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U.S. & World News

[Florida library to label YA books by age, not maturity](#)

The city commission of Leesburg, Florida, has voted 4–1 to have the young adult literature section of Leesburg Public Library divided into physically separated age-appropriate groupings, creating a separate area for books targeted for high school students. “It will be based on reviews to determine the intended audience for a book, not the content,” Director Barbara Morse (above) told *American Libraries*. Each of these books will bear a “high school” label, and will be shelved in a space immediately outside the library’s young adult room....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 5



[Angry patrons seek Gwinnett director's ouster](#)

The stakes have risen in an ongoing dispute between Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library officials and area residents served by the Dacula branch, despite the board having rescinded its August decision to close the three-year-old facility and shift the staff and collection. Although GCPL trustees agreed September 22 to keep the Dacula branch open after all, it would become a computer center instead of a full-service library in 2010—an action that has further inflamed the concerns of some community members, who are circulating a petition calling for the dismissal of GCPL Executive Director Nancy Stanbery-Kellam (above)....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 7



ALA News

[Johns, Raphael seek ALA presidency](#)

Sara Kelly Johns and Molly Raphael are candidates for the 2011–2012 ALA presidency. Johns is currently the



[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)

Boston, January 15–19. Check out these **institutes and optional events** ([PDF file](#)) that will take place at Midwinter.



school library media specialist for grades 6–12 at Lake Placid (N.Y.) Middle/High School, a position she has held since 1999, supervising the Lake Placid elementary school library for the first two years. Raphael recently retired after six years as director of libraries at Multnomah County Library in Portland, Oregon; during her tenure, she passed a five-year, voter-approved operating levy (more than \$176 million). Petition candidates for president, treasurer, and Council have until 9 a.m. Central Time on January 29, 2010, to enter the race....



[Kornblau, Neal run for ALA treasurer](#)

Alan Kornblau and James Neal are the 2011–2012 candidates for the office of ALA treasurer. Kornblau is the director of the Delray Beach (Fla.) Public Library; he is the current treasurer of the Florida Library Association and has served on the PLA Legislation Committee. Neal is currently the vice president for information services and university librarian at Columbia University; previously, he has served as the dean of university libraries at Indiana University and Johns Hopkins University. Voting begins March 16, 2010....



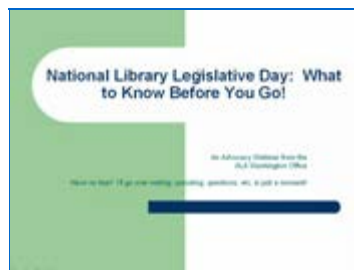
[Call for committee volunteers](#)

ALA President-Elect Roberta Stevens is encouraging members to volunteer for ALA and Council committees during the 2010–2011 appointment process. She is chairing both the Committee on Appointments and Committee on Committees. To volunteer for a committee, complete the online committee [volunteer form](#) by December 4....

[Washington Office webinar: What Congress has in store for libraries](#)

Kristin Murphy (ALA Washington Office) and Stephanie Vance (Advocacy Guru), offer insights into the end-of-the-year legislative madness in Washington, D.C., in this [webinar](#) (53:05). Although you've heard a great deal about health care reform, be assured that Washington is still abuzz with a range of other issues, including LSTA funding and, of course, ongoing Recovery Act work....

District Dispatch, Oct. 7; Vimeo, Oct. 7



[Design a tote for @ your library and win \\$500](#)

@ your library, the ALA Campaign for America's Libraries, is seeking an original, creative design for its first ever [Design a Tote Bag contest](#). We want to see how your design can illustrate the spirit and importance of American libraries. The Grand Prize Winner



Inspired by a new generation of librarians and children, Virginia A. Walter in [Twenty-First-Century Kids, Twenty-First-Century Librarians](#) reconsiders the legacy passed on by the matriarchs of children's services and examines more recent trends and challenges growing out of changes in educational philosophy and information technology. **NEW!**
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Online LIS education

The Children We Serve

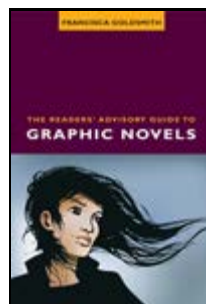
E-Readers in Action

Facebook à la Fulbright

will receive \$500, and the People's Choice Award Winner will receive \$100. To enter the contest, [submit](#) a design before October 16....

[Pioneering guide to graphic novels](#)

ALA Editions has released [The Readers' Advisory Guide to Graphic Novels](#) by Francisca Goldsmith. While graphic novels have found a place on library shelves, many librarians struggle to move this expanding body of intellectual, aesthetic, and entertaining literature into the mainstream of library materials. Goldsmith provides the first-ever guide to the genre aimed specifically at readers' advisors, while presenting an abundance of resources useful to every librarian....



[ALA turns 133 this week](#)

On October 6, 1876 (three months after the Battle of the Little Bighorn), 103 men and women established the American Library Association. Now the event has a Facebook page, thanks to ALA Library Reference Specialist Valerie Hawkins....

AL Focus

[Chicago's own Book Bike](#)

Attending the Banned Books Read-Out in Chicago on September 26 was Gabe Levinson (right), operator of the Book Bike. The concept is simple: Levinson travels around Chicago giving away books. He spoke to AL Focus (3:02) about his efforts and motivation....

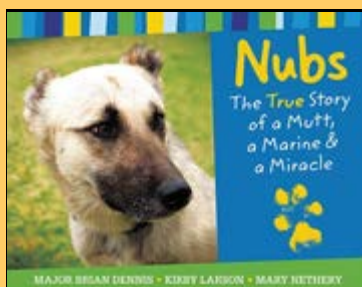


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Books for youth](#)

Dennis, Maj. Brian, Kirby Laron, and Mary Nethery. *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle*. Nov. 2009. 48p. K-Grade 3. Little, Brown, hardcover (978-0-316-05318-1).

Major Brian Dennis wasn't looking for a pet. In fact, for marines serving in Iraq, such a thing was against orders. As it turned out, nothing—not rules, not distance, not war—was going to keep them apart. Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery, authors of the cat-and-dog Hurricane Katrina survival story *Two Bobbies* (2008), pair with Dennis on this hugely inspirational true account of "Nubs" (so named because his ears had been cut off by an unknown perpetrator) and his devotion to the American soldier who befriended him. At first, Dennis only rubbed the dog's belly and shared some rations before embarking on a two-month mission. But when Dennis returned, so did a cold and injured Nubs. Dennis was



Career Leads from ALA JobLIST

[Children's Department Head](#)

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, Columbus, Georgia. Responsible for the organization, management, supervision, and effective functioning of the Main Library's Children's Department. In addition, the successful candidate oversees children's services and collections throughout the library system; chairs the Children's Steering Committee; coordinates the selection of children's materials (\$130,000 budget); writes and manages grants; trains, motivates, and evaluates Children's Department staff (5 FTEs); develops and presents programs to children ages birth to 11; and engages in collaborative outreach programs to promote the library within the community....



Digital Library of the Week

able to clean the animal's wounds, but two more missions meant more abandonment. That's when the unbelievable occurred....

Book Group Buzz partners with National Reading Group Month

The popular *Booklist* blog [Book Group Buzz](#), which offers helpful information to reading groups, has again been selected as the official partner blog by the Women's National Book Association for its [National Reading Group Month](#) this October. As a new initiative for National Reading Group Month in 2009, nine [Great Group Reads](#) (eight novels and a memoir) have been selected on the basis of their appeal to reading groups, covering timely and provocative topics. Reviews of the Great Group Reads are available free on the Booklist Online website....



Booklist Online welcomes Book Links

Keir Graff writes: "Beginning with the October 1 issue, now in readers' hands, our sister publication, *Book Links*, will be published as a supplement to *Booklist*. What does this mean for Booklist Online users? Well, besides a smart new logo, you'll notice some big changes, starting with a new [landing page](#) for *Book Links*, where *Book Links* content mingles with select *Booklist* and Booklist Online reviews that Books for Youth staff have deemed 'Classroom Stars.'"...



Likely Stories, Oct. 2

Romance fiction webinar

Romance is hot . . . in the library, that is. [Registration](#) is now open for *Booklist's* free webinar, "Sweet Talk: Romance Fiction in the Library," 3–4 p.m. Central Time, November 12. Donna Seaman, *Booklist's* romance fiction editor, and a stellar panel of librarians, authors, and publishers will discuss the state of the genre in public libraries and in the marketplace....

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

Boston Update

25 free things to do around Boston

On a strict budget for the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, January 15–19? Here are 25 things you can do in the city for absolutely no money down. Try the Coit Observatory, the Bunker Hill monument, or the Harvard Book Store (right)....

Boston Globe



PAR Number 10381825

State: Delaware Year: 1818
Location: New Castle Location Type: County

Abstract: Mary Reading purchased three slaves were purchased for your Petitioner for her sole use of possession of your Petitioner, by reason of the state." She therefore prays that an act be passed them as such."

The Digital Library on American Slavery

offers data on race and slavery extracted from 18th- and 19th-century documents that were processed over a period of 18 years. Launched October 1 by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the collection contains detailed information on about 150,000 individuals. The data were painstakingly extracted from 2,975 legislative petitions and 14,512 county court petitions, and from a wide range of related documents, including wills, inventories, deeds, bills of sale, depositions, court proceedings, and amended petitions. Buried in these documents are the names and other data on roughly 80,000 individual slaves, 8,000 free people of color, and 62,000 whites, both slaveowners and non-slaveowners. One of the unique aspects of the Digital Library is the information on individual slaves made available along with additional data on their owners; no other online database connects slaves with their owners in such a manner. Each set of documents is uniquely identified by an eight-digit PAR (Petition

[Where everybody knows your name](#)

The Bull and Finch Pub in Beacon Hill was the inspiration for the hit television show *Cheers*. It's a bit pricey for bar fare, but it's an essential part of the Boston tourist experience. The original bar at 84 Beacon Street does not look much like the TV set, but there is a replica Cheers bar at Faneuil Hall Marketplace that looks more like where Norm and Cliff used to hang out....

Cheers Boston



[John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum](#)

Tour the museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and relive the powerful story of the Kennedy years. Its three theaters, period settings, and 25 dramatic multimedia exhibits allow you to enter the recreated world of the Kennedy Presidency for a first-hand look at JFK's life, legacy, and leadership. The library is located in the I. M. Pei building at Columbia Point on Boston's waterfront. Special exhibits during the Midwinter Meeting include "JFK and Space Exploration" and "JFK's Inaugural Address."...

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum



[United Airlines offers checked-bag pass](#)

United Airlines has launched a program that waives checked baggage charges in exchange for an annual subscription fee. The introductory price for Premier Baggage is \$249 a year and allows a customer to check two standard bags without paying extra, which could be a boon for frequent travelers. It also covers bags for up to eight companions traveling under the same confirmation number. On U.S. and Canadian flights, United [charges](#) \$15 for the first bag and \$25 for the second if you check in online. At the airport, the fees rise to \$20 for the first and \$30 for the second....

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 5; United Airlines



Division News

LITA National Forum wrap-up

American Libraries Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "Over the weekend, I joined about 250 other librarians in Salt Lake City for the 2009 LITA National Forum. Jason Griffey, head of library information technology at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, kicked off the conference with one of two pre-conferences (archived live stream [here](#), 3 hours). The conference theme was 'Open and Mobile,' and topics ranged from keynote speaker Joan Lippincott's heavily research-based [argument](#) for libraries' developing a mobile strategy, to a presentation on [cloud computing](#), the one on the [MS Surface](#), and keynote speaker David Weinberger's engaging talk on [Knowledge in the Age of Abundance](#). And the lightning talks were not to be missed." Nor should you miss the [best LITA tweets](#)....



Analysis Record) number. The list of subjects reveals the variety of "causes" or "bills of complaint," in the language of the courts, that petitioners brought, or defendants raised, in their civil suits. The general topics include slave ownership, slave management, freedom suits, crime and punishment, health, death, social and civic life, marriage, women, and family, among others.

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

Public Perception How the World Sees Us

"If you think about it, public libraries were actually the birth of the information age . . . in analog version."

—Tweet by Helene Blowers, Digital Strategy Librarian, Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library, Sept. 30.



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AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 3–6

[YALSA responds to Carnegie report](#)

YALSA President Linda W. Braun sent a response to [Time to Act: An Agenda for Advancing Literacy for College and Career Success](#), published in September by Carnegie Corporation of New York. The response indicated disappointment that “libraries and librarians are excluded entirely from your plan to ensure our young adults have the literacy skills they need to succeed both in college and the 21st-century workplace.”...

[YALSA's new blog manager](#)

mk Eagle started the job as YALSA blog manager October 1. Eagle is a school librarian in Massachusetts and has been a writer for the blog for the past couple of years. She writes about school librarianship, technology, trends, and more. And her posts are regularly highlighted in *AL Direct*....

YALSA Blog, Oct. 1



[ACRL: Working Together](#)

ACRL has published [Working Together: Collaborative Information Practices for Organizational Learning](#) by Mary M. Somerville. The book presents a framework for comprehensive redesign of library organizations. Somerville provides a context for library decision makers as they move their organizations and workforces into an increasingly collaborative future. In addition to a review of core literature, the title presents workplace examples illustrating the efficacy of collaborative information practices orchestrated by inclusive leadership principles....



[Apply for ACRL's Immersion '10 program](#)

ACRL is accepting applications for its Immersion '10 program. Complete program details and application materials are [online](#). The deadline is December 11. The program offers four-and-a-half days of intensive information literacy training and education for academic librarians, July 25–30, at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont....

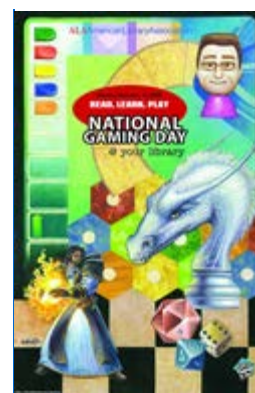


[RUSA institute on genealogy, New England history](#)

Engaging speakers and informative presentations will abound at the upcoming RUSA Midwinter Institute “The Genealogy Reference Desk: Where Everyone Knows Your Name,” a full-day workshop focused on New England genealogy resources and genealogy research techniques and presented by the RUSA History Section. For institute-only registration using the [online form](#) (login required), select “Institute and Ticketed Events Only.”...

[ALSC student sessions](#)

Join ALSC once again this year to interact, network, and learn virtually through its online workshop series, ALSC Student Sessions. These one-hour programs, taking place in OPAL (Online Programming for All Libraries), give students the opportunity to learn first-hand about hot library issues from ALSC members around the country. For more information, visit the [ALSC website](#)....



[Registration](#) is open for **[National Gaming Day @ your library](#)**, November 14. ALA invites libraries of all types to join in the celebration and take advantage of the many free publicity tools the ALA offers. The NGD2009 [press toolkit](#) is now available online, as is this [poster](#) that was created by ALA member Liz Danforth. All of these materials are free for you to download and use for promotional purposes.



October is **[International School Library Month](#)**, sponsored by the International Association of School Librarianship. This year's theme is “School Libraries: The Big Picture.” IASL offers [posters and bookmarks](#).

Calendar

Fall Reference Interview online course

Registration is now open for the fall session "[The Reference Interview.](#)" one of RUSA's online courses. This popular introductory course, which will be offered November 2 through December 18, is a comprehensive overview focused on the methods of evaluating reference service, behavioral aspects of reference service, and the different types of questions that can be used to help patrons identify what they need. [Register online](#)....

Round Table News

Threats to intellectual freedom in academia (PDF file)

At the ACRL Intellectual Freedom Committee's "Academic and Intellectual Freedom Climate on Campus" program at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, Jim Neal of Columbia University presented a list of 24 threats to intellectual and academic freedom. The possibility that Institutional Review Boards can "limit, alter, or undermine faculty research" (#20) was met with doubt by the audience, but Neal maintained that there can be biases among IRB members....

Intellectual Freedom Round Table Report, no. 72 (Fall), pp. 8, 10

Awards

Five libraries win National Medal

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has selected five libraries and five museums to receive the 2009 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor. In addition to the Medal, each institution receives a \$10,000 award. The libraries are the Braille Institute Library Services in Los Angeles; the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin, Illinois; the Multnomah County Library in Portland, Oregon; the Pritzker Military Library in Chicago (above); and the Stark County District Library in Canton, Ohio....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 6



Step Up to the Plate grand prize winner

Eleven-year-old Elizabeth Ann Bishop has a Baseball Hall of Fame connection—her neighbor is the widow of Hall of Famer and Chicago White Sox player Nellie Fox. Now Bishop is going to the Hall of Fame herself. Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith (right) recently drew Bishop's name as the grand-prize winner of the ALA Step Up to the Plate @ your library contest. The winner was randomly chosen from eligible contestants who correctly answered a series of baseball trivia questions developed by the Hall of Fame's library staff....



Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award

RUSA is calling for nominations for its 2010 Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award. The citation honors a practicing librarian, researcher, educator, or retired librarian who has made a significant contribution to library adult services. Contributions may

Oct. 15–16:

National Forum on Information Literacy.

20th anniversary celebration, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Conference Center, Washington, D.C.

Nov. 6–11:

American Society for Information Science and Technology.

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

Nov. 11–12:

Digital Library Federation.

Fall Forum, Renaissance Long Beach Hotel, Long Beach, California.

Dec. 15–16:

Cultural Heritage Online.

International Conference, Florence, Italy. "Empowering Users: An Active Role for User Communities."

Jan. 20–22:

Atmospheric Science Librarians International.

13th Annual Conference, Atlanta. "Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians."

Apr. 6–9:

Catholic Library Association.

Minneapolis. "Leadership, Direction, Service."

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include exemplified leadership, introduction of creative and innovative concepts in adult services, measurable effectiveness of managed programs, and published works. Those interested in submitting a nomination by December 15 can download the nomination form ([PDF file](#))....

John Sessions Memorial Award

RUSA seeks nominations for its 2010 John Sessions Memorial Award recognizing library contributions to the labor community. The award recognizes a library that has made a significant effort to work with the labor community and has consequently brought recognition of the history and contribution of the labor movement to the development of the United States. Those interested in submitting a nomination by December 15 can download the nomination form ([PDF file](#))....

Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award

RUSA is seeking nominations of accomplished reference librarians for the 2010 Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award, sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning. It presents a cash award of \$5,000 and a citation to an individual who has made a distinguished contribution to reference librarianship. Nominations for the 2010 award should be submitted to [Robert Kieft](#) by December 15....

Zora Neale Hurston Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 Zora Neale Hurston Award, a RUSA award presented annually to an individual RUSA member who has demonstrated leadership in promoting African-American literature. The award is given to the nominee who has developed a project of outstanding quality and significance that promotes African-American literature and highlights its rich history and diversity. All nomination materials should be submitted electronically to [Bergis Jules](#) by December 1....

ALSC awards and grants

ALSC is offering libraries and librarians more than \$85,000 in grants and funding through its 2010 professional awards and scholarships. Applications are available on the ALSC [website](#); those for scholarships will be posted soon. All applications are due December 1, except for the Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship and the Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship, which are due [March 1](#)....

2009 Best Free Reference Websites

The RUSA Machine-Assisted Reference Section has selected these outstanding reference sites for its 11th annual list of Best Free Reference Websites. One of them is [Online Conversion](#), which boasts that one can "convert just about anything to anything else," including length, temperature, speed, volume, weight, measurements for women's clothing sizes between countries, light-years, density, torque, horse height, meeting room size needed for attendees, gauge, and your weight on Mars....



Scholarship applications now available

ALA has more than \$300,000 for students who are studying library science or school library media at the master's degree level. Scholarships typically range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. The application and instructions are [online](#). The application deadline is March 1....

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[Four Spectrum scholars to attend AASL national conference](#)

AASL will sponsor four Spectrum scholars to attend the AASL National Conference Exhibition in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 5–8. The sponsored scholars are Linda Collins, school library media specialist at the Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center of the Chicago Public Schools; Maia Daugherty, school library media specialist at Ke Kula 'o 'Ehunuikaimalino, a Hawaiian-language immersion school on the Big Island; Alicia Long, elementary teacher and graduate student from Bradenton, Florida; and Lauren Mabry, elementary teacher with Ratcliffe School in Richmond, Virginia....

[School librarians need not apply](#)

In May, Barry Crook (right) was named the 2009–2010 Teacher of the Year for the Kirkwood (Mo.) School District. As with past recipients, the honor meant that Crook would go on to apply for top teacher consideration at the state level. But much to the disappointment of Crook and his supporters, Kirkwood's teacher of the year was told he was not eligible for consideration by the Show-Me State. You see, Barry Crook is a school library media specialist....

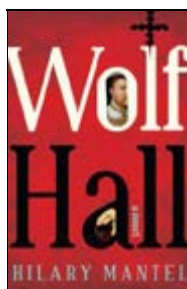
Webster-Kirkwood (Mo.) Times, Oct. 2



[Wolf Hall wins the Man Booker Prize](#)

The hottest favorite in the 40-year history of the Man Booker Prize edged home October 6 when *Wolf Hall* was named the winner in a secret ballot by three votes to two. The judges described Hilary Mantel's 650-page doorstopper about political maneuvering at the court of Henry VIII as an "extraordinary piece of storytelling . . . a modern novel that happens to be set in the 16th century." James Naughtie, the broadcaster who chaired the judges, said that Mantel's book was the most towering achievement in a short list that resembled an alpine landscape of accomplishment....

The Times (U.K.), Oct. 6



[Ian Frazier wins his second Thurber Prize](#)

Ian Frazier, winner of the first Thurber Prize for American Humor in 1997, repeated the accomplishment October 5. He won the 2009 prize, presented by the Thurber House in New York's Algonquin Hotel, becoming the first dual winner. Frazier won for his book, *Lamentations of the Father*, a collection of essays in which he uses the language of Deuteronomy to share a harried dad's code of conduct for his young children, covering topics such as quiet time and sippy cups....

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, Oct. 5



[James Cook Teen Book Award](#)

The Ohio Library Council's Young Adult Services Division has announced that Michael Harmon's *The Last Exit to Normal* (Knopf, 2008) is the recipient of the 2009 James Cook Book Award for the teen book that celebrates diversity. Small town Montana is the setting for the novel, Harmon's second, which focuses on the life of a 17-year-old grappling with his last chance to set his life on the right path after struggling with



drugs, crime, and anger issues....

Ohio Library Council, Oct. 6

[Connecting to Collections grants](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services invites proposals for the 2010 Connecting to Collections Statewide Planning Grants and the new Statewide Implementation Grants. Applications for these collaborative grants should address the recommendations published in the [Heritage Health Index](#), which found that many collections held in the public trust by libraries, museums, and archives are at risk.

The deadline to apply is December 15....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 5

[Johns Hopkins awarded grant to study data curation](#)

The Johns Hopkins University Sheridan Libraries have been awarded \$20 million from the National Science Foundation to build a data research infrastructure for the management of the ever-increasing amounts of digital information created for teaching and research. Beginning with the life, earth, and social sciences, project members will develop a framework to more fully understand data practices currently in use and arrive at a model for curation that allows ease of access both within and across disciplines....

Johns Hopkins University, Oct. 2

[2009 International Bookbinding Competition](#)

Designer Bookbinders has announced the winners of its 2009 International Bookbinding Competition. Binders from around the world were invited to enter the event, which was organized in conjunction with the Bodleian Library. The first prize was awarded to Alain Taral of France for a binding made of pear wood covered by Karelian birch veneer (above)....

Designer Bookbinders



Seen Online

[First Patriot Act revision session waters down protections](#)

The first in what will likely be a series of markups of USA Patriot Act reauthorization legislation was held October 1 in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Hours before, a bill negotiated by Sens. Patrick Leahy (right, D-Vt.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) was substituted in place of S. 1692, the USA Patriot Act Sunset Extension Act of 2009, introduced by Leahy on September 22. The [substitute bill](#), still designated S. 1692, substantially weakens the reforms the library community has sought relevant to Sec. 215 and national security letters....

District Dispatch, Oct. 1; Threat Level, Oct. 1



[Attorney slams Oak Brook library, 11-year-old girl](#)

Telling her mother that she wanted to come to the aid of a library under attack, 11-year-old Sydney Sabbagha stood at the



podium before the Oak Brook, Illinois, village board on September 22 (at 43:00 in the [video](#)). "I used to go to the library knowing there were people there to help me find a book. Now there is no one to help me," Sydney said solemnly. Then up stepped 69-year-old criminal attorney Constantine P. Xinos (right, at 54:50 in the [video](#)), who admonished, "Don't cry crocodile tears about people who are making \$100,000 a year wiping tables and putting the books back on the shelves," Xinos smirked, referencing fired Director Meg Klinkow Hartmann....

Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, Oct. 1; Village of Oak Brook, Illinois

[**First Amendment at risk again**](#)

Judy Platt writes: "*U.S. v. Stevens*, argued before the Supreme Court October 6, is the most important free speech case of the new century. Its outcome will influence the shape of First Amendment protection for a long time to come, because what the government wants to criminalize are not acts of animal cruelty, which are already illegal in all 50 states, but speech about those acts." At the end of a vigorous hour of argument, it [appears likely](#) that the Supreme Court will strike down the 1999 federal law....

Huffington Post, Oct. 6; BLT: Blog of Legal Times, Oct. 6

[**First-sale doctrine applies to licensed software**](#)

Building on a prior ruling, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington has reaffirmed ([PDF file](#)) that a Seattle man was not infringing copyright law by reselling software he obtained from an Autodesk customer. The ruling is bound to frustrate the copyright industries, which have struggled for years to convince courts and their customers that the only thing you buy when you purchase software is a limited and temporary right to use that software under certain conditions. In other words, buyers aren't owners....

Electronic Frontier Foundation, Oct. 5

[**Michael Moore tips his hat to Ann Spananese**](#)

Why did the iconic documentary filmmaker Michael Moore wear a red Rutgers University cap during a series of high-profile television appearances? For him, the Rutgers cap may also serve as a quiet symbol of free speech. He has previously worn the cap to honor Ann Spananese, head of adult and YA services at the Englewood (N.J.) Public Library and a 1989 Rutgers graduate who stood up for Moore when HarperCollins balked at releasing his book, *Stupid White Men and Other Excuses for the State of the Nation*, after the 9/11 attacks....

Rutgers Focus, Oct. 5



[**National Information Literacy Awareness Month**](#)

On October 1, President Obama issued a [statement](#) proclaiming October 2009 as National Information Literacy Awareness Month and calling "upon the people of the United States to recognize the important role information plays in our daily lives, and appreciate the need for a greater understanding of its impact." ALA and [AASL](#) join

the administration in promoting the skills all Americans need to effectively navigate the Information Age....

District Dispatch, Oct. 2; White House, Oct. 1

[Pittsburgh to trim five branches in 2010](#)

For the first time in its 114-year history, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will close five of its 19 branches next year to cover a projected \$1.2 million budget deficit. The library will also trim its staff by 30 people and reduce operating hours 28% starting in January. Fees and fines will be increased as well. By 18-4, the library board of trustees voted October 5 to close the Lawrenceville, Beechview, West End (above), and Hazelwood branches, and merge the Knoxville and Carrick branches....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette, Oct. 7



[No Perks at William Byrd High School](#)

The Roanoke County (Va.) School System is examining whether Stephen Chbosky's *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* should be allowed in the William Byrd High School library, following a complaint from a parent about the book's content. A teacher at the school gave the book to an 11th-grade student in her English class, and then that student shared the book with a friend who is a boy, whose father (John Davis, above) made a complaint to the principal, who had the library's two copies removed for review....

WSLS-TV, Roanoke, Va., Oct. 6



[Libraries are lifelines for the unemployed](#)

Thousands of unemployed people in New Jersey have used the state's public library system to look for jobs online, polish résumés with word processing software, research new careers, and ask web-savvy librarians for help with all of the above. The same is true around the country, as officials in Elkhart, Indiana, learned when they considered [cutting back](#) on branch hours, only to discover long lines of workers waiting to file unemployment claims online at the Pierre Moran branch of the Elkhart Public Library....

New York Times, Oct. 2; WSBT-TV, South Bend, Ind., Oct. 4

[Career centers in Connecticut](#)

In response to skyrocketing unemployment rates, more Connecticut libraries are adopting job training resources—from workshops to online databases. Kellie O'Donnell, coordinator of the job and career center of Hartford Public Library, said roughly 300 people a month attend workshops or use its career-searching computer workstation—triple the amount that were attending two years ago when the library began offering such education....

Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Oct. 4

[New Mexico's bookmobiles are unique](#)

In a digital age where news comes on cell phones and readers download e-books, three bookmobiles chug along the back roads of New Mexico, bringing a library to people who otherwise live without one. The New Mexico



State Library's on-the-road program is unique. "There are no other state-run bookmobile programs that I am aware of," said Michael Swendrowski. Nowadays, most are operated by cities, counties, or regions....

Associated Press, Oct. 3

[School librarian changed a boy's life](#)

Olly Neal grew up in Arkansas during the 1950s. He didn't care much for high school. One day during his senior year, he cut class and wandered into the school library. He stumbled onto a book written by African-American author Frank Yerby. And the discovery changed the life of a teenage boy who was, in Neal's memory, "a rather troubled high school senior."...

NPR Morning Edition, Oct. 2



[School-library time rationed in Brooklyn](#)

Students and parents at a Brooklyn middle school are fuming after they were pushed out of their newly spruced-up library by an expanding charter school. Junior High School 126 kids have severely limited access to the cozy, mural-painted reading spot this year so the three charters sharing the Greenpoint building can use the space for planning, meetings, and small classes. Access to the library for more than 400 middle schoolers will be restricted to one side of the space for less than two hours each day, with an extra hour on Wednesdays....

New York Daily News, Oct. 6

[Library patron finds long-lost father](#)

Some might think the library is only good for finding books, but Marquita Johnson knows different. Through the help of four employees at Bartow (Fla.) Public Library, she found her father, Earl V. Whipple (right), whom she had not seen since she was 6 years old—56 years ago. For 25 of those years, she thought he was dead, based on information from a police officer in Los Angeles. To her surprise, she found two public directory links and a military record....



Bartow Polk County (Fla.) Democrat, Sept. 30

[Huntington receives Octavia Butler collection](#)

Years ago, when Curator of Literary Manuscripts Sue Hodson first heard Octavia Butler speak at a Huntington Library women's history seminar, she had never read anything by Pasadena's famed science fiction writer. But she remembers being immediately struck by the "absolute brilliance" of Butler's mind. Now, three years after Butler's death at age 58, the Huntington has received 39 cartons and eight file cabinet drawers of materials accumulated by the African-American author....

Pasadena (Calif.) Star-News, Oct. 2



[Harvard's Dunster House defends barred stacks](#)

Amid growing controversy surrounding the decision to place brass bars in front of the books in Harvard University's Dunster House dormitory library, House Masters Roger and Ann Porter have taken steps to defend their



decision, citing security concerns and new information about the collection's value. When the Dunster House library opened September 27 for the first time this school year, residents discovered that their library's collection had been rendered inaccessible, sparking a [minor uproar](#)....

Harvard Crimson, Oct. 2; *Boston Globe*, Sept. 30

[Lexington's legal spending under fire](#)

Private lawyers billed the Lexington (Ky.) Public Library about \$210,000 this year as it faced scrutiny over its spending from the local newspaper, city auditors, and its own board of trustees. On October 5, critics said they were surprised by the size of the legal bills and suggested the library board should have handled most of the duties it assigned to lawyers. One critic, State Auditor Crit Luallen, noted that the library is now dealing with a 2.6% budget cut....

Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader, Oct. 6

[27 jobs cut at Emory University libraries](#)

In an effort to combat a budget shortfall of more than \$1 million, Emory University Libraries in Atlanta terminated the employment of 27 full- and part-time staff and librarians on September 23. The library's budget has been reduced by 4%, from \$26.17 million to \$25.13 million, as the library continues to reduce costs by cutting acquisitions and curtailing new hiring....

The Emory Wheel, Sept. 25

[A digital hole in British libraries](#)

Digital literature, online scientific research, and internet journalism that should have been saved in the UK's main libraries over the past five years may have been lost because ministers have failed to give them the legal power to copy and archive websites. Senior executives at the British Library and the National Library of Scotland are dismayed that legislation giving them the right to collect online and digital material is still not in force, more than six years after it was passed by Parliament....

The Guardian (U.K.), Oct. 4

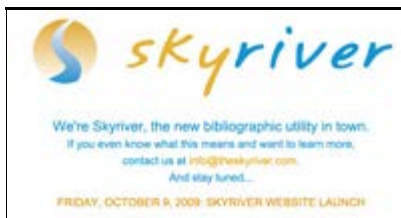
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Tech Talk

[SkyRiver to challenge OCLC](#)

Marshall Breeding writes: "A new company called [SkyRiver](#) has launched a new bibliographic utility, directly challenging long-dominant OCLC. Over the last 18 years, strategic acquisitions by OCLC have narrowed competition, but SkyRiver—founded by Jerry Kline, the owner and cofounder of Innovative Interfaces—aims to expand the market and offer an alternative bibliographic utility for cataloging that could save libraries up to 40% off their expenditures for bibliographic services. SkyRiver is already fully operational, with a few libraries engaged as development partners. Its website will launch October 9."...

Library Journal, Oct. 6



[New ICANN agreement runs into criticism](#)

A new [agreement](#) between the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers and the U.S. Department of Commerce that creates international oversight of the nonprofit operator of the internet's domain name system may not provide enough accountability, some critics said. The agreement, announced September 30, seemed to enjoy widespread support, but some critics questioned how new review teams overseeing ICANN would be independent and whether the new agreement represented average internet users....

PC World, Oct. 1; ICANN, Sept. 30



[Are we starting to get IT?](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "If I learned one thing at LITA Forum this year, it's that if you put a bunch of techie librarians together in one hotel for a whole weekend, they're going to spend a lot of time dishing on IT. No single session encompassed the overarching theme of the casual break-time conversations better than Kenning Arlitsch and Kristen Antelman's talk, 'The Future of Libraries Is IT (And Some People Just Don't Get IT)'...."

AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 5

[Relying on web services](#)

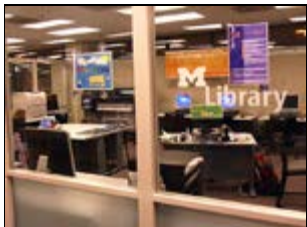
David Bigwood writes: "Recently we have had two examples of trusted resources being off line for an extended time. A few weeks ago the GPO PURL server was down for several days. This meant that thousands of links in library catalogs around the globe were broken. Now the [NASA Technical Reports Server](#) is down. It went down September 24 (and was still down October 6). If we can't trust NASA or the GPO to keep vital services up, who can we trust?"...

Catalogablog, Oct. 1

[The University of Michigan Library's Tech Deck](#)

The Tech Deck is an enclosed facility housed on the busy first floor of the UM undergraduate library, with glass walls and a welcoming atmosphere. Generally staffed by two people during all hours it is open, there are 10 computers (both Apple and Windows) available with an array of software and hardware not commonly available on library workstations—Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office, EndNote, web browsers, and scanning software—as well as access and support for online resources such as RefWorks, Flickr, and blogging software....

College & Research Libraries News 70, no. 9 (Oct.)



[Five ways to print folder and directory contents](#)

Saikat Basu writes: "Printing directory contents seems so mundane an activity that we forget it has very useful applications in our day-to-day usage—especially in a professional setting where you might be told to send over a list of so-and-so files about such-and-such subject. In a jiffy. If it's a small bunch of files, then manually writing it down is not a problem. But what if it numbers a few dozen?" Here are five simple methods....

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oebook.dat	5 KB	8/12
oebook.sig	7 KB	8/12

MakeUseOf.com, Oct. 4

[NIST glossary of acronyms and abbreviations](#)

The National Institute of Standards and Technology hopes to bring some order to the sometimes inconsistent and often confusing world of IT acronyms and abbreviations by publishing a glossary of commonly used terms. NIST Interagency Report 7581, *System and Network Security Acronyms and Abbreviations* ([PDF file](#)), runs the alphabetical gamut from A (address resource record type) to ZSK (zone signing key)....

Government Computer News, Oct. 5

Publishing

[The vooks are coming](#)

The notion of the book is becoming increasingly elastic as publishers mash together text, video, and web features in a scramble to keep readers interested. Simon and Schuster is partnering with [Vook](#), a multimedia company that produces video content for books, to release four digital titles in which links to short video segments are seamlessly interspersed throughout the text. These new editions, called "vooks," can be viewed on any browser-based device such as a laptop, netbook, or desktop computer as well as the iPhone....

New York Times, Sept. 30



[Amazon settles lawsuit over deleted Orwell novels](#)

Eric Engleman writes: "Amazon.com caused a stir a few months ago when it remotely deleted copies of George Orwell's *1984* and *Animal Farm* from people's Kindles. A Michigan high school student, Justin Gawronski, was so incensed that he sued the online retailer, alleging that Amazon essentially ate his homework when it removed his copy of *1984* and caused his 'copious notes' to disappear. Now Amazon has settled the lawsuit for \$150,000. As part of the deal, which awaits court approval, Amazon said it 'will not remotely delete or modify' works on Kindles, with some exceptions."...

TechFlash, Sept. 30

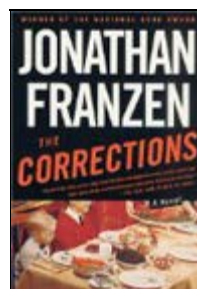
[Will books be Napsterized?](#)

Randall Stross writes: "Until now, few readers have preferred e-books to printed or audible versions, so the public availability of free-for-the-taking copies did not much matter. But e-book hardware is on the verge of going mainstream. With the new devices in hand, will book buyers avert their eyes from the free copies only a few clicks away that have been uploaded without the copyright holder's permission?"...

New York Times, Oct. 3

[Top 20 books of the 21st century](#)

The Millions website conducted a poll of its regular contributors and 48 of its favorite writers, editors, and critics, asking a single question: "What are the best books of fiction of the millennium, so far?" Each panelist could name up to five books available in English with an original-language publication date no earlier than January 1, 2000. The results were robust, diverse, and surprising. Jonathan Franzen's *The*

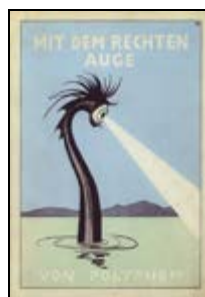


Corrections (Farrar Straus Giroux, 2001) made it to first place....
The Millions, Sept. 21

[Eye-catching covers of the Weimar Republic](#)

Will, an "amateur historian of forgotten literature," has posted 25 book covers and posters from the out-of-print book *Blickfang: Bucheinbände und Schutzumschläge Berliner Verlage 1919–1933* (Holstein, 2005), all of them published in Berlin prior to the Third Reich. He writes: "It's an overwhelming visual feast summed up by my new favorite German word *Blickfang*—eye catcher."...

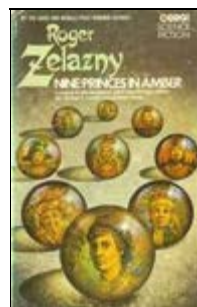
A Journey Round My Skull, Oct. 4



[An alternate universe reading guide](#)

Grey Area writes: "Have we gone multiverse crazy? Iain Banks's latest novel, *Transition*, is just the latest of a long line of sideways-traveling books, and this theme is more prevalent than ever. The idea of traveling between alternate realities is a common theme in speculative fiction. Multiverse stories are a logical extension of allohistory, and a close relative of that other grand old convention, time travel. Here are some of my favorites, with spoilers."...

io9, Oct. 2

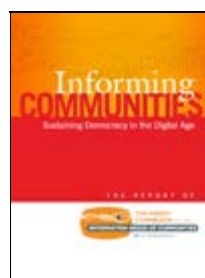


Actions & Answers

[Blue-ribbon commission calls for broadband access](#)

Warning of an erosion of democracy with the creation of second-class citizens in the digital age, on October 2 a blue-ribbon national commission called for universal broadband access to help meet the information needs of America's communities. In *Informing Communities: Sustaining Democracy in the Digital Age* ([PDF file](#)), the Knight Commission on the Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy offers 15 policy measures to help Americans meet their local information needs....

John S. and James L. Knight Commission, Oct. 2



[The school librarian in the Digital Age](#)

Cindy Long writes: "In an age where seemingly everything is available online, will school librarians soon go the way of the card catalogue? Absolutely not, says Terri Kirk, since their role goes far beyond managing the checking-in and checking-out of all things printed and bound. 'We teach students how to think,' she says. Kirk is the librarian at Reidland High School in Paducah, Kentucky, a position she's held since the early 1990s."...

NEA Today, Oct./Nov.



Access denied

April Bunn writes: "Hopefully you aren't trying to read this at a school computer because you'd probably have your 'access denied' with most of my links below. As a school library media specialist, I am all too familiar with a great teaching moment being ruined by a blocked website. As a result, we've (older students and teachers) resorted to bypassing and unblocking filters on our own. Most of the school librarians that I spoke to knew that these methods existed, but many had only used it once or twice, or were scared to be caught."...

Library Garden, Sept. 28



Queens Public Library sues Sirsi

Marshall Breeding writes: "The Queens Borough Public Library has filed a major lawsuit against Sirsi Corporation, which currently does business as SirsiDynix. The lawsuit relates to the library's procurement of the Horizon library automation system from Dynix Corporation, which was subsequently acquired by Sirsi Corporation. The complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York on July 2. An initial conference is currently scheduled for November 2."...

GuidePosts, Oct. 3

MonsterLibrarian's Halloween Horrors

MonsterLibrarian.com, the brainchild of librarian Dylan Kowalewski, has launched its third annual "Halloween Horrors" book-review event to help librarians with reader's advisory and collection development in horror fiction. Participating review websites are offering pages dedicated to reviews of horror-genre books. The site also includes a list of book recommendations that can be paired with horror movies to promote reading horror fiction....

MonsterLibrarian.com



It's Snapshot Day in New Jersey

On October 7, libraries across New Jersey are participating in Snapshot Day, to collect photos and statistics of how they being used, the number of people using them, and how important they are to their communities. Sponsored by the New Jersey State Library, the [New Jersey Library Association](#), and the and the New Jersey Association of School Librarians, this is a repeat of the state's successful [Snapshot Day](#) held February 19....

New Jersey State Library, Oct. 7



New Google Search Options

Nundu Janakiram writes: "In May, Google launched Search Options, a side panel that lets you filter, refine, and generate different views of your search results. Today, we're rolling out nine new Search Options tools: past hour, specific date range, more shopping sites, fewer shopping sites, visited pages, not yet visited, books, blogs, and news. You can try them by searching Google and clicking 'Show options' in the blue bar just under the logo."...



Official Google Blog, Oct. 1

[AIC conservation catalogs wiki](#)

The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works has launched a [new wiki](#) based on a digital version of its conservation catalog literature. The catalogs are a compendium of working knowledge on materials and techniques used to preserve and treat works of art and historic artifacts. The series, begun in 1985, was intended to be updated on an ongoing basis; the wiki format will allow easy and timely collaborative editing and also provide much broader access to these resources....

American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, Oct. 1



[Call for BCALA proposals](#)

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association extends an invitation to all information professionals to join them in presenting educational and thought-provoking programs and workshops at the 7th National Conference of African American Librarians in Birmingham, Alabama, August 4–8, 2010. The conference theme is "Culture Keeper VII: Bridging the Divide with Information Access, Activism, and Advocacy." The [submission](#) deadline is November 20....

Black Caucus of the American Library Association

[The library catalog wars](#)

A *Chronicle of Higher Education* [article](#) on trends in library catalog software has touched off an online reader debate about who is to blame for patrons' search frustrations and how to fix the situation. The article discussed how libraries are trying to out-Google Google with easy-to-use, online-catalog search software, while "pockets of resistance" in library circles feel the new products dumb down the research process....

The Wired Campus, Oct. 1; *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Sept. 28

[Seafaring librarians](#)

Mary Johnston writes: "Ahoy! To manage an undergraduate library while sailing around the world, you will need your well-honed library skills and a bit of an adventurous spirit. In this article, the University of Virginia librarians who have belayed their traditional landlubbing librarian jobs and successfully navigated a semester at sea present their ideas on the value of embarking upon such an adventure. Studying on a ship while sailing the globe—that's Semester at Sea. Answering reference questions while standing on steady sea legs—that's a Semester at Sea librarian."....

Virginia Libraries 55, no. 2 (Apr.–June)



[Journal pricing in hard times](#)

Christina Pikas writes: "Science libraries are very much in financial trouble just as their parent institutions and other organizations are right now. There have been many calls for publishers to hold the line on price increases and some have done so. Some, like SPIE, have decreased prices—yay them! Others, like a chemistry database that was recently purchased by a large publisher, have given my parent institution a quote that raises our subscription price more than 40% over the period of the contract."....

Christina's LIS Rant, Oct. 2



[More links for RDA](#)

Karen Anderson came up with even more good links for information on RDA, FRBR, and FRAD to add to the collection [posted earlier](#). At the top is the National Science Digital Library [metadata list](#) of registered RDA elements and vocabularies....

MARS Automation Services, Sept. 28

[Entity-based searching](#)

John D. Holt and David J. Miller write: "The technology of search has continued to evolve. A new stage in search evolution has arrived with the advent of entity-based searching. Entity search provides improvements in both precision and recall over traditional Boolean and relevance-ranked search techniques."...

ASIS&T Bulletin, Oct./Nov.

[The Bookworm reinterpreted](#)

Kim Heijdenrijk writes: "The city library of Kortrijk, Belgium, had a [photo contest](#) over the summer. People were asked to take pictures of libraries in Belgium and outside the country. The contest has ended and the winners have been announced. I



was particularly interested in the picture of Roos Debrabandere. She went to Poland and took a photo in a restaurant in Krakow. She named the photo, which won second place, 'Eat first, read later.' The mural is actually a clever reworking of the painting *The Bookworm* (1850) by German artist Carl Spitzweg."...

Kimbooktu, Oct. 2

[Archives on postage stamps](#)

Larry Nix writes: "October is American Archives Month and National Stamp Collecting Month. One of the areas of postal librarianship that I have been collecting for a number of years is archives and archivists on postage stamps. Hans Krol, a fellow collector, has assisted me in developing a [list of these stamps](#)."...



Library History Buff Blog, Oct. 1

[Ontario's Fire Marshal librarian aggregates fire news](#)

In this video (2:49), Martha Murphy, librarian for the Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal, tells how she pulls together information from traditional news sources and gathers fire statistics and research to create a weekly newsletter for the province's firefighters, [Fire News](#). She tracks 250 keywords on various news feeds to get "today's news, not yesterday's news."...

ITBusiness.ca, Sept. 28



[Librarian + internet = better tomatoes](#)

With the help of free internet in the local library, a village in Ukraine has doubled its tomato production. This video (4:43) was created for the launch of the Bibliomist Global Libraries program, funded by the



Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and implemented by the International Research and Exchanges Board. The featured library received computer equipment and training through the Library Electronic Access Project administered by the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine....

YouTube, Oct. 1

Banned Books Week videos

Ohio State University student Sarah Kelly Wright (right) posed behind a pile of banned or challenged books for this [tribute](#) (1:14) to Banned Books Week. YouTube user Giovalelib put up a video [showcase](#) (3:14) of books challenged in 2008 and 2009. Last year, the Gottesman Libraries at the Teachers College of Columbia University posted a [video](#) (1:03) honoring the 100 most challenged books of 1990–2000....



YouTube, Sept. 23, Sept. 29; Sept. 18, 2008

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AL Direct, October 7, 2009

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U.S. & World News

Florida library to label YA books by age, not maturity

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/october2009/leesburgdividesyabooks100509.cfm>]

The city commission of Leesburg, Florida, has voted 4–1 to have the young adult literature section of Leesburg Public Library divided into physically separated age-appropriate groupings, creating a separate area for books targeted for high school students. “It will be based on reviews to determine the intended audience for a book, not the content,” Director Barbara Morse (above) told American Libraries. Each of these books will bear a “high school” label, and will be shelved in a space immediately outside the library’s young adult room....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 5

Angry patrons seek Gwinnett director’s ouster

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/october2009/gwinnettprotestexpands100709.cfm>]

The stakes have risen in an ongoing dispute between Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Library officials and area residents served by the Dacula branch, despite the board having rescinded its August decision to close the three-year-old facility and shift the staff and collection. Although GCPL trustees agreed September 22 to keep the Dacula branch open after all, it would become a computer center instead of a full-service library in 2010—an action that has further inflamed the concerns of some community members, who are circulating a petition calling for the dismissal of GCPL Executive Director Nancy Stanbery-Kellam (above).... American Libraries Online, Oct. 7

ALA News

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Johns, Raphael seek ALA presidency

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

Sara Kelly Johns and Molly Raphael are candidates for the 2011–2012 ALA presidency. Johns is currently the school library media specialist for grades 6–12 at Lake Placid (N.Y.) Middle/High School, a position she has held since 1999, supervising the Lake Placid elementary school library for the first two years. Raphael recently retired after six years as director of libraries at Multnomah County Library in Portland, Oregon; during her tenure, she passed a five-year, voter-approved operating levy (more than \$176 million). Petition candidates for president, treasurer, and Council have until 9 a.m. Central Time on January 29, 2010, to enter the race....

Kornblau, Neal run for ALA treasurer

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

Alan Kornblau and James Neal are the 2011–2012 candidates for the office of ALA treasurer. Kornblau is the director of the Delray Beach (Fla.) Public Library; he is the current treasurer of the Florida Library Association and has served on the PLA Legislation Committee. Neal is currently the vice president for information services and university librarian at Columbia University; previously, he has served as the dean of university libraries at Indiana University and Johns Hopkins University. Voting begins March 16, 2010....

Call for committee volunteers

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

ALA President-Elect Roberta Stevens is encouraging members to volunteer for ALA and Council committees during the 2010–2011 appointment process. She is chairing both the Committee on Appointments and Committee on Committees. To volunteer for a committee, complete the online committee volunteer form

[<https://www.ala.org/template.cfm?template=/CFApps/Committee/volunteerform/volunteerform2.cfm&group1=ALA>] by December 4....

[<http://vimeo.com/6945472>]Washington Office webinar: What Congress has in store for libraries [<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3858>]
Kristin Murphy (ALA Washington Office) and Stephanie Vance (Advocacy Guru), offer insights into the end-of-the-year legislative madness in Washington, D.C., in this webinar [<http://vimeo.com/6945472>] (53:05). Although you've heard a great deal about health care reform, be assured that Washington is still abuzz with a range of other issues, including LSTA funding and, of course, ongoing Recovery Act work.... District Dispatch, Oct. 7; Vimeo, Oct. 7

Design a tote for @ your library and win \$500
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/atyourlibrarytote_pub.cfm]
@ your library, the ALA Campaign for America's Libraries, is seeking an original, creative design for its first ever Design a Tote Bag contest [<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/design-contest>]. We want to see how your design can illustrate the spirit and importance of American libraries. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$500, and the People's Choice Award Winner will receive \$100. To enter the contest, submit [<mailto:atyourlibrary@yahoo.com>] a design before October 16....

Pioneering guide to graphic novels
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/graphicnovels_editions.cfm]
ALA Editions has released The Readers' Advisory Guide to Graphic Novels [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2759>] by Francisca Goldsmith. While graphic novels have found a place on library shelves, many librarians struggle to move this expanding body of intellectual, aesthetic, and entertaining literature into the mainstream of library materials. Goldsmith provides the first-ever guide to the genre aimed specifically at readers' advisors, while presenting an abundance of resources useful to every librarian....

ALA turns 133 this week
[<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=180094438985>]
On October 6, 1876 (three months after the Battle of the Little Bighorn), 103 men and women established the American Library Association. Now the event has a Facebook page, thanks to ALA Library Reference Specialist Valerie Hawkins....

AL Focus

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[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/book-bike>]Chicago's own Book Bike
[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/book-bike>]
Attending the Banned Books Read-Out in Chicago on September 26 was Gabe Levinson (right), operator of the Book Bike. The concept is simple: Levinson travels around Chicago giving away books. He spoke to AL Focus (3:02) about his efforts and motivation....

Featured review: Books for youth

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3715365]

Dennis, Maj. Brian, Kirby Laron, and Mary Nethery. Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle. Nov. 2009. 48p. K–Grade 3. Little, Brown, hardcover (978-0-316-05318-1).

Major Brian Dennis wasn't looking for a pet. In fact, for marines serving in Iraq, such a thing was against orders. As it turned out, nothing—not rules, not distance, not war—was going to keep them apart. Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery, authors of the cat-and-dog Hurricane Katrina survival story *Two Bobbies* (2008), pair with Dennis on this hugely inspirational true account of "Nubs" (so named because his ears had been cut off by an unknown perpetrator) and his devotion to the American soldier who befriended him. At first, Dennis only rubbed the dog's belly and shared some rations before embarking on a two-month mission. But when Dennis returned, so did a cold and injured Nubs. Dennis was able to clean the animal's wounds, but two more missions meant more abandonment. That's when the unbelievable occurred....

Book Group Buzz partners with National Reading Group Month

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

The popular Booklist blog Book Group Buzz

[<http://bookgroupbuzz.booklistonline.com/>], which offers helpful information to reading groups, has again been selected as the official partner blog by the Women's National Book Association for its National Reading Group Month [<http://www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/>] this October. As a new initiative for National Reading Group Month in 2009, nine Great Group Reads

[http://www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr_selections.html] (eight novels and a memoir) have been selected on the basis of their appeal to reading groups, covering timely and provocative topics. Reviews of the Great Group Reads are available free on the Booklist Online website....

Book Links

[<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2009/10/02/booklist-online-welcomes-book-links/>]

Keir Graff writes: "Beginning with the October 1 issue, now in readers' hands, our sister publication, Book Links, will be published as a supplement to Booklist. What does this mean for Booklist Online users? Well, besides a smart new logo, you'll notice some big changes, starting with a new landing page

[<http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=booklinks>] for Book Links, where Book Links content mingles with select Booklist and Booklist Online reviews that Books for Youth staff have deemed 'Classroom Stars.' ...

Likely Stories, Oct. 2

Romance fiction webinar

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

Romance is hot . . . in the library, that is. Registration

[<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/354863994>] is now open for

Booklist's free webinar, "Sweet Talk: Romance Fiction in the Library," 3–4 p.m. Central Time, November 12. Donna Seaman, Booklist's romance fiction editor, and a stellar panel of librarians, authors, and publishers will discuss the state of the genre in public libraries and in the marketplace....

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

Boston Update

25 free things to do around Boston

[<http://www.boston.com/travel/explorene/massachusetts/towns/boston/galleries/25freethingstodoinBoston/>]

On a strict budget for the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, January 15–19? Here are 25 things you can do in the city for absolutely no money down. Try the Coit Observatory, the Bunker Hill monument, or the Harvard Book Store (right)....

Boston Globe

Where everybody knows your name

[http://www.cheersboston.com/pub/main_home.html]

The Bull and Finch Pub in Beacon Hill was the inspiration for the hit television show Cheers. It's a bit pricey for bar fare, but it's an essential part of the Boston tourist experience. The original bar at 84 Beacon Street does not look much like the TV set, but there is a replica Cheers bar at Faneuil Hall Marketplace that looks more like where Norm and Cliff used to hang out....

Cheers Boston

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

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

Tour the museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and relive the powerful story of the Kennedy years. Its three theaters, period settings, and 25 dramatic multimedia exhibits allow you to enter the recreated world of the Kennedy Presidency for a first-hand look at JFK's life, legacy, and leadership. The library is located in the I. M. Pei building at Columbia Point on Boston's waterfront. Special exhibits during the Midwinter Meeting include "JFK and Space Exploration" and "JFK's Inaugural Address."...

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

United Airlines offers checked-bag pass

[<http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/chi-biz-united-bags-oct5,0,2671090.story>]

United Airlines has launched a program that waives checked baggage charges in exchange for an annual subscription fee. The introductory price for Premier Baggage is \$249 a year and allows a customer to check two standard bags without paying extra, which could be a boon for frequent travelers. It also covers bags for up to eight companions

traveling under the same confirmation number. On U.S. and Canadian flights, United charges
[<http://www.united.com/page/article/0,6867,52481,00.html>] \$15 for the first bag and \$25 for the second if you check in online. At the airport, the fees rise to \$20 for the first and \$30 for the second....
Chicago Tribune, Oct. 5; United Airlines

Division News

LITA National Forum wrap-up

American Libraries Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick writes: “Over the weekend, I joined about 250 other librarians in Salt Lake City for the 2009 LITA National Forum. Jason Griffey, head of library information technology at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, kicked off the conference with one of two preconferences (archived live stream here [<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/2262380>], 3 hours). The conference theme was “Open and Mobile,” and topics ranged from keynote speaker Joan Lippincott’s heavily research-based argument [<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/10/03/making-the-case-for-mobile/>] for libraries’ developing a mobile strategy, to a presentation on cloud computing, [<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/10/06/lita-forum-thinking-aloud-about-the-cloud/>] the one on the MS Surface [<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/10/04/lita-forum-sunday-scratching-the-surface/>], and keynote speaker David Weinberger’s engaging talk on Knowledge in the Age of Abundance. [<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/10/05/lita-forum-saturday-keynote-knowledge-in-the-age-of-abundance/>] And the lightning talks were not to be missed.” Nor should you miss the best LITA tweets [<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/10/05/lita-forum-in-tweets/>]....
AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 3–6

YALSA responds to Carnegie report

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/adolescentliteracy_yalsa.cfm]
YALSA President Linda W. Braun sent a response to Time to Act: An Agenda for Advancing Literacy for College and Career Success [<http://carnegie.org/literacy/tta/>], [<http://carnegie.org/literacy/tta/>] published in September by Carnegie Corporation of New York. The response indicated disappointment that “libraries and librarians are excluded entirely from your plan to ensure our young adults have the literacy skills they need to succeed both in college and the 21st-century workplace.”

YALSA’s new blog manager

[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/10/01/welcome-to-yalsas-new-blog-manager/>]
mk Eagle started the job as YALSA blog manager October 1. Eagle is a school librarian in Massachusetts and has been a writer for the blog for the past couple of years. She writes about school librarianship, technology, trends, and more. And her posts are regularly highlighted in AL Direct....
YALSA Blog, Oct. 1

Working Together

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

ACRL has published Working Together: Collaborative Information Practices for Organizational Learning

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2796>] by Mary M. Somerville.

The book presents a framework for comprehensive redesign of library organizations. Somerville provides a context for library decision makers as they move their organizations and workforces into an increasingly collaborative future. In addition to a review of core literature, the title presents workplace examples illustrating the efficacy of collaborative information practices orchestrated by inclusive leadership principles....

Apply for ACRL's Immersion '10 program

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

ACRL is accepting applications for its Immersion '10 program.

Complete program details and application materials are online

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/infolit/professactivity/iil/immersion/immersion10.cfm>]. The deadline is December 11. The program offers four-and-a-half days of intensive information literacy training and education for academic librarians, July 25–30, at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont....

RUSA institute on genealogy, New England history

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

Engaging speakers and informative presentations will abound at the upcoming RUSA Midwinter Institute "The Genealogy Reference Desk: Where Everyone Knows Your Name," a full-day workshop focused on New England genealogy resources and genealogy research techniques and presented by the RUSA History Section. For institute-only registration using the online form

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=Home&Template=/CFApps/Experient/Re direct.cfm&Meeting=MW10>] (login required), select "Institute and Ticketed Events Only."

ALSC student sessions

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

Join ALSC once again this year to interact, network, and learn virtually through its online workshop series, ALSC Student Sessions. These one-hour programs, taking place in OPAL (Online Programming for All Libraries), give students the opportunity to learn first-hand about hot library issues from ALSC members around the country. For more information, visit the ALSC website

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/membership/Students/index.cfm>]....

Fall Reference Interview online course

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

Registration is now open for the fall session "The Reference

Interview,”

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/development/referenceinterview/index.cfm>] one of RUSA's online courses. This popular introductory course, which will be offered November 2 through December 18, is a comprehensive overview focused on the methods of evaluating reference service, behavioral aspects of reference service, and the different types of questions that can be used to help patrons identify what they need.

Register online

[<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=eventsdist&Template=/Conference/ConferenceList.cfm&ConferenceTypeCode=D>]....

Round Table News

Threats to intellectual freedom in academia

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/ifrt/ifrtreport/IFRT72.pdf>] (PDF file)

At the ACRL Intellectual Freedom Committee's "Academic and Intellectual Freedom Climate on Campus" program at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, Jim Neal of Columbia University presented a list of 24 threats to intellectual and academic freedom. The possibility that Institutional Review Boards can "limit, alter, or undermine faculty research" (#20) was met with doubt by the audience, but Neal maintained that there can be biases among IRB members....

Intellectual Freedom Round Table Report, no. 72 (Fall), pp. 8, 10

Awards

Five libraries win National Medal

[<http://www.imls.gov/news/2009/100609.shtm>]

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has selected five libraries and five museums to receive the 2009 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor. In addition to the Medal, each institution receives a \$10,000 award. The libraries are the Braille Institute Library Services in Los Angeles; the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin, Illinois; the Multnomah County Library in Portland, Oregon; the Pritzker Military Library in Chicago (above); and the Stark County District Library in Canton, Ohio....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 6

Step Up to the Plate grand prize winner

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

Eleven-year-old Elizabeth Ann Bishop has a Baseball Hall of Fame connection—her neighbor is the widow of Hall of Famer and Chicago White Sox player Nellie Fox. Now Bishop is going to the Hall of Fame herself. Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith (right) recently drew Bishop's name as the grand-prize winner of the ALA Step Up to the Plate @ your library contest. The winner was randomly chosen from eligible contestants who correctly answered a series of baseball trivia questions developed by the Hall of Fame's library staff....

Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award

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

RUSA is calling for nominations for its 2010 Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award. The citation honors a practicing librarian, researcher, educator, or retired librarian who has made a significant contribution to library adult services. Contributions may include exemplified leadership, introduction of creative and innovative concepts in adult services, measurable effectiveness of managed programs, and published works. Those interested in submitting a nomination by December 15 can download the nomination form (PDF file [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/monroe/monroenomination09.pdf>])....

John Sessions Memorial Award

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

RUSA seeks nominations for its 2010 John Sessions Memorial Award recognizing library contributions to the labor community. The award recognizes a library that has made a significant effort to work with the labor community and has consequently brought recognition of the history and contribution of the labor movement to the development of the United States. Those interested in submitting a nomination by December 15 can download the nomination form (PDF file [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/sessions/sessionsnomination09.pdf>])....

Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award

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

RUSA is seeking nominations of accomplished reference librarians for the 2010 Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award, sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning. It presents a cash award of \$5,000 and a citation to an individual who has made a distinguished contribution to reference librarianship. Nominations for the 2010 award should be submitted to Robert Kieft [<http://ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/contact/rosters/roster.cfm?committee=russ-awmudc>] by December 15....

Zora Neale Hurston Award

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

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 Zora Neale Hurston Award, a RUSA award presented annually to an individual RUSA member who has demonstrated leadership in promoting African-American literature. The award is given to the nominee who has developed a project of outstanding quality and significance that promotes African-American literature and highlights its rich history and diversity. All nomination materials should be submitted electronically to Bergis Jules [<mailto:bjules@uchicago.edu>] by December 1....

ALSC awards and grants

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

ALSC is offering libraries and librarians more than \$85,000 in grants and

funding through its 2010 professional awards and scholarships.

Applications are available on the ALSC website

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/index.cfm>]; those for scholarships will be posted soon. All applications are due December 1, except for the Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship and the Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship, which are due March 1
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/edcareers/alscschol/index.cfm>]....

[<http://onlineconversion.com/>]2009 Best Free Reference Websites

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/sections/mars/marspubs/marsbestfreewebsites/marsbestfree2009.cfm>]

The RUSA Machine-Assisted Reference Section has selected these outstanding reference sites for its 11th annual list of Best Free

Reference Websites. One of them is Online Conversion,

[<http://onlineconversion.com/>] which boasts that one can “convert just about anything to anything else,” including length, temperature, speed, volume, weight, measurements for women’s clothing sizes between countries, light-years, density, torque, horse height, meeting room size needed for attendees, gauge, and your weight on Mars....

Scholarship applications now available

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/2010scholarships_hrdr.cfm]

ALA has more than \$300,000 for students who are studying library science or school library media at the master’s degree level. Scholarships typically range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. The application and instructions are online.

[<http://www.ala.org/scholarships>] The application deadline is March 1....

Four Spectrum scholars to attend AASL national conference

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

AASL will sponsor four Spectrum scholars to attend the AASL National Conference Exhibition in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 5–8.

The sponsored scholars are Linda Collins, school library media specialist at the Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center of the Chicago Public Schools; Maia Daugherty, school library media specialist at Ke Kula “o “Ehunuikaimalino, a Hawaiian-language immersion school on the Big Island; Alicia Long, elementary teacher and graduate student from Bradenton, Florida; and Lauren Mabry, elementary teacher with Ratcliffe School in Richmond, Virginia....

School librarians need not apply

[http://www.websterkirkwoodtimes.com/Articles-i-2009-10-02-166940.113118_School_Librarians_Need_Not_Apply.html]

In May, Barry Crook (right) was named the 2009–2010 Teacher of the Year for the Kirkwood (Mo.) School District. As with past recipients, the honor meant that Crook would go on to apply for top teacher consideration at the state level. But much to the disappointment of Crook and his supporters, Kirkwood’s teacher of the year was told he was not eligible for consideration by the Show-Me State. You see, Barry Crook is a school library media specialist....

Webster-Kirkwood (Mo.) Times, Oct. 2

wins the Man Booker Prize

[http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/books/article6863793.ece]

The hottest favorite in the 40-year history of the Man Booker Prize edged home October 6 when *Wolf Hall* was named the winner in a secret ballot by three votes to two. The judges described Hilary Mantel's 650-page doorstopper about political maneuvering at the court of Henry VIII as an "extraordinary piece of storytelling . . . a modern novel that happens to be set in the 16th century." James Naughtie, the broadcaster who chaired the judges, said that Mantel's book was the most towering achievement in a short list that resembled an alpine landscape of accomplishment....

The Times (U.K.), Oct. 6

Ian Frazier wins his second Thurber Prize

[http://dispatch.com/live/content/arts/stories/2009/10/05/thurber_prize.html?sid=101]

Ian Frazier, winner of the first Thurber Prize for American Humor in 1997, repeated the accomplishment October 5. He won the 2009 prize, presented by the Thurber House in New York's Algonquin Hotel, becoming the first dual winner. Frazier won for his book, *Lamentations of the Father*, a collection of essays in which he uses the language of Deuteronomy to share a harried dad's code of conduct for his young children, covering topics such as quiet time and sippy cups....

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, Oct. 5

James Cook Teen Book Award [http://www.olc.org/news_story100609.asp]

The Ohio Library Council's Young Adult Services Division has announced that Michael Harmon's *The Last Exit to Normal* (Knopf, 2008) is the recipient of the 2009 James Cook Book Award for the teen book that celebrates diversity. Small town Montana is the setting for the novel, Harmon's second, which focuses on the life of a 17-year-old grappling with his last chance to set his life on the right path after struggling with drugs, crime, and anger issues....

Ohio Library Council, Oct. 6

Connecting to Collections grants

[<http://www.imls.gov/news/2009/100509.shtm>]

The Institute of Museum and Library Services invites proposals for the 2010 Connecting to Collections Statewide Planning Grants and the new Statewide Implementation Grants. Applications for these collaborative grants should address the recommendations published in the Heritage Health Index [<http://www.imls.gov/collections/about/hhi.htm>], which found that many collections held in the public trust by libraries, museums, and archives are at risk. The deadline to apply is December 15....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 5

Johns Hopkins awarded grant to study data curation

[<http://releases.jhu.edu/2009/10/02/sheridan-libraries-awarded-20-million-grant/>]

The Johns Hopkins University Sheridan Libraries have been awarded \$20 million from the National Science Foundation to build a data research infrastructure for the management of the ever-increasing amounts of

digital information created for teaching and research. Beginning with the life, earth, and social sciences, project members will develop a framework to more fully understand data practices currently in use and arrive at a model for curation that allows ease of access both within and across disciplines....

Johns Hopkins University, Oct. 2

2009 International Bookbinding Competition

[http://www.designerbookbinders.org.uk/competitions/dbibc/international_competition.html]

Designer Bookbinders has announced the winners of its 2009 International Bookbinding Competition. Binders from around the world were invited to enter the event, which was organized in conjunction with the Bodleian Library. The first prize was awarded to Alain Taral of France for a binding made of pear wood covered by Karelian birch veneer (above)....

Designer Bookbinders

Seen Online

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[<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2009/10/patriot-act-debate/>]First

Patriot Act revision session waters down protections

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3834>]

The first in what will likely be a series of markups of USA Patriot Act reauthorization legislation was held October 1 in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Hours before, a bill negotiated by Sens. Patrick Leahy (right, D-Vt.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) was substituted in place of S.

1692, the USA Patriot Act Sunset Extension Act of 2009, introduced by Leahy on September 22. The substitute bill,

[<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2009/10/patriot-act-debate/>] still

designated S. 1692, substantially weakens the reforms the library community has sought relevant to Sec. 215 and national security letters....

District Dispatch, Oct. 1; Threat Level, Oct. 1

Attorney slams Oak Brook library, 11-year-old girl

[<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=325508>]

Telling her mother that she wanted to come to the aid of a library under attack, 11-year-old Sydney Sabbagha stood at the podium before the Oak Brook, Illinois, village board on September 22 (at 43:00 in the video [http://www.oak-brook.org/dep_news/board_videos.shtml]). "I used to go to the library knowing there were people there to help me find a book. Now there is no one to help me," Sydney said solemnly. Then up stepped 69-year-old criminal attorney Constantine P. Xinos (right, at 54:50 in the video [http://www.oak-brook.org/dep_news/board_videos.shtml]), who admonished, "Don't cry crocodile tears about people who are making \$100,000 a year wiping tables and putting the books back on the shelves," Xinos smirked, referencing fired Director Meg Klinkow Hartmann....

Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, Oct. 1; Village of Oak Brook, Illinois

First Amendment at risk again

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/10/05/first-amendment-under-sie_n_310360.html]

Judy Platt writes: “U.S. v. Stevens, argued before the Supreme Court October 6, is the most important free speech case of the new century. Its outcome will influence the shape of First Amendment protection for a long time to come, because what the government wants to criminalize are not acts of animal cruelty, which are already illegal in all 50 states, but speech about those acts.” At the end of a vigorous hour of argument, it appears likely

[<http://legaltimes.typepad.com/blt/2009/10/supreme-court-skeptical-of-law-criminalizing-animal-cruelty-depictions.html>] that the Supreme Court will strike down the 1999 federal law....

Huffington Post, Oct. 6; BLT: Blog of Legal Times, Oct. 6

First-sale doctrine applies to licensed software

[<http://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2009/10/it-s-still-duck-court-re-affirms-first-sale-doctrine>]

Building on a prior ruling, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington has reaffirmed (PDF file

[<http://www.eff.org/files/gov.uscourts.vernor.opinion.pdf>]) that a Seattle man was not infringing copyright law by reselling software he obtained from an Autodesk customer. The ruling is bound to frustrate the copyright industries, which have struggled for years to convince courts and their customers that the only thing you buy when you purchase software is a limited and temporary right to use that software under certain conditions. In other words, buyers aren’t owners....

Electronic Frontier Foundation, Oct. 5

Michael Moore tips his hat to Ann Spananese

[<http://news.rutgers.edu/focus/issue.2009-09-21.7408167606/article.2009-10-02.4887745794>]

Why did the iconic documentary filmmaker Michael Moore wear a red Rutgers University cap during a series of high-profile television appearances?

For him, the Rutgers cap may also serve as a quiet symbol of free speech.

He has previously worn the cap to honor Ann Spananese, head of adult and YA services at the Englewood (N.J.) Public Library and a 1989 Rutgers graduate who stood up for Moore when HarperCollins balked at releasing his book, *Stupid White Men and Other Excuses for the State of the Nation*, after the 9/11 attacks....

Rutgers Focus, Oct. 5

National Information Literacy Awareness Month

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3843>]

On October 1, President Obama issued a statement

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Presidential-Proclamation-National-Information-Literacy-Awareness-Month/] proclaiming October 2009 as National Information Literacy Awareness Month and calling “upon the people of the United States to recognize the important role information plays in our daily lives, and appreciate the need for a greater understanding of its impact.” ALA and AASL

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/obama_aasl.cfm] join the administration in promoting the skills all Americans need to effectively navigate the Information Age....

District Dispatch, Oct. 2; White House, Oct. 1

Pittsburgh to trim five branches in 2010

[<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09280/1003520-53.stm>]

For the first time in its 114-year history, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will close five of its 19 branches next year to cover a projected \$1.2 million budget deficit. The library will also trim its staff by 30 people and reduce operating hours 28% starting in January. Fees and fines will be increased as well. By 18–4, the library board of trustees voted October 5 to close the Lawrenceville, Beechview, West End (above), and Hazelwood branches, and merge the Knoxville and Carrick branches....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette, Oct. 7

at William Byrd High School

[http://www2.wsls.com/sls/news/local/article/book_controversy_at_william_byrd_high_school/52505/]

The Roanoke County (Va.) School System is examining whether Stephen Chbosky's *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* should be allowed in the William Byrd High School library, following a complaint from a parent about the book's content. A teacher at the school gave the book to an 11th-grade student in her English class, and then that student shared the book with a friend who is a boy, whose father (John Davis, above) made a complaint to the principal, who had the library's two copies removed for review....

WSLS-TV, Roanoke, Va., Oct. 6

Libraries are lifelines for the unemployed

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/04/nyregion/04bmiddnj.html>]

Thousands of unemployed people in New Jersey have used the state's public library system to look for jobs online, polish résumés with word processing software, research new careers, and ask web-savvy librarians for help with all of the above. The same is true around the country, as officials in Elkhart, Indiana, learned when they considered cutting back [<http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/63488442.html>] on branch hours, only to discover long lines of workers waiting to file unemployment claims online at the Pierre Moran branch of the Elkhart Public Library....

New York Times, Oct. 2; WSBT-TV, South Bend, Ind., Oct. 4

Career centers in Connecticut

[<http://www.courant.com/community/hc-career1004.artoct04,0,7740227.story>]

In response to skyrocketing unemployment rates, more Connecticut libraries are adopting job training resources—from workshops to online databases. Kellie O'Donnell, coordinator of the job and career center of Hartford Public Library, said roughly 300 people a month attend workshops or use its career-searching computer workstation—triple the amount that were attending two years ago when the library began offering such education....

Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Oct. 4

New Mexico's bookmobiles are unique

[http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/national/story/6131354/]

In a digital age where news comes on cell phones and readers download e-books, three bookmobiles chug along the back roads of New Mexico, bringing a library to people who otherwise live without one. The New

Mexico State Library's on-the-road program is unique. "There are no other state-run bookmobile programs that I am aware of," said Michael Swendrowski. Nowadays, most are operated by cities, counties, or regions....

Associated Press, Oct. 3

School librarian changed a boy's life

[<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=113357239>]

Olly Neal grew up in Arkansas during the 1950s. He didn't care much for high school. One day during his senior year, he cut class and wandered into the school library. He stumbled onto a book written by African-American author Frank Yerby. And the discovery changed the life of a teenage boy who was, in Neal's memory, "a rather troubled high school senior."...

NPR Morning Edition, Oct. 2

School-library time rationed in Brooklyn

[http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/education/2009/10/06/2009-10-06_kids_slam_library_land_grab_jhs_126_squeezed_out_of_study_space_by_3_charter_sch.html]

Students and parents at a Brooklyn middle school are fuming after they were pushed out of their newly spruced-up library by an expanding charter school. Junior High School 126 kids have severely limited access to the cozy, mural-painted reading spot this year so the three charters sharing the Greenpoint building can use the space for planning, meetings, and small classes. Access to the library for more than 400 middle schoolers will be restricted to one side of the space for less than two hours each day, with an extra hour on Wednesdays....

New York Daily News, Oct. 6

Library patron finds long-lost father

[<http://www.polkcountydemocrat.com/articles/2009/10/03/news/local/doc4ac299be9a9fd604038915.txt>]

Some might think the library is only good for finding books, but Marquita Johnson knows different. Through the help of four employees at Bartow (Fla.) Public Library, she found her father, Earl V. Whipple (right), whom she had not seen since she was 6 years old—56 years ago. For 25 of those years, she thought he was dead, based on information from a police officer in Los Angeles. To her surprise, she found two public directory links and a military record....

Bartow Polk County (Fla.) Democrat, Sept. 30

Huntington receives Octavia Butler collection

[http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci_13473322]

Years ago, when Curator of Literary Manuscripts Sue Hodson first heard Octavia Butler speak at a Huntington Library women's history seminar, she had never read anything by Pasadena's famed science fiction writer. But she remembers being immediately struck by the "absolute brilliance" of Butler's mind. Now, three years after Butler's death at age 58, the Huntington has received 39 cartons and eight file cabinet drawers of materials accumulated by the African-American author....

Pasadena (Calif.) Star-News, Oct. 2

Harvard's Dunster House defends barred stacks

[<http://www.thecrimson.com/article.aspx?ref=529312>]

Amid growing controversy surrounding the decision to place brass bars in front of the books in Harvard University's Dunster House dormitory library, House Masters Roger and Ann Porter have taken steps to defend their decision, citing security concerns and new information about the collection's value. When the Dunster House library opened September 27 for the first time this school year, residents discovered that their library's collection had been rendered inaccessible, sparking a minor uproar

[http://www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2009/09/30/bars_on_books_jar_harvard_students/]....

Harvard Crimson, Oct. 2; Boston Globe, Sept. 30

Lexington's legal spending under fire

[http://www.kentucky.com/latest_news/story/965377.html]

Private lawyers billed the Lexington (Ky.) Public Library about \$210,000 this year as it faced scrutiny over its spending from the local newspaper, city auditors, and its own board of trustees. On October 5, critics said they were surprised by the size of the legal bills and suggested the library board should have handled most of the duties it assigned to lawyers. One critic, State Auditor Crit Luallen, noted that the library is now dealing with a 2.6% budget cut....

Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader, Oct. 6

27 jobs cut at Emory University libraries

[<http://www.emorywheel.com/detail.php?n=27396>]

In an effort to combat a budget shortfall of more than \$1 million, Emory University Libraries in Atlanta terminated the employment of 27 full- and part-time staff and librarians on September 23. The library's budget has been reduced by 4%, from \$26.17 million to \$25.13 million, as the library continues to reduce costs by cutting acquisitions and curtailing new hiring....

The Emory Wheel, Sept. 25

A digital hole in British libraries

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2009/oct/04/british-library-digital-archives>]

Digital literature, online scientific research, and internet journalism that should have been saved in the UK's main libraries over the past five years may have been lost because ministers have failed to give them the legal power to copy and archive websites. Senior executives at the British Library and the National Library of Scotland are dismayed that legislation giving them the right to collect online and digital material is still not in force, more than six years after it was passed by Parliament....

The Guardian (U.K.), Oct. 4

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Tech Talk

SkyRiver to challenge OCLC

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[<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6700415.html>]

Marshall Breeding writes: "A new company called SkyRiver [<http://theskyriver.com/>] has launched a new bibliographic utility, directly challenging long-dominant OCLC. Over the last 18 years, strategic acquisitions by OCLC have narrowed competition, but SkyRiver—founded by Jerry Kline, the owner and cofounder of Innovative Interfaces—aims to expand the market and offer an alternative bibliographic utility for cataloging that could save libraries up to 40% off their expenditures for bibliographic services. SkyRiver is already fully operational, with a few libraries engaged as development partners. Its website will launch October 9."...

Library Journal, Oct. 6

New ICANN agreement runs into criticism

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/172986/new_icann_agreement_runs_into_criticism.html]

A new agreement

[<http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-30sep09-en.htm>] between the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers and the U.S. Department of Commerce that creates international oversight of the nonprofit operator of the internet's domain name system may not provide enough accountability, some critics said. The agreement, announced September 30, seemed to enjoy widespread support, but some critics questioned how new review teams overseeing ICANN would be independent and whether the new agreement represented average internet users....

PC World, Oct. 1; ICANN, Sept. 30

Are we starting to get IT?

[<http://www.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/10/05/lita-forum-are-we-starting-to-get-it/>]

American Libraries Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "If I learned one thing at LITA Forum this year, it's that if you put a bunch of techie librarians together in one hotel for a whole weekend, they're going to spend a lot of time dishing on IT. No single session encompassed the overarching theme of the casual break-time conversations better than Kenning Arlitsch and Kristen Antelman's talk, 'The Future of Libraries Is IT (And Some People Just Don't Get IT)'....

AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 5

Relying on web services

[<http://catalogablog.blogspot.com/2009/10/relying-on-web-services.html>]

David Bigwood writes: "Recently we have had two examples of trusted resources being off line for an extended time. A few weeks ago the GPO PURL server was down for several days. This meant that thousands of links in library catalogs around the globe were broken. Now the NASA Technical Reports Server [<http://ntrs.nasa.gov/>] is down. It went down September 24 (and was still down October 6). If we can't trust NASA or the GPO to keep vital services up, who can we trust?"...

Catalogablog, Oct. 1

The University of Michigan Library's Tech Deck

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

The Tech Deck is an enclosed facility housed on the busy first floor of the UM undergraduate library, with glass walls and a welcoming atmosphere. Generally staffed by two people during all hours it is open, there are 10 computers (both Apple and Windows) available with an array of software and hardware not commonly available on library workstations—Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office, EndNote, web browsers, and scanning software—as well as access and support for online resources such as RefWorks, Flickr, and blogging software....
College & Research Libraries News 70, no. 9 (Oct.)

Five ways to print folder and directory contents
[<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/5-ways-to-print-folder-and-directory-contents-in-windows/>]
Saikat Basu writes: “Printing directory contents seems so mundane an activity that we forget it has very useful applications in our day-to-day usage—especially in a professional setting where you might be told to send over a list of so-and-so files about such-and-such subject. In a jiffy. If it’s a small bunch of files, then manually writing it down is not a problem. But what if it numbers a few dozen?” Here are five simple methods....
MakeUseOf.com, Oct. 4

NIST glossary of acronyms and abbreviations
[<http://gcn.com/articles/2009/10/05/nist-glossary-acronyms-abbreviations.aspx>]
The National Institute of Standards and Technology hopes to bring some order to the sometimes inconsistent and often confusing world of IT acronyms and abbreviations by publishing a glossary of commonly used terms. NIST Interagency Report 7581, System and Network Security Acronyms and Abbreviations (PDF file
[<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistir/ir7581/nistir-7581.pdf>]), runs the alphabetical gamut from A (address resource record type) to ZSK (zone signing key)....
Government Computer News, Oct. 5

Publishing

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The vooks are coming
[<http://artsbeat.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/09/30/the-vook-a-picture-book-but-the-pictures-move/>]
The notion of the book is becoming increasingly elastic as publishers mash together text, video, and web features in a scramble to keep readers interested. Simon and Schuster is partnering with Vook,
[<http://www.vook.com/>] a multimedia company that produces video content for books, to release four digital titles in which links to short video segments are seamlessly interspersed throughout the text. These new editions, called “vooks,” can be viewed on any browser-based device such as a laptop, netbook, or desktop computer as well as the iPhone....
New York Times, Sept. 30

Amazon settles lawsuit over deleted Orwell novels

[http://www.techflash.com/seattle/2009/09/amazon_settles_lawsuit_over_deleted_1984.html]

Eric Engleman writes: “Amazon.com caused a stir a few months ago when it remotely deleted copies of George Orwell’s 1984 and Animal Farm from people’s Kindles. A Michigan high school student, Justin Gawronski, was so incensed that he sued the online retailer, alleging that Amazon essentially ate his homework when it removed his copy of 1984 and caused his ‘copious notes’ to disappear. Now Amazon has settled the lawsuit for \$150,000. As part of the deal, which awaits court approval, Amazon said it ‘will not remotely delete or modify’ works on Kindles, with some exceptions.”...

TechFlash, Sept. 30

Will books be Napsterized?

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/04/business/04digi.html>]

Randall Stross writes: “Until now, few readers have preferred e-books to printed or audible versions, so the public availability of free-for-the-taking copies did not much matter. But e-book hardware is on the verge of going mainstream. With the new devices in hand, will book buyers avert their eyes from the free copies only a few clicks away that have been uploaded without the copyright holder’s permission?”...

New York Times, Oct. 3

Top 20 books of the 21st century

[<http://www.themillions.com/2009/09/the-best-fiction-of-the-millennium-so-far-an-introduction.html>]

The Millions website conducted a poll of its regular contributors and 48 of its favorite writers, editors, and critics, asking a single question: “What are the best books of fiction of the millennium, so far?” Each panelist could name up to five books available in English with an original-language publication date no earlier than January 1, 2000. The results were robust, diverse, and surprising. Jonathan Franzen’s *The Corrections* (Farrar Straus Giroux, 2001) made it to first place....

The Millions, Sept. 21

Eye-catching covers of the Weimar Republic

[<http://ajourneyroundmyskull.blogspot.com/2009/10/blickfang-eye-catching-covers-of-weimar.html>]

Will, an “amateur historian of forgotten literature,” has posted 25 book covers and posters from the out-of-print book *Blickfang: Bucheinbände und Schutzumschläge Berliner Verlage 1919–1933* (Holstein, 2005), all of them published in Berlin prior to the Third Reich. He writes: “It’s an overwhelming visual feast summed up by my new favorite German word *Blickfang*—eye catcher.”...

A Journey Round My Skull, Oct. 4

An alternate universe reading guide

[<http://io9.com/5372389/bad-boys-of-the-multiverse-an-alternate-universe-reading-guide>]

Grey Area writes: “Have we gone multiverse crazy? Iain Banks’s latest novel, *Transition*, is just the latest of a long line of sideways-traveling books, and this theme is more prevalent than ever. The idea of traveling between alternate realities is a common theme in

speculative fiction. Multiverse stories are a logical extension of allohistory, and a close relative of that other grand old convention, time travel. Here are some of my favorites, with spoilers.”...

io9, Oct. 2

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

Actions & Answers

Blue-ribbon commission calls for broadband access

[http://www.knightfoundation.org/news/press_room/knight_press_releases/detail.dot?id=351773]

Warning of an erosion of democracy with the creation of second-class citizens in the digital age, on October 2 a blue-ribbon national commission called for universal broadband access to help meet the information needs of America’s communities. In *Informing Communities: Sustaining Democracy in the Digital Age* (PDF file

[<http://www.knightfoundation.org/downloads/kcfinalenglishbookweb.pdf>]), the Knight Commission on the Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy offers 15 policy measures to help Americans meet their local information needs....

John S. and James L. Knight Commission, Oct. 2

The school librarian in the Digital Age

[<http://www.nea.org/home/35951.htm>]

Cindy Long writes: “In an age where seemingly everything is available online, will school librarians soon go the way of the card catalogue?

Absolutely not, says Terri Kirk, since their role goes far beyond managing the checking-in and checking-out of all things printed and bound. ‘We teach students how to think,’ she says. Kirk is the librarian at Reidland High School in Paducah, Kentucky, a position she’s held since the early 1990s.”...

NEA Today, Oct./Nov.

Access denied [<http://librarygarden.net/2009/09/28/access-denied/>]

April Bunn writes: “Hopefully you aren’t trying to read this at a school computer because you’d probably have your ‘access denied’ with most of my links below. As a school library media specialist, I am all too familiar with a great teaching moment being ruined by a blocked website. As a result, we’ve (older students and teachers) resorted to bypassing and unblocking filters on our own. Most of the school librarians that I spoke to knew that these methods existed, but many had only used it once or twice, or were scared to be caught.”...

Library Garden, Sept. 28

Queens Public Library sues Sirsi

[<http://www.librarytechnology.org/blog.pl?ThreadID=130&BlogID=1>]

Marshall Breeding writes: “The Queens Borough Public Library has filed a

major lawsuit against Sirsi Corporation, which currently does business as SirsiDynix. The lawsuit relates to the library's procurement of the Horizon library automation system from Dynix Corporation, which was subsequently acquired by Sirsi Corporation. The complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York on July 2. An initial conference is currently scheduled for November 2."...
GuidePosts, Oct. 3

MonsterLibrarian's Halloween Horrors

[<http://www.monsterlibrarian.com/Halloween09.htm>]

MonsterLibrarian.com, the brainchild of librarian Dylan Kowalewski, has launched its third annual "Halloween Horrors" book-review event to help librarians with reader's advisory and collection development in horror fiction. Participating review websites are offering pages dedicated to reviews of horror-genre books. The site also includes a list of book recommendations that can be paired with horror movies to promote reading horror fiction....

MonsterLibrarian.com

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/njla/3293447801/>]It's Snapshot Day in New Jersey

[<http://newsletter.njstatelib.org/blog/2009/10/07/its-snapshot-day-across-nj>]

On October 7, libraries across New Jersey are participating in Snapshot Day, to collect photos and statistics of how they being used, the number of people using them, and how important they are to their communities. Sponsored by the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey Library Association, [<http://njla.pbworks.com/Snapshot>] and the New Jersey Association of School Librarians, this is a repeat of the state's successful Snapshot Day [<http://snapshot.njlibraries.org/>] held February 19....

New Jersey State Library, Oct. 7

New Google Search Options

[<http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2009/10/refine-your-search-results-with-new.html>]

Nundu Janakiram writes: "In May, Google launched Search Options, a side panel that lets you filter, refine, and generate different views of your search results. Today, we're rolling out nine new Search Options tools: past hour, specific date range, more shopping sites, fewer shopping sites, visited pages, not yet visited, books, blogs, and news. You can try them by searching Google and clicking 'Show options' in the blue bar just under the logo."...

Official Google Blog, Oct. 1

AIC conservation catalogs wiki

[<http://blog.conservation-us.org/blogpost.cfm?threadid=1829&catid=172>]

The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works has launched a new wiki

[http://www.conservation-wiki.com/index.php?title=Main_Page] based on a digital version of its conservation catalog literature. The catalogs are a compendium of working knowledge on materials and techniques used to preserve and treat works of art and historic artifacts. The series, begun in 1985, was intended to be updated on an ongoing basis; the wiki format

will allow easy and timely collaborative editing and also provide much broader access to these resources....

American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, Oct. 1

Call for BCALA proposals [http://www.bcala.org/NCAAL_7/ncaal7.htm]

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association extends an invitation to all information professionals to join them in presenting educational and thought-provoking programs and workshops at the 7th National Conference of African American Librarians in Birmingham, Alabama, August 4–8, 2010. The conference theme is “Culture Keeper VII: Bridging the Divide with Information Access, Activism, and Advocacy.” The submission [mailto:ms_marvtastic@nbtbf.org] deadline is November 20....

Black Caucus of the American Library Association

The library catalog wars

[<http://chronicle.com/blogPost/The-Library-Catalog-Wars-/8300/>]

A Chronicle of Higher Education article

[<http://chronicle.com/article/After-Losing-Users-in/48588/>] on trends in library catalog software has touched off an online reader debate about who is to blame for patrons’ search frustrations and how to fix the situation. The article discussed how libraries are trying to out-Google Google with easy-to-use, online-catalog search software, while “pockets of resistance” in library circles feel the new products dumb down the research process....

The Wired Campus, Oct. 1; Chronicle of Higher Education, Sept. 28

Seafaring librarians

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

Mary Johnston writes: “Ahoy! To manage an undergraduate library while sailing around the world, you will need your well-honed library skills and a bit of an adventurous spirit. In this article, the University of Virginia librarians who have belayed their traditional landlubbing librarian jobs and successfully navigated a semester at sea present their ideas on the value of embarking upon such an adventure. Studying on a ship while sailing the globe—*that’s* Semester at Sea.

Answering reference questions while standing on steady sea legs—*that’s* a Semester at Sea librarian.”...

Virginia Libraries 55, no. 2 (Apr.–June)

Journal pricing in hard times

[http://scienceblogs.com/christinaslirant/2009/10/journal_pricing_in_these_hard.php]

Christina Pikas writes: “Science libraries are very much in financial trouble just as their parent institutions and other organizations are right now. There have been many calls for publishers to hold the line on price increases and some have done so. Some, like SPIE, have decreased prices—yay them! Others, like a chemistry database that was recently purchased by a large publisher, have given my parent institution a quote that raises our subscription price more than 40% over the period of the contract.”...

Christina’s LIS Rant, Oct. 2

More links for RDA

[<http://ac.bslw.com/community/blog/2009/09/more-rda-resources/>]

Karen Anderson came up with even more good links for information on RDA, FRBR, and FRAD to add to the collection posted earlier [<http://ac.bslw.com/community/blog/2009/09/best-links-for-rda/>]. At the top is the National Science Digital Library metadata list [<http://metadataregistry.org/rdabrowse.htm>] of registered RDA elements and vocabularies....
MARS Automation Services, Sept. 28

Entity-based searching

[http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Oct-09/OctNov09_Holt_Miller.html]
John D. Holt and David J. Miller write: "The technology of search has continued to evolve. A new stage in search evolution has arrived with the advent of entity-based searching. Entity search provides improvements in both precision and recall over traditional Boolean and relevance-ranked search techniques."...
ASIS&T Bulletin, Oct./Nov.

[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bibliotheekkortrijk/3877495693/in/set-72157622205327362/>] reinterpreted
[<http://kimbooktu.wordpress.com/2009/10/02/interpretation-of-the-bookworm/>]
Kim Heijdenrijk writes: "The city library of Kortrijk, Belgium, had a photo contest [<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bibliotheekkortrijk/sets/72157622205327362/>] over the summer. People were asked to take pictures of libraries in Belgium and outside the country. The contest has ended and the winners have been announced. I was particularly interested in the picture of Roos Debrabandere. She went to Poland and took a photo in a restaurant in Krakow. She named the photo, which won second place, 'Eat first, read later.' The mural is actually a clever reworking of the painting The Bookworm (1850) by German artist Carl Spitzweg."...
Kimbooktu, Oct. 2

Archives on postage stamps

[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/10/archives-and-stamp-collecting.html>]
Larry Nix writes: "October is American Archives Month and National Stamp Collecting Month. One of the areas of postal librarianship that I have been collecting for a number of years is archives and archivists on postage stamps. Hans Krol, a fellow collector, has assisted me in developing a list of these stamps [<http://www.libraryhistorybuff.com/archives.htm>]."...
Library History Buff Blog, Oct. 1

[<http://www.itbusiness.ca/it/client/en/home/SingleVideo.asp?bcpid=1909906767&bctid=42458656001>] Ontario's Fire Marshal librarian aggregates fire news
[<http://www.itbusiness.ca/it/client/en/home/SingleVideo.asp?bcpid=1909906767&bctid=42458656001>]
In this video (2:49), Martha Murphy, librarian for the Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal, tells how she pulls together information from traditional news sources and gathers fire statistics and research to create a weekly newsletter for the province's firefighters, Fire News. [<http://www.ofm.gov.on.ca/english/Resources/FireNews/Default.asp>] She tracks 250 keywords on various news feeds to get "today's news, not yesterday's news."...

ITBusiness.ca, Sept. 28

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oZGRl46gc0>] Librarian + internet = better tomatoes [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oZGRl46gc0>]

With the help of free internet in the local library, a village in Ukraine has doubled its tomato production. This video (4:43) was created for the launch of the Bibliomist Global Libraries program, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and implemented by the International Research and Exchanges Board. The featured library received computer equipment and training through the Library Electronic Access Project administered by the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine....

YouTube, Oct. 1

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBClHxS8XBg>] Banned Books Week videos
Ohio State University student Sarah Kelly Wright (right) posed behind a pile of banned or challenged books for this tribute

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBClHxS8XBg>] (1:14) to Banned Books Week.

YouTube user Giovalelib put up a video showcase

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8DBuGs4vDg>] (3:14) of books challenged in 2008 and 2009. Last year, the Gottesman Libraries at the Teachers

College of Columbia University posted a video

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxqbRRQtaLc>] (1:03) honoring the 100 most challenged books of 1990–2000....

YouTube, Sept. 23, Sept. 29; Sept. 18, 2008

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ALA Midwinter Meeting,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/information.cfm>] Boston, January 15–19. Check out these institutes and optional events (PDF file

[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/Institutes_Optional_%20ALA_Advanced_Boston.pdf]) that will take place at Midwinter.

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2758>]

Inspired by a new generation of librarians and children, Virginia A. Walter in Twenty-First-Century Kids, Twenty-First-Century Librarians

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2758>] reconsiders the legacy passed on by the matriarchs of children's services and examines more recent trends and challenges growing out of changes in educational philosophy and information technology. NEW! From ALA Editions.

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

Online LIS education

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

Children's Department Head,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13772>] Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, Columbus, Georgia. Responsible for the organization, management, supervision, and effective functioning of the Main Library's Children's Department. In addition, the successful candidate oversees children's services and collections throughout the library system; chairs the Children's Steering Committee; coordinates the selection of children's materials (\$130,000 budget); writes and manages grants; trains, motivates, and evaluates Children's Department staff (5 FTEs); develops and presents programs to children ages birth to 11; and engages in collaborative outreach programs to promote the library within the community....

[<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://library.uncg.edu/slavery/details.aspx?pid=154>]

The Digital Library on American Slavery

[<http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/about.aspx>] offers data on race and slavery extracted from 18th- and 19th-century documents that were processed over a period of 18 years. Launched October 1 by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the collection contains detailed information on about 150,000 individuals. The data were painstakingly extracted from 2,975 legislative petitions and 14,512 county court petitions, and from a wide range of related documents, including wills, inventories, deeds, bills of sale, depositions, court proceedings, and amended petitions. Buried in these documents are the names and other data on roughly 80,000 individual slaves, 8,000 free people of color, and 62,000 whites, both slaveowners and non-slaveowners. One of the unique aspects of the Digital Library is the information on individual slaves made available along with additional data on their owners; no other online database connects slaves with their owners in such a manner. Each set of documents is uniquely identified by an eight-digit PAR (Petition Analysis Record) number. The list of subjects reveals the variety of “causes” or “bills of complaint,” in the language of the courts, that petitioners brought, or defendants raised, in their civil suits. The general topics include slave ownership, slave management, freedom suits, crime and punishment, health, death, social and civic life, marriage, women, and family, among others.

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

“If you think about it, public libraries were actually the birth of the information age . . . in analog version.”

—Tweet by Helene Blowers, Digital Strategy Librarian, Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library, Sept. 30.

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

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[<http://www.flickr.com/photos/alastaff/3985161408/>]

Registration

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=EzQezW7pxCulkbcbgUJv6DA_3d_3d] is

open for National Gaming Day @ your library, [<http://ngd.ala.org/>]
November 14. ALA invites libraries of all types to join in the celebration and take advantage of the many free publicity tools the ALA offers. The NGD2009 press toolkit [<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/mediapresscenter/presskits/ngd09/ngd09mtk.cfm>] is now available online, as is this poster [<http://www.flickr.com/photos/alastaff/3985161408>] that was created by ALA member Liz Danforth. All of these materials are free for you to download and use for promotional purposes.

[<http://www.iasl-online.org/events/islm/islm-resources.htm>]

October is International School Library Month, [<http://www.iasl-online.org/events/islm/>] sponsored by the International Association of School Librarianship. This year's theme is "School Libraries: The Big Picture." IASL offers posters and bookmarks. [<http://www.iasl-online.org/events/islm/islm-resources.htm>]

Calendar

Oct. 15–16:
National Forum on Information Literacy, [http://www.infolit.org/20th_anniversary/20th_anniversary.html] 20th anniversary celebration, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Conference Center, Washington, D.C.

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

Nov. 11–12:
Digital Library Federation, [<http://www.diglib.org/forums/fall2009/index.htm>] Fall Forum, Renaissance Long Beach Hotel, Long Beach, California.

Dec. 15–16:
Cultural Heritage Online, [<http://www.rinascimento-digitale.it/conference2009.phtml>] International Conference, Florence, Italy. "Empowering Users: An Active Role for User Communities."

Jan. 20–22: Atmospheric Science Librarians International, [<http://www.aslionline.org/asli2010call.html>] 13th Annual Conference, Atlanta. "Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians."

Apr. 6–9:
Catholic Library Association, [<http://www.cathla.org/events.php>]

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U.S. & World News

[Queens Library sues SirsiDynix](#)

It's *Queens Borough Public Library v. Dynix Corporation et al.* in a [lawsuit](#) filed by the library in United States District Court in New York and scheduled for an initial conference November 2. The library seeks more than \$5 million in compensatory damages and \$10 million in punitive damages, alleging that the Sirsi and Dynix corporations, now combined into SirsiDynix, operated a "fraudulent bait-and-switch scheme" against the Queens Library during its procurement of the Horizon library automation system in 2005....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 14

[Dominican University establishes doctoral LIS program](#)

In a bold recession-bucking move, Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, has launched the first PhD program in library and information science in its 108-year history. The Doctorate of Philosophy in Library and Information Science, to be administered through the university's accredited Graduate School of Library and Information Science, has accepted its first cohort of eight students for the fall 2009 semester....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 12

[It's not over till the final check clears](#)

American Libraries Senior Editor Beverly Goldberg writes: "It's autumn—that time of year when a library official's fancy turns to thoughts of the next fiscal year. At least that's what should happen, unless said library official is beleaguered by the spectre of revenue-projection shortfalls that could erode carefully laid plans for the current fiscal year. In at least three states—Connecticut, Michigan, and Pennsylvania—one can't help but wonder whether the legislative horse trading done to balance the budget will end before FY2010 does."...

AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 14

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[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)

Boston, January 15–19.
Tips for [finding funding](#) to attend ALA Midwinter Meeting or Annual Conference.

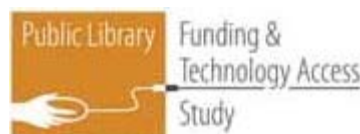
[Neil Gaiman to chair National Library Week](#)

Author Neil Gaiman, winner of this year's Newbery Medal for *The Graveyard Book*, has been named the 2010 Honorary Chair of National Library Week, April 11–17. As Honorary Chair, Gaiman will appear in both print and radio PSAs and a podcast and will participate in a NLW event developed by ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries. The PSAs will be available for customization in December. Other materials are currently [available](#) in both English and Spanish....



[Public libraries urged to participate in national technology study](#)

ALA is encouraging public libraries to participate in the 2009–2010 Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study online survey. The survey provides an important opportunity for libraries to share information regarding their computer and internet resources and infrastructure, as well as funding, technology training, and how they function as public access technology centers in their communities. The online survey will be [available](#) through November 6....



[Hasbro sponsors 2009 National Gaming Day](#)

The largest producer of board games in the world, Hasbro, will be the exclusive sponsor for ALA's 2009 National Gaming Day @ your library to be held November 14. Through a generous donation from Hasbro, more than 16,700 public libraries in the United States will receive a box set of highly popular card games Monopoly Deal, Scrabble Slam, and Pictureka. Libraries are encouraged to [register](#) their participation in National Gaming Day....



[Do you ALA? Why or why not?](#)

Whether you're an active, enthusiastic ALA member, or ALA participation sounds as painful as getting your teeth pulled, the [Young Librarians Working Group](#) wants to hear from you. What do you see as the Association's benefits and drawbacks? Why do you participate, or why don't you want to be involved? Post your one-minute video response to the YLWG [YouTube group](#)....



Young Librarians Working Group, Oct. 9

[New LIS grads: Join FTRF one year for free](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation is offering free one-year memberships to students graduating from ALA-accredited LIS programs and from NCATE-recognized school library media programs. Students whose graduation date was August 1 or later can download and send in a [membership form](#)....



Let your young library patrons' imaginations run wild with this new READ poster featuring Spike Jonze's cinematic adaptation of Maurice Sendak's [Where the Wild Things Are](#). Let the wild rumpus start! **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

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FTRF trustee nominations

Five positions on the Freedom to Read Foundation board of trustees will be filled in the election to be held April 1–May 1. Newly elected trustees will serve a two-year term on the board. Nominations should be [sent](#) by January 13....

AL Focus

Wits & Wagers gaming tips

Librarians Chris Harris and Brian Mayer discuss (8:30) the game "Wits & Wagers," which is available as a free donation to libraries from North Star Games for National Gaming Day on November 14. Chris and Brian show how to play the game and provide tips for using it in public and school libraries. In another [video](#) (9:09), they offer tips on playing "Say Anything."...



Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: First novel

Edwardson, Debby Dahl. *Blessing's Bead*. Nov. 2009. 192p. Farrar/Melanie Kroupa, hardcover (978-0-374-30805-6).

Two narratives, one historical, one nearly contemporary, make up this beautiful first novel, set among Inupiat Eskimos in Alaska's far northern territories. In 1917, Nutaaq is thrilled when Russian traders arrive on her Arctic island, and she describes in breathless detail the long evenings of shared stories and the games and races between visitors and villagers. The bittersweet joy she feels when her sister marries and moves to Russia with a trader becomes shocked grief after a flu epidemic decimates her village, leaving her as one of the few survivors. In 1989, Nutaaq's great-granddaughter, Blessing, lives in Anchorage with her alcoholic mother, whose boyfriend's abuse finally breaks the family apart. While her mother is "in treatment," Blessing and her brother are sent to their grandmother's northern village....



Top 10 first novels

Brad Hooper writes: "Readers pick up a first novel with both excitement and trepidation. An untried author is always a reader's gamble. But pick up the following first novels, all reviewed in *Booklist* over the past year, with *no* trepidation, only excitement." For example, *Lime Tree Can't Bear Orange*, by Amanda Smyth (Crown/Shaye Areheart), who "evokes the lush language of the West Indies and the modest lives lived at the mercy of



Performing Arts Library

Roosevelt University, Chicago. Facilitate the research, performance, educational, and professional/scholarly activities of the students, faculty, and staff of the Chicago College of Performing Arts within the Performing Arts Library in the historic Auditorium Building. The director will have supervisory responsibility over the professional and support staff of the library, developing and managing the collections, providing reference and instruction, planning, organizing, and implementing exhibits and programs in the newly renovated library....



Digital Library of the Week



The [Benin Empire Collection: Nigerian Sculpture 1440–1897](#) is one of the

fate.”...

[Top 10 first novels for youth](#)

Gillian Engberg writes: “The settings and situations range across time and geography in these stand-out debut novels, all reviewed in *Booklist* during the past year, but readers will find lots of similarities, too: young characters who face their parents’ failings and unusually strong voices from writers to watch.” Check out *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*, by Jacqueline Kelly (Holt)....

[New youth content, navigation](#)

A new *Book Links* [landing page](#) and related feature content have been added to Booklist Online following the recent transition of *Book Links* from a standalone subscription magazine to a free quarterly supplement to *Booklist*. In addition, the “Browse Current Print Issue” feature is now visible from any page on the site in the left-hand navigational bar....

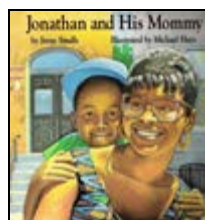
@ Visit [Booklist Online](#) for other reviews and much more....

Boston Update

[Literacise at the Boston Public Library](#)

Children’s author Irene Smalls has teamed up with the Boston Public Library, State Street Corporation, architects from the Community Design Resource Center of Boston, Brandon Bird Design, and Lasell College to create a bilingual, interactive [Literacise exhibit](#) based on her book, *Jonathan and His Mommy*. Children (and Midwinter attendees) who visit the Literacise exhibit next to BPL’s Rey Children’s Room can zig-zag, bunny-hop, and giant-step their way through a kid-sized interactive book. The exhibit will be up through March....

Boston Public Library; *Boston Globe*, Oct. 3



[The Harvard Art Museum in Re-View](#)

The *Re-View* exhibition is a survey of approximately 600 works from the Harvard Art Museum’s three museums—the Fogg, the Busch-Reisinger, and the Sackler—that have historically been shown in separate facilities. The exhibition is on long-term view at the Arthur M. Sackler Museum at 485 Broadway in Cambridge and provides a selected, ongoing display of the collections while the Harvard Art Museum’s building at 32 Quincy Street—the former home of the Fogg and Busch-Reisinger—is closed for renovation....

Harvard Art Museum



[PhotoWalks of Boston](#)

Discover the secrets for taking amazing pictures of Boston. Guided walking tours are presented with historic commentary and creative photography tips, all year round. Tours cover Boston Public Garden, Freedom Trail, the waterfront, Back Bay, and Beacon Hill....



foremost art collections at the Broward County (Fla.) Library’s African-American Research Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale. The library brings together a breathtaking collection of Royal Court Art from the ancient kingdom of Benin, located in Southern Nigeria. The Benin Kingdom, which flourished for 450 years, was founded in the early 14th century by the son of an exiled king from Ife (a nearby area approximately 100 miles southeast). The indigenous inhabitants of the Benin Kingdom, the Binis, created a thriving civilization, with museums, a well-organized military organization, efficient administration, and relative peace, stability, and prosperity throughout the kingdom.

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.

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Division News

[Get out the vote for Teen Read Week](#)

YALSA invites all teens to help the division choose next year's Teen Read Week theme. Teens can [vote](#) for their favorite of three choices October 18–24. The three potential themes are: Books with Beat @ your library, Deal with It @ your library, or Find an Alibi @ your library....

[Registration open for YALSA pre-Midwinter events](#)

YALSA will host two [special events](#), including a full-day institute and a two-hour networking event, prior to the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. A pre-Midwinter Institute, "Libraries 3.0: Teen Edition," will take place on January 15. This face-to-face seminar offers librarians insight into enhancing existing services using online tools for today's teens—the 30 million youth known as digital natives....

[AASL National Conference goes green](#)

AASL promises to make this year's National Conference, November 5–8, in Charlotte, North Carolina, its [greenest](#) conference yet. Signage will be made of recyclable materials and printed with eco-friendly inks, attendees will receive eco-friendly conference bags, and surplus promotional items and books from exhibitors will be donated to local charities....



[AASL offers on-demand access to keynote address](#)

"b there—Your Virtual Track Pass," AASL's virtual component to its National Conference in Charlotte, is revving up opportunities for registrants offering danah boyd's keynote address on demand. The address will be posted just hours after she speaks and will be available to the "b there" community for one year after the conference. In addition, boyd will give an exclusive interview for the virtual community....



[An all-star lineup for PLA 2010](#)

The lineup of speakers for PLA's [13th National Conference](#) will include several acclaimed authors. Nicholas D. Kristof, Scott Turow, Sue Grafton, and Sarah Vowell are among the speakers who will keynote author events and luncheons during the conference, to be held March 23–27 in Portland, Oregon....



[RUSA Genealogy 101 online course](#)

Register now through November 3 for the next offering of RUSA's [Genealogy 101](#), an online course designed to provide librarians and library staff with confidence and skill in assisting family history researchers. The course, offered November 9–December 23, is taught by RUSA member and genealogy expert Jack Simpson....

Round Table News

instruction takes precedence over administrative meetings—period. That Dr. Blackstone, the dean of instruction, would even consider canceling one class's library period in order to hold a meeting called 'Facilities Utilization' is so obtuse I am incapable of appreciating the irony."

—Slam poet Taylor Mali, in ["I'll Fight You for the Library,"](#) performed as part of the Page Meets Stage Series at the Bowery Poetry Club in New York City, April 29, 2009.



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Ask the ALA Librarian



Q. Where can I get information about how to best present and suggest our library celebrating National Gaming Day?

A. As we said for our [debut](#) of National Gaming Day in November 2008: In the 21st century,

New maps and cartographic materials (PDF file)

David J. Bertuca writes: "One positive side to summer searching is that I have more time to visit map websites and publishers, as well as develop finding tools for our own materials and other online resources. Some neat stuff always pops up. Here are a few of the recent things I have seen." Included in the roundup is [Virtual Tourist](#), "a travel site, but its inclusion of detailed map tools makes it a great resource for map searches, satellite images, and more."...

MAGERT *base line* 30, no. 4 (Aug.): 6-22



Awards

LITA Kilgour Award for Research

The deadline is December 31 for nominations for the 2010 LITA Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology, sponsored by OCLC. The award recognizes research relevant to the development of information technologies, especially research that promises a positive and substantive impact on the publication, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of information....

Apply for the Loleta D. Fyan Grant

The ALA Office for Research and Statistics is accepting applications for the Loleta D. Fyan Grant. The grant, up to \$5,000, is to be used for the development and improvement of public libraries and the services they provide. Applicants can include local, regional, or state libraries; associations or organizations, including units of ALA; library schools; or individuals. The [deadline](#) is December 1....

Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant

The ALA Office for Research and Statistics is accepting applications for the Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant, given to librarians or library educators to conduct innovative research that could lead to an improvement in services to any specified group of people. The grant, up to \$3,000, will be given to a project that aims to answer a question of vital importance to the library community. The deadline for [applications](#) is December 1....

RUSA conference travel grant for business librarians

Nominations are now being accepted for the RUSA Public Librarian Support Award, an Annual Conference travel grant in the amount of \$1,000 for public librarians who provide business reference services. Nominations must be received by December 15....

Sharon Epps honored by Johns Hopkins University Press

Sharon K. Epps, a 2004 graduate of the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware and a former staff member at the UD Library, is the winner of the 2009 Johns Hopkins University Press Award for the best article in the most recent volume of the journal *portal: Libraries and the Academy*. Her article, "African American Women Leaders in Academic Research Libraries," appeared in July 2008. She is currently head of



libraries are about much more than books. National Gaming Day offers hundreds of libraries throughout the country the opportunity to showcase their gaming programs and services. [National Gaming Day](#) will have its second annual celebration nationwide on November 14. For talking points and research, see the [Gaming @ your library Games and Gaming Resources wiki](#), especially the [Advocacy](#) and [Gaming and Literacy](#) pages. Additional resources include the [Games and Gaming Community](#) on ALA Connect open to both ALA members and nonmembers; the [National Gaming Day page](#) at I Love Libraries.org; the [Gaming Lists and Activities](#) by the YALSA Teen Gaming Interest Group on the YALSA wiki; and our own [Videogames](#) page. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Calendar

Oct. 20:
[ACRL OnPoint Chat](#), 1 p.m. Eastern Time.
"H1N1 and the Library Response."

Oct. 28-30:
[South Carolina Library Association](#).

access services at the University of Maryland libraries....

UDaily, Oct. 7

[Herta Müller wins 2009 Nobel Prize for Literature](#)

Romanian-born German writer Herta Müller has won the 2009 Nobel Prize for Literature. Announcing the award in Stockholm October 8, the Swedish Academy described Müller, "who, with the concentration of poetry and the frankness of prose, depicts the landscape of the dispossessed." Her novels include *The Land of Green Plums* and *The Appointment*....

New York Times, Oct. 8



[Guardian Children's Fiction Prize](#)

A modern retelling of Othello, in which the Moor of Venice and his wife Desdemona are transformed into a South American soccer star and pop singer, has won the 2009 *Guardian* Children's Fiction Prize. Mal Peet's *Exposure* came out ahead of such authors as Terry Pratchett to win the £1,500 (\$2,370 U.S.) prize at the October 8 awards ceremony. The *Guardian* children's fiction prize is the only award judged by children's authors....

The Guardian (U.K.), Oct. 8



[Books Across America grants](#)

In collaboration with the National Education Foundation, the NEA Foundation offers \$1,000 in grants to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books for school libraries. School librarians in eligible schools may apply. The deadline for submitting applications ([PDF file](#)) is November 20....

NEA Foundation

Seen Online

[Education advocates push for net neutrality](#)

Republican opposition is mounting as federal regulators prepare to vote this month on network neutrality rules, which would prohibit broadband providers from favoring or discriminating against certain types of internet traffic. Educators say a neutral internet is a key in developing and delivering online content to distance learners and students in rural areas, and an unregulated internet would create unfair advantages for large universities that could afford to pay more for faster, more efficient web service....

eSchool News, Oct. 12

[Librarians say Leahy let them down on Patriot Act](#)

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) is finding himself at odds with privacy-protecting librarians in the state—a group that usually has praise for their senior U.S. senator and has often worked with him in the past. On October 8, Leahy's Senate Judiciary Committee [voted to approve](#) an extension of the USA Patriot Act that does not do enough to restrict the federal government in its use of wiretapping and National Security Letters. It is unclear when the bill will go to the Senate floor for a final vote....

Barre Montpelier (Vt.) Times Argus, Oct. 12; *District Dispatch*, Oct. 13



Annual Conference, Columbia.

Oct. 29–30:

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

Nov. 5:

[OCLC Digital Forum East](#), Arlington (Va.) Public Library.

Nov. 5–8:

[American Association of School Librarians](#), National Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina. "Rev Up Learning @ your library."

Nov. 10–11:

[Cataloging Basics: Descriptions](#), online course hosted by Lyrasis.

Nov. 12:

[Environmental Management: Stewardship and Sustainability for Cultural Collections](#), the Wistar Institute, Philadelphia.

Nov. 12:

[ACRL OnPoint Chat](#), 1 p.m. Eastern Time. "Getting Involved with ACRL."

Nov. 16:

[Grant Proposal Writing](#), Texas A&M University, Cushing Memorial Library and Archives, College Station. Course hosted by the Society of American Archivists.

Dec. 1–4:

[Cloud Computing Association](#), 1st International Conference on Cloud

[Revised Google Books agreement due November 9](#)

The parties to a Google book settlement that would allow the creation of a vast digital library outlined on October 7 an aggressive timeline for modifying the agreement to satisfy objections from the Justice Department and others. After a hearing in Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York, Judge Denny Chin set November 9 as the date by which Google and its partners must submit a revised settlement. Meanwhile, Google cofounder Sergei Brin took to the pages of the *New York Times* to [defend](#) his project, while others quickly [deconstructed](#) his argument....

New York Times, Oct. 7-8; AppScout, Oct. 9

[Wicomico library examines graphic novels](#)

The 24 *Dragon Ball* manga books at the Wicomico Public Library in Salisbury, Maryland, have been pulled from the shelves. It's not simply that they may contain nudity, but also because the library staff isn't sure in which section to shelve them. Library Director Tom Hehman said his staff is conducting an "internal reconsideration" of the series of graphic novels after one discovered in the Pittsville Elementary and Middle School library by a 9-year-old student earlier this week was found to contain nudity and sexual innuendo....

Salisbury (Md.) Daily Times, Oct. 11



[FEMA says Cedar Rapids library must move](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has decided that Cedar Rapids, Iowa, must build its new downtown library on a site other than the site of flood-wrecked library on First Street along the Cedar River. City Council member and mayoral candidate Brian Fagan slipped the announcement of the FEMA decision into the mayoral debate October 13 at Coe College. Fagan said the FEMA decision would bring with it an extra \$4 million in disaster payments for the library....

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, Oct. 14



[UC Berkeley students stage library sit-in](#)

Several hundred University of California Berkeley students took over the anthropology library for 24 hours October 9-10 to protest UC-wide budget cuts, in particular Saturday closures of small campus libraries that students use for studying and research. About 80 students spent the night in the library, some studying almost all night, others curled up to sleep in corners and between high bookcases. Thanks to a \$30,000 [donation](#) from two UCB parents, Doe and Moffitt libraries will remain open 24 hours a day during the final exams period this academic year....

San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 11; UC Berkeley News, Oct. 9

[Houston helps Mad Men nail its history](#)

Writers from the ultrastylish AMC series *Mad Men* called the University of Houston in February, looking for specifics on Conrad Hilton and his hotel chain, circa 1963. "They wanted to know, was Connie Hilton a milquetoast or was he charismatic and gregarious," said Mark Young, who runs the [Hospitality Industry Archives](#) at the university's Hilton College of Hotel



Computing, Beijing, China.

Dec. 14-15:

[Coalition for Networked Information](#), Fall Membership Meeting, Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel.

Jan. 20-22:

[Atmospheric Science Librarians International](#), 13th Annual Conference, Atlanta. "Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians."

Apr. 26-30:

[World Wide Web Conference](#), Raleigh Convention Center, North Carolina.

June 7-10:

[Association of Christian Librarians](#), 54th Annual Conference, Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minnesota. "True North: Illumination, Inspiration, Information."

June 27-30:

[International Society for Technology in Education](#), Annual Conference, Colorado Convention Center, Denver.

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and Restaurant Management. *Mad Men* got its history right in more ways than one, Young said....

Houston Chronicle, Oct. 12

[Texas tattoo calendar selling well](#)

Along with other members of the Texas Library Association, Denton librarians modeled their tattoos—most of which are usually hidden under clothing—and posed for an [18-month calendar](#) to help raise money for the group's disaster relief fund. So far, the group has sold 650 calendars and raised about \$13,000. Denton Public Library Technical Services Manager Sian Brannon (right) said she usually wears long sleeves to cover the thistles growing up her arms and stars on her shoulders, but she enjoyed showing off her tattoos in the calendar as Ms. December 2010....

Denton (Tex.) Record-Chronicle, Oct. 11; Texas Library Association



[Pegasus stars at the bookmobile conference](#)

The world's oldest bookmobile, [Pegasus](#), was the star October 7–9 in Everett, Washington, at the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services conference. The 1920s-era Ford, owned by the Everett Public Library, sat out in front of the Holiday Inn where conference participants posed for photos with the old vehicle. Outreach Librarian Theresa Gemmer said she was proud to show off the modified Model T, which was the first of its kind in Washington State and the second in the West....

Everett (Wash.) Herald, Oct. 10; Everett Public Library



[UCLA's Clark Library receives unique Shakespeare collection](#)

The William Andrews Clark Library, one of UCLA's major libraries for rare books and manuscripts, will receive a [collection](#) of 72 books related to William Shakespeare that includes a 1685 fourth-edition Folio, two histories that formed the basis of his plays, and a 1603 English translation of the essays of Michel de Montaigne. The books, published between 1479 and 1731, were collected by Paul Chrzanowski, 60, a physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories....

Los Angeles Times, Oct. 12; UCLA Newsroom, Oct. 12



[Nevada City library faces privatization or closings](#)

The survival of the Nevada County (Calif.) Library beyond June 2011 may require either privatization or crippling budget cuts that would close some branches, according to a report issued October 8 by County Executive Officer Rick Haffey. With finances going more than \$400,000 into the red over the next 20 months, county supervisors [voted](#) October 13 to explore an outsourcing partnership to save money. Some library supporters expressed reservations about the proposal....

Grass Valley (Calif.) Union, Oct. 9, 14



[Beauvoir library to be rebuilt](#)

A new presidential library soon will sprout from the ground at

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Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi, with a statue of Jefferson Davis looking on where the former Confederate president wrote and reflected in the final years of his life. The statue used to stand in the Presidential Library that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Beauvoir Director Richard Forte said October 6 that a \$10.4-million contract has been signed to rebuild the library with J. C. Duke and Associates of Mobile, Alabama....

Biloxi (Miss.) Sun-Herald, Oct. 7

C'mon, it's not that bad

Blair Kamin writes: "Lists are the cotton candy of journalism—hard to resist, but not very nourishing. [Travel and Leisure](#) magazine has come out with such a list, which purports to tell us the world's 15 ugliest buildings. Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center, designed by Chicago architect Tom Beeby, is on it," along with the National Library of Belarus. "For what it's worth, the Harold Washington Library Center made the list of [America's Favorite Architecture](#) when the American Institute of Architects published the results of a national poll in 2007."...

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 14; Travel & Leisure, Oct.; AIA Archiblog, Feb. 6, 2007



Rare Amundsen photo found in Australian collection

The National Library of Australia in Canberra has uncovered a rare photo of the arrival of Roald Amundsen's 1911 expedition at the South Pole. The image, part of a personal career-highlights album by photographer Edward Searle he called [Tasmanian Views](#), was discovered by National Library of Norway curator Harald Ostgaard Lund while he was searching the NLA collection on the internet. It is the only print taken from the original negative of the event....

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Oct. 7; National Library of Australia



The world's largest digital library collection

The Library of Congress is well on the way to hosting the largest digital collection in the world. This is the library's new look: blinking lights, lots of cables, and an ocean of digital information with more than 50 million individual files. So far, the library has a total of 700 terabytes of data. But because of copyright issues, only 200 of those are available on the web....

Voice of America News, Oct. 9



Das Loot: WWII GI returns rare books

Robert E. Thomas, 83, breezed into the National Archives on October 6 with a smile on his face, a white hankie peeking out of his suit coat pocket, and an old briefcase containing the two rare 16th-century books he filched in Germany in 1945. He had blundered into one of the notorious salt mines where the Germans stashed their national treasures. And this one contained books. This year, the National Archives was delighted to facilitate the return. One book belonged to a museum in Paderborn, while the other was traced to a



Margaret Hodge, UK minister of state for culture and tourism, said at the Public Library Authorities Conference in Bristol October 8 that a national review of British libraries was underway and would contain radical proposals for modernization. She said she was in favor of "pushing our thinking to the boundaries." Among the proposals to be considered is a web-based lending service with home delivery and rewards cards that offer discounts from local businesses. The UK Booksellers Association is "very concerned" about another [proposal](#) that would allow libraries to sell books....

Local Government Chronicle, Oct. 9; *The Guardian*, Oct. 9

Tech Talk

Jessica E. Vascellaro writes: "We all still use email, of course. But email was better suited to the way we *used* to use the internet: logging off and on, checking our messages in bursts. Now, we are always connected, whether we are sitting at a desk or on a mobile phone. The always-on connection, in turn, has created a host of new ways to communicate that are much faster than email, and more fun." ...

Leah Betancourt writes: "Video blogging is nothing new—after all, video has existed on the web long before YouTube. But video equipment is now cheaper, post-production software more accessible, and online platforms on which to distribute video are easier to use than ever before. This guide will explore concepts behind video blogging and the tools for creating and distributing that content."...

Rob Ennals, a research scientist at Intel Labs in Berkeley, California, has developed an online veracity alert system. The software, called [Dispute Finder](#), sniffs through what you are reading online. If anything smells fishy—questionable poll results or references to “death panels”—the code blows a whistle and says, “This is disputed. Here’s the evidence.” Dispute Finder works as a Firefox extension...

Brian Herzog writes: "An important function of the library is communicating our upcoming events to the community. There are lots of ways to do this, one of which is by having an online calendar. Since we each recently evaluated a number of different calendar options, Rich Boulet and I combined our notes, in the hopes of saving other libraries a

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looking at calendars."...

Swiss Army Librarian, Oct. 13

[Five best Windows Task Manager alternatives](#)

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: "The Windows Task Manager is a functional but basic tool for keeping an eye on what your computer's up to. If you want to go beyond the built-in tool and for more in-depth information and control, check out these five alternatives."...

Lifehacker, Oct. 11

[Google Maps drops TeleAtlas](#)

Greg Sterling writes: "Google Maps has decided to end its relationship (at least in the United States) with mapping data provider TeleAtlas. Many people have complained that TeleAtlas's data in the U.S. was poor by comparison to its European coverage. Google now appears to be going it alone, with some combination of public (census) data and user-generated content, as well as information collected from Street View."...

Search Engine Land, Oct. 12

[How to buy a printer](#)

M. David Stone writes: "Picking the right printer can be tough, with so many variations in features available and individual printers with almost any possible combination of those variations. Here are some questions to help you home in on both the right type of printer, and the right printer within each type (purpose, use, and technology)."...

PC Magazine, Oct. 7



[How to choose and use strong passwords](#)

Larry Seltzer writes: "Acunetix [analyzed](#) the recently leaked list of compromised Hotmail passwords and found that many users use weak ones. The most popular password in the list (64 of them) was '123456' which, after 'password,' is the all-time classic weak password. Interestingly there were 11 instances of 'alejandra' and lots of Spanish words and names, perhaps saying something about the phishing campaign used to obtain the accounts. How do you choose a strong password? Here are some guidelines."...

PC Magazine, Oct. 8; Acunetix, Oct. 6

[10 of the coolest laptops](#)

Gracie Murano writes: "Some of them are just concepts, others are old news. Meet 10 amazing laptops." Included is this Dual Touch Screen Laptop from Canova (right), "an ultimate notebook design meant for the creative mind. The notebook features dual display with touch-sensitive screens, sketch pad, music score, graph paper, an electronic pen, and a dedicated hardware for its smooth functioning. Unfortunately, it's only sold in Italy and Australia."...

Oddee, Oct. 10

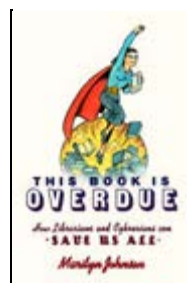


Publishing

[This Book Is Overdue!](#)

Marilyn Johnson—a former staff writer for *Life* and

editor at *Esquire*, *Redbook*, and *Outside*—has written *This Book Is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All*, scheduled for publication by HarperCollins in February 2010. The book is about librarians as visionaries, technologists, information experts, and advocates of literacy, open access, and the freedom to read. If you can't wait three months to read it, the publisher has made Chapter One available ([PDF file](#))....
HarperCollins



Controversy as Frankfurt fêtes Beijing

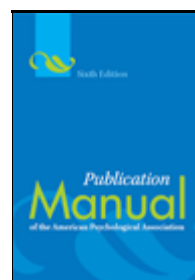
China, which bans hundreds of books every year, was a controversial choice as the guest of honor at this year's Frankfurt Book Fair. But some of the Chinese authors appearing at the fair, which began October 14, have managed to slip political works past the censors. Tie Ning, chair of the Chinese Writers' Association, has apparently not heard of her country's censorious acts. "Censorship?" she says. "What censorship? Artists enjoy great liberties in China."...



Der Spiegel, Oct. 13

Correcting a style guide

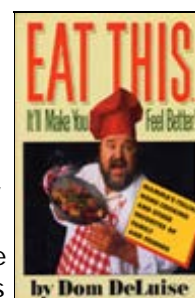
Scholars turn to style manuals for guidance in authoring error-free manuscripts, but what happens when the manual itself is laden with errors? Users of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* are trying to answer that question now, after the APA last week released dozens of corrections to the first printing of the book's sixth edition. In addition to being used in psychology, the manual is also used in sociology, economics, business, nursing, and justice administration, among other fields....



Inside Higher Ed, Oct. 13

Top 10 out-of-print cookbooks

Scott Laming writes: "Thousands of cookbooks are published each year. Even with so many varieties, the vast majority fall out of print within a few years of being published. The sad fact is that most of these out-of-print and forgotten cookbooks are actually very good. Real foodies know the best cookbooks are not necessarily the most recently published ones. We have compiled the top 10 bestselling out-of-print cookbooks—the authors range from the master of horror to an American comedy actor."...



Abebooks

Book review sources

In addition to [Booklist Online](#), its family of blogs, and [Choice](#), there are many other online resources that review and comment on children's and adult books. A few favorites are:

[The PlanetEsme Plan](#)

[Abby \(the\) Librarian](#)

[The Book Smugglers](#)



[The Story Siren](#)
[Librarian by Day](#)
[A Fuse #8 Production](#)
[GalleyCat](#)
[Collecting Children's Books](#)
[Guys Lit Wire](#)
[Bookslut](#)
[Stacked](#)
[Bookgasm](#)
[Things Mean a Lot](#)
[A Striped Armchair](#)
[I'm Here I'm Queer What the Hell Do I Read?](#)
and, of course, [Awful Library Books](#).



Actions & Answers

[Harvard and China embark on digitization project](#)

One of the most extensive collections of rare Chinese books outside of China will be digitized and made freely available to scholars worldwide as part of a six-year cooperative project between Harvard College Library and the National Library of China. The project, formally launched October 9, will digitize Harvard-Yenching Library's entire 51,500-volume Chinese rare book collection, the largest academic collection for East Asian research in the Western world....

Harvard College Library News, Oct. 9



[Critics: National Archives lax in records enforcement](#)

An October 2 update ([PDF file](#)) to 1980s rules on federal records management might not go far enough to ensure agencies safeguard electronic information, because of the National Archives' lax enforcement, said records management specialists and transparency activists. Some critics said the problems that NARA and other agencies experience with storing and retrieving a growing number of e-records are due to a lack of policing, not an absence of rules....

Nextgov, Oct. 7

[Defending teens' right to read in West Bend](#) (PDF file)

Kristin Pekoll writes: "When the West Bend (Wis.) Community Memorial Library was initially contacted by a local family in opposition to the library's website, I was shocked. The letter was blatant in its homophobia, as were many of the emails that the library received. I could not understand how a list of books (above) could generate such a vehement response. I felt bombarded by negativity. Three



days later, the *West Bend Daily News* and a conservative Milwaukee radio talk-show host covered the complaints, and the opinions exploded."...

Voice of Youth Advocates, Oct., pp. 284–287

[Institutional sales of rare books](#)

Chris Lowenstein writes: "On October 5, Terry Belanger, founder of the Rare Book School, gave a talk to the Book Club of California. The title of his talk was 'Eating the Seed Corn: Reflections on Institutional Sales of Rare Books.' Given the controversy over the University of San Francisco's [recent sale](#) of a few of its treasures from the Gleeson Library, including a Dürer print of St. Jerome, I looked forward to what he had to say. He acknowledged that deaccessioning happens but that it needn't have happened the way it did at USF."...

Fine Books Blog, Oct. 12

[Tweet an audiobook with Neil Gaiman](#)

Starting October 13, award-winning author Neil Gaiman ([@neilhimself](#)) will launch a special round-robin interactive storytelling experience. He will tweet the first line of the story and then the rest is up to you. Login to your Twitter account to continue the story. Read the opening line of the story tweeted by Neil (or catch up with it in progress by visiting [#bbcawdio](#)) and then follow along at [BBC Audiobooks America](#) to post the next sentence. The resulting story, a combination of 140-character contributions from around the globe, will be recorded as an audiobook by an as-yet-unnamed narrator and distributed as a free download....

BBC Audiobooks America Blog, Oct. 12



[Nominate an African-American author](#)

The Brown Bookshelf is accepting submissions for its third Annual 28 Days Later celebration in February. During the 28 days of Black History Month, the website will profile a different children's or young adult author and children's illustrator. [Nominations](#) will be accepted through November 1....

The Brown Bookshelf



[Interview with William Kamkwamba's librarian](#)

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind-Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope is the story of William Kamkwamba's (right) struggle to change his life in Malawi. Using books from his local library and odds and ends from his family's farm and a local scrapyard, this 14-year-old boy, too poor to continue with school, built a windmill that would bring electricity to his family's home. On September 28, he appeared on [Good Morning America](#) (6:30). PLA staff member Brendan Dowling interviewed Kamkwamba's village librarian, Edith Sikelo, via email....

PLA Blog, Oct. 13; ABC *Good Morning America*, Sept. 28



[Income models for open-access journals](#)

SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) examines the issue of sustainability for current and prospective open-access publishers in a timely new guide, [Income Models for](#)

[Open Access: An Overview of Current Practice](#), by Raym Crow. The guide provides an overview of income models currently in use to support open-access journals, including a description of each model along with examples of journals currently employing it....

SPARC, Oct. 8

[Columbia and Cornell are 2CUL](#)

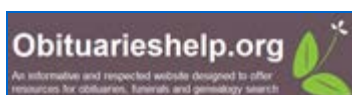
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded \$385,000 to the libraries at Columbia University in New York City and Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., to support the development of an innovative partnership dubbed "2CUL." Starting this fall, Cornell and Columbia will plan significant partnerships in collaborative collection development, acquisitions, and processing. Initial work will focus on several global collecting areas, as well as collaborative funding and support of technical infrastructure....

Cornell University, Oct. 12

[Where to find obituaries online](#)

Tami Glatz writes: "No matter how much great information an obituary contains, it's important to remember that very often they are full of mistakes. Still, it's worth the effort to locate an obituary when you can, and, as always, my favorite place to start looking is online. [Ancestry.com](#) has quite an assortment of obituary indexes and newspaper archives available, but not everyone is fortunate enough to have a subscription. So I've tried to dig up as many free sources as I can."...

Relatively Curious About Genealogy, Oct. 6



[Librarian or "metator"?](#)

Jim Ericson writes: "A reader named Boz had the best response to last week's [diatribe](#) against corporate information disorganization that called for creating a titled role for a metadata editor or 'metator' to manage collaborative sharing of information. 'So now everything comes full circle,' wrote Boz. 'This is the role the corporate librarian used to have in larger organizations.' Boz had me with that comment right up until he added that our old corporate librarian was 'not a gatekeeper, but an information management expert.'..."

Information Management Blog, Oct. 12

[Dialog program supports laid-off librarians](#)

Information resources company Dialog is coming to the aid of information professionals who have lost their jobs. The company is waiving standard Dialog start-up and service fees, offering free Dialindex, and throwing in a 10% discount on Dialog usage to librarians laid off since September 2008. The program will help them use the system's resources to conduct job searches, retain and develop search skills, or do some independent consulting while they look for full employment....

Dialog, Oct. 7

[CLA 75 years ago](#) (PDF file)

Cindy Mediavilla writes: "With their daily breakfast meetings and evening entertainment (banquets and musical acts), the California Library Association conferences of the 1930s might seem quaint to our 21st-century eyes. A careful reading of the conference proceedings, however, reveals an underlying commitment to improve not only the general library



conditions in California, but also raise the professional caliber of library workers throughout the state. The 1933–34 CLA president Jasmine Britton reminded members that “[c]onditions have never been more serious for the continued maintenance of Libraries.”...

Clarion 5, no. 1 (Apr. 2009): 24–25

[Atlanta’s Central Library becomes endangered](#)

Scott Henry writes: “What does Atlanta’s much-maligned downtown central library—a building that’s been described as a giant cinderblock with windows—have in common with the ruins of Machu Picchu, Wonderwerk Cave in South Africa, and Jordan Valley’s Damiya Dolmen Field? Well, they are all among the dozens of structures, historic sites, and geological formations included on the World Monuments Fund’s 2010 watch list of the planet’s most endangered places ([PDF file](#)).”...

Fresh Loaf, Oct. 7



[The 1992 burning of the Abkhazian historical archives](#)

On October 22, 1992, Georgian special forces in Sukhumi, Abkhazia (an autonomous republic within Georgia), burned down the Abkhazian Research Institute of History, Language, and Literature during a bloody war between the Georgian Armed Forces and Abkhazian separatists. Though help to restore the losses has come from institutions and private donors in Russia, no further assistance has been offered by the wider international community. This short video (7:43) was designed to alert the world to this cultural loss. Lyndon Allin has an [update](#)....

YouTube, Nov. 30, 2008; Scraps of Moscow, Oct. 10



[More libraries get creative on YouTube](#)

Charlie Thomason writes: “Two weeks ago, we posted our [top five favorite](#) library-related videos on YouTube. Since then, our readers have sent us some more great YouTube creations. You might be surprised what a large catalog of library and librarian-type content there is on YouTube. The following five videos may vary in production quality, yet are all highly imaginative and somewhat hilarious.”...

@ your library, Oct. 9



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AL Direct, October 14, 2009

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U.S. & World News

Queens Library sues SirsiDynix

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/october2009/queensvsirsi101409.cfm>]

It's Queens Borough Public Library v. Dynix Corporation et al. in a lawsuit

[<http://docs.justia.com/cases/federal/district-courts/new-york/nyedce/1:2009cv02860/293869/1/>] filed by the library in United States District Court in New York and scheduled for an initial conference November 2. The library seeks more than \$5 million in compensatory damages and \$10 million in punitive damages, alleging that the Sirsi and Dynix corporations, now combined into SirsiDynix, operated a "fraudulent bait-and-switch scheme" against the Queens Library during its procurement of the Horizon library automation system in 2005....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 14

Dominican University establishes doctoral LIS program

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/october2009/dominicanphd101209.cfm>]

In a bold recession-bucking move, Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, has launched the first PhD program in library and information science in its 108-year history. The Doctorate of Philosophy in Library and Information Science, to be administered through the university's accredited Graduate School of Library and Information Science, has accepted its first cohort of eight students for the fall 2009 semester....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 12

It's not over till the final check clears

[<http://www.al.ala.org/insidescoop/2009/10/14/its-not-over-till-the-final-check-clears/>]

American Libraries Senior Editor Beverly Goldberg writes: "It's autumn—that time of year when a library official's fancy turns to thoughts of the next fiscal year. At least that's what should happen, unless said library official is beleaguered by the spectre of revenue-projection shortfalls that could erode carefully laid plans for the current fiscal year. In at least three states—Connecticut, Michigan, and Pennsylvania—one can't help but wonder whether the legislative horse trading done to balance the budget will end before FY2010 does."...

AL Inside Scoop, Oct. 14

ALA News

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Neil Gaiman to chair National Library Week

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

Author Neil Gaiman, winner of this year's Newbery Medal for The Graveyard Book, has been named the 2010 Honorary Chair of National Library Week, April 11–17. As Honorary Chair, Gaiman will appear in both print and radio PSAs and a podcast and will participate in a NLW event developed by ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries. The PSAs will be available for customization in December. Other materials are currently available [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/nlw>] in both English and Spanish....

Public libraries urged to participate in national technology study

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

ALA is encouraging public libraries to participate in the 2009–2010 Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study online survey. The survey provides an important opportunity for libraries to share information regarding their computer and internet resources and infrastructure, as well as funding, technology training, and how they function as public access technology centers in their communities. The online survey will be available [<http://survey.pnmi.com/>] through November 6....

Hasbro sponsors 2009 National Gaming Day

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

The largest producer of board games in the world, Hasbro, will be the exclusive sponsor for ALA's 2009 National Gaming Day @ your library to be held November 14. Through a generous donation from Hasbro, more than 16,700 public libraries in the United States will receive a box set of highly popular card games Monopoly Deal, Scrabble Slam, and Pictureka. Libraries are encouraged to register [<http://tinyurl.com/ngd2009>] their participation in National Gaming Day....

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ek5irwxBzNs>]Do you ALA? Why or why not?

[<http://discuss.ala.org/younglibrarians/2009/10/09/do-you-ala-why-or-why-not/>]

Whether you're an active, enthusiastic ALA member, or ALA participation sounds as painful as getting your teeth pulled, the Young Librarians Working Group

[<http://discuss.ala.org/younglibrarians/2009/09/17/what-is-the-young-librarians-working-group-anyway/>] wants to hear from you. What do you see as the Association's benefits and drawbacks? Why do you participate, or why don't you want to be involved? Post your one-minute video response to the YLWG YouTube group

[<http://www.youtube.com/group/whyala>]....

Young Librarians Working Group, Oct. 9

New LIS grads: Join FTRF one year for free

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

The Freedom to Read Foundation is offering free one-year memberships to students graduating from ALA-accredited LIS programs and from NCATE-recognized school library media programs. Students whose graduation date was August 1 or later can download and send in a membership form

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

FTRF trustee nominations

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

Five positions on the Freedom to Read Foundation board of trustees will be filled in the election to be held April 1–May 1. Newly elected trustees will serve a two-year term on the board. Nominations should be sent [<mailto:ftrf@ala.org>] by January 13....

AL Focus

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/wits-wagers-game-tips-national-gaming-day>]Wits & Wagers gaming tips

[<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/wits-wagers-game-tips-national-gaming-day>]

Librarians Chris Harris and Brian Mayer discuss (8:30) the game "Wits & Wagers," which is available as a free donation to libraries from North Star Games for National Gaming Day on November 14.

Chris and Brian show how to play the game and provide tips for using it in public and school libraries. In another video [<http://alfocus.ala.org/videos/say-anything-game-tips-national-gaming-day>] (9:09), they offer tips on playing “Say Anything.”...

Featured review: First novel

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3592375]
Edwardson, Debby Dahl. *Blessing’s Bead*. Nov. 2009. 192p. Farrar/Melanie Kroupa, hardcover (978-0-374-30805-6).

Two narratives, one historical, one nearly contemporary, make up this beautiful first novel, set among Inupiat Eskimos in Alaska’s far northern territories. In 1917, Nutaaq is thrilled when Russian traders arrive on her Arctic island, and she describes in breathless detail the long evenings of shared stories and the games and races between visitors and villagers. The bittersweet joy she feels when her sister marries and moves to Russia with a trader becomes shocked grief after a flu epidemic decimates her village, leaving her as one of the few survivors. In 1989, Nutaaq’s great-granddaughter, Blessing, lives in Anchorage with her alcoholic mother, whose boyfriend’s abuse finally breaks the family apart. While her mother is “in treatment,” Blessing and her brother are sent to their grandmother’s northern village....

Top 10 first novels

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3801710]
Brad Hooper writes: “Readers pick up a first novel with both excitement and trepidation. An untried author is always a reader’s gamble. But pick up the following first novels, all reviewed in Booklist over the past year, with no trepidation, only excitement.” For example, *Lime Tree Can’t Bear Orange*, by Amanda Smyth (Crown/Shaye Areheart), who “evokes the lush language of the West Indies and the modest lives lived at the mercy of fate.”...

Top 10 first novels for youth

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3800094]
Gillian Engberg writes: “The settings and situations range across time and geography in these stand-out debut novels, all reviewed in Booklist during the past year, but readers will find lots of similarities, too: young characters who face their parents’ failings and unusually strong voices from writers to watch.” Check out *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*, by Jacqueline Kelly (Holt)....

New youth content, navigation

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

A new Book Links landing page

[<http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=booklinks>] and related feature content have been added to Booklist Online following the recent transition of Book Links from a standalone subscription magazine to a free quarterly supplement to Booklist. In addition, the “Browse Current Print Issue” feature is now visible from any page on the site in the left-hand navigational bar....

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

Boston Update

Literacise at the Boston Public Library

[<http://www.bpl.org/kids/literacise.htm>]

Children's author Irene Smalls has teamed up with the Boston Public Library, State Street Corporation, architects from the Community Design Resource Center of Boston, Brandon Bird Design, and Lasell College to create a bilingual, interactive Literacise exhibit

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2009/10/amid_the_books.html]

] based on her book, *Jonathan and His Mommy*. Children (and Midwinter attendees) who visit the Literacise exhibit next to BPL's Rey Children's Room can zig-zag, bunny-hop, and giant-step their way through a kid-sized interactive book. The exhibit will be up through March....

Boston Public Library; Boston Globe, Oct. 3

Re-View

[<http://www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/exhibitions/detail.dot?id=24337>]

The Re-View exhibition is a survey of approximately 600 works from the Harvard Art Museum's three museums—the Fogg, the Busch-Reisinger, and the Sackler—that have historically been shown in separate facilities. The exhibition is on long-term view at the Arthur M. Sackler Museum at 485 Broadway in Cambridge and provides a selected, ongoing display of the collections while the Harvard Art Museum's building at 32 Quincy Street—the former home of the Fogg and Busch-Reisinger—is closed for renovation....

Harvard Art Museum

PhotoWalks of Boston [<http://www.photowalks.com/>]

Discover the secrets for taking amazing pictures of Boston. Guided walking tours are presented with historic commentary and creative photography tips, all year round. Tours cover Boston Public Garden, Freedom Trail, the waterfront, Back Bay, and Beacon Hill....

PhotoWalks

Division News

Get out the vote for Teen Read Week

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

YALSA invites all teens to help the division choose next year's

Teen Read Week theme. Teens can vote

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2009/home.cfm>]

for their favorite of three choices October 18–24. The three potential themes are: Books with Beat @ your library, Deal with It @ your library,

or Find an Alibi @ your library....

Registration open for YALSA pre-Midwinter events

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

YALSA will host two special events,

[http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/YALSA_at_the_2010_ALA_Midwinter_Meeting#Selected_YALSA_Events] including a full-day institute and a two-hour networking event, prior to the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. A pre-Midwinter Institute, “Libraries 3.0: Teen Edition,” will take place on January 15. This face-to-face seminar offers librarians insight into enhancing existing services using online tools for today’s teens—the 30 million youth known as digital natives....

AASL National Conference goes green

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

AASL promises to make this year’s National Conference, November 5–8, in Charlotte, North Carolina, its greenest

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/charlotte2009/generalinformation/charlottegogreen.cfm>] conference yet. Signage will be made of recyclable materials and printed with eco-friendly inks, attendees will receive eco-friendly conference bags, and surplus promotional items and books from exhibitors will be donated to local charities....

AASL offers on-demand access to keynote address

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

“b there—Your Virtual Track Pass,” AASL’s virtual component to its National Conference in Charlotte, is revving up opportunities for registrants offering danah boyd’s keynote address on demand. The address will be posted just hours after she speaks and will be available to the “b there” community for one year after the conference. In addition, boyd will give an exclusive interview for the virtual community....

An all-star lineup for PLA 2010

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

The lineup of speakers for PLA’s 13th National Conference

[http://www.placonference.org/general_information.cfm] will include several acclaimed authors. Nicholas D. Kristof, Scott Turow, Sue Grafton, and Sarah Vowell are among the speakers who will keynote author events and luncheons during the conference, to be held March 23–27 in Portland, Oregon....

RUSA Genealogy 101 online course

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

Register now through November 3 for the next offering of RUSA’s Genealogy 101

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/development/genealogy101/index.cfm>], an online course designed to provide librarians and library staff with confidence and skill in assisting family history researchers. The course,

offered November 9–December 23, is taught by RUSA member and genealogy expert Jack Simpson....

Round Table News

[<http://www.virtualtourist.com/>] New maps and cartographic materials
[http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/magert/publicationsab/baseline/30_4.pdf]
(PDF file)

David J. Bertuca writes: “One positive side to summer searching is that I have more time to visit map websites and publishers, as well as develop finding tools for our own materials and other online resources. Some neat stuff always pops up. Here are a few of the recent things I have seen.”

Included in the roundup is Virtual Tourist,

[<http://www.virtualtourist.com/>] “a travel site, but its inclusion of detailed map tools makes it a great resource for map searches, satellite images, and more.”...

MAGERT base line 30, no. 4 (Aug.): 6–22

Awards

LITA Kilgour Award for Research

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

The deadline is December 31 for nominations for the 2010 LITA Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology, sponsored by OCLC. The award recognizes research relevant to the development of information technologies, especially research that promises a positive and substantive impact on the publication, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of information....

Apply for the Loleta D. Fyan Grant

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

The ALA Office for Research and Statistics is accepting applications for the Loleta D. Fyan Grant. The grant, up to \$5,000, is to be used for the development and improvement of public libraries and the services they provide. Applicants can include local, regional, or state libraries; associations or organizations, including units of ALA; library schools; or individuals. The deadline

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ors/orsawards/fyanloletad/fyanloletad.cfm>] is December 1....

Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant

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

The ALA Office for Research and Statistics is accepting applications for the Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant, given to librarians or library educators to conduct innovative research that could lead to an improvement in services to any specified group of people. The grant, up to \$3,000, will be given to a project that aims to answer a question of

vital importance to the library community. The deadline for applications [<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ors/orsawards/baberresearchgrant/babercarroll.cfm>] is December 1....

RUSA conference travel grant for business librarians

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

Nominations are now being accepted for the RUSA Public Librarian Support Award, an Annual Conference travel grant in the amount of \$1,000 for public librarians who provide business reference services. Nominations must be received by December 15....

Sharon Epps honored by Johns Hopkins University Press

[<http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2010/oct/epps100709.html>]

Sharon K. Epps, a 2004 graduate of the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware and a former staff member at the UD Library, is the winner of the 2009 Johns Hopkins University Press Award for the best article in the most recent volume of the journal portal: Libraries and the Academy. Her article, "African American Women Leaders in Academic Research Libraries," appeared in July 2008. She is currently head of access services at the University of Maryland libraries....

UDaily, Oct. 7

Herta Müller wins 2009 Nobel Prize for Literature

[<http://artsbeat.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/10/08/herta-muller-wins-the-2009-nobel-prize-for-literature/?hp>]

Romanian-born German writer Herta Müller has won the 2009 Nobel Prize for Literature. Announcing the award in Stockholm October 8, the Swedish Academy described Müller, "who, with the concentration of poetry and the frankness of prose, depicts the landscape of the dispossessed." Her novels include The Land of Green Plums and The Appointment....

New York Times, Oct. 8

Children's Fiction Prize

[<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/oct/08/mal-peet-guardian-childrens-prize>]

A modern retelling of Othello, in which the Moor of Venice and his wife Desdemona are transformed into a South American soccer star and pop singer, has won the 2009 Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. Mal Peet's Exposure came out ahead of such authors as Terry Pratchett to win the £1,500 (\$2,370 U.S.) prize at the October 8 awards ceremony. The Guardian children's fiction prize is the only award judged by children's authors....

The Guardian (U.K.), Oct. 8

Books Across America grants

[<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/books-across-america/>]

In collaboration with the National Education Foundation, the NEA Foundation offers \$1,000 in grants to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books for school libraries. School librarians in eligible schools may apply. The deadline for submitting

applications (PDF file
[<http://www.neafoundation.org/downloads/WEBApplicationpdf.pdf>]) is
November 20....
NEA Foundation

Seen Online

Education advocates push for net neutrality

[<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/index.cfm?i=61167>]

Republican opposition is mounting as federal regulators prepare to vote this month on network neutrality rules, which would prohibit broadband providers from favoring or discriminating against certain types of internet traffic. Educators say a neutral internet is a key in developing and delivering online content to distance learners and students in rural areas, and an unregulated internet would create unfair advantages for large universities that could afford to pay more for faster, more efficient web service....

eSchool News, Oct. 12

Librarians say Leahy let them down on Patriot Act

[<http://www.timesargus.com/article/20091012/NEWS01/910120338/1002>]

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) is finding himself at odds with privacy-protecting librarians in the state—a group that usually has praise for their senior U.S. senator and has often worked with him in the past. On October 8, Leahy's Senate Judiciary Committee voted to approve [<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3880>] an extension of the USA Patriot Act that does not do enough to restrict the federal government in its use of wiretapping and National Security Letters. It is unclear when the bill will go to the Senate floor for a final vote....

Barre Montpelier (Vt.) Times Argus, Oct. 12; District Dispatch, Oct. 13

Revised Google Books agreement due November 9

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/08/technology/internet/08google.html>]

The parties to a Google book settlement that would allow the creation of a vast digital library outlined on October 7 an aggressive timeline for modifying the agreement to satisfy objections from the Justice Department and others. After a hearing in Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York, Judge Denny Chin set November 9 as the date by which Google and its partners must submit a revised settlement. Meanwhile, Google cofounder Sergei Brin took to the pages of the New York Times to defend [<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/09/opinion/09brin.html>] his project, while others quickly deconstructed [http://www.appscout.com/2009/10/brin_defends_google_books_talk.php] his argument....

New York Times, Oct. 7–8; AppScout, Oct. 9

Wicomico library examines graphic novels

[<http://www.delmarvanow.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009910110302>]

The 24 Dragon Ball manga books at the Wicomico Public Library in Salisbury, Maryland, have been pulled from the shelves. It's not simply that they may contain nudity, but also because the library staff isn't

sure in which section to shelve them. Library Director Tom Hehman said his staff is conducting an “internal reconsideration” of the series of graphic novels after one discovered in the Pittsville Elementary and Middle School library by a 9-year-old student earlier this week was found to contain nudity and sexual innuendo....
Salisbury (Md.) Daily Times, Oct. 11

FEMA says Cedar Rapids library must move
[<http://gazetteonline.com/blogs/2009/10/14/fema-says-downtown-library-must-go-on-a-new-site-extra-fema-bucks-to-buy-land-in-the-offing>]
The Federal Emergency Management Agency has decided that Cedar Rapids, Iowa, must build its new downtown library on a site other than the site of flood-wrecked library on First Street along the Cedar River. City Council member and mayoral candidate Brian Fagan slipped the announcement of the FEMA decision into the mayoral debate October 13 at Coe College. Fagan said the FEMA decision would bring with it an extra \$4 million in disaster payments for the library....
Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, Oct. 14

UC Berkeley students stage library sit-in
[<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/10/11/BAPR1A40PE.DTL>]
Several hundred University of California Berkeley students took over the anthropology library for 24 hours October 9–10 to protest UC-wide budget cuts, in particular Saturday closures of small campus libraries that students use for studying and research. About 80 students spent the night in the library, some studying almost all night, others curled up to sleep in corners and between high bookcases. Thanks to a \$30,000 donation [http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2009/10/09_library.shtml] from two UCB parents, Doe and Moffitt libraries will remain open 24 hours a day during the final exams period this academic year....
San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 11; UCBerkeley News, Oct. 9

nail its history
[<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/hotstories/6663142.html>]
Writers from the ultrastylish AMC series Mad Men called the University of Houston in February, looking for specifics on Conrad Hilton and his hotel chain, circa 1963. “They wanted to know, was Connie Hilton a milquetoast or was he charismatic and gregarious,” said Mark Young, who runs the Hospitality Industry Archives [<http://www.hrm.uh.edu/cnhc/ShowContent.asp?c=5216>] at the university’s Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management. Mad Men got its history right in more ways than one, Young said....
Houston Chronicle, Oct. 12

Texas tattoo calendar selling well
[http://www.dentonrc.com/sharedcontent/dws/drc/localnews/stories/DRC_tattoo_s_1011.20537f7c8.html]
Along with other members of the Texas Library Association, Denton librarians modeled their tattoos—most of which are usually hidden under clothing—and posed for an 18-month calendar [<http://www.txla.org/temp/tattoo.html>] to help raise money for the group’s disaster relief fund. So far, the group has sold 650 calendars and raised about \$13,000. Denton Public Library Technical

Services Manager Sian Brannon (right) said she usually wears long sleeves to cover the thistles growing up her arms and stars on her shoulders, but she enjoyed showing off her tattoos in the calendar as Ms. December 2010....

Denton (Tex.) Record-Chronicle, Oct. 11; Texas Library Association

Pegasus stars at the bookmobile conference

[<http://heraldnet.com/article/20091010/NEWS01/710109873>]

The world's oldest bookmobile, Pegasus, [<http://epls.org/nw/Pegasus.asp>] was the star October 7–9 in Everett, Washington, at the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services conference. The 1920s-era Ford, owned by the Everett Public Library, sat out in front of the Holiday Inn where conference participants posed for photos with the old vehicle. Outreach Librarian Theresa Gemmer said she was proud to show off the modified Model T, which was the first of its kind in Washington State and the second in the West....

Everett (Wash.) Herald, Oct. 10; Everett Public Library

UCLA's Clark Library receives unique Shakespeare collection

[<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2009/10/ucla-clark-library-to-receive-shakespeare-collection.html>]

The William Andrews Clark Library, one of UCLA's major libraries for rare books and manuscripts, will receive a collection

[<http://www.newsroom.ucla.edu/portal/ucla/ucla-s-clark-library-receives-109866.aspx>] of 72 books related to William Shakespeare that includes a 1685 fourth-edition Folio, two histories that formed the basis of his plays, and a 1603 English translation of the essays of Michel de Montaigne. The books, published between 1479 and 1731, were collected by Paul Chrzanowski, 60, a physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories....

Los Angeles Times, Oct. 12; UCLA Newsroom, Oct. 12

Nevada City library faces privatization or closings

[<http://www.theunion.com/article/20091009/NEWS/910089977/1001/>]

The survival of the Nevada County (Calif.) Library beyond June 2011 may require either privatization or crippling budget cuts that would close some branches, according to a report issued October 8 by County Executive Officer Rick Haffey. With finances going more than \$400,000 into the red over the next 20 months, county supervisors voted

[<http://www.theunion.com/article/20091014/NEWS/910139973/1001/NONE&parentpr ofile=1053>] October 13 to explore an outsourcing partnership to save money. Some library supporters expressed reservations about the proposal....

Grass Valley (Calif.) Union, Oct. 9, 14

Beauvoir library to be rebuilt

[<http://www.sunherald.com/biloxi/story/1655629.html>]

A new presidential library soon will sprout from the ground at Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi, with a statue of Jefferson Davis looking on where the former Confederate president wrote and reflected in the final years of his life. The statue used to stand in the Presidential Library that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Beauvoir Director Richard Forte said October 6 that a \$10.4-million contract has been signed to rebuild the library with J. C. Duke and Associates of Mobile, Alabama....

Biloxi (Miss.) Sun-Herald, Oct. 7

“mon, it’s not that bad

[<http://featuresblogs.chicagotribune.com/theskyline/2009/10/harold-washington-library-center-makes-the-worlds-ugliest-list-mon-its-not-that-bad-.html>]

Blair Kamin writes: “Lists are the cotton candy of journalism—hard to resist, but not very nourishing. Travel and Leisure

[<http://www.travelandleisure.com/articles/the-worlds-ugliest-buildings/1/#>]

magazine has come out with such a list, which purports to tell us the world’s 15 ugliest buildings. Chicago Public Library’s Harold Washington Library Center, designed by Chicago architect Tom Beeby, is on it,” along with the National Library of Belarus. “For what it’s worth, the Harold Washington Library Center made the list of America’s Favorite Architecture

[http://blog.aia.org/favorites/2007/02/85_harold_washington_library_c.html]

when the American Institute of Architects published the results of a national poll in 2007.”...

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 14; Travel & Leisure, Oct.; AIA Archiblog, Feb. 6, 2007

[<http://nla.gov.au/nla.pic-an23814300>] Rare Amundsen photo found in Australian collection

[<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/10/07/2707193.htm>]

The National Library of Australia in Canberra has uncovered a rare photo of the arrival of Roald Amundsen’s 1911 expedition at the South Pole. The image, part of a personal career-highlights album by photographer Edward Searle he called Tasmanian Views

[<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/3044988>],

[<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/3044988>] was discovered by National Library of Norway curator Harald Ostgaard Lund while he was searching the NLA collection on the internet. It is the only print taken from the original negative of the event....

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Oct. 7; National Library of Australia

The world’s largest digital library collection

[<http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-10-09-voa15.cfm>]

The Library of Congress is well on the way to hosting the largest digital collection in the world. This is the library’s new look: blinking lights, lots of cables, and an ocean of digital information with more than 50 million individual files. So far, the library has a total of 700 terabytes of data. But because of copyright issues, only 200 of those are available on the web....

Voice of America News, Oct. 9

Das Loot: WWII GI returns rare books

[<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/07/AR2009100701165.html?sub=AR>]

Robert E. Thomas, 83, breezed into the National Archives on October 6 with a smile on his face, a white hankie peeking out of his suit coat pocket, and an old briefcase containing the two rare 16th-century books he filched in Germany in 1945. He had blundered into one of the notorious salt mines where the Germans stashed their national treasures. And this one contained books. This year, the National Archives was delighted to facilitate the return. One book belonged to a museum in Paderborn, while

the other was traced to a library in Bonn....
Washington Post, Oct. 8

The British library of the future

[<http://www.lgcplus.com/children-and-education/latest-childrens-services-and-education-news/hodges-vision-for-tomorrows-libraries/5007184.article>]

Margaret Hodge, UK minister of state for culture and tourism, said at the Public Library Authorities Conference in Bristol October 8 that a national review of British libraries was underway and would contain radical proposals for modernization. She said she was in favor of “pushing our thinking to the boundaries.” Among the proposals to be considered is a web-based lending service with home delivery and rewards cards that offer discounts from local businesses. The UK Booksellers Association is “very concerned” about another proposal [<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/oct/09/booksellers-libraries-sell-books>] that would allow libraries to sell books....

Local Government Chronicle, Oct. 9; The Guardian, Oct. 9

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Tech Talk

Why email no longer rules

[<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203803904574431151489408372.html>]

Jessica E. Vascellaro writes: “We all still use email, of course. But email was better suited to the way we used to use the internet: logging off and on, checking our messages in bursts. Now, we are always connected, whether we are sitting at a desk or on a mobile phone. The always-on connection, in turn, has created a host of new ways to communicate that are much faster than email, and more fun.”...

Wall Street Journal, Oct. 12

The complete guide to video blogging

[<http://mashable.com/2009/10/09/video-blogging/>]

Leah Betancourt writes: “Video blogging is nothing new—after all, video has existed on the web long before YouTube. But video equipment is now cheaper, post-production software more accessible, and online platforms on which to distribute video are easier to use than ever before. This guide will explore concepts behind video blogging and the tools for creating and distributing that content.”...

Mashable, Oct. 9

Consult the Dispute Finder

[<http://features.csmonitor.com/innovation/2009/10/13/dispute-finder-making-the-call-on-web-‘facts’/>]

Rob Ennals, a research scientist at Intel Labs in Berkeley, California, has developed an online veracity alert system. The software, called Dispute Finder, [<http://disputefinder.cs.berkeley.edu/>] sniffs through what you are reading online. If anything smells fishy—questionable poll results or references to “death panels”—the code blows a whistle and says, “This is disputed. Here’s the

evidence.”; Dispute Finder works as a Firefox extension....
Christian Science Monitor, Oct. 13

[<http://host6.evanced.info/bluehill/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>]Library
events calendar roundup
[<http://www.swissarmylibrarian.net/2009/10/13/library-events-calendar-roundup>]

Brian Herzog writes: “An important function of the library is communicating our upcoming events to the community. There are lots of ways to do this, one of which is by having an online calendar. Since we each recently evaluated a number of different calendar options, Rich Boulet and I combined our notes, in the hopes of saving other libraries a bit of legwork when looking at calendars.”...
Swiss Army Librarian, Oct. 13

Five best Windows Task Manager alternatives
[<http://lifehacker.com/5378494/five-best-windows-task-manager-alternatives>]
Jason Fitzpatrick writes: “The Windows Task Manager is a functional but basic tool for keeping an eye on what your computer’s up to. If you want to go beyond the built-in tool and for more in-depth information and control, check out these five alternatives.”...
Lifehacker, Oct. 11

Google Maps drops TeleAtlas
[<http://searchengineland.com/no-more-teleatlas-google-goes-it-alone-for-maps-data-27584>]
Greg Sterling writes: “Google Maps has decided to end its relationship (at least in the United States) with mapping data provider TeleAtlas. Many people have complained that TeleAtlas’s data in the U.S. was poor by comparison to its European coverage. Google now appears to be going it alone, with some combination of public (census) data and user-generated content, as well as information collected from Street View.”...
Search Engine Land, Oct. 12

[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2350456,00.asp>]How to buy a printer
[<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2353905,00.asp>]
M. David Stone writes: “Picking the right printer can be tough, with so many variations in features available and individual printers with almost any possible combination of those variations. Here are some questions to help you home in on both the right type of printer, and the right printer within each type (purpose, use, and technology).”...
PC Magazine, Oct. 7

How to choose and use strong passwords
[http://blogs.pcmag.com/securitywatch/2009/10/how_to_choose_and_use_strong_p.php]
Larry Seltzer writes: “Acunetix analyzed [<http://www.acunetix.com/blog/websecuritynews/statistics-from-10000-leaked-hotmail-passwords/>] the recently leaked list of compromised Hotmail passwords and found that many users use weak ones. The most popular password in the list (64 of them) was ‘123456’ which, after ‘password,’ is the all-time classic weak password. Interestingly there were 11 instances of ‘alejandra’ and lots of Spanish words and names, perhaps

saying something about the phishing campaign used to obtain the accounts.
How do you choose a strong password? Here are some guidelines.”...
PC Magazine, Oct. 8; Acunetix, Oct. 6

10 of the coolest laptops [http://www.oddee.com/item_96844.aspx]
Gracie Murano writes: “Some of them are just concepts, others are old news. Meet 10 amazing laptops.” Included is this Dual Touch Screen Laptop from Canova (right), “an ultimate notebook design meant for the creative mind. The notebook features dual display with touch-sensitive screens, sketch pad, music score, graph paper, an electronic pen, and a dedicated hardware for its smooth functioning. Unfortunately, it’s only sold in Italy and Australia.”...
Oddee, Oct. 10

Publishing

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This Book Is Overdue!
[http://www.harpercollins.com/books/9780061431609/This_Book_Is_Overdue/index.aspx]
Marilyn Johnson—a former staff writer for Life and editor at Esquire, Redbook, and Outside—has written This Book Is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All, scheduled for publication by HarperCollins in February 2010. The book is about librarians as visionaries, technologists, information experts, and advocates of literacy, open access, and the freedom to read. If you can’t wait three months to read it, the publisher has made Chapter One available (PDF file [http://files.harpercollins.com/PDF/PDF/Chapter_1_THIS_BOOK_IS_OVERDUE.pdf])....
HarperCollins

Controversy as Frankfurt fêtes Beijing
[<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/0,1518,654713,00.html>]
China, which bans hundreds of books every year, was a controversial choice as the guest of honor at this year’s Frankfurt Book Fair. But some of the Chinese authors appearing at the fair, which began October 14, have managed to slip political works past the censors. Tie Ning, chair of the Chinese Writers’ Association, has apparently not heard of her country’s censorious acts. “Censorship?” she says. “What censorship? Artists enjoy great liberties in China.”...
Der Spiegel, Oct. 13

Correcting a style guide
[<http://www.insidehighered.com/layout/set/print/news/2009/10/13/apa>]
Scholars turn to style manuals for guidance in authoring error-free manuscripts, but what happens when the manual itself is laden with errors? Users of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association are trying to answer that question now, after the APA last week released dozens of corrections to the first printing of the book’s sixth edition. In addition to being used in psychology, the manual is also used in sociology, economics, business, nursing, and justice administration, among other fields....
Inside Higher Ed, Oct. 13

Top 10 out-of-print cookbooks

[<http://www.abebooks.com/books/cookery-food-moosewood-joy/out-of-print-cookbooks.shtml>]

Scott Laming writes: “Thousands of cookbooks are published each year. Even with so many varieties, the vast majority fall out of print within a few years of being published. The sad fact is that most of these out-of-print and forgotten cookbooks are actually very good. Real foodies know the best cookbooks are not necessarily the most recently published ones. We have compiled the top 10 bestselling out-of-print cookbooks—the authors range from the master of horror to an American comedy actor.”... Abebooks

[<http://planetesme.blogspot.com/>] Book review sources

In addition to Booklist Online, [<http://www.booklistonline.com/>] its family of blogs, and Choice,

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

there are many other online resources that review and comment on children’s and adult books. A few favorites are:

[<http://planetesme.blogspot.com/>] [<http://www.thestorysiren.com/>]

[<http://abbylibrarian.blogspot.com/>]

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

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

[<http://librarianbyday.blogspot.com/>]

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

[<http://www.mediabistro.com/galleycat/>]

[<http://collectingchildrensbooks.blogspot.com/>]

[<http://guyslitwire.blogspot.com/>]

[<http://www.bookslut.com/blog/>]

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

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

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

[<http://astripedarmchair.wordpress.com/>]

[<http://www.leewind.org/>]and, of course, Awful Library Books

[<http://awfullibrarybooks.wordpress.com/>].

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

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Harvard and China embark on digitization project

[http://www.hcl.harvard.edu/news/articles/2009/china_digitization.cfm]

One of the most extensive collections of rare Chinese books outside of China will be digitized and made freely available to scholars worldwide as part of a six-year cooperative project between Harvard College Library and the National Library of China. The project, formally launched October 9, will digitize Harvard-Yenching Library’s entire 51,500-volume

Chinese rare book collection, the largest academic collection for East Asian research in the Western world....
Harvard College Library News, Oct. 9

Critics: National Archives lax in records enforcement
[http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20091007_6354.php]
An October 2 update (PDF file
[<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-23613.pdf>]) to 1980s rules on federal records management might not go far enough to ensure agencies safeguard electronic information, because of the National Archives' lax enforcement, said records management specialists and transparency activists. Some critics said the problems that NARA and other agencies experience with storing and retrieving a growing number of e-records are due to a lack of policing, not an absence of rules....
Nextgov, Oct. 7

Defending teens' right to read in West Bend
[<http://pdfs.voya.com/VO/YA2/VOYA2009StandUpOct2009.pdf>] (PDF file)
Kristin Pekoll writes: "When the West Bend (Wis.) Community Memorial Library was initially contacted by a local family in opposition to the library's website, I was shocked. The letter was blatant in its homophobia, as were many of the emails that the library received. I could not understand how a list of books (above) could generate such a vehement response. I felt bombarded by negativity. Three days later, the West Bend Daily News and a conservative Milwaukee radio talk-show host covered the complaints, and the opinions exploded."...
Voice of Youth Advocates, Oct., pp. 284–287

Institutional sales of rare books
[http://www.finebooksmagazine.com/fine_books_blog/2009/10/food-for-thought-when-eating-the-seed-corn.phtml]
Chris Lowenstein writes: "On October 5, Terry Belanger, founder of the Rare Book School, gave a talk to the Book Club of California. The title of his talk was 'Eating the Seed Corn: Reflections on Institutional Sales of Rare Books.' Given the controversy over the University of San Francisco's recent sale
[http://www.finebooksmagazine.com/nicholas_basbanes/2009/05/san-francisco-earthquake.phtml] of a few of its treasures from the Gleeson Library, including a Dürer print of St. Jerome, I looked forward to what he had to say. He acknowledged that deaccessioning happens but that it needn't have happened the way it did at USF."...
Fine Books Blog, Oct. 12

Tweet an audiobook with Neil Gaiman
[<http://www.bbcaudiobooksamerica.com/TradeHome/Blog/tabid/58/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/110/Twitter-an-Audio-Story-with-Neil-Gaiman.aspx>]
Starting October 13, award-winning author Neil Gaiman (@neilhimsself [<http://www.twitter.com/neilhimsself>]) will launch a special round-robin interactive storytelling experience. He will tweet the first line of the story and then the rest is up to you. Login to your Twitter account to continue the story. Read the opening line of the story tweeted by Neil (or catch up with it in progress by visiting #bbcawdio [<http://twitter.com/#search?q=%23bbcawdio>]) and then follow along at BBC Audiobooks America [<http://www.twitter.com/BBCAA>] to post the next

sentence. The resulting story, a combination of 140-character contributions from around the globe, will be recorded as an audiobook by an as-yet-unnamed narrator and distributed as a free download....

BBC Audiobooks America Blog, Oct. 12

Nominate an African-American author

[<http://thebrownbookshelf.com/28-days-later/>]

The Brown Bookshelf is accepting submissions for its third Annual 28 Days Later celebration in February. During the 28 days of Black History Month, the website will profile a different children's or young adult author and children's illustrator. Nominations

[<mailto:email@thebrownbookshelf.com>] will be accepted through November 1....

The Brown Bookshelf

Interview with William Kamkwamba's librarian

[<http://plablog.org/2009/10/pla-blog-interview-with-william-kamkwambas-librarian.html>]

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind-Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope is the story of William Kamkwamba's (right) struggle to change his life in Malawi. Using books from his local library and odds and ends from his family's farm and a local scrapyard, this 14-year-old boy, too poor to continue with school, built a windmill that would bring electricity to his family's home. On September 28, he appeared on Good Morning America [<http://abcnews.go.com/video/playerIndex?id=8691581>] (6:30). PLA staff member Brendan Dowling interviewed Kamkwamba's village librarian, Edith Sikelo, via email....

PLA Blog, Oct. 13; ABC Good Morning America, Sept. 28

Income models for open-access journals

[<http://www.arl.org/sparc/media/09-1008.shtml>]

SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition)

examines the issue of sustainability for current and prospective open-access publishers in a timely new guide, Income Models for Open Access: An Overview of Current Practice,

[<http://www.arl.org/sparc/publisher/incomemodels/imguide.shtml>] by Raym Crow. The guide provides an overview of income models currently in use to support open-access journals, including a description of each model along with examples of journals currently employing it....

SPARC, Oct. 8

Columbia and Cornell are 2CUL

[<http://www.library.cornell.edu/news/091012/2cul>]

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded \$385,000 to the libraries at Columbia University in New York City and Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., to support the development of an innovative partnership dubbed "2CUL." Starting this fall, Cornell and Columbia will plan significant partnerships in collaborative collection development, acquisitions, and processing. Initial work will focus on several global collecting areas, as well as collaborative funding and support of technical infrastructure....

Cornell University, Oct. 12

[<http://www.obituarieshelp.org/index.html>]Where to find obituaries online

[<http://relativelycurious.blogspot.com/2009/10/where-to-find-obituaries-online.html>]

Tami Glatz writes: “No matter how much great information an obituary contains, it’s important to remember that very often they are full of mistakes. Still, it’s worth the effort to locate an obituary when you can, and, as always, my favorite place to start looking is online.

Ancestry.com [<http://www.ancestry.com/>] has quite an assortment of obituary indexes and newspaper archives available, but not everyone is fortunate enough to have a subscription. So I’ve tried to dig up as many free sources as I can.”...

Relatively Curious About Genealogy, Oct. 6

Librarian or ‘metator’?

[http://www.information-management.com/blogs/metadata_editor_metador-10016283-1.html]

Jim Ericson writes: “A reader named Boz had the best response to last week’s diatribe

[http://www.information-management.com/blogs/metadata_editor_metador-10016229-1.html] against corporate information disorganization that called for

creating a titled role for a metadata editor or ‘metator’ to manage collaborative sharing of information. ‘So now everything comes full circle,’ wrote Boz. ‘This is the role the corporate librarian used to have in larger organizations.’ Boz had me with that comment right up until he added that our old corporate librarian was ‘not a gatekeeper, but an information management expert.’”...

Information Management Blog, Oct. 12

Dialog program supports laid-off librarians

[http://www.dialog.com/pressroom/2009/100709_jobs.shtml]

Information resources company Dialog is coming to the aid of information professionals who have lost their jobs. The company is waiving standard Dialog start-up and service fees, offering free Dialindex, and throwing in a 10% discount on Dialog usage to librarians laid off since September 2008. The program will help them use the system’s resources to conduct job searches, retain and develop search skills, or do some independent consulting while they look for full employment....

Dialog, Oct. 7

CLA 75 years ago

[http://www.cla-net.org/included/docs/Clarion_October_09.pdf] (PDF file)

Cindy Mediavilla writes: “With their daily breakfast meetings and evening entertainment (banquets and musical acts), the California Library Association conferences of the 1930s might seem quaint to our 21st-century eyes. A careful reading of the conference proceedings, however, reveals an underlying commitment to improve not only the general library conditions in California, but also raise the professional caliber of library workers throughout the state. The 1933–34 CLA president Jasmine Britton reminded members that ‘conditions have never been more serious for the continued maintenance of Libraries.’...
Clarion 5, no. 1 (Apr. 2009): 24–25

Atlanta’s Central Library becomes endangered

[<http://blogs.creativeloafing.com/freshloaf/2009/10/07/atlanta-central-library-earns-spot-on-worldwide-watch-list/>]

Scott Henry writes: “What does Atlanta’s much-maligned downtown central library—a building that’s been described as a giant cinderblock with windows—have in common with the ruins of Machu Picchu, Wonderwerk Cave in South Africa, and Jordan Valley’s Damiya Dolmen Field? Well, they are all among the dozens of structures, historic sites, and geological formations included on the World Monuments Fund’s 2010 watch list of the planet’s most endangered places (PDF file [http://www.wmf.org/downloads/Watch_List.pdf]).”...

Fresh Loaf, Oct. 7

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lcNIQ6fhcU>]The 1992 burning of the Abkhazian historical archives [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lcNIQ6fhcU>] On October 22, 1992, Georgian special forces in Sukhumi, Abkhazia (an autonomous republic within Georgia), burned down the Abkhazian Research Institute of History, Language, and Literature during a bloody war between the Georgian Armed Forces and Abkhazian separatists. Though help to restore the losses has come from institutions and private donors in Russia, no further assistance has been offered by the wider international community. This short video (7:43) was designed to alert the world to this cultural loss. Lyndon Allin has an update [<http://www.scrapsofmoscow.org/2009/10/abkhazian-national-library-thank-you.html>]....

YouTube, Nov. 30, 2008; Scraps of Moscow, Oct. 10

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTayEyh6yN4>]More libraries get creative on YouTube

[<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/more-libraries-and-librarians-get-creative-youtube-watch-weeks-top-5-favorites>]

Charlie Thomason writes: “Two weeks ago, we posted our top five favorite [<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/libraries-and-librarians-get-creative-youtube-watch-our-top-5-favorites>] library-related videos on YouTube. Since then, our readers have sent us some more great YouTube creations. You might be surprised what a large catalog of library and librarian-type content there is on YouTube. The following five videos may vary in production quality, yet are all highly imaginative and somewhat hilarious.”...

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ALA Midwinter Meeting,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/information.cfm>] Boston, January 15–19. Tips for finding funding
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/Tips.cfm>]
to attend ALA Midwinter Meeting or Annual Conference.

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2735>]

Let your young library patrons' imaginations run wild with this new READ poster featuring Spike Jonze's cinematic adaptation of Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*.
[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2735>] Let the wild rumpus start! NEW! From ALA Graphics.

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Director of the Performing Arts Library,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13793>] Roosevelt University, Chicago. Facilitate the research, performance, educational, and professional/scholarly activities of the students, faculty, and staff of the Chicago College of Performing Arts within the Performing Arts Library in the historic Auditorium Building. The director will have supervisory responsibility over the professional and support staff of the library, developing and managing the collections, providing reference and instruction, planning, organizing, and implementing exhibits and programs in the newly renovated library....

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

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Digital Library of the Week

The Benin Empire Collection: Nigerian Sculpture 1440–1897 [<http://www.broward.org/library/benin/>] is one of the foremost art collections at the Broward County (Fla.) Library's African-American Research Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale. The library brings together a breathtaking collection of Royal Court Art from the ancient kingdom of Benin, located in Southern Nigeria. The Benin Kingdom, which flourished for 450 years, was founded in the early 14th century by the son of an exiled king from Ife (a nearby area approximately 100 miles southeast). The indigenous inhabitants of the Benin Kingdom, the Binis, created a thriving civilization, with museums, a well-organized military organization, efficient administration, and relative peace, stability, and prosperity throughout the kingdom.

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

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qXgPfMGG8E>]

“Academic instruction takes precedence over administrative meetings—period. That Dr. Blackstone, the dean of instruction, would even consider canceling one class's library period in order to hold a meeting called ‘Facilities Utilization’ is so obtuse I am incapable of appreciating the irony.”

—Slam poet Taylor Mali, in “I’ll Fight You for the Library,” [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qXgPfMGG8E>] performed as part of the Page Meets Stage Series at the Bowery Poetry Club in New York City, April 29, 2009.

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

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Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. Where can I get information about how to best present and suggest our library celebrating National Gaming Day?

A. As we said for our debut

[<http://gaming.ala.org/resources/index.php?title=Ngd2008>] of National Gaming Day in November 2008: In the 21st century, libraries are about much more than books. National Gaming Day offers hundreds of libraries throughout the country the opportunity to showcase their gaming programs and services. National Gaming Day [<http://ngd.ala.org>] will have its second annual celebration nationwide on November 14. For talking points and research, see the Gaming @ your library Games and Gaming Resources wiki, [http://gaming.ala.org/resources/index.php?title=Main_Page] especially the Advocacy [<http://gaming.ala.org/resources/index.php?title=Advocacy>] and Gaming and Literacy [http://gaming.ala.org/resources/index.php?title=Gaming_and_Literacy] pages. Additional resources include the Games and Gaming Community [<http://connect.ala.org/node/66247>] on ALA Connect open to both ALA members and nonmembers; the National Gaming Day page [<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/gaming/index.cfm>] at I Love Libraries.org; the Gaming Lists and Activities [http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Gaming_Lists_&_Activities] by the YALSA Teen Gaming Interest Group on the YALSA wiki; and our own Videogames [<http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Videogames>] page. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Celebrating_National_Gaming_Day].

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

Calendar

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ACRL OnPoint Chat,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/onpoint/index.cfm>] 1 p.m. Eastern Time. "H1N1 and the Library Response."

Oct. 28–30:

South Carolina Library Association,

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

Oct. 29–30:

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

Nov. 5:

OCLC Digital Forum East,

[<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/events/digitalforumeast/2009/default.htm>]
Arlington (Va.) Public Library.

Nov. 5–8:

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

Nov. 10–11:

Cataloging Basics: Descriptions,
[http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid={E22BFFAC-F589-4299-8DF6-47A054153EF5}] online course hosted by Lyrasis.

Nov. 12:

Environmental Management: Stewardship and Sustainability for Cultural Collections
[<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=479cdf23-3a93-4ac9-8b82-6518165f4b74>],
[<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=479cdf23-3a93-4ac9-8b82-6518165f4b74>] the Wistar Institute, Philadelphia.

Nov. 12:

ACRL OnPoint Chat,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/onpoint/index.cfm>] 1 p.m. Eastern Time. "Getting Involved with ACRL."

Nov. 16:

Grant Proposal Writing,
[http://saa.archivists.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/events/163.html?Action=Conference_Detail&ConfID_W=163&Time=-1808394160&SessionID=69393252vqvvd0x69j4k12tbpz9dps883z44mjgirm84fr5ur07qx7x74873bq3a] Texas A&M University, Cushing Memorial Library and Archives, College Station. Course hosted by the Society of American Archivists.

Dec. 1–4:

Cloud Computing Association, [<http://www.cloudcom.org/>] 1st International Conference on Cloud Computing, Beijing, China.

Dec. 14–15:

Coalition for Networked Information,
[<http://www.cni.org/tfms/2009b.fall/>] Fall Membership Meeting, Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel.

Jan. 20–22:

Atmospheric Science Librarians International,
[<http://www.aslionline.org/asli2010call.html>] 13th Annual Conference, Atlanta. “Integrating Weather, Climate, and Social Studies: Challenges and Opportunities for Librarians.”

Apr. 26–30:

World Wide Web Conference, [<http://www2010.org/www/>] Raleigh Convention Center, North Carolina.

June 7–10:

Association of Christian Librarians, [<http://www.acl.org/conference.cfm>]
54th Annual Conference, Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minnesota. “True
North: Illumination, Inspiration, Information.”

June 27–30:

International Society for Technology in Education,
[<http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/2010/glance/>] Annual Conference, Colorado
Convention Center, Denver.

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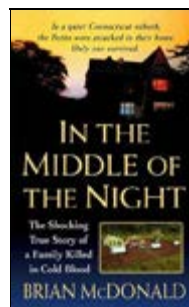
[House introduces strong surveillance-reform bills](#)

The USA Patriot Amendments Act of 2009 (H.R. 3845) ([PDF file](#)) and the FISA Amendments Act of 2009 (H.R. 3846) ([PDF file](#)), introduced into the House of Representatives October 20 by Reps. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), and Bobby Scott (D-Va.), would together [systematically reform](#) our national surveillance laws. The first would reform Section 215 of the Patriot Act, often referred to as the library provision, by allowing recipients to challenge the associated gag order and by prohibiting a request for library records that contain personally identifiable information concerning a patron.... District Dispatch, Oct. 21; Electronic Frontier Foundation; House Judiciary Committee, Oct. 20

[Connecticut residents protest book detailing local murders](#)

Friends of William Petit, who was beaten and whose wife and two daughters were murdered when their Cheshire, Connecticut, home was robbed in July 2007, have asked Cheshire Public Library not to stock a book about the crime. The book by Brian McDonald, *In the Middle of the Night: The Shocking True Story of a Family Killed in Cold Blood*, is based on interviews with and letters from Joshua Komisarjevsky, one of two men awaiting trial for the crime....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 20



[Castleton residents demand return of library director](#)

The centennial of the Castleton (N.Y.) Public Library is being overshadowed by controversy, as area residents and local and state officials continue to demand the reinstatement of Darlene Miller as director of the library a month after the board summarily fired her. About 75 concerned citizens in the village of 1,600 gathered October 20 for a candlelight vigil as trustees met....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 21

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[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)

Boston, January 15–19.

Tweet the Meeting: The 2010 Midwinter Meeting Official Hashtag is #alamw10. The Boston Convention and Exhibition Center offers [free Wi-Fi capability](#) so you can stay in touch wherever you go. Open your wireless network connection and click on “BCEC wireless network,” and you are ready to go.

[Al Gore to deliver Arthur Curley Lecture](#)

Former Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize corecipient Al Gore, whose bestselling books have shed light on key environmental issues, will deliver the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Widely considered one of the world's foremost authorities on the climate crisis, Gore is the author of *Our Choice: How We Can Solve the Climate Crisis*, a follow-up to *An Inconvenient Truth*, which will be released in November 2009. Gore will speak January 16 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center....



[ALA gears up for the 2010 election](#)

ALA is preparing for its annual election. As with last year's, the upcoming election will be held online, with one exception: Members who are homebound and have no internet access can obtain a paper ballot by contacting ALA customer service at (800) 545-2433, ext. 5. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member in good standing as of January 31, 2010. Polls will open March 16 and will close April 23. When the polls open, ALA will notify voters by email, providing them with their unique passcodes and information about how to vote online....

[Connect with National Library Week](#)

The Campaign for America's Libraries is inviting ALA members and others to join the new [National Library Week community](#) in ALA Connect. Its mission is to create an open discussion space to communicate their ideas and develop new ways to celebrate and promote National Library Week in all types of libraries. Librarians are encouraged to post their own programming ideas and discussions....



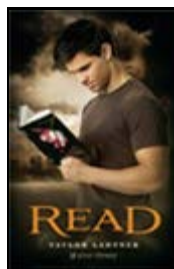
[READ Design Studio adds Genres and Subjects](#)

There are now nearly infinite ways to appear on a customized READ Poster, thanks to [READ DVD Genres and Subjects](#) from ALA Graphics. With input from more than 100 librarians, the product features artwork inspired by 23 popular genres and subjects—all on one DVD. Fantasy, mystery, cooking, sci-fi, and horror are just a few of the represented reading favorites. The READ Design Studio products have given license to users to create ALA's trademarked celebrity READ posters featuring home-town celebrities, students, librarians, staff, and local leaders....



[New Moon actor debuts in Celebrity READ Poster](#)

Taylor Lautner joins the Celebrity READ Poster campaign this month, appearing on the [New Moon poster](#) from ALA Graphics. Lautner, who holds Stephenie Meyer's book *New Moon*, will star in the highly anticipated movie adaptation this November. Both the [New Moon](#) and [Twilight](#) posters are at the ALA Store, where purchases fund advocacy, awareness, and accreditation programs for library professionals worldwide....



[Tasty marketing tidbits for busy librarians](#)

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ALA Editions has released [*Bite-Sized Marketing: Realistic Solutions for the Overworked Librarian*](#), by Nancy Dowd, Mary Evangeliste, and Jonathan Silberman. This book shares simple and cost-effective approaches to effective library marketing in a format that reflects the way people read today. Filled with contemporary marketing ideas, the authors provide how-tos of guerrilla marketing, cutting-edge digital marketing practices, and benefits of traditional print media....



[A unique kit for early literacy](#)

ALA Editions has released [*The Early Literacy Kit*](#), by Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting. This practical kit, developed by two well-known specialists in the field of early literacy, contains everything storytime presenters need to spread the word about school-readiness skills. The kit includes an accessible handbook with a resource section, 105 reusable tip cards with coordinated activities, and a concise summary of important early literacy research....



[New resources from Advocacy University](#)



Advocacy University is ALA's initiative geared to providing tools, training, and resources to library advocates to achieve real advocacy goals in real situations at the local level. Learn about these wonderful resources to help you in your advocacy work: [Frontline Advocacy](#), [a Coalition Building web resource](#), [Add it up!](#), and the [Advocating in a Tough Economy toolkit](#)....

[Librarianship and traditional cultural expressions](#)

Over the last 10 months, a workgroup led by the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy has been collaborating with librarians, archivists, and members of various indigenous communities to draft a statement of guiding principles concerning the management and protection of traditional cultural expressions. The purpose of this October 19 draft document ([PDF file](#)) is to help librarians appreciate the unique nature of indigenous culture and to highlight ways that traditional cultural expressions can be managed in collections....

District Dispatch, Oct. 19

[Globalization trends in library programming](#)

The Public Programs Office wants to hear from programming librarians about the types of issues, activities, and themes that are currently engaging communities. We welcome input in the form of submissions to the Programming Librarian blog, tips about great programming resources, responses to opinion surveys (including [this one](#), open through October 23), and ideas for national program offerings....

Programming Librarian, Oct. 20



[Libraries, advocacy, and social media webinar](#)

Twitter, Facebook, Linked In, and other Web 2.0 applications are becoming more and more effective tools for library advocacy efforts. Join Curtis Rogers (South Carolina State Library), Kristin Murphy

Career Leads from

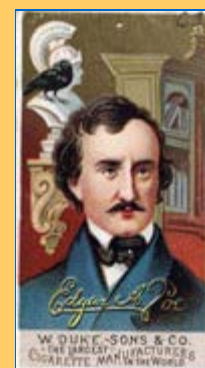


[Librarian](#), American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Houston. Solo librarian for small academic library is responsible for all library services including collection development, acquisition, cataloging (original and copy cataloging of English and Chinese materials), serials, circulation, integrated library system (Surpass) support, reference services, website maintenance, interlibrary loan, and information literacy training....



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The [Edgar Allan Poe](#)

(ALA Washington Office), and Stephanie Vance (Advocacy Guru) for this October 27 session on how libraries can use social media techniques to capture the attention of policymakers and the public they represent....

District Dispatch, Oct. 19

[ALA-APA calls for volunteers](#)

ALA President-Elect Roberta Stevens is seeking applications and nominations for appointments to 2010–2011 ALA–Allied Professional Association committees. Appointments take effect at the conclusion of the 2010 Annual Conference. All applicants must complete and submit an electronic [Committee Volunteer Form](#) by December 4....

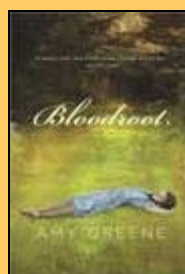
Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: First novel](#)

Greene, Amy. *Bloodroot*. Jan. 2010. 304p.

Knopf, hardcover (978-0-307-26986-7).

This stunning debut novel is a triumph of voice and setting. Following one impoverished family from the Depression up through the present, the story is told in six voices and set in a remote region called Bloodroot Mountain, so named for the rare flower that grows there, which can both poison and heal. The family's struggles with poverty and human cruelty and their endless search for connection are set against the majestic Appalachian landscape, which is evoked in the simplest and most beautiful language. At the center of this dramatic story is Myra Lamb, raised by her loving grandmother and born with sky-blue eyes and a talent for connecting with animals and people. Allowed to run free on the family's mountaintop, Myra is a charismatic figure who eventually draws the romantic interest of John Odom, the wealthy son of business owners in town....



[E. Lockhart's 2009 Printz Speech](#)

Gillian Engberg writes: "Author E. Lockhart isn't afraid of a good argument, as she made clear in her acceptance speech (right, 6:50) for *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* at the 2009 Michael L. Printz Awards (administered by YALSA and sponsored by *Booklist*). Readers have had wildly different responses to the book's title character, a prep-school sophomore who uses her own secret guerrilla tactics to infiltrate an all-male secret society. Lockhart said, 'Nothing has pleased me more than to receive mail denouncing Frankie as a borderline psychotic and other mail lauding her as a feminist heroine.'" You can also see *Booklist* videos of [M. T. Anderson's](#) (7:19) and [Terry Pratchett's](#) (11:05) Printz Award acceptance speeches....



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

Digital Collection was launched to accompany the 2009 Poe Bicentennial exhibition, "From Out That Shadow: The Life and Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe," a joint venture of the University of Texas Harry Ransom Center and the [Small Special Collections Library](#) at the University of Virginia. The digital collection incorporates images of all Poe manuscripts and letters at the Ransom Center with a selection of related archival materials, two books by Poe annotated by the author, sheet music based on his poems, and portraits from the Ransom Center collections. Poe's manuscripts and letters are linked to transcriptions on the website of the Poe Society of Baltimore. Most of the items in the exhibition from the Harry Ransom Center collections once belonged to William H. Koester (1888–1964). Koester, a resident of Baltimore, began collecting first editions and manuscripts of Poe in the 1930s; his major acquisition was the collection of the Richmond Poe scholar and collector J. H. Whitty. In addition to the manuscripts of "The Domain of Arnheim," "The Spectacles," and some of Poe's most famous poems, the Koester collection includes many letters written by and to Poe, books belonging to Poe (including the author's

Boston Update

[The Old South Meeting House](#)

Since the December 1773 mass protest meetings that led to the Boston Tea Party, Old South Meeting House has served as a gathering place for discussion and celebration and a haven for free speech. Today, the Old South Meeting House is open daily as a museum. Its Voices of Protest exhibit offers rare artifacts, lifelike figures, and interactive exhibits....

Old South Meeting House



[The Old North Church](#)

The Old North Church is officially known as Christ Church in the City of Boston. Built in 1723, it is the oldest standing church building in Boston. The Old North's enduring fame began on the evening of April 18, 1775, when Church Sexton Robert Newman climbed the steeple and held high two lanterns as a signal from Paul Revere that the British were marching to Lexington and Concord by sea and not by land. The church is open daily and has a gift shop....

Christ Church in the City of Boston



[Films set in Boston](#)

Tax breaks in Massachusetts have been luring directors to Boston's historic streets in recent years. It may seem like there has been more Hollywood into the Hub lately, but the region has served as the setting for many of Tinseltown's most famous films. Based on the Dennis Lehane novel, the 2007 film *Gone Baby Gone* stars Casey Affleck and Morgan Freeman and is a story about two detectives in search of a 4-year-old girl kidnapped in Dorchester. See [Wikipedia](#) for more Boston films....

Boston Globe; Wikipedia



[Hyatt boycott](#)

The Progressive Librarians Guild opposes the actions of the Hyatt Company in [firing](#) their 98 staff housekeepers at three hotels in the Boston area on August 31 and replacing them with \$8-an-hour employees of the Georgia-based Hospitality Staffing Solutions. Like-minded individuals may [sign a petition](#)....

Progressive Librarians Guild, Oct. 14; *Boston Globe*, Sept. 17

Division News

[Paper Towns tops YALSA's 2009 Teens' Top Ten](#)

Teen readers across the country chose *Paper Towns* by John Green as their favorite book in the annual Teens' Top Ten vote, sponsored by YALSA. Teens cast more than 11,000 votes online between August 24 and September 18. Watch the exciting [video announcement](#) (3:11), created by World Wrestling



annotated copies of the *Tales and Poems* and *Eureka*), and a large group of sheet music for songs based on Poe's works.

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

"Then the sad day comes when you get the 'R' letter. The one saying, in essence: We're sorry to inform you that sales stink and we have to *remainder* your book. . . . The horror of the 'R' letter is mitigated by only one thought: Your babies are safe at the library! Were it not for libraries, there would be no safe harbor for characters and stories, nowhere for them to wait out disasters and economic storms. And were it not for librarians, there would be no one to introduce your characters to new children as the older ones grow up and move on. And for this, I want to thank librarians, for the work they do and for the many, many lives they save."

—YA author Amy Goldman Koss, in a guest editorial, "Hero Librarians Save My Babies," *Los Angeles Times*,

Entertainment, featuring the Bella Twins and author John Green....

[WrestleMania Reading Challenge](#)

World Wrestling Entertainment's WrestleMania Reading Challenge, sponsored by YALSA, was launched during Teen Read Week, October 18–24. More than 1,800 librarians registered for the fifth annual reading challenge, in which teens and tweens in grades 5–12 participate. The challenge offers them the opportunity to extend reading from Teen Read Week into the rest of the academic year. Students who participate are encouraged to read one item a week and keep a reading log continuing through January 19....

[Fourth annual National Friends of Libraries Week](#)

ALTAFF is coordinating its fourth annual National Friends of Libraries Week, October 18–24. Friends groups can use the time to creatively promote their group in the community, raise awareness, and promote membership. The celebration also offers an excellent opportunity for the library staff and trustees to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library....

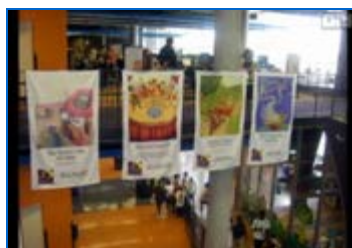
[2008 Academic Library Trends and Statistics](#)

ACRL's *2008 Academic Library Trends and Statistics*, the latest in a series of annual publications that describe the collections, staffing, expenditures, and service activities of academic libraries in all Carnegie classifications, is now [available](#). The three-volume set includes associate of arts institutions, master's colleges and universities/baccalaureate colleges, and research/doctoral granting institutions. Each individual volume is also available for purchase at the ALA Store. Summary data for all elements is available for free on the [ACRL website](#)....



[Thousands of school librarians prepare to "Rev Up Learning"](#)

More than 3,000 school librarians, educators, publishers, and guests will gather November 5–8 for the AASL 14th National Conference and Exhibition in Charlotte, North Carolina. The conference is the only national conference dedicated entirely to the needs of school library media specialists. Attendees will discuss such key issues as information literacy, technology, 21st-century learning skills, and how to advocate for school library media centers. Check out this exciting [video preview](#) (4:16) made by Joyce Valenza....



[ALCTS offers two Midwinter symposia](#)

Join your colleagues for two exciting and timely [symposia](#) from ALCTS on January 14 and 15, just before the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Registration is now open. Thursday's symposium will be "Living Digital: The Future of Information and the Role of the Library," and Friday's will be "And Now for Something Completely Different: Our Future from Outside the Box." To register, visit the [ALA Midwinter Registration page](#)....

[Register for ALCTS online courses and webinars](#)

Registration is open for the ALCTS "Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management," a four-week web course that

Oct. 11.



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[Ask the ALA Librarian](#)



Q. Like many libraries right now, we are facing a devastating cut in funding that would lead to some real changes to our level of service. How can we best present ourselves as a budget priority?

A. Start by doing some information gathering. Meet with the library director and trustees or library board to learn what is already going on and how you can help. Work with the local leadership to assemble your facts and identify concerned library users. You want to be able to speak strongly and consistently, with confidence that your message is clear. Point out the library's value by communicating its [return on investment](#).

addresses the basic components of these important areas of responsibility in libraries; and the webinar "Yours, Mine, Ours? Copyright Ownership and IRs," which addresses principles of copyright ownership under U.S. copyright law. Visit the [ALCTS website](#) to register....

[CE opportunities for LITA members](#)

LITA and BCR have agreed to develop a reciprocal continuing education program to complement and expand the training opportunities for members of both organizations. BCR will provide the technical infrastructure to support both online and self-paced learning, while LITA's membership base brings an array of expertise in library standards, emerging technologies, and best practices. To submit a proposal for a continuing education program, visit the [LITA website](#)....

Awards

[ALA recognition awards and grants](#)

Nominate yourself, colleagues, or your library for a 2010 ALA recognition award or grant, including the Beta Phi Mu Award, the Melvil Dewey Medal, and the Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award. The deadline for most awards is December 1....

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

Members of the New Members Round Table can apply for a grant, sponsored by 3M Library Systems, that will cover expenses to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 24–30. The deadline to [apply](#) is December 15....

[Rushdie receives Carl Sandberg Literary Award](#)

British Indian novelist Salman Rushdie received the Chicago Public Library Foundation's Carl Sandburg Literary Award at a banquet in the Harold Washington Library October 15. Rushdie took the stage in the library's Pritzker Auditorium to discuss his work with *Booklist* Senior Editor Donna Seaman, creator of Open Books Radio....

Exploring Chicago Examiner, Oct. 16

[2009 Federal Depository Library of the Year](#) (PDF file)

The U.S. Government Printing Office named the Oklahoma Department of Libraries as the 2009 Federal Depository Library of the Year. The announcement was made October 19 by Public Printer Bob Tapella at the Fall Federal Depository Library Conference and Depository Library Council Meeting in Arlington, Virginia. ODL was commended for conducting nearly 200 workshops that taught Oklahoma libraries how to provide patrons with access to U.S. government information resources....

Government Printing Office, Oct. 19



[San Francisco branch wins preservation award](#)

The historic renovation of San Francisco Public Library's Noe Valley/Sally Brunn branch was recognized with a Preservation Design Award from the California Preservation Foundation. The awards program honors exceptional historic preservation

or ROI, to the community. The ALA Office for Research and Statistics regularly updates its [Articles and Studies Related to Library Value \(Return on Investment\)](#) web page. Provide real numbers with the [Library Value Calculator](#). See the sections in the [Advocating in a Tough Economy Toolkit](#) of the ALA Office for Library Advocacy that provide message and communications guidance and pointers, including [Talking Points](#), [Making the Case](#), [Outreach to Patrons and the Public](#), [Talking to the Media](#), and [Working with Government Officials and Legislators](#). Focus on the [Showing Library Value to Local Government](#) and [Answering Tough Questions](#) pages. Decide which of the strategies and opportunities on the [Library Checklist](#) can be implemented by your library. See the [Staging a Rally](#) section, which would provide your patrons—and the government officials' constituents—with the opportunity to get involved, and put in their own words how and why the library is necessary for the community to grow and thrive. Your best advocate by far is the [library Friend](#), the citizen with no vested interest in the future of the library. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

projects for excellence in design, construction, planning, and technology. The renovation was designed by Carey & Co. Architecture, which worked diligently to preserve and restore the historic features of the 1916 Carnegie library....

San Francisco Public Library, Oct. 16



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

[2009 Planeta Novel Prize](#)

Spanish journalist-turned-writer Ángeles Caso won the Planeta Novel Prize for *Contra el viento* (Against the Wind), the tale of an African woman's travails in the West. The award, accompanied by 601,000 euros (\$895,000 U.S.), was presented October 15 at a gala in Barcelona, Spain, home of publishing giant Grupo Planeta....

Latin American Herald Tribune, Oct. 16



[ProQuest: A top place to work in southeast Michigan](#)

Workers voted information-resource company [ProQuest](#) one of the 15 best large companies in southeast Michigan to work for. More than 32,000 employees from 173 companies participated in the 2009 *Detroit Free Press* Top Workplaces survey to identify those that stand out as ethical, caring employers with good leadership and development opportunities for staff....

Detroit Free Press, Oct. 18; ProQuest, Oct. 18



[Europeana wins 2009 Erasmus Award](#)

In Vienna on October 16, the [Europeana](#) digital library was presented with the Erasmus Award for Networking Europe. The award was given by the European Society for Education and Communication and selected by an international jury from the world of learning and research. Europeana was praised for its conviction that European countries can be connected through multiple languages that offer more access to the continent's cultural heritage....

European Society for Education and Communication, Oct. 20

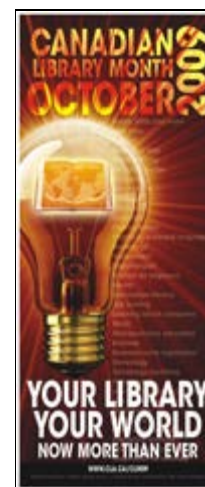


[8th IFLA International Marketing Award](#)

Nominations are open for the 2010 IFLA International Marketing Award, administered by the IFLA Section on Management and Marketing in collaboration with Emerald. The award honors library organizations that have implemented creative, results-oriented marketing projects or campaigns. The winner will receive \$1,000 and registration and travel to the 2010 IFLA meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden. Apply ([PDF file](#)) by January 31....

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Oct. 19

Seen Online



[October is Canadian Library Month.](#)

The idea for a month dedicated to library and information services in Canada was developed by library partners from across the country to help raise public awareness of the valuable role that libraries play in the lives of Canadians.

Calendar

Oct. 30–

Nov. 2:

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

Nov. 1–30:

[Digital Copyright](#), an online workshop hosted by Simmons GSLIS.

Nov. 6:

[Achieving Email Account Preservation](#)

[An unbalanced new Patriot Act](#)

ALA President Camila Alire wrote a letter to the *Washington Post* that took exception to its [characterization](#) of the Senate Judiciary Committee's October 8 revision of the Patriot Act as "a reasonable balance." She writes: "While modest tweaks were made, the committee rejected substantive and systematic reform to prevent the unwarranted surveillance, collection, and retention of the personal information of millions of innocent Americans." See also the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression's [take](#) in the *Huffington Post*....

Washington Post, Oct. 18; *Huffington Post*, Oct. 19

[Web giants back FCC on net neutrality](#)

Internet giants Google, Facebook, Amazon, Twitter, and a slew of other high-profile tech companies weighed in on new rules that are currently being written to keep the internet open. The CEOs of those companies, along with some telecommunications and media firms, such as EchoStar and XO Communications, sent a [letter](#) to FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski October 19 supporting his efforts to create official regulation that protects net neutrality....

Signal Strength, Oct. 19; Open Internet Coalition

[Southern Maine's Osher Map Library reopens](#)

Fifteen years after their founding, the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education reopened October 18 in their expanded, prominent space on the University of Southern Maine campus in Portland. The map library welcomed the public to its new home after being closed for nearly two years. The \$12.3-million project provides the map library with four times the space it previously occupied....

Portland (Maine) Press Herald, Oct. 19



[Carnegie Library defends Mistick's salary](#)

The money the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh pays for Director Barbara Mistick's (right) salary, her membership at the Duquesne Club, her vehicle, and part of a trip she took to India last year are reasonable compensation for the job she does, the nonprofit's chair said October 14. At least one [journalist](#) understands the [need](#) for a Duquesne Club membership, because that's where you find big donors. Meanwhile, Mistick met October 20 with state and local officials to [discuss](#) ways to reverse the library's decision to close four branches and merge two others next year. But she has [declined](#) an invitation from Mayor Luke Ravensthal to a public meeting October 24 on the closings, saying the library needs more time to gather information....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, Oct. 14, 20; *Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette*, Oct. 18, 20, 21



[Pennsylvania school libraries feel the pinch too](#)

In recent months, school librarians in Pennsylvania joined their counterparts in public libraries in trying to lobby legislators to restore proposed cuts to library funding. While the hit to the general state subsidy for libraries was reduced from 50% to the final reduction of 20.1%, librarians were not able to protect the Pennsylvania Online World of Electronic Resources (POWER), a service that allows users to view materials in other libraries, from severe cuts....

[with XML](#), Hotel VQ at Mile High, Denver. Course sponsored by the Society of American Archivists.

Nov. 9–10:

[Digital Library Systems and Applications](#)

Amigos Library Services, Dallas. Course hosted by Amigos Library Services.

Nov. 9–15:

[Text Encoding Initiative Consortium](#)

conference and member's meeting, Gallery of the Hatcher Graduate Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Nov. 10:

[Management 101: Project Management](#)

live online course hosted by Lyrasis.

Nov. 11–14:

[Museum Computer Network](#)

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

Nov. 12:

[World Usability Day](#)

Events held worldwide. "Designing for a Sustainable World."

Nov. 17–19:

[LearnTrends 2009](#)

the corporate learning trends and innovations conference, free and online. "Convergence in Workplace Learning."

Dec. 14:

[Library Management](#)

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette, Oct. 15

[Destroying our libraries: A water story](#)

Peter Glick writes: "One of the most remarkable library treasures of the University of California system is the Water Resources Center Archives, a unique and irreplaceable collection of materials at UC Berkeley on California, western U.S., and global water history, science, and policy. In a stunningly shortsighted move, the state Agricultural and Natural Resources Division announced that the archives would shut down next June, unless they can find some other university home for it willing to cover the costs. The archives is one of the only places where real data on water—most of which is not on the internet—can be found."...

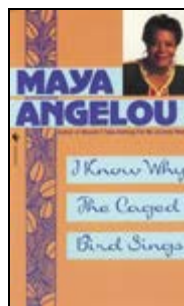
San Francisco Chronicle City Brights blog, Oct. 16



[Former trustee: Ban Maya Angelou from school libraries](#)

An autobiography by renowned author Maya Angelou has become the latest book in Orange County, California, to be challenged as unfit for school libraries. Judy Ahrens, a former Westminster School District trustee, took to the podium October 19 at the Huntington Beach city council meeting to read a scene from Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* that details the rape of an 8-year-old girl. The reading was a demonstration on why the book should be banned....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, Oct. 20



[Dragon Ball manga to stay off Wicomico school shelves](#)

Wicomico County (Md.) Superintendent of Schools John Fredericksen announced October 15 that a controversial series of Japanese graphic novels has been removed from all school media centers. A school review committee determined that the *Dragon Ball* manga books were inappropriate. Fredericksen said that as a result of this incident, public schools in the county are instituting more focused and ongoing professional development training on the selection of media materials....

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., Oct. 15



[Four Aurora branches to close if ballot fails](#)

The question is simple: Either close four of the seven branches of the Aurora (Colo.) Public Library, or approve a property tax hike November 3 that will keep the libraries open and add new services. Ballot Measure 4A would use a property tax increase to generate about \$12.5 million annually, restore library hours that already have been cut, and add new programs. But opponents say now is not the time to ask for a tax increase....

Denver Post, Oct. 17



[Denver mayor restores library funds](#)

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, bending to pressure from city council members, restored about \$910,000 in cuts October 14 from

[Institute](#), Fall Conference, Arcadia University, Glenside, Pennsylvania.

Jan. 8–9:
[Science, Technology, and Engineering Library Leaders in Action](#), unconference, Driscoll Center, University of Denver.

Jan. 15:
[Assembling a Consulting Toolkit: What You Need to Know to Become a Successful Library Consultant](#), ASCLA Midwinter Institute, Boston.

Jan. 28–29:
[Subject Repositories: European Collaboration in the International Context](#), British Library Conference Centre, London.

Feb. 1–3:
[Ohio Educational Technology Conference](#), Greater Columbus Convention Center. "P-20 Conversations: Shaping a Path for the 21st-Century Student."

Feb. 23–26:
[International Conference on Digital Libraries](#), New Delhi, India. "Digital Libraries: Shaping the Information Paradigm."

Apr. 21–25:
[Society of Architectural Historians](#), Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, Chicago.

Apr. 29–

the Denver Public Library in the proposed 2010 budget. The additional library funding will allow the Byers branch to remain open for another year. He also plans to restore hours to the Central Library and five branches....

Denver Post, Oct. 15

[Did Shakespeare write *Edward III*?](#)

Plagiarism-detection software was created with lazy, sneaky college students in mind—not the likes of William Shakespeare. Yet the software may have settled a centuries-old mystery over the authorship of an unattributed play from 1596 called *The Reign of King Edward III*. With a program called Pl@giarism, Sir Brian Vickers, a literature professor at the University of London, detected 200 strings of three or more words in *Edward III* that matched phrases in Shakespeare's other works....

Time, Oct. 20



[Oregon sends books to China](#)

Nearly 1,000 boxes of books at the Oregon State Library were loaded into an ocean-transport container October 15 to be shipped to China. The boxes of surplus books were donated by libraries, churches, stores, and individuals who wanted to help libraries in Oregon's sister province of Fujian, China, serve English-language learners. The largest donor was the Portland State University Library with 324 boxes....

Salem (Oreg.) Statesman Journal, Oct. 19

[Toronto Reference Library gets renovation funding](#)

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper joined Mayor David Miller at the Toronto Reference Library to announce that \$3 million (\$2.9 million U.S.) in federal infrastructure money would go to renovating the building. The money represents one-third of the budget for a renovation to the library. When it is finished in March 2011, the library will have an expanded public gallery, a new entranceway, and new computer workstations....

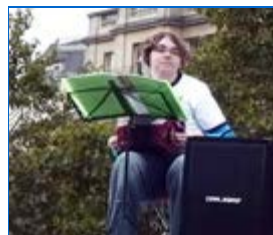
Inside Toronto, Oct. 16



[Librarian gets an hour on the plinth](#)

University of Reading Henley Business School Librarian Liz Osman [played a concertina](#) on top of the Trafalgar Square fourth plinth in London October 9 as her fellow Morris dancers performed below. She was one of the last of the 2,400 people each given an hour on the empty plinth to do whatever they wanted as part of sculptor Antony Gormley's "One & Other" art project, which ended October 14....

Henley (U.K.) Standard, Oct. 19; One & Other



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Tech Talk

[Google Editions embraces universal e-book format](#)

May 1:

[Library Orientation Exchange](#)

Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan. "Bridging and Beyond: Developing Librarian Infrastructure."

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Google will launch an e-book store next year called Google Editions with a "do no evil" twist. Unlike the Amazon Kindle and Barnes & Noble's [new Nook](#) (available November 30), which rely heavily on restrictive DRM, Google's store will not be device-specific—allowing for e-books purchased through Google Editions to be read on a far greater number of e-book readers that will flood the market in 2010. Google's e-books will be accessible through any web-enabled computer, e-reader, or mobile phone instead of a dedicated device....
PC World, Oct. 16; *New York Times*, Oct. 19

[BookServer: An open web of books](#)

The Internet Archive has just unveiled an ambitious project called [BookServer](#), which will allow users to find, buy, or borrow digital books from sources all across the web. The system, built on an open architecture and using open book formats, promises that the books housed there will work on any device—a laptop, PC, smartphone, game console, or one of the myriad of e-readers like Amazon's Kindle....

ReadWriteWeb, Oct. 20



[Best MP3 players for audiobooks](#)

Donald Bell writes: "MP3 players have quickly become the medium of choice for listening to audiobooks. Compared with CD and cassette players, an average MP3 player is much smaller and has the capacity to hold many hours worth of audio. When shopping for an audiobook-friendly MP3 player, there are four main features to consider: file compatibility, battery life, storage capacity, and bookmarking."...

CNET Reviews, Oct. 16



[The complete guide to Twitter](#)

MakeUseOf Editor Mark O'Neill has tackled every Twitter feature, tip, and trick you can think of in this 53-page *Complete Guide to Twitter* ([PDF file](#)). Learn to work the interface, to Tweet from your desktop, use cool Twitter bots, and find the funniest people to follow. With this free manual, O'Neill will make sure you get your black belt in Twitter....

MakeUseOf, Oct. 15



[Backupify your accounts](#)

Sarah Houghton-Jan writes: "Have you ever thought about how much data is in your Facebook, Twitter, Gmail, Google Docs, and del.icio.us accounts? Have you ever considered that you are purely at the mercy of one company, and their server farms, to back up and preserve your data? The answer: [Backupify](#), which offers both free and for-pay accounts. I'd recommend their Max account for any library wanting to get started backing up its files."...

Librarian in Black, Oct. 20



Publishing

[Northwestern's TriQuarterly journal to](#)

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www.ala.org/online/
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ext. 4216

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[go online only](#)

The literary magazine *TriQuarterly*, published since 1958 by Northwestern University Press, will cease print publication in 2010 and move into the university's graduate creative-writing program, where it will be turned over to student editors. The press reports to University Librarian Sarah M. Pritchard, who played down the idea that *TriQuarterly* as we have known it would cease to exist, although its editor and associate editor will not make the jump online with the publication....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Sept. 24



[Dealing with the Pusher Man](#)

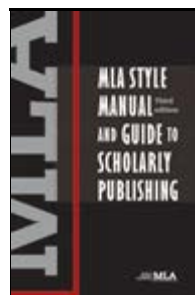
Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: "Those who work in collection development for the past couple of decades are aware of the impact serial price increases have had on library budgets. This has been the most pressing issue in academic libraries for a long time. Libraries and universities are under enormous financial strain, and this is the perfect time to stop paying for packages containing a lot of titles we don't want, don't need, and don't use, and to take back what control we can. The only way to deal with the Pusher Man is to push back."...

Academic Librarian, Oct. 16

[Manual labor](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "Having to cope with new editions of two major style manuals (MLA and APA, neither of which actually keeps up with new information formats because they keep changing) is one of those 'in the cosmic scale of things it's really incredibly trivial but arrrgggghhhhh!!!!' events. I recommend that librarians stop teaching citation styles, and that professors stop spending hours trying to correct student work using new style manuals as unfamiliar to them as to their students and go play with the baby or take a walk instead."...

ACRLLog, Oct. 18



[Where to start with YA science fiction](#)

Sarah Hope Williams writes: "Where's the best place to start your kids with reading science fiction? Here's a booklist of some of the best sci-fi for the discerning young adult, because it's never too early to teach them about the dangers of dystopian societies. I've picked out a list of books ranging from science fiction to futuristic fantasy, and various dystopian coming-of-age novels. Note: I have not included fantasy novels."...

io9, Oct. 18



[The book that contains all books](#)

Stephen Marche writes: "On October 19, the Kindle 2 became the first e-reader available globally. The only other events as important to the history of the book are the birth of print and the shift from the scroll to bound pages. The e-reader, now widely available, will likely change our thinking and our being as profoundly as the two previous predigital manifestations of text. The question is how. And the answer can be found in the history of earlier book forms."...

Wall Street Journal, Oct. 17

[Libraries wade into e-books](#)

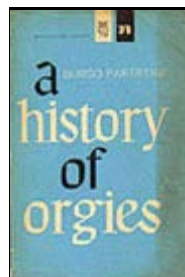
About 5,400 public libraries now offer e-books, as well as digitally downloadable audiobooks. But circulation is expanding quickly. The number of checkouts has grown to more than 1 million so far this year from 607,275 in all of 2007, according to OverDrive. NetLibrary has seen circulation of e-books and digital audiobooks rise 21% over the past year. But some publishers, like Macmillan and Simon & Schuster, refrain from distributing their e-books to public libraries....

New York Times, Oct. 14

[The weird book room](#)

Welcome to AbeBooks' weird book room—a celebration of everything that's bizarre, odd, and downright weird in books. Crazy cookbooks, unusual animal books, how-to books that will teach skills you never knew you needed, books about hilarious hobbies, and books about every strange aspect of life you could possibly imagine and a few things you can't....

AbeBooks



Actions & Answers

[SLA: Proposed name change to ASKPro](#)

The Special Libraries Association, some six years into an effort to move away from the term "special libraries," is moving to implement results from its multiyear [Alignment Project](#) research by [proposing](#) a name change to the Association for Strategic Knowledge Professionals, or ASKPro. The SLA Board of Directors notified members October 14 about the proposal, asking them to vote in a special online referendum lasting from November 16 to December 9. The result will be announced December 10. Bloggers have been weighing in on the name: [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)....

Library Journal, Oct. 16; SLA Illinois Chapter, Oct. 15; Library Attack, Oct. 14; Christina's LIS Rant, Oct. 19; Random Musings from the Desert, Oct. 15; iBrary Guy, Oct. 17

[Online at the library](#)

Ellen Perlman writes: "Governments boast about the many services they offer online so people can do business with them 24/7. That's fine for people who have computers with speedy internet access at home and at work. But for some segments of society, the main access to the internet comes via a workstation at a public library, typically in half-hour to hour-long chunks of time."...

Governing, Oct. 20

[How to find a job when you've been looking forever](#)

Eileen Wolkstein says she has never seen it this bad. A career coach in New York for 25 years, Wolkstein says that staying focused and determined in the midst of an ever-worsening employment picture is one of the toughest career challenges out there. But there are ways you can keep your spirits up and increase your chances while sharpening your long-term hunt



for work....

Forbes, Oct. 14

[No humor in this dispatch](#)

Scott Douglas writes: "Contrary to popular belief, the job of a librarian has absolutely nothing to do with books; the job of a librarian is to help people find information, and information comes in several different forms. It could be a student who is writing a term paper needing to know how to find information on the term *Volkerwanderung*, or who simply wants to find the name of the latest Grisham—but more than likely, at least in recent years, it's the unemployed worker needing information on how to write a résumé or find a job."...

Dispatches from a Public Librarian, Oct. 14

[Learning to teach through video](#)

Kim Leeder writes: "It's a truth so many of us keep in the dark corners of our lives as instruction librarians: We were never taught to teach. I'll be the first to admit that I have made students watch far too many dull, lengthy screencast videos in the effort to help them learn about research. Recently my colleagues and I have begun a project to train ourselves in the pedagogy and technology of how to make effective video tutorials. I'd like to share some of what we've learned so far."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Oct. 14

[A Bark for Books story](#)

James LaRue writes: "Cagney was a greyhound—but not a very fast one. After Cagney failed to even place after four races in a row, his owner decided to let him go. The Colorado Greyhound Adoption people rescued him and placed him with an older and childless couple. This couple trained Cagney in the library's Bark for Books program. They'd noticed that for some reason, Cagney just loved children. Then something wonderful happened."...

Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries, Oct. 22



[Cooperative Cataloging Rules: An alternative to RDA](#)

James Weinheimer writes: "The [Cooperative Cataloging Rules](#) website is now available. We want to announce its existence and to put out a general request for professional metadata creators to participate. The site has two primary purposes: 1) to offer a serious alternative to RDA, and 2) to offer a place for sharing bibliographic concepts within the general metadata community."...

Cooperative Cataloging Rules Blog, Oct. 15

[Welcome to Open Access Week 2009](#)

SPARC, a co-organizer of [Open Access Week 2009](#), offers this welcome (6:32) to global celebrations, October 19–23. In addition to a welcome and thanks to organizers, partners, and participants, SPARC principals cast the week in the context of the international movement toward free, open, online, and immediate access to the results of scholarly research....

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, Oct. 13



[Image copyright and you](#)

mk Eagle writes: "Failure to properly cite images has always been a pet peeve of mine. I cringe when I see students pulling photos and diagrams straight from a Google image search without bothering to find out the source of the image or credit its creator in any way. But here's my sad little secret: Half the time I'm just as confused as my students when it comes to properly citing."...

YALSA Blog, Oct. 20

[Group raises funds for mobile library in India](#)

Home of Hope, a volunteer fundraising group based in Hillsborough, California, partners with projects in India and the United States that nurture orphaned and destitute children. One of their recent efforts is supporting an organization called PaanPoe Vachanalay, which supplies books to rural areas of Maharashtra state, India, with the help of teachers from the Vanasthali Rural Development Center. The HOH funding has allowed them to hire vans to set up a mobile library that brings books to remote villages....

Home of Hope, Oct. 19



[Special collections as laboratories](#)

Don't lock your special collections away in neglected corners of the library—use them to teach students about the possibilities and principles of research. Panelists at a session on "An Age of Discovery: Special Collections in the Digital Age"—part of the Coalition for Networked Information's fall forum, cohosted by the Association of Research Libraries—laid out case studies of what can happen when you turn undergraduates loose in special collections. Apparently, students tend to live up to your high expectations....

The Wired Campus, Oct. 16

[Grant to expand digital access in selected libraries](#)

A \$3.3-million initiative by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation will expand digital access and training through local libraries in 12 U.S. communities. The grants will include funding for mobile computer labs, multilingual technology teachers, a job center, and wireless access nodes. The effort comes on the heels of sweeping [recommendations](#) (2:09) by the Knight Commission on the Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy, a project of the Aspen Institute....

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Oct. 19; Vimeo, Oct. 19



[Banned Books Week display in Henrico County](#)

Twin Hickory Branch Teen Librarian Adrienne Minock writes: "Every year Henrico County (Va.) Public Libraries participate in Banned Books Week. The Banned Books Reading Room was open for three weeks (September 26–October 17), longer than BBW itself, because last year's room was so popular." The room features volunteer readers who sit in the display and silently read banned and challenged books....

Boing Boing, Oct. 16



[We know what you read, and we're](#)

[not saying](#)

Instant Attitude has a T-shirt and tote bag for sale that bears the logo of the mythical, underground Guild of Radical Militant Librarians. The phrase came into prominence in 2005 with the [release](#) of documents obtained from the FBI by the Electronic Privacy Information Center in which FBI agents complained about “radical, militant librarians” while criticizing the reluctance of FBI management to use secret warrants authorized under Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act (now being reauthorized)....

Instant Attitude; ALA, Jan. 17, 2006



[Things librarians fancy](#)

Travis Jonker writes: “Ever wanted to delve into the unexplored world of librarian culture? If you just said ‘no,’ I can’t hear you. If you just said ‘yes,’ then today, my friend, is your lucky day. Cribbing heavily and blatantly from another website which shall remain [nameless](#), I bring you Things Librarians Fancy. I am guilty of many, many (okay pretty much all) of the items listed here, like tote bags. (Fast Fact! The tote bag was created in 1895 by librarian Lucy Sue Pente to carry her valuable rubber stamps to and from work.)”...



100 Scope Notes, Oct. 15

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House introduces strong surveillance-reform bills

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3907>]

The USA Patriot Amendments Act of 2009 (H.R. 3845) (PDF file

[http://www.eff.org/files/Section_by_Section_Analysis_Bill_1_Oct_19.pdf])

and the FISA Amendments Act of 2009 (H.R. 3846) (PDF file

[http://www.eff.org/files/The_FISA_Amendments_Act_of_2009_Section_by_Section_101909.pdf]), introduced into the House of Representatives October 20

by Reps. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), and Bobby Scott (D-Va.), would together systematically reform

[<http://judiciary.house.gov/news/091020.html>] our national surveillance

laws. The first would reform Section 215 of the Patriot Act, often

referred to as the library provision, by allowing recipients to challenge

the associated gag order and by prohibiting a request for library records

that contain personally identifiable information concerning a patron....

District Dispatch, Oct. 21; Electronic Frontier Foundation; House

Judiciary Committee, Oct. 20

Connecticut residents protest book detailing local murders

[<http://ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/october2009/truecrimebook102009.cfm>]

Friends of William Petit, who was beaten and whose wife and two daughters were murdered when their Cheshire, Connecticut, home was robbed in July 2007, have asked Cheshire Public Library not to stock a book about the crime. The book by Brian McDonald, *In the Middle of the Night: The Shocking True Story of a Family Killed in Cold Blood*, is based on interviews with and letters from Joshua Komisarjevsky, one of two men awaiting trial for the crime....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 20

Castleton residents demand return of library director

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/october2009/castletonfightsfiring102109.cfm>]

The centennial of the Castleton (N.Y.) Public Library is being overshadowed by controversy, as area residents and local and state officials continue to demand the reinstatement of Darlene Miller as director of the library a month after the board summarily fired her. About 75 concerned citizens in the village of 1,600 gathered October 20 for a candlelight vigil as trustees met....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 21

ALA News

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Al Gore to deliver Arthur Curley Lecture

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

Former Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize corecipient Al Gore, whose bestselling books have shed light on key environmental issues, will deliver the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Widely considered one of the world's foremost authorities on the climate crisis, Gore is the author of *Our Choice: How We Can Solve the Climate Crisis*, a follow-up to *An Inconvenient Truth*, which will be released in November 2009. Gore will speak January 16 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center....

ALA gears up for the 2010 election

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

ALA is preparing for its annual election. As with last year's, the upcoming election will be held online, with one exception: Members who are homebound and have no internet access can obtain a paper ballot by contacting ALA customer service at (800) 545-2433, ext. 5. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member in good standing as of January 31, 2010. Polls will open March 16 and will close April 23. When the polls open, ALA will notify voters by email, providing them with their unique passcodes and information about how to vote online....

Connect with National Library Week

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

The Campaign for America's Libraries is inviting ALA members and others to join the new National Library Week community [<http://connect.ala.org/node/85425>] in ALA Connect. Its mission is to create an open discussion space to communicate their ideas and develop new ways to celebrate and promote National Library Week in all types of libraries. Librarians are encouraged to post their own programming ideas and discussions....

READ Design Studio adds Genres and Subjects

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

There are now nearly infinite ways to appear on a customized READ Poster, thanks to READ DVD Genres and Subjects

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2818>] from ALA Graphics. With input from more than 100 librarians, the product features artwork inspired by 23 popular genres and subjects—all on one DVD. Fantasy, mystery, cooking, sci-fi, and horror are just a few of the represented reading favorites. The READ Design Studio products have given license to users to create ALA's trademarked celebrity READ posters featuring home-town celebrities, students, librarians, staff, and local leaders....

actor debuts in Celebrity READ Poster

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

Taylor Lautner joins the Celebrity READ Poster campaign this month, appearing on the poster [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2807>] from ALA Graphics. Lautner, who holds Stephenie Meyer's book New Moon, will star in the highly anticipated movie adaptation this November. Both the New Moon [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2807>] and Twilight [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2462>] posters are at the ALA Store, where purchases fund advocacy, awareness, and accreditation programs for library professionals worldwide....

Tasty marketing tidbits for busy librarians

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

ALA Editions has released Bite-Sized Marketing: Realistic Solutions for the Overworked Librarian

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2760>], by Nancy Dowd, Mary Evangeliste, and Jonathan Silberman. This book shares simple and cost-effective approaches to effective library marketing in a format that reflects the way people read today. Filled with contemporary marketing ideas, the authors provide how-tos of guerrilla marketing, cutting-edge digital marketing practices, and benefits of traditional print media....

A unique kit for early literacy

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

ALA Editions has released The Early Literacy Kit

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2634>], by Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting. This practical kit, developed by two well-known specialists in the field of early literacy, contains everything storytime presenters need to spread the word about school-readiness skills. The kit includes an accessible handbook with a

resource section, 105 reusable tip cards with coordinated activities, and a concise summary of important early literacy research....

New resources from Advocacy University

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

Advocacy University is ALA's initiative geared to providing tools, training, and resources to library advocates to achieve real advocacy goals in real situations at the local level. Learn about these wonderful resources to help you in your advocacy work: Frontline Advocacy,

[http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/frontline_advocacy/index.cfm] a Coalition Building web resource,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/coalitionbuilding/index.cfm>] Add it up!,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/additup/index.cfm>] and the Advocating in a Tough Economy toolkit

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/index.cfm>]....

Librarianship and traditional cultural expressions

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3895>]

Over the last 10 months, a workgroup led by the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy has been collaborating with librarians, archivists, and members of various indigenous communities to draft a statement of guiding principles concerning the management and protection of traditional cultural expressions. The purpose of this October 19 draft document (PDF file

[<http://wo.ala.org/tce/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/TCE-Principles-Draft-5-Oct09.pdf>]) is to help librarians appreciate the unique nature of

indigenous culture and to highlight ways that traditional cultural expressions can be managed in collections....

District Dispatch, Oct. 19

Globalization trends in library programming

[<http://programminglibrarian.org/blog/2009/october-2009/globalization-trends-in-library-programming.html>]

The Public Programs Office wants to hear from programming librarians about the types of issues, activities, and themes that are currently engaging communities. We welcome input in the form of submissions to the Programming Librarian blog, tips about great programming resources, responses to opinion surveys (including this one,

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Lcq2ekpWkcClM8VtfGDvsw_3d_3d] open through October 23), and ideas for national program offerings....

Programming Librarian, Oct. 20

Libraries, advocacy, and social media webinar

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3892>]

Twitter, Facebook, Linked In, and other Web 2.0 applications are becoming more and more effective tools for library advocacy efforts. Join Curtis Rogers (South Carolina State Library), Kristin Murphy (ALA Washington Office), and Stephanie Vance (Advocacy Guru) for this October 27 session on how libraries can use social media techniques to capture the attention of policymakers and the public they represent....

District Dispatch, Oct. 19

ALA-APA calls for volunteers

[<http://www.ala-apa.org/CommitteeVolunteerForm.html>]

ALA President-Elect Roberta Stevens is seeking applications and nominations for appointments to 2010–2011 ALA–Allied Professional Association committees. Appointments take effect at the conclusion of the 2010 Annual Conference. All applicants must complete and submit an electronic Committee Volunteer Form

[<http://www.ala-apa.org/CommitteeVolunteerForm.html>] by December 4....

Featured review: First novel

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3749284]

Greene, Amy. *Bloodroot*. Jan. 2010. 304p. Knopf, hardcover (978-0-307-26986-7).

This stunning debut novel is a triumph of voice and setting. Following one impoverished family from the Depression up through the present, the story is told in six voices and set in a remote region called Bloodroot Mountain, so named for the rare flower that grows there, which can both poison and heal. The family's struggles with poverty and human cruelty and their endless search for connection are set against the majestic Appalachian landscape, which is evoked in the simplest and most beautiful language. At the center of this dramatic story is Myra Lamb, raised by her loving grandmother and born with sky-blue eyes and a talent for connecting with animals and people. Allowed to run free on the family's mountaintop, Myra is a charismatic figure who eventually draws the romantic interest of John Odom, the wealthy son of business owners in town....

[<http://blip.tv/file/2586193/>]

[<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2009/10/20/e-lockharts-2009-printz-speech/>]

Gillian Engberg writes: "Author E. Lockhart isn't afraid of a good argument, as she made clear in her acceptance speech (right, 6:50) for The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks at the 2009 Michael L. Printz Awards (administered by YALSA and sponsored by Booklist). Readers have had wildly different responses to the book's title character, a prep-school sophomore who uses her own secret guerrilla tactics to infiltrate an all-male secret society. Lockhart said, "Nothing has pleased me more than to receive mail denouncing Frankie as a borderline psychotic and other mail lauding her as a feminist heroine." You can also see Booklist videos of M. T. Anderson's

[<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2009/09/30/mt-andersons-2009-printz-speech/>] (7:19) and Terry Pratchett's

[<http://blog.booklistonline.com/2009/09/17/terry-pratchetts-2009-printz-speech/>] (11:05) Printz Award acceptance speeches....

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

Boston Update

The Old South Meeting House

[http://www.oldsouthmeetinghouse.org/osmh_123456789files/visit.aspx]

Since the December 1773 mass protest meetings that led to the Boston Tea Party, Old South Meeting House has served as a gathering place for discussion and celebration and a haven for free speech. Today, the Old South Meeting House is open daily as a museum. Its Voices of Protest exhibit offers rare artifacts, lifelike figures, and interactive exhibits....

Old South Meeting House

The Old North Church [http://www.oldnorth.com/visit_us/index.htm]

The Old North Church is officially known as Christ Church in the City of Boston. Built in 1723, it is the oldest standing church building in Boston. The Old North's enduring fame began on the evening of April 18, 1775, when Church Sexton Robert Newman climbed the steeple and held high two lanterns as a signal from Paul Revere that the British were marching to Lexington and Concord by sea and not by land. The church is open daily and has a gift shop....

Christ Church in the City of Boston

Films set in Boston [<http://www.boston.com/business/gallery/bostonmovies/>]

Tax breaks in Massachusetts have been luring directors to Boston's historic streets in recent years. It may seem like there has been more Hollywood into the Hub lately, but the region has served as the setting for many of Tinseltown's most famous films. Based on the Dennis Lehane novel, the 2007 film *Gone Baby Gone* stars Casey Affleck and Morgan Freeman and is a story about two detectives in search of a 4-year-old girl kidnapped in Dorchester. See Wikipedia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_in_fiction#Film] for more Boston films....

Boston Globe; Wikipedia

Hyatt boycott [<http://libr.org/plg/boycotthyatt.php>]

The Progressive Librarians Guild opposes the actions of the Hyatt Company in firing

[http://www.boston.com/business/articles/2009/09/17/housekeepers_lose_hyatt_jobs_to_outsourcing/] their 98 staff housekeepers at three hotels in the Boston area on August 31 and replacing them with \$8-an-hour employees of the Georgia-based Hospitality Staffing Solutions. Like-minded individuals may sign a petition [<http://www.hyattboycott.com/index.php>]....

Progressive Librarians Guild, Oct. 14; Boston Globe, Sept. 17

Division News

[<http://www.wwe.com/content/media/video/vms/overtheropes/2009/october15-21/12105056>] tops YALSA's 2009 Teens' Top Ten

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/teentopten09_yalsa.cfm]

Teen readers across the country chose *Paper Towns* by John Green as their

favorite book in the annual Teens’ Top Ten vote, sponsored by YALSA. Teens cast more than 11,000 votes online between August 24 and September 18. Watch the exciting video announcement [<http://www.wwe.com/content/media/video/vms/overtheropes/2009/october15-21/12105056>] (3:11), created by World Wrestling Entertainment, featuring the Bella Twins and author John Green....

WrestleMania Reading Challenge

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

World Wrestling Entertainment’s WrestleMania Reading Challenge, sponsored by YALSA, was launched during Teen Read Week, October 18–24. More than 1,800 librarians registered for the fifth annual reading challenge, in which teens and tweens in grades 5–12 participate. The challenge offers them the opportunity to extend reading from Teen Read Week into the rest of the academic year. Students who participate are encouraged to read one item a week and keep a reading log continuing through January 19....

Fourth annual National Friends of Libraries Week

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

ALTAFF is coordinating its fourth annual National Friends of Libraries Week, October 18–24. Friends groups can use the time to creatively promote their group in the community, raise awareness, and promote membership. The celebration also offers an excellent opportunity for the library staff and trustees to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library....

2008 Academic Library Trends and Statistics

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/2008academiclibtrends_acrl.cfm]

ACRL's 2008 Academic Library Trends and Statistics, the latest in a series of annual publications that describe the collections, staffing, expenditures, and service activities of academic libraries in all Carnegie classifications, is now available

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2800>]. The three-volume set includes associate of arts institutions, master’s colleges and universities/baccalaureate colleges, and research/doctoral granting institutions. Each individual volume is also available for purchase at the ALA Store. Summary data for all elements is available for free on the ACRL website

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/trends/2008/index.cfm>]

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[<http://animoto.com/play/uPVC0agGnocz1JypkeX6dw>]Thousands of school librarians prepare to “Rev Up Learning”

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

More than 3,000 school librarians, educators, publishers, and guests will gather November 5–8 for the AASL 14th National Conference and Exhibition in Charlotte, North Carolina. The conference is the only national conference dedicated entirely to the needs of school library media specialists. Attendees will discuss such key issues as information

literacy, technology, 21st-century learning skills, and how to advocate for school library media centers. Check out this exciting video preview [<http://animoto.com/play/uPVC0agGnocz1JypkeX6dw>] (4:16) made by Joyce Valenza....

ALCTS offers two Midwinter symposia

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

Join your colleagues for two exciting and timely symposia

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/confevents/upcoming/ala/index.cfm>]

from ALCTS on January 14 and 15, just before the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Registration is now open. Thursday's symposium will be "Living Digital: The Future of Information and the Role of the Library," and Friday's will be "And Now for Something Completely Different: Our Future from Outside the Box." To

register, visit the ALA Midwinter Registration page

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/reg/midwinter/index.cfm>]....

Register for ALCTS online courses and webinars

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

Registration is open for the ALCTS "Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management," a four-week web course that addresses the basic components of these important areas of responsibility in libraries; and the webinar "Yours, Mine, Ours? Copyright Ownership and IRs," which addresses principles of copyright ownership under U.S. copyright law. Visit the ALCTS website

[http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/ir_series.cfm] to register....

CE opportunities for LITA members

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

LITA and BCR have agreed to develop a reciprocal continuing education program to complement and expand the training opportunities for members of both organizations. BCR will provide the technical infrastructure to support both online and self-paced learning, while LITA's membership base brings an array of expertise in library standards, emerging technologies, and best practices. To submit a proposal for a continuing education program, visit the LITA website

[<http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litaevents/education/proposalform.cfm>]....

Awards

ALA recognition awards and grants

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

Nominate yourself, colleagues, or your library for a 2010 ALA recognition award or grant, including the Beta Phi Mu Award, the Melvil Dewey Medal, and the Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award. The deadline for most awards is December 1....

3M/NMRT Professional Development Grant

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/nmrt/initiatives/applyforfunds/3mawardinformation.cfm>]

Members of the New Members Round Table can apply for a grant, sponsored by 3M Library Systems, that will cover expenses to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 24–30. The deadline to apply [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/nmrt/initiatives/applyforfunds/3mapplication.cfm>] is December 15....

Rushdie receives Carl Sandberg Literary Award

[<http://www.examiner.com/x-19075-Exploring-Chicago-Examiner~y2009m10d16-Salman-Rushdie-2009-recipient-of-Chicago-Public-Library-Foundation-Carl-Sandburg-Literary-Award>]

British Indian novelist Salman Rushdie received the Chicago Public Library Foundation's Carl Sandburg Literary Award at a banquet in the Harold Washington Library October 15. Rushdie took the stage in the library's Pritzker Auditorium to discuss his work with Booklist Senior Editor Donna Seaman, creator of Open Books Radio....
Exploring Chicago Examiner, Oct. 16

2009 Federal Depository Library of the Year

[<http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/news-media/press/09news42.pdf>] (PDF file)

The U.S. Government Printing Office named the Oklahoma Department of Libraries as the 2009 Federal Depository Library of the Year. The announcement was made October 19 by Public Printer Bob Tapella at the Fall Federal Depository Library Conference and Depository Library Council Meeting in Arlington, Virginia. ODL was commended for conducting nearly 200 workshops that taught Oklahoma libraries how to provide patrons with access to U.S. government information resources....
Government Printing Office, Oct. 19

San Francisco branch wins preservation award

[http://www.sfpl.org/news/releases/noe_award.htm]

The historic renovation of San Francisco Public Library's Noe Valley/Sally Brunn branch was recognized with a Preservation Design Award from the California Preservation Foundation. The awards program honors exceptional historic preservation projects for excellence in design, construction, planning, and technology. The renovation was designed by Carey & Co. Architecture, which worked diligently to preserve and restore the historic features of the 1916 Carnegie library....
San Francisco Public Library, Oct. 16

2009 Planeta Novel Prize

[<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=345767&CategoryId=13003>]

Spanish journalist-turned-writer Ángeles Caso won the Planeta Novel Prize for *Contra el viento* (Against the Wind), the tale of an African woman's travails in the West. The award, accompanied by 601,000 euros (\$895,000 U.S.), was presented October 15 at a gala in Barcelona, Spain, home of publishing giant Grupo Planeta....
Latin American Herald Tribune, Oct. 16

ProQuest: A top place to work in southeast Michigan

[<http://www.freep.com/article/20091018/BUSINESS06/910180420/0/BUSINESS06/La>]

rge-category-winners-%28500-or-more-employees]
Workers voted information-resource company ProQuest
[<http://www.proquest.com/en-US/aboutus/pressroom/09/20091019.shtml>] one
of the 15 best large companies in southeast Michigan to work for. More
than 32,000 employees from 173 companies participated in the 2009 Detroit
Free Press Top Workplaces survey to identify those that stand out as
ethical, caring employers with good leadership and development
opportunities for staff....
Detroit Free Press, Oct. 18; ProQuest, Oct. 18

[<http://www.europeana.eu/portal/>]Europeana wins 2009 Erasmus Award
[<http://www.univie.ac.at/esec/php/wordpress/?p=459>]
In Vienna on October 16, the Europeana [<http://www.europeana.eu/portal/>]
digital library was presented with the Erasmus Award for Networking
Europe. The award was given by the European Society for Education and
Communication and selected by an international jury from the world of
learning and research. Europeana was praised for its conviction that
European countries can be connected through multiple languages that offer
more access to the continent's cultural heritage....
European Society for Education and Communication, Oct. 20

8th IFLA International Marketing Award
[<http://www.ifla.org/en/management-and-marketing/marketing-award>]
Nominations are open for the 2010 IFLA International Marketing Award,
administered by the IFLA Section on Management and Marketing in
collaboration with Emerald. The award honors library organizations that
have implemented creative, results-oriented marketing projects or
campaigns. The winner will receive \$1,000 and registration and travel to
the 2010 IFLA meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden. Apply (PDF file
[[http://www.ifla.org/files/management-and-marketing/marketing-award/8th-mar
keting-award_application-form-en.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/management-and-marketing/marketing-award/8th-marketing-award_application-form-en.pdf)]) by January 31....
International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Oct. 19

Seen Online

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An unbalanced new Patriot Act
[[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/17/AR20091017
01502_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/17/AR2009101701502_pf.html)]
ALA President Camila Alire wrote a letter to the Washington Post that
took exception to its characterization
[[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/12/AR20091012
02442.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/12/AR2009101202442.html)] of the Senate Judiciary Committee's October 8 revision of the
Patriot Act as "a reasonable balance." She writes: "While modest tweaks
were made, the committee rejected substantive and systematic reform to
prevent the unwarranted surveillance, collection, and retention of the
personal information of millions of innocent Americans." See also the
American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression's take
[[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/judy-platt/as-congress-prepares-to-r_b_32432
9.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/judy-platt/as-congress-prepares-to-r_b_324329.html)] in the Huffington Post....
Washington Post, Oct. 18; Huffington Post, Oct. 19

Web giants back FCC on net neutrality

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-30686_3-10378352-266.html?tag=newsEditorsPicksArea.0]

Internet giants Google, Facebook, Amazon, Twitter, and a slew of other high-profile tech companies weighed in on new rules that are currently being written to keep the internet open. The CEOs of those companies, along with some telecommunications and media firms, such as EchoStar and XO Communications, sent a letter

[<http://www.openinternetcoalition.org/index.cfm?objectID=69276766-1D09-317F-BBF53036A246B403>] to FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski October 19 supporting his efforts to create official regulation that protects net neutrality....

Signal Strength, Oct. 19; Open Internet Coalition

Southern Maine's Osher Map Library reopens

[<http://pressherald.maintoday.com/story.php?id=290578&ac=PHnws>]

Fifteen years after their founding, the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education reopened October 18 in their expanded, prominent space on the University of Southern Maine campus in Portland. The map library welcomed the public to its new home after being closed for nearly two years. The \$12.3-million project provides the map library with four times the space it previously occupied....

Portland (Maine) Press Herald, Oct. 19

Carnegie Library defends Mistick's salary

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_647849.html]

The money the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh pays for Director Barbara Mistick's (right) salary, her membership at the Duquesne Club, her vehicle, and part of a trip she took to India last year are reasonable compensation for the job she does, the nonprofit's chair said October 14.

At least one journalist

[<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09291/1006184-155.stm>] understands the need [<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09293/1006794-155.stm>] for a Duquesne Club membership, because that's where you find big donors.

Meanwhile, Mistick met October 20 with state and local officials to discuss [<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09294/1007206-100.stm>] ways to reverse the library's decision to close four branches and merge two others next year. But she has declined

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/breaking/s_648977.html] an invitation from Mayor Luke Ravensthal to a public meeting October 24 on the closings, saying the library needs more time to gather information....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, Oct. 14, 20; Pittsburgh (Pa.)

Post-Gazette, Oct. 18, 20, 21

Pennsylvania school libraries feel the pinch too

[<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09288/1005574-55.stm>]

In recent months, school librarians in Pennsylvania joined their counterparts in public libraries in trying to lobby legislators to restore proposed cuts to library funding. While the hit to the general state subsidy for libraries was reduced from 50% to the final reduction of 20.1%, librarians were not able to protect the Pennsylvania Online World of Electronic Resources (POWER), a service that allows users to

view materials in other libraries, from severe cuts....
Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette, Oct. 15

Destroying our libraries: A water story
[http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/gleick/detail??blogid=104&entry_id=49739]

Peter Gleick writes: “One of the most remarkable library treasures of the University of California system is the Water Resources Center Archives, a unique and irreplaceable collection of materials at UC Berkeley on California, western U.S., and global water history, science, and policy. In a stunningly shortsighted move, the state Agricultural and Natural Resources Division announced that the archives would shut down next June, unless they can find some other university home for it willing to cover the costs. The archives is one of the only places where real data on water—most of which is not on the internet—can be found.”...
San Francisco Chronicle City Brights blog, Oct. 16

Former trustee: Ban Maya Angelou from school libraries
[<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/school-book-ban-2616544-maya-trustee>]
An autobiography by renowned author Maya Angelou has become the latest book in Orange County, California, to be challenged as unfit for school libraries. Judy Ahrens, a former Westminster School District trustee, took to the podium October 19 at the Huntington Beach city council meeting to read a scene from Angelou’s I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings that details the rape of an 8-year-old girl. The reading was a demonstration on why the book should be banned....
Orange County (Calif.) Register, Oct. 20

manga to stay off Wicomico school shelves
[<http://www.wboc.com/global/story.asp?s=11321353>]
Wicomico County (Md.) Superintendent of Schools John Fredericksen announced October 15 that a controversial series of Japanese graphic novels has been removed from all school media centers. A school review committee determined that the Dragon Ball manga books were inappropriate. Fredericksen said that as a result of this incident, public schools in the county are instituting more focused and ongoing professional development training on the selection of media materials....
WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., Oct. 15

Four Aurora branches to close if ballot fails
[http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci_13581206]
The question is simple: Either close four of the seven branches of the Aurora (Colo.) Public Library, or approve a property tax hike November 3 that will keep the libraries open and add new services. Ballot Measure 4A would use a property tax increase to generate about \$12.5 million annually, restore library hours that already have been cut, and add new programs. But opponents say now is not the time to ask for a tax increase....
Denver Post, Oct. 17

Denver mayor restores library funds
[http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci_13564578]
Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, bending to pressure from city council members, restored about \$910,000 in cuts October 14 from the Denver

Public Library in the proposed 2010 budget. The additional library funding will allow the Byers branch to remain open for another year. He also plans to restore hours to the Central Library and five branches....

Denver Post, Oct. 15

? [<http://www.time.com/time/arts/article/0,8599,1930971,00.html>]

Plagiarism-detection software was created with lazy, sneaky college students in mind—not the likes of William Shakespeare. Yet the software may have settled a centuries-old mystery over the authorship of an unattributed play from 1596 called The Reign of King Edward III. With a program called Pl@giarism, Sir Brian Vickers, a literature professor at the University of London, detected 200 strings of three or more words in Edward III that matched phrases in Shakespeare's other works....

Time, Oct. 20

Oregon sends books to China

[<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009910190308>]

Nearly 1,000 boxes of books at the Oregon State Library were loaded into an ocean-transport container October 15 to be shipped to China. The boxes of surplus books were donated by libraries, churches, stores, and individuals who wanted to help libraries in Oregon's sister province of Fujian, China, serve English-language learners. The largest donor was the Portland State University Library with 324 boxes....

Salem (Oreg.) Statesman Journal, Oct. 19

Toronto Reference Library gets renovation funding

[<http://www.insidetoronto.com/news/cityhall/article/156288--federal-government-announces-3m-for-library-renovations>]

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper joined Mayor David Miller at the Toronto Reference Library to announce that \$3 million (\$2.9 million U.S.) in federal infrastructure money would go to renovating the building. The money represents one-third of the budget for a renovation to the library. When it is finished in March 2011, the library will have an expanded public gallery, a new entranceway, and new computer workstations....

Inside Toronto, Oct. 16

[<http://www.oneandother.co.uk/participants/Losman>]

Librarian gets an hour on the plinth [<http://www.henleystandard.co.uk/news/news.php?id=31888>] University of Reading Henley Business School Librarian Liz Osman played a concertina [<http://www.oneandother.co.uk/participants/Losman>] on top of the Trafalgar Square fourth plinth in London October 9 as her fellow Morris dancers performed below. She was one of the last of the 2,400 people each given an hour on the empty plinth to do whatever they wanted as part of sculptor Antony Gormley's "One & Other" art project, which ended October 14....

Henley (U.K.) Standard, Oct. 19; One & Other

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Google Editions embraces universal e-book format

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/173789/google_editions_embraces_universal_e_book_format.html]

Google will launch an e-book store next year called Google Editions with a “do no evil” twist. Unlike the Amazon Kindle and Barnes & Noble’s new Nook [<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/20/technology/20reader.html>] (available November 30), which rely heavily on restrictive DRM, Google’s store will not be device-specific—allowing for e-books purchased through Google Editions to be read on a far greater number of e-book readers that will flood the market in 2010. Google’s e-books will be accessible through any web-enabled computer, e-reader, or mobile phone instead of a dedicated device....

PC World, Oct. 16; New York Times, Oct. 19

BookServer: An open web of books

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

The Internet Archive has just unveiled an ambitious project called BookServer, [<http://www.archive.org/bookserver>] which will allow users to find, buy, or borrow digital books from sources all across the web. The system, built on an open architecture and using open book formats, promises that the books housed there will work on any device—a laptop, PC, smartphone, game console, or one of the myriad of e-readers like Amazon’s Kindle....

ReadWriteWeb, Oct. 20

Best MP3 players for audiobooks

[http://reviews.cnet.com/4321-6490_7-6547912.html]

Donald Bell writes: “MP3 players have quickly become the medium of choice for listening to audiobooks. Compared with CD and cassette players, an average MP3 player is much smaller and has the capacity to hold many hours worth of audio. When shopping for an audiobook-friendly MP3 player, there are four main features to consider: file compatibility, battery life, storage capacity, and bookmarking.”...

CNET Reviews, Oct. 16

The complete guide to Twitter

[<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/the-complete-guide-to-twitter-pdf/>]

MakeUseOf Editor Mark O’Neill has tackled every Twitter feature, tip, and trick you can think of in this 53-page Complete Guide to Twitter (PDF file [<http://www.makeuseof.com/short/manuals/twitter>]). Learn to work the interface, to Tweet from your desktop, use cool Twitter bots, and find the funniest people to follow. With this free manual, O’Neill will make sure you get your black belt in Twitter....

MakeUseOf, Oct. 15

[<http://backupify.com/>]Backupify your accounts

[<http://librarianinblack.net/librarianinblack/2009/10/socialbackup.html>]

Sarah Houghton-Jan writes: “Have you ever thought about how much data is in your Facebook, Twitter, Gmail, Google Docs, and del.icio.us accounts? Have you ever considered that you are purely at the mercy of one company, and their server farms, to back up and preserve your data? The answer: Backupify, [<http://backupify.com/>] which offers both free and for-pay accounts. I’d recommend their Max account for any library wanting to get started backing up its files.”...

Librarian in Black, Oct. 20

Publishing

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journal to go online only

[<http://chronicle.com/article/Literary-Circles-Reel-at-No/48612/>]

The literary magazine TriQuarterly, published since 1958 by Northwestern University Press, will cease print publication in 2010 and move into the university's graduate creative-writing program, where it will be turned over to student editors. The press reports to University Librarian Sarah M. Pritchard, who played down the idea that TriQuarterly as we have known it would cease to exist, although its editor and associate editor will not make the jump online with the publication....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Sept. 24

Dealing with the Pusher Man

[http://blogs.princeton.edu/librarian/2009/10/dealing_with_the_pusher_man.html]

Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: "Those who work in collection development for the past couple of decades are aware of the impact serial price increases have had on library budgets. This has been the most pressing issue in academic libraries for a long time. Libraries and universities are under enormous financial strain, and this is the perfect time to stop paying for packages containing a lot of titles we don't want, don't need, and don't use, and to take back what control we can. The only way to deal with the Pusher Man is to push back."...

Academic Librarian, Oct. 16

Manual labor [<http://acrlog.org/2009/10/18/manual-labor/>]

Barbara Fister writes: "Having to cope with new editions of two major style manuals (MLA and APA, neither of which actually keeps up with new information formats because they keep changing) is one of those 'in the cosmic scale of things it's really incredibly trivial but arrrrggghhhh!!!!' events. I recommend that librarians stop teaching citation styles, and that professors stop spending hours trying to correct student work using new style manuals as unfamiliar to them as to their students and go play with the baby or take a walk instead."...

ACRLog, Oct. 18

Where to start with YA science fiction

[<http://io9.com/5384382/where-to-start-with-young-adult-science-fiction>]

Sarah Hope Williams writes: "Where's the best place to start your kids with reading science fiction? Here's a booklist of some of the best sci-fi for the discerning young adult, because it's never too early to teach them about the dangers of dystopian societies. I've picked out a list of books ranging from science fiction to futuristic fantasy, and various dystopian coming-of-age novels. Note: I have not included fantasy novels."...

io9, Oct. 18

The book that contains all books

[<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704322004574475702229446462>].

html]

Stephen Marche writes: “On October 19, the Kindle 2 became the first e-reader available globally. The only other events as important to the history of the book are the birth of print and the shift from the scroll to bound pages. The e-reader, now widely available, will likely change our thinking and our being as profoundly as the two previous predigital manifestations of text. The question is how. And the answer can be found in the history of earlier book forms.”...

Wall Street Journal, Oct. 17

Libraries wade into e-books

[<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/15/books/15libraries.html>]

About 5,400 public libraries now offer e-books, as well as digitally downloadable audiobooks. But circulation is expanding quickly. The number of checkouts has grown to more than 1 million so far this year from 607,275 in all of 2007, according to OverDrive. NetLibrary has seen circulation of e-books and digital audiobooks rise 21% over the past year. But some publishers, like Macmillan and Simon & Schuster, refrain from distributing their e-books to public libraries....

New York Times, Oct. 14

The weird book room

[http://www.abebooks.com/books/weird/?cm_mmc=nl-_-nl-_-d00-0910bdX-_-weird]

Welcome to AbeBooks’ weird book room—a celebration of everything that’s bizarre, odd, and downright weird in books. Crazy cookbooks, unusual animal books, how-to books that will teach skills you never knew you needed, books about hilarious hobbies, and books about every strange aspect of life you could possibly imagine and a few things you can’t....
AbeBooks

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

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Actions & Answers

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SLA: Proposed name change to ASKPro

[<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6702294.html>]

The Special Libraries Association, some six years into an effort to move away from the term “special libraries,” is moving to implement results from its multiyear Alignment Project

[<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/alignment/index.cfm>] research by proposing [<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/governance/namechange/notice.cfm>]

a name change to the Association for Strategic Knowledge Professionals, or ASKPro. The SLA Board of Directors notified members October 14 about the proposal, asking them to vote in a special online referendum lasting from November 16 to December 9. The result will be announced December 10.

Bloggers have been weighing in on the name: here,

[<http://www.slaillinois.org/node/588>] here,

[<http://libraryattack.com/?p=112>] here,

[http://scienceblogs.com/christinaslirant/2009/10/the_new_name_for_sla_will_it_d.php] here,
[<http://desertlibrarian.blogspot.com/2009/10/thoughts-on-slas-name-change.html>] and here
[<http://www.libraryguy.com/libraryguy-is-no-on-askpro-supports-sla-alignm>]...

Library Journal, Oct. 16; SLA Illinois Chapter, Oct. 15; Library Attack, Oct. 14; Christina's LIS Rant, Oct. 19; Random Musings from the Desert, Oct. 15; iBrary Guy, Oct. 17

Online at the library [<http://www.governing.com/column/online-library>]
Ellen Perlman writes: "Governments boast about the many services they offer online so people can do business with them 24/7. That's fine for people who have computers with speedy internet access at home and at work. But for some segments of society, the main access to the internet comes via a workstation at a public library, typically in half-hour to hour-long chunks of time."...
Governing, Oct. 20

How to find a job when you've been looking forever
[<http://www.forbes.com/2009/10/14/job-search-employment-leadership-careers-hiring.html>]
Eileen Wolkstein says she has never seen it this bad. A career coach in New York for 25 years, Wolkstein says that staying focused and determined in the midst of an ever-worsening employment picture is one of the toughest career challenges out there. But there are ways you can keep your spirits up and increase your chances while sharpening your long-term hunt for work....
Forbes, Oct. 14

No humor in this dispatch
[<http://www.mcsweeneys.net/links/librarian/notfunny.html>]
Scott Douglas writes: "Contrary to popular belief, the job of a librarian has absolutely nothing to do with books; the job of a librarian is to help people find information, and information comes in several different forms. It could be a student who is writing a term paper needing to know how to find information on the term Volkerwanderung, or who simply wants to find the name of the latest Grisham—but more than likely, at least in recent years, it's the unemployed worker needing information on how to write a résumé or find a job."...
Dispatches from a Public Librarian, Oct. 14

Learning to teach through video
[<http://inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2009/learning-to-teach-through-video/>]
Kim Leeder writes: "It's a truth so many of us keep in the dark corners of our lives as instruction librarians: We were never taught to teach. I'll be the first to admit that I have made students watch far too many dull, lengthy screencast videos in the effort to help them learn about research. Recently my colleagues and I have begun a project to train ourselves in the pedagogy and technology of how to make effective video tutorials. I'd like to share some of what we've learned so far."...
In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Oct. 14

A Bark for Books story [<http://douglascountylibraries.org/node/15222>]
James LaRue writes: “Cagney was a greyhound—but not a very fast one. After Cagney failed to even place after four races in a row, his owner decided to let him go. The Colorado Greyhound Adoption people rescued him and placed him with an older and childless couple. This couple trained Cagney in the library’s Bark for Books program. They’d noticed that for some reason, Cagney just loved children. Then something wonderful happened.”...

Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries, Oct. 22

Cooperative Cataloging Rules: An alternative to RDA

[<http://coopcatwiki.blogspot.com/2009/10/official-announcement.html>]

James Weinheimer writes: “The Cooperative Cataloging Rules [<http://sites.google.com/site/opencatalogingrules/>] website is now available. We want to announce its existence and to put out a general request for professional metadata creators to participate. The site has two primary purposes: 1) to offer a serious alternative to RDA, and 2) to offer a place for sharing bibliographic concepts within the general metadata community.”...

Cooperative Cataloging Rules Blog, Oct. 15

[<http://vimeo.com/7048906>]Welcome to Open Access Week 2009

[<http://vimeo.com/7048906>]

SPARC, a co-organizer of Open Access Week 2009,

[<http://www.openaccessweek.org/>] offers this welcome (6:32) to global celebrations, October 19–23. In addition to a welcome and thanks to organizers, partners, and participants, SPARC principals cast the week in the context of the international movement toward free, open, online, and immediate access to the results of scholarly research....

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, Oct. 13

Image copyright and you

[<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/10/20/maybe-we-can-image-copyright-and-you/>]
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mk Eagle writes: “Failure to properly cite images has always been a pet peeve of mine. I cringe when I see students pulling photos and diagrams straight from a Google image search without bothering to find out the source of the image or credit its creator in any way. But here’s my sad little secret: Half the time I’m just as confused as my students when it comes to properly citing.”...

YALSA Blog, Oct. 20

Group raises funds for mobile library in India

[<http://www.hohinc.org/projects/vrhc.html>]

Home of Hope, a volunteer fundraising group based in Hillsborough, California, partners with projects in India and the United States that nurture orphaned and destitute children. One of their recent efforts is supporting an organization called PaanPoe Vachanalay, which supplies books to rural areas of Maharashtra state, India, with the help of teachers from the Vanasthali Rural Development Center. The HOH funding has allowed them to hire vans to set up a mobile library that brings books to remote villages....

Home of Hope, Oct. 19

Special collections as laboratories

[<http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Special-Collections-as/8490/>]

Don't lock your special collections away in neglected corners of the library—use them to teach students about the possibilities and principles of research. Panelists at a session on “An Age of Discovery: Special Collections in the Digital Age”—part of the Coalition for Networked Information's fall forum, cohosted by the Association of Research Libraries—laid out case studies of what can happen when you turn undergraduates loose in special collections. Apparently, students tend to live up to your high expectations....

The Wired Campus, Oct. 16

[<http://vimeo.com/7146657>] Grant to expand digital access in selected libraries

[http://www.knightfoundation.org/news/press_room/knight_press_releases/detail.dot?id=353063]

A \$3.3-million initiative by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation will expand digital access and training through local libraries in 12 U.S. communities. The grants will include funding for mobile computer labs, multilingual technology teachers, a job center, and wireless access nodes. The effort comes on the heels of sweeping recommendations [<http://vimeo.com/7146657>] (2:09) by the Knight Commission on the Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy, a project of the Aspen Institute....

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Oct. 19; Vimeo, Oct. 19

Banned Books Week display in Henrico County

[<http://www.boingboing.net/2009/10/16/banned-books-week-wi.html>]

Twin Hickory Branch Teen Librarian Adrienne Minock writes: “Every year Henrico County (Va.) Public Libraries participate in Banned Books Week. The Banned Books Reading Room was open for three weeks (September 26–October 17), longer than BBW itself, because last year's room was so popular.” The room features volunteer readers who sit in the display and silently read banned and challenged books....

Boing Boing, Oct. 16

We know what you read, and we're not saying

[<http://www.instantattitudes.com/shirts/t052.html>]

Instant Attitude has a T-shirt and tote bag for sale that bears the logo of the mythical, underground Guild of Radical Militant Librarians. The phrase came into prominence in 2005 with the release [<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2006/january2006/radicalmilitantbutton.cfm>] of documents obtained from the FBI by the Electronic Privacy Information Center in which FBI agents complained about “radical, militant librarians” while criticizing the reluctance of FBI management to use secret warrants authorized under Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act (now being reauthorized)....

Instant Attitude; ALA, Jan. 17, 2006

Things librarians fancy

[<http://100scopenotes.wordpress.com/2009/10/15/things-librarians-fancy/>]

Travis Jonker writes: “Ever wanted to delve into the unexplored world of librarian culture? If you just said ‘no,’ I can't hear you. If you

just said ‘yes,’ then today, my friend, is your lucky day. Cribbing heavily and blatantly from another website which shall remain nameless [<http://stuffwhitepeoplelike.com/>], I bring you Things Librarians Fancy. I am guilty of many, many (okay pretty much all) of the items listed here, like tote bags. (Fast Fact! The tote bag was created in 1895 by librarian Lucy Sue Pente to carry her valuable rubber stamps to and from work.)”...

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Solo librarian for small academic library is responsible for all library services including collection development, acquisition, cataloging (original and copy cataloging of English and Chinese materials), serials, circulation, integrated library system (Surpass) support, reference services, website maintenance, interlibrary loan, and information literacy training....

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Digital Library of the Week

[<http://research.hrc.utexas.edu/poedc/details.cfm?id=273&img=4#>]

The Edgar Allen Poe Digital Collection

[<http://research.hrc.utexas.edu/poedc/>] was launched to accompany the 2009 Poe Bicentennial exhibition, "From Out That Shadow: The Life and Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe," a joint venture of the University of Texas Harry Ransom Center and the Small Special Collections Library [<http://www2.lib.virginia.edu/small/>] at the University of Virginia. The digital collection incorporates images of all Poe manuscripts and letters at the Ransom Center with a selection of related archival materials, two books by Poe annotated by the author, sheet music based on his poems, and portraits from the Ransom Center collections. Poe's manuscripts and letters are linked to transcriptions on the website of the Poe Society of Baltimore. Most of the items in the exhibition from the Harry Ransom Center collections once belonged to William H. Koester (1888–1964). Koester, a resident of Baltimore, began collecting first editions and manuscripts of Poe in the 1930s; his major acquisition was the collection

of the Richmond Poe scholar and collector J. H. Whitty. In addition to the manuscripts of "The Domain of Arnheim," "The Spectacles," and some of Poe's most famous poems, the Koester collection includes many letters written by and to Poe, books belonging to Poe (including the author's annotated copies of the Tales and Poems and Eureka), and a large group of sheet music for songs based on Poe's works.

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"Then the sad day comes when you get the 'R' letter. The one saying, in essence: We're sorry to inform you that sales stink and we have to remainder your book. . . . The horror of the 'R' letter is mitigated by only one thought: Your babies are safe at the library! Were it not for libraries, there would be no safe harbor for characters and stories, nowhere for them to wait out disasters and economic storms. And were it not for librarians, there would be no one to introduce your characters to new children as the older ones grow up and move on. And for this, I want to thank librarians, for the work they do and for the many, many lives they save."

—YA author Amy Goldman Koss, in a guest editorial, "Hero Librarians Save My Babies," Los Angeles Times, Oct. 11.

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Point out the library's value by communicating its return on investment, [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Value_of_Libraries#Library_Value.2FReturn_on_Investment_.28ROI.29] or ROI, to the community. The ALA Office for Research and Statistics regularly updates its Articles and Studies Related to Library Value (Return on Investment) [<http://www.ala.org/ala/research/librarystats/roi/index.cfm>] web page. Provide real numbers with the Library Value Calculator. [http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/library_calculator.cfm] See the sections in the Advocating in a Tough Economy Toolkit [<http://www.ala.org/tougheconomytoolkit>] of the ALA Office for Library Advocacy that provide message and communications guidance and pointers, including Talking Points, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/talkingpoints/index.cfm>] Making the Case, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/index.cfm>] Outreach to Patrons and the Public, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/outreach/index.cfm>] Talking to the Media, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/mediatools/index.cfm>] and Working with Government Officials and Legislators. [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/workingwithgovernment/workingwithgovernment.cfm>] Focus on the Showing Library Value to Local Government [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/workingwithgovernment/localgovernment.cfm>] and Answering Tough Questions [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/toughquestions.cfm>] pages. Decide which of the strategies and opportunities on the Library Checklist [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/checklist.cfm>] can be implemented by your library. See the Staging a Rally [<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/stagingarally/stagingarally.cfm>] section, which would provide your patrons—and the government officials' constituents—with the opportunity to get involved, and put in their own words how and why the library is necessary for the community to grow and thrive. Your best advocate by far is the library Friend, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/friends/factsheets/factsheet13.pdf>] the citizen with no vested interest in the future of the library. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Saving_the_Library].

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

October is Canadian Library Month. [<http://www.cla.ca/clm09/>] The idea for a month dedicated to library and information services in Canada was developed by library partners from across the country to help raise public awareness of the valuable role that libraries play in the lives of Canadians.

Calendar

Oct. 30–

Nov. 2:

California Library Association,

[<http://www.cla-net.org/events/confexhibition.php>] Annual Conference,
Pasadena.

Nov. 1–30:

Digital Copyright,

[<http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/careers/continuing-education/workshops/online.php#digitalcopyright>] an online workshop hosted by Simmons GSLIS.

Nov. 6:

Achieving Email Account Preservation with XML,

[http://saa.archivists.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/events/171.html?Action=Conference_Detail&ConfID_W=171&Time=236717787&SessionID=645316183una72a1b5nhjg1ufdzilipmnqe242n993hd68waj12i1023z76y343h] Hotel VQ at Mile High,
Denver. Course sponsored by the Society of American Archivists.

Nov. 9–10:

Digital Library Systems and Applications,

[http://www.amigos.org/learning/catalog/shopping/product_details.php?id=309]
Amigos Library Services, Dallas. Course hosted by Amigos Library Services.

Nov. 9–15:

Text Encoding Initiative Consortium,

[<http://www.lib.umich.edu/spo/teimeeting09/>] conference and
member's meeting, Gallery of the Hatcher Graduate Library,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Nov. 10:

Management 101: Project Management,

[http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid={B1E5C8F1-256D-48FD-8FC4-28A094385317}]
live online course hosted by Lyrasis.

Nov. 11–14:

Museum Computer Network, [[HTTP://www.mcn.edu/conferences/index.asp](http://www.mcn.edu/conferences/index.asp)]

Annual Conference, Doubletree Hotel–Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon.

“Museum Information, Museum Efficiency: Doing More with Less!”

Nov. 12:

World Usability Day. [<http://www.worldusabilityday.org/>] Events held
worldwide. "Designing for a Sustainable World."

Nov. 17–19:

LearnTrends 2009, [<http://learntrends.ning.com/page/learntrends-2009>] the
corporate learning trends and innovations conference, free and online.

"Convergence in Workplace Learning."

Dec. 14:

Library Management Institute,

[<http://www.arcadia.edu/about/default.aspx?id=14650>] Fall Conference, Arcadia University, Glenside, Pennsylvania.

Jan. 8–9:
Science, Technology, and Engineering Library Leaders in Action,
[<http://denver-stella.pbworks.com/>] unconference, Driscoll Center,
University of Denver.

Jan. 15:
Assembling a Consulting Toolkit: What You Need to Know to Become a
Successful Library Consultant,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/ascla/asclaevents/asclamw/midwintermeeting.cfm>] ASCLA Midwinter Institute, Boston.

Jan. 28–29:
Subject Repositories: European Collaboration in the International
Context, [<http://www.neeoconference.eu/>] British Library Conference
Centre, London.

Feb. 1–3:
Ohio Educational Technology Conference,
[<http://www.otech.ohio.gov/conference/>] Greater Columbus Convention
Center. “P-20 Conversations: Shaping a Path for the 21st-Century
Student.”

Feb. 23–26:
International Conference on Digital Libraries,
[<http://www.teriin.org/events/icdl/>] New Delhi, India. “Digital
Libraries: Shaping the Information Paradigm.”

Apr. 21–25:
Society of Architectural Historians,
[<http://www.sah.org/index.php?submenu=Meetings&src=gendocs&ref=AnnualMeetingChicago&category=AnnualMeetingChicago>] Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn
Chicago Mart Plaza, Chicago.

Apr. 29–
May 1:
Library Orientation Exchange, [<http://www.loexconference.org/>] Annual
Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan. “Bridging and
Beyond: Developing Librarian Infrastructure.”

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[Pittsburgh officials hope to head off branch closings](#)

Some 250 residents who turned out for a public meeting October 24 on the planned closing of four Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh branches heard Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and Library President and Director Barbara K. Mistick announce that the targeted branches may get a reprieve. The officials told the crowd that a [plan](#) was in the works to raise \$1.2 million in local and state funds to cover the library system's budget shortfall....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 26; KDKA-TV, Pittsburgh, Oct. 24; *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Oct. 28



[Gwinnett board blinks, rescinds system reorganization](#)

Citizen-activists in Gwinnett County, Georgia, won a months-long battle with library officials October 21 when trustees at a specially called meeting (right) voted unanimously to keep all 15 branches of the county system open as full-service libraries instead of converting three facilities to bookless computer centers or shuttering them altogether. However, the trade-off appears to be the imposition next year of staff furloughs, an as-yet-undisclosed number of layoffs, and a systemwide reduction in service hours....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 25



[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)
Boston, January 15–19.
Help contribute to the [Boston Midwinter wiki.](#)

ALA News

[Libraries highlighted in recent broadband discussions](#)

As one of the founding members of the [Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband Coalition](#), the ALA Washington Office has actively participated in communicating the role



of anchor institutions in national broadband build-out. The message is finding its way into the formal discussions, including an October 26 letter ([PDF file](#)) sent by six senators to Assistant Commerce Secretary Larry Strickling (above), and a [Senate hearing](#) on broadband stimulus October 27....

District Dispatch, Oct. 28

[The FCC and net neutrality](#)

ALA strongly supports Chairman Julius Genachowski's efforts to move the Federal Communications Commission forward in consideration of principles to protect the free and open nature of the internet. The FCC voted unanimously October 22 to proceed with issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking, which would add two principles of nondiscrimination and transparency to the existing four principles of network neutrality, and to allow a period of public commentary....

District Dispatch, Oct. 22

[ALA, Safeway launch cereal box initiative](#)

Libraries are about to take front and center in a new place: the breakfast table. ALA is working with supermarket chain Safeway on a roll-out of the first two of five Safeway-brand cereal boxes with back-panel content about libraries and librarians. The boxes are launching this month and will be available at Safeway's 1,500 stores in the United States. The first boxes to feature the library-related content are Toasted Oats and Honey Nut Toasted Oats....

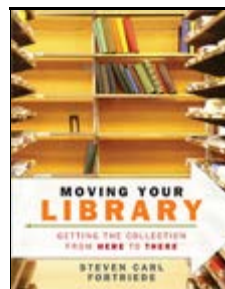


[Emerging Leaders 2010](#)

The Emerging Leaders program, in its fourth year, kicks off with a daylong session during the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. It will enable 100 library staff ([PDF file](#)) from across the country to participate in project-planning workgroups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and serve the profession in a leadership capacity early in their careers. Participants will receive two days of orientation and education, followed by six months of networking....

[How to move a library and stay sane](#)

ALA Editions has released [Moving Your Library: Getting the Collection from Here to There](#) by Steven Carl Fortriede, the complete kit for any librarian moving a library collection. Author and experienced mover Fortriede explains everything needed to get the job done quickly and efficiently with step-by-step directions, diagrams, spreadsheets, and photos. Learn how to plan a library move, which method is best for a particular situation, how to recruit and train workers, and what tools and supplies are needed....



The high-profile topic of **gaming in libraries** gets thorough consideration from Brian Mayer and Christopher Harris, two educator-librarians who explain exactly how designer board games can become curricular staples for students of all ages in [Libraries Got Game: Aligned Learning Through Modern Board Games](#). The authors also offer suggestions for building a core collection across grade levels. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**

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Fall edition of *Prism* online

The Fall 2009 issue of *Prism*, the newsletter of the Office for Accreditation, is now [online](#). Features include accreditation actions taken at the July meeting in Chicago, an update on the standards review process, the COA perspective on the Standards revision process, and a new column that focuses on aspects of the accreditation process....

PRISM

is published by the Office for Accreditation
at the American Library Association

Great Stories CLUB deadline nears



The deadline to submit online applications for the Great Stories CLUB is quickly approaching. Be sure to complete and submit your [application](#) by November 2 to be one of 265 libraries selected to present a book discussion group for troubled teens. Participating libraries will receive 11 copies of each of three award-winning, theme-related titles to share with the participants of a reading and discussion group....

The ALA Archives

Larry Nix writes: "One of the most valuable collections of library history archives is the [ALA Archives](#) located in the basement of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign library (right). The university archives contracted with ALA to manage the collection. There are some efforts to [digitize](#) photographs and postcards at the archives. Unfortunately, staffing is inadequate and much more could be done to make the ALA Archives more widely available."...



Library History Buff, Oct. 21; ALA Archives

Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Halloween-related

Penzler, Otto, ed. *The Vampire Archives: The Most Complete Volume of Vampire Tales Ever Published*. Oct. 2009. 1,056p. Vintage/Black Lizard (978-0-307-47389-9).

In the soberly literary-historical foreword to this doorstopper of an anthology, Kim Newman argues that the prototype of the modern vampire is Lord Byron, as satirized by his annoying traveling companion John Polidori in "The Vampyre" (1819). Editor Penzler declares in the introduction, however, that Polidori's seminal tale is "far too tedious to include in this collection." It's about the only important vampire yarn since its time that is not in the book. For here are Goethe's "Bride of Corinth," Keats's "La Belle Dame sans Merci" (though not their fellow classic vampire poem, Coleridge's "Christabel"), Poe's "Ligeia," LeFanu's "Carmilla," and Braddon's "Good Lady Ducayne" to attest that before *Dracula* (1897), the great literary vampires were often female....



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American University of Afghanistan, Kabul. Requirements are an MLS; proficiency in English and communication skills; proficiency with the MARC format and the use of AACR2 and other relevant standard cataloging tools; and experience in copy and original cataloging and systems administration....



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Digital Library of the Week

David Wright writes: "Rather than horrifying me, most horror fiction comforts me with nostalgia for younger days when the ultimate illicit pleasure was to stay up late and watch the creature feature and when we enjoyed the mild conviction that our street had *two* haunted houses. When I was seven or eight, we put on our own haunted house in the basement with tableaux vivants that included a grisly operating table, a severed head reanimated, and yours truly as a ravenous werewolf snarling and grabbing ankles from a cardboard-box cave. When I was a kid, horror was more than a genre; it was a lifestyle. Dan Simmons's masterful *Summer of Night* perfectly captures that boyish delight over the sinister side of things, gradually twisting it into sheer terror as a group of kids on the cusp of adolescence learn that their condemned grade school is truly monstrous."...



Quelle horreur!

Kaite Mediatore Stover writes: "It's time to let all the guys in on a little secret. Those horror flicks you take us to? Hoping we'll scream and bury our faces into your shoulders? Yeah, we're not scared. At all. We think you're cute and want to cuddle with you, and we had to pick a movie that you would sit through without insulting our intelligence. Jason? If he would quit being such a mama's boy, he might get a date. There's nothing scary about those movies, their monsters, or their victims (because *we're* all smart enough not to run around the woods in our wet lingerie). No, our fears land closer to home. We're afraid of becoming social pariahs, losing children, living with malevolent relatives, and our own inner demons."...



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Boston Update

The Mary Baker Eddy Library

This library explores the life and achievements of Mary Baker Eddy (1821–1910), a New England woman who defied conventional 19th-century thinking to become an influential religious leader, publisher, teacher, and businesswoman. The library, at 200 Massachusetts Avenue, also houses the famous [Mapparium](#), a three-



The [Cornell University Library Witchcraft Collection](#)

is an online selection of titles from Cornell's extensive materials on witchcraft. The majority of the collection was acquired in the 1880s through the collaborative efforts of Andrew Dickson White, Cornell's first president and a prodigious scholar and book buyer, and his first librarian, George Lincoln Burr. The collection is a rich source for students and scholars of the history of superstition and witchcraft persecution in Europe. It documents the earliest and the latest manifestations of the belief in witchcraft as well as its geographical boundaries, and elaborates this history with works on canon law, the Inquisition, torture, demonology, trial testimony, and narratives. Most importantly, the collection focuses on witchcraft not as folklore or anthropology, but as theology and as religious heresy. These titles were originally digitally scanned from microfilm by Primary

story stained-glass globe, opened in 1935, that allows visitors to stand in the center of the earth with the countries laid out around them. The sound and light show gives a unique perspective on how ideas have the power to inspire individuals and change the world....
Mary Baker Eddy Library

Division News

[Room share wiki for PLA 2010 attendees](#)

A wiki for attendees of PLA's 2010 National Conference is now available on [PLAspace](#). Attendees looking to share a room can post their names and contact information on the wiki to connect with others. PLA 2010 will be held March 23–27 in Portland, Oregon....

[Teen Read Week grabs media spotlight](#)

More than 4,000 libraries across the United States celebrated Teen Read Week, October 18–24, with teens crowding libraries for author visits, movie marathons, craft programs, and book discussions. In addition, leaders from YALSA took to the nation's airwaves and appeared in newspapers, discussing the importance of teen literacy and teen library usage. Media outreach resulted in hundreds of placements in national outlets....

[AASL recognizes national conference sponsors](#)

AASL is recognizing its vendor partners for their support of the 14th National Conference and Exhibition, November 5–8, in Charlotte, North Carolina. This year's sponsors supported travel, scholarship, conference must-haves, and conference programming....



Round Table News

[Two sets of progressive priorities](#)

Rory Litwin writes: "This post is a presentation of two lists of priorities—first, priorities of the Social Responsibilities Round Table; and second, a list of the kind of issues that I think SRRT ought to emphasize instead. The first list is as complete a list as I was able to compile of the subjects of SRRT's official resolutions from mid-2002 to mid-2005 (when I was SRRT Action Council coordinator). The second is a list of many of the important progressive issues in librarianship according to the way I personally see things."...

Library Juice, Oct. 25

Awards

[Youth Media Awards live stream](#)

ALA will provide a free [live webcast](#) of its Youth Media Awards, a national announcement of the top books and media for children and young adults, January 18, at 7:45 a.m. Eastern Time, during the Midwinter Meeting in Boston.

Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, the ALA Youth Media Awards guide parents, educators, librarians, and others in selecting the best



Source Microfilm, and include 104 monographs (about 23,220 pages).

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"We think of libraries as houses for books, but they're so much more. They are full of discovery and adventure and beauty and delight. For me they're full of memories. I dream of calm spaces and big chairs, and a time in the future, perhaps, when I can stand by my own daughter as she picks through the shelves, as my mother did for me. I will take her there not because I couldn't go when I was a child, but because I could."

—Writer Christina Eng, "[Library Love](#)," *Brown Alumni Magazine*, Sept./Oct. 2009.



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materials for children and young adults. This year's announcement includes 18 awards....

Carnegie-Whitney Award deadline nears

The ALA Publishing Committee is offering a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library. Applications must be received by November 6. Recipients will be notified by the end of February 2010. See the award [guidelines](#), or contact [Mary Jo Bolduc](#)....

John Ames Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award nominations

ALA is accepting nominations for the 2010 John Ames Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award for International Librarianship. The \$1,000 award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to international librarianship. The deadline for [nominations](#) is January 1....

RUSA seeks Gale Cengage award nominations

RUSA is accepting nominations for its 2010 [Gale Cengage Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services](#) and its 2010 [Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship](#). Sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning, the awards are given to libraries for outstanding reference and business services. Nominations should be submitted by December 15....

Apply for PLA awards and grants

PLA is now accepting applications and nominations for its 2010 awards and grants program. Members can nominate their colleagues and libraries via the PLA [website](#). The deadline for submitting applications is December 1....

Books for Babies grants

In partnership with Nordstrom, ALTAFF has awarded 10 grants of \$500 each to match \$1,000 raised by selected Friends groups, women's groups, and libraries for purchasing Books for Babies kits from the division. A total of 2,075 English kits and 225 Spanish kits will be distributed to parents of newborns through these grants....

RUSA business reference research grant

The application period for the RUSA Emerald Research Grants is now open. The award consists of two grants of \$5,000, sponsored by Emerald Group Publishing and administered by the RUSA Business Reference and Services Section. The grants will be awarded to two applicants seeking support in conducting research in business librarianship. Submit your proposals to [Jennifer Boettcher](#) by December 31....

Bogle Pratt International Travel Fund

ALA is accepting nominations for the 2010 Bogle Pratt International Travel Fund, sponsored by the Bogle Memorial Fund and the Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science. An award of \$1,000 is given to an ALA member to attend his or her first international conference. The deadline for [nominations](#) is January 1....

Apply for a 2010 National Leadership grant

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is accepting grant

Librarian



Q. I recently graduated with my MLS degree, and I am having great difficulty finding library positions. What resources are available? Are there alternative places, outside of libraries, that I could use my MLS?

A. The ALA Library has put together a collection of resources about doing a [library job search](#), which contains information about getting a job in a tough economy, the ALA Office of Human Resource Development and Recruitment, the ALA JobLIST, a library job search bibliography, library job search in Second Life, library job search Twitter feeds, and library consultant and placement firms. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

Calendar

Nov. 5–6:
[WorldCat Mashathon Seattle](#), sponsored by the OCLC Developer Network and the University of Washington Libraries,

applications for the agency's 2010 National Leadership Grant program. Applications, guidelines, and examples of successful proposals can be found on the agency's website. Libraries can apply for one of two types of grants: Projects or Collaborative Planning Grants....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 28

NDI IPP named a Great Government IT Project

Government Computer News named the Library of Congress National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program October 22 as one of the [top federal information technology projects](#) of 2009. The award cited its success in working with universities and libraries to model distributed preservation practices, working with state consortia to help in the preservation of state digital information, and working with commercial content providers to develop standards for digital preservation....

Library of Congress, Oct. 23; *Government Computer News*, Oct. 12



2009 Librarians for Human Rights Award

Librarians for Human Rights has selected the Hartford (Conn.) Public Library to honor its commitment to the democracy of its community through neighborhood-level action. The library has established 11 teams that profile each of the city's 17 neighborhoods to develop creative and timely programs and services to serve residents' interests....

Librarians for Human Rights, Oct. 25



Prize-winning cancer survivor gets her Dream Makeover

Rita Dennis (right), a grandmother and cancer survivor, won the grand prize in the Newport News (Va.) Public Library System's Dream Makeovers contest in 2008. She originally had hoped to schedule her makeover in February, but surgery and chemotherapy changed those plans. Finally, she was able to get her makeover on October 13 with Sandy Dumont, an image consultant and coach in Norfolk....

Newport News (Va.) Public Library System, Oct. 26



Linda Sue Park receives 2009 Empire State Award

Linda Sue Park received the Empire State Award for Excellence in Literature for Young People on October 16 at the annual luncheon of the New York Library Association's Youth Services Section. In addition to her Newbery Medal-winning book *A Single Shard*, Park has written numerous works that include historical fiction, modern novels, poetry, and picture books....

New York Library Association, Oct. 28



2009 CWA Dagger Awards

The UK Crime Writers' Association presented William Brodrick with its Gold Dagger Award October 21 for *A Whispered Name* (Little, Brown, 2008). The judges described it as "A moving novel that stretches the parameters of the crime genre, intertwining past and

Odegaard Undergraduate Library, Seattle.

Nov. 11–13:

New England Museum Association.

Annual Conference, Radisson Hotel, Nashua, New Hampshire. "Promises to Keep: Vision and Value in Museums."

Nov. 11–15:

Theatre Library Association.

Annual Conference, Conrad San Juan Condado Plaza, San Juan, Puerto Rico. "Theatre, Performance, DestiNation."

Nov. 15:

America Recycles Day.

Nov. 18–21:

National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Annual Conference, Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

Nov. 19–22:

National Council of Teachers of English.

Annual Convention, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia. "Once and Future Classics: Reading Between the Lines."

Dec. 3–4:

Urban Libraries Council.

Partners for Success conference, Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library.

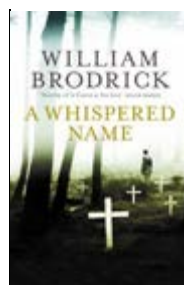
Jan. 27–30:

Special Libraries Association.

Leadership Summit,

present and throwing light on a neglected aspect of World War One." Other awards went to John Hart for *The Last Child* and Johan Theorin for *Echoes from the Dead*....

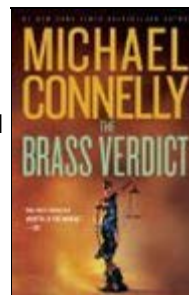
Crime Writers' Association, Oct. 21



[2009 Anthony Awards](#)

At the Bouchercon World Mystery Convention in Indianapolis October 17, winners were announced in eight categories for the 2009 Anthony Awards. Michael Connelly won the Best Mystery Novel award for *The Brass Verdict* (Little, Brown); Stieg Larsson won the Best First Novel award for *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* (Knopf); and Jeffrey Marks won the Best Critical Nonfiction award for *Anthony Boucher: A Biobibliography* (McFarland)....

Bouchercon 2009



Seen Online

[No Olympics for Chicago, but maybe a presidential library?](#)

Although President Barack Obama has not spoken on the topic yet, University of Chicago President Robert J. Zimmer said he is studying the benefits of having a presidential archive and museum associated with the campus. Currently, Obama seems more interested in some kind of advocacy center along the lines of what Jimmy Carter has done at the Carter Center in Atlanta, said Eric Whitaker, an Obama friend and executive vice president at the UC Medical Center....

Bloomberg, Oct. 26

[Mary Dempsey loves Chicago's library](#)

Chicago Public Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey—a woman who oversees an annual operating budget of about \$100 million and a roster of some 1,200 employees, the first woman to head the board of trustees at DePaul University, and a personal friend of Mayor Richard M. Daley—loves the library and wants it to be at its best, down to the smallest detail. And since 1994, when she took over the joint, Chicago's library system has, by nearly all accounts and by virtually every measure, thrived....

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 25



[Ready, set, library fête](#)

San Francisco Public Library's Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial branch library reopened October 24 after a 19-month makeover that includes better lighting, new furniture, additional computers, a designated teen area, more work space for library staff, and accessible bathrooms. While it is not the only branch with a fireplace, "it is the only one with a working



Union Station Marriott, St. Louis. "Creating the Future."

Feb. 1–7:
[Children's Authors and Illustrators Week.](#)

Feb. 24–27:
[Ontario Library Association.](#) Super Conference, Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

**Feb. 28–
Mar. 2:**
[National Federation of Advanced Information Services.](#) Annual Conference, Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, Philadelphia. "Redefining the Value of Information: Exploring the New Equation."

Mar. 10–14:
[National Council on Public History.](#) Annual Meeting, Hilton Portland and Executive Towers, Portland, Oregon. "Currents of Change."

Mar. 17–20:
[Visual Resources Association.](#) Annual Conference, Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta.

Mar. 17–20:
[Conference on College Composition and Communication.](#) Annual Convention, Louisville, Kentucky. "The Remix: Revisit,

fireplace," said SFPL spokeswoman Michelle Jeffers, and columnist Joe Eskenazi [wrote](#) that it "looks like Hugh Hefner's crash pad."...
San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 23; *Queerest.Library.Ever*, Oct. 26; *SF Weekly*, Oct. 21

[A Cushing Academy update](#)

A venerable boarding school west of Boston, the Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, last summer began getting rid of most of its library's books. In their place: a fully digital collection. Library watchers say it represents the first time a school has placed its students' intellectual lives so fully into the hands of a few online publishers and makers of electronic devices. But Headmaster Jim Tracy (right) says he has hired more librarians to help students navigate the electronic stacks and tell "what is valuable information or reliable from what is junk."...

USA Today, Oct. 26



[Utah's Marriott Library restored](#)

Two expensive globes that made an overland wagon trip to the new Utah territory in 1852 stood as a metaphor for the \$79-million renovation of the University of Utah's Marriott Library at its October 26 rededication. While the globe restoration returned them to their condition in 1850, the library renovation profoundly transformed the 1968 building, changing its appearance, internal flow, seismic resilience, and how students use it....

Salt Lake Tribune, Oct. 26



[Harvard faculty voice concern over library changes](#)

Members of a task force examining Harvard's libraries emphasized the dire structural problems confronting one of the university's most cherished resources, causing professors to express concern about the health of the libraries in the face of potential consolidation. At an October 27 faculty meeting, Arts and Sciences Dean Michael D. Smith (right) said that the university must address the intense budgetary pressures confronting the libraries....

Harvard Crimson, Oct. 28



[Libraries diversify their appeal](#)

Libraries have always been in the business of providing information. But as diversity continues to grow in the United States, libraries like the system in Queens, New York, are trying to remain vital and relevant to their communities by offering information in a range of new ways. They're doing that not only by adding material in multiple languages to their collections, but also through programming that includes citizenship courses, tax help, and cancer screenings....

Associated Press, Oct. 24

[Copyright and library materials](#)

Mark Caro writes: "The argument began innocently enough as we all sat around in a North Side beer garden. James Finn Garner, author of the best-selling *Politically Correct Bedtime Stories*, was relating his young teenage kid's resourcefulness in listening to Dad's record collection, finding similar-era CDs at the Chicago Public Library (Allman Brothers, Rolling Stones) and ripping songs onto the computer so they could be listened to on an iPod. A mutual friend

Rethink, Revise, Renew."

Mar. 18–20: [National Science Teachers Association](#)

[Association](#), National Conference on Science Education, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia. "Connecting Science Past to Science Future."

Mar. 25–27: [National Council for History Education](#)

Annual Conference, Town and Country Resort, San Diego, California. "Crossroads of Peoples and Places Over Time."

Mar. 31–

Apr. 3:
[Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association](#), Annual Conference, Renaissance Grand Hotel, St. Louis.

Apr. 11–13: [National Conference on Family Literacy](#)

Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, Texas.

Apr. 11–17: [National Library Week](#)

Apr. 27–30:
[Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists](#), Annual Conference, National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, Columbia University, New York City.

@ [More...](#)

shot back that Garner was encouraging his kid to be a thief."...

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 28

[Book-swapping supplements a limited budget](#)

In an era when any publicly funded institution has to spend wisely, Hartland (Maine) Public Library Director John Clark manages to make a lot out of a little. He stretches his annual buying budget of \$4,400 by listing library duplicates or unused titles on BookMooch, SwapTree, or PaperBackSwap and trading them for titles he needs. Clark has shared his methods at seminars and in newsletters, and he has written a weekly library column in local newspapers for years....

Bangor (Maine) Daily News, Oct. 27

[Library mergers proposed at University of Iowa](#)

Four libraries could merge at the University of Iowa in an effort to trim \$1 million from the library budget, Librarian Nancy Baker said. Under the proposal, the Mathematical Sciences Library would merge with the Main Library, and the Psychology Library would merge into the Hardin Health Sciences Library. The Physics and Geoscience Libraries would merge into a remodeled Biological Sciences Library next summer. About 35 faculty and students have [signed a petition](#) opposing the measures....

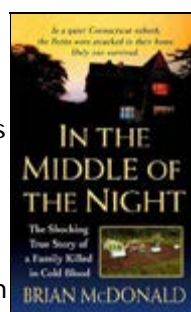
Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Oct. 27; *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, Oct. 27



[Cheshire divided on book banning](#)

Emotions ran high October 22 as more than 100 people turned out at town hall to tell the Cheshire (Conn.) Public Library board how they felt about efforts to ban *In the Middle of the Night: The Shocking True Story of a Family Killed in Cold Blood*, which describes the 2007 slayings of members of a local family. Tears were shed, voices raised, and applause given, and by the end of the two-hour meeting, more than two dozen people had spoken on both sides of the issue....

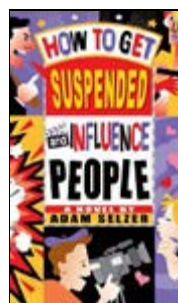
New Haven (Conn.) Register, Oct. 23



[Title challenged at Nampa Public Library](#)

A mother says a young adult book shelved in the juvenile section of the Nampa (Idaho) Public Library is inappropriate for children and wants it removed. Shelly Gering told Director Karen Ganske that the book, *How to Get Suspended and Influence People* by Adam Selzer, is offensive because of its use of coarse language and an abstract drawing of a nude woman on the cover. The book is a humorous novel about a gifted 8th-grader who makes an avant-garde sex-education video for a class project. Watch the [video](#) (2:27)....

Nampa Idaho Press-Tribune, Oct. 22; KBCI-TV, Boise, Oct. 22



[Mystery library book censor in Tennessee](#)

Someone has been crossing out dirty words in books, and employees at the Maury County Public Library in Columbia, Tennessee, aren't happy about it. Over the past several months, at least 50 books have been returned to the library with curse words crossed out by



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someone using blue ink. Library Director Elizabeth Potts (right) in a TV news [interview](#) (2:40) said most of them are mystery novels, though an "f-word" published in the *9/11 Commission Report* has also been crossed out....

Columbia (Tenn.) Daily Herald, Oct. 26; WTVF-TV, Oct. 26

[Security returns to theft-prone Multnomah County](#)

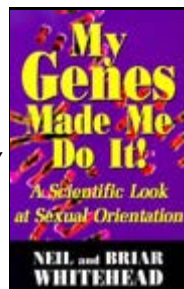
For years now, stealing from the Multnomah County (Oreg.) Library has been an easy feat. The Central Library has had no security system since the building was renovated 13 years ago, and none of the 16 branches had working security systems either, leading to a loss of nearly \$300,000 in the past six months alone. But now the library is installing a \$2.9-million system using RFID tags to reduce theft and make materials handling easier at all its locations....

Portland Oregonian, Oct. 27

[Ex-gays cry censorship](#)

Religious opponents of gays and lesbians say that with prayer and counseling, it's possible to convert them to heterosexuality. So-called "ex-gays" claim that books on the subject of such reparative therapies, such as *My Genes Made Me Do It!* by Neil and Briar Whitehead, are conspicuously missing from libraries in public schools; the reason, they say, is due to censorship of their message that gays can choose to become straight. Such putative censorship has led to suits and threatened legal action against schools for not carrying ex-gay titles....

Edge (Boston), Oct. 23



[Japan to create huge manga library](#)

A collection of more than 2 million comic books will be housed in a new Tokyo International Manga Library, scheduled to open in 2015 on the grounds of Meiji University. The new library aims to elevate the study of manga to the same level as other academic subjects. It will also house fanzines, animated drawings, video games, and other cartoon-industry artifacts. The idea for the library [emerged](#) after the university received a collection of more than 140,000 titles from the late manga critic Yoshihiro Yonezawa....

Daily Telegraph (U.K.), Oct. 27; *Mainichi Daily News* (Tokyo), Oct. 27



[Librarian numbers plummet in Edinburgh](#)

Staff morale in libraries across Edinburgh, Scotland, is said to be at an all-time low as figures show the number of full-time librarians has plunged by nearly a quarter. The city council has been undertaking a two-year review of its library service and now employs 19 fewer full-time qualified librarians than it did a year ago. It has left a quarter of the city's libraries with no full-time head librarian—and that figure is expected to be cut further....

The Scotsman, Oct. 23

[Library service in Denmark at risk](#)

More than 200 libraries, primarily smaller ones, have closed in Denmark since 2005. The national association of municipalities said the consolidation has resulted in better and more modern facilities, but the librarians' union thinks many people are getting left behind, despite an [agreement](#) with the



Brugsen supermarket chain that allows people to request library books online and pick them up at the local store. More than half of the nation's councils are planning library funding cutbacks in 2010....

Copenhagen Post, Oct. 27; *Berlingske Tidende*, Oct. 26

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Tech Talk

[Be cautious upgrading to Windows 7](#)

Troy Wolverton writes: "Before you buy a copy of Windows 7, you'd do well to check whether your computer—and you—are ready for the upgrade. If you're one of the millions of PC owners still running Windows XP, your computer may not be powerful enough to run the new software. Worse yet, you have a tedious and long upgrade process ahead of you, essentially requiring you to erase everything on your current hard drive and reinstall it."...

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Oct. 25



[12 must-know Windows 7 shortcuts](#)

Matthew Murray writes: "If you've been using computers a long time, you can remember the days when you needed the keyboard for *everything*. Some of us have never given up the habit, and still use keyboard shortcuts in Windows with great regularity. Depending on what you're doing, they can really speed you up. So if you've switched to Windows 7, you may be wondering what new keyboard and mouse shortcuts on it can make your life easier. Here's a look at 12 of them."...

ExtremeTech, Oct. 22

[Internet Librarian 2009: Opening keynote](#)

Sarah Houghton-Jan covered the IL2009 keynote in which New York Public Library Director of Public Programs Paul Holdengraber (right) interviewed Google



Chief Internet Evangelist Vint Cerf. Holdengraber: "What does it mean to be attentive in an age of distraction?" Cerf responded that even PowerPoint reduces thinking to a certain level of brevity: "Power corrupts and PowerPoint corrupts absolutely." Watch the [full session](#), and see the [Infotoday Blog](#), [Librarian in Black](#), and [PLA Blog](#) for more conference coverage....

Librarian in Black, Oct. 26; *Infotoday Blog*, Oct. 26

[An open source newbie tells all](#)

Kate Sheehan writes: "As a casual observer of the library open source movement, I think the initial nervousness expressed by many librarians has subsided. So too has the gee-whiz enthusiasm, replaced by a more mellow excitement and commitment to the work of promoting, creating, and maintaining open source solutions for libraries. However, uncertainty persists the most strongly among those who have limited ILS experience."...

ALA TechSource blog, Oct. 26

[RIP, open source evangelism](#)

Matt Asay writes: "We have reached a critical inflection point for open source. With everyone from Qualcomm



to UBS to Microsoft and [even the White House](#) embracing open source software such as Drupal (right) in one shape or another, the question is no longer 'why' to use open source, but rather 'how.' Because of this changing mindset around open-source adoption, we no longer need evangelists encouraging open-source adoption. Adoption is a given. It's the default. What we need now are those who can illustrate *how* to derive the most benefit from the inevitable adoption of open source."...

The Open Road, Oct. 26-27

[Five best portable apps suites](#)

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: "Once upon a time, easy remote computing was a pipe dream; now people routinely carry gigs of data around on flash drives smaller than a modest pack of chewing gum. Manage your apps and data with these five portable application suites. First is LiberKey (right), with its functional menu conveniently arranged by program type."...

Lifehacker, Oct. 25



[Google Maps Navigation goes mobile](#)

Google announced plans October 28 to release a new Android application called Google Maps Navigation. When combined with a GPS-equipped mobile phone running Android 2.0, it provides turn-by-turn directions powered by Google Maps and a slick user interface that combines features such as voice recognition and Google Street View. Google Maps Navigation, like seemingly everything that emerges from Google, will be free. The first phone to have Google Maps Navigation and Android 2.0 will be the Droid from Verizon....

Relevant Results, Oct. 28



Publishing

[Nook to allow lending over Wi-Fi, 3G](#)

Barnes and Noble officially launched its own e-reader device, the Nook, on October 20, saying it will go on sale in late November for \$259 and offer wireless access via AT&T's network and Wi-Fi. It runs the Google-backed Android mobile operating system and comes with a dual screen—an E Ink Vizplex display above a smaller color touchscreen to do searches via a virtual keyboard. Dan Nosowitz offers [eight reasons to love the Nook](#)....

Computerworld, Oct. 20; Gizmodo, Oct. 20



[HP, University of Michigan to reprint rare books](#)

In a retro twist on the Google Books idea, Hewlett-Packard has [announced](#) a partnership with the University of Michigan library to sell physical copies of over 500,000 rare and out-of-print works, while making the digital versions available online for free. HP's BookPrep service will take in raw scans of books, clean them up to prepare them for reprinting, and then offer print-on-demand copies

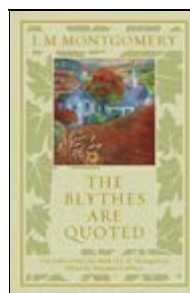
for sale via normal online book distribution channels like Amazon....

Ars Technica, Oct. 25; Hewlett-Packard, Oct. 21

[All about Anne of Green Gables](#)

Last year was the 100th anniversary of the publication of *Anne of Green Gables*, Lucy Maude Montgomery's first book about the redheaded orphan of Prince Edward Island. In October, the *Anne of Green Gables* canon expanded when Penguin released the complete version of *The Blythes Are Quoted*, Montgomery's very last installment (completed in 1942) that was only partially published in 1974. This one includes references to some seriously dark subjects and reflects Montgomery's own opposition to war....

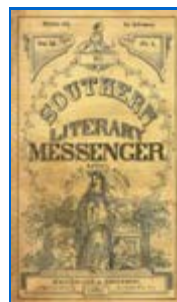
Mental Floss, Oct. 26



[Confederate serials](#)

Steven Lomazow writes: "For my 1996 book on American periodicals, I put together the only comprehensive list of Confederate periodicals I've ever seen. There are some real beauties here, all of which rate between scarce, rare, and impossible to find. Perhaps the most important of all antebellum Southern magazines were *De Bow's Review*, published in New Orleans, and *Southern Literary Messenger*, clearly the finest in the literary area, edited for a time and with multiple contributions by Edgar Allan Poe. Shown here (above) is the first issue published under the Confederacy."...

Magazine History, Oct. 24



Actions & Answers

[Maurice Sendak looks back on *Wild Things*](#)

Author and illustrator Maurice Sendak's classic children's book *Where the Wild Things Are* won the Caldecott Medal in 1964, and was adapted into an opera two decades later. Now, *Where The Wild Things Are* is on the big screen. This broadcast (39:33) brings together excerpts of interviews with Sendak in 1986, 1993, and 2003....

National Public Radio, *Fresh Air*, Oct. 26



[An interview with Tracy Kidder](#)

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder gives his take on what libraries mean to him and to the subject of his latest book *Strength in What Remains*: "Any writer with any brains has to be a supporter of the library. . . . I think libraries give a town a moral center. I don't know how we would all get along without them. It's discouraging to me that for the price of an army tank we could keep the libraries open."...

Cohasset (Mass.) Mariner, Oct. 26



[Job Help Day @ your library](#)

A group of librarians in Franklin County, Ohio, are reaching out to their communities to address the tough economy. In September, representatives of the Worthington Public Libraries worked in collaboration with four other area libraries (Columbus Metropolitan, Grandview Heights, Upper Arlington, and Westerville) to create "[Job Help Day @ your library](#)." Each of the five participating libraries purchased résumé-writing software and other job search tools, available in each of the libraries' job help centers, and offered a series of free job-related workshops....

State Library of Ohio *News*, Oct.



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

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

Blue Skunk Blog, Oct. 23

[New students and technology study](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "A new Educause Center for Applied Research [study](#) on students and technology has just come out and as usual, there are interesting findings. Nearly 90% of students come to college with a laptop now, and the percentage of students who reported using the library website daily has more than doubled—from 7.1% in 2006 to 16.9% in 2009."...

ACRLLog, Oct. 25; Educause, Oct. 22



[Rental service for research articles](#)

Frederic Lardinois writes: "Buying a single article from a scientific journal is usually prohibitively expensive if you are not a student or teacher at a school that subscribes to the journal. Most academic journals are available only behind paywalls, but DeepDyve [announced](#) a new product October 27 that could radically change the marketplace for scientific, technical, and medical articles. Accounts start with a pay-as-you-go account, by which users are charged \$0.99 to keep an article for one day, and go up to an unlimited account for \$19.99 per month." Article access is view-only, and printing is [not supported](#)....

ReadWriteWeb, Oct. 27



[Five ways to write retweetable tweets](#)

Debbie Weil writes: "You've heard about sticky content. Back in the days of Web 1.0 it was what made folks stick around on your website. The idea was they would stay a while, read every word, and then buy whatever you were selling. Microblogging demands that you create a different kind of content. Let's call it 'slippery.' That means 140-character bursts that are so compelling, they slip away immediately and are repeated. Here are five simple ways to make your pronouncements highly retweetable."...



Mashable, Oct. 6

[10 tips for managing social media burnout](#)

Heather Mansfield writes: "Six months ago I came pretty close to complete social media burnout. I was running over 20 social networking profiles, logging in seven days a week, and at minimum pulling 60-hour work weeks. My chosen profession requires complete dedication to social media and not everyone is as extreme as I was/am, but as social media continues to penetrate the nonprofit sector, more and more staff and interns will experience social media burnout. Here are a few tips on how to deal with it."...

Nonprofit Tech 2.0, Oct. 22

[\[Re\]Boot Camp at Austin Community College](#)

Ellie Collier writes: "During Spring semester, Austin (Tex.) Community College Dean of Library Services Julie Todaro called a group of us together to begin planning an immersive program aimed at newer librarians to get them comfortable and up-to-speed with teaching. After the initial brainstorming session, a smaller group (with a higher ratio of more seasoned librarians) was designated as the planning team. This post will walk you through our process in the hopes that you will find both inspiration and information to create your own training programs."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Oct. 28



[First academic library conference in India attracts 700](#)

Ravindra N. Sharma writes: "The University of Delhi in India hosted the first International Conference on Academic Libraries October 5–8. It was a smashing success and attracted delegates from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and the Middle East. IFLA President Ellen Tise (right) spoke about change, partnership, transformation, and the future of academic librarianship. Other speakers discussed virtual libraries, information literacy, and the changing role of academic libraries as centers of information."...

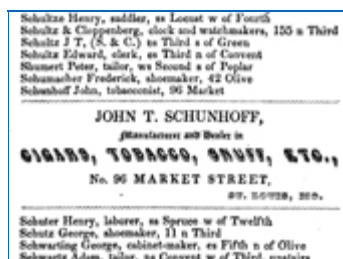
ACRL Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Section wiki



[Online historical directories](#)

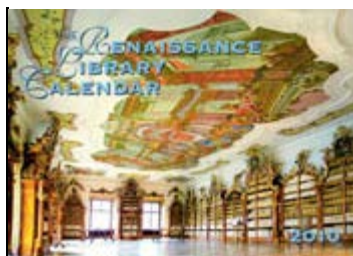
Randy Seaver writes: "City directories are one of the major resources to determine addresses, occupations, and employers for research subjects who lived in cities. Some city directories are online in digital format, in either freely accessible databases or in commercial subscription databases. Miriam Robbins Midkiff has created an [Online Historical Directories](#) website and has spent untold hours finding online city (and other) directories and posting links to them in an organized manner."...

Genea-Musings, Oct. 27



[2010 Renaissance Library Calendar](#)

The Renaissance Library calendars have been produced since 2001 by Information Strategy and Information Management, a consulting and publishing firm based in



Sollentuna, a suburb of Stockholm, Sweden. Each month features a photo of a historic library, selected from nominations submitted by librarians and information professionals in nearly 40 countries. The cover of the 2010 calendar shows the Theological Hall of the Vyssi Brod Monastery Library in the Czech Republic, built in 1750 mostly by the monks themselves....

Renaissance Library Collection

[The top 10 internet rules and laws](#)

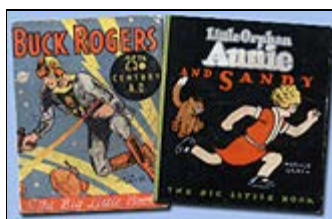
Tom Chivers writes: "Any internet user will know that the web, like the outside world, follows certain rules. We take a look at 10, with the most well-known and widely used towards the top (Godwin's Law), and some of the lesser lights lower down (the Law of Exclamation). We should state that we are not endorsing these laws or the views they imply, merely reporting them."...

The Daily Telegraph (U.K.), Oct. 23

[A tour of the Bienes Museum of the Modern Book](#)

Librarian James A. Findlay offers a slideshow tour (15:44) of this facility, which also serves as the [Dianne and Michael Bienes Special Collections and Rare Book Library](#) branch of the Broward County Library in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The holdings include many Big Little Books (above), ABC books and related materials, Federal Writers' Project books, Czech pop-up books, Floridiana, and vintage comic books....

Vimeo, Oct. 19



[In celebration of catalog cards](#)

Staff at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library are working to hold a series of events called ["It's All in the Cards"](#) to honor the card catalog, its use in the transformation of knowledge, and the people who created and used it. During Welcome Week there was a game night and a boat race featuring cards from the catalog. The latest event is a competition ([PDF file](#)) that challenges students to see what they can make with the cards. The contest has four categories: functional (serves a purpose), fashionable (wearable), foundational (building models), and free form....

USC *Daily Gamecock*, Oct. 28; Thomas Cooper Library



[Gory Halloween makeup](#)

This video (1:01) shows how teens learned to make authentic-looking slashes, gashes, and scars along their arms as part of a [Halloween Horror Make-up Workshop](#) held at the Red Deer (Alberta) Public Library October 10. Nicholas Pilote, 14, was getting his friend to help him put claw



marks down the inside of his arm to make it look like his cat had scratched him. Jen Waters, teen services librarian, showed kids how to put on spirit gum and then nose and scar wax to build up a layer of fake skin before letting them do it on their own....

YouTube, Oct. 14; *Red Deer (Alberta) Advocate*, Oct. 13

[Libraries on YouTube:](#) [Halloween edition](#)

Charlie Thomason writes: "Every two weeks we like to do a post highlighting some of the best library-related YouTube videos. We really appreciate those who've sent us links to great library videos. For this week, we've got five more great ones, including two great Halloween videos." [This one](#) (1:26) shows how to print a document at the College of DuPage Library in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, while avoiding an attack by zombies....

@ your library, Oct. 22



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U.S. & World News

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[<http://kdka.com/local/library.city.meeting.2.1268896.html>]Pittsburgh
officials hope to head off branch closings
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/october2009/pittsburghbranches102709.cfm>]
Some 250 residents who turned out for a public meeting October 24 on the
planned closing of four Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh branches heard
Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and Library President and Director Barbara K.
Mistick announce that the targeted branches may get a reprieve. The
officials told the crowd that a plan
[<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09301/1008741-51.stm>] was in the works to
raise \$1.2 million in local and state funds to cover the library
system's budget shortfall....
American Libraries Online, Oct. 26; KDKA-TV, Pittsburgh, Oct. 24;
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Oct. 28

Gwinnett board blinks, rescinds system reorganization

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2009/october2009/gwinnettkeepsbranches102509.cfm>]

Citizen-activists in Gwinnett County, Georgia, won a months-long battle with library officials October 21 when trustees at a specially called meeting (right) voted unanimously to keep all 15 branches of the county system open as full-service libraries instead of converting three facilities to bookless computer centers or shuttering them altogether. However, the trade-off appears to be the imposition next year of staff furloughs, an as-yet-undisclosed number of layoffs, and a systemwide reduction in service hours....

American Libraries Online, Oct. 25

ALA News

Libraries highlighted in recent broadband discussions

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3962>]

As one of the founding members of the Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband Coalition [<http://shlbc.org/>], the ALA Washington Office has actively participated in communicating the role of anchor institutions in national broadband build-out. The message is finding its way into the formal discussions, including an October 26 letter (PDF file [<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/kerry-letter.pdf>]) sent by six senators to Assistant Commerce Secretary Larry Strickling (above), and a Senate hearing [http://commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.Hearing&Hearing_ID=adf73344-9841-49d7-a705-9487c4a57894] on broadband stimulus October 27....

District Dispatch, Oct. 28

The FCC and net neutrality

[<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=3935>]

ALA strongly supports Chairman Julius Genachowski's efforts to move the Federal Communications Commission forward in consideration of principles to protect the free and open nature of the internet. The FCC voted unanimously October 22 to proceed with issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking, which would add two principles of nondiscrimination and transparency to the existing four principles of network neutrality, and to allow a period of public commentary....

District Dispatch, Oct. 22

ALA, Safeway launch cereal box initiative

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

Libraries are about to take front and center in a new place: the breakfast table. ALA is working with supermarket chain Safeway on a roll-out of the first two of five Safeway-brand cereal boxes with back-panel content about libraries and librarians. The boxes are launching this month and will be available at Safeway's 1,500 stores in the United States. The first boxes to feature the library-related content are Toasted Oats and Honey Nut Toasted Oats....

Emerging Leaders 2010

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

The Emerging Leaders program, in its fourth year, kicks off with a daylong session during the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. It will enable 100 library staff (PDF file

[http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/hrdr/abouthrdr/EL_2010Class_Final.pdf]) from across the country to participate in project-planning workgroups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and serve the profession in a leadership capacity early in their careers. Participants will receive two days of orientation and education, followed by six months of networking....

How to move a library and stay sane

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

ALA Editions has released Moving Your Library: Getting the Collection from Here to There [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2761>] by Steven Carl Fortriede, the complete kit for any librarian moving a library collection. Author and experienced mover Fortriede explains everything needed to get the job done quickly and efficiently with step-by-step directions, diagrams, spreadsheets, and photos. Learn how to plan a library move, which method is best for a particular situation, how to recruit and train workers, and what tools and supplies are needed....

online

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

The Fall 2009 issue of Prism, the newsletter of the Office for Accreditation, is now online.

[http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/accreditation/prp/prism/prism_current.cfm] Features include accreditation actions taken at the July meeting in Chicago, an update on the standards review process, the COA perspective on the Standards revision process, and a new column that focuses on aspects of the accreditation process....

Great Stories CLUB deadline nears

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ppo/programming/greatstories/club.cfm>]

The deadline to submit online applications for the Great Stories CLUB is quickly approaching. Be sure to complete and submit your application [<http://ppo.ala.org/gscwebapp>] by November 2 to be one of 265 libraries selected to present a book discussion group for troubled teens. Participating libraries will receive 11 copies of each of three award-winning, theme-related titles to share with the participants of a reading and discussion group....

[http://images.library.uiuc.edu:8081/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=%2Fkoopman&CISOPTR=317&DMSCALE=100&DMWIDTH=600&DMHEIGHT=600&DMMODE=viewer&DMFULL=1&DMX=0&DMY=0&DMTEXT=&DMTHUMB=1&REC=18&DMROTATE=0&x=265&y=69]The ALA Archives

[<http://libraryhistorybuff.blogspot.com/2009/10/american-library-association-archives.html>]

Larry Nix writes: "One of the most valuable collections of library history archives is the ALA Archives

[<http://www.library.illinois.edu/archives/ala/about/>] located in the basement of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign library (right). The university archives contracted with ALA to manage the collection. There are some efforts to digitize [<http://www.library.illinois.edu/archives/ead/ala/digital/ala-digital.html>] photographs and postcards at the archives. Unfortunately, staffing is inadequate and much more could be done to make the ALA Archives more widely available.”...

Library History Buff, Oct. 21; ALA Archives

Featured review: Halloween-related

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3648380]

Penzler, Otto, ed. *The Vampire Archives: The Most Complete Volume of Vampire Tales Ever Published*. Oct. 2009. 1,056p. Vintage/Black Lizard (978-0-307-47389-9).

In the soberly literary-historical foreword to this doorstopper of an anthology, Kim Newman argues that the prototype of the modern vampire is Lord Byron, as satirized by his annoying traveling companion John Polidori in “The Vampyre” (1819). Editor Penzler declares in the introduction, however, that Polidori’s seminal tale is “far too tedious to include in this collection.” It’s about the only important vampire yarn since its time that is not in the book. For here are Goethe’s “Bride of Corinth,” Keats’s “La Belle Dame sans Merci” (though not their fellow classic vampire poem, Coleridge’s “Christabel”), Poe’s “Ligeia,” LeFanu’s “Carmilla,” and Braddon’s “Good Lady Ducayne” to attest that before *Dracula* (1897), the great literary vampires were often female....

You don’t scare me

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3811730]

David Wright writes: “Rather than horrifying me, most horror fiction comforts me with nostalgia for younger days when the ultimate illicit pleasure was to stay up late and watch the creature feature and when we enjoyed the mild conviction that our street had two haunted houses. When I was seven or eight, we put on our own haunted house in the basement with tableaux vivants that included a grisly operating table, a severed head reanimated, and yours truly as a ravenous werewolf snarling and grabbing ankles from a cardboard-box cave. When I was a kid, horror was more than a genre; it was a lifestyle. Dan Simmons’s masterful *Summer of Night* perfectly captures that boyish delight over the sinister side of things, gradually twisting it into sheer terror as a group of kids on the cusp of adolescence learn that their condemned grade school is truly monstrous.”...

Quelle horreur!

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3793324]

Kaite Mediatore Stover writes: “It’s time to let all the guys in on a little secret. Those horror flicks you take us to? Hoping we’ll scream and bury our faces into your shoulders? Yeah, we’re not scared. At all. We think you’re cute and want to cuddle with you,

and we had to pick a movie that you would sit through without insulting our intelligence. Jason? If he would quit being such a mama's boy, he might get a date. There's nothing scary about those movies, their monsters, or their victims (because we're all smart enough not to run around the woods in our wet lingerie). No, our fears land closer to home. We're afraid of becoming social pariahs, losing children, living with malevolent relatives, and our own inner demons."...

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

Boston Update

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[<http://www.marybakereddylibrary.org/exhibits/mapparium>]The Mary Baker Eddy Library [<http://www.marybakereddylibrary.org/>]

This library explores the life and achievements of Mary Baker Eddy (1821–1910), a New England woman who defied conventional 19th-century thinking to become an influential religious leader, publisher, teacher, and businesswoman. The library, at 200 Massachusetts Avenue, also houses the famous Mapparium,

[<http://www.marybakereddylibrary.org/exhibits/mapparium>] a three-story stained-glass globe, opened in 1935, that allows visitors to stand in the center of the earth with the countries laid out around them. The sound and light show gives a unique perspective on how ideas have the power to inspire individuals and change the world....

Mary Baker Eddy Library

Division News

Room share wiki for PLA 2010 attendees

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

A wiki for attendees of PLA's 2010 National Conference is now available on PLAspace. [<http://plaspace.org/portland/roomshare>] Attendees looking to share a room can post their names and contact information on the wiki to connect with others. PLA 2010 will be held March 23–27 in Portland, Oregon....

Teen Read Week grabs media spotlight

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

More than 4,000 libraries across the United States celebrated Teen Read Week, October 18–24, with teens crowding libraries for author visits, movie marathons, craft programs, and book discussions. In addition, leaders from YALSA took to the nation's airwaves and appeared in newspapers, discussing the importance of teen literacy and teen library usage. Media outreach resulted in hundreds of placements in national outlets....

AASL recognizes national conference sponsors
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/confsponsors_aasl.cfm]
AASL is recognizing its vendor partners for their support of the 14th National Conference and Exhibition, November 5–8, in Charlotte, North Carolina. This year’s sponsors supported travel, scholarship, conference must-haves, and conference programming....

Round Table News

Two sets of progressive priorities
[<http://libraryjuicepress.com/blog/?p=1611>]
Rory Litwin writes: “This post is a presentation of two lists of priorities—first, priorities of the Social Responsibilities Round Table; and second, a list of the kind of issues that I think SRRT ought to emphasize instead. The first list is as complete a list as I was able to compile of the subjects of SRRT’s official resolutions from mid-2002 to mid-2005 (when I was SRRT Action Council coordinator). The second is a list of many of the important progressive issues in librarianship according to the way I personally see things.”...
Library Juice, Oct. 25

Awards

Youth Media Awards live stream
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/yma2010webcast_pio.cfm]
ALA will provide a free live webcast [<http://alawebcast.unikron.com>] of its Youth Media Awards, a national announcement of the top books and media for children and young adults, January 18, at 7:45 a.m. Eastern Time, during the Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, the ALA Youth Media Awards guide parents, educators, librarians, and others in selecting the best materials for children and young adults. This year’s announcement includes 18 awards....

Carnegie-Whitney Award deadline nears
[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/carnegiwhitney_pub.cfm]
The ALA Publishing Committee is offering a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library. Applications must be received by November 6. Recipients will be notified by the end of February 2010. See the award guidelines,
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/carnegiwhitney.cfm>] or contact Mary Jo Bolduc [<mailto:mbolduc@ala.org>]....

John Ames Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award nominations

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

ALA is accepting nominations for the 2010 John Ames Humphry/ OCLC/Forest Press Award for International Librarianship. The \$1,000 award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to international librarianship. The deadline for nominations [<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/iro/awardsactivities/humphryoclcforest.cfm>] is January 1....

RUSA seeks Gale Cengage award nominations

RUSA is accepting nominations for its 2010 Gale Cengage Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/galerefaward_rusa.cfm] and its 2010 Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship.

[http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/galecengagebusiness_rusa.cfm] Sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning, the awards are given to libraries for outstanding reference and business services. Nominations should be submitted by December 15....

Apply for PLA awards and grants

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

PLA is now accepting applications and nominations for its 2010 awards and grants program. Members can nominate their colleagues and libraries via the PLA website [<http://www.pla.org/>]. The deadline for submitting applications is December 1....

Books for Babies grants

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

In partnership with Nordstrom, ALTAFF has awarded 10 grants of \$500 each to match \$1,000 raised by selected Friends groups, women's groups, and libraries for purchasing Books for Babies kits from the division. A total of 2,075 English kits and 225 Spanish kits will be distributed to parents of newborns through these grants....

RUSA business reference research grant

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

The application period for the RUSA Emerald Research Grants is now open. The award consists of two grants of \$5,000, sponsored by Emerald Group Publishing and administered by the RUSA Business Reference and Services Section. The grants will be awarded to two applicants seeking support in conducting research in business librarianship. Submit your proposals to Jennifer Boettcher [<mailto:boettcher@georgetown.edu>] by December 31....

Bogle Pratt International Travel Fund

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

ALA is accepting nominations for the 2010 Bogle Pratt International Travel Fund, sponsored by the Bogle Memorial Fund and the Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science. An award of \$1,000 is given to an ALA member to attend his or her first international conference. The

deadline for nominations

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/iro/awardsactivities/bogleprattaward.cfm>] is January 1....

Apply for a 2010 National Leadership grant

[<http://www.ims.gov/news/2009/102809b.shtm>]

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is accepting grant applications for the agency's 2010 National Leadership Grant program. Applications, guidelines, and examples of successful proposals can be found on the agency's website. Libraries can apply for one of two types of grants: Projects or Collaborative Planning Grants....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 28

NDIIPP named a Great Government IT Project

[<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2009/09-213.html>]

Government Computer News named the Library of Congress National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program October 22 as one of the top federal information technology projects

[<http://gcn.com/articles/2009/10/12/gcn-awards-loc-digital-preservation.aspx>] of 2009. The award cited its success in working with universities and libraries to model distributed preservation practices, working with state consortia to help in the preservation of state digital information, and working with commercial content providers to develop standards for digital preservation....

Library of Congress, Oct. 23; Government Computer News, Oct. 12

2009 Librarians for Human Rights Award

[<http://justicelibraries.blogspot.com/2009/10/2009-human-rights-award-hartford-public.html>]

Librarians for Human Rights has selected the Hartford (Conn.) Public Library to honor its commitment to the democracy of its community through neighborhood-level action. The library has established 11 teams that profile each of the city's 17 neighborhoods to develop creative and timely programs and services to serve residents' interests....

Librarians for Human Rights, Oct. 25

Prize-winning cancer survivor gets her Dream Makeover

[<http://www.nngov.com/pressroom/press-releases/makeover>]

Rita Dennis (right), a grandmother and cancer survivor, won the grand prize in the Newport News (Va.) Public Library System's Dream Makeovers contest in 2008. She originally had hoped to schedule her makeover in February, but surgery and chemotherapy changed those plans. Finally, she was able to get her makeover on October 13 with Sandy Dumont, an image consultant and coach in Norfolk....

Newport News (Va.) Public Library System, Oct. 26

Linda Sue Park receives 2009 Empire State Award

[http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=1846]

Linda Sue Park received the Empire State Award for Excellence in Literature for Young People on October 16 at the annual luncheon of the New York Library Association's Youth Services Section. In addition to her Newbery Medal-winning book *A Single Shard*, Park has written numerous works that include historical fiction, modern novels, poetry, and picture books....

New York Library Association, Oct. 28

2009 CWA Dagger Awards [<http://www.thecwa.co.uk/daggers/2009/index.html>]

The UK Crime Writers' Association presented William Brodrick with its Gold Dagger Award October 21 for *A Whispered Name* (Little, Brown, 2008).

The judges described it as "A moving novel that stretches the parameters of the crime genre, intertwining past and present and throwing light on a neglected aspect of World War One." Other awards went to John Hart for *The Last Child* and Johan Theorin for *Echoes from the Dead*....

Crime Writers' Association, Oct. 21

2009 Anthony Awards

[<http://www.bouchercon2009.com/specialevents/anthonyawardceremony.html>]

At the Bouchercon World Mystery Convention in Indianapolis October 17, winners were announced in eight categories for the 2009 Anthony Awards.

Michael Connelly won the Best Mystery Novel award for *The Brass Verdict*

(Little, Brown); Stieg Larsson won the Best First Novel award for *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* (Knopf); and Jeffrey Marks won the Best

Critical Nonfiction award for *Anthony Boucher: A Biobibliography* (McFarland)....

Bouchercon 2009

Seen Online

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No Olympics for Chicago, but maybe a presidential library?

[<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=akoQIV3t5D64>]

Although President Barack Obama has not spoken on the topic yet, University of Chicago President Robert J. Zimmer said he is studying the benefits of having a presidential archive and museum associated with the campus. Currently, Obama seems more interested in some kind of advocacy center along the lines of what Jimmy Carter has done at the Carter Center in Atlanta, said Eric Whitaker, an Obama friend and executive vice president at the UC Medical Center....

Bloomberg, Oct. 26

Mary Dempsey loves Chicago's library

[<http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/lifestyle/chi-1025-dempseyoct25,0,6046846.column>]

Chicago Public Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey—a woman who oversees an annual operating budget of about \$100 million and a roster of some 1,200 employees, the first woman to head the board of trustees at DePaul University, and a personal friend of Mayor Richard M. Daley—loves the library and wants it to be at its best, down to the smallest detail. And since 1994, when she took over the joint, Chicago's library system has, by nearly all accounts and by virtually every measure, thrived....

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 25

[<http://queerestlibraryever.blogspot.com/2009/10/eureka-valleyharvey-milk-b-ranch-opening.html>]Ready, set, library

[http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/cityinsider/detail?entry_id=50080]

San Francisco Public Library's Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial branch

library reopened October 24 after a 19-month makeover that includes better lighting, new furniture, additional computers, a designated teen area, more work space for library staff, and accessible bathrooms. While it is not the only branch with a fireplace, “it is the only one with a working fireplace,” said SFPL spokeswoman Michelle Jeffers, and columnist Joe Eskenazi wrote
[http://blogs.sfweekly.com/thesnitch/2009/10/revamped_harvey_milk_library_1.php] that it “looks like Hugh Hefner’s crash pad.”...
San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 23; Queerest.Library.Ever, Oct. 26; SF Weekly, Oct. 21

A Cushing Academy update
[http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-10-26-kindle-school-library_N.htm]

A venerable boarding school west of Boston, the Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, last summer began getting rid of most of its library’s books. In their place: a fully digital collection. Library watchers say it represents the first time a school has placed its students’ intellectual lives so fully into the hands of a few online publishers and makers of electronic devices. But Headmaster Jim Tracy (right) says he has hired more librarians to help students navigate the electronic stacks and tell “what is valuable information or reliable from what is junk.”...
USA Today, Oct. 26

Utah’s Marriott Library restored
[http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_13639793]
Two expensive globes that made an overland wagon trip to the new Utah territory in 1852 stood as a metaphor for the \$79-million renovation of the University of Utah’s Marriott Library at its October 26 rededication. While the globe restoration returned them to their condition in 1850, the library renovation profoundly transformed the 1968 building, changing its appearance, internal flow, seismic resilience, and how students use it....
Salt Lake Tribune, Oct. 26

Harvard faculty voice concern over library changes
[<http://www.thecrimson.com/article.aspx?ref=529789>]
Members of a task force examining Harvard’s libraries emphasized the dire structural problems confronting one of the university’s most cherished resources, causing professors to express concern about the health of the libraries in the face of potential consolidation. At an October 27 faculty meeting, Arts and Sciences Dean Michael D. Smith (right) said that the university must address the intense budgetary pressures confronting the libraries....
Harvard Crimson, Oct. 28

Libraries diversify their appeal
[<http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/ap/tx/6684088.html>]
Libraries have always been in the business of providing information. But as diversity continues to grow in the United States, libraries like the system in Queens, New York, are trying to remain vital and relevant to their communities by offering information in a range of new ways. They’re doing that not only by adding material in multiple languages to their collections, but also through programming that includes citizenship

courses, tax help, and cancer screenings....
Associated Press, Oct. 24

Copyright and library materials

[<http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/music/chi-1028-library-cdsoc28,0,2130763.story>]

Mark Caro writes: "The argument began innocently enough as we all sat around in a North Side beer garden. James Finn Garner, author of the best-selling Politically Correct Bedtime Stories, was relating his young teenage kid's resourcefulness in listening to Dad's record collection, finding similar-era CDs at the Chicago Public Library (Allman Brothers, Rolling Stones) and ripping songs onto the computer so they could be listened to on an iPod. A mutual friend shot back that Garner was encouraging his kid to be a thief."...

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 28

Book-swapping supplements a limited budget

[<http://www.bangordailynews.com/detail/126939.html>]

In an era when any publicly funded institution has to spend wisely, Hartland (Maine) Public Library Director John Clark manages to make a lot out of a little. He stretches his annual buying budget of \$4,400 by listing library duplicates or unused titles on BookMooch, SwapTree, or PaperbackSwap and trading them for titles he needs. Clark has shared his methods at seminars and in newsletters, and he has written a weekly library column in local newspapers for years....

Bangor (Maine) Daily News, Oct. 27

Library mergers proposed at University of Iowa

[<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20091027/NEWS/910270374/-1/ENT05>]

Four libraries could merge at the University of Iowa in an effort to trim \$1 million from the library budget, Librarian Nancy Baker said. Under the proposal, the Mathematical Sciences Library would merge with the Main Library, and the Psychology Library would merge into the Hardin Health Sciences Library. The Physics and Geoscience Libraries would merge into a remodeled Biological Sciences Library next summer. About 35 faculty and students have signed a petition

[<http://www.press-citizen.com/article/20091027/NEWS01/910270313/1079/UI-faculty--students--Don-t-close-libraries>] opposing the measures....

Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Oct. 27; Iowa City Press-Citizen, Oct. 27

Cheshire divided on book banning

[http://www.nhregister.com/articles/2009/10/23/news/metro/a1_--_chbook.txt]

Emotions ran high October 22 as more than 100 people turned out at town hall to tell the Cheshire (Conn.) Public Library board how they felt about efforts to ban *In the Middle of the Night: The Shocking True Story of a Family Killed in Cold Blood*, which describes the 2007 slayings of members of a local family. Tears were shed, voices raised, and applause given, and by the end of the two-hour meeting, more than two dozen people had spoken on both sides of the issue....

New Haven (Conn.) Register, Oct. 23

Title challenged at Nampa Public Library

[<http://www.idahopress.com/?id=27201>]

A mother says a young adult book shelved in the juvenile section of the

Nampa (Idaho) Public Library is inappropriate for children and wants it removed. Shelly Gering told Director Karen Ganske that the book, *How to Get Suspended and Influence People* by Adam Selzer, is offensive because of its use of coarse language and an abstract drawing of a nude woman on the cover. The book is a humorous novel about a gifted 8th-grader who makes an avant-garde sex-education video for a class project. Watch the video [<http://www.2news.tv/news/65713872.html?video=YHI&t=a>] (2:27).... Nampa Idaho Press-Tribune, Oct. 22; KBCI-TV, Boise, Oct. 22

[<http://www.newschannel5.com/Global/story.asp?S=11388177>]Mystery library book censor in Tennessee
[http://www.c-dh.net/articles/2009/10/26/top_stories/01censor.txt]
Someone has been crossing out dirty words in books, and employees at the Maury County Public Library in Columbia, Tennessee, aren't happy about it. Over the past several months, at least 50 books have been returned to the library with curse words crossed out by someone using blue ink. Library Director Elizabeth Potts (right) in a TV news interview [<http://www.newschannel5.com/Global/story.asp?S=11388177>] (2:40) said most of them are mystery novels, though an "f-word" published in the 9/11 Commission Report has also been crossed out.... Columbia (Tenn.) Daily Herald, Oct. 26; WTVF-TV, Oct. 26

Security returns to theft-prone Multnomah County
[http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2009/10/security_returns_to_multnomah.html]
For years now, stealing from the Multnomah County (Oreg.) Library has been an easy feat. The Central Library has had no security system since the building was renovated 13 years ago, and none of the 16 branches had working security systems either, leading to a loss of nearly \$300,000 in the past six months alone. But now the library is installing a \$2.9-million system using RFID tags to reduce theft and make materials handling easier at all its locations.... Portland Oregonian, Oct. 27

Ex-gays cry censorship
[<http://www.edgeboston.com/index.php?ch=news&sc=&sc2=news&sc3=&id=98109>]
Religious opponents of gays and lesbians say that with prayer and counseling, it's possible to convert them to heterosexuality. So-called "ex-gays" claim that books on the subject of such reparative therapies, such as *My Genes Made Me Do It!* by Neil and Briar Whitehead, are conspicuously missing from libraries in public schools; the reason, they say, is due to censorship of their message that gays can choose to become straight. Such putative censorship has led to suits and threatened legal action against schools for not carrying ex-gay titles.... Edge (Boston), Oct. 23

Japan to create huge manga library
[<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/japan/6443382/Japan-to-create-huge-manga-library.html>]
A collection of more than 2 million comic books will be housed in a new Tokyo International Manga Library, scheduled to open in 2015 on the grounds of Meiji University. The new library aims to elevate the study of manga to the same level as other academic subjects. It will also house fanzines, animated drawings, video games, and other cartoon-industry

artifacts. The idea for the library emerged
[<http://mdn.mainichi.jp/mdnnews/news/20091027p2a00m0na001000c.html>] after
the university received a collection of more than 140,000 titles from the
late manga critic Yoshihiro Yonezawa....
Daily Telegraph (U.K.), Oct. 27; Mainichi Daily News (Tokyo), Oct. 27

Librarian numbers plummet in Edinburgh
[<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland/Staff-morale-39at-alltime-low39.5751854.jp>]
Staff morale in libraries across Edinburgh, Scotland, is said to be at an
all-time low as figures show the number of full-time librarians has
plunged by nearly a quarter. The city council has been undertaking a
two-year review of its library service and now employs 19 fewer full-time
qualified librarians than it did a year ago. It has left a quarter of the
city's libraries with no full-time head librarian—and that figure is
expected to be cut further....
The Scotsman, Oct. 23

Library service in Denmark at risk
[<http://www.cphpost.dk/news/national/88-national/47314-libraries-closing-at-rapid-rate.html>]
More than 200 libraries, primarily smaller ones, have closed in Denmark
since 2005. The national association of municipalities said the
consolidation has resulted in better and more modern facilities, but the
librarians' union thinks many people are getting left behind,
despite an agreement
[<http://www.berlingske.dk/kommunalvalg-2009/brugsen-er-danskernes-nye-bibliotek>]
with the Brugsen supermarket chain that allows people to request
library books online and pick them up at the local store. More than half
of the nation's councils are planning library funding cutbacks in
2010....
Copenhagen Post, Oct. 27; Berlingske Tidende, Oct. 26

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Tech Talk

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Be cautious upgrading to Windows 7
[http://www.mercurynews.com/search/ci_13621670]
Troy Wolverton writes: "Before you buy a copy of Windows 7, you'd do well
to check whether your computer—and you—are ready for the
upgrade. If you're one of the millions of PC owners still running Windows
XP, your computer may not be powerful enough to run the new software.
Worse yet, you have a tedious and long upgrade process ahead of you,
essentially requiring you to erase everything on your current hard drive
and reinstall it."...
San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Oct. 25

12 must-know Windows 7 shortcuts
[<http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,2845,2354635,00.asp>]
Matthew Murray writes: "If you've been using computers a long
time, you can remember the days when you needed the keyboard for

everything. Some of us have never given up the habit, and still use keyboard shortcuts in Windows with great regularity. Depending on what you're doing, they can really speed you up. So if you've switched to Windows 7, you may be wondering what new keyboard and mouse shortcuts it can make your life easier. Here's a look at 12 of them....

ExtremeTech, Oct. 22

[<http://www.infotodayblog.com/2009/10/26/vint-cerf-opens-il2009/>] Internet Librarian 2009: Opening keynote

[<http://librarianinblack.net/librarianinblack/2009/10/il2009opening.html>] Sarah Houghton-Jan covered the IL2009 keynote in which New York Public Library Director of Public Programs Paul Holdengraber (right) interviewed Google Chief Internet Evangelist Vint Cerf. Holdengraber: "What does it mean to be attentive in an age of distraction?" Cerf responded that even PowerPoint reduces thinking to a certain level of brevity: "Power corrupts and PowerPoint corrupts absolutely." Watch the full session,

[<http://www.infotodayblog.com/2009/10/26/vint-cerf-opens-il2009/>] and see the Infoday Blog, [<http://www.infotodayblog.com>] Librarian in Black, [<http://librarianinblack.net>] and PLA Blog [<http://plablog.org/>] for more conference coverage....

Librarian in Black, Oct. 26; Infoday Blog, Oct. 26

An open source newbie tells all

[<http://www.alatechsource.org/blog/2009/10/open-source-newbie-tells-all.html>]

Kate Sheehan writes: "As a casual observer of the library open source movement, I think the initial nervousness expressed by many librarians has subsided. So too has the gee-whiz enthusiasm, replaced by a more mellow excitement and commitment to the work of promoting, creating, and maintaining open source solutions for libraries. However, uncertainty persists the most strongly among those who have limited ILS experience."...

ALA TechSource blog, Oct. 26

RIP, open source evangelism

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-13505_3-10383730-16.html]

Matt Asay writes: "We have reached a critical inflection point for open source. With everyone from Qualcomm to UBS to Microsoft and even the White House [http://news.cnet.com/8301-13505_3-10383362-16.html] embracing open source software such as Drupal (right) in one shape or another, the question is no longer "why" to use open source, but rather "how." Because of this changing mindset around open-source adoption, we no longer need evangelists encouraging open-source adoption. Adoption is a given. It's the default. What we need now are those who can illustrate how to derive the most benefit from the inevitable adoption of open source."...

The Open Road, Oct. 26-27

[<http://www.liberkey.com/en/>] Five best portable apps suites

[<http://lifehacker.com/5389421/five-best-portable-apps-suites>]

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: "Once upon a time, easy remote computing was a pipe dream; now people routinely carry gigs of data around on flash

drives smaller than a modest pack of chewing gum. Manage your apps and data with these five portable application suites. First is LiberKey (right), with its functional menu conveniently arranged by program type.”...
Lifehacker, Oct. 25

Google Maps Navigation goes mobile
[http://news.cnet.com/8301-30684_3-10384544-265.html]
Google announced plans October 28 to release a new Android application called Google Maps Navigation. When combined with a GPS-equipped mobile phone running Android 2.0, it provides turn-by-turn directions powered by Google Maps and a slick user interface that combines features such as voice recognition and Google Street View. Google Maps Navigation, like seemingly everything that emerges from Google, will be free. The first phone to have Google Maps Navigation and Android 2.0 will be the Droid from Verizon....
Relevant Results, Oct. 28

Publishing

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Nook to allow lending over Wi-Fi, 3G
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9139647/It_s_official_Nook_e_reader_will_allow_book_lending_over_Wi-Fi_3G]
Barnes and Noble officially launched its own e-reader device, the Nook, on October 20, saying it will go on sale in late November for \$259 and offer wireless access via AT&T's network and Wi-Fi. It runs the Google-backed Android mobile operating system and comes with a dual screen—an E Ink Vizplex display above a smaller color touchscreen to do searches via a virtual keyboard. Dan Nosowitz offers eight reasons to love the Nook
[<http://gizmodo.com/5386176/8-reasons-you-can-finally-love-ebook-readers-thanks-to-nook/gallery/>]....
Computerworld, Oct. 20; Gizmodo, Oct. 20

HP, University of Michigan to reprint rare books
[<http://arstechnica.com/media/news/2009/10/-in-a-novel-retro.ars>]
In a retro twist on the Google Books idea, Hewlett-Packard has announced [<http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/newsroom/press/2009/091021xc.html>] a partnership with the University of Michigan library to sell physical copies of over 500,000 rare and out-of-print works, while making the digital versions available online for free. HP's BookPrep service will take in raw scans of books, clean them up to prepare them for reprinting, and then offer print-on-demand copies for sale via normal online book distribution channels like Amazon....
Ars Technica, Oct. 25; Hewlett-Packard, Oct. 21

All about Anne of Green Gables
[<http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/38723>]
Last year was the 100th anniversary of the publication of Anne of Green Gables, Lucy Maude Montgomery's first book about the redheaded orphan of Prince Edward Island. In October, the Anne of Green Gables

canon expanded when Penguin released the complete version of *The Blythes Are Quoted*, Montgomery's very last installment (completed in 1942) that was only partially published in 1974. This one includes references to some seriously dark subjects and reflects Montgomery's own opposition to war....
Mental Floss, Oct. 26

[http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_yE1jakaG6kk/SuNLZo63TpI/AAAAAAAAABzo/AQ_2nMDD3R4/s1600-h/slm.jpg]Confederate serials
[<http://magazinehistory.blogspot.com/2009/10/confederate-magazines.html>]
Steven Lomazow writes: "For my 1996 book on American periodicals, I put together the only comprehensive list of Confederate periodicals I've ever seen. There are some real beauties here, all of which rate between scarce, rare, and impossible to find. Perhaps the most important of all antebellum Southern magazines were *De Bow's Review*, published in New Orleans, and *Southern Literary Messenger*, clearly the finest in the literary area, edited for a time and with multiple contributions by Edgar Allan Poe. Shown here (above) is the first issue published under the Confederacy."...
Magazine History, Oct. 24

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

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Wild Things

[<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=114044628>]
Author and illustrator Maurice Sendak's classic children's book *Where the Wild Things Are* won the Caldecott Medal in 1964, and was adapted into an opera two decades later. Now, *Where The Wild Things Are* is on the big screen. This broadcast (39:33) brings together excerpts of interviews with Sendak in 1986, 1993, and 2003....
National Public Radio, Fresh Air, Oct. 26

An interview with Tracy Kidder

[<http://www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset/fun/entertainment/books/x1520363893/An-interview-with-Tracy-Kidder>]
Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder gives his take on what libraries mean to him and to the subject of his latest book *Strength in What Remains*: "Any writer with any brains has to be a supporter of the library. . . . I think libraries give a town a moral center. I don't know how we would all get along without them. It's discouraging to me that for the price of an army tank we could keep the libraries open."...
Cohasset (Mass.) Mariner, Oct. 26

Job Help Day @ your library

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/october2009/>]

jobhelp_pio1.cfm]

A group of librarians in Franklin County, Ohio, are reaching out to their communities to address the tough economy. In September, representatives of the Worthington Public Libraries worked in collaboration with four other area libraries (Columbus Metropolitan, Grandview Heights, Upper Arlington, and Westerville) to create “Job Help Day @ your library” [<http://www.library.ohio.gov/marketing/Newsletters/TheNews/2009/October/JobHelp>]. Each of the five participating libraries purchased résumé-writing software and other job search tools, available in each of the libraries’ job help centers, and offered a series of free job-related workshops....
State Library of Ohio News, Oct.

A school library media checklist for principals
[<http://doug-johnson.squarespace.com/blue-skunk-blog/2009/10/23/13-point-checklist-2009.html>]
Doug Johnson writes: “Rapid changes in technology, learning research, and the library profession in the past 20 years have created a wide disparity in the effectiveness of school library media programs. Is your school’s library media program keeping current? This 13-point checklist can be used to quickly evaluate your building’s program.” Updated from a 12-point checklist published in 2003 and a draft published in August....
Blue Skunk Blog, Oct. 23

New students and technology study
[<http://acrlog.org/2009/10/25/lessons-from-ecar-real-books-and-people/>]
Barbara Fister writes: “A new Educause Center for Applied Research study [<http://www.educause.edu/blog/Lisa+Gesner/JustPublishedStudyofUndergradu/187756>] on students and technology has just come out and as usual, there are interesting findings. Nearly 90% of students come to college with a laptop now, and the percentage of students who reported using the library website daily has more than doubled—from 7.1% in 2006 to 16.9% in 2009.”...
ACRLog, Oct. 25; Educause, Oct. 22

[<http://www.deepdyve.com/>] Rental service for research articles
[http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/netflix_for_researchers_deep_dyve_launches_rental_service_for_articles.php]
Frederic Lardinois writes: “Buying a single article from a scientific journal is usually prohibitively expensive if you are not a student or teacher at a school that subscribes to the journal. Most academic journals are available only behind paywalls, but DeepDyve announced [<http://www.deepdyve.com/corp/about/press/20091027>] a new product October 27 that could radically change the marketplace for scientific, technical, and medical articles. Accounts start with a pay-as-you-go account, by which users are charged \$0.99 to keep an article for one day, and go up to an unlimited account for \$19.99 per month.” Article access is view-only, and printing is not supported [<http://www.deepdyve.com/corp/how/faq>]....
ReadWriteWeb, Oct. 27

Five ways to write retweetable tweets

[<http://mashable.com/2009/10/06/retweetable-tweets/>]

Debbie Weil writes: “You’ve heard about sticky content. Back in the days of Web 1.0 it was what made folks stick around on your website. The idea was they would stay a while, read every word, and then buy whatever you were selling. Microblogging demands that you create a different kind of content. Let’s call it ‘slippery.’ That means 140-character bursts that are so compelling, they slip away immediately and are repeated. Here are five simple ways to make your pronouncements highly retweetable.”...

Mashable, Oct. 6

10 tips for managing social media burnout

[<http://nonprofitorgs.wordpress.com/2009/10/22/10-tips-for-managing-social-media-burnout/>]

Heather Mansfield writes: “Six months ago I came pretty close to complete social media burnout. I was running over 20 social networking profiles, logging in seven days a week, and at minimum pulling 60-hour work weeks. My chosen profession requires complete dedication to social media and not everyone is as extreme as I was/am, but as social media continues to penetrate the nonprofit sector, more and more staff and interns will experience social media burnout. Here are a few tips on how to deal with it.”...

Nonprofit Tech 2.0, Oct. 22

[Re]Boot Camp at Austin Community College

[<http://inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2009/reboot-camp/>]

Ellie Collier writes: “During Spring semester, Austin (Tex.) Community College Dean of Library Services Julie Todaro called a group of us together to begin planning an immersive program aimed at newer librarians to get them comfortable and up-to-speed with teaching. After the initial brainstorming session, a smaller group (with a higher ratio of more seasoned librarians) was designated as the planning team. This post will walk you through our process in the hopes that you will find both inspiration and information to create your own training programs.”...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Oct. 28

First academic library conference in India attracts 700

[http://wikis.ala.org/acrl/index.php/AAMES#International_Conference_on_Academic_Libraries_Oct.5-8.2C_2009]

Ravindra N. Sharma writes: “The University of Delhi in India hosted the first International Conference on Academic Libraries October 5–8. It was a smashing success and attracted delegates from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and the Middle East. IFLA President Ellen Tise (right) spoke about change, partnership, transformation, and the future of academic librarianship. Other speakers discussed virtual libraries, information literacy, and the changing role of academic libraries as centers of information.”...

ACRL Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Section wiki

[http://books.google.com/books?id=O_UBAAAYAAJ&pg=PA156#v=onepage&q=&f=false]
Online historical directories

[<http://www.geneamusings.com/2009/10/online-city-directories.html>]

Randy Seaver writes: “City directories are one of the major resources to determine addresses, occupations, and employers for research subjects who

lived in cities. Some city directories are online in digital format, in either freely accessible databases or in commercial subscription databases. Miriam Robbins Midkiff has created an Online Historical Directories [<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/>] website and has spent untold hours finding online city (and other) directories and posting links to them in an organized manner.”...
Genea-Musings, Oct. 27

2010 Renaissance Library Calendar

[<http://www.renaissancelibrary.com/calendars.htm>]

The Renaissance Library calendars have been produced since 2001 by Information Strategy and Information Management, a consulting and publishing firm based in Sollentuna, a suburb of Stockholm, Sweden. Each month features a photo of a historic library, selected from nominations submitted by librarians and information professionals in nearly 40 countries. The cover of the 2010 calendar shows the Theological Hall of the Vyssi Brod Monastery Library in the Czech Republic, built in 1750 mostly by the monks themselves....

Renaissance Library Collection

The top 10 internet rules and laws

[<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/news/6408927/Internet-rules-and-laws-the-top-10-from-Godwin-to-Poe.html>]

Tom Chivers writes: “Any internet user will know that the web, like the outside world, follows certain rules. We take a look at 10, with the most well-known and widely used towards the top (Godwin’s Law), and some of the lesser lights lower down (the Law of Exclamation). We should state that we are not endorsing these laws or the views they imply, merely reporting them.”...

The Daily Telegraph (U.K.), Oct. 23

A tour of the Bienes Museum of the Modern Book

[<http://www.vimeo.com/7154148>]

Librarian James A. Findlay offers a slideshow tour (15:44) of this facility, which also serves as the Dianne and Michael Bienes Special Collections and Rare Book Library

[http://www.broward.org/library/bienes_about.htm] branch of the Broward County Library in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The holdings include many Big Little Books (above), ABC books and related materials, Federal Writers’ Project books, Czech pop-up books, Floridiana, and vintage comic books....

Vimeo, Oct. 19

In celebration of catalog cards

[<http://www.dailygamecock.com/news/librarians-commemorate-now-obsolete-catalog-system-1.832542>]

Staff at the University of South Carolina’s Thomas Cooper Library are working to hold a series of events called “All in the Cards”; [<http://www.sc.edu/library/inthecards.html>] to honor the card catalog, its use in the transformation of knowledge, and the people who created and used it. During Welcome Week there was a game night and a boat race featuring cards from the catalog. The latest event is a competition (PDF file

[<http://www.sc.edu/library/WhatCanYouMakeWithCatalogCards.pdf>]) that challenges students to see what they can make with the cards. The contest

has four categories: functional (serves a purpose), fashionable (wearable), foundational (building models), and free form....
USC Daily Gamecock, Oct. 28; Thomas Cooper Library

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9a7O8M-Jl-g>]Gory Halloween makeup
[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9a7O8M-Jl-g>]

This video (1:01) shows how teens learned to make authentic-looking slashes, gashes, and scars along their arms as part of a Halloween Horror Make-up Workshop

[http://www.albertalocalnews.com/reddeeradvocate/video/Ghastly_Halloween_64077122.html] held at the Red Deer (Alberta) Public Library October 10.

Nicholas Pilote, 14, was getting his friend to help him put claw marks down the inside of his arm to make it look like his cat had scratched him. Jen Waters, teen services librarian, showed kids how to put on spirit gum and then nose and scar wax to build up a layer of fake skin before letting them do it on their own....

YouTube, Oct. 14; Red Deer (Alberta) Advocate, Oct. 13

[1]Libraries on YouTube: Halloween edition

[<http://www.atyourlibrary.org/top-5-library-videos-youtube-%E2%80%93-watch-our-halloween-edition>]

Charlie Thomason writes: “Every two weeks we like to do a post highlighting some of the best library-related YouTube videos. We really appreciate those who’ve sent us links to great library videos. For this week, we’ve got five more great ones, including two great Halloween videos.” This one [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w68doU1SxbY>] (1:26) shows how to print a document at the College of DuPage Library in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, while avoiding an attack by zombies....
@ your library, Oct. 22

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ALA Midwinter Meeting,

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/information.cfm>] Boston, January 15–19. Help contribute to the
[http://www.alamw.ala.org/2010/index.php?title=Main_Page]

[<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2770>]

The high-profile topic of gaming in libraries gets thorough consideration from Brian Mayer and Christopher Harris, two educator-librarians who explain exactly how designer board games can become curricular staples for students of all ages in *Libraries Got Game: Aligned Learning Through Modern Board Games*. [<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2770>] The authors also offer suggestions for building a core collection across grade levels. NEW! From ALA Editions.

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

Online LIS education

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

Cataloging and Systems Librarian,
[<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm?scr=jobdetail&jobid=13848>] American University of Afghanistan, Kabul. Requirements are an MLS; proficiency in English and communication skills; proficiency with the MARC format and the use of AACR2 and other relevant standard cataloging tools; and experience in copy and original cataloging and systems administration....

[<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://digital.library.cornell.edu/cgi/t/text/pageviewer-idx?c=witch;cc=wit;rgn=full%20text;idno=wit105;didno=wit105;view=image;seq=00000002;node=w>]

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The Cornell University Library Witchcraft Collection [<http://digital.library.cornell.edu/w/witch/>] is an online selection of titles from Cornell's extensive materials on witchcraft. The majority of the collection was acquired in the 1880s through the collaborative efforts of Andrew Dickson White, Cornell's first president and a prodigious scholar and book buyer, and his first librarian, George Lincoln Burr. The collection is a rich source for students and scholars of the history of superstition and witchcraft persecution in Europe. It documents the earliest and the latest manifestations of the belief in witchcraft as well as its geographical boundaries, and elaborates this history with works on canon law, the Inquisition, torture, demonology, trial testimony, and narratives. Most importantly, the collection focuses on witchcraft not as folklore or anthropology, but as theology and as religious heresy. These titles were originally digitally scanned from microfilm by Primary Source Microfilm, and include 104 monographs (about 23,220 pages).

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

"We think of libraries as houses for books, but they're so much more. They are full of discovery and adventure and beauty and delight. For me they're full of memories. I dream of calm spaces and big chairs, and a time in the future, perhaps, when I can stand by my own daughter as she picks through the shelves, as my mother did for me. I will take her there not because I couldn't go when I was a child, but because I could."

—Writer Christina Eng, "Library Love," [<http://www.browncollegealumnimagazine.com/content/view/2355/32/>] Brown Alumni Magazine, Sept./Oct. 2009.

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

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Ask the ALA Librarian

Q. I recently graduated with my MLS degree, and I am having great

difficulty finding library positions. What resources are available? Are there alternative places, outside of libraries, that I could use my MLS?

A. The ALA Library has put together a collection of resources about doing a library job search,

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

which contains information about getting a job in a tough economy, the ALA Office of Human Resource Development and Recruitment, the ALA JobLIST, a library job search bibliography, library job search in Second Life, library job search Twitter feeds, and library consultant and placement firms. From the ALA Professional Tips wiki

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

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

Calendar

Nov. 5–6:

WorldCat Mashathon Seattle,

[<http://worldcat.org/devnet/wiki/2009WAMashathon>] sponsored by the OCLC Developer Network and the University of Washington Libraries, Odegaard Undergraduate Library, Seattle.

Nov. 11–13:

New England Museum Association, [<http://www.nemanet.org/conf09/index.htm>] Annual Conference, Radisson Hotel, Nashua, New Hampshire. “Promises to Keep: Vision and Value in Museums.”

Nov. 11–15:

Theatre Library Association, [<http://astrconference.org/>] Annual Conference, Conrad San Juan Condado Plaza, San Juan, Puerto Rico. “Theatre, Performance, DestiNation.”

Nov. 15:

America Recycles Day. [<http://www.americarecyclesday.org/about-ard.aspx>]

Nov. 18–21:

National Association for the Education of Young Children, [<http://www.naeyc.org/conference/>] Annual Conference, Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

Nov. 19–22:

National Council of Teachers of English, [<http://www.ncte.org/annual>] Annual Convention, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia. “Once and Future Classics: Reading Between the Lines.”

Dec. 3–4:

Urban Libraries Council,

[<https://m360.urbanlibraries.org/event.aspx?eventID=7719&instance=0>]

Partners for Success conference, Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library.

Jan. 27–30:
Special Libraries Association,
[<http://www.sla.org/content/resources/leadcenter/LeadershipSummit/10leadsummit/index.cfm>] Leadership Summit, Union Station Marriott, St. Louis.
“Creating the Future.”

Feb. 1–7:
Children’s Authors and Illustrators Week.
[<http://www.childrensauthorsnetwork.com/caiw.htm>]

Feb. 24–27:
Ontario Library Association,
[http://www.accessola.com/ola/bins/content_page.asp?cid=5] Super Conference, Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Feb. 28–
Mar. 2:
National Federation of Advanced Information Services,
[<http://www.nfais.org/page/23-2010-annual-conference>] Annual Conference, Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, Philadelphia. “Redefining the Value of Information: Exploring the New Equation.”

Mar. 10–14:
National Council on Public History,
[<http://ncph.org/Conferences/2010/tabid/553/language/en-US/Default.aspx>] Annual Meeting, Hilton Portland and Executive Towers, Portland, Oregon.
“Currents of Change.”

Mar. 17–20:
Visual Resources Association,
[<http://www.vraweb.org/conferences/index.html>] Annual Conference, Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta.

Mar. 17–20:
Conference on College Composition and Communication,
[<http://www.ncte.org/cccc/conv>] Annual Convention, Louisville, Kentucky.
“The Remix: Revisit, Rethink, Revise, Renew.”

Mar. 18–20:
National Science Teachers Association,
[<http://www.nsta.org/conferences/2010phi/>] National Conference on Science Education, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia. “Connecting Science Past to Science Future.”

Mar. 25–27:
National Council for History Education,
[<http://www.nche.net/conference/index.html>] Annual Conference, Town and Country Resort, San Diego, California. “Crossroads of Peoples and Places Over Time.”

Mar. 31–
Apr. 3:
Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association,

[<http://pcaaca.org/conference/national.php>] Annual Conference,
Renaissance Grand Hotel, St. Louis.

Apr. 11–13:
National Conference on Family Literacy,
[<http://www.famlit.org/conference>] Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio,
Texas.

Apr. 11–17:
National Library Week.
[<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.cfm>]

Apr. 27–30:
Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists,
[<http://salis.org/conference/conference.html>] Annual Conference, National
Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, Columbia University, New York
City.

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