibitors, and guests attended AASL’s 14th National Conference in Charlotte, November

—8, to discuss key issues that impact our nation’s school libraries. The conference featured two full-day and five half-day preconference workshops, several school and educational tours, more than 100 top-quality continuing education programs, author events, and more than 200 exhibiting companies. Social media expert and researcher danah boyd [<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/05/charlotte-welcome-school-librarians/>] (above) served as the keynote speaker for the conference’s Opening General Session....
AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 5

21st-century skills MILE Guide released
[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/07/milestones-for-improving-learning-and-education-guide-released/>]
The Partnership for 21st-Century Skills released the Milestones for Improving Learning and Education (MILE) Guide, [http://www.21stcenturyskills.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=800&Itemid=52] a hands-on tool designed to help districts and schools evaluate their integration of 21st-century skills into current and future practice, November 6 during the AASL conference. The guide [<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/index.cfm?i=61674>] includes a self-assessment tool that provides three benchmarks—early stage, transitional stage, and 21st century—for how far along schools and districts are in terms of student knowledge and skills....
AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 7; eSchool News, Nov. 9

AASL Author Banquet entertains and enlightens
[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/07/author-banquet-entertains-and-enlightens/>]
American Libraries Associate Editor Pamela Goodes writes: “Authors Charles R. Smith Jr. and Laurie Halse-Anderson generated laughs and cheers from the capacity crowd attending the Author Banquet November 6 during the AASL conference. Smith talked about his experiences in writing, photography, and sports in his work of creating children’s books by mixing presentations of his poetry. Anderson began her presentation by discussing how she grew up as a shy child who escaped in her school library.”...
AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 7

Patterson: Librarians need to make noise
[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/06/patterson-librarians-need-to-make-more-noise/>]
American Libraries Associate Editor Pamela Goodes writes: “Best-selling author James Patterson addressed a special general session, ‘Turbocharge Your Day with James Patterson,’ November 6 during the AASL conference. ‘It’s time for librarians to start making a lot more noise,’ Patterson told the packed crowd. ‘School libraries are not a luxury, they are a necessity.’ Patterson has launched a new website, ReadKiddoRead.com, [<http://www.readkiddoread.com/>] designed to help parents, teachers, and librarians find books that will appeal to kids at all reading and interest levels....
AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 6

Barbara A. Macikas named PLA executive director

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/macikas_pla.cfm]

Barbara A. Macikas has been named executive director of PLA. Macikas, who was chosen from a nationwide pool of candidates, will assume her responsibilities on November 23. She brings extensive association management experience to the position, having served as executive director of ASCLA and RUSA from May 2007 to May 2009. In that position, she worked with the boards of directors of two divisions, managed two budgets, directed all day-to-day operations, and facilitated the work of volunteers in both divisions....

Registration opens for YALSA's Teen Tech Week

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/teentech_yalsa.cfm]

YALSA launched its Teen Tech Week 2010 website

[[HTTP://www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek)], opening registration and offering resources, including activity ideas, presentations, and publicity tools, for the annual celebration of nonprint resources. Teen Tech Week is March 7–13, with a theme of Learn Create Share @ your library, encouraging teens to take advantage of the many technologies available to them, free of charge, at their libraries....

ACRL invites proposals for 2011 National Conference

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/proposals_acrl.cfm]

ACRL invites proposal submissions for the ACRL 2011 National Conference to be held March 30–April 2, 2011, in Philadelphia. Contributed paper, panel session, preconference, and workshop proposals are due May 10, 2010. Cyber Zed Shed presentation, poster session, roundtable discussion, and Virtual Conference Webcast proposals are due November 1, 2010. Submit proposals via the online form

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/national/2011/program/index.cfm>]....

Framing Library Instruction

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/framing_acrl.cfm]

ACRL has released Framing Library Instruction: A View from Within and Without, [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2849>] number 61 in the ACRL Publications in Librarianship monographic series. In Framing Library Instruction, John M. Budd of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Information Science and Learning Technologies addresses the philosophical and practical implications of cognition and information and the practice of library instruction in the light of those implications....

YALSA extends deadline for blog manager

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/deadline_yalsa.cfm]

YALSA currently seeks a member manager for a new blog, to launch in 2010. This blog will focus solely on young adult literature and will provide teens with a definitive web connection to blog posts, images, booklists, videos, all related to teen reading. The member manager will lead an advisory board that prepares content for the blog and solicits content from the YALSA community. Full details, including qualifications, duties,

honoraria, and how to apply, are available online
[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/09/11/yalsa-seeks-member-manager-for-new-blog/>]. Applications are due November 30....

seeks associate editor [<http://www.lama.ala.org/llamaleads/?p=549>]
LLAMA seeks an experienced writer or editor to assist in the production and eventually take over as editor of the division's quarterly journal, Library Leadership and Management. Currently the journal is operating with a coeditorship model that is working quite well, and may be a model for a new approach to producing content for LL&M. Applications for a shared editorship role are encouraged. Apply by May 1 to Kerry Ward [<mailto:kward@ala.org>]....
Leads from LLAMA, Nov. 10

Awards

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ASCLA award for library service to blind and physically handicapped
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/campbell_ascla.cfm]
ASCLA seeks nominees for its annual Francis Joseph Campbell Award, which recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of library service for the blind and physically handicapped. The 2009 award, which consists of a citation and medal, was awarded to Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood (above) for his outstanding efforts as a champion and advocate for the funding and support of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in its transition from analog to digital talking book technology....

Two contests for the public
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/contests_pio.cfm]
The public website for ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries, [atyourlibrary.org](http://www.atyourlibrary.org) [<http://www.atyourlibrary.org>], is offering cash prizes and Apple iPod Nanos for the winners of two contests for the public. The At My Library Creative Essay Contest [<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/essay-contest>] seeks original, creative essays about users' unique experiences at libraries and why American libraries are important. The grand prize winner will receive \$350, and a People's Choice Award winner will receive \$100. All entries must be emailed [<mailto:atyourlibrary@yahoo.com>] before December 7. The site is also raffling off two Apple iPod Nanos over the next two months for anyone who signs up for its newsletter using this form [<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/newsletter>]....

EBSCO offers five scholarships to attend 2010 Midwinter
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/ebscomwscholarship_gov.cfm]
ALA and EBSCO are partnering to offer five scholarships for librarians to attend the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, January 15–19. Each EBSCO scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,500, and one of the five scholarships will be awarded to a first-time conference attendee.

The scholarship money is to be used for conference registration, travel, and expenses. The deadline to apply [<http://www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/awardsrecords/ebscosponsorship/ebscosponsorship.cfm>] is November 23....

Business LIS student travel grant [http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/brasstravelgrant_rusa.cfm]

The RUSA Business Reference and Services Section seeks applicants for the 2010 BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award, a grant to help a current library school student with an interest in business reference librarianship attend the 2010 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. All applications must be received by December 15....

2009 Nasen Awards [<http://www.nasen.org.uk/latestnews/?news=24>]
Nasen, the leading professional association in the UK embracing special educational needs and disabilities, announced its award winners October 19. The Nasen Awards represent excellence and best practice in books, games, and DVDs in the field for special educational needs. The winner in the category of Academic Book was Multiprofessional Communication: Making Systems Work for Children, by Georgina Glenny and Caroline Roaf (Open University, 2008)....
Nasen, Oct. 19

Seen Online

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Google Books deadline extended [<http://www.wired.com/epicenter/2009/11/google-books-extension/>]
Ryan Singel writes: "Google and a coalition of authors and publishers now have until November 13 to submit a new plan on how to let Google build the digital library of the future. A federal judge granted the extension (PDF file [http://www.wired.com/images_blogs/epicenter/2009/11/20091109_letter.pdf]) for the Google Books settlement November 9 after the parties told the court a new settlement was being worked out in consultation with Justice Department attorneys. The Justice department asked the federal district court judge Denny Chin to not approve the settlement unless significant changes were made."...
Epicenter, Nov. 9

Hayward library borrows Netflix model [http://www.mercurynews.com/books/ci_13734221]
The Hayward (Calif.) Public Library will soon offer a new borrowing system based on Netflix. For a monthly fee, library users will be able to check out a limited number of materials for an unlimited amount of time. The optional system will eliminate due dates and overdue fees, asking for money upfront in return for no worries later. Pricing would begin at \$2.99 a month for up to three items out at a time. Acting Library Director Sean Reinhart's idea was approved by the city council in early November....
Oakland (Calif.) Tribune, Nov. 8

Sioux Falls middle schools remove comic anthology

[<http://www.argusleader.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009911110303>]

A cartoon anthology filled with teenage angst, four-letter words, and some drug and sexual references has been pulled from the library collections at two Sioux Falls, South Dakota, public middle schools. Rather than remove Ariel Schrag's *Stuck in the Middle: Seventeen Comics* from an *Unpleasant Age* from the libraries at Edison and Patrick Henry middle schools, a review committee recommended placing the books in staff collections so that teachers can check them out and use them in class....
Sioux Falls (S.Dak.) Argus Leader, Nov. 11

Graphic-novel grants help New Jersey libraries

[<http://www.thedailyjournal.com/article/20091110/NEWS01/911100306>]

Graphic novels can be funny, childish, romantic, and scary. And as both publishers and librarians can testify, they're amazing at promoting reading among kids, teens, and even adults. The Newfield (N.J.) Public Library is looking forward to adding more books to its shelves in coming months thanks to a recent grant. It is one of 14 small libraries in the state awarded \$3,000 grants administered by the New Jersey State Library to either establish or grow their graphic novel collections....
Vineland (N.J.) Daily Journal, Nov. 10

12 indicted in Prince George's County book theft ring

[<http://www.wbalv.com/11investigates/21575930/detail.html>]

Twelve people have been charged with checking out more than \$140,000 in books from Maryland colleges and community libraries and selling them for quick cash. Prince George's County prosecutors announced the indictment November 10. About \$87,000 worth of books were taken from the Prince George's County Public Library alone between November 2008 and July 2009. Officials said the thieves targeted high-priced science and medical textbooks....
WBAL-TV, Baltimore, Nov. 10

Boston rally protests statewide cuts

[<http://www.patriotledger.com/news/x1312014416/Librarians-rally-outside-State-House-to-protest-cuts>]

About 200 library staff and trustees from across Massachusetts gathered outside the Statehouse in Boston November 4. Holding signs and chanting, "Don't close the books on our libraries," the librarians hoped their demonstration will help stave off further budget cuts to the state library system next year. Last week, Gov. Deval Patrick cut nearly \$800,000 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners budget, and more cuts are planned. A simultaneous rally [<http://www.patriotledger.com/archive/x1659495727/Library-supporters-rally-in-Bridgewater>] was held in Bridgewater....
Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger, Nov. 5

Anchorage library faces deep cuts

[<http://www.adn.com/news/alaska/anchorage/story/1004275.html>]

If the Anchorage, Alaska, city council approves the \$7.4-million budget for next year that Mayor Dan Sullivan has proposed, the libraries will have lost 13% of their city funding in just two years. Loussac Public Library Director Karen Keller said she'll likely be cutting the hours of

the smaller branches to reduce costs. A group of about 80 people gathered [<http://www.ktuu.com/Global/story.asp?S=11482662>] at the Loussac Library November 10 for a town hall meeting to offer up ideas on how to change that....

Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News, Nov. 7; KTUU-TV, Anchorage, Nov. 10

Plan to keep Reading branches open

[<http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=165432>]

A new plan is being hatched to keep open the Reading (Pa.) Public Library's three neighborhood branches. According to Mayor Tom McMahon, the idea was conceived at a November 9 meeting. The city would kick in \$100,000 to pay for utilities. The United Way would provide federal stimulus money to help pay for the resource center work of the main library, freeing up those funds for branch operations. The community foundation and the library board would supply some money, and volunteer help would be needed....

Reading (Pa.) Eagle, Nov. 10

Aurora voters reject library funding

[<http://www.aurorasentinel.com/articles/2009/11/05/news/doc4af11c4ba8928454029897.txt>]

Voters in Aurora, Colorado, rejected a ballot initiative November 3 that would have increased local property taxes in order to help fund the city's cash-strapped library system, putting four local branches at risk of closure. Under the budget approved by the city council, the Chambers Plaza, Iliff Square, Mission Viejo (above), and Hoffman Heights branches will now be tagged for closure in 2010. The budget will also see the elimination of more than 100 staff positions from the Library and Cultural Services Department....

Aurora (Colo.) Sentinel, Nov. 5

Library flood damage surpasses \$7 million

[[http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20091109/NEWS01/911090356/Main+Library+flood+damage+surpasses+\\$7+million](http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20091109/NEWS01/911090356/Main+Library+flood+damage+surpasses+$7+million)]

The cost to repair the Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library from August's flash flooding has surpassed \$7 million, with full use of the building not expected until late spring, Director Craig Buthod said. The amount is \$2 million more than previously estimated. Three of five new boilers on order were installed last week, and on November 9 a large crane set a new chiller in place. The boilers are providing "the first heat we have been able to generate" since the flood, Buthod said....

Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, Nov. 9

Sonoma County system to shut down for 10 days

[<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20091104/COMMUNITY/911049976>]

Declining property tax revenue has prompted the Sonoma County (Calif.) Library to schedule a 10-day shutdown over the holidays to help achieve a \$1.7 million budget cut. All 13 libraries will be closed from December 24 to January 4, with more than 200 library workers and managers furloughed for that period, Library Director Sandy Cooper said. The website and online services will shut down as well....

Santa Rosa (Calif.) Press Democrat, Nov. 4

Protect kids or free speech?

[<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/related-top-news/index.cfm?i=61649>]

Controlling what children see on TV, online, and in other electronic media requires a delicate balancing act between the First Amendment rights of content providers and the desire to protect kids from inappropriate material, said panelists during a November 2 discussion at the Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C. Digital media creates many opportunities for children but also presents potential dangers, panelists noted, including a greater chance of exposing children to inappropriate content....

eSchool News, Nov. 6

A new look for NYPL's lion logo

[<http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/11/09/a-new-look-for-the-public-librarys-lion-logo/>]

For the first time in at least a quarter century, the New York Public Library has unveiled a new logo, this one designed to work both online and in print. Consisting of a profile of a lion inside a circle, it sheds the fussy detail of the old one. Instead, it uses bold, simple lines that evoke the style of stained-glass windows, woodcuts, or old printers' marks. The new logo has already been introduced on the library website and will be adopted on library signs, library cards, and printed materials. Watch the video

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_GXiuV-mlo] (1:21)....

New York Times City Room Blog, Nov. 9; YouTube, Nov. 6

Secrets of the New York Public Library stacks

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/08/nyregion/08libr.html>]

The New York Public Library, with its landmark headquarters at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, is a marvel of big numbers. It is undergoing a \$1.2-billion makeover in preparation for its 100th birthday. Built from 1899 to 1911, it cost \$9 million, contains 530,000 cubic feet of white Vermont marble and 125 miles of shelving, and opened with an inventory of one million items. Here are some little-known highlights of this fabled institution. (A pair of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's slippers, anyone?)...

New York Times, Nov. 6

Jersey City library staff greet Wendy Williams

[http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2009/11/jersey_city_free_public_library_1.html]

After convincing her staff to send in a tape imitating the Wendy Williams greeting, "How you doin'?" Jersey City (N.J.) Free Public Library Director Priscilla Gardner and the rest of her staff (right) appeared on the November 9 Wendy Williams Show. Gardner—who regularly greets her staff members with "How you doin'?"—was shocked when a letter arrived with an invitation to come to the studio and introduce Williams and her first guest....

Jersey Journal, Nov. 6

Rocket scientist's papers go to Huntsville

[http://blog.al.com/breaking/2009/11/post_59.html]

Konrad Dannenberg had two careers in his long, illustrious life. He was a brilliant rocket scientist and, in his later years, an energetic teacher and space ambassador, determined to pass his passion to future

generations. Dannenberg died in February at 96, but his second career continues with the donation of his papers and memorabilia to the M. Louis Salmon Library at the University of Alabama in Huntsville....
Huntsville (Ala.) Times, Nov. 5

Stroudsburg's boxing librarian
[<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091104/FEATURES/911040309/-1/NEWS22>]

Bill Lowenburg, librarian at Stroudsburg (Pa.) High School, gave a presentation on "Hooking Off the Jab: Norman Mailer and Boxing" at the annual conference of the Norman Mailer Society held October 23–24 at the Library of Congress. Lowenburg is uniquely qualified to grasp the subtle interplay between boxing and writing in Mailer's work: He fought in amateur bouts when he was younger and recently started training young fighters at a local gym. In addition, he is an accomplished photographer....
Stroudsburg (Pa.) Pocono Record, Nov. 4

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Tech Talk

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10 gadgets to make Google Wave more fun
[<http://www.downloadsquad.com/2009/11/06/ten-gadgets-to-make-google-wave-more-productive-and-fun/>]

Sebastian Anthony writes: "It's still early days for Google Wave but already there are a large number of gadgets. Gadgets are local, client-side (as in they run on your computer), Javascript and HTML. Bear in mind that these are all beta gadgets. Many of them work just fine, but you might hit some bugs along the way." Includes VoIP conferencing and video/audio conferencing....
Download Squad, Nov. 6

Learn the facts before you install analytics tools
[<http://www.techsoup.org/learningcenter/webbuilding/page12238.cfm>]
Elliot Harmon writes: "Using various web statistics and analytics tools, you can learn how people are finding your website, where visitors are located geographically, and what parts of your site they're visiting. But is your visitors' information being used by others? What responsibility do you have to explain to your users what information they are giving away and to whom? In this article, we'll explore some privacy issues surrounding web analytics (especially Google Analytics) and other website tools."...
TechSoup, Oct. 26

10 ways to use Twitter lists
[<http://mashable.com/2009/11/04/twitter-lists-uses/>]
Sarah Evans writes: "Twitter's new Lists feature is all the rage right now. There are probably already millions of lists, and that number is growing by the minute (or second). So what are people using all these lists for? Are people creating lists just for the sake of creating lists? Savvy individuals are looking for ways to use lists to further their

personal/professional agendas, and while we are all still learning how to harness the power of this new feature, here are a few ideas to get the creative juices flowing.” Suggestion #8: Event attendees and live-tweeters lists....
Mashable, Nov. 4

[<http://flowingdata.com/2009/07/07/colored-tree-cookies-and-stairs-in-visualization-ad/>]Not just another pretty picture

[<http://inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2009/not-just-another-pretty-picture/>]

Hilary Davis writes: “When I started having conversations with my library colleagues about data visualization tools and techniques, I was humbled by what I didn’t know and embarrassed that I hadn’t heard about, much less tested, some of the data visualization tools that are surfacing. So, I decided to start exploring what I’ve been missing while hiding behind the ubiquity of Microsoft Excel graphs and charts. In this post, I present some examples using a few popular data visualization tools and give an overview of some inspirational guides for creating compelling data graphics that may help you better express your own library metrics.”...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Nov. 11

Droid wars [<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2355437,00.asp>]

Sascha Segan writes: “ Motorola Droid

[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2354950,00.asp>] Apple iPhone 3GS. Who will come out on top?”...

PC Magazine, Nov. 6

[<http://www.dadafootwear.com/>]12 coolest MP3 players

[http://www.oddee.com/item_96869.aspx]

Gracie Murano collects a set of the cleverest-looking MP3 players for your enjoyment. Among them are a Rubik’s Cube, an audiocassette, a toilet, a Lego, a Swiss Army knife, and a belt buckle. The Code M [<http://www.dadafootwear.com/>] set of running shoes by Dada has a set of built-in players. Murano writes: “Of course, it wouldn’t be practical to have an extra-long headphone cord running from your feet up to your head, so they have decided to integrate a wireless music system in these shoes, so that you can receive the tunes on your wireless headset.”...

Oddee, Nov. 4

[[gopher://gopher.quux.org/1/Humor%20and%20Fun](http://gopher.quux.org/1/Humor%20and%20Fun)]Web archaeology: Gopherspace tunnels on

[<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/news/2009/11/the-web-may-have-won-but-gopher-tunnels-on.ars>]

Nate Anderson writes: “Remember Gopher? The protocol predated the web, and a hardy band of enthusiasts has kept Gopherspace alive. Gopher was designed in 1991 as a client-server protocol running over TCP/IP. Much lighter than HTTP and HTML, Gopher provided essentially two options: menus and documents, both of which were accessed through port 70. The system was initially text-based, though basic image-serving ability came later. Gopher hasn’t died completely, however.”...

Ars Technica, Nov. 4

Retired New Jersey librarian's novel has local roots

[<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20091106/NEWS/911060342/Former+Plainfield+librarian+s+novel+has+local+roots>]

Alice DiNizo's résumé may include decades spent as a children's librarian, but the recent retiree's rookie effort as a novelist treads over childhood abuse, racial tension, and serial murder. The former Plainfield (N.J.) Public Library staffer is the author of *Imperfect Past* (Eloquent Books, 2009) under the pen name "J. B." The novel chronicles the life of Annie Phillips Murray, a white woman who falls in love with a black police officer during World War II in a town called North Hadley—which DiNizo says residents should instantly recognize as Plainfield....

Bridgewater (N.J.) Courier News, Nov. 6

Gay characters give Scholastic problems

[<http://features.csmonitor.com/books/2009/11/05/gay-characters-make-problems-for-scholastic-books/>]

Will a book with a pair of gay characters appear at Scholastic's book fairs? If no, there was angry talk of a boycott. And if yes, well, there is also angry talk of a boycott. The book in question is a novel called *Luv Ya Bunches* by Lauren Myracle. The book is aimed at readers ages 9–12, and it tells the story of four girls with nothing in common except that they are all named for flowers. And one has a pair of same-sex parents. Now Scholastic says the book will appear—with gay characters intact—at middle school fairs in spring 2010....

Christian Science Monitor, Nov. 5

Best illustrated children's books of 2009

[http://www.nytimes.com/gift-guide/holiday-2009/20091108_best-illustrated_gift/list.html]

Every year since 1952, the New York Times Book Review has asked a panel of judges to select 10 books from among the several thousand children's books published that year. The judges this time around were author Adam Gopnik; teacher and illustrator Jillian Tamaki; and Lisa Von Drasek, children's librarian of the Bank Street College of Education. One of their picks is Brian Floca's *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11* (Atheneum)....

New York Times Book Review, Nov. 8

Interview with cover designer Chad W. Beckerman

[<http://100scopenotes.wordpress.com/2009/11/10/chad-w-beckerman-the-interview/>]

Travis Jonker writes: "If cover designers are superhero alter-egos, then Chad W. Beckerman (art director and cover designer for Abrams Books for Young Readers and Amulet Books, as well as Mishaps and Adventures [<http://cwdesigner.blogspot.com/>] blogger) would have to be Clark Kent. Friendly and hard-working by day, yet designing covers that have been known to burst onto shelves, leaping tall buildings (or at least generating lots of interest) in a single bound. Beckerman kindly sat down recently to discuss his work, the future of book covers, and his

confusion over pirates with clean socks.”...
100 Scope Notes, Nov. 10

Alexander Street’s streaming music and video to go mobile
[<http://www.alexanderstreet.com/pressroom/releases/09.1109.AlexanderStreetGoesMobile.htm>]

Electronic publisher Alexander Street Press will release a free iPhone application in early 2010 that will make its complete line of online music collections—including Classical Music Library, Jazz Music Library, and Smithsonian Global Sound for Libraries—fully accessible on iPhone and iPod Touch handheld devices. With subsequent releases, patrons of subscribing libraries will also be able to access all Alexander Street video collections, such as American History in Video, Theatre in Video, and Ethnographic Video Online....
Alexander Street Press, Nov. 9

Summon and EBSCOhost are going there too
[<http://www.resourceshelf.com/2009/11/10/mobile-access-brief-reviews-ebscost-mobile-and-summon-mobile-from-serials-solutions/>]
Gary Price writes: “Both EBSCOhost Mobile and Summon Mobile from Serials Solutions have officially been released. We’ve had only a short time to use both and for the most part were very impressed. I am more sure than ever that mobile devices (from an e-book reader to a Palm Pre to a Droid to an iPhone) can be powerful research tools in their own right. Perhaps the most important issue is how much promotion and marketing will EBSCO and the libraries that use EBSCO give to the new mobile interface?”...
Resource Shelf, Nov. 10

McCulture: The lost translations
[http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=wq.essay&essay_id=502808]
Aviya Kushner writes: “Americans have developed an admirable fondness for books, food, and music that preprocess other cultures. But for all our enthusiasm, have we lost our taste for the truly foreign? Translations are rarely bestsellers; it can be hard to find a newly translated book at a megabookstore, even if that book was hugely important in its home country. Solid numbers on translated books published in the United States are difficult to come by, but in a 2007 New York Times report on the international book market, writer Jascha Hoffman determined that less than 3% of all books published in the United States in 2004 were translated.”...
Wilson Quarterly, Winter issue

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

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Not economics but justice

[http://blogs.princeton.edu/librarian/2009/11/not_economics_but_justice.htm
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Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: “I am all for librarians participating in popular political discourse, but I think this post, by Purdue University Government Information and Political Science Librarian Bert Chapman, who tries to make “An Economic Case Against Homosexuality,” [http://bertchapman.blogtownhall.com/2009/10/27/an_economic_case_against_homosexuality.shtml] has some rhetorical and logical problems. The only economic issue specifically regarding homosexuality in the entire post is the claim that businesses expanding coverage makes it difficult for them. That’s the case for any benefits at all, though.”...

Academic Librarian, Nov. 10; Conservative Librarian, Oct. 27

Extending the library’s reach

[<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/nextspace/013/1.htm>]

Tom Storey writes: “For 10 years, Brian Mathews has focused his passion for librarianship on students—specifically, how to mesh the student lifestyle with library services. Mathews, assistant university librarian for outreach and academic services at the University of California, Santa Barbara, is one of a growing number in the profession who are taking library services to users, rather than expecting users to come to the library. These professionals want the library to be anywhere and everywhere—particularly in places where it is not expected (such as at the beach).”...

NextSpace, no. 13 (Sept.)

A space to collaborate

[<http://www.campustechnology.com/Articles/2009/11/01/21st-Century-Classroom.aspx>]

David Rath writes: “If you could rebuild your campus library from the ground up, how would it be different? Would the impact of digital technology significantly alter the features and design? For many administrators, these questions are hypothetical, offering them a chance to sketch out new commons areas or draw up a features wish list. But others have had to reconsider the role of a library on a 21st-century campus as they design buildings they hope will still be relevant decades from now.”...

Campus Technology, Nov. 1

Photography of and in public libraries

[<http://blog.librarylaw.com/librarylaw/2009/11/photography-of-and-in-libraries.html>]

Peter Hirtle writes: “Jessamyn West started a fascinating exchange when she reported [<http://www.librarian.net/stax/3053/leaving-des-moines/>] on her attempts to photograph the Des Moines, Iowa, Public Library. In addition to the extensive comments on her post, it also led to an interesting exchange

[http://archinect.com/news/article.php?id=93163_0_24_0_C] on a list for architects. Because I know that Carolyn Wright, the Photo Attorney, is interested in efforts to restrict photography in public places, I shared the exchange with her and she weighed in

[<http://www.photoattorney.com/?p=746>] on the legal issues. Anyone interested in policies regarding photographs in library buildings should read all the exchanges, but here is what I have taken away.”...

LibraryLaw Blog, Nov. 9; Librarian.net, Oct. 23; Archinect, Oct. 23;
Photo Attorney, Nov. 1

Experts: Copyright law hinders scholarship

[<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/index.cfm?i=61661>]

Day two of the annual Educause higher-education technology conference in Denver, November 3–6, saw at least two presenters speak out about the unfair application of strict copyright protections to scholarly journals—a practice, they said, that hinders academic endeavors. Stanford law professor and activist Lawrence Lessig said that restrictive copyright laws are “destructive of science and education” because academia has adopted a copyright model that largely mimics that of the entertainment industry....

eSchool News, Nov. 6

Cataloger’s Desktop 3.0

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2009/09-231.html>]

The Library of Congress has launched Cataloger’s Desktop 3.0, a major modernization of its popular web-based subscription service of important cataloging and metadata resources. Desktop, available from the Cataloging Distribution Service, provides catalogers access to more than 280 electronic manuals, cataloging and classification standards, procedures and resources. The new 3.0 version adds operational enhancements, greatly expanding its search and information-discovery features....

Library of Congress, Nov. 4

Libraries: A bridge over the Digital Divide

[<http://www.knightcenter.info/index/article?id=177>]

The Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library consistently ranks as one of the nation’s busiest library systems. In 2008, it ranked 7th in the nation in the volume of materials circulated—with 17.8 million items, mostly print books, checked out by patrons. This September report (PDF file

[http://resources.knightcenter.org/cms/white_papers/f39c67014d7fc7c3/kcode_case_study___cuyahoga_county_public_library___digital_divide_broadband___1c_ccpl___cs6027___september_2009.pdf]) on “Broadband and the Digital Divide: The New Role of Public Libraries” by the Knight Center of Digital Excellence offers a case study in the library’s pursuit of broadband connectivity, the impact of these efforts in Northeast Ohio, and the potential role CCPL exemplifies for public libraries in bridging the digital divide....

Knight Center of Digital Excellence, June 16

101 ways to promote a new blog

[<http://www.dailyblogtips.com/101-ways-to-promote-a-new-blog/>]

David Turnbull writes: “Promoting a new blog can be quite daunting, but it doesn’t have to be. As you might expect, breaking down blog promotion into small, actionable tasks eliminates the mental roadblock you’ve probably experienced when trying to wrap your head around how to get people’s attention. You don’t have to do everything in this list, and some items will have a greater effect than others, but every tactic will at least drive some traffic, and any traffic is better than no traffic.”...

Open access memberships: Are libraries paying too much?

[<http://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2009/11/09/open-access-memberships-are-libraries-paying-too-much/>]

Philip Davis writes: “Do open access membership fees save institutions money? In the case of Columbia University, the answer is clearly no.

Susan Klimley, serials and electronic resources librarian at the Columbia University Health Sciences Library, presented a talk titled ‘Cost/Benefit Analysis of BioMed Central Membership at a Large Medical Institution’ at the Charleston Conference on November 6. What motivated her to undertake the study was seeing her membership fees rise each year by 8%, and then by 10% in 2009.”...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Nov. 9

Does entertainment want to be free?

[<http://nymag.com/news/intelligencer/topic/61861/>]

New York magazine interviewed 100 pedestrians in Soho to find out where they get their information and entertainment and how much they would pay for it. Some of the questions were: “Where do you get most of your news? How much do you spend buying music online? How much do you spend a year on books? Do you like any commercials so much that you sit and watch them?”...

New York, Nov. 8

Dangerously irrelevant libraries

[<http://doug-johnson.squarespace.com/blue-skunk-blog/2009/11/5/dangerously-irrelevant-libraries.html>]

Doug Johnson writes: “My friend Scott McLeod at the Dangerously Irrelevant blog posts a list of hard questions about books, libraries, and librarians in ‘10 questions about books, librarians, and schools.

[<http://www.dangerouslyirrelevant.org/2009/11/10-questions-about-books-libraries-librarians-and-schools.html>]’ He has been using these questions as the foundation of some (very good) keynotes given at library conferences.

Two things: First, it’s incredibly important we have people like Scott from outside our profession giving us attention and asking us to think.

Second, how we respond to folks like Scott says a lot about us.”...

Blue Skunk Blog, Nov. 5; Dangerously Irrelevant, Nov. 3

Twitter joins up with LinkedIn

[<http://blog.linkedin.com/2009/11/09/allen-blue-twitter-and-linkedin-go-together-like-peanut-butter-and-chocolate/>]

Allen Blue writes: “LinkedIn is announcing a partnership with Twitter—and some new features. The idea is simple: When you set your status on LinkedIn you can now tweet it as well, amplifying it to your followers and real-time search services like Twitter Search and Bing. And when you tweet, you can send that message to your LinkedIn connections as well, from any Twitter service or tool.” Watch

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVZ7VA4zORE>] LinkedIn cofounder Reid Hoffman (left) and Twitter cofounder Biz Stone discuss (2:29) the great potential of the integration between their companies....

LinkedIn Blog, Nov. 9; YouTube, Nov. 9

Apply for free Space Shuttle artifacts

[<http://www.ims.gov/news/2009/110609b.shtm>]

Libraries are invited to apply for free NASA space shuttle artifacts, including small items such as astronaut helmets, gloves, and boots, and large items such as shuttle Motion Based Simulators and Crew Compartment Trainers. NASA will retire the Space Shuttle Program at the end of 2010 and is eager for the public to learn about space exploration through exhibitions. Artifacts, which will be released as they are no longer needed, may be viewed by eligible institutions

[http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?contentType=GSA_BASIC&contentId=10790] that have been given a logon and password at the General Services Administration website [<http://gsaccess.gov/NASAWel.htm>]....
Institute of Museum and Library Services, Nov. 6

Learned book illustrations

[<http://www.bookpatrol.net/2009/11/michael-suarez-new-director-of-uvs-rare.html>]

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "Michael Suarez, the new director of the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia, presented the fifth annual Kenneth Karmiole Lecture on the History of the Book Trade at the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library in Los Angeles on November 7 to an enraptured audience. His subject, 'Learned Book Illustrations, Their Patrons, and the Vagaries of the Trade in 17th- and 18th-century England,' might, in the wrong hands, have held the potential to desiccate cortexes. But Suarez is no ordinary lecturer."...

Book Patrol, Nov. 9

Working men's libraries

[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/11/working-mens-libraries.html>]

Larry Nix writes: "Forerunners and early competitors to America's free public libraries came in many varieties. The Working Men's Institute libraries were one type. The first Working Men's Institute was founded in 1838 in New Harmony, Indiana, with a mission to disseminate useful knowledge to those who work with their hands. It was the first of 144 such institutions in Indiana and 16 in Illinois and is the only one remaining. Its library is Indiana's oldest and still functions as a public library."...

Library History Buff Blog, Nov. 10

It's Alabama School Libraries Week

[http://docs.google.com/fileview?id=0B9vXV1-81b_tZmJkNzJjMzMtZTJlMC00OWExLTg5ZjUtMTVjMTE2MDg4MDQ4&hl=en]

The Alabama Instructional Media Association launched its first Alabama School Libraries Week, November 9–13, recognizing the work of hundreds of library media specialists teaching in the state's K–12 public schools. At North Highland Elementary School,

[<http://www.aasl.ala.org/aaslblog/?p=775>] Michelle Wilson has brought in guest readers, including administration from the central office who often don't get to see school libraries in action. Her students are capping the week with a character dress-up day November 13....

Alabama Instructional Media Association, Oct. 26; AASL Blog, Nov. 10

Second Life Information Literacy Week

[<http://information-literacy.blogspot.com/2009/11/information-literacy-week>]

-in-second.html]

Sheila Webber writes: "I have been organizing Information Literacy Week in Second Life, which runs November 9–15. You will be able to participate if you have a SL avatar and have the SL browser installed on your computer. The full schedule is posted on the event website.

[<http://infolit-week-in-sl.ning.com/>]" ACRL has an ongoing event on its site at ALA Island, and there are many other exhibits and discussions planned....

Information Literacy Weblog, Nov. 9

A new Librarian movie in 2010, @ your theater

[<http://www.tvovermind.com/tv-news/the-librarian-tv-series-to-become-a-movie/13022>]

Clarissa writes: "The first Librarian TV movie with Noah Wyle appeared in 2004 and was called Quest for the Spear. The second was in 2006 and was called Return to King Solomon's Mines, and the final one (or so we thought) aired in 2008 and was called The Curse of the Judas Chalice. Producer Dean Devlin recently announced that a fourth Librarian movie will be released in theaters. No word yet on the date, but since shooting will occur this year, chances are it will be released sometime in 2010."...

TV Overmind, Nov. 8

Dewey look-alike contest

[http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/features/mutts/blog/2009/11/does_your_kitty_look_like_dewe.html]

Jill Rosen writes: "Legions of cat lovers have fallen for Dewey, the famous Iowa library cat immortalized last year in Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World. The children's book (Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library!) is out and I'm offering a copy to the owner of the kitty that most resembles the adorable, orange, furball that was the Dew." Some submissions (such as Sydney, above) are already on display....

Baltimore Sun Unleashed blog, Nov. 8

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUGvdBbgOXc>]How to get your op-eds into print [<http://www.pio.ala.org/visibility/?p=1286>]

Tom McNamee, editorial page editor of the Chicago Sun-Times, delivers some valuable advice on how to write op-eds in this excerpt

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUGvdBbgOXc>] (2:03) from the 2009 PR Forum at ALA's Annual Conference in Chicago. McNamee in particular emphasizes the importance of telling stories. An op-ed

[<http://www.pio.ala.org/visibility/?p=838>] written by then-ALA President Jim Rettig and Chicago Public Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey appeared in the Sun-Times prior to the conference....

Visibility @ your library, Nov. 10

Biblioburro, the Colombian donkey library

[<http://www.ayokaproductions.org/content/biblioburro-donkey-library>]

For the past 10 years, Luis Soriano, a teacher in the small town of La Gloria, Colombia, has been following the same ritual (5:20). Every weekend, he gathers his donkey in front of his house, straps on the "Biblioburro" pouches to its back, and loads them with a selection of books from the eclectic collection he has acquired over the years. Off on his mobile library, he travels into the hills and through

the fields to the villages beyond where children await his visits
impatiently....

Ayoka, Aug. 24

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBRztRxxkBZo>]The f-bomb

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

Jackson Pearce, author of *As You Wish* (HarperTeen, 2009), writes:

“There’s been a lot of talk about why authors should or shouldn’t use
mature language, themes, or concepts in YA literature. So I did a video!”

In this direct talk to parents (3:00), Pearce advocates for “books that
allow teens to speak in a realistic manner.” Parents can use this as an
opportunity to talk to their teens about appropriate speech, or they can
opt to go “la-la-la-la-la” (above)....

YouTube, Nov. 4

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVGAlDs-gms>]Libraries on YouTube: This
week’s top five

[<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/best-library-videos-youtube-weeks-top-5>]

Charlie Thomason writes: “What do superheroes, rock climbing, and zombies
all have in common? Well, not much except that they’re all the
subject of this week’s Best of Libraries on YouTube. Every two
weeks we take a look at some of the highly creative videos that libraries
and library lovers have uploaded to the web.” This week includes a zombie
invasion (1:00) in the McMaster University’s Mills Learning Commons in
Hamilton, Ontario (above)....

@ your library, Nov. 5

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ALA Midwinter Meeting,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/information.cfm>] Boston, January 15–19. The Midwinter Meeting is convened for the
primary purpose

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/information.cfm#policy>] of expediting the business of the Association through
sessions of its governing and administrative delegates serving on board,
committees, and Council.

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[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=general_info&id=64]
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[<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/ala>]

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[<http://www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/10262009/power-word-mouth-marketing>]

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[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/crlnews/2009/nov/index.cfm>]

Kean University Librarian Craig Anderson offers tips and tricks for virtual reference in ["How to Be a Person"](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/crlnews/2009/nov/person.cfm); [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/crlnews/2009/nov/person.cfm>] in the November issue of College & Research Libraries News.

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

[http://library2.ucsc.edu/speccoll/GD_archive.html]

Grateful Dead Archivist,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13933>] Special Collections and Archives, University of California, Santa Cruz. The archivist will be part of a dynamic, collegial, and highly motivated department dedicated to building, preserving, promoting, and providing maximum access both physically and virtually to one of the library's most exciting and unique collections, the Grateful Dead Archive. The UCSC University Library utilizes innovative approaches to allow the discovery, use, management, and sharing of information in support of research, teaching, and learning....

[<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://badc.nerc.ac.uk/browse/badc/corral/images/adm55/log151/adm55_log151_page364.jpg]

CORRAL (UK Colonial Registers and Royal Navy Logbooks)

[<http://badc.nerc.ac.uk/data/corral/index.html>] is an imaging and digitizing project funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee. The project began October 1, 2008, and was funded through September 2009, during which time its principal objective was to image ship's logbooks of particular historic and scientific value, and to digitize the meteorological observations in those logbooks. The logs of Captains

Robert Fitzroy

[http://badc.nerc.ac.uk/cgi-bin/corral/view_images/a=53/l=236/p=1/] (captain of HMS Beagle during Charles Darwin's epic voyage around the world), James Cook,

[http://badc.nerc.ac.uk/cgi-bin/corral/view_images/a=55/l=40/p=1/] and William Bligh

[http://badc.nerc.ac.uk/cgi-bin/corral/view_images/a=55/l=151/p=1/] of HMS Bounty offer good examples. The logbooks of ships on voyages of scientific discovery and exploration are held in the UK National Archives and are stored under catalog heading ADM55.

[http://badc.nerc.ac.uk/data/corral/adm55/adm55_index.html] Such documents record the daily activities and weather that these intrepid explorers encountered on their voyages. As such they stand not only as records of national and historical importance, they are also a unique source of climate information from those distant years and at a time when the scientific community needs to know as much as possible concerning future and past climatic change. CORRAL has now imaged nearly 300 logbooks producing some 40,000 cataloged images, giving access to every page of these remarkable documents. The research group has three principal partners: The University of Sunderland, the UK Meteorological Office at Hadley Centre, and the British Atmospheric Data Centre.

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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“Libraries give a town a moral center. I don’t know how we would get along without them.”

—Pulitzer Prize–winning author Tracy Kidder, interviewed in the Cohasset (Mass.) Mariner, Oct. 26.

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Digital Library Federation, Fall Forum, Long Beach, California, Nov. 11–12, at: #dlforum09 [<http://twitter.com/search?q=%23dlforum09>].

Hawaii Library Association, Annual Conference, Kaneohe, Oahu, Nov. 12, at: #hla09 [<http://twitter.com/search?q=%23hla09>].

Text Encoding Initiative Consortium, Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Nov. 9–15, at: #tei_09 [http://twitter.com/search?q=%23tei_09].

American Libraries news stories, videos, and blog posts at [amlibraries](http://www.twitter.com/amlibraries) [<http://www.twitter.com/amlibraries>].

Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. Our library is going to go for a bond issue next spring. What can we be doing now to build support?

A. A lot, actually. Now is the time to build awareness of the services your library offers, the value of your library [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Value_of_Libraries] to the community, and the benefits (return) your visitors get for their tax dollars (investment). Use word of mouth and other marketing techniques [<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Marketing>] to position your library as a positive force in your community. It’s good that you have a few months, as you may need to develop social networking tools [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Using_Current_Technologies] or refocus your website [<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Websites>] as a vehicle for community outreach. You also have time to attend the upcoming advocacy workshop [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyinstitute/index.cfm>] at the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting or learn about advocacy at ALA’s Advocacy University. [<http://www.ala.org/advocacyuniversity>] From the ALA Professional Tips wiki

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

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

Calendar

Dec. 7–11:

SLA Military Libraries Workshop,

[<http://sladmil.cimes.fsu.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=calendar.view&calID=154>]

Nashville Downtown Hilton.

Jan. 15:

OCLC Americas Regional Council,

[<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/councils/americas/default.htm>] first meeting,

ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston. “New Ways to Communicate: Engaging the Membership.”

Mar. 4–7:

Alaska Library Association,

[<http://www.akla.org/anchorage2010/index.html>] Annual Conference, Hotel

Captain Cook, Anchorage.

Mar. 10–12:

Louisiana Library Association, [<http://llaconference2010.pbworks.com/>]

Annual Conference, Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, Baton Rouge.

“Louisiana Libraries: The Heart of Our Communities.”

Mar. 17–19:

Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association,

[<http://wemtaonline.org/se3bin/clientgenie.cgi?geniesite=159&statusFlag=goGenie&job=&schoolname=school1000292&MID=>]

Spring Conference, Kalahari

Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells. “Into the Wild.”

Apr. 28–30:

Off-Campus Library Services Conference, [<http://ocls.cmich.edu/conf2010/>]

Cleveland Marriott Downtown, Cleveland, Ohio.

Apr. 29–

May 1:

LOEX Conference, [<http://www.loexconference.org/>] Hyatt Regency Hotel,

Dearborn, Michigan.

May 2–8:

Choose Privacy Week.

[http://www.privacyrevolution.org/index.php/privacy_week/]

May 6–7:

Michigan Library Association, [<http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/node/1068>] Spring

Event, Hotel Baronette, Novi. “Academic Libraries 2010: Explore,

Discover, Connect.”

June 16–18:
5th Annual Learning Commons Conference,
[<http://www.queensu.ca/qlc/Conference.html>] Queen's University, Kingston,
Ontario.

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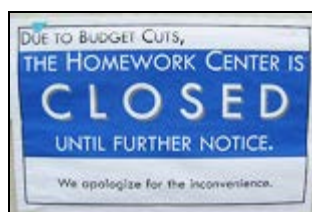


U.S. & World News

[Board president denounces closing of Colton libraries](#)

Five days after the abrupt November 12 decision to close the only two libraries in Colton, California, library board President Peter Carrasco was anticipating an outpouring of library support from disaffected area residents at the city council's November 17 meeting. He got his wish: Some 100 people crowded into the council chambers to make their voices heard. Carrasco told *American Libraries* that the library board was "left completely out of the loop" by city management, which made the decision without first consulting with trustees. ALA President Camila Alire has issued a [statement](#) on the closings....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 18



[Revised Google settlement tackles foreign titles, orphans](#)

Shortly before a midnight deadline on November 13, Google, the Authors Guild, and the Association of American Publishers filed a revised version ([PDF file](#)) of their proposed settlement of lawsuits challenging Google's Book Search project. The original deal, reached in October 2008, drew criticism over antitrust concerns and treatment of orphan works and foreign publications, and an unfavorable September 18 filing by the Justice Department prompted the parties to modify the agreement....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 18



[Children's champion Effie Lee Morris dies](#)

Effie Lee Morris, 88, children's librarian extraordinaire and advocate for children's literature and library service to youngsters with impaired vision, died of cancer November 10 at her home in San Francisco. Calling Morris the "Grand Dame of children's librarianship," Andrew P. Jackson, former president of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, made the



[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)

Boston, January 15–19. You will receive a [free airport shuttle ticket](#) from the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to Logan International Airport on Monday, January 18, if you reserve a room in the ALA hotel block through Experient (ALA's registration company). Sign up for the ride at the shuttle supervisor table located at the shuttle drop-off location at the convention center. [Self parking](#) is available at the convention center.



The [Early Literacy Kit](#), put together by

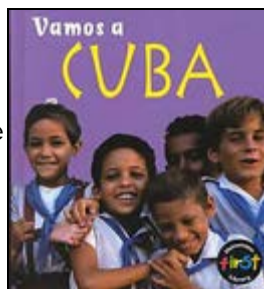
announcement on the BCALA discussion list. In 2008, Morris was named an ALA Honorary Member, the organization's highest honor, in recognition of "her vision, advocacy, and legacy to children's services in public libraries."...

American Libraries Online, Nov. 16

[Supreme Court lets Miami-Dade's Vamos ban stand](#)

Intellectual-freedom advocates are expressing disappointment at the November 16 refusal of the Supreme Court to hear their appeal of *ACLU of Florida v. Miami-Dade School Board*. The decision lets stand a February appeals court ruling that permits the Miami-Dade School Board to keep *Vamos a Cuba* and its English-language translation *A Visit to Cuba* off media-center shelves districtwide. The original complainant had objected in 2006 to the book geared for 5–8-year-olds because, he said, it offers a deceptively idealistic view of modern Cuban life....

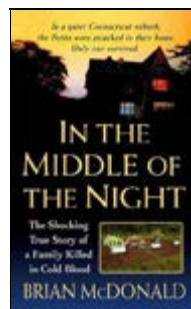
American Libraries Online, Nov. 18



[Cheshire library retains murder book](#)

The Cheshire (Conn.) Public Library Advisory Board voted 5–1 November 16 in favor of Director Ramona Harten's decision to purchase two copies of Brian McDonald's *In the Middle of the Night: The Shocking True Story of a Family Killed in Cold Blood* for the collection. The library's acquisition of the title drew controversy because the book depicts the 2007 murders of three members of a local family—Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her two daughters Hayley and Michaela Petit—from the perspective of one of the men awaiting trial for the crime....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 17



[A library of hope](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Greg Landgraf writes: "The state of Maharashtra in western India is the nation's wealthiest and home to Mumbai, the country's financial center. In the rural areas of the state, however, many children have no access to books until they begin their schooling. And with no preparation for school, many children drop out early in frustration or boredom. An organization called PaanPoe Vachanalaya was founded in 2003 to bring books to preschool children, but the project got a big boost in 2007 when Home of Hope, a San Francisco-based charity whose projects primarily focus on aiding children in India, began funding it."...

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 13



early literacy specialists Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting, contains everything storytime presenters for children from birth to age 5 and their parents or caregivers need to spread the word about school readiness skills. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**

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ALA News

[Gamers take over U.S. libraries](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "Children, teens, and adults showed up in droves November 14 to play board games and video games at the biggest National Gaming Day yet. Some 1,365 registered libraries participated in interlibrary, spontaneous gaming, easily doubling the number of participants from last year, NGD mastermind Jenny Levine told AL. Libraries who participated in the nationwide, ALA-sponsored event received board games [donated](#) by Hasbro and also provided their own board and video games."...

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 18



[Research and stats on the ALA website](#)

ALA members and other website visitors can now quickly locate library [research and statistics](#) with top-level navigation from the ALA home page. Library statistics are organized by type of library for easy access and include links to annual studies of library expenditures and services, state-level library data, library value studies (return on investment), opinion research from national household studies, and topical articles....

[ILS webinar moderated by Marshall Breeding](#)

Join ALA TechSource and WebJunction December 10 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time for a discussion of integrated library systems with systems expert Marshall Breeding and representatives from vendors in the field. They will discuss new features and capabilities available in the most modern library software, and what it really means for these tools to be customizable. The [event](#) coincides with the publication of Breeding's November/December 2009 issue of *Library Technology Reports*, "Opening Up Library Systems through Web Services and SOA: Hype or Reality?"...

BlogJunction, Nov. 5



[Library workplace wellness survey](#)

The ALA–Allied Professional Association and the ALA Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment are asking library employees to participate in the 2009–2010 Library Workplace Wellness [online survey](#). The survey is an opportunity for library employees to share information about the availability of, and employee participation in, worklife options in their libraries. The survey will be available through early 2010....

[Books for sailors](#)

Larry Nix writes: "I have an interest in libraries that served the military and have a collection of postcards on this topic. ALA took an active role in supplying books and magazines to sailors in World War I through its [Library War Service](#). This postcard (right) shows sailors on a merchant marine vessel enjoying books from the ALA Library War Service. Another postcard shows a group of sailors in front of an ALA World War I Camp Library at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois. Historical documents relating to U.S. Navy libraries are located on the Navy Department Library [website](#)."...



FOLUSA Author tea, and a set of the Zora Neale Hurston books published by Harper Perennial. Nomination materials should be submitted electronically to [RUSA](#). The deadline is **December 1**.

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[Special Collections Librarian](#)

George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Virginia. Committed and experienced librarian will have responsibility for developing and assessing rare books, manuscripts, and other special collections; participating in donor outreach efforts and the identification and application for external, private funding opportunities; providing public service assistance to library users; and promoting awareness and use of special collections to researchers at Mount Vernon and beyond....



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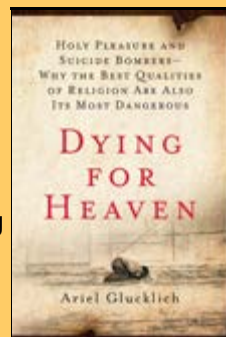
Booklist

ONLINE

Featured review: Religion

Glucklich, Ariel. *Dying for Heaven: Holy Pleasure and Suicide Bombers*. Nov. 2009. 352p. HarperOne, hardcover (978-0-06-143081-7).

In this provocative book, theologian Glucklich tries to understand one of the most unsettling and disturbing behavioral trends of our time. What makes suicide bombers tick? he asks. To answer, he examines the impetus behind religion (why be religious?) and explains what happens when religious feelings lead to self-destruction. Throughout, he maintains that it is crucial that society take religion seriously—that is, to take a scientific approach to it—and avoid oversimplification, especially when it comes to vilifying that which we don't understand....



The sacred and the profane

David Wright writes: "I've always enjoyed reading about faith, or, more accurately, I like to read about doubt. It's the wrestling with doubt that makes most accounts of faith so compelling for all of us poor sinners. Something about combining the sacred and the profane adds relish to both. Idealistic young men often flirt with the idea of growing up to be a priest or a monk. For me, Thomas Merton's *Seven Story Mountain* had me wondering about the straight and narrow path. I recall sitting up all night in a Safeway in Helena, Montana, devouring Merton's spiritual struggles, galvanized by the suggestion that all that is necessary to be a saint is to want to be one. Here was a guy who had a life I'd have envied—drinking, sleeping around, and going to New York jazz clubs—and who chucked it all for silent contemplation with the Trappists."...

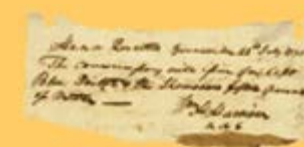


Faith-finding mission

Kaite Mediatore Stover writes: "ReaderGal has been pondering faith lately. Faith is frequently lost and found. It is sought, contemplated, and encouraged. It can be had, but can it be kept? ReaderGal looks for guidance from the following women who have struggled with the same questions. Anne Lamott reminds ReaderGal that faith builds slowly. It can be found in the mundane activities of daily life, where it's typically dispensed in small doses. In the short vignettes that make up *Traveling Mercies*, Lamott writes about the trials of being a single parent to her son, Sam; the pain of watching a beloved friend succumb to cancer; and the moral conundrum she faces with



of the Week



Ohio Memory is a collaborative effort between the Ohio Historical Society and the State Library of Ohio. Launched in 2000, the project includes 75,000 primary sources from 330 archives, historical societies, libraries, and museums that document Ohio's past, from prehistory to the present. Specialized topics include archaeology, gay Ohio history, Ohio battle flags, Ohio governors, county atlases, state hospitals, and World War II oral histories.

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

"There ya have it—four years of undergrad, two years of graduate school, and now you can spend your days picking blotter acid out of Phil Lesh's underwear from the *Blues for Allah* tour."

—The *Daily Show's* Jon Stewart on the master's degree requirement for the UC–Santa Cruz Grateful Dead archivist position opening, Nov. 11 (watch the [video](#)).

Sam when they witness a man mistreat his dog.”...

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

Boston Update

The Boston Athenaeum

Guarded by scarlet leather-bound doors and bordered inside with gilt-lettered books and marble busts at 10 1/2 Beacon Street, the Boston Athenaeum for decades was the province of the city's elite families. The Cabots and the Adamses and the Coolidges all claimed membership in the private library on Beacon Hill, handing down their membership shares through the generations. During the Midwinter Meeting, [tours](#) are available on a limited basis on Tuesday and Thursday; contact the circulation desk in advance....

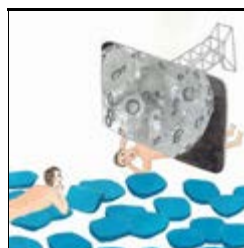
Boston Globe, Nov. 15; Boston Athenaeum



Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palazzo surrounding an interior courtyard garden, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum at 280 The Fenway houses a remarkable art collection that includes works by Rembrandt, Titian, Raphael, Botticelli, Degas, and Sargent. Special contemporary and historic exhibitions, America's oldest museum music program, and an artist-in-residence program enrich the permanent collection and provide ongoing inspiration for visitors. In celebration of the museum's founder, all visitors named "Isabella" are admitted free. A special exhibition on the art of Taro Shinoda will be on display during Midwinter....

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



Division News

AASL National Conference in Charlotte

At the AASL National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 5–8, AASL President Cassandra Barnett and Conference Co-Chair Anne Marie Pipkin discuss the conference and the next one in Minneapolis in 2011, while ALA President Camila Alire talks about the importance of school libraries, the upcoming Frontline Advocacy toolkit, and how school librarians will be able to use it to advocate for their libraries (1:30)....

AL Focus, Nov. 18



AASL Conference reflections

Buffy Hamilton writes: "For a week, I have started and stumbled with this blog post—words just don't seem sufficient to express the ultimate conference experience of my life and the pinnacle of flow.



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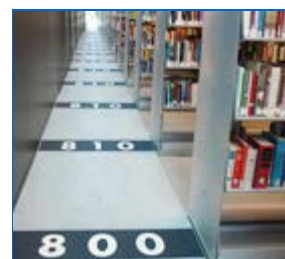
National Association for the Education of Young Children, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., Nov. 18–21, at: [#naeycac](#)

National Council of Teachers of English, Annual Convention, Philadelphia, Nov. 19–22, at: [#ncte](#)

California School Library Association, Annual Conference, Ontario, Nov. 19–22, at: [#csla2009](#)

American Libraries news stories, videos, and blog posts at: [amlibraries](#)

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. I have seen a few articles in the press about libraries dropping Dewey for a genre-based system, more like a

Every now and then, you are lucky enough to be in a time and place where amazing people, energy, camaraderie, and ideas converge. For me, AASL 2009 was four days of learning and play as [espoused](#) by Helene Blowers. I can't quite yet articulate how transformative this experience is for me, but I want to share these reflections with you."...

The Unquiet Librarian, Nov. 16

[danah boyd at AASL](#)

After her keynote address at the AASL National Conference, *American Libraries* Associate Editor Pamela Goodes caught up with danah boyd, the high priestess of networked social media, to discuss the role that school librarians should be playing in their students' social networking activities, how to cut through the red tape that may be preventing them from filling this role, and how Wikipedia can and should be used to teach students about information (3:11)....

AL Focus, Nov. 18

[LLAMA preconferences in Boston](#)

LLAMA will present two preconferences January 15 before the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Julie Todaro, an educator, trainer, and consultant with more than 30 years of experience in library and information environments, will present "Supervisory Training." Bill Sannwald, faculty member of the Graduate School of Business at San Diego State University and a former director of the San Diego Public Library, will present "The Complex Edifice."...

[ALCTS New Members Interest Group inaugural meeting](#)

The ALCTS New Members Interest Group will hold its inaugural meeting at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston January 16 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. ALCTS encourages new members to come share their values, interests, and concerns, and discuss any topic brought to the table. Also, join the interest group's [ALA Connect space](#)....

[ALCTS Midwinter Symposium](#)

Join your colleagues for "And Now for Something Completely Different: Our Future From Outside the Box," an exciting and timely ALCTS symposium January 15, just before the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Cutting-edge thinkers will prepare short opinion pieces on future trends, issues, and developments that are likely to have an impact on research, instruction and scholarly communication. [Sign up](#) while space is available....

[Seven AASL members on NBPTS committee](#)

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has brought



bookstore. Now my administration is asking me whether we should do the same at our school library. Can you help?

A. This is not something new. There have been questions and issues raised about using not only the Dewey Decimal system, but also about Library of Congress, Universal Decimal Classification, and many others. There is no perfect classification system that meets the needs of every library. "In theory, making an ideal classification system looks like a splendid idea. In real life, you can make a fine system . . . and employ it in your library. However, (when you are gone), the library will switch to a more standard system because it is much easier to use preclassified material than to try to classify everything in-house." (Betty G. Bengtson and Janet Swan Hill, *Classification of Library Materials: Current and Future Potential for Providing Access*. New York: Neal-Schuman, 1990, p. 21.) The ALA Library has collected several resources about [cataloging](#) and [classification](#), and searched library literature and popular media for discussions and opinions about

together leaders in education from across the country to comprise the NBPTS Library Media Standards Committee. Of the 12-person committee, seven are members of AASL, three of whom serve on the AASL Board of Directors....

[Registration open for YALSA winter online courses](#)

YALSA will offer two online courses this winter: "Booktalks Quick and Simple" by Nancy Keane, and "Power Programming for Teens" by Amy Alessio. Both classes meet for four weeks and begin in February. Four-week courses cost \$135 for YALSA members and students, \$175 for ALA members, and \$195 for nonmembers....

[ALSC online education courses](#)

Bring something new to your library by taking an online course from ALSC. Starting February 1, the division will offer five timely courses to cure your winter blues and liven up your library. The course selections are: "Connecting with Tween Readers; Information Literacy—From Preschool to High School," "The Newbery Medal: Past, Present, and Future," "Reading Instruction and Children's Books," and "Series Programming for Elementary School Age." [Registration](#) will open December 14....

[Going to Annual on a Baker and Taylor grant](#)

In this YALSA podcast (9:44), Seattle librarian Laurie Amster-Burton, a 2009 Baker and Taylor Conference Grant recipient, shares her experience at ALA Annual Conference, including attending events, going to the exhibits, and meeting teens and other YALSA members. In addition to the Baker and Taylor grants, YALSA offers more than \$40,000 in grants and awards to its members each year. [Apply](#) by December 1....

YALSA Blog, Nov. 13

Round Table News

[NMRT Online Discussion Forum](#)

Brian McManus, a member of the [2009–2010 New Members Round Table Online Discussion Forum](#), is leading this month's online discussion: "Open Access, Web 3.0: How Will Technology Continue to Change the Services of Libraries of the Near- and Long-term Future?" The discussion runs through December 14. Here are [instructions](#) on how to join in the discussion....

ALA Student Member Blog, Nov. 16

Awards

[Nominations sought for the Madison awards](#)

The ALA Washington Office is calling for nominations for two awards to honor individuals or groups who have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know. The James Madison Award celebrates an individual or group who has brought awareness to these issues at the *national level*. The Eileen Cooke State and Local Madison Award honors an extraordinary leader who has built *local* grassroots awareness of the importance of access to information. Nominations should be [submitted](#) no later than February 6....

[LITA/Library Hi Tech award nominations](#)

using genre-based systems. The ALA Public Information Office has also put together a set of [talking points](#) that address this issue. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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



As the holiday shopping season approaches, remember that ALA members are eligible for discounts in more than 200 [Books-A-Million](#) stores and on their online store.

Calendar

Nov. 27:

[National Day of Listening](#), StoryCorps. Set aside one hour to record a conversation with someone important to you.

Dec. 2–4:

[International Digital Curation Conference](#), Millennium Gloucester Hotel, Kensington, London. "Moving to Multi-Scale Science: Managing Complexity and Diversity."

Dec. 3–4:

[Urban Libraries Council](#), Partners for Success conference, Nashville Public Library. "Regional Solutions for Local Vitality."

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 LITA/*Library Hi Tech* Award, given each year to an individual or institution for outstanding achievement in continuing education in library and information technology. The award includes a \$1,000 stipend provided by Emerald Press, publishers of *Library Hi Tech*. Nominations should be sent to [Aimee Fifarek](#) by December 1....

[IF award deadlines on the horizon](#)

The Intellectual Freedom Round Table is seeking nominees for its three IF awards: the John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award, the Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award, and the ProQuest/SIRS State and Regional Intellectual Freedom Award. Each one celebrates the achievements of librarians, writers, and citizens in their defense of our basic right to read and express ideas. The deadlines for each are December 1....

OIF Blog, Nov. 12

[2009 Mora Award](#)

Reforma has selected the San Francisco Public Library and the Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library (right) to receive its 2009 Estela and Raúl Mora Award for commendable efforts in promoting El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros. The San Francisco Public Library hosted its 10th Día event that celebrated 10 years of bringing children, families, and books together in San Francisco. Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library celebrated its fourth Día celebration April 30, with more than 550 participants attending the event; watch the [video](#) (2:30)....



[2009 Sparky Awards](#)

Three new sponsors—the New Media Consortium, the Center for Social Media, and the Open Video Alliance—have thrown their support behind the [2009 Sparky Awards](#), joining ACRL and others who believe in reinforcing the importance of new media and student voices in the global discussion on access to research. The Sparky Awards invite students to submit videos of two minutes or less that creatively portray the benefits of the open, legal exchange of information. The deadline is December 6....

ACRL Insider, Nov. 17; SPARC

[MLA names six Super Librarians](#)

Freetown-Lakeville (Mass.) Middle School's Laurie Belanger and five other librarians were awarded the [Super Librarian Award](#) at the Massachusetts School Library Association conference in October. This was the first year the MSLA presented the awards, which recognize members who are doing an outstanding job and are role models for their colleagues....

New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times, Nov. 12

[Paul McCartney awarded third Gershwin Prize](#)

On November 16, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington named music legend Paul McCartney as the recipient of the third Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. An all-star tribute concert is planned for spring 2010. The prize is awarded to musicians whose lifetime contributions in the field of popular song



Dec. 4:

[ACRL/NY Annual Symposium](#). Vertical Campus Conference Center, Baruch College, New York City. "Emerging Leadership in Academic Libraries."

Dec. 7–9:

[Arizona Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Glendale.

Dec. 10:

[Human Rights Day](#). United Nations.

Jan. 14–29:

[Institutional Copyright Policies](#). Online workshop by University of Maryland University College Center for Intellectual Property.

Jan. 20–21:

[Atmospheric Science Librarians International](#). 13th Annual Conference, Atlanta. "Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians."

Feb. 3–6:

[iSchools iConference](#). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Mar. 1–31:

[Wikis in Libraries: Building Interactive Collections and Knowledge Repositories](#). Online workshop by Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Apr. 28–30:

[Off-Campus Library Services Conference](#).

exemplify the standard of excellence associated with George and Ira Gershwin....

Library of Congress, Nov. 16

[Time to apply for The Big Read](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest, announces the 2010 deadline for The Big Read, a program to revitalize the role of literature in American culture. Organizations may [apply](#) for grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 with the grant size determined by community population, number of activities planned, and artistic excellence and merit. The proposal deadline is February 2....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Nov. 13



[Nonprofit group to support library innovation overseas](#)

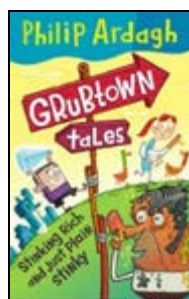
The nonprofit Electronic Information for Libraries has been awarded a three-year, \$1.4-million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to promote innovative library services using technology in developing countries. The [Public Library Innovation Program](#) will encourage public libraries to reach out to their communities by partnering with local government and business organizations to assess local needs and develop new services....

Electronic Information for Libraries, Nov. 16

[2009 Roald Dahl Funny Prize](#)

A "disgusting and horrible" story of a smelly man in an oddball town, Philip Ardagh's *Grubtown Tales: Stinking Rich and Just Plain Stinky*, has won the [2009 Roald Dahl Funny Prize](#). It is one of the three Grubtown books he has published this year, which introduce younger readers to characters named Farflung Heaps, Constable Gelatine, Acrid Scorn, Mango Claptrap, and the repulsively stinky Manual Org whose breath smells of "two-thirds of a pickled raw herring, a pickled onion, eleven gherkins, and one jar of sandwich spread (one month past its sell-by date)."...

The Guardian (U.K.), Nov. 10



[2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize](#)

Veteran investigative reporter Linden MacIntyre scored a surprise upset November 10 by winning the 2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize for excellence in Canadian literature. MacIntyre's novel about corruption in the Catholic church, *The Bishop's Man*, beat four highly regarded literary titles to take the main prize. The novel chronicles the emerging crisis of conscience in a worldly priest who has been assigned to keep a lid on church-related sex scandals that are destroying the lives of the faithful in rural Cape Breton....

Toronto Globe and Mail, Nov. 10



[Su Tong wins Man Asian literary prize](#)

The story of a playboy Communist party official who castrates himself after he is banished to live on a river barge has won celebrated Chinese author Su Tong the Man Asian literary prize. Su, by far the best known of the five shortlisted authors, is the second Chinese

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Downtown.

May 16–22:

[DigCCurr Professional Institute](#), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Curation Practices for the Digital Object Lifecycle."

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writer to win the three-year-old prize, which is worth \$10,000. Judges said his winning title, *The Boat to Redemption*, was "a picaresque novel of immense charm."...

The Guardian (U.K.), Nov. 17



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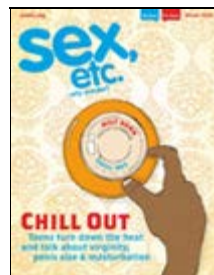
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Seen Online

[Ames trustees to decide fate of Sex, Etc.](#)

More than 100 parents have concerns over what teens could be reading about sex from a magazine at Ames (Iowa) Public Library. Joyce Bannantine presented a petition with 118 signatures to the library board of trustees in October objecting to the open display in the teen area and offering free copies of the magazine *Sex, Etc.*, written for teens by teens under the oversight of Answer, a national sexuality organization at Rutgers University. The board will discuss its status November 19....

Ames (Iowa) Tribune, Nov. 18



[Opposition to outsourcing mounts in Nevada County](#)

Petition-signature gatherers have hit the streets in hopes of convincing the Nevada County (Calif.) Board of Supervisors against contracting operation of the public libraries to a private company. The petitions will eventually be presented to the board, according to Madelyn Helling, former county librarian who is working to keep the libraries under county management. Library Friends fear the outsourcing could drive off dedicated employees during a recession, and fear an out-of-area private company would not care about local needs....

Grass Valley (Calif.) Union, Nov. 18

[Law librarian's firing upheld by state court](#)

A San Diego County (Calif.) Public Law Library employee's free-speech rights weren't violated when he was fired for blasting his superiors' alleged "disgusting, degrading, and utterly unprofessional" conduct in an email, a California appeals court ruled ([PDF file](#)) November 10. In 2006, Michael Kaye had responded to his supervisor's request for project ideas in an all-staff email expressing his opinion that the library's management considers its librarians to be "disposable peons who are not genuinely valued." Kaye was [fired](#) after a lengthy investigation, but he sued for wrongful termination....

Courthouse News Service, Nov. 13; Law.com, Nov. 13

[Report outlines changes for Harvard libraries](#)

Harvard University's "labyrinthine" library system should be drastically restructured in the next few years, according to the Task Force on University Libraries' report ([PDF file](#)) released November 12. In order to alleviate budgetary pressures, the report prescribes a series of solutions, among them the possibility of closing some of Harvard's 73

libraries and reassessing the university's ambitious, comprehensive collection strategy....

Harvard Crimson, Nov. 13

Greensboro tries out a "bandwidth shaper"

After 89 people were caught viewing pornography on public computers at the Central Library in the first six months of 2009, the Greensboro (N.C.) Public Library has taken action to make it more difficult to load porn sites. Library Director Sandy Neerman's technical staff is testing a device called a "bandwidth shaper" designed to identify websites by categories—including pornography—and allow the library to throttle down the access. When the device finds a computer streaming video from a porn site, the bandwidth is slowed to 1 kilobit per second....

Greensboro (N.C.) News-Record, Nov. 15

Alabama school libraries struggle

Library media specialists in Alabama are seeking out new funding sources for books and other needs, or they are struggling to make do with what they have, after the state eliminated funding for school libraries this year. State funding, doled out to schools at \$175 per teacher unit, totaled \$8.5 million last year before proration, which reduced state funding by 11% across the board. That already was down from \$200 per teacher unit, or \$9.7 million, the year before....

Birmingham (Ala.) News, Nov. 16

Infants learn sign language at Florida library

Babies and their parents head to Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library in Venice, Florida, on Tuesdays for a fun-filled time of learning and interaction. The free, 45-minute Baby Rhyme and Sign Time, geared toward newborns to 2-and-a-half-year-olds, combines nursery rhymes, baby sign language, and music. The program was developed by youth librarians Sheila Kaufer and Anna Coleman. Signing is a way for young children to communicate before they can speak....

Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune, Nov. 11

Laura Bush: Library not intended as a monument

The design of the George W. Bush Presidential Center at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, formally [unveiled](#) November 18, is a showcase for exhibits,

not a monument to the 43rd president, former First Lady Laura Bush said. Bush described an active year of planning the design for a 225,000-square-foot building to house her husband's presidential papers. Bush said the library center, which will include a museum and a policy institute, will not be a shrine....

Dallas Morning News, Nov. 18



Five years in, Clinton Library is still a big draw

The number of visitors each year to the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas, has slipped only slightly in the library's first five years, surpassing everyone's expectations, its top administrator says. Terri Garner, director of the Clinton Library, said the fact that Bill and Hillary Clinton have remained in the public eye has helped. The \$165-million library, a part of the National Archives, contains 90,000 artifacts, 80 million pages of archived documents, and 18 million



archived emails....

Arkansas News Bureau, Nov. 16

[State officials join campaign to save Pittsburgh branches](#)

State and local officials called on the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh November 12 to keep all of its branches open. The officials also want the library to provide them with more complete financial information, host a forum for elected officials and the public, and commit to holding its December 14 board meeting in public. But only two of the 43 board members [showed up](#) for a November 14 tour organized by state Rep. Chelsa Wagner, whose neighborhood branch would close in February....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, Nov. 13, 15

[Stanford graduate students put dissertations online](#)

Stanford doctoral students will now be able to post their dissertations on Google as the university replaces the traditional bound volumes of acid-free paper with e-files of scholarly work. Beginning in early November, students can file their dissertations by simply uploading them from their computers. "It doesn't make sense anymore that the final medium for scholarship should still be paper," said university Registrar Tom Black, one of the administrators behind the change....

San Francisco Chronicle, Nov. 16

[Study-in at UC-Santa Cruz](#)

More than 100 students at the University of California, Santa Cruz, conducted a 24-hour study-in November 13 at the Science and Engineering Library to protest budget cuts and the decision to close the library at 5 p.m. on Fridays and all day Saturdays.



Some students [entered the building](#) just before closing, allowing others to stream in despite having no clear authorization from university officials. Later in the evening, the administration agreed to allow the students to remain. In order to partially compensate library staff working overtime, students passed a hat around for donations....

Walnut Creek (Calif.) *Contra Costa Times*, Nov. 13; Santa Cruz Indymedia, Nov. 14

[Salinas must cut \\$400,000 from budget](#)

The city of Salinas, California, has asked its libraries to plan cuts of \$400,000, or 10% of their budget, effective in July. Options for meeting that goal are about to become the subject of intense discussion. Library Director Elizabeth Martinez has said one option is closing the libraries on Fridays, or perhaps even two days a week. The three libraries have been on a seven-day schedule since 2008, when they returned to a level of service close to that existing before the Measure V crisis of 2005....

Salinas Californian, Nov. 14

[Former mayoral candidate accused of intimidating librarian](#)

Former Hamilton, Montana, mayoral candidate Michael Spreadbury is facing a felony intimidation charge for allegedly threatening a city librarian on November 4. Spreadbury allegedly threatened Nansu Roddy, public services librarian at the Bitterroot Public Library, in a parking lot adjoining the building. It wasn't the first time that Spreadbury had a run-in with library staff members....

The Missoulian, Nov. 10

[Collection of FDR papers to be made public](#)

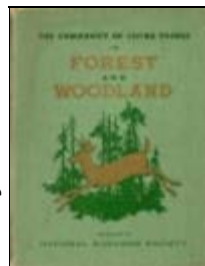
The last great archives of Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency may soon be available to researchers and the public—14 boxes of handwritten notes, gifts, and correspondence, including a letter from Italian dictator Benito Mussolini congratulating him on his 1933 inauguration. The House approved a bill November 16 to clear the way for the memorabilia to be donated to Roosevelt's presidential library and museum in Hyde Park, New York....

Associated Press, Nov. 16

[Books returned 51 years late, along with \\$1,000](#)

Two long-overdue library books were returned to Camelback High School in Phoenix November 3 by priority mail, along with an anonymous letter and a \$1,000 money order to cover late fees. The titles, *The Community of Living Things in Forest and Woodland* (right) by Stephen Collins and *The Community of Living Things in Field and Meadow* by Etta Schneider Ress, were checked out in 1958. Librarian Georgette Bordine said she will use the money to buy new books....

Phoenix *Arizona Republic*, Nov. 14



[Prescott Valley finds a way around staff shortages](#)

The Prescott Valley (Ariz.) Public Library is relying on employees on loan from other town departments. It has taken on five employees loaned for six months, as well as employees—ranging from clerical workers to Town Manager Larry Tarkowski—who will contribute several hours a day or a few days every week. Because of declining revenues, in October 2007 Tarkowski nixed plans to hire 17 additional library employees. By borrowing employees from other departments, the town is saving \$600,000 a year....

Prescott (Ariz.) *Daily Courier*, Nov. 15

[Flarf: The poetry of Googled search terms](#)

If your Google search history could talk, would it recite a poem? The people behind a controversial movement known as "flarf" believe that phrases found on the internet and strung together into poetry provide a critical social commentary. Others think it's worthless drivel. Kate Dawson didn't realize she'd become a flarfist when she and her friend Ori Barbut started creating poems from their friends' search histories....

Toronto *Star*, Nov. 17

[Russian librarians visit Scituate](#)

Librarians from St. Petersburg, Russia, met with Scituate (Mass.) Town Library Director Kathy Meeker October 31 to discuss the modern-day role of libraries in their respective countries. The Russian visitors toured several urban libraries, including Boston Public and Boston University, but were encouraged by Library Trustee Kevin Carleton to visit a successful suburban version of the book-filled buildings. The Russians came over through a private cultural exchange program started by Ludmilla Leibman....

Scituate (Mass.) *Mariner*, Nov. 12



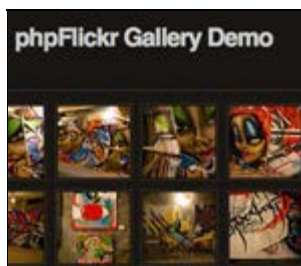
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Tech Talk

[How to create a photo gallery using the Flickr API](#)

Paul Burgess writes: "Flickr is, without doubt, the biggest and best photography website on the internet. There are lots of widgets, badges, and plugins which allow you to display your latest Flickr photos on your website, but we'll take it a step further by tapping straight into Flickr and integrating your photostream into your website, giving you a photo gallery that is a breeze to update."...

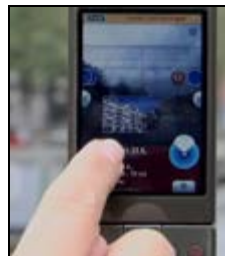
Nettuts+, Nov. 12



[Top 10 mobile applications of 2012](#)

Sarah Perez writes: "Research firm Gartner has just put out a [list](#) of the top 10 mobile applications of the future. Well, not the distant future, but the far-off year of 2012. Nothing on the list is all that surprising or, in many cases, even all that new. Instead, the list includes the sorts of technologies that are just now coming into their own and haven't yet seen widespread adoption as well as the already common technologies that are still experiencing growth."...

ReadWriteWeb, Nov. 18; Gartner, Nov. 18



[Best online backup tool: Dropbox](#)

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: "We asked readers to share their favorite online backup tools and then we rounded up the five most popular options for a vote. With nearly half the vote at 42%, [Dropbox](#) takes home the trophy for favorite online backup tool. It doesn't offer the volume of storage or computer-wide backup that [Mozy](#) (21%) and [Carbonite](#) (11%) offer, but the ease-of-use factor is high and readers loved the simple file syncing."...

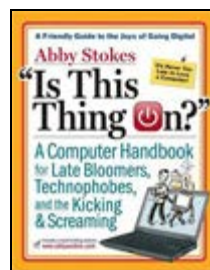
Lifehacker, Nov. 17



[Learning computers later in life](#)

Brigid Cahalan writes: "As the old familiar formats become less available and more information and entertainment goes digital, those in their 50s, 60s, and beyond can become marginalized if they don't pick up computer skills. They *must* learn! Public libraries have risen to the challenge; library-based computer classes are widespread and older adults make up the majority of the attendees." Here are some books that will help get them up to speed....

Blogging@NYPL, Nov. 11



Publishing

[E-readers and accessibility](#)

Joshua Kim writes: "Three cheers for the educators at Syracuse and University of Wisconsin-Madison for refusing to purchase new Kindles until the speech-to-text feature meets accessibility standards. It is beyond stupid that Amazon neglected to provide spoken menu options, therefore making it impossible for sight-impaired readers to

access the speech-to-text feature. This is, as they say in our business, a 'teachable moment.'"...

Technology and Learning, Nov. 12

[USA Today tests digital edition at colleges](#)

Penn State, Indiana, and Missouri universities are the first schools to participate in a *USA Today* initiative meant to test how students respond to electronic versions of printed newspapers. The e-Edition is free for students, faculty, and staff at the participating schools. *USA Today* says it's identical to the newspaper's print edition but with additional interactive and exclusive content. For instance, the Penn State edition includes a university-themed story selected and written by the school....

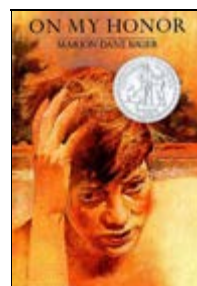
eSchool News, Nov. 17



[Most Unfortunate Cover](#)

Readers of the 100 Scope Notes blog have voted for their choice of Most Unfortunate Cover in children's literature (a book that is held in high literary esteem, but features cover artwork that detracts from overall shelf appeal). The winner is Marion Dane Bauer's *On My Honor* (Clarion, 1986). Travis Jonker writes: "Kids just aren't persuaded to pick it up. A wonderful story. A story that deserves to be read. It's just that the cover isn't living up to its end of the bargain." See the results [here](#)....

100 Scope Notes, Nov. 13



[The unexpected art of science fiction book covers](#)

Lauren Davis writes: "A single book can inspire a wide range of covers, and sometimes those covers can be works of art themselves. We look at some classic science fiction novels and the various covers they've worn throughout the years. The covers are sometimes surprisingly pulpy, others are elegantly minimalist, and still others are variations on the same theme. Some of these are actual covers from various editions of the books, and some are concept designs created by individuals."...

io9, Nov. 17



Actions & Answers

[Chart tracks Patriot Act amendment proposals](#)

Confused by all the proposed changes to the Patriot Act ricocheting through the Capitol? The Center for Democracy and Technology put together this handy chart ([PDF file](#))

	House Bill	Senate Bill	Patriot Act
Section 215(a)(2)(B)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(C)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(D)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(E)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(F)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(G)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(H)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(I)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(J)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(K)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(L)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(M)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(N)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(O)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(P)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(Q)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(R)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(S)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(T)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(U)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(V)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(W)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(X)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(Y)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Section 215(a)(2)(Z)	Yes	Yes	Yes

comparing the current law with the various amendments in the House and Senate. The chart compares proposed amendments to National Security Letters and the so-called "[lone wolf](#)" provisions of the Patriot Act. The proposals have only been passed by the judiciary committees, and face further amendments before they hit the full House and Senate for votes....

Threat Level, Nov. 16; *Reason* magazine, Oct. 5

[Library Journal's Index of Public Library Service, 2009](#)

Library Journal's national rating of public libraries, the *LJ* Index of Public Library Service 2009, Round 2, identifies 258 star libraries. Created by Keith Curry Lance and Ray Lyons and based on 2007 data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, it rates 7,268 public libraries. The top libraries in each group get five, four, or three stars. All included libraries can use their scores to learn from their peers, expand service to their communities, and improve library awareness and funding....

Library Journal, Nov. 15



[California's free public library law](#)

Larry Nix writes: "2009 is the centennial of the free public library law in California. The law was based around the county unit of government. The California State Library under the overall leadership of State Librarian James Gillis took on the task of organizing county libraries. Harriet Gertrude Eddy (1876–1966) joined the staff in 1909 and was the person responsible for organizing county library service in 40 of California's 58 counties in the next nine years."...

Library History Buff Blog, Nov. 17



[Public libraries and web technologies](#)

The Colorado State Library's Library Research Service has released a Closer Look Report, *U.S. Public Libraries and the Use of Web Technologies* ([PDF file](#)). In the spring of 2008, LRS visited the websites of nearly 600 public libraries in the United States, including all Colorado public libraries, looking for the presence of web technologies, including those identified as Web 2.0. This report details what public libraries are doing on the web, and the characteristics that early adopters share....

Library Research Service, Nov. 11



[International copyright and libraries](#)

The Library Copyright Alliance has released a series of issue briefs on current topics relating to international copyright and libraries. Written by Janice T. Pilch, Association of Research Libraries visiting program officer on international copyright, the five issue briefs address

international copyright concerns ([PDF file](#)), the World Intellectual Property Organization ([PDF file](#)), traditional cultural expression ([PDF file](#)), access for reading-disabled persons ([PDF file](#)), and the anticounterfeiting agreement ([PDF file](#))....

Library Copyright Alliance

[**Queens librarian elected to New York City Council**](#)

James G. Van Bramer, Queens Library's chief external affairs officer, has been elected to the New York City Council. He will be sworn into office on January 1. Van Bramer said, "Advocating for your library is a balance between building relationships and active support from the grassroots on up to the highest levels of government. The same political skills that helped Queens Library obtain funding will help me be effective in my new role."...

Queens Library, Nov. 16



[**Comics improve literacy**](#)

Carol L. Tilley, a professor of library and information science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, says that comics are just as sophisticated as other forms of literature, and children benefit from reading them at least as much as they do from reading other types of books. Although they have long embraced picture books as appropriate children's literature, many adults—even teachers and librarians who willingly add comics to their collections—are too quick to dismiss the suitability of comics as texts for young readers, Tilley said....

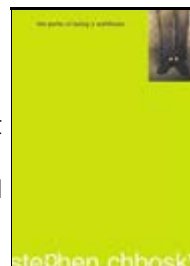
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Nov. 5



[**Perks to be restricted, not banned**](#)

A controversial novel challenged by the parent of a high school student will not be banned, but Roanoke County, Virginia, school officials have chosen to restrict access to it. Three copies of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky, a coming-of-age novel written from the perspective of a teenager and containing sexually explicit scenes, will be returned to the shelves of the libraries at William Byrd and Hidden Valley high schools. The decision, announced at the school board meeting November 12, came after a review by a panel of three librarians....

Roanoke (Va.) Times, Nov. 13



[**School libraries: Vital filter developers**](#)

Anne Collier writes: "Actually, the library is both a filter and a developer of the most effective filter there is—the software between students' ears. It's a great filter as the school's nerve center of media competency and literacy (hopefully including new media as well as the traditional kind). As for the filter the library helps develop in students' heads: If properly developed, it can guide and empower them the rest of their lives."...

NetFamilyNews, Nov. 5

[**Moorland-Spingarn at risk?**](#)

One of the most important troves of African-American historical materials became the subject of national hand wringing in early November when the student newspaper at Howard University [reported](#) that the



library's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center—a foremost repository of artifacts and manuscripts related to black history—could close due to an inadequate budget and a shortage of staff. The article prompted a stream of upset responses, as well as an email to the paper from Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Alvin Thornton emphasizing that the university has no plans to close the research center. Still, the center is in trouble....

Inside Higher Ed, Nov. 11; Howard University *Hilltop*, Nov. 6

[African-American special collection in Las Vegas](#)

When Barbara Coleman started the African-American special collection at the West Las Vegas branch of the Las Vegas–Clark County Public Library District in 1999, she wanted to hold onto local history. Ten years later, the collection is a little-known resource, but after recently finishing interviews with 20 figures in local black history, Coleman hopes to have a 90-minute, edited film from that oral history project ready to show the public in the coming months....

Las Vegas (Nev.) Sun, Nov. 17



[Continuing furor over anti-gay blog post](#)

Purdue University Government Information and Political Science Librarian Bert Chapman's October 27 post on his Conservative Librarian blog argued that gay people were an economic drain. As word of the blog spread at Purdue, the campus has seen petitions and protests, with many calling for Chapman (who has tenure) to be fired. His critics say that what he writes is so hateful and inaccurate that it raises questions about his ability to do his job. But Purdue has rejected calls to fire him, and Chapman said he does not want to talk about the situation because he wants the controversy to die down....

Inside Higher Ed, Nov. 13

[How to say it in Polish](#)

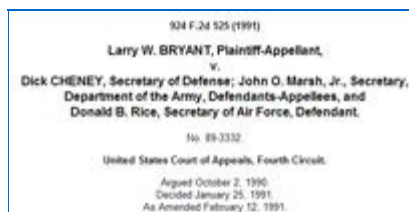
Donna Pointkouski writes: "Over the years I've learned a few things about the Polish language with its different letters and consonant combinations, and I can usually figure out how a word is pronounced. But sometimes I get stumped. Fortunately, I discovered a website that allows you to hear Polish words pronounced by Polish speakers. So, how do you say Przybyszew? Click on [this link](#) to hear it. The site, [Expressivo](#), is a text-to-speech program."...

What's Past Is Prologue, Nov. 12



[Case law on Google Scholar](#)

Starting November 17, Google Scholar will allow you to find and read full-text legal opinions from U.S. and state district, appellate, and supreme courts using [Google Scholar](#). You can search for cases ([Planned Parenthood v. Casey](#)), topics ([desegregation](#)), or other keywords. If you try the query [separate but equal](#), your search results will include links to



such familiar cases as [Plessy v. Ferguson](#) and [Brown v. Board of Education](#), as well as opinions from less familiar cases. ResourceShelf has [more details](#)....

Official Google Blog, Nov. 17; ResourceShelf, Nov. 17

Local Book Search on LibraryThing

LibraryThing has released a feature called Local Book Search that allows you to find specific titles in a bookstore in a specific city or area. If you live in San Francisco and want a copy of Steinbeck's *The Moon is Down*, Local Book Search will help you find half-a-dozen [copies](#), new and used, in just seconds. Physical bookstores are still important in an online world; perhaps Local Book Search will be one of the things they need to survive and prosper....

LibraryThing Blog, Nov. 16



LCSH headings for video recordings

The Policy and Standards Division of the Library of Congress has published its decision regarding the final disposition of LCSH headings for video recordings ([PDF file](#)). The decisions include: Topical headings (MARC tag 150) denoting a genre or form of video recording will be retired in favor of film headings; and genre/form headings for internet videos, podcasts, and webisodes will be created....

Catalogablog, Nov. 16; Library of Congress, Nov. 6

Get thee to a quarto

The [Shakespeare Quartos Archive](#) was launched November 16 with a complete digital collection of rare early editions of *Hamlet*. For the first time, all 32 existing quarto copies of the play held by participating U.K. and U.S. institutions are freely available online in one place. This initiative is jointly led by the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, and the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington through a joint transatlantic grant from JISC and the National Endowment for the Humanities....

Joint Information Systems Committee, Nov. 16



Looted Hebrew Bible returned to Vienna

A two-volume, 16th-century Bomberg/Pratensis Rabbinic Bible is back in the hands of its rightful owners 71 years after it was stolen by the Nazis. On November 9 at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Attorney's office for the Southern District of New York returned the Bible to Vienna's Jewish community, known as Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Wien (IKG). During the annexation of Austria in 1938, Nazi soldiers confiscated the rare Bible from the IKG library....

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Nov. 9



The sniff test as a preservation tool

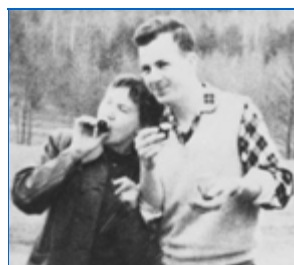
In a [report](#) published in a recent issue of *Analytical Chemistry*, scientists in the United Kingdom and Slovenia describe a new test that can measure the degradation of old books and precious historical documents on the basis of their aroma. The well-known musty smell

of an old book is the result of hundreds of volatile organic compounds released into the air from the paper. A new technique called "material degradomics" analyzes the gases emitted by old books and determines those in most need of care....

American Chemical Society, Nov. 10

[North Texas digitizes JFK assassination files](#)

Photographs taken by Dallas police and used as evidence in the criminal investigation following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy are now available for public viewing. The University of North Texas Libraries Digital Projects unit placed the photographs in its



[Portal to Texas History](#), thanks to a grant from the Summerlee Foundation to digitize 404 images taken by the Dallas Police Department during the week following Kennedy's assassination. One shows a [young Lee Harvey Oswald](#) with a friend in Russia (above)....

NBC Dallas-Fort Worth, Nov. 11; *Dallas Morning News*, Nov. 12

[Columbia University's new copyright website](#)

The Columbia University Copyright Advisory Office has launched a fully revised and updated website of copyright issues and information. The [new site](#) is publicly accessible and offers expanded pages on copyright ownership, fair use in the context of scholarship and teaching, publication agreements, the Google Books Search settlement, and the creation of digital libraries and preservation initiatives at university libraries....

Columbia University Libraries, Nov. 11

[Gift guide for book lovers](#)

Rebecca Rego Barry writes: "Writing a gift guide for bibliophiles is a plum assignment. I browse boutiques, rummage around online, and peruse sumptuous catalogs in search of items that I would like to find under my tree. This year, 20 incredible products top my list. Here is a sampling from the Guide, published in the 2010 *Fine Books and Collections* compendium." Included is this ancient lamp, suitable for reading the Loeb Classical Library...



Fine Books and Collections

[Book-related handbags](#)

Fashion designer Olympia Le-Tan has designed a series of 21 handbags that feature impeccable embroidered recreations of book covers from such first-edition novels as *Moby Dick*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*, and *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. The collection is appropriately titled "You Can't Judge a Book by Its Cover" and is inspired by Le-Tan's affection for collecting old books....



The Jailbreak, Nov. 10

[A board game for the bibliophile](#)

Michael Lieberman writes: "[Bookchase](#) is billed as the world's first board game about books. Here's how it works. The first one to collect six books, one from each category, and get home wins. Of course, there are hazards along the way like dropping your books in the bath. You



can collect books by answering questions, visiting the library, or landing on various other lucky spots on the board.”...

Book Patrol, Nov. 11

[Awful Library Books librarians appear on Jimmy Kimmel Live!](#)

Mary Kelly (left) and Holly Hibner started the blog [Awful Library Books](#) in April to add some zing to a conference speech on the quality of collections in public libraries. The site now gets about 5,000 hits a day, is updated several times a week, and received an additional boost when the pair appeared on the November 11 *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* show (watch the [video](#), 7:00). Kelly is adult services librarian with the Salem–South Lyon (Mich.) District Library, and Hibner is adult services coordinator for the Plymouth (Mich.) District Library....

Detroit Free Press, Nov. 13; YouTube, Nov. 12



[Key scene in The Box filmed at Boston Public Library](#)

In *The Box*, a film starring Cameron Diaz (right) released November 6, protagonists Arthur and Norma Lewis go from a disturbing wedding reception to a haunted library (filmed at Boston Public Library). Bloody noses abound and the lengthy scene leads to the film’s most unintentionally hilarious moment. Being followed like the pied piper through the corridors by a troupe of zombie-like drones (“employees” if you prefer), Arthur is directed to three watery portals. Choose the right one, the creepy librarian tells him, and you’ll find salvation. Choose the wrong one and, naturally, eternal damnation awaits. Watch the [trailer](#) (2:09)....

Rollins College *Sandspur*, Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 13; YouTube



[The Tompkins Library vault](#)

Cecelia Hui, of the Shortgrass Library System in Medicine Hat, Alberta, visited the Tompkins branch of the Chinook Regional Library in Saskatchewan during a fundraising drive. She took the opportunity to make a video (2:59) of the library and discover the secrets of its huge, walk-in, bullethole-spattered vault....

YouTube, Nov. 15



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Board president denounces closing of Colton libraries

[\[http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/coltonclosures111709.cfm\]](http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/coltonclosures111709.cfm)

Five days after the abrupt November 12 decision to close the only two libraries in Colton, California, library board President Peter Carrasco was anticipating an outpouring of library support from disaffected area residents at the city council's November 17 meeting. He got his wish: Some 100 people crowded into the council chambers to make their voices heard. Carrasco told American Libraries that the library board was "left completely out of the loop" by city management, which made the decision without first consulting with trustees. ALA President Camila Alire has issued a statement

[\[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/coltonstatement_pio.cfm\]](http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/coltonstatement_pio.cfm) on the closings....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 18

Revised Google settlement tackles foreign titles, orphans

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/revisedgoogle111809.cfm>]

Shortly before a midnight deadline on November 13, Google, the Authors Guild, and the Association of American Publishers filed a revised version (PDF file [<http://www.googlebooksettlement.com/Supplemental-Notice.pdf>]) of their proposed settlement of lawsuits challenging Google's Book Search project. The original deal, reached in October 2008, drew criticism over antitrust concerns and treatment of orphan works and foreign publications, and an unfavorable September 18 filing by the Justice Department prompted the parties to modify the agreement.... American Libraries Online, Nov. 18

Children's champion Effie Lee Morris dies

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/effiemorris111609.cfm>]

Effie Lee Morris, 88, children's librarian extraordinaire and advocate for children's literature and library service to youngsters with impaired vision, died of cancer November 10 at her home in San Francisco. Calling Morris the "Grand Dame of children's librarianship," Andrew P. Jackson, former president of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, made the announcement on the BCALA discussion list. In 2008, Morris was named an ALA Honorary Member, the organization's highest honor, in recognition of "her vision, advocacy, and legacy to children's services in public libraries." American Libraries Online, Nov. 16

ban stand

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/vamoscaselost111809.cfm>]

Intellectual-freedom advocates are expressing disappointment at the November 16 refusal of the Supreme Court to hear their appeal of ACLU of Florida v. Miami-Dade School Board. The decision lets stand a February appeals court ruling that permits the Miami-Dade School Board to keep *Vamos a Cuba* and its English-language translation *A Visit to Cuba* off media-center shelves districtwide. The original complainant had objected in 2006 to the book geared for 5–8-year-olds because, he said, it offers a deceptively idealistic view of modern Cuban life.... American Libraries Online, Nov. 18

Cheshire library retains murder book

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/november2009/cheshirecrimebookstays111709.cfm>]

The Cheshire (Conn.) Public Library Advisory Board voted 5–1 November 16 in favor of Director Ramona Harten's decision to purchase two copies of Brian McDonald's *In the Middle of the Night: The Shocking True Story of a Family Killed in Cold Blood* for the collection. The library's acquisition of the title drew controversy because the book depicts the 2007 murders of three members of a local family—Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her two daughters Hayley and Michaela Petit—from the perspective of one of the men awaiting trial for the crime.... American Libraries Online, Nov. 17

A library of hope

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/13/library-of-hope/>]

American Libraries Associate Editor Greg Landgraf writes: “The state of Maharashtra in western India is the nation’s wealthiest and home to Mumbai, the country’s financial center. In the rural areas of the state, however, many children have no access to books until they begin their schooling. And with no preparation for school, many children drop out early in frustration or boredom. An organization called PaanPoe Vachanalaya was founded in 2003 to bring books to preschool children, but the project got a big boost in 2007 when Home of Hope, a San Francisco-based charity whose projects primarily focus on aiding children in India, began funding it.”...

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 13

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/registration.cfm>]

ALA News

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/skokiepl/4109800375/>]Gamers take over U.S. libraries [<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/18/gamerstakeover/>]
American Libraries Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick writes:
“Children, teens, and adults showed up in droves November 14 to play board games and video games at the biggest National Gaming Day yet. Some 1,365 registered libraries participated in interlibrary, spontaneous gaming, easily doubling the number of participants from last year, NGD mastermind Jenny Levine told AL. Libraries who participated in the nationwide, ALA-sponsored event received board games donated [<http://ngd.ala.org/sponsors/>] by Hasbro and also provided their own board and video games.”...

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 18

Research and stats on the ALA website

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/alaweb_ors.cfm]

ALA members and other website visitors can now quickly locate library research and statistics [<http://www.ala.org/ala/research>] with top-level navigation from the ALA home page. Library statistics are organized by type of library for easy access and include links to annual studies of library expenditures and services, state-level library data, library value studies (return on investment), opinion research from national household studies, and topical articles....

ILS webinar moderated by Marshall Breeding

[<http://blog.webjunctionworks.org/index.php/2009/11/05/ils-webinar-moderated-by-marshall-breeding/>]

Join ALA TechSource and WebJunction December 10 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

for a discussion of integrated library systems with systems expert Marshall Breeding and representatives from vendors in the field. They will discuss new features and capabilities available in the most modern library software, and what it really means for these tools to be customizable. The event
[<http://evanced.info/webjunction/evanced/events/signup.asp?ID=1628>]
coincides with the publication of Breeding's November/December 2009 issue of Library Technology Reports, "Opening Up Library Systems through Web Services and SOA: Hype or Reality?"...
BlogJunction, Nov. 5

Library workplace wellness survey
[<http://ala-apa.org/news/news.html#workplacewellness2009>]
The ALA–Allied Professional Association and the ALA Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment are asking library employees to participate in the 2009–2010 Library Workplace Wellness online survey.
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=0Pz4LqU_2bnMJOyZORPX8GYQ_3d_3d]
The survey is an opportunity for library employees to share information about the availability of, and employee participation in, worklife options in their libraries. The survey will be available through early 2010....

[http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_DtpYdAYE0TY/SwGu5o3F_iI/AAAAAAAAAZ0/vfGLoNOrReI/s1600/pc-ala-marine-cots-72.jpg]Books for sailors
[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/11/books-for-sailors.html>]
Larry Nix writes: "I have an interest in libraries that served the military and have a collection of postcards on this topic. ALA took an active role in supplying books and magazines to sailors in World War I through its Library War Service
[<http://www.libraryhistorybuff.com/ala-ww1.htm>]. This postcard (right) shows sailors on a merchant marine vessel enjoying books from the ALA Library War Service. Another postcard shows a group of sailors in front of an ALA World War I Camp Library at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois. Historical documents relating to U.S. Navy libraries are located on the Navy Department Library website
[http://www.history.navy.mil/library/online/library_docs.htm]."...
Library History Buff, Nov. 16

Featured review: Religion
[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3556799]
Glucklich, Ariel. Dying for Heaven: Holy Pleasure and Suicide Bombers. Nov. 2009. 352p. HarperOne, hardcover (978-0-06-143081-7).
In this provocative book, theologian Glucklich tries to understand one of the most unsettling and disturbing behavioral trends of our time. What makes suicide bombers tick? he asks. To answer, he examines the impetus behind religion (why be religious?) and explains what happens when religious feelings lead to self-destruction. Throughout, he maintains that it is crucial that society take religion seriously—that is, to take a scientific approach to it—and avoid oversimplification, especially when it comes to vilifying that which we don't understand....

The sacred and the profane

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3857665]

David Wright writes: “I’ve always enjoyed reading about faith, or, more accurately, I like to read about doubt. It’s the wrestling with doubt that makes most accounts of faith so compelling for all of us poor sinners. Something about combining the sacred and the profane adds relish to both. Idealistic young men often flirt with the idea of growing up to be a priest or a monk. For me, Thomas Merton’s Seven Story Mountain had me wondering about the straight and narrow path. I recall sitting up all night in a Safeway in Helena, Montana, devouring Merton’s spiritual struggles, galvanized by the suggestion that all that is necessary to be a saint is to want to be one. Here was a guy who had a life I’d have envied—drinking, sleeping around, and going to New York jazz clubs—and who chucked it all for silent contemplation with the Trappists.”...

Faith-finding mission

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3844296]

Kaite Mediatore Stover writes: “ReaderGal has been pondering faith lately. Faith is frequently lost and found. It is sought, contemplated, and encouraged. It can be had, but can it be kept? ReaderGal looks for guidance from the following women who have struggled with the same questions. Anne Lamott reminds ReaderGal that faith builds slowly. It can be found in the mundane activities of daily life, where it’s typically dispensed in small doses. In the short vignettes that make up Traveling Mercies, Lamott writes about the trials of being a single parent to her son, Sam; the pain of watching a beloved friend succumb to cancer; and the moral conundrum she faces with Sam when they witness a man mistreat his dog.”...

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Boston Update

The Boston Athenaeum

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/11/15/with_membership_dwindling_boston_athenaeum_steps_up_marketing_itself_to_a_new_generation/?page=1]

Guarded by scarlet leather-bound doors and bordered inside with gilt-lettered books and marble busts at 10 1/2 Beacon Street, the Boston Athenaeum for decades was the province of the city’s elite families. The Cabots and the Adamses and the Coolidges all claimed membership in the private library on Beacon Hill, handing down their membership shares through the generations. During the Midwinter Meeting, tours [<http://www.bostonathenaeum.org/node/149>] are available on a limited basis on Tuesday and Thursday; contact the circulation desk in advance....

Boston Globe, Nov. 15; Boston Athenaeum

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum [<http://www.gardnermuseum.org/>]
Modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palazzo surrounding an interior courtyard garden, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum at 280 The Fenway houses a remarkable art collection that includes works by Rembrandt, Titian, Raphael, Botticelli, Degas, and Sargent. Special contemporary and historic exhibitions, America's oldest museum music program, and an artist-in-residence program enrich the permanent collection and provide ongoing inspiration for visitors. In celebration of the museum's founder, all visitors named "Isabella" are admitted free. A special exhibition on the art of Taro Shinoda will be on display during Midwinter....
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Division News

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AASL National Conference in Charlotte
[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/aasl-national-conference-2009>]
At the AASL National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 5–8, AASL President Cassandra Barnett and Conference Co-Chair Anne Marie Pipkin discuss the conference and the next one in Minneapolis in 2011, while ALA President Camila Alire talks about the importance of school libraries, the upcoming Frontline Advocacy toolkit, and how school librarians will be able to use it to advocate for their libraries (1:30)....
AL Focus, Nov. 18

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/10557450@N04/4087145825/>]AASL Conference reflections
[<http://theunquietlibrarian.wordpress.com/2009/11/16/aasl-2009-national-conference-reflections/>]
Buffy Hamilton writes: "For a week, I have started and stumbled with this blog post—words just don't seem sufficient to express the ultimate conference experience of my life and the pinnacle of flow. Every now and then, you are lucky enough to be in a time and place where amazing people, energy, camaraderie, and ideas converge. For me, AASL 2009 was four days of learning and play as espoused [<http://www.slideshare.net/hblowers/bpl-libraries-learning-play-presentation>] by Helene Blowers. I can't quite yet articulate how transformative this experience is for me, but I want to share these reflections with you."...
The Unquiet Librarian, Nov. 16

danah boyd at AASL [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/danah-boyd-interview>]
After her keynote address at the AASL National Conference, American Libraries Associate Editor Pamela Goodes caught up with danah boyd, the high priestess of networked social media, to discuss the role that school librarians should be playing in their students' social networking activities, how to cut through the red tape that may be preventing them from filling this role, and how Wikipedia can and should be used to teach students about information (3:11)....
AL Focus, Nov. 18

LLAMA preconferences in Boston

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/boston_llama.cfm]

LLAMA will present two preconferences January 15 before the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Julie Todaro, an educator, trainer, and consultant with more than 30 years of experience in library and information environments, will present "Supervisory Training." Bill Sannwald, faculty member of the Graduate School of Business at San Diego State University and a former director of the San Diego Public Library, will present "The Complex Edifice;..."

ALCTS New Members Interest Group inaugural meeting

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/newmembers_alcts.cfm]

The ALCTS New Members Interest Group will hold its inaugural meeting at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston January 16 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. ALCTS encourages new members to come share their values, interests, and concerns, and discuss any topic brought to the table.

Also, join the interest group's ALA Connect space

[<http://connect.ala.org/node/85257>]....

ALCTS Midwinter Symposium

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/symposium_alcts.cfm]

Join your colleagues for "And Now for Something Completely Different: Our Future From Outside the Box," an exciting and timely ALCTS symposium January 15, just before the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Cutting-edge thinkers will prepare short opinion pieces on future trends, issues, and developments that are likely to have an impact on research, instruction and scholarly communication. Sign up

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/registration.cfm>] while space is available....

Seven AASL members on NBPTS committee

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/nbpts_aasl.cfm]

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has brought together leaders in education from across the country to comprise the NBPTS Library Media Standards Committee. Of the 12-person committee, seven are members of AASL, three of whom serve on the AASL Board of Directors....

Registration open for YALSA winter online courses

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/online_yalsa.cfm]

YALSA will offer two online courses this winter: "Booktalks Quick and Simple" by Nancy Keane, and "Power Programming for Teens" by Amy Alessio. Both classes meet for four weeks and begin in February. Four-week courses cost \$135 for YALSA members and students, \$175 for ALA members, and \$195 for nonmembers....

ALSC online education courses

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009>]

/online_alsc.cfm]

Bring something new to your library by taking an online course from ALSC. Starting February 1, the division will offer five timely courses to cure your winter blues and liven up your library. The course selections are: "Connecting with Tween Readers; Information Literacy—From Preschool to High School," "The Newbery Medal: Past, Present, and Future," "Reading Instruction and Children’s Books," and "Series Programming for Elementary School Age." Registration [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/edcareers/profdevelopment/alscweb/index.cfm>] will open December 14....

Going to Annual on a Baker and Taylor grant [<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/11/13/yalsa-podcast-78/>]
In this YALSA podcast (9:44), Seattle librarian Laurie Amster-Burton, a 2009 Baker and Taylor Conference Grant recipient, shares her experience at ALA Annual Conference, including attending events, going to the exhibits, and meeting teens and other YALSA members. In addition to the Baker and Taylor grants, YALSA offers more than \$40,000 in grants and awards to its members each year. Apply [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants.cfm>] by December 1....
YALSA Blog, Nov. 13

Round Table News

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NMRT Online Discussion Forum
[<http://www.students.ala.org/studentmemberblog/?p=478>]
Brian McManus, a member of the 2009–2010 New Members Round Table Online Discussion Forum, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/nmrt/oversightgroups/comm/online/onlinediscussionforum.cfm>] is leading this month’s online discussion: "Open Access, Web 3.0: How Will Technology Continue to Change the Services of Libraries of the Near- and Long-term Future?" The discussion runs through December 14. Here are instructions [<http://www.students.ala.org/studentmemberblog/?p=472>] on how to join in the discussion....
ALA Student Member Blog, Nov. 16

Awards

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Nominations sought for the Madison awards
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/madison_washington.cfm]
The ALA Washington Office is calling for nominations for two awards to honor individuals or groups who have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public’s right to know. The James Madison Award celebrates an individual or group who has brought awareness to these issues at the national level. The Eileen Cooke State and Local Madison Award honors an extraordinary leader who has built local grassroots awareness of the importance of access to

information. Nominations should be submitted
[mailto:jmcgilvray@alawash.org] no later than February 6....

award nominations

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/hitech_lita.cfm]

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 LITA/Library Hi Tech Award, given each year to an individual or institution for outstanding achievement in continuing education in library and information technology. The award includes a \$1,000 stipend provided by Emerald Press, publishers of Library Hi Tech. Nominations should be sent to Aimee Fifarek [mailto:afifarek@scottsdaleaz.gov] by December 1....

IF award deadlines on the horizon [http://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=732]
The Intellectual Freedom Round Table is seeking nominees for its three IF awards: the John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award, the Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award, and the ProQuest/SIRS State and Regional Intellectual Freedom Award. Each one celebrates the achievements of librarians, writers, and citizens in their defense of our basic right to read and express ideas. The deadlines for each are December 1....

OIF Blog, Nov. 12

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAJ3IT5_5IQ] 2009 Mora Award
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/mora_pio.cfm]

Reforma has selected the San Francisco Public Library and the Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library (right) to receive its 2009 Estela and Raúl Mora Award for commendable efforts in promoting El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros. The San Francisco Public Library hosted its 10th Día event that celebrated 10 years of bringing children, families, and books together in San Francisco. Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library celebrated its fourth Día celebration April 30, with more than 550 participants attending the event; watch the video
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAJ3IT5_5IQ] (2:30)....

2009 Sparky Awards

[http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/2009/11/17/sparky-award-contest-brings-new-voices-momentum-to-final-weeks/]

Three new sponsors—the New Media Consortium, the Center for Social Media, and the Open Video Alliance—have thrown their support behind the 2009 Sparky Awards, [http://www.sparkyawards.org/] joining ACRL and others who believe in reinforcing the importance of new media and student voices in the global discussion on access to research. The Sparky Awards invite students to submit videos of two minutes or less that creatively portray the benefits of the open, legal exchange of information. The deadline is December 6....

ACRL Insider, Nov. 17; SPARC

MLA names six Super Librarians

[http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091112/NEWS/911120336]

Freetown-Lakeville (Mass.) Middle School's Laurie Belanger and five other librarians were awarded the Super Librarian Award
[http://maschoolibraries.org/content/view/735/359/] at the Massachusetts

School Library Association conference in October. This was the first year the MSLA presented the awards, which recognize members who are doing an outstanding job and are role models for their colleagues....

New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times, Nov. 12

Paul McCartney awarded third Gershwin Prize
[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2009/09-230.html>]

On November 16, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington named music legend Paul McCartney as the recipient of the third Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. An all-star tribute concert is planned for spring 2010. The prize is awarded to musicians whose lifetime contributions in the field of popular song exemplify the standard of excellence associated with George and Ira Gershwin....

Library of Congress, Nov. 16

Time to apply for The Big Read [<http://www.imls.gov/news/2009/111309.shtm>]

The Institute of Museum and Library Services, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest, announces the 2010 deadline for The Big Read, a program to revitalize the role of literature in American culture. Organizations may apply [<http://neabigread.org/guidelines.php>] for grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 with the grant size determined by community population, number of activities planned, and artistic excellence and merit. The proposal deadline is February 2....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Nov. 13

Nonprofit group to support library innovation overseas

[<http://www.eifl.net/cps/sections/services/plip/press/2009-11-16>]

The nonprofit Electronic Information for Libraries has been awarded a three-year, \$1.4-million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to promote innovative library services using technology in developing countries. The Public Library Innovation Program [<http://plip.eifl.net>] will encourage public libraries to reach out to their communities by partnering with local government and business organizations to assess local needs and develop new services....

Electronic Information for Libraries, Nov. 16

2009 Roald Dahl Funny Prize

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/nov/10/roald-dahl-funny-prize>]

A “disgusting and horrible” story of a smelly man in an oddball town, Philip Ardagh’s Grubtown Tales: Stinking Rich and Just Plain Stinky, has won the 2009 Roald Dahl Funny Prize.

[<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/Prizes-and-awards/Roald-Dahl-Funny-Prize>] It is one of the three Grubtown books he has published this year, which introduce younger readers to characters named Farflung Heaps, Constable Gelatine, Acrid Scorn, Mango Claptrap, and the repulsively stinky Manual Org whose breath smells of “two-thirds of a pickled raw herring, a pickled onion, eleven gherkins, and one jar of sandwich spread (one month past its sell-by date).”...

The Guardian (U.K.), Nov. 10

2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize

[<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/arts/macintyre-takes-giller-prize/article1358649/>]

Veteran investigative reporter Linden MacIntyre scored a surprise upset November 10 by winning the 2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize for excellence in Canadian literature. MacIntyre's novel about corruption in the Catholic church, *The Bishop's Man*, beat four highly regarded literary titles to take the main prize. The novel chronicles the emerging crisis of conscience in a worldly priest who has been assigned to keep a lid on church-related sex scandals that are destroying the lives of the faithful in rural Cape Breton....

Toronto Globe and Mail, Nov. 10

Su Tong wins Man Asian literary prize

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/nov/17/man-asian-literary-prize-chinese>]

The story of a playboy Communist party official who castrates himself after he is banished to live on a river barge has won celebrated Chinese author Su Tong the Man Asian literary prize. Su, by far the best known of the five shortlisted authors, is the second Chinese writer to win the three-year-old prize, which is worth \$10,000. Judges said his winning title, *The Boat to Redemption*, was "a picaresque novel of immense charm."...

The Guardian (U.K.), Nov. 17

Seen Online

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Sex, Etc.

[http://www.amestrib.com/articles/2009/11/18/ames_tribune/news/doc4b042af765b79298324598.txt]

More than 100 parents have concerns over what teens could be reading about sex from a magazine at Ames (Iowa) Public Library. Joyce Bannantine presented a petition with 118 signatures to the library board of trustees in October objecting to the open display in the teen area and offering free copies of the magazine *Sex, Etc.*, written for teens by teens under the oversight of Answer, a national sexuality organization at Rutgers University. The board will discuss its status November 19....

Ames (Iowa) Tribune, Nov. 18

Opposition to outsourcing mounts in Nevada County

[<http://www.theunion.com/article/20091118/NEWS/911179990/1001&parentprofile=1053>]

Petition-signature gatherers have hit the streets in hopes of convincing the Nevada County (Calif.) Board of Supervisors against contracting operation of the public libraries to a private company. The petitions will eventually be presented to the board, according to Madelyn Helling, former county librarian who is working to keep the libraries under county management. Library Friends fear the outsourcing could drive off dedicated employees during a recession, and fear an out-of-area private company would not care about local needs....

Grass Valley (Calif.) Union, Nov. 18

Law librarian's firing upheld by state court

[http://www.courthousenews.com/2009/11/13/Law_Librarian_s_Firing_Didn_t_Vio]

late_Free_Speech.htm]

A San Diego County (Calif.) Public Law Library employee's free-speech rights weren't violated when he was fired for blasting his superiors' alleged "disgusting, degrading, and utterly unprofessional" conduct in an email, a California appeals court ruled (PDF file [http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/documents/D053644.PDF]) November 10. In 2006, Michael Kaye had responded to his supervisor's request for project ideas in an all-staff email expressing his opinion that the library's management considers its librarians to be "disposable peons who are not genuinely valued." Kaye was fired [http://www.law.com/jsp/article.jsp?id=1202435420896&Dismissal_of_Fired_Law_Librarians_Wrongful_Termination_Case_Upheld_on_Appeal] after a lengthy investigation, but he sued for wrongful termination.... Courthouse News Service, Nov. 13; Law.com, Nov. 13

Report outlines changes for Harvard libraries

[http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2009/11/13/report-libraries-university-library/]

Harvard University's "labyrinthine" library system should be drastically restructured in the next few years, according to the Task Force on University Libraries' report (PDF file [http://www.provost.harvard.edu/reports/Library_Task_Force_Report.pdf]) released November 12. In order to alleviate budgetary pressures, the report prescribes a series of solutions, among them the possibility of closing some of Harvard's 73 libraries and reassessing the university's ambitious, comprehensive collection strategy.... Harvard Crimson, Nov. 13

Greensboro tries out a "bandwidth shaper";

[http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/11/14/article/patrons_viewing_porn_at_library_angers_parents]

After 89 people were caught viewing pornography on public computers at the Central Library in the first six months of 2009, the Greensboro (N.C.) Public Library has taken action to make it more difficult to load porn sites. Library Director Sandy Neerman's technical staff is testing a device called a "bandwidth shaper" designed to identify websites by categories—including pornography—and allow the library to throttle down the access. When the device finds a computer streaming video from a porn site, the bandwidth is slowed to 1 kilobit per second....

Greensboro (N.C.) News-Record, Nov. 15

Alabama school libraries struggle

[http://blog.al.com/birmingham-news-stories/2009/11/without_state_funding_this_yea.html]

Library media specialists in Alabama are seeking out new funding sources for books and other needs, or they are struggling to make do with what they have, after the state eliminated funding for school libraries this year. State funding, doled out to schools at \$175 per teacher unit, totaled \$8.5 million last year before proration, which reduced state funding by 11% across the board. That already was down from \$200 per teacher unit, or \$9.7 million, the year before....

Birmingham (Ala.) News, Nov. 16

Infants learn sign language at Florida library

[<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20091111/ARTICLE/911111014/-1/NEWSSTITEMAP>]

Babies and their parents head to Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library in Venice, Florida, on Tuesdays for a fun-filled time of learning and interaction. The free, 45-minute Baby Rhyme and Sign Time, geared toward newborns to 2-and-a-half-year-olds, combines nursery rhymes, baby sign language, and music. The program was developed by youth librarians Sheila Kaufer and Anna Coleman. Signing is a way for young children to communicate before they can speak....

Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune, Nov. 11

Laura Bush: Library not intended as a monument

[http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/bushlibrary/stories/DN-bushlib_18met.ART.State.Edition2.4b45b9e.html]

The design of the George W. Bush Presidential Center at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, formally unveiled

[<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/latestnews/stories/111809dnmetbushlib.3fc0e31.html>]

November 18, is a showcase for exhibits, not a monument to the 43rd president, former First Lady Laura Bush said. Bush described an active year of planning the design for a 225,000-square-foot building to house her husband's presidential papers. Bush said the library center, which will include a museum and a policy institute, will not be a shrine....

Dallas Morning News, Nov. 18

Five years in, Clinton Library is still a big draw

[<http://arkansasnews.com/2009/11/16/five-years-in-clinton-library-still-a-big-draw/>]

The number of visitors each year to the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas, has slipped only slightly in the library's first five years, surpassing everyone's expectations, its top administrator says. Terri Garner, director of the Clinton Library, said the fact that Bill and Hillary Clinton have remained in the public eye has helped. The \$165-million library, a part of the National Archives, contains 90,000 artifacts, 80 million pages of archived documents, and 18 million archived emails....

Arkansas News Bureau, Nov. 16

State officials join campaign to save Pittsburgh branches

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_652924.html]

State and local officials called on the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh November 12 to keep all of its branches open. The officials also want the library to provide them with more complete financial information, host a forum for elected officials and the public, and commit to holding its December 14 board meeting in public. But only two of the 43 board members showed up

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_653297.html] for a November 14 tour organized by state Rep. Chelsa Wagner, whose neighborhood branch would close in February....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, Nov. 13, 15

Stanford graduate students put dissertations online

[<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/11/16/BA721AK4NV.DTL>]

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Stanford doctoral students will now be able to post their dissertations on Google as the university replaces the traditional bound volumes of acid-free paper with e-files of scholarly work. Beginning in early November, students can file their dissertations by simply uploading them from their computers. "It doesn't make sense anymore that the final medium for scholarship should still be paper," said university Registrar Tom Black, one of the administrators behind the change....

San Francisco Chronicle, Nov. 16

Study-in at UC-Santa Cruz

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_13785269]

More than 100 students at the University of California, Santa Cruz, conducted a 24-hour study-in November 13 at the Science and Engineering Library to protest budget cuts and the decision to close the library at 5 p.m. on Fridays and all day Saturdays. Some students entered the building [<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2009/11/14/18628646.php>] just before closing, allowing others to stream in despite having no clear authorization from university officials. Later in the evening, the administration agreed to allow the students to remain. In order to partially compensate library staff working overtime, students passed a hat around for donations....

Walnut Creek (Calif.) Contra Costa Times, Nov. 13; Santa Cruz Indymedia, Nov. 14

Salinas must cut \$400,000 from budget

[<http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20091114/NEWS01/911140306/1002/Search-is-on-for-400K-in-Salinas-library-cuts>]

The city of Salinas, California, has asked its libraries to plan cuts of \$400,000, or 10% of their budget, effective in July. Options for meeting that goal are about to become the subject of intense discussion. Library Director Elizabeth Martinez has said one option is closing the libraries on Fridays, or perhaps even two days a week. The three libraries have been on a seven-day schedule since 2008, when they returned to a level of service close to that existing before the Measure V crisis of 2005....

Salinas Californian, Nov. 14

Former mayoral candidate accused of intimidating librarian

[http://www.missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/article_ecba2a5e-ce76-11de-b80e-001cc4c002e0.html]

Former Hamilton, Montana, mayoral candidate Michael Spreadbury is facing a felony intimidation charge for allegedly threatening a city librarian on November 4. Spreadbury allegedly threatened Nansu Roddy, public services librarian at the Bitterroot Public Library, in a parking lot adjoining the building. It wasn't the first time that Spreadbury had a run-in with library staff members....

The Missoulian, Nov. 10

Collection of FDR papers to be made public

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/11/16/AR2009111602927.html>]

The last great archives of Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency may soon be available to researchers and the public—14 boxes of handwritten notes, gifts, and correspondence, including a letter from Italian dictator

Benito Mussolini congratulating him on his 1933 inauguration. The House approved a bill November 16 to clear the way for the memorabilia to be donated to Roosevelt's presidential library and museum in Hyde Park, New York....
Associated Press, Nov. 16

Books returned 51 years late, along with \$1,000
[<http://ktar.com/?nid=6&sid=1231783>]
Two long-overdue library books were returned to Camelback High School in Phoenix November 3 by priority mail, along with an anonymous letter and a \$1,000 money order to cover late fees. The titles, *The Community of Living Things in Forest and Woodland* (right) by Stephen Collins and *The Community of Living Things in Field and Meadow* by Etta Schneider Riss, were checked out in 1958. Librarian Georgette Bordine said she will use the money to buy new books....
Phoenix Arizona Republic, Nov. 14

Prescott Valley finds a way around staff shortages
[<http://www.dcourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=74634>]
The Prescott Valley (Ariz.) Public Library is relying on employees on loan from other town departments. It has taken on five employees loaned for six months, as well as employees—ranging from clerical workers to Town Manager Larry Tarkowski—who will contribute several hours a day or a few days every week. Because of declining revenues, in October 2007 Tarkowski nixed plans to hire 17 additional library employees. By borrowing employees from other departments, the town is saving \$600,000 a year....
Prescott (Ariz.) Daily Courier, Nov. 15

Flarf: The poetry of Googled search terms
[<http://www.thestar.com/living/article/726499--flarf-the-poetry-of-googled-search-terms>]
If your Google search history could talk, would it recite a poem? The people behind a controversial movement known as “flarf” believe that phrases found on the internet and strung together into poetry provide a critical social commentary. Others think it's worthless drivel. Kate Dawson didn't realize she'd become a flarfist when she and her friend Ori Barbut started creating poems from their friends' search histories....
Toronto Star, Nov. 17

Russian librarians visit Scituate
[<http://www.wickedlocal.com/scituate/news/x809129625/St-Petersburg-librarians-visit-Scituate>]
Librarians from St. Petersburg, Russia, met with Scituate (Mass.) Town Library Director Kathy Meeker October 31 to discuss the modern-day role of libraries in their respective countries. The Russian visitors toured several urban libraries, including Boston Public and Boston University, but were encouraged by Library Trustee Kevin Carleton to visit a successful suburban version of the book-filled buildings. The Russians came over through a private cultural exchange program started by Ludmilla Leibman....
Scituate (Mass.) Mariner, Nov. 12

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Tech Talk

How to create a photo gallery using the Flickr API

[<http://net.tutsplus.com/tutorials/php/how-to-create-a-photo-gallery-using-the-flickr-api/>]

Paul Burgess writes: “Flickr is, without doubt, the biggest and best photography website on the internet. There are lots of widgets, badges, and plugins which allow you to display your latest Flickr photos on your website, but we’ll take it a step further by tapping straight into Flickr and integrating your photostream into your website, giving you a photo gallery that is a breeze to update.”...

Nettuts+, Nov. 12

Top 10 mobile applications of 2012

[http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/the_top_10_mobile_applications_of_2012.php]

Sarah Perez writes: “Research firm Gartner has just put out a list [<http://www.gartner.com/it/page.jsp?id=1230413>] of the top 10 mobile applications of the future. Well, not the distant future, but the far-off year of 2012. Nothing on the list is all that surprising or, in many cases, even all that new. Instead, the list includes the sorts of technologies that are just now coming into their own and haven’t yet seen widespread adoption as well as the already common technologies that are still experiencing growth.”...

ReadWriteWeb, Nov. 18; Gartner, Nov. 18

Best online backup tool: Dropbox

[<http://lifehacker.com/5406806/best-online-backup-tool-dropbox>]

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: “We asked readers to share their favorite online backup tools and then we rounded up the five most popular options for a vote. With nearly half the vote at 42%, Dropbox

[<https://www.dropbox.com/>] takes home the trophy for favorite online backup tool. It doesn’t offer the volume of storage or computer-wide backup that Mozy [<http://mozy.com/>] (21%) and Carbonite

[<http://www.carbonite.com/>] (11%) offer, but the ease-of-use factor is high and readers loved the simple file syncing.”...

Lifehacker, Nov. 17

Learning computers later in life

[<http://drupal02.nypl.org/blogs/2009/11/11/digital-native-or-not-learning-computers-later-life>]

Brigid Cahalan writes: “As the old familiar formats become less available and more information and entertainment goes digital, those in their 50s, 60s, and beyond can become marginalized if they don’t pick up computer skills. They must learn! Public libraries have risen to the challenge; library-based computer classes are widespread and older adults make up the majority of the attendees.” Here are some books that will help get them up to speed....

Blogg@NYPL, Nov. 11

E-readers and accessibility

[http://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/technology_and_learning/audiobooks_e_readers_and_accessibility]

Joshua Kim writes: “Three cheers for the educators at Syracuse and University of Wisconsin–Madison for refusing to purchase new Kindles until the speech-to-text feature meets accessibility standards. It is beyond stupid that Amazon neglected to provide spoken menu options, therefore making it impossible for sight-impaired readers to access the speech-to-text feature. This is, as they say in our business, a ‘teachable moment.’”...

Technology and Learning, Nov. 12

tests digital edition at colleges

[<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/index.cfm?i=61824>]

Penn State, Indiana, and Missouri universities are the first schools to participate in a USA Today initiative meant to test how students respond to electronic versions of printed newspapers. The e-Edition is free for students, faculty, and staff at the participating schools. USA Today says it’s identical to the newspaper’s print edition but with additional interactive and exclusive content. For instance, the Penn State edition includes a university-themed story selected and written by the school....

eSchool News, Nov. 17

Most Unfortunate Cover

[<http://100scopenotes.wordpress.com/2009/11/13/its-most-unfortunate/>]

Readers of the 100 Scope Notes blog have voted for their choice of Most Unfortunate Cover in children’s literature (a book that is held in high literary esteem, but features cover artwork that detracts from overall shelf appeal). The winner is Marion Dane Bauer’s *On My Honor* (Clarion, 1986). Travis Jonker writes: “Kids just aren’t persuaded to pick it up. A wonderful story. A story that deserves to be read. It’s just that the cover isn’t living up to its end of the bargain.” See the results here [<http://answers.poll daddy.com/poll/2239426/>]....

100 Scope Notes, Nov. 13

The unexpected art of science fiction book covers

[<http://io9.com/5406979/the-unexpected-art-of-science-fiction-book-covers>]

Lauren Davis writes: “A single book can inspire a wide range of covers, and sometimes those covers can be works of art themselves. We look at some classic science fiction novels and the various covers they’ve worn throughout the years. The covers are sometimes surprisingly pulpy, others are elegantly minimalist, and still others are variations on the same theme. Some of these are actual covers from various editions of the books, and some are concept designs created by individuals.”...

io9, Nov. 17

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

Actions & Answers

Chart tracks Patriot Act amendment proposals

[<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2009/11/patriot-act/>]

Confused by all the proposed changes to the Patriot Act ricocheting through the Capitol? The Center for Democracy and Technology put together this handy chart (PDF file

[http://www.wired.com/images_blogs/threatlevel/2009/11/revised-patriot-chart-comparing-marked-up-house-senate-judiciary-bills-to-current-law.pdf])

comparing the current law with the various amendments in the House and Senate. The chart compares proposed amendments to National Security Letters and the so-called “lone wolf”;

[<http://reason.com/archives/2009/10/05/should-the-patriot-act-keep-lo>] provisions of the Patriot Act. The proposals have only been passed by the judiciary committees, and face further amendments before they hit the full House and Senate for votes....

Threat Level, Nov. 16; Reason magazine, Oct. 5

“s Index of Public Library Service, 2009

[<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6705374.html>]

Library Journal’s national rating of public libraries, the LJ Index of Public Library Service 2009, Round 2, identifies 258 star libraries.

Created by Keith Curry Lance and Ray Lyons and based on 2007 data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, it rates 7,268 public libraries. The top libraries in each group get five, four, or three stars. All included libraries can use their scores to learn from their peers, expand service to their communities, and improve library awareness and funding....

Library Journal, Nov. 15

[http://1.bp.blogspot.com/_DtpYdAYE0TY/SwLUDCvwWwI/AAAAAAAAAaE/vcjeBtDZ3I8/s1600/pc-ca-county-libraries-72.jpg]California’s free public

library law

[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/11/californias-free-public-library-law.html>]

Larry Nix writes: “2009 is the centennial of the free public library law in California. The law was based around the county unit of government.

The California State Library under the overall leadership of State

Librarian James Gillis took on the task of organizing county libraries.

Harriet Gertrude Eddy (1876–1966) joined the staff in 1909 and was the person responsible for organizing county library service in 40 of California’s 58 counties in the next nine years.”...

Library History Buff Blog, Nov. 17

Public libraries and web technologies

[<http://www.lrs.org/blog/viewitem.php?post=309>]

The Colorado State Library’s Library Research Service has released a Closer Look Report, U.S. Public Libraries and the Use of Web Technologies (PDF file

[http://www.lrs.org/documents/closer_look/WebTech_2008_Closer_Look.pdf]).

In the spring of 2008, LRS visited the websites of nearly 600 public libraries in the United States, including all Colorado public libraries, looking for the presence of web technologies, including those identified as Web 2.0. This report details what public libraries are doing on the web, and the characteristics that early adopters share....

Library Research Service, Nov. 11

International copyright and libraries

The Library Copyright Alliance has released a series of issue briefs on current topics relating to international copyright and libraries. Written by Janice T. Pilch, Association of Research Libraries visiting program officer on international copyright, the five issue briefs address international copyright concerns (PDF file

[<http://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/bm~doc/briefintlcopyrightfinalrev101509.pdf>]), the World Intellectual Property Organization (PDF file

[<http://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/bm~doc/issuebriefdevagenda090109-2.pdf>]), traditional cultural expression (PDF file)

[<http://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/bm~doc/issuebrieftce.pdf>], access for reading-disabled persons (PDF file

[<http://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/bm~doc/brieftvifinalrev101509.pdf>]), and the anticounterfeiting agreement (PDF file

[<http://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/bm~doc/issuebriefactafinalrev102609.pdf>])....

Library Copyright Alliance

Queens librarian elected to New York City Council

[http://www.queenslibrary.org/index.aspx?page_nm=Press+Releases]

James G. Van Bramer, Queens Library's chief external affairs officer, has been elected to the New York City Council. He will be sworn into office on January 1. Van Bramer said, "Advocating for your library is a balance between building relationships and active support from the grassroots on up to the highest levels of government. The same political skills that helped Queens Library obtain funding will help me be effective in my new role."...

Queens Library, Nov. 16

Comics improve literacy

[http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2009-11/uoia-fie110509.php]

Carol L. Tilley, a professor of library and information science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, says that comics are just as sophisticated as other forms of literature, and children benefit from reading them at least as much as they do from reading other types of books. Although they have long embraced picture books as appropriate children's literature, many adults—even teachers and librarians who willingly add comics to their collections—are too quick to dismiss the suitability of comics as texts for young readers, Tilley said....

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Nov. 5

to be restricted, not banned

[<http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/226161>]

A controversial novel challenged by the parent of a high school student will not be banned, but Roanoke County, Virginia, school officials have chosen to restrict access to it. Three copies of *The Perks of Being a*

Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky, a coming-of-age novel written from the perspective of a teenager and containing sexually explicit scenes, will be returned to the shelves of the libraries at William Byrd and Hidden Valley high schools. The decision, announced at the school board meeting November 12, came after a review by a panel of three librarians....
Roanoke (Va.) Times, Nov. 13

School libraries: Vital filter developers

[<http://www.netfamilynews.org/2009/11/school-libraries-new-filter.html>]

Anne Collier writes: "Actually, the library is both a filter and a developer of the most effective filter there is—the software between students' ears. It's a great filter as the school's nerve center of media competency and literacy (hopefully including new media as well as the traditional kind). As for the filter the library helps develop in students' heads: If properly developed, it can guide and empower them the rest of their lives."...

NetFamilyNews, Nov. 5

Moorland-Spingarn at risk?

[<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/11/11/howard>]

One of the most important troves of African-American historical materials became the subject of national hand wringing in early November when the student newspaper at Howard University reported

[<http://www.thehilltoponline.com/moorland-spingarn-may-be-forced-to-close-1.2055278>]

that the library's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center—a foremost repository of artifacts and manuscripts related to black history—could close due to an inadequate budget and a shortage of staff. The article prompted a stream of upset responses, as well as an email to the paper from Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Alvin Thornton emphasizing that the university has no plans to close the research center. Still, the center is in trouble....

Inside Higher Ed, Nov. 11; Howard University Hilltop, Nov. 6

African-American special collection in Las Vegas

[<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2009/nov/17/librarians-collection-highlights-people-events-his/>]

When Barbara Coleman started the African-American special collection at the West Las Vegas branch of the Las Vegas–Clark County Public Library District in 1999, she wanted to hold onto local history. Ten years later, the collection is a little-known resource, but after recently finishing interviews with 20 figures in local black history, Coleman hopes to have a 90-minute, edited film from that oral history project ready to show the public in the coming months....

Las Vegas (Nev.) Sun, Nov. 17

Continuing furor over anti-gay blog post

[<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/11/13/purdue>]

Purdue University Government Information and Political Science Librarian Bert Chapman's October 27 post on his Conservative Librarian blog argued that gay people were an economic drain. As word of the blog spread at Purdue, the campus has seen petitions and protests, with many calling for Chapman (who has tenure) to be fired. His critics say that what he writes is so hateful and inaccurate that it raises questions about his ability to do his job. But Purdue has rejected calls to fire him, and Chapman

said he does not want to talk about the situation because he wants the controversy to die down....

Inside Higher Ed, Nov. 13

How to say it in Polish

[<http://pastprologue.wordpress.com/2009/11/12/say-it-in-polish/>]

Donna Pointkouski writes: “Over the years I’ve learned a few things about the Polish language with its different letters and consonant combinations, and I can usually figure out how a word is pronounced. But sometimes I get stumped. Fortunately, I discovered a website that allows you to hear Polish words pronounced by Polish speakers. So, how do you say Przybyszew? Click on this link

[<http://say.expressivo.com/jacek/Przybyszew>] to hear it. The site, Expressivo,

[http://www.expressivo.com/experience/ideas_and_description.html] is a text-to-speech program.”...

What’s Past Is Prologue, Nov. 12

[http://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=8097066404119911236]Case law on Google Scholar

[<http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2009/11/finding-laws-that-govern-us.html>]

Starting November 17, Google Scholar will allow you to find and read full-text legal opinions from U.S. and state district, appellate, and supreme courts using Google Scholar. [<http://scholar.google.com/>] You can search for cases (Planned Parenthood v. Casey

[http://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=6298856056242550994&q=abortion&as_sdt=2002]), topics (desegregation

[http://scholar.google.com/scholar?as_sdt=2002&q=desegregation]), or other keywords. If you try the query separate but equal,

[http://scholar.google.com/scholar?q=separate+but+equal&as_sdt=2002] your search results will include links to such familiar cases as Plessy v.

Ferguson

[http://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=16038751515555215717] and Brown v. Board of Education

[http://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=12120372216939101759], as well as opinions from less familiar cases. ResourceShelf has more details

[<http://www.resourceshelf.com/2009/11/17/federal-and-state-legal-opinions-a-long-with-patent-info-added-to-google-scholar/>]....

Official Google Blog, Nov. 17; ResourceShelf, Nov. 17

[<http://www.librarything.com/work/8288/getlocal&place=London,%20England>]Local Book Search on LibraryThing

[<http://www.librarything.com/blog/2009/11/local-book-search-new-way-forward-for.php>]

LibraryThing has released a feature called Local Book Search that allows you to find specific titles in a bookstore in a specific city or area. If

you live in San Francisco and want a copy of Steinbeck’s The Moon is Down, Local Book Search will help you find half-a-dozen copies,

[<http://www.librarything.com/work/2977710/getlocal&place=San Francisco, CA>] new and used, in just seconds. Physical bookstores are still

important in an online world; perhaps Local Book Search will be one of the things they need to survive and prosper....

LibraryThing Blog, Nov. 16

LCSH headings for video recordings

[<http://catalogablog.blogspot.com/2009/11/decision-regarding-final-disposition-of.html>]

The Policy and Standards Division of the Library of Congress has published its decision regarding the final disposition of LCSH headings for video recordings (PDF file

[<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsd/videorechheadings2.pdf>]). The decisions include: Topical headings (MARC tag 150) denoting a genre or form of video recording will be retired in favor of film headings; and genre/form headings for internet videos, podcasts, and webisodes will be created....

Catalogablog, Nov. 16; Library of Congress, Nov. 6

Get thee to a quarto

[<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/Home/news/stories/2009/11/hamlet.aspx>]

The Shakespeare Quartos Archive [<http://www.quartos.org/>] was launched November 16 with a complete digital collection of rare early editions of Hamlet. For the first time, all 32 existing quarto copies of the play held by participating U.K. and U.S. institutions are freely available online in one place. This initiative is jointly led by the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, and the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington through a joint transatlantic grant from JISC and the National Endowment for the Humanities....

Joint Information Systems Committee, Nov. 16

Looted Hebrew Bible returned to Vienna

[<http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/0911/091109newyork.htm>]

A two-volume, 16th-century Bomberg/Pratensis Rabbinic Bible is back in the hands of its rightful owners 71 years after it was stolen by the Nazis. On November 9 at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Attorney's office for the Southern District of New York returned the Bible to Vienna's Jewish community, known as Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Wien (IKG). During the annexation of Austria in 1938, Nazi soldiers confiscated the rare Bible from the IKG library....

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Nov. 9

The sniff test as a preservation tool

[http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2009-11/acs-111009.php]

In a report

[<http://pubs.acs.org/stocken/presspac/presspac/full/10.1021/ac9016049>]

published in a recent issue of Analytical Chemistry, scientists in the United Kingdom and Slovenia describe a new test that can measure the degradation of old books and precious historical documents on the basis of their aroma. The well-known musty smell of an old book is the result of hundreds of volatile organic compounds released into the air from the paper. A new technique called "material degradomics" analyzes the gases emitted by old books and determines those in most need of care....

American Chemical Society, Nov. 10

[<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph49542/>]North Texas

digitizes JFK assassination files

[<http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local-beat/JFK-Investigation-Photos-Now-Online-69782592.html>]

Photographs taken by Dallas police and used as evidence in the criminal

investigation following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy are now available for public viewing. The University of North Texas Libraries Digital Projects unit placed the photographs in its Portal to Texas History, [<http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/JFKDP/browse>] thanks to a grant from the Summerlee Foundation to digitize 404 images taken by the Dallas Police Department during the week following Kennedy's assassination. One shows a young Lee Harvey Oswald [<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/education/stories/111309dnmetjfkphotos.2acb54095.html>] with a friend in Russia (above).... NBC Dallas-Fort Worth, Nov. 11; Dallas Morning News, Nov. 12

Columbia University's new copyright website [<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/news/libraries/2009/20091111.copyright.html>]

The Columbia University Copyright Advisory Office has launched a fully revised and updated website of copyright issues and information. The new site [<http://copyright.columbia.edu>] is publicly accessible and offers expanded pages on copyright ownership, fair use in the context of scholarship and teaching, publication agreements, the Google Books Search settlement, and the creation of digital libraries and preservation initiatives at university libraries....

Columbia University Libraries, Nov. 11

Gift guide for book lovers

[http://www.finebooksmagazine.com/issue/200911/gift_guide-1.phtml] Rebecca Rego Barry writes: "Writing a gift guide for bibliophiles is a plum assignment. I browse boutiques, rummage around online, and peruse sumptuous catalogs in search of items that I would like to find under my tree. This year, 20 incredible products top my list. Here is a sampling from the Guide, published in the 2010 Fine Books and Collections compendium." Included is this ancient lamp, suitable for reading the Loeb Classical Library...

Fine Books and Collections

Book-related handbags

[<http://thejailbreak.com/2009/11/10/olympia-le-tans-book-bags/>] Fashion designer Olympia Le-Tan has designed a series of 21 handbags that feature impeccable embroidered recreations of book covers from such first-edition novels as Moby Dick, The Catcher in the Rye, The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter, and For Whom the Bell Tolls. The collection is appropriately titled "You Can't Judge a Book by Its Cover" and is inspired by Le-Tan's affection for collecting old books....

The Jailbreak, Nov. 10

A board game for the bibliophile

[<http://www.bookpatrol.net/2009/11/bookchase-board-game-for-book-set.html>] Michael Lieberman writes: "Bookchase [<http://www.bookchase.info/>] is billed as the world's first board game about books. Here's how it works. The first one to collect six books, one from each category, and get home wins. Of course, there are hazards along the way like dropping your books in the bath. You can collect books by answering questions, visiting the library, or landing on various other lucky spots on the board."...

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxQvm2oLewU>]Jimmy Kimmel Live!
[<http://www.freep.com/article/20091113/NEWS03/911130364/1001/News/Blog-name-s-worlds-worst-books>]
Mary Kelly (left) and Holly Hibner started the blog Awful Library Books [<http://awfullibrarybooks.wordpress.com/>] in April to add some zing to a conference speech on the quality of collections in public libraries. The site now gets about 5,000 hits a day, is updated several times a week, and received an additional boost when the pair appeared on the November 11 Jimmy Kimmel Live! show (watch the video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxQvm2oLewU>], 7:00). Kelly is adult services librarian with the Salem–South Lyon (Mich.) District Library, and Hibner is adult services coordinator for the Plymouth (Mich.) District Library....
Detroit Free Press, Nov. 13; YouTube, Nov. 12

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E93uAKqr31s>] filmed at Boston Public Library
[<http://media.www.thesandspur.org/media/storage/paper623/news/2009/11/13/ArtsEntertainment/To.Push.Or.Not.To.Push-3832328.shtml>]
In The Box, a film starring Cameron Diaz (right) released November 6, protagonists Arthur and Norma Lewis go from a disturbing wedding reception to a haunted library (filmed at Boston Public Library). Bloody noses abound and the lengthy scene leads to the film's most unintentionally hilarious moment. Being followed like the pied piper through the corridors by a troupe of zombie-like drones ("employees" if you prefer), Arthur is directed to three watery portals. Choose the right one, the creepy librarian tells him, and you'll find salvation. Choose the wrong one and, naturally, eternal damnation awaits. Watch the trailer [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E93uAKqr31s>] (2:09)....
Rollins College Sandspur, Winter Park, Fla., Nov. 13; YouTube

The Tompkins Library vault [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ct4n4mltZww>]
Cecelia Hui, of the Shortgrass Library System in Medicine Hat, Alberta, visited the Tompkins branch of the Chinook Regional Library in Saskatchewan during a fundraising drive. She took the opportunity to make a video (2:59) of the library and discover the secrets of its huge, walk-in, bullethole-spattered vault....
YouTube, Nov. 15

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ALA Midwinter Meeting,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/information.cfm>] Boston, January 15–19. You will receive a free airport shuttle ticket
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/travel.cfm#free%20shuttle>] from the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to Logan International Airport on Monday, January 18, if you reserve a room in the ALA hotel block through Experient (ALA's registration company). Sign up for the ride at the shuttle supervisor table located at the shuttle drop-off location at the convention center. Self parking
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/travel.cfm#parking>] is available at the convention center.

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2634>]

The Early Literacy Kit, [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2634>]
put together by early literacy specialists Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting, contains everything storytime presenters for children from birth to age 5 and their parents or caregivers need to spread the word about school readiness skills. NEW! From ALA Editions.

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

Word-of-Mouth Marketing
[<http://www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/10262009/power-word-mouth-marketing>]

Libel Tourism

Multivendor RFID Rollouts

How to Work a Crisis

Nominate someone

The Zora Neale Hurston Award
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/znh/index.cfm>] is given to an individual RUSA member who has demonstrated leadership in promoting African-American literature. The winner receives funds to attend the ALA Annual Conference, tickets to the Literary Tastes breakfast and the FOLUSA Author tea, and a set of the Zora Neale Hurston books published by Harper Perennial. Nomination materials should be submitted electronically to RUSA [<mailto:rusa@ala.org>]. The deadline is December 1.

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

Special Collections Librarian,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13950>] George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Virginia. Committed and experienced librarian will have responsibility for developing and assessing rare books, manuscripts, and other special collections; participating in donor outreach efforts and the identification and application for external, private funding opportunities; providing public service assistance to library users; and promoting awareness and use of special collections to researchers at Mount Vernon and beyond....

[<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://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/p267401coll32&CISOPTR=5827&CISOBOX=1&REC=1]

Ohio Memory [<http://www.ohiomemory.org/index.php>] is a collaborative effort between the Ohio Historical Society and the State Library of Ohio. Launched in 2000, the project includes 75,000 primary sources from 330 archives, historical societies, libraries, and museums that document Ohio's past, from prehistory to the present. Specialized topics include archaeology, gay Ohio history, Ohio battle flags, Ohio governors, county atlases, state hospitals, and World War II oral histories.

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

“There ya have it—four years of undergrad, two years of graduate school, and now you can spend your days picking blotter acid out of Phil Lesh's underwear from the Blues for Allah tour.”

—The Daily Show's Jon Stewart on the master's degree requirement for the UC–Santa Cruz Grateful Dead archivist position opening, Nov. 11 (watch the video [<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/wed-november-11-2009/want-ads---grateful-dead-archivist>]).

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National Association for the Education of Young Children, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., Nov. 18–21, at: [#naeycAC](http://twitter.com/#search?q=%23naeycAC) [<http://twitter.com/#search?q=%23naeycAC>]

National Council of Teachers of English, Annual Convention, Philadelphia, Nov. 19–22, at: [#ncte](http://twitter.com/#search?q=%23NCTE) [<http://twitter.com/#search?q=%23NCTE>]

California School Library Association, Annual Conference, Ontario, Nov. 19–22, at: [#csla2009](http://twitter.com/#search?q=%23CSLA2009) [<http://twitter.com/#search?q=%23CSLA2009>]

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Ask the ALA Librarian

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/namho/665195696/>]

Q. I have seen a few articles in the press about libraries dropping Dewey for a genre-based system, more like a bookstore. Now my administration is asking me whether we should do the same at our school library. Can you help?

A. This is not something new. There have been questions and issues raised about using not only the Dewey Decimal system, but also about Library of Congress, Universal Decimal Classification, and many others. There is no perfect classification system that meets the needs of every library. “In theory, making an ideal classification system looks like a splendid idea. In real life, you can make a fine system . . . and employ it in your library. However, (when you are gone), the library will switch to a more standard system because it is much easier to use preclassified material than to try to classify everything in-house.” (Betty G. Bengtson and Janet Swan Hill, *Classification of Library Materials: Current and Future Potential for Providing Access*. New York: Neal-Schuman, 1990, p. 21.) The

ALA Library has collected several resources about cataloging [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Cataloging_and_Classification] and classification, [<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Classification>] and searched library literature and popular media for discussions and opinions about using genre-based systems. The ALA Public Information Office has also put together a set of talking points [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Talking_Points] that address this issue. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Bookstore_vs._Library].

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

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

As the holiday shopping season approaches, remember that ALA members are eligible for discounts in more than 200 Books-A-Million [http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/june2009/bam_discount_membership.cfm] stores and on their online store.

Calendar

Nov. 27:
National Day of Listening, [<http://www.nationaldayoflistening.org/>]
StoryCorps. Set aside one hour to record a conversation with someone important to you.

Dec. 2–4:
International Digital Curation Conference,
[<http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/dcc-2009/>] Millennium Gloucester Hotel,
Kensington, London. “Moving to Multi-Scale Science: Managing Complexity and Diversity.”

Dec. 3–4:
Urban Libraries Council,
[<https://m360.urbanlibraries.org/event.aspx?eventID=7719>] Partners for
Success conference, Nashville Public Library. “Regional Solutions
for Local Vitality.”

Dec. 4:
ACRL/NY Annual Symposium, [<http://acrlnsymp09.wordpress.com/about/>]
Vertical Campus Conference Center, Baruch College, New York City.
“Emerging Leadership in Academic Libraries.”

Dec. 7–9:
Arizona Library Association, [<http://www.azla.org/displayconvention.cfm>]
Annual Conference, Glendale.

Dec. 10:
Human Rights Day,

[<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/HumanRightsDay2009.aspx>] United Nations.

Jan. 14–29:

Institutional Copyright Policies.

[<http://cipcommunity.org/s/1039/index.aspx?sid=1039&gid=1&pgid=252&cid=950&ecid=950&crid=0&calpgid=303&calcid=807>] Online workshop by University of Maryland University College Center for Intellectual Property.

Jan. 20–21:

Atmospheric Science Librarians International,

[<http://www.aslionline.org/conference/2010program.html>] 13th Annual Conference, Atlanta. “Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians.”

Feb. 3–6:

iSchools iConference, [<http://www.ischools.org/iConference10/2010index/>] University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Mar. 1–31:

Wikis in Libraries: Building Interactive Collections and Knowledge Repositories.

[<http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/careers/continuing-education/workshops/online.php#wikis>] Online workshop by Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Apr. 28–30:

Off-Campus Library Services Conference, [<http://ocls.cmich.edu/conf2010/>] Cleveland Marriott Downtown.

May 16–22:

DigCCurr Professional Institute,

[<http://ils.unc.edu/digccurr/institute.html>] University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. “Curation Practices for the Digital Object Lifecycle.”

@ More [<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/calendar/calendar.cfm>]...

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U.S. & World News

[Guide to revised Google Books settlement](#)

ALA, ACRL, and the Association of Research Libraries have responded to the proposed settlement of lawsuits challenging Google's Book Search project with a guide describing the major revisions, particularly those relevant to libraries. *A Guide for the Perplexed Part III: The Amended Settlement Agreement* ([PDF file](#)), written by legal consultant Jonathan Band, notes that the amended settlement agreement ([PDF file](#)) significantly reduces the scope of the settlement because it excludes most books published outside of the United States. More discussion [here](#)....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 25; eSchool News, Nov. 24



[Kentuckians take sides on graphic nature of graphic novel](#)

What began as a personnel matter in September involving the actions of two employees of the Jessamine County (Ky.) Public Library has grown into a local controversy about the artistic merit of Alan Moore's graphic novel *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: The Black Dossier* and whether the two circulation clerks should be applauded for taking the moral high road or decried for violating library policy by withholding the title from an 11-year-old girl who had reserved a copy for checkout. The library employees were fired for doing so....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 25



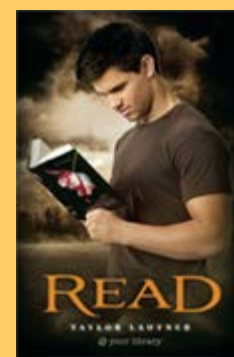
[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)
Boston, January 15–19.

The [Exhibits Opening Reception](#) will be held 5:30–7:30 p.m., January 15, on the exhibit floor, and will feature food and music, as well as over 30 gifts (**not limited to baskets anymore**) to be given away by exhibitors. To register to win a gift, visit the exhibitors' booths during the reception.



ALA News

[ALA: Libraries starved for](#)



[So . . . you're a werewolf?](#) Actor Taylor Lautner reads a

[bandwidth](#)

America's libraries make it a part of their mission to offer internet access to anyone in the community, but a severe bandwidth crunch is hobbling those efforts. That's one of the conclusions reached in ALA's response ([PDF file](#)) to the FCC's call for comments on broadband needs, which says that 59.6% of public libraries "report their connectivity speed is inadequate some or all of the time to meet patrons' needs," despite help from the [e-rate program](#)....

Ars Technica, Nov. 24; District Dispatch, Nov. 23



[New ALA Task Force on Social Media](#)

In mid-November, a new ALA staff task force on the use of social media assembled, taking the first step toward moving the Association forward in the social media realm. The task force will address why and how staff should use social media to improve member engagement, promote products and services, manage the ALA brand, and better serve members, especially at conference....

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 24

[National Gaming Day final numbers](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "Last week, I [wrote](#) that the November 14 National Gaming Day event had some outstanding participation, 'easily doubling the number of participants from last year, NGD mastermind Jenny Levine told *American Libraries*.' NGD has just [released](#) official counts, taken from survey results."...

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 24



[Advocacy on the Front Lines](#)

Join ALA President Camila Alire and others January 16 for "Advocacy on the Front Lines: How to Make a Difference from Where You Sit" during the ALA 2010 Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The panel discussion will focus on "Frontline Advocacy," a unique initiative designed to motivate, encourage, and train librarians and library support staff to seize opportunities to promote the diverse professionals, resources, and services of public, school, academic, and special libraries....

[ALA testifies on the role of libraries in improving literacy](#)

ALA Washington Office Executive Director Emily Sheketoff filed testimony ([PDF file](#)) November 19 in a hearing by the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education on [improving literacy skills of children and young adults](#). She underscored the impact of school libraries on both traditional and technology literacy through school librarians who know the school's curriculum and effective techniques necessary to cross disciplines....



[Call for submissions: AL 2010 design showcase](#)

Associate Editor Greg Landgraf writes: "*American Libraries* is now accepting [submissions](#) for its annual Library Design

copy of Stephenie Meyer's *New Moon*, a sequel to *Twilight*, in this new Celebrity READ poster. Lautner plays the shape-shifting Jacob Black in the movie, which premiered in theaters November 20. With over 53 million books in print, hundreds of fan sites, and numerous critical accolades and awards, *Twilight* has become a worldwide sensation. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

In this issue Nov. 2009



[Word-of-Mouth Marketing](#)

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How to Work a Crisis

Volunteer for a committee

Get involved in your Association and profession by [volunteering to serve](#) on an ALA or divisional committee. The deadline is

Showcase, to be published in the April 2010 issue. This is a showcase of new and newly renovated or expanded libraries of all types. Roughly 30 of the best construction projects of the year will be highlighted in this major AL feature. The deadline is February 1; to be eligible, projects must have been completed after October 1, 2008.”...

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 19



[Free webinar on Guide to Reference](#)

Learn how to integrate this valuable online resource into your teaching to help provide practical job preparation for your students. Designed for LIS instructors, this free December 3 webinar will familiarize you with the major features and benefits of [Guide to Reference](#) so you can easily incorporate it into your own teaching—with free access. Register [here](#)....

[Jamaica joins the Campaign](#)

The [Library and Information Association of Jamaica](#) is the newest member of the Campaign for the World's Libraries. Since its founding in 1949, LIAJA has worked to unite all Jamaicans engaged in or interested in library work, encourage cooperation between libraries, promote a high standard of education and training of library staff, and form an educated public opinion on libraries....



Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Environment](#)

Gore, Al. *Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis*. Nov. 2009. 415p. Rodale, hardcover (978-1-59486-734-7).

Nobel laureate Gore is dedicated to one of the most important missions on the planet: educating humankind about the causes and consequences of global warming and offering solutions to the looming crises implicit in the changes to the earth's climate and habitability that are already well under way. No one is more qualified than Gore to lead the collective movement beyond fossil fuels, given his command of the science and politics involved, his invaluable global connections and resources, and his sensitivity to our reluctance to face the "magnitude and gravity of the climate crisis." As he did in *An Inconvenient Truth* (2006), Gore matches clear and ringing explanations and commentary with superb supporting diagrams and illustrations and striking photographs from around the world, documenting the dramatic impacts of human industry and climate change....



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Career Leads from



[Executive Director.](#)

SEFLIN, Boca Raton, Florida. provides leadership for one of the most dynamic multi-type library consortia in North America. Membership includes major academic and public libraries in Southeast Florida. Major responsibilities include planning, financial administration, grantsmanship, organization and direction of services for members, and communication on many levels with staff, Board of Directors, committees, and professional and community organizations. The Executive Director is expected to maintain a posture of professional leadership....



Digital Library
of the Week

Featured review: Politics

Palin, Sarah. *Going Rogue: An American Life*. Nov. 2009. 432p. Harper, hardcover (978-0-06-193989-1).

No good deed goes unpunished. Just ask Steve Schmidt, John McCain's campaign manager and the guy who pushed Sarah Palin as McCain's running mate. Now, in Palin's much-hyped book, he's just a fat, smoking bullet-head who told her to "stick to the script." The feeling running through *Going Rogue* is that Palin has been bursting to take a whack at those she believes didn't do right by her during the campaign. (Katie Couric, we're looking at you!) Before readers get to that, however, there's personal biography. We're introduced to Sarah the reader—loved to read—the basketball player, hunter, wife, mother. Then lots and lots of Alaska politics, which will probably be a little hard even for people from Alaska to plow through. (Scores are settled here, too.) Once Palin gets into the 2008 campaign, the tone is folksy, but the knives are out....



Booklist Online Exclusives

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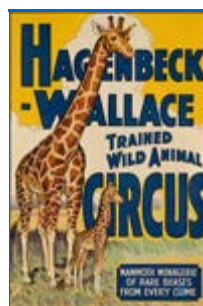
@ Visit [Booklist Online](#) for other reviews and much more....

Boston Update

Treasures of the Boston Public Library

The Boston Public Library was founded in 1848 as the first free municipal library in the United States. The exhibit "Cool and Collected: Treasures of the Boston Public Library" showcases the extraordinary and dedicated public investment by the citizens of Boston in supporting BPL as a flagship intellectual, historical, and cultural institution. The [exhibit](#) will be on display during the Midwinter Meeting and will feature a John James Audubon print, a Winslow Homer painting, a Sergei Prokofiev score, and much more....

Boston Public Library



The Boston HarborWalk

Boston's HarborWalk winds through the city's waterfront neighborhoods and downtown district, stretching from Chelsea Creek to the Neponset River. This is a great and safe way (even in the winter) to



Senator J. W. Fulbright Speaks.

Fifty speeches delivered by Sen. James William Fulbright (1905–1995), one of the best-known Arkansans in the world, are now available on the University of Arkansas Libraries' website. The digital library collection, titled "A Calm Voice in a Strident World: Senator J. W. Fulbright Speaks," contains the text of selected speeches, ranging from comments he made regarding his dismissal as president of the University of Arkansas in 1941, to remarks censuring Sen. Joseph McCarthy's far-ranging investigations, and criticisms of U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam. The Fulbright speeches are part of the University Libraries' [digital library collections](#). The Special Collections Department digitized the speeches, which represent a small portion of the Fulbright Papers held by the department. [Additional information](#) on the website, including photographs, a biography, a detailed time line of Fulbright's life, and a bibliography of materials both by and about Fulbright, provide historical



walk along the water and see the city. The sections closest to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center are Fort Point Channel, South Boston, and Downtown/North End....

Boston HarborWalk

RMG Consultants' 2010 Presidents' Seminar

RMG Consultants will hold its 20th annual Presidents' Seminar January 15, 2–5 p.m., at the Midwinter Meeting. The seminar will feature executives from library automation companies and other experts, new-wave innovators, and entrepreneurs who will discuss initiatives and trends in the library technology industry. Librarians and others are invited to attend and add their questions and comments to those of the panelists and speakers....

RMG Consultants, Nov. 20

Flight delayed? Buy a one-day lounge pass

Many airlines have changed their policies and fees on bag checking, security, and other protocols since 2008. Even if you're up to date, there's always the chance your flight won't leave on time. If you're facing down a delayed or missed flight, buy a day pass for the airline lounge or club. The staffers in clubs are usually the airline's most experienced agents and often the most helpful. It can be worth the cost of a day pass just to get someone to help you rebook....

Lifehacker, Nov. 25



Division News

LITA Emerging Leaders

The LITA Board of Directors is sponsoring Cody Hanson and Tara Lannen-Stanton to participate in the ALA 2009 Emerging Leaders Program. They will each receive a \$1,000 stipend to help offset the costs of attending the 2010 Midwinter Meeting and the 2010 Annual Conference. They will also work on LITA projects and be mentored by the LITA leadership. Hanson is technology librarian at the University of Minnesota, and Lannen-Stanton is WorldLinQ coordinator in the Queens Library at Queens College Library....



ALSC selects participants for Bill Morris Seminar

ALSC has selected 28 members to take part in the second biennial "Bill Morris Seminar: Book Evaluation Training," January 15, prior to the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. This invitational seminar honors William C. Morris's dedication to connecting librarians and children with excellent children's books and brings ALSC members with limited evaluation experience together with those who have served on ALSC's

context. The website also includes a link to the finding aid for the entire collection of Fulbright papers.

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

"There is no general card catalog at the Central Library anymore. Those cards are now used artistically to line the elevator shafts; the little drawers in banks in some parts of the building don't open. Instead, I searched on the library's computer. I typed in 'Luddite,' and it gave me a list of six books (six!) as well as links to Amazon reviews. I set out to find each book. . . .

"I spent three hours at the library and did not learn much about Luddites, but what I did find actually gave me chills. This is what I discovered: If you have a specific destination, the web is the place to go. If you just need to search, there is no place like the library."

media evaluation committees for training and mentorship....

AASL institute on 21st-century skills and standards

The AASL pre-Midwinter Institute January 15 will focus on helping school library media specialists align *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner* with the Partnership for 21st-Century Skills (P21) framework. "Bringin' 'Em On! 21st-Century Skills Aligning with Standards" will guide attendees in best practices for infusing 21st-century skills into their school or district's curriculum. Led by Pam Berger, this institute will be especially helpful for states that have signed on for P21 leadership. [Online registration](#) is now open....

LITA offers two workshops in Boston

LITA is offering two full-day educational workshops on January 15. Karen Coombs of the University of Houston will present "Creating Library Web Services: Mashups and APIs," and Brenda Reeb of the University of Rochester will present "Writing for the Web." Visit the ALA Midwinter Meeting [registration page](#) to register....

YALSA launches First Wednesdays program

YALSA will [host](#) informal online chats for its members on the first Wednesday of each month, 8–9 p.m. Eastern Time, in ALA Connect starting December 2. Members can find guidance for planning events on YALSA's First Wednesdays [tip sheet](#), which includes information on how to plan an event, connect with regional YALSA members, and choose potential activities....

YALSA's Libraries 3.0: Teen Edition

Twitter, Facebook fan pages, book trailers: The world of teen librarianship is changing, and YALSA can help library workers learn how to incorporate these tools and other technologies at its pre-Midwinter Institute, "Libraries 3.0: Teen Edition," in Boston, January 15. Hear keynote speaker Stacy Aldrich, noted futurist and acting California state librarian, and find out how Skype works as author Cory Doctorow uses it to talk to institute participants....

LLAMA mentors and mentees needed

The LLAMA Mentoring Committee is recruiting for mentors and mentees for its 2010–2011 year. The mentoring program pairs librarians who are currently in leadership positions with librarians who are interested in becoming leaders. For mentors, it is a chance to pass on your experience and knowledge by working one-on-one with an enthusiastic colleague who is ready to learn and benefit from your experience. For mentees, it is a great opportunity to learn from an accomplished leader. The deadline for applications is December 14....

Awards

RUSA's investment program wins ASAE award

[Smart investing @ your library](#), a grant program offered by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and RUSA, is one of 17 programs to receive an Award of Excellence from the 2009 Associations Advance America awards program, sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives and the Center for Association Leadership. Now in its 19th year, the AAA awards program recognizes associations and industry partners that improve the quality of life in America....



—Author Diana Wagman, on her quest for information about Luddites at the Los Angeles Public Library, "[A Luddite in the Library](#)," *Los Angeles Times*, Nov. 22.



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International Digital Curation Conference, Millennium Gloucester Hotel, Kensington, London, U.K., Dec. 2–4, at: [#idcc09](#)

American Libraries news stories, videos, and blog posts at: [amlibraries](#)

Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. Our community, like many others, is tightening its fiscal belt. As a result, we are looking at the idea of a joint-use library—one where other community services could also

[YALSA awards deadlines approach](#)

YALSA offers more than \$40,000 in grants and awards each year to its members to travel to ALA conferences, support collection development, honor outstanding contributions to young adult librarianship, and conduct research. [Applications](#) are due for the 2010 grants and awards on December 1....

[Nominations open for ASCLA disability services award](#)

ASCLA seeks nominations for the 2010 ASCLA/KLAS/NOD Award. Sponsored by ASCLA, the National Organization on Disability, and Keystone Systems, the award recognizes innovative and well-organized projects that successfully develop or expand services for persons with disabilities. The winner will receive \$1,000 and a citation provided by Keystone Systems. Nomination forms ([PDF file](#)) are due by January 11....

[ASCLA 2010 awards nominations](#)

ASCLA is now accepting nominations for the Leadership and Professional Achievement Award, the Exceptional Service Award, and the Cathleen Bourdon Service Award for 2010. These awards recognize accomplishments in the following areas: cooperative, consulting, multitype, and state library services; extension and outreach services; and service to ASCLA. Nomination forms ([PDF file](#)) are due by January 11....

[Manuscripts sought for student writing award](#)

LITA is offering an award for the best unpublished manuscript submitted by students enrolled in an ALA-accredited graduate program. The award consists of \$1,000 and publication in LITA's refereed journal *Information Technology and Libraries*. Manuscripts must follow the award [guidelines](#). The deadline for [submitting](#) manuscripts is February 28....

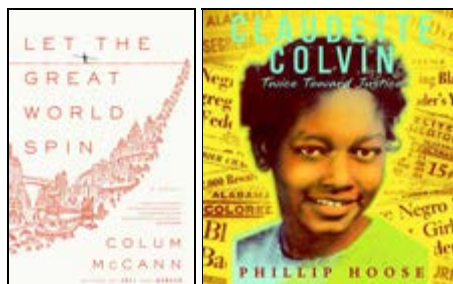
[Apply for a 2010 Google Policy Fellowship](#)

The ALA Washington Office will be participating in the [Google Policy Fellowship](#) program for the summer of 2010. Google Policy Fellows work for 10 weeks during the summer at ALA Washington or other public interest organizations involved in debates on broadband and access policy, copyright reform, online privacy, and open government. Check out the [FAQ](#). [Applications](#) are due December 28....

District Dispatch, Nov. 12

[2009 National Book Awards](#)

Colum McCann won the National Book Award for fiction November 18 for *Let the Great World Spin*, a novel featuring a sprawling cast of characters in 1970s New York City whose lives are touched by the mysterious tightrope walker who traverses a wire suspended between the Twin Towers one morning. The award for Young People's Literature went to Phillip Hoose for *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*, a biography of the African-American teenager in 1950s Montgomery, Alabama, who refused to give up her seat on a bus nine months before Rosa Parks took the



be offered under the library roof. How common are such arrangements?

A. Such arrangements are more common in such countries as Sweden and Australia, where they enable library service in thinly populated areas. Alan Bundy in his 2003 "Joint-Use Libraries: The Ultimate Form of Cooperation" sets the rate at 40% of libraries in Sweden. In the U.S., the number is much lower. Key to the success seems to be a well-planned agreement, covering issues as enumerated in the *Report of The Standing Committee on Joint-Use Libraries* ([PDF file](#)), prepared January 30, 1996, at Florida's College Center for Library Automation. The Bundy article also has a checklist, as do the many other references on [joint-use libraries](#) gathered for the ALA Library Fact Sheet 20, [Joint-Use Libraries: A Bibliography](#). From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Calendar

Dec. 27–30:
[Modern Language Association](#). Annual Convention, Philadelphia Marriott.

Jan. 1–31:
[Using Social](#)

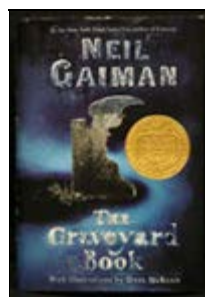
same stand....

New York Times, Nov. 18

[Booktrust Teenage Prize](#)

Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* has won the 2009 Booktrust Teenage Prize, which recognizes exemplary contemporary fiction written for young adults. Gaiman was presented with a check for £2,500 (\$4,149 U.S.) at a November 18 ceremony in London. *The Graveyard Book* tells the story of Nobody "Bod" Owens, a child abandoned in a graveyard after the vicious murder of his parents and sister by The Man Jack....

Booktrust



Seen Online

[A critical situation in California](#)

"I've never seen such devastation in libraries," said Jackie Griffin, head of Ventura County's system. She recently returned from a meeting of Southern California library officials where more than half reported having to institute furloughs, layoffs, and other austerity measures. The bad times for libraries are coming just as more people are discovering how useful they can be. Kim Bui-Burton, president of the California Library Association, described conditions as "extraordinarily difficult."...

Los Angeles Times, Nov. 19

[Paul LeClerc to retire as NYPL head](#)

After 16 years at the helm of one of the world's largest library systems, Paul LeClerc announced November 18 that he would step down as president of the New York Public Library in the summer of 2011 to give the institution plenty of time to search for a replacement. LeClerc, 68, a scholar of French literature and the former president of Hunter College, presided over the library during a revolutionary period of change. When he first came to the position in December 1993, the library did not even have a website....

New York Times, Nov. 18



[Pittsburgh casts libraries a lifeline](#)

Pittsburgh city council gave its unanimous, initial approval November 23 to a transfer of \$600,000 to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, a first step in avoiding, through next year, the closure of the Lawrenceville, Hazelwood, Beechview, and West End branches and the merger of the Carrick and Knoxville branches. If the city or some other source comes through with another \$600,000 next year, that will close the system's \$1.2-million gap for next year, said Library Director Barbara Mistick....

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Nov. 24

[Connecticut libraries become centers for business help](#)

Jennifer Keohane (right), Simsbury (Conn.) Public Library's business outreach librarian, calls herself a "personal information shopper. When people come here, I can help them map out what they might need." People ask her to look at their résumés. They

[Bookmarking Services for Subject Guides, Course Reading Lists, and Reader Alerts.](#) Online workshop hosted by Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Jan. 12–15:
[Association for Library and Information Science Education.](#) Annual Conference, Boston Park Plaza Hotel. "Creating a Culture of Collaboration."

Jan. 13–15:
[Educause, Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference.](#) Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. "Connect. Collaborate. Contribute."

Jan. 27–30:
[Special Libraries Association.](#) Leadership Summit, St. Louis Union Station Marriott, Missouri. "Creating the Future."

Jan. 29:
[The Bibliographical Society of America.](#) Annual Meeting, New York City.

Feb. 1–5:
[Digital Futures.](#) Sydney, Australia. "From Digitization to Delivery."

Feb. 11:
[Information Without Borders.](#) Dalhousie University School of Information Management, Halifax, Nova Scotia. "Portals, Pathways, and Peoples."

ask her whether they should take a job for which they are overqualified. She taught a former vice president of a multinational company how to create a PowerPoint presentation; he had been laid off and no longer had a staff to create one, but needed it to land a job. Last summer she ran 35 workshops, almost all of them geared to job seekers....

Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Nov. 18

[Crowd rallies against library outsourcing](#)

With placards and grinning camaraderie, 100 protesters picketed the Nevada County (Calif.) Rood Center on November 24 to dissuade the board of supervisors from outsourcing management of the county's six libraries. The crowd had gathered because of the supervisors' October decision to consider outsourcing library management to avoid a \$400,000 deficit for the current 2009–10 fiscal year....

Grass Valley (Calif.) Union, Nov. 25

[Law libraries close in Connecticut, New Jersey](#)

The Connecticut Judicial Branch is preparing to close six of its 16 law libraries, saying that budget cuts have forced the branch's hand. Chief Court Administrator Judge Barbara Quinn testified November 18 before the Appropriations Committee that the state's decision to cut \$12.8 million from its budget goes "well beyond what is practical, sustainable, or possible." Law libraries in superior courts in Morris (right) and Sussex County in [New Jersey](#) are expected to be closed in about six months. Courts Administrator Michael Arnold said use has been declining....

Connecticut Law Tribune, Nov. 23; *Newark (N.J.) Star-Ledger*, Nov. 22



[Jury awards \\$8 million to injured librarian](#)

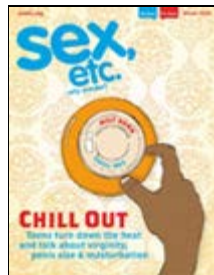
A Richmond jury awarded a research librarian at the Library of Virginia \$8 million in damages November 18, the full amount sought by her lawyers after the woman was struck by a Greater Richmond Transit Company bus and severely injured. Meikui Lo, now 34, suffered spinal and shoulder damage and multiple hip and pelvis fractures after a bus making a right turn struck her as she crossed a street beside the library in 2007....

Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, Nov. 19

[Sex, Etc. is ok for teens after all](#)

A magazine about sex will stay where teens can find it at the Ames (Iowa) Public Library. Trustees voted 6–1 November 19 to support Director Art Weeks's recommendation to continue openly displaying and offering free copies of *Sex, Etc.* in the teen section. Joyce and John Bannantine had presented a petition to the board in October with the signatures of 118 parents concerned about the topic of the magazine, which is written for teens by teens under the oversight of Answer, a national sexuality organization at Rutgers University....

Ames (Iowa) Tribune, Nov. 20



Feb. 22–25:

[Code4Lib](#).

Renaissance Asheville Hotel, North Carolina.

Mar. 3–5:

[Institute of Museum and Library Services WebWise Conference](#).

University of Denver and Denver Art Museum.

Apr. 8–10:

[Southwest Association of Law Libraries](#). Annual

Meeting, Waco, Texas.

Apr. 21–23:

[Evergreen International Conference](#). Grand Rapids, Michigan.

May 24–28:

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[Librarians reflect on banned books](#)

When Miss Please Everybody took over her new job at the library, she tried to do as her name implied. What she found was she soon had very few books in her library. First removed, the librarian said, were those books with "dirty words. Why, we trucked them right out to the dumpster." Miss Please Everybody, portrayed by Webmaster Doris McKay, was the hostess for a banned-books tea for Rolling Prairie Library System in Decatur, Illinois....

Decatur (Ill.) Herald and Review, Nov. 15

[Library rebuffs demands to remove public document](#)

Leaders of the Metro Gang Strike Force and police union attorneys pressured the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library, the Minnesota attorney general, and a commission that oversees the library to remove the 2008 Metro Gang Strike Force annual report from its website ([PDF file](#)). But Library Director Robbie LaFleur refused, saying she does not censor public documents. Police union lawyers argued that it should be removed because it lists names of officers still operating undercover....

Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Nov. 23



[Fresno students stage study-in](#)

About 60 students stayed in the Henry Madden Library at California State University, Fresno, as long as they could November 20 to protest the library's reduced hours due to recent budget cuts. The library, which closed at 5 p.m., let students who were inside at closing time continue the study-in, but did not allow in anyone else. Inside the library, students gathered in the lobby holding signs and chanting along with others outside. [Organizers](#) of the event said current library hours were inadequate and showed the administration's lack of shared governance with students....

Fresno (Calif.) Bee, Nov. 21; CSUF Collegian, Nov. 20

[Decades-old pact may keep Aurora branch open](#)

A decades-old agreement between the city and a now-defunct developer may keep the Mission Viejo branch of the Aurora (Colo.) Public Library from closing its doors for good. The Mission Viejo Homeowners Association has threatened to sue the city to keep the library open because of an agreement dating to 1973, in which the Mission Viejo Company agreed to give the city the land for a library, but it had to remain open for 50 years....

Denver Post, Nov. 25



[School librarian banned from work in Vermont](#)

A librarian from Mount Anthony Union Middle School in Bennington was recently banned from working in all Vermont schools for inappropriately using the internet. David Wohlsen, a pre-K-12 library media specialist, surrendered his teaching license to the state Department of Education in early November. The surrender has the same effect as a revocation and Wohlsen is banned from being an educator in Vermont schools....

Rutland (Vt.) Herald, Nov. 20

[Oklahoma needs school librarians](#)

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For qualified media specialists, the state of Oklahoma is a boomtown—there are more positions available than librarians to fill them. As cities and states across the country are reducing their school librarian staff, cutting hours, and in some cases even physically shrinking the space devoted to school libraries, Oklahoma is desperate to fill their open spots. In fact, 42 schools were in violation for having points off their accreditation as of the last school year, by not having required librarians on site....

School Library Journal, Nov. 20

[Kids craft artwork for new Johnson County branch](#)

Using paint, tiles, and their imagination, almost 2,000 kids are vying to create a permanent part of the Leawood Pioneer branch of the Johnson County (Kans.) Library. The library, which recently reopened after renovations, will decorate part of the children's area with 750 illustrated tiles created by youngsters themselves. So far, more than 1,500 have been entered in the project....

Kansas City (Mo.) Star, Nov. 24

[Aussie librarians hit the highway](#)

Rural libraries in New South Wales, Australia, were visited in early November by librarians who hit the highway like a battering ram on their silver and black Phantom motorbikes. A group of public librarians—from Campbelltown, Canberra, Gosford, and Manly—undertook a tour of rural towns as part of the 1000km Biblio Turismo 2009 "Bat out of Hell" motorcycle tour. Gosford Council Library Services Manager Alan Flores [said](#) that the event, held November 5–8, was a great way to break down the stereotype of librarians and raise awareness about the work public libraries do. [More photos](#) on Flickr....

Forbes (N.S.W.) Advocate, Nov. 24; *Canowindra (N.S.W.) News*, Nov. 11



[Pike County to close branch](#)

The Pike County (Pa.) Public Library board announced at its monthly meeting that its Lackawaxen branch will be closed indefinitely and specified reduced operating hours at its Milford and Dingman's Ferry branches. The announcements came in response to a defeated referendum that called for a 1-mill county tax increase to cover the library's operating expenses and an estimated \$50,000 reduction in state subsidies....

Stroudsburg (Pa.) Pocono Record, Nov. 20

[Suspended students come to the library to play](#)

For three days straight, an Armstrong School District student came into the Worthington (Pa.) West Franklin Community Library during school hours, telling Library Director Timi Kost he was there because he was suspended from school. It has happened on numerous occasions, she said, but the students don't come in to do school assignments: "No, they have come to play Rune and access Facebook." Kost said she believes out-of-school suspension is pointless and wonders whether there is a better policy....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, Nov. 19

[Google to digitize Iraqi artifacts](#)

Internet search giant Google will soon begin digitizing artifacts and documents at Iraq's National Museum, its CEO said in Baghdad

November 24. Eric Schmidt, on the last day of a three-day tour of the country, told reporters that some 14,000 digital images taken at the museum would be freely available online in early 2010. The museum once held one of the world's most impressive Mesopotamian collections, but around 15,000 statues and valuable artifacts were looted when it was ransacked in April 2003 after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq...

Agence France Presse, Nov. 24



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Tech Talk

[Chrome OS is coming](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "On November 19, Google announced its next large software project, currently named [Chrome OS](#). The announcement came in the form of a press conference and a question-and-answer session that included not only the lead engineers on the project, but Sergey Brinn himself. This is not to be confused with their Chrome browser, a successful project in its own right; rather it is a new operating system, designed by Google and focused around the Chrome browser. Yes, that's a little confusing." Watch the [Google video](#) (3:21)....

ALA TechSource Blog, Nov. 23; YouTube, Nov. 18



[Does Chrome OS spell the end of desktops?](#)

Matthew Murray writes: "Google made clear in its announcement that the Chrome OS has been designed from the code up for low-power computers, specifically netbooks. Requiring flash memory (no rotating hard drives allowed) for super-fast boot-up times and utilizing exclusively cloud-based apps, Chrome OS has almost no identifiable need for any but minimum amounts of local storage—or hardware that can do much more than just turn on. Google claims it's seen the future, and it's on the web."...

ExtremeTech, Nov. 19

[Seven tips to make your website mobile-friendly](#)

Igor Faletski writes: "Congratulations. You've decided to embrace mobile, one of the fastest-growing segments on the web. The first thing you'll notice is how diverse the mobile ecosystem is. Browsers, screen sizes, connection speeds—everything is different. The web community enjoyed a brief period of iPhone domination, when addressing one browser or screen resolution seemed sufficient. But now that Android devices (which come with a variety of screen sizes) are quickly gaining popularity, it's important to once again think of the bigger picture."...

Sitepoint, Nov. 18



[Find movies playing nearby](#)

[Google Mobile Search](#) now has a special section that lets you check out movie listings, with locations, trailers, ratings, posters, and upcoming showtimes. To try it out, fire up google.com on your iPhone, webOS, or Android device, search for "movies," and click on the "More movies" link. You can also browse by theater, which will take you to a map displaying the theaters near your current location. Tapping any theater on the map will display a list of shows now playing. Watch the [video](#) (1:25)....

Mashable, Nov. 25; Google Mobile Blog, Nov. 24; YouTube, Nov. 23



[Kindle gets longer battery life, PDF support](#)

Just in time for the holidays and facing heavy competition from Barnes and Noble's upcoming Nook e-book reader, Amazon has announced that it has improved the Kindle's battery life when the wireless connection is turned on and will now be offering native PDF support for its e-book reader. Both the battery-life boost and native PDF support will be available to owners of new Kindles and some older models in a firmware upgrade....

Crave, Nov. 24

[USB Turntable](#)

Digital music is great, but isn't it a pity you can't transfer your old records onto your computer? Well guess what? Now, thanks to the ingenious USB Turntables, you can put all your LPs, 12-inches, and singles straight into your digital library. Simply plug in either of these chic little turntables into the nearest USB port, fire up the idiot-proof Audacity software and start converting your collection. USB Turntables can handle both 33s and 45s....

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Publishing

[Titles do make a difference](#)

Steven Bell writes: "Not your job title—the title of that paper you'd like to get published or conference proposal you want to submit. Now that ACRL has announced the call for papers, panels, and more for its [2011 National Conference](#) in Philadelphia, many academic librarians will begin thinking about submitting proposals. So you need an edge. Here's my advice for you: Don't underestimate the importance of the title you choose for your submission."...

ACRLLog, Nov. 24

[Street lit hits home for teens](#)

While fantasy, spearheaded by the Twilight series, remains in high demand at school libraries, many students are reading novels that focus on more harrowing issues—head-on collisions with abusive parents, hard drug use, and gang violence. It's hardly diversionary fare, particularly for teenagers facing those realities. While some books pegged as street lit or ghetto fiction are read mostly by African-American females, darker subject matters resonate across ethnic and gender lines."...

Mission Local, Nov. 24



[Publishers plan online newsstand](#)

A consortium of magazine publishers including Time Inc. and Condé Nast plan to jointly build an online newsstand for publications in multiple digital formats. The formation of a new company to run the online newsstand—sometimes characterized as an “iTunes for magazines”—may be announced in early December. Some newspaper owners have also expressed interest in the joint venture....

New York Times, Nov. 24

[Librarians: A dog's best friend](#)

A handful of school librarians across the country are opening packages from Lerner Publishing to find a book from Elaine Landau's *Best Dogs Ever* series dedicated to them. Landau typically doesn't dedicate any of her books, but she's decided to do so with nearly all of the titles in her new 12-book series by honoring a school, public, or academic librarian whom she personally knows. Sara Kelly Johns (Lake Placid High School in New York) and Carl Harvey (North Elementary School in Nobleville, Indiana) received copies....

School Library Journal, Nov. 24



[Scholarly publishing leads the market for e-books](#)

Michael Clarke writes: “The trade book industry's foray into the e-book market trails the professional and scholarly publishing e-book market by a wide margin—and there is no evidence that will change in the foreseeable future. According to Fordham University Marketing Professor Al Greco, over the next four years, the scholarly e-book market will grow 94% from \$1.33 billion to \$2.6 billion.”...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Nov. 24

[Greatest swashbuckling heroes from science fiction](#)

Charlie Jane Anders writes: “They swagger, they fight, they laugh in the face of danger. Science-fiction books have given us some of the greatest swashbuckling heroes, cutting a swathe through space and countless alternate timelines. A swashbuckling hero doesn't necessarily need to pack a sword—although it certainly doesn't hurt. Words starting with ‘D’ frequently come up, including dashing, debonair, defiant, dapper, and daring. Here are our favorite swashbuckling heroes from science-fiction books.”...

io9, Nov. 19



Actions & Answers

[Paralysis does not slow down determined librarian](#)

Just over two months after recovering from a paralyzing bicycle accident in August 2006, Annie Hayes (right) was back at work as

library media specialist at the Berlin (N.Y.) Central School District libraries. Within weeks after her release from the hospital, she had learned to drive a car using hand controls.



Her determination and pragmatic approach to her recovery and life inspired filmmaker Michael Sinopoli to create a documentary, *You Take Yourself Wherever You Go: The Annie Hayes Story*, scheduled for release in the fall of 2010. View the [trailer](#) (3:40)....

New York Teacher, Nov. 20

[Virginia librarian composes a march for Semester at Sea](#)

Semester at Sea, a study-abroad program managed by the Institute for Shipboard Education in Charlottesville, Virginia, is making its 100th voyage this fall and University of Virginia librarian and composer Fred O'Bryant has written a concert march to commemorate the occasion. The Charlottesville Municipal Band premiered "MV Explorer," named for the Semester at Sea ship, at a November 22 concert. O'Bryant is applied sciences librarian at the Charles L. Brown Science and Engineering Library and has never been on the ship....



University of Virginia, Nov. 19

[Horizon Report 2010 preview](#)

Buffy Hamilton writes: "The New Media Consortium recently released the Short List of Horizon Topics for 2010 ([PDF file](#)) and the Horizon Report 2010 Preview ([PDF file](#)). These documents, which you can also view by visiting the [Horizon Report Wiki](#), are the result of the rounds of discussions and voting by the advisory board members. The final report will be officially released on January 20. The preview version of the report includes a section called Critical Challenges as well as a section for Key Trends."...

AASL Blog, Nov. 23

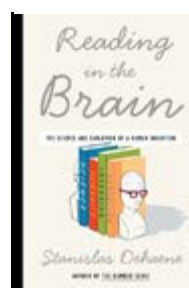
[The LJ Index and misbehaving data](#)

Tom Hennen writes: "In its [Index of Public Library Data Service 2009](#), why did *Library Journal* decide to use the 'outlier' numbers that caused the San Diego County (Calif.) Library to get a five-star rating that appears questionable? The library's incredibly high score for public internet use (16.5 million sessions, or 889% above the group average) cancels relatively low scores for circulation, visits, and program attendance. Newer data on the California State Library website reports a more likely 1.4 million. Am I wrong that this single correction changes the scores of every other library in the group?"...

HAPLR Blog, Nov. 23

[How our brains learned to read](#)

Owen Flanagan writes: "Evidence suggests that reading—which depends on an alphabet, writing materials, papyrus, and such—is only about 5,000 years old. The brain in its modern form is about 200,000 years old, yet brain imaging shows that reading takes place in the same way and in the same place in all brains. To within a few millimeters, human brains share a reading



hotspot, which Stanislas Dehaene in *Reading in the Brain* (Viking, 2009) calls the 'letterbox,' on the bottom of the left hemisphere."...

New Scientist, Nov. 23

[What is distinctive about LC](#) (PDF file)

Library of Congress Reference Librarian Thomas Mann has released another white paper on the reaction to changes taking place at LC: "The Library cannot solve its space problems by adoption of a 'digital strategy' without seriously damaging our larger mission to promote scholarship of unusual scope and depth. If the Library's own access to its own general book collection were to be dumbed down to only the levels of subject access provided by Google, Amazon, or internet search mechanisms, we would effectively be endorsing, and institutionalizing, the level of ignorance exemplified by the Six Blind Men of India."...

Library of Congress Professional Guild, Nov. 6

[Top 10 board and card games for 2010](#)

Stacy Conradt writes: "With so many people gathered for Thanksgiving (and in a small town with not so much as a Wal-Mart), I have all kinds of opportunity to inflict board games on people. I can't wait. If you're the same way and looking for something new to throw in to the mix this year, check out the 10 top games for 2010 according to [Games magazine](#) (they do the top 100 every year, conveniently right before Christmas)."...

Mental Floss, Nov. 24; *Games*, Dec.



[How to run a short story reading group](#)

Dan Hubbs writes: "First, book a meeting room for successive months. Have a positive self-help kind of attitude that says, 'I know lots of people are going to enjoy attending my short story reading group, so I'm going to book the room for the same time each month for an entire year, right out of the gate, just like that!'"...

Book Group Buzz, Nov. 17

[Number crunching graphic-novel circ stats](#)

Robin Brenner writes: "The circulation numbers for graphic novel collections have always been a selling point. Considering my circulations recently, the numbers are truly impressive. *Case Closed*, as a series, has circulated over 1200 times (with an average of 40 circulations per volume). If I look at the circulation of books to compare, popular graphic novels are as popular as titles from Meg Cabot, James Patterson, Anthony Horowitz, Rick Riordan, and Philip Pullman."...

Good Comics for Kids, Nov. 21



[Will digitization damper physical delivery?](#)

Sarah Long talks with Valerie Horton, executive director of the Colorado Library Consortium, about her groundbreaking work in the field of library physical delivery in this podcast (16:50). Horton discusses the results of a recent national survey on delivery practices, including outsourcing, the motivation for the creation of the Moving Mountains Project, and her prediction that the digitization of books will cause delivery stats to skyrocket....

Longshots, no. 197, Nov. 23

[Marketing to improve your reference services](#)

Lynda M. Duke and Jean B. MacDonald write: "The Ames Library at Illinois Wesleyan University has struggled in the recent past to maintain students' interest in using reference services. To address this, we worked collaboratively with three marketing classes over two semesters." The marketing students strongly advocated starting an IM reference service, strengthen email reference, offer walk-in workshops for students, and a change in reference-desk seating arrangements....

Marketing Library Services, Nov./Dec.



[PC Magazine's 50 favorite blogs](#)

Brian Heater writes: "Blogs—everybody's got one, and most of them are terrible. But we have put together a list of 50 favorites that include some of the best sites across a huge cross-section of subjects, including tech, science, fashion, comics, cars, animals, monsters, design, books, modding, music, art, sports, storytelling, and shopping. There are some blockbuster sites in the list, as well as some hidden gems."...

PC Magazine, Nov. 23

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[The dirty dozen online job search mistakes](#)

Susan P. Joyce identifies the 12 biggest mistakes you might make while hunting for a job online. Included are: Posting your résumé without worrying about privacy, limiting your job search to the internet, and depending on email as your only method of contact....

Job-hunt.org

[British Library's new state-of-the-art storage facility](#)

Reuters Television has an exclusive first look (2:17) at the high-density, oxygen-controlled facility built in Boston Spa to house 7 million items from the British Library's collection. Featuring Steve Morris, British Library director of finance and corporate services, who warns, "If you put a book in the wrong box in this building, effectively you will never find it." The project is expected to be completed by summer 2011....

YouTube, Nov. 24



[Best library videos on YouTube: Librarian edition](#)

Charlie Thomason writes: "Have you ever thought that librarians possess

supernatural powers? Well, it's true; librarians are incredibly powerful, though each is unique in his or her own way. Here are some of our favorite YouTube videos of librarians thinking outside the box." Includes Ninja Librarian, Conan the Librarian, the Insulting Librarian, Erik the Librarian, and Monty Python's famous [Gorilla Librarian sketch](#) (3:00, above)....

@ your library, Nov. 19



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U.S. & World News

Guide to revised Google Books settlement

[<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/news/11252009/library-groups-release-guide-revised-google-books-settlement>]

ALA, ACRL, and the Association of Research Libraries have responded to the proposed settlement of lawsuits challenging Google's Book Search project with a guide describing the major revisions, particularly those relevant to libraries. A Guide for the Perplexed Part III: The Amended Settlement Agreement (PDF file

[<http://wo.ala.org/gbs-content/uploads/2009/11/A-Guide-for-the-Perplexed-Part-III-FINAL.pdf>]), written by legal consultant Jonathan Band, notes

that the amended settlement agreement (PDF file

[<http://www.googlebooksettlement.com/Supplemental-Notice.pdf>])

significantly reduces the scope of the settlement because it excludes most books published outside of the United States. More discussion here

[<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/index.cfm?i=61929>]....

American Libraries Online, Nov. 25; eSchool News, Nov. 24

Kentuckians take sides on graphic nature of graphic novel

[<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/news/11252009/kentuckians-take-sides-about-graphic-nature-graphic-novel>]

What began as a personnel matter in September involving the actions of two employees of the Jessamine County (Ky.) Public Library has grown into a local controversy about the artistic merit of Alan Moore's graphic novel *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: The Black Dossier* and whether the two circulation clerks should be applauded for taking the moral high road or decried for violating library policy by withholding the title from an 11-year-old girl who had reserved a copy for checkout. The library employees were fired for doing so....
American Libraries Online, Nov. 25

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/registration.cfm>]

ALA News

ALA: Libraries starved for bandwidth

[<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/news/2009/11/libraries-dying-for-bandwidth-where-the-fiber-and-cash-ars>]

America's libraries make it a part of their mission to offer internet access to anyone in the community, but a severe bandwidth crunch is hobbling those efforts. That's one of the conclusions reached in ALA's response (PDF file

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/E-Rate-comments.pdf>]) to the FCC's call for comments on broadband needs, which says that 59.6% of public libraries "report their connectivity speed is inadequate some or all of the time to meet patrons' needs," despite help from the e-rate program

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=4056>]....

Ars Technica, Nov. 24; District Dispatch, Nov. 23

New ALA Task Force on Social Media

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/24/ala-kicks-off-task-force-on-social-media/>]

In mid-November, a new ALA staff task force on the use of social media assembled, taking the first step toward moving the Association forward in the social media realm. The task force will address why and how staff should use social media to improve member engagement, promote products and services, manage the ALA brand, and better serve members, especially at conference....

AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 24

National Gaming Day final numbers

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/24/national-gaming-day-final-numbers/>]

American Libraries Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "Last week,

I wrote [<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/18/gamerstakeover/>] that the November 14 National Gaming Day event had some outstanding participation, ‘easily doubling the number of participants from last year, NGD mastermind Jenny Levine told American Libraries.’ NGD has just released [<http://ngd.ala.org/2009/11/24/double-the-fun-final-ngd2009-numbers/>] official counts, taken from survey results.”...
AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 24

Advocacy on the Front Lines

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/lines_ola.cfm]

Join ALA President Camila Alire and others January 16 for “Advocacy on the Front Lines: How to Make a Difference from Where You Sit” during the ALA 2010 Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The panel discussion will focus on “Frontline Advocacy,” a unique initiative designed to motivate, encourage, and train librarians and library support staff to seize opportunities to promote the diverse professionals, resources, and services of public, school, academic, and special libraries....

ALA testifies on the role of libraries in improving literacy

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/literacy_wo.cfm]

ALA Washington Office Executive Director Emily Sheketoff filed testimony (PDF file [<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/Early-Literacy-Testimony.pdf>]) November 19 in a hearing by the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education on improving literacy skills of children and young adults. [<http://edlabor.house.gov/hearings/2009/11/improving-the-literacy-skills.shtml>] She underscored the impact of school libraries on both traditional and technology literacy through school librarians who know the school’s curriculum and effective techniques necessary to cross disciplines....

2010 design showcase

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/11/19/2010-library-design-showcase-call-for-submissions/>]

Associate Editor Greg Landgraf writes: “American Libraries is now accepting submissions [<http://ala.org/ala/online/submittingal/facilitiesfeature.cfm>] for its annual Library Design Showcase, to be published in the April 2010 issue. This is a showcase of new and newly renovated or expanded libraries of all types. Roughly 30 of the best construction projects of the year will be highlighted in this major AL feature. The deadline is February 1; to be eligible, projects must have been completed after October 1, 2008.”...
AL Inside Scoop, Nov. 19

Guide to Reference [<http://connect.ala.org/node/88281>]

Learn how to integrate this valuable online resource into your teaching to help provide practical job preparation for your students. Designed for LIS instructors, this free December 3 webinar will familiarize you with the major features and benefits of Guide to Reference

[<http://www.guidetoreference.org/HomePage.aspx>] so you can easily incorporate it into your own teaching—with free access. Register here [<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/117821403>]....

Jamaica joins the Campaign

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/jamaica_pio.cfm]

The Library and Information Association of Jamaica

[<http://www.liaja.org.jm/>] is the newest member of the Campaign for the World's Libraries. Since its founding in 1949, LIAJA has worked to unite all Jamaicans engaged in or interested in library work, encourage cooperation between libraries, promote a high standard of education and training of library staff, and form an educated public opinion on libraries....

Featured review: Environment

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3932099]

Gore, Al. *Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis*. Nov. 2009.

415p. Rodale, hardcover (978-1-59486-734-7).

Nobel laureate Gore is dedicated to one of the most important missions on the planet: educating humankind about the causes and consequences of global warming and offering solutions to the looming crises implicit in the changes to the earth's climate and habitability that are already well under way. No one is more qualified than Gore to lead the collective movement beyond fossil fuels, given his command of the science and politics involved, his invaluable global connections and resources, and his sensitivity to our reluctance to face the "magnitude and gravity of the climate crisis." As he did in *An Inconvenient Truth* (2006), Gore matches clear and ringing explanations and commentary with superb supporting diagrams and illustrations and striking photographs from around the world, documenting the dramatic impacts of human industry and climate change....

Featured review: Politics

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3938439]

Palin, Sarah. *Going Rogue: An American Life*. Nov. 2009. 432p. Harper, hardcover (978-0-06-193989-1).

No good deed goes unpunished. Just ask Steve Schmidt, John McCain's campaign manager and the guy who pushed Sarah Palin as McCain's running mate. Now, in Palin's much-hyped book, he's just a fat, smoking bullet-head who told her to "stick to the script." The feeling running through *Going Rogue* is that Palin has been bursting to take a whack at those she believes didn't do right by her during the campaign. (Katie Couric, we're looking at you!) Before readers get to that, however, there's personal biography. We're introduced to Sarah the reader—loved to read—the basketball player, hunter, wife, mother. Then lots and lots of Alaska politics, which will probably be a little hard even for people from Alaska to plow through. (Scores are settled here, too.) Once Palin gets into the 2008 campaign, the tone is folksy, but the knives are out....

[<http://link.ixs1.net/s/ve?eli=p470742&si=x226250870&cfc=3html>]Booklist Online Exclusives
[http://booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=general_info&id=64#exclusives]
Booklist Online Exclusives offers links to the full text of reviews and features published exclusively on Booklist Online. These reviews enhance Booklist's already extensive print coverage and carry the same imprimatur as Booklist reviews. This free e-newsletter includes all web-exclusive content published on Booklist Online during the previous calendar month. You will receive 12 newsletters per year. Read the November 5 issue [<http://link.ixs1.net/s/ve?eli=p470742&si=x226250870&cfc=3html>] as a sample....

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Boston Update

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[http://www.flickr.com/photos/boston_public_library/4046243739/in/set-72157622542529531/]Treasures of the Boston Public Library
[http://www.flickr.com/photos/boston_public_library/collections/72157618909403740/]

The Boston Public Library was founded in 1848 as the first free municipal library in the United States. The exhibit "Cool and Collected: Treasures of the Boston Public Library" showcases the extraordinary and dedicated public investment by the citizens of Boston in supporting BPL as a flagship intellectual, historical, and cultural institution. The exhibit [http://www.flickr.com/photos/boston_public_library/sets/72157622542529531/] will be on display during the Midwinter Meeting and will feature a John James Audubon print, a Winslow Homer painting, a Sergei Prokofiev score, and much more....
Boston Public Library

The Boston HarborWalk

[http://www.bostonharborwalk.com/about_harborwalk/overview/]
Boston's HarborWalk winds through the city's waterfront neighborhoods and downtown district, stretching from Chelsea Creek to the Neponset River. This is a great and safe way (even in the winter) to walk along the water and see the city. The sections closest to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center are Fort Point Channel, South Boston, and Downtown/North End....
Boston HarborWalk

RMG Consultants’ 2010 Presidents’ Seminar

[<http://www.rmgconsultants.com/page6/page14/page14.html>]
RMG Consultants will hold its 20th annual Presidents' Seminar January 15, 2-5 p.m., at the Midwinter Meeting. The seminar will feature executives from library automation companies and other experts, new-wave innovators, and entrepreneurs who will discuss initiatives and trends in the library technology industry. Librarians and others are invited to attend and add their questions and comments to those of the panelists and speakers....

Flight delayed? Buy a one-day lounge pass

[<http://lifehacker.com/5412617/buy-a-one+day-lounge-pass-for-better-airline-service>]

Many airlines have changed their policies and fees on bag checking, security, and other protocols since 2008. Even if you're up to date, there's always the chance your flight won't leave on time. If you're facing down a delayed or missed flight, buy a day pass for the airline lounge or club. The staffers in clubs are usually the airline's most experienced agents and often the most helpful. It can be worth the cost of a day pass just to get someone to help you rebook....

Lifehacker, Nov. 25

Division News

LITA Emerging Leaders

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/leaders_lita.cfm]

The LITA Board of Directors is sponsoring Cody Hanson and Tara Lannen-Stanton to participate in the ALA 2009 Emerging Leaders Program. They will each receive a \$1,000 stipend to help offset the costs of attending the 2010 Midwinter Meeting and the 2010 Annual Conference. They will also work on LITA projects and be mentored by the LITA leadership. Hanson is technology librarian at the University of Minnesota, and Lannen-Stanton is WorldLinQ coordinator in the Queens Library at Queens College Library....

ALSC selects participants for Bill Morris Seminar

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/morris_alsc.cfm]

ALSC has selected 28 members to take part in the second biennial "Bill Morris Seminar: Book Evaluation Training," January 15, prior to the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. This invitational seminar honors William C. Morris's dedication to connecting librarians and children with excellent children's books and brings ALSC members with limited evaluation experience together with those who have served on ALSC's media evaluation committees for training and mentorship....

AASL institute on 21st-century skills and standards

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/institute_aasl.cfm]

The AASL pre-Midwinter Institute January 15 will focus on helping school library media specialists align Standards for the 21st-Century Learner with the Partnership for 21st-Century Skills (P21) framework. "Bringin' On! 21st-Century Skills Aligning with Standards" will guide attendees in best practices for infusing 21st-century skills into their school or district's curriculum. Led by Pam Berger, this institute will be especially helpful for states that have signed on for P21 leadership. Online registration

[<http://www.ala.org/midwinter>] is now open....

LITA offers two workshops in Boston

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/workshops_lita.cfm]

LITA is offering two full-day educational workshops on January 15. Karen Coombs of the University of Houston will present "Creating Library Web Services: Mashups and APIs," and Brenda Reeb of the University of Rochester will present "Writing for the Web." Visit the ALA Midwinter Meeting registration page

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/registration.cfm>] to register....

YALSA launches First Wednesdays program

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/wednesdays_yalsa.cfm]

YALSA will host [<http://connect.ala.org/yalsa>] informal online chats for its members on the first Wednesday of each month, 8–9 p.m. Eastern Time, in ALA Connect starting December 2. Members can find guidance for planning events on YALSA's First Wednesdays tip sheet [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsa/wednesdays.cfm>], which includes information on how to plan an event, connect with regional YALSA members, and choose potential activities....

YALSA's Libraries 3.0: Teen Edition

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/tedition_yalsa.cfm]

Twitter, Facebook fan pages, book trailers: The world of teen librarianship is changing, and YALSA can help library workers learn how to incorporate these tools and other technologies at its pre-Midwinter Institute, "Libraries 3.0: Teen Edition," in Boston, January 15. Hear keynote speaker Stacy Aldrich, noted futurist and acting California state librarian, and find out how Skype works as author Cory Doctorow uses it to talk to institute participants....

LLAMA mentors and mentees needed

[http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/llama/committees/LLAMA_Mentoring_Committee/LLAMA_Mentoring_for_Leadership_Program.cfm]

The LLAMA Mentoring Committee is recruiting for mentors and mentees for its 2010–2011 year. The mentoring program pairs librarians who are currently in leadership positions with librarians who are interested in becoming leaders. For mentors, it is a chance to pass on your experience and knowledge by working one-on-one with an enthusiastic colleague who is ready to learn and benefit from your experience. For mentees, it is a great opportunity to learn from an accomplished leader. The deadline for applications is December 14....

Awards

RUSA's investment program wins ASAE award

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/investing_rusa.cfm]

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Smart investing @ your library [<http://smartinvesting.ala.org/>], a grant program offered by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and RUSA, is one of 17 programs to receive an Award of Excellence from the 2009 Associations Advance America awards program, sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives and the Center for Association Leadership. Now in its 19th year, the AAA awards program recognizes associations and industry partners that improve the quality of life in America....

YALSA awards deadlines approach

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/applications_yalsa.cfm]

YALSA offers more than \$40,000 in grants and awards each year to its members to travel to ALA conferences, support collection development, honor outstanding contributions to young adult librarianship, and conduct research. Applications [<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/awards&grants>] are due for the 2010 grants and awards on December 1....

Nominations open for ASCLA disability services award

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/disability_ascla.cfm]

ASCLA seeks nominations for the 2010 ASCLA/KLAS/NOD Award. Sponsored by ASCLA, the National Organization on Disability, and Keystone Systems, the award recognizes innovative and well-organized projects that successfully develop or expand services for persons with disabilities. The winner will receive \$1,000 and a citation provided by Keystone Systems. Nomination forms (PDF file

[<http://ascla.ala.org/media/nominationformasclaklasnod.pdf>]) are due by January 11....

ASCLA 2010 awards nominations

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/leadership_ascla.cfm]

ASCLA is now accepting nominations for the Leadership and Professional Achievement Award, the Exceptional Service Award, and the Cathleen Bourdon Service Award for 2010. These awards recognize accomplishments in the following areas: cooperative, consulting, multitype, and state library services; extension and outreach services; and service to ASCLA. Nomination forms (PDF file

[<http://ascla.ala.org/media/nominationformasclaserviceachieve.pdf>]) are due by January 11....

Manuscripts sought for student writing award

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/november2009/manuscripts_lita.cfm]

LITA is offering an award for the best unpublished manuscript submitted by students enrolled in an ALA-accredited graduate program. The award consists of \$1,000 and publication in LITA's refereed journal Information Technology and Libraries. Manuscripts must follow the award guidelines

[<http://lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litamembership/litacommittees/exlibriscomm/writingaward.cfm>]. The deadline for submitting

[<http://lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litamembership/litacommittees/exlibriscomm/writingawardapplication.cfm>] manuscripts is February 28....

Apply for a 2010 Google Policy Fellowship

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=4016>]

The ALA Washington Office will be participating in the Google Policy Fellowship [<http://www.google.com/policyfellowship/>] program for the summer of 2010. Google Policy Fellows work for 10 weeks during the summer at ALA Washington or other public interest organizations involved in debates on broadband and access policy, copyright reform, online privacy, and open government. Check out the FAQ.

[<http://www.google.com/policyfellowship/faq.html>] Applications

[<https://services.google.com/inquiry/policyfellowship>] are due December 28....

District Dispatch, Nov. 12

2009 National Book Awards

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/19/books/19awards.html>]

Colum McCann won the National Book Award for fiction November 18 for *Let the Great World Spin*, a novel featuring a sprawling cast of characters in 1970s New York City whose lives are touched by the mysterious tightrope walker who traverses a wire suspended between the Twin Towers one morning. The award for Young People's Literature went to Phillip Hoose for *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*, a biography of the African-American teenager in 1950s Montgomery, Alabama, who refused to give up her seat on a bus nine months before Rosa Parks took the same stand....

New York Times, Nov. 18

Booktrust Teenage Prize

[<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/show/feature/Home/Booktrust-Teenage-Prize>]

Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* has won the 2009 Booktrust Teenage Prize, which recognizes exemplary contemporary fiction written for young adults. Gaiman was presented with a check for £2,500 (\$4,149 U.S.) at a November 18 ceremony in London. *The Graveyard Book* tells the story of Nobody "Bod" Owens, a child abandoned in a graveyard after the vicious murder of his parents and sister by The Man Jack....

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A critical situation in California

[<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-libraries-closing19-2009nov19,0,392198.story>]

"I've never seen such devastation in libraries," said Jackie Griffin, head of Ventura County's system. She recently returned from a meeting of Southern California library officials where more than half reported having to institute furloughs, layoffs, and other austerity measures. The bad times for libraries are coming just as more people are discovering how useful they can be. Kim Bui-Burton, president of the California Library Association, described conditions as "extraordinarily difficult."...

Los Angeles Times, Nov. 19

Paul LeClerc to retire as NYPL head

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/19/books/19library.html>]

After 16 years at the helm of one of the world's largest library systems, Paul LeClerc announced November 18 that he would step down as president of the New York Public Library in the summer of 2011 to give the institution plenty of time to search for a replacement. LeClerc, 68, a scholar of French literature and the former president of Hunter College, presided over the library during a revolutionary period of change. When he first came to the position in December 1993, the library did not even have a website....

New York Times, Nov. 18

Pittsburgh casts libraries a lifeline

[<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09328/1015867-53.stm>]

Pittsburgh city council gave its unanimous, initial approval November 23 to a transfer of \$600,000 to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, a first step in avoiding, through next year, the closure of the Lawrenceville, Hazelwood, Beechview, and West End branches and the merger of the Carrick and Knoxville branches. If the city or some other source comes through with another \$600,000 next year, that will close the system's

\$1.2-million gap for next year, said Library Director Barbara Mistick....

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Nov. 24

Connecticut libraries become centers for business help

[<http://www.courant.com/business/hc-outreach-librarian.artnov18,0,751241.story>]

Jennifer Keohane (right), Simsbury (Conn.) Public Library's business outreach librarian, calls herself a "personal information shopper. When people come here, I can help them map out what they might need." People ask her to look at their résumés. They ask her whether they should take a job for which they are overqualified. She taught a former vice president of a multinational company how to create a PowerPoint presentation; he had been laid off and no longer had a staff to create one, but needed it to land a job. Last summer she ran 35 workshops, almost all of them geared to job seekers....

Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Nov. 18

Crowd rallies against library outsourcing

[<http://www.theunion.com/article/20091125/NEWS/911249979/1001&parentprofile=1053>]

With placards and grinning camaraderie, 100 protesters picketed the Nevada County (Calif.) Rood Center on November 24 to dissuade the board of supervisors from outsourcing management of the county's six libraries. The crowd had gathered because of the supervisors' October decision to consider outsourcing library management to avoid a \$400,000 deficit for the current 2009–10 fiscal year....

Grass Valley (Calif.) Union, Nov. 25

Law libraries close in Connecticut, New Jersey

[<http://www.ctlawtribune.com/getarticle.aspx?ID=35546>]

The Connecticut Judicial Branch is preparing to close six of its 16 law libraries, saying that budget cuts have forced the branch's hand. Chief Court Administrator Judge Barbara Quinn testified November 18 before the Appropriations Committee that the state's decision to

cut \$12.8 million from its budget goes “well beyond what is practical, sustainable, or possible”; Law libraries in superior courts in Morris (right) and Sussex County in New Jersey [http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2009/11/law_libraries_in_morris_sussex.html] are expected to be closed in about six months. Courts Administrator Michael Arnold said use has been declining.... Connecticut Law Tribune, Nov. 23; Newark (N.J.) Star-Ledger, Nov. 22

Jury awards \$8 million to injured librarian
[http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/local/article/GRTC19_20091118-222803/306676/]
A Richmond jury awarded a research librarian at the Library of Virginia \$8 million in damages November 18, the full amount sought by her lawyers after the woman was struck by a Greater Richmond Transit Company bus and severely injured. Meikui Lo, now 34, suffered spinal and shoulder damage and multiple hip and pelvis fractures after a bus making a right turn struck her as she crossed a street beside the library in 2007.... Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, Nov. 19

is ok for teens after all
[http://www.amestrib.com/articles/2009/11/20/ames_tribune/news/doc4b05f6d68a99e797160561.txt]
A magazine about sex will stay where teens can find it at the Ames (Iowa) Public Library. Trustees voted 6–1 November 19 to support Director Art Weeks’s recommendation to continue openly displaying and offering free copies of Sex, Etc. in the teen section. Joyce and John Bannantine had presented a petition to the board in October with the signatures of 118 parents concerned about the topic of the magazine, which is written for teens by teens under the oversight of Answer, a national sexuality organization at Rutgers University.... Ames (Iowa) Tribune, Nov. 20

Librarians reflect on banned books
[http://www.herald-review.com/news/local/article_a9e777b7-bb5d-5a3f-93b7-67afe1427717.html]
When Miss Please Everybody took over her new job at the library, she tried to do as her name implied. What she found was she soon had very few books in her library. First removed, the librarian said, were those books with “dirty words. Why, we trucked them right out to the dumpster.” Miss Please Everybody, portrayed by Webmaster Doris McKay, was the hostess for a banned-books tea for Rolling Prairie Library System in Decatur, Illinois.... Decatur (Ill.) Herald and Review, Nov. 15

Library rebuffs demands to remove public document
[<http://www.startribune.com/politics/state/72017367.html>]
Leaders of the Metro Gang Strike Force and police union attorneys pressured the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library, the Minnesota attorney general, and a commission that oversees the library to remove the 2008 Metro Gang Strike Force annual report from its website (PDF file [<http://archive.leg.state.mn.us/docs/2009/other/090568.pdf>]). But Library Director Robbie LaFleur refused, saying she does not censor public documents. Police union lawyers argued that it should be removed because it lists names of officers still operating undercover....

Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Nov. 23

Fresno students stage study-in

[<http://www.fresnobee.com/564/story/1720112.html>]

About 60 students stayed in the Henry Madden Library at California State University, Fresno, as long as they could November 20 to protest the library's reduced hours due to recent budget cuts. The library, which closed at 5 p.m., let students who were inside at closing time continue the study-in, but did not allow in anyone else. Inside the library, students gathered in the lobby holding signs and chanting along with others outside. Organizers [<http://collegian.csufresno.edu/2009/11/20/students-protest-cut-hours-with-library-study-in/comment-page-1/>] of the event said current library hours were inadequate and showed the administration's lack of shared governance with students....

Fresno (Calif.) Bee, Nov. 21; CSUF Collegian, Nov. 20

Decades-old pact may keep Aurora branch open

[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_13862138]

A decades-old agreement between the city and a now-defunct developer may keep the Mission Viejo branch of the Aurora (Colo.) Public Library from closing its doors for good. The Mission Viejo Homeowners Association has threatened to sue the city to keep the library open because of an agreement dating to 1973, in which the Mission Viejo Company agreed to give the city the land for a library, but it had to remain open for 50 years....

Denver Post, Nov. 25

School librarian banned from work in Vermont

[<http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20091120/NEWS02/911200353/1003/NEWS02>

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A librarian from Mount Anthony Union Middle School in Bennington was recently banned from working in all Vermont schools for inappropriately using the internet. David Wohlsen, a pre-K–12 library media specialist, surrendered his teaching license to the state Department of Education in early November. The surrender has the same effect as a revocation and Wohlsen is banned from being an educator in Vermont schools....

Rutland (Vt.) Herald, Nov. 20

Oklahoma needs school librarians

[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6708215.html?industryid=47074>]

For qualified media specialists, the state of Oklahoma is a boomtown—there are more positions available than librarians to fill them. As cities and states across the country are reducing their school librarian staff, cutting hours, and in some cases even physically shrinking the space devoted to school libraries, Oklahoma is desperate to fill their open spots. In fact, 42 schools were in violation for having points off their accreditation as of the last school year, by not having required librarians on site....

School Library Journal, Nov. 20

Kids craft artwork for new Johnson County branch

[http://www.kansascity.com/shawnee_mission/story/1591303.html]

Using paint, tiles, and their imagination, almost 2,000 kids are vying to create a permanent part of the Leawood Pioneer branch of the Johnson County (Kans.) Library. The library, which recently reopened after renovations, will decorate part of the children's area with 750 illustrated tiles created by youngsters themselves. So far, more than 1,500 have been entered in the project....

Kansas City (Mo.) Star, Nov. 24

Aussie librarians hit the highway

[<http://www.forbesadvocate.com.au/news/local/news/general/librarians-ride-into-town/1686075.aspx>]

Rural libraries in New South Wales, Australia, were visited in early November by librarians who hit the highway like a battering ram on their silver and black Phantom motorbikes. A group of public librarians—from Campbelltown, Canberra, Gosford, and Manly—undertook a tour of rural towns as part of the 1000km Biblio Turismo 2009 “Bat out of Hell” motorcycle tour. Gosford Council Library Services Manager Alan Flores said [<http://www.canowindranews.com.au/news/local/news/general/librarians-book-in-canowindra-as-part-of-a-tour/1674220.aspx>] that the event, held November 5–8, was a great way to break down the stereotype of librarians and raise awareness about the work public libraries do. More photos [<http://www.flickr.com/groups/biblioturismo/pool/tags/2009/>] on Flickr.... Forbes (N.S.W.) Advocate, Nov. 24; Canowindra (N.S.W.) News, Nov. 11

Pike County to close branch

[<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091120/NEWS13/911200303/-1/NEWSMAP>]

The Pike County (Pa.) Public Library board announced at its monthly meeting that its Lackawaxen branch will be closed indefinitely and specified reduced operating hours at its Milford and Dingman's Ferry branches. The announcements came in response to a defeated referendum that called for a 1-mill county tax increase to cover the library's operating expenses and an estimated \$50,000 reduction in state subsidies....

Stroudsburg (Pa.) Pocono Record, Nov. 20

Suspended students come to the library to play

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/leadertimes/news/s_653957.html]

For three days straight, an Armstrong School District student came into the Worthington (Pa.) West Franklin Community Library during school hours, telling Library Director Timi Kost he was there because he was suspended from school. It has happened on numerous occasions, she said, but the students don't come in to do school assignments: “No, they have come to play Rune and access Facebook.” Kost said she believes out-of-school suspension is pointless and wonders whether there is a better policy....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, Nov. 19

Google to digitize Iraqi artifacts

[<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5goaQIv8Asj6QTGEg48b56AiUJ46w>]

Internet search giant Google will soon begin digitizing artifacts and documents at Iraq's National Museum, its CEO said in Baghdad November 24. Eric Schmidt, on the last day of a three-day tour of the country, told

reporters that some 14,000 digital images taken at the museum would be freely available online in early 2010. The museum once held one of the world's most impressive Mesopotamian collections, but around 15,000 statues and valuable artifacts were looted when it was ransacked in April 2003 after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq....
Agence France Presse, Nov. 24

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Tech Talk

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[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QRO3gKj3qw>] Chrome OS is coming
[<http://www.alatechsource.org/blog/2009/11/chrome-is-coming.html>]
Jason Griffey writes: "On November 19, Google announced its next large software project, currently named Chrome OS.
[<http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/>] The announcement came in the form of a press conference and a question-and-answer session that included not only the lead engineers on the project, but Sergey Brinn himself. This is not to be confused with their Chrome browser, a successful project in its own right; rather it is a new operating system, designed by Google and focused around the Chrome browser. Yes, that's a little confusing." Watch the Google video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QRO3gKj3qw>] (3:21)....
ALA TechSource Blog, Nov. 23; YouTube, Nov. 18

Does Chrome OS spell the end of desktops?
[<http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,2845,2356132,00.asp>]
Matthew Murray writes: "Google made clear in its announcement that the Chrome OS has been designed from the code up for low-power computers, specifically netbooks. Requiring flash memory (no rotating hard drives allowed) for super-fast boot-up times and utilizing exclusively cloud-based apps, Chrome OS has almost no identifiable need for any but minimum amounts of local storage—or hardware that can do much more than just turn on. Google claims it's seen the future, and it's on the web."...
ExtremeTech, Nov. 19

Seven tips to make your website mobile-friendly
[<http://www.sitepoint.com/blogs/2009/11/18/7-tips-to-make-your-web-site-mobile-friendly/>]
Igor Faletski writes: "Congratulations. You've decided to embrace mobile, one of the fastest-growing segments on the web. The first thing you'll notice is how diverse the mobile ecosystem is. Browsers, screen sizes, connection speeds—everything is different. The web community enjoyed a brief period of iPhone domination, when addressing one browser or screen resolution seemed sufficient. But now that Android devices (which come with a variety of screen sizes) are quickly gaining popularity, it's important to once again think of the bigger picture."...
Sitepoint, Nov. 18

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKYG5Hf4T00>] Find movies playing nearby
[<http://mashable.com/2009/11/25/google-mobile-search-movies/>]

Google Mobile Search

[<http://googlemobile.blogspot.com/2009/11/get-movie-trailers-and-more-with-google.html>] now has a special section that lets you check out movie listings, with locations, trailers, ratings, posters, and upcoming showtimes. To try it out, fire up google.com on your iPhone, webOS, or Android device, search for "movies," and click on the "More movies" link. You can also browse by theater, which will take you to a map displaying the theaters near your current location. Tapping any theater on the map will display a list of shows now playing. Watch the video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKYX5Hf4T00>] (1:25)....

Mashable, Nov. 25; Google Mobile Blog, Nov. 24; YouTube, Nov. 23

Kindle gets longer battery life, PDF support

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-10404507-1.html]

Just in time for the holidays and facing heavy competition from Barnes and Noble's upcoming Nook e-book reader, Amazon has announced that it has improved the Kindle's battery life when the wireless connection is turned on and will now be offering native PDF support for its e-book reader. Both the battery-life boost and native PDF support will be available to owners of new Kindles and some older models in a firmware upgrade....

Crave, Nov. 24

USB Turntable [<http://www.firebox.com/product/1401/USB-Turntable>]

Digital music is great, but isn't it a pity you can't transfer your old records onto your computer? Well guess what? Now, thanks to the ingenious USB Turntables, you can put all your LPs, 12-inches, and singles straight into your digital library. Simply plug in either of these chic little turntables into the nearest USB port, fire up the idiot-proof Audacity software and start converting your collection. USB Turntables can handle both 33s and 45s....

Firebox.com

Publishing

Titles do make a difference

[<http://acrlog.org/2009/11/24/titles-do-make-a-difference/>]

Steven Bell writes: "Not your job title—the title of that paper you'd like to get published or conference proposal you want to submit. Now that ACRL has announced the call for papers, panels, and more for its 2011 National Conference

[<http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/national/2011/index.cfm>] in Philadelphia, many academic librarians will begin thinking about submitting proposals. So you need an edge. Here's my advice for you: Don't underestimate the importance of the title you choose for your submission."...

ACRLog, Nov. 24

Street lit hits home for teens

[<http://missionlocal.org/2009/11/away-from-the-canon-teen-books-hit-home/>]

While fantasy, spearheaded by the Twilight series, remains in high demand at school libraries, many students are reading novels that focus on more

harrowing issues—head-on collisions with abusive parents, hard drug use, and gang violence. It’s hardly diversionary fare, particularly for teenagers facing those realities. While some books pegged as street lit or ghetto fiction are read mostly by African-American females, darker subject matters resonate across ethnic and gender lines.”...
Mission Local, Nov. 24

Publishers plan online newsstand

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/25/business/media/25mag.html>]

A consortium of magazine publishers including Time Inc. and Condé Nast plan to jointly build an online newsstand for publications in multiple digital formats. The formation of a new company to run the online newsstand—sometimes characterized as an “iTunes for magazines”—may be announced in early December. Some newspaper owners have also expressed interest in the joint venture....

New York Times, Nov. 24

Librarians: A dog’s best friend

[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6708485.html>]

A handful of school librarians across the country are opening packages from Lerner Publishing to find a book from Elaine Landau’s Best Dogs Ever series dedicated to them. Landau typically doesn’t dedicate any of her books, but she’s decided to do so with nearly all of the titles in her new 12-book series by honoring a school, public, or academic librarian whom she personally knows. Sara Kelly Johns (Lake Placid High School in New York) and Carl Harvey (North Elementary School in Nobleville, Indiana) received copies....

School Library Journal, Nov. 24

Scholarly publishing leads the market for e-books

[<http://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2009/11/24/professional-and-scholarly-publishing-leads-the-market-for-e-books-by-a-wide-margin/>]

Michael Clarke writes: “The trade book industry’s foray into the e-book market trails the professional and scholarly publishing e-book market by a wide margin—and there is no evidence that will change in the foreseeable future. According to Fordham University Marketing Professor Al Greco, over the next four years, the scholarly e-book market will grow 94% from \$1.33 billion to \$2.6 billion.”...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Nov. 24

Greatest swashbuckling heroes from science fiction

[<http://io9.com/5408634/greatest-swashbuckling-heroes-from-100%252B-years-of-sf-books>]

Charlie Jane Anders writes: “They swagger, they fight, they laugh in the face of danger. Science-fiction books have given us some of the greatest swashbuckling heroes, cutting a swathe through space and countless alternate timelines. A swashbuckling hero doesn’t necessarily need to pack a sword—although it certainly doesn’t hurt. Words starting with ‘D’ frequently come up, including dashing, debonair, defiant, dapper, and daring. Here are our favorite swashbuckling heroes from science-fiction books.”...

io9, Nov. 19

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

Actions & Answers

[<http://www.vimeo.com/6935056>] Paralysis does not slow down determined librarian

[http://www.nysut.org/cps/rde/xchg/nysut/hs.xsl/newyorkteacher_13920.htm]

Just over two months after recovering from a paralyzing bicycle accident in August 2006, Annie Hayes (right) was back at work as library media specialist at the Berlin (N.Y.) Central School District libraries. Within weeks after her release from the hospital, she had learned to drive a car using hand controls. Her determination and pragmatic approach to her recovery and life inspired filmmaker Michael Sinopoli to create a documentary, *You Take Yourself Wherever You Go: The Annie Hayes Story*, scheduled for release in the fall of 2010. View the trailer

[<http://www.vimeo.com/6935056>] (3:40)....

New York Teacher, Nov. 20

Virginia librarian composes a march for Semester at Sea

[<http://www.virginia.edu/uvatoday/newsRelease.php?id=10389>]

Semester at Sea, a study-abroad program managed by the Institute for Shipboard Education in Charlottesville, Virginia, is making its 100th voyage this fall and University of Virginia librarian and composer Fred O'Bryant has written a concert march to commemorate the occasion. The Charlottesville Municipal Band premiered "MV Explorer," named for the Semester at Sea ship, at a November 22 concert. O'Bryant is applied sciences librarian at the Charles L. Brown Science and Engineering Library and has never been on the ship....

University of Virginia, Nov. 19

Horizon Report 2010 preview [<http://www.aasl.ala.org/aaslblog/?p=823>]

Buffy Hamilton writes: "The New Media Consortium recently released the Short List of Horizon Topics for 2010 (PDF file

[<http://www.nmc.org/pdf/2010-Horizon-Report-Short-List.pdf>]) and the

Horizon Report 2010 Preview (PDF file

[<http://www.nmc.org/pdf/2010-Horizon-Report-Preview.pdf>]). These documents, which you can also view by visiting the Horizon Report Wiki,

[<http://horizon.wiki.nmc.org/>] are the result of the rounds of

discussions and voting by the advisory board members. The final report will be officially released on January 20. The preview version of the report includes a section called Critical Challenges as well as a section for Key Trends.”...

AASL Blog, Nov. 23

Index and misbehaving data

[<http://haplr.blogspot.com/2009/11/lj-index-and-misbehaving-data.html>]

Tom Hennen writes: "In its Index of Public Library Data Service 2009,

[<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6705374.html>] why did Library Journal decide to use the 'outlier' numbers that caused the San Diego

County (Calif.) Library to get a five-star rating that appears questionable? The library's incredibly high score for public internet use (16.5 million sessions, or 889% above the group average) cancels relatively low scores for circulation, visits, and program attendance. Newer data on the California State Library website reports a more likely 1.4 million. Am I wrong that this single correction changes the scores of every other library in the group?"...

HAPLR Blog, Nov. 23

How our brains learned to read

[<http://www.newscientist.com/blogs/culturelab/2009/11/how-our-brains-learned-to-read.php>]

Owen Flanagan writes: "Evidence suggests that reading—which depends on an alphabet, writing materials, papyrus, and such—is only about 5,000 years old. The brain in its modern form is about 200,000 years old, yet brain imaging shows that reading takes place in the same way and in the same place in all brains. To within a few millimeters, human brains share a reading hotspot, which Stanislas Dehaene in *Reading in the Brain* (Viking, 2009) calls the 'letterbox,' on the bottom of the left hemisphere."...

New Scientist, Nov. 23

What is distinctive about LC

[<http://www.guild2910.org/Future%20of%20Cataloging/LCdistinctive.pdf>]
(PDF file)

Library of Congress Reference Librarian Thomas Mann has released another white paper on the reaction to changes taking place at LC: "The Library cannot solve its space problems by adoption of a 'digital strategy' without seriously damaging our larger mission to promote scholarship of unusual scope and depth. If the Library's own access to its own general book collection were to be dumbed down to only the levels of subject access provided by Google, Amazon, or internet search mechanisms, we would effectively be endorsing, and institutionalizing, the level of ignorance exemplified by the Six Blind Men of India."...

Library of Congress Professional Guild, Nov. 6

Top 10 board and card games for 2010

[<http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/41529>]

Stacy Conradt writes: "With so many people gathered for Thanksgiving (and in a small town with not so much as a Wal-Mart), I have all kinds of opportunity to inflict board games on people. I can't wait. If you're the same way and looking for something new to throw in to the mix this year, check out the 10 top games for 2010 according to Games magazine [<http://www.gamesmagazine-online.com/gameslinks/gameofyear.html>] magazine [<http://www.gamesmagazine-online.com/gameslinks/gameofyear.html>] (they do the top 100 every year, conveniently right before Christmas)."...

Mental Floss, Nov. 24; Games, Dec.

How to run a short story reading group

[<http://bookgroupbuzz.booklistonline.com/2009/11/17/how-to-run-a-short-story-reading-group/>]

Dan Hubbs writes: "First, book a meeting room for successive months. Have a positive self-help kind of attitude that says, 'I know lots of people are going to enjoy attending my short story reading group, so I'm going to book the room for the same time each month for an entire year,

right out of the gate, just like that!’”...
Book Group Buzz, Nov. 17

Number crunching graphic-novel circ stats
[<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/blog/540000654/post/1790050779.html>]
Robin Brenner writes: “The circulation numbers for graphic novel collections have always been a selling point. Considering my circulations recently, the numbers are truly impressive. Case Closed, as a series, has circulated over 1200 times (with an average of 40 circulations per volume). If I look at the circulation of books to compare, popular graphic novels are as popular as titles from Meg Cabot, James Patterson, Anthony Horowitz, Rick Riordan, and Philip Pullman.”...
Good Comics for Kids, Nov. 21

Will digitization damper physical delivery?
[<http://www.librarybeat.org/longshots/play/197>]
Sarah Long talks with Valerie Horton, executive director of the Colorado Library Consortium, about her groundbreaking work in the field of library physical delivery in this podcast (16:50). Horton discusses the results of a recent national survey on delivery practices, including outsourcing, the motivation for the creation of the Moving Mountains Project, and her prediction that the digitization of books will cause delivery stats to skyrocket....
Longshots, no. 197, Nov. 23

Marketing to improve your reference services
[http://www.infotoday.com/mls/nov09/Duke_MacDonald.shtml]
Lynda M. Duke and Jean B. MacDonald write: “The Ames Library at Illinois Wesleyan University has struggled in the recent past to maintain students’ interest in using reference services. To address this, we worked collaboratively with three marketing classes over two semesters.” The marketing students strongly advocated starting an IM reference service, strengthen email reference, offer walk-in workshops for students, and a change in reference-desk seating arrangements....
Marketing Library Services, Nov./Dec.

[<http://www.hanzismatter.com/>]
[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2356002,00.asp>]
Brian Heater writes: “Blogs—everybody’s got one, and most of them are terrible. But we have put together a list of 50 favorites that include some of the best sites across a huge cross-section of subjects, including tech, science, fashion, comics, cars, animals, monsters, design, books, modding, music, art, sports, storytelling, and shopping. There are some blockbuster sites in the list, as well as some hidden gems.”...
PC Magazine, Nov. 23

The dirty dozen online job search mistakes
[<http://www.job-hunt.org/jobsearchmistakes.shtml>]
Susan P. Joyce identifies the 12 biggest mistakes you might make while hunting for a job online. Included are: Posting your résumé without worrying about privacy, limiting your job search to the internet, and depending on email as your only method of contact....
Job-hunt.org

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBFnBIwk79I>]British Library's new state-of-the-art storage facility

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBFnBIwk79I>]

Reuters Television has an exclusive first look (2:17) at the high-density, oxygen-controlled facility built in Boston Spa to house 7 million items from the British Library's collection. Featuring Steve Morris, British Library director of finance and corporate services, who warns, "If you put a book in the wrong box in this building, effectively you will never find it." The project is expected to be completed by summer 2011....

YouTube, Nov. 24

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukJmF6f0JdQ>]Best library videos on YouTube: Librarian edition

[<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/best-library-videos-youtube-librarian-edition>]

Charlie Thomason writes: "Have you ever thought that librarians possess supernatural powers? Well, it's true; librarians are incredibly powerful, though each is unique in his or her own way. Here are some of our favorite YouTube videos of librarians thinking outside the box." Includes Ninja Librarian, Conan the Librarian, the Insulting Librarian, Erik the Librarian, and Monty Python's famous Gorilla Librarian sketch [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukJmF6f0JdQ>] (3:00, above)....

@ your library, Nov. 19

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ALA Midwinter Meeting,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/information.cfm>] Boston, January 15–19.

The Exhibits Opening Reception

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/exhibits.cfm>] will be held 5:30–7:30 p.m., January 15, on the exhibit floor, and will feature food and music, as well as over 30 gifts (not limited to baskets anymore) to be given away by exhibitors. To register to win a gift, visit the exhibitors' booths during the reception.

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2807>]

So . . . you're a werewolf?

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2807>] Actor Taylor Lautner reads a copy of Stephenie Meyer's New Moon, a sequel to Twilight, in this new Celebrity READ poster. Lautner plays the shape-shifting Jacob Black in the movie, which premiered in theaters November 20. With over 53 million books in print, hundreds of fan sites, and numerous critical accolades and awards, Twilight has become a worldwide sensation. NEW! From ALA Graphics.

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

Word-of-Mouth Marketing

[<http://www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/10262009/power-word-mouth-marketing>]

Libel Tourism

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How to Work a Crisis

Volunteer for a committee

Get involved in your Association and profession by volunteering to serve [http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/committees/volunteer/frm_vol.cfm] on an ALA or divisional committee. The deadline is December 4.

Career Leads from

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

Executive Director,

[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13985>] SEFLIN, Boca Raton, Florida. provides leadership for one of the most dynamic multi-type library consortia in North America. Membership includes major academic and public libraries in Southeast Florida. Major responsibilities include planning, financial administration, grantsmanship, organization and direction of services for members, and communication on many levels with staff, Board of Directors, committees, and professional and community organizations. The Executive Director is expected to maintain a posture of professional leadership....

[<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://scipio.uark.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/Fulbright&CISOPTR=77&CISOBX=1&REC=1]

Senator J. W. Fulbright Speaks.

[http://scipio.uark.edu/cdm4/index_Fulbright.php?CISOROOT=/Fulbright]
Fifty speeches delivered by Sen. James William Fulbright (1905–1995), one of the best-known Arkansans in the world, are now available on the University of Arkansas Libraries’ website. The digital library collection, titled “A Calm Voice in a Strident World: Senator J. W. Fulbright Speaks,” contains the text of selected speeches, ranging from comments he made regarding his dismissal as president of the University of Arkansas in 1941, to remarks censuring Sen. Joseph McCarthy’s far-ranging investigations, and criticisms of U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam. The Fulbright speeches are part of the University Libraries’ digital library collections [<http://scipio.uark.edu/>]. The Special Collections Department digitized the speeches, which represent a small portion of the Fulbright Papers held by the department. Additional information [<http://dailyheadlines.uark.edu/16170.htm>] on the website, including photographs, a biography, a detailed time line of Fulbright’s life, and a bibliography of materials both by and about Fulbright, provide historical context. The website also includes a link to the finding aid for the entire collection of Fulbright papers.

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

“There is no general card catalog at the Central Library anymore. Those cards are now used artistically to line the elevator shafts; the little drawers in banks in some parts of the building don’t open. Instead, I searched on the library’s computer. I typed in ‘Luddite,’ and it gave me a list of six books (six!) as well as links to Amazon reviews. I set out to find each book. . . .

“I spent three hours at the library and did not learn much about Luddites, but what I did find actually gave me chills. This is what I discovered: If you have a specific destination, the web is the place to

go. If you just need to search, there is no place like the library.”

—Author Diana Wagman, on her quest for information about Luddites at the Los Angeles Public Library, “A Luddite in the Library, [http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-wagman22-2009nov22,0,3706824.story]” Los Angeles Times, Nov. 22.

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Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. Our community, like many others, is tightening its fiscal belt. As a result, we are looking at the idea of a joint-use library—one where other community services could also be offered under the library roof. How common are such arrangements?

A. Such arrangements are more common in such countries as Sweden and Australia, where they enable library service in thinly populated areas. Alan Bundy in his 2003 “Joint-Use Libraries: The Ultimate Form of Cooperation” sets the rate at 40% of libraries in Sweden. In the U.S., the number is much lower. Key to the success seems to be a well-planned agreement, covering issues as enumerated in the Report of The Standing Committee on Joint-Use Libraries (PDF file [http://www.ccla.lib.fl.us/docs/reports/joint_use.pdf]), prepared January 30, 1996, at Florida’s College Center for Library Automation. The Bundy article also has a checklist, as do the many other references on joint-use libraries [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Joint-Use] gathered for the ALA Library Fact Sheet 20, Joint-Use Libraries: A Bibliography. [http://www.ala.org/library/fact20.html] From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Joint_Use_Facilities].

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

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Dec. 27–30:

Modern Language Association, [<http://www.mla.org/convention>] Annual Convention, Philadelphia Marriott.

Jan. 1–31:

Using Social Bookmarking Services for Subject Guides, Course Reading Lists, and Reader Alerts.

[<http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/careers/continuing-education/workshops/online.php#usingsocial>] Online workshop hosted by Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Jan. 12–15:

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.”

Jan. 13–15:

Educause, Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, [<http://net.educause.edu/marc10>] Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. “Connect. Collaborate. Contribute.”

Jan. 27–30:

Special Libraries Association, [<http://www.sla.org/content/resources/leadcenter/LeadershipSummit/10leadsummit/index.cfm>] Leadership Summit, St. Louis Union Station Marriott, Missouri. “Creating the Future.”

Jan. 29:

The Bibliographical Society of America, [<http://www.bibsocamer.org/annualmeetings.htm>] Annual Meeting, New York City.

Feb. 1–5:

Digital Futures, [<http://www.digitalconsultancy.net/digifutures/index.html>] Sydney, Australia. “From Digitization to Delivery.”

Feb. 11:

Information Without Borders, [<http://iwbconference.informationmanagement.dal.ca/about.html>] Dalhousie University School of Information Management, Halifax, Nova Scotia. “Portals, Pathways, and Peoples.”

Feb. 22–25:

Code4Lib, [<http://code4lib.org/conference/2010/>] Renaissance Asheville Hotel, North Carolina.

Mar. 3–5:

Institute of Museum and Library Services WebWise Conference, [<http://www.imls.gov/news/2009/100709.shtm>] University of Denver and Denver Art Museum.

Apr. 8–10:

Southwest Association of Law Libraries, [<http://law.baylor.edu/swall2010/index.htm>] Annual Meeting, Waco, Texas.

Apr. 21–23:

Evergreen International Conference, [<http://www.evergreen2010.org/>] Grand Rapids, Michigan.

May 24–28:

Libraries in the Digital Age, [<http://web.ffos.hr/lida/>] University of Zadar, Croatia.

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