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## American Libraries Online

### [American Libraries launches new website](#)

*American Libraries* is kicking off 2010 with a new way to keep on top of library-related news, views, and perspectives. Its [new website](#) is rolling out over the coming weeks, with content open to all. The site offers many new benefits, including expanded news content, web-only spotlights, HTML versions of most of the print magazine's content, comment-enabled articles, an [archive](#) of every issue of *American Libraries Direct*, and RSS feeds for new issues....

AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 6



### [Newbery Award-winner named ambassador to young readers](#)

Katherine Paterson (right), two-time Newbery Award winner for *Bridge to Terabithia* and *Jacob Have I Loved*, has been appointed the 2010–11 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Center for the Book of the Library of Congress and the Children's Book Council's Every Child a Reader initiative. Paterson succeeds Jon Scieszka (left), who became the first-ever national ambassador in 2008. She [summarized](#) her platform for the ambassadorship in four words: "Read for your life.".....

American Libraries Online, Jan. 6; Library of Congress, Jan. 5



### [The year in review](#)

Read a summary of the top library stories of 2009: Fiscal tsunami, tragedies and triumphs, Google gaining, e-books escalating, and open source solutions....

*American Libraries*, Jan./Feb.

### [Tough times and eight ways to deal with them](#)

James LaRue writes: "Many public libraries—in the United States and worldwide—are facing significant financial troubles. We are part of a larger economic system, and this is a dip in the cycle. Such dips are

inevitable over the course of one's career. There are many ways to rein in expenditures without compromising the long-term integrity of our institutions. Making cuts isn't unusual. Businesses do it. Homeowners do it. In libraries, I believe there are eight basic approaches, and not all of them are good ones."...

*American Libraries*, Jan./Feb.

### [How to thrive by design in tough times](#)

Lisa Rosenblum writes: "With the help of retail evaluation tools, library staff at the Hayward (Calif.) Public Library have accomplished a makeover, resulting in consistent increases in library usage and measurable improvements in customer satisfaction—a model from which almost any committed library can draw to make the best of these tumultuous times. Hayward accomplished this with innovative retail measurements developed by Envirosell, a global research and consulting firm specializing in the study of human behavior in retail, service, home, and online settings."...

*American Libraries*, Jan./Feb.



### [Inspiration, Seattle-style](#)

Brian Mathews writes: "What makes a library inspiring to its users? The key component is the relationship it builds with the people it serves. Seattle Public Library is a showcase for this attribute. In 2008, just in time to face what has become a global financial crisis, the library completed the 10-year 'Libraries for All' campaign, which resulted in the construction of several new branches and improvements to every other library building. What's most inspiring about this ambitious plan is the way the city's public librarians took it to the streets."...

*American Libraries*, Jan./Feb.



## ALA News

### [ALA launches Family Literacy Focus](#)

ALA President Camila Alire has launched the Family Literacy Focus, an initiative to encourage families in ethnically diverse communities to read and learn together. ALA has awarded each of the five ALA ethnic affiliate organizations \$3,000 to develop and implement innovative family literacy models in libraries serving Native American, Asian American and Pacific American, African American, Chinese American, and Latino communities....

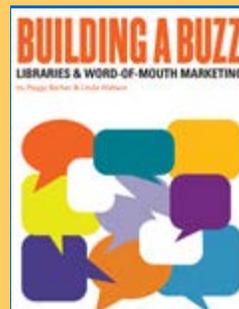
### [Choose Privacy Week kicks off at Midwinter](#)

The Office for Intellectual Freedom will launch ALA's new privacy initiative, Choose Privacy Week, at an exciting event featuring social



### [ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)

Boston, January 15–19. Experient is ALA's travel management company for both hotel and airline reservations. As an ALA attendee or exhibitor, you are eligible for special [airline and hotel rates](#). Online registration is still open.



Want to get the word out about your library in the most cost-effective way possible? You can achieve this with the effective word-of-mouth marketing strategies laid out in [Building a Buzz](#). Two creative marketers, Peggy Barber and Linda Wallace, bring you sound marketing principles to spread the word about your library within the community. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

### In this issue

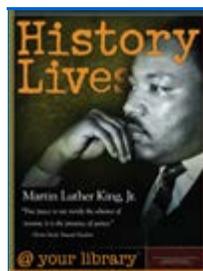
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critic Hal Niedzviecki, author of *The Peep Diaries: How We're Learning to Love Watching Ourselves and Our Neighbors* (City Lights Books, 2009). The event will take place January 16, 4–5 p.m. Niedzviecki's talk will focus on what he terms the age of "peep culture"—a tell-all, show-all, know-all digital phenomenon that is dramatically altering notions of privacy....



### [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. legacy honored](#)

ALA Graphics has added a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. [poster](#) and [bookmark](#) to its History Lives series. The items feature an image of King alongside a quote from *Stride Toward Freedom*, his memoir describing the Montgomery bus boycott. King, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate who fought discrimination through nonviolent resistance, helped transform a nation through his conviction of equality....



### [ALA requests additional broadband funding for libraries](#)

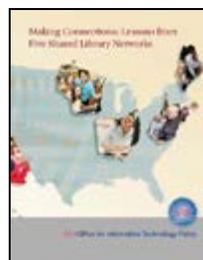
ALA, joined by nine other supporters of broadband expansion, sent a letter ([PDF file](#)) December 29 to Assistant Secretary of Commerce Larry Strickling, asking the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to substantially increase the amount of funding allocated for the Public Computer Centers program in the second round of funding for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program....

District Dispatch, Dec. 29

### [OITP profiles five library networks](#)

The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy released on January 6 *Making Connections: Lessons from Five Shared Library Networks* ([PDF file](#))—profiles of five library networks that have, through varying approaches, successfully upgraded their broadband connectivity. The case studies reveal lessons learned that may be instructive for other libraries seeking to establish successful networks....

District Dispatch, Jan. 6

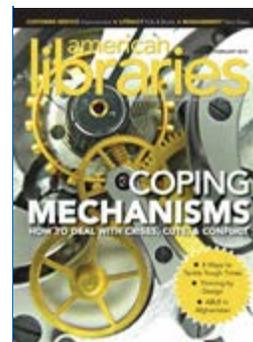


### [Placement Center to host free webinar](#)

The ALA Placement Center will host a free webinar from 11 a.m. to noon Central Time on January 18. "Finding and Keeping Library Jobs," presented by Diane Kovacs, is intended for librarians and support staff who are seeking employment, planning for future employment, or looking for professional development opportunities to assist in maintaining current employment. To attend, participants can visit the [webinar website](#). To enter, make sure "Enter as a guest" is selected, type your name in the space, and click on "Enter Room."...

### [Extension on Google Public Policy Fellowship](#)

The ALA Washington Office will be participating in the [Google Policy Fellowship program](#) for the summer of 2010. Google Policy Fellows



[How to Thrive by Design](#)

[ABLE in Afghanistan](#)

[It's the Content, Stupid](#)

[Where to Eat in Boston](#)

**Career Leads from**

**ALA JobLIST**

### [Clinical Liaison Librarian](#), Johns

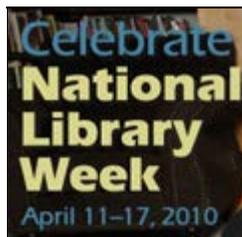
Hopkins University School of Medicine, Welch Medical Library, Baltimore. Serves as a liaison to assigned departments and programs by offering information services, instruction and consultation to faculty, staff, and students, performs instructional sessions, and plans specialized services tailored to the individualized needs of departments. Contributes to library strategic planning initiatives, and is a participant in committee activities to ensure that the library runs efficiently and

work for 10 weeks during the summer at ALA Washington or at other public-interest organizations involved in debates on broadband and other technical issues. The [application](#) deadline has been extended to January 25....

District Dispatch, Dec. 29

### [Celebrate National Library Week with a customizable PSA](#)

To promote National Library Week 2010, a customizable public service announcement featuring award-winning author Neil Gaiman is now available. The PSA can be [downloaded](#) for free. To have the PSA customized with their library's logo, librarians are asked to send a print-quality logo file, the library name, and the URL to [ala@atigraphics.com](mailto:ala@atigraphics.com)....



### [Merritt Fund to celebrate 40th anniversary in June](#)

The LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund, founded in 1970 to help librarians who have been denied employment rights because of their defense of intellectual freedom or because of discrimination, turns 40 years old in 2010. To celebrate this landmark anniversary, the Merritt Fund will be having a gala dinner June 28 in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., at the Folger Shakespeare Library....

#### The Merritt Fund

### [Website encourages library usage](#)

[Atyourlibrary.org](http://Atyourlibrary.org), which launched in April 2009, continues to post lively new content that encourages the public to use the local library.

The site works to get the word out that libraries are filled with rich resources that are easy to access, as well as promote the goals of the Campaign for America's Libraries. Where available, recommended resources are linked to the WorldCat database, which provides a list of the nearest libraries with the recommended item....

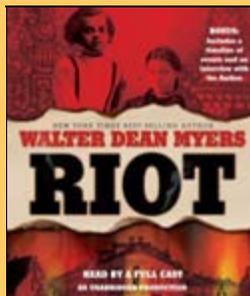


## Booklist ONLINE

### [Featured review: Media](#)

Myers, Walter Dean. *Riot*. Read by Dan Oreskes. Sept. 2009. 2.5 hr. Grades 7–12. Listening Library, CD (978-0-307-58340-6).

The stirring trumpet rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" sets the mood for this dramatic historical fiction, based on the New York Draft Riots of 1863, when Irish immigrants revolted against "dying for darkies" in the Civil War. The response of one New York innkeeper family (a black man, his Irish spouse, and biracial daughter) illustrates the conflicted feelings of New York Irish and blacks, differences in fear levels, and resulting aftermath. The novel is written in screenplay format, with the audio read by a full cast, including the resonant tones of principal narrator



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### Digital Library of the Week



The [Chicago Public Library Digital Collections](#) includes images from the library's special collections. Highlights include construction views of Chicago's Millennium Park, including images of the construction of the Cloud Gate ("the Bean"); a visual record of Civil War battlefields; photographs of Harold Washington, the first African-American mayor of Chicago; documents from the Chicago Renaissance (1930–1950); issues of the *Chicago Examiner* (1908–1918); the Chicago Sewers Collection; and pictures of Chicago neighborhoods.

**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.

Oreskes. Three days of riots are told through the actions and viewpoints of 15-year-old biracial Claire (read by Julie Rogers); her father, John (played by Ako Mitchell); and her mother, Ellen (portrayed by Grainne Gilles). Ellen's lilting brogue, John's sturdy tones, and Walt Whitman's (Sean Barratt) world-weary, educated inflections are among the memorable voices....

### [Black History Preview](#)

Joanne Wilkinson writes: "For those readers anxious to get a head start planning Black History Month activities or ordering relevant titles, we are offering our 11th annual Black History Preview. It is intended to provide an overview of some of the books by and about African Americans to be published in 2010. The titles are based on lists submitted to us by both adult and youth publishers. Because we have not seen many of these titles yet, we can't offer recommendations at this point, but we will be considering them for review as galleys arrive in the office in the coming weeks."...



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

## Boston Update

### [Free Boston iPhone app](#)

The Free Boston app provides dozens of listings for free exhibits, museum admissions, tours, and events in and around the city of Boston. For each listing you will find the phone number, address, URL, and other relevant information to help you plan your visit. The app lets you mark your favorite items and go through just the favorites in a separate tab. Periodic updates include newer listings and corrections....

iPhone Apps Plus



### [Institute of Contemporary Art](#)

Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art, at 100 Northern Avenue, presents outstanding contemporary art in all media, including visual art exhibitions, music, film, video, and performance, that is deserving of public attention. Founded in 1936 as the Boston Museum of Modern Art, the museum was conceived as a laboratory where innovative approaches to art could be championed. On display during the Midwinter Meeting are exhibits by Mexican artist Damián Ortega (above) and Polish artist Krzysztof Wodiczko....

Institute of Contemporary Art



### [Boston Public Library: Art and Architecture tours](#)

The Volunteer Office of the Boston Public

## Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

**"I read some amazing obituaries of librarians that made me sorry that I had not met them: People who were visionaries, who were taking the field of information as it was changing and helping mold it for a new age. And I was very impressed with them and I thought that there must be people out there right now who are doing equally exciting things, but still alive."**

—*This Book Is Overdue!*  
Author Marilyn Johnson, in [interview](#) with *Library Journal*, Jan. 5.



## TweetWatch

### Follow:

Consumer Electronics Show, Las Vegas, Jan. 7–10, at: [#ces](#)

Educause, Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Baltimore, Jan. 13–15, at: [#marc10](#)

American Library Association, Midwinter Meeting, Boston, Jan. 15–19, at: [#alamw10](#)

Library offers free one-hour tours highlighting the architecture of Charles Follen McKim and Philip Johnson, as well as the many works of such famous artists as John Singer Sargent (right) and Edwin Austin Abbey. The tours are given every day except Wednesday. See the [BPL website](#) for times....



Boston Public Library

### [AAP breakfast and book talk](#) (PDF file)

The Association of American Publishers is hosting a complimentary breakfast January 17, 8–9:30 a.m., at the Boston Convention Center, Room 151 A/B. “Keeping It Short: The Best in Short Story Fiction” will feature authors George Saunders, David Updike, Shannon Rouss, Simon Van Booy, Lee Smith, and Ha Jin. [RSVP](#) by January 10....

Association of American Publishers

### [OCLC Blog Salon](#)

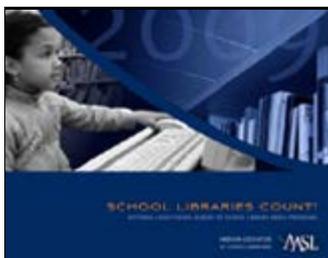
It's not just for bloggers anymore. The OCLC Blog Salon is open and welcome for anyone interested in Web 2.0—from blogs and tweets to APIs, mash-ups, and mobile apps. Rub shoulders with other technically and social-media savvy folks, and make some new friends in a relaxed, social setting, January 17, 5:30–8 p.m., at the Westin Waterfront, Stone Room....

It's All Good, Jan. 5

## Division News

### [Results of 2009 School Libraries Count! survey](#)

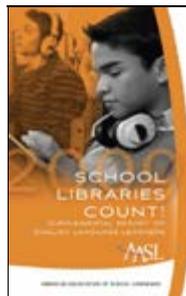
As school library media centers increased their hours and collections, many school budgets failed to increase funding to support these trends, according to an updated report ([PDF file](#)) from AASL.



Results from 5,824 respondents to the 2009 *School Libraries Count! National Longitudinal Survey of School Library Media Programs* revealed that many schools decreased expenditures, including reduced spending for information resources compared to the previous year....

### [School libraries lack materials for English Language Learners](#)

According to a recent survey by AASL, many schools lack initiatives to incorporate English Language Learners successfully into the school population. This finding comes as a result of the 2009 *School Libraries Count! National Longitudinal Survey of School Library Media Programs*. In addition to annual survey questions, in 2009 AASL asked supplemental questions on ELLs ([PDF file](#))....



### [ACRL selects researcher for its value project](#)

ACRL has selected Megan Oakleaf (right), assistant

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

### Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q. The staff travel and education budget has been cut this year. Are there any staff development courses that can be taken online, that I can suggest?**

**A.** There are several opportunities available in online library staff development and instruction. Consider the growing number of [online courses](#) offered by ALA's divisions, including [YALSA](#) Professional Development Online, [ACRL](#) E-Learning, [RUSA](#) Online Continuing Education, and E-Learning @ [PLA](#). See the [Where to find CE for your staff](#) and [Staff Development](#) pages to learn of more opportunities. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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professor in the iSchool at Syracuse University, as lead researcher for its value of academic libraries project. A recognized expert in outcomes-based assessment and decision making, Oakleaf will develop and deliver a comprehensive review of the quantitative and qualitative literature, methodologies, and best practices currently in place for demonstrating the value of academic libraries....



### [Authors headline ALTAFF Tea at Midwinter](#)

Five bestselling authors will speak about their writing and lives during the ALTAFF Gala Author Tea, January 18, in the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Boston. Featured authors include Marilyn Johnson (right), Janice Y. K. Lee, Teri Woods, Holly LeCraw, and Karl Marlantes. A book signing follows. Johnson is the author of *This Book Is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All* (HarperCollins, 2010); in a series of [short videos](#), Johnson told *Library Journal* about some of the librarians she met, why she wrote the book, who its audience is, and what she hopes it will do. Tickets will be sold on-site. Explore other Midwinter [ALTAFF events](#) here....



ALTAFF; *Library Journal*, Jan. 5

### [ALSC's 10 ways to make 2010 spectacular](#)

Bethany Lafferty writes: "2010 is upon us, and there is no better time to reenergize your library. Getting the new year off to a great start can be intimidating, but the [Kids! @ your library toolkit](#) can make that effort completely painless. Here are 10 free ideas from our toolkit to get you started."...

ALSC Blog, Dec. 30

### [LITA Top Tech Trends in Boston](#)

Cindi Trainor writes: "It's that time again, folks; the semiannual Top Technology Trends conversation is upon us. This year's Midwinter has us enjoying the history and chill of Boston, but like the last Midwinter Top Tech discussion in Denver, you can participate from the warmth of your living room or from wherever you may be, January 17."...

LITA Blog, Jan. 5

### [Tell RUSA why you love reference work](#)

If you're passionate about reference librarianship, the RUSA President's Program Committee wants to talk to you. The committee is creating a video montage for its program at the 2010 Annual Conference, and will be taping brief interviews at Midwinter. Stop by Room 103 in the Convention Center on January 16 for a few minutes anytime between 4 and 5:30 p.m. to share the reasons why you love reference work, or your favorite reference sources and questions....

RUSA Blog, Dec. 29

### [Join YALSA at ALISE in Boston](#)

YALSA will host an exhibit booth and a happy hour at the 2010 Association for Library and Information Science Education Annual Conference, January 12-15 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. YALSA members



## Calendar

**Jan. 12:**

[LIS Online Career Fair](#), sponsored by the Alliance Library System and TAP Information Services. An online OPAL conference. Contact: [Lori Bell](#).

**Jan. 15-19:**

[American Library Association](#), Midwinter Meeting, Boston.

**Jan. 26-27:**

[Software and Information Industry Association](#), Information Industry Summit, Cipriani 42nd Street, New York City.

**Jan. 28:**

[District of Columbia Library Association](#), Summit on Library Services to Children, Sumner School, Washington, D.C.

**Feb. 9:**

[Transliteracy Conference](#), Phoenix Square Digital Media Centre, Leicester, United Kingdom.

**Mar. 4-7:**

[Alaska Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage.

**Mar. 10-12:**

[Louisiana Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Capital Center, Baton Rouge.

and others can ask questions about the association, pick up swag and handouts, and learn more about YALSA's resources....

### [Our future from outside the box](#)

For the Midwinter Meeting in Boston, several cutting-edge LIS thinkers have prepared short opinion pieces on future trends, issues, and developments that are likely to affect research, instruction, and scholarly communication. These essays will serve as the foundation for ALCTS panel discussions January 15 between some of these thinkers, selected respondents, and attendees on emerging roles for collections and technical services librarians. Explore other [ALCTS Forums](#) and [Interest Group events](#) scheduled for the Midwinter Meeting....

### [PLA politics and networking workshop](#)

In order to help you learn the skills you need to operate effectively with your local government, PLA, in partnership with the Ohio Library Council, is offering a Politics and Networking workshop February 17–18 at the Toledo Public Library. Politics and Networking is a Certified Public Library Administrator course....

### [AASL seeks leadership volunteers](#)

AASL is currently seeking volunteers to submit [proposals](#) for three upcoming leadership opportunities within the association. The deadline for proposals for all of the opportunities is January 29. Every Wednesday during the month of April, AASL will offer four 60-minute webinars on AASL's *Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs*. AASL invites proposals that focus on one of the four chapters in the program guidelines....

## Awards

### [Youth Media Awards, January 18: Mark your calendar](#)

ALA will unveil the best of the best in children's and young adult literature and media at the 2010 Youth Media Awards presentation during the Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The award announcements (including the Newbery, Caldecott, and Carnegie Medals) will take place at 7:45 a.m. Eastern Time (doors open at 7:30) on January 18 in the Grand Ballroom at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. ALA will [also provide](#) a free live webcast of the event via [Unikron](#), results on Twitter and Facebook, and an encore presentation in Second Life....

### [Behind the Caldecott scenes with Ed Spicer](#)

Travis Jonker writes: "I'm convinced that there is no better person with whom to shoot the Caldecott breeze than Ed Spicer. A 1st-grade teacher, a member of the 2009 Caldecott committee, and a passionate supporter of the written word, Ed can talk books with the best of them. The fact that he has no qualms sharing his opinions doesn't hurt either. Recently, Ed sat down to discuss his Caldecott committee experience, handicap the 2010 race, and even prognosticate this year's Printz award winners."...

100 Scope Notes, Jan. 5



### [Best of adult reading and reference in Boston](#)

### **Mar. 17–19:**

[Tennessee Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Memphis.

### **Mar. 23–27:**

[Public Library Association](#), National Conference, Oregon Convention Center, Portland.

### **Apr. 7–9:**

[Florida Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando.

### **Apr. 7–9:**

[Kansas Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Century II Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency, Wichita.

### **Apr. 7–9:**

[New Mexico Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Ruidoso Convention Center.

### **Apr. 7–10:**

[Montana Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Holiday Inn and Best Western GranTree Inn, Bozeman.

### **Apr. 12–14:**

[Computers in Libraries](#), Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia.

### **Apr. 13–16:**

[Alabama Library Association](#), Annual Convention, Embassy Suites Hotel and Von Braun Center, Huntsville.

### **Apr. 14–17:**

[Texas Library Association](#), Annual

Midwinter Meeting attendees are invited to celebrate the winners of numerous awards—including the Notable Books selections and The Reading List—at the RUSA Book and Media Awards Reception. The reception will be held 4–6 p.m., January 17, in the Rose Kennedy III Room at the Intercontinental Boston Hotel, 510 Atlantic Avenue....

### [Apply for PLA Leadership Fellowships](#)

PLA is now accepting applications for its Leadership Fellows program, an innovative educational opportunity created to help develop leaders in public libraries. This scholarship program offers PLA members who are public library managers a chance to attend executive leadership training at some of the best universities in the United States.

[Application deadlines](#) vary depending on the institution....

### [Libraries: A "Cents"-ible Resource](#)

The winner of @ your library's Creative Essay Contest is Leslie Powell-Skinner, of Eldridge, Iowa, whose poetic essay "[A 'Cents'-ible Resource](#)" won the judges over with its humorous rhythm and rhyme. Powell-Skinner will receive a prize of \$350, courtesy of ALA....

@ your library, Dec. 23

### [2010 Innovations in Reading Prize](#)

Do you know a librarian or library with an innovative approach to fostering a love of reading? Fill out an application from the National Book Foundation for the [Innovations in Reading Prize](#). The Foundation lists "creativity, risk-taking, and a visionary quality" as the most important criteria for selecting winners, who could receive up to \$2,500 in prizes. Last year's winners included the Maricopa County (Ariz.) Library District, recognized for its use of "Deweyless" libraries to promote more browsing. The deadline is February 17....

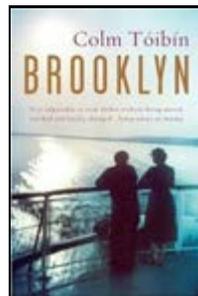
YALSA Blog, Jan. 4; National Book Foundation



### [2009 Costa Book Awards](#)

Colm Tóibín was named winner of the Costa Best Novel of the year award for *Brooklyn*, a sparely written account of a young woman's emigration from 1950s Ireland to New York. It was one of five category winners announced January 4 that will now compete for the overall Costa Book of the Year. Other winners were Christopher Reid in the poetry category for *A Scattering*; Graham Farmelo in the biography section for *The Strangest Man: The Hidden Life of Paul Dirac, Quantum Genius*; Patrick Ness, the children's book award for *The Ask and the Answer*; and Raphael Selbourne, the first-novel award for *Beauty*....

*The Guardian* (U.K.), Jan. 4



### [Public Library Innovation Program](#)

The Public Library Innovation Program aims to spark innovative library services that improve people's lives through the use of technology. This three-year grant program, sponsored by Electronic Information for Libraries, will help public libraries in developing and transitioning countries become centers of community life. Ten grants of up to \$30,000 U.S. will be awarded in Round 1 to support one-year innovation projects. The deadline to apply is February 28....

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Conference, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio.

### **Apr. 19–20:**

[Connecticut Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville.

### **Apr. 19–21:**

[Oklahoma Library Association / Mountain Plains Library Association](#), Joint Conference,

Oklahoma City Renaissance Hotel and Cox Convention Center.

### **Apr. 21–23:**

[Maryland Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Clarion Resort, Ocean City.

### **Apr. 26–28:**

[New Jersey Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Ocean Place, Long Branch.

### **Apr. 28–30:**

[Massachusetts Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hyannis Resort and Conference Center.

### **May 12–14:**

[Utah Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Garden Inn, St. George.

### **May 13–14:**

[New Hampshire Library Association](#), Spring Conference, Attitash Grand Summit Hotel and Conference Center.

### **May 25:**

[Vermont Library Association](#), Annual Conference, St.

## Sisters in Crime library grants

Mystery-genre group Sisters in Crime is offering monthly grants of \$1,000 throughout 2010 to U.S. libraries through its "We Love Libraries" lotteries.

At the end of each month, a winner will be drawn from entries received. To enter, simply complete the entry form and upload a photo of one or more of your staff with three books in your collection by Sisters in Crime [members](#). All branches within a larger system may enter; however, once a library in the system has won, no other libraries within that system can win the grant....

Sisters in Crime



## Seen Online

### [Obama issues order on document classification](#)

On December 29, President Obama issued a new [executive order](#) on classified national security information that will alter the way the executive branch classifies documents, reducing overclassification and the length of time the public must wait to view documents. The president also released a [memorandum](#) to the heads of executive departments and agencies that explains how he would like the order to be implemented....

White House Blog, Dec. 29

### [Joliet library director comments on gun incident](#)

A gun firing during an arrest in the library was a first for John Spears, Joliet (Ill.) Public Library's new director. A December 28 incident at the downtown library was more exciting than most. Police, who came to the library on a tip that a wanted man was there, found Rondale L. Ellis, 23, who is alleged to have grabbed for an officer's gun, firing a shot into a stairwell wall. Two library employees joined the fray and helped police subdue Ellis....

Joliet (Ill.) Herald-News, Jan. 5

### [FEMA grants relocation money to Cedar Rapids library](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has relented and agreed to pay \$329,127 for the temporary relocation of the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Public Library. The library received notice December 23 that the agency approved its second appeal for temporary relocation assistance following the flood of 2008, stating that the library does, in fact, provide essential community services....

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, Dec. 24

### [JFK Library Twitter feed replays 1960 campaign](#)

Fifty years ago, John F. Kennedy launched his campaign for the presidency of the United States, a run that only 10 months later resulted in his election. History buffs and Kennedy fans can relive some of that historic campaign through a Twitter feed, [JFK 1960](#), sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. Daily updates will tell followers exactly what occurred on the corresponding day in 1960....

Boston Globe, Jan. 2



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## **Bill Clinton wants to supersize his library**

Paul Bedard writes: "Reagan's has an Air Force One. Bush's has a TBM Avenger like the one he flew in World War II. And in the bigger-is-better world of presidential libraries, only Hoover's is smaller than former President Clinton's. All of which has Clinton itching to expand his library and museum in Little Rock, Arkansas, to include more gee-whiz exhibits." ...

*U.S. News: Washington Whispers, Dec. 28*



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## **"Sophie's choice" for Salinas**

By a 3–2 vote January 4, a city budget oversight committee opted to keep the Salinas (Calif.) Public Libraries on a seven-day schedule and eliminate its paramedic program instead. As they met to grapple with what library trustee Chairwoman Lauren Cercone called a "Sophie's choice," committee members and city officials compared the worth of services that normally aren't compared. A majority on the committee saw cuts in library services as a riskier proposition, because the city can rely on the county for emergency medical response....

*Salinas Californian, Jan. 5*

## **Old photo inspires family-history project**

Reference Librarian Marjeanne Blinn would often look at the photo hanging on the wall of the Malaga Cove branch of the Palos Verdes (Calif.) Library District, wondering who the 187 Japanese people were. An inscription said they were the members of 40 families, Japanese farmers who grew tomatoes, garbanzos, and other crops on rented land on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. It was taken November 24, 1923. Her curiosity led her to start the 40 Families History Project in 2004....

*Los Angeles Times, Jan. 1*



## **Genealogy tourism at Fort Wayne**

It took unconventional and even idiosyncratic steps to make the Allen County Public Library's [Genealogy Center](#) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the highly touted, prominent tourist destination it is today, according to the man who heads up the center. Curt Witcher said that making hefty portions of genealogy collections free on the web is actually good for tourism and that technology brings people to the library who otherwise would never have set foot in the city....

*Fort Wayne (Ind.) Journal Gazette, Jan. 4*



## **Budget cuts force Marion County Law Library to close**

Librarian Zoya Golban turned off the lights and locked the doors December 30 at the Marion County Law Library in Indianapolis for the last time. The cozy repository on the third floor of the City-County Building has permanently closed because of city budget cuts. Starting January 4, self-represented litigants are being directed to a cluster of four computers at the Family Resource Center in the same building. Those who want to access books the law library offered will go to the Indianapolis–Marion County Central Library, which will take on a portion of the law library's collection....

*Indianapolis Star*, Jan. 2

### [Danville opens outlet in low-income housing complex](#)

The Danville (Ill.) Public Library has opened an outlet in the Green Meadow Apartments to serve low-income residents. The program, "Weeds to Seeds: Growing a Neighborhood Library and New Library Users," was conceived by Outreach Director Mary Jane Starnes. The library sends books that have been withdrawn from circulation to the apartments, which house about 300 residents....

*Champaign (Ill.) News-Gazette*, Jan. 1

### [Oakland library users suffer withdrawal over the holidays](#)

Readers began suffering literary withdrawal symptoms December 28 as the Oakland (Calif.) Public Library faced an extended closure due to budget cuts. Library patrons scowled, sighed, and stomped at the entrance to the main library, where a sign solemnly informed them the library and its 15 branches would be closed through January 2. For the library's 415 employees, the closure also means a pay cut....

*San Francisco Chronicle*, Dec. 29

### [Susan Patron, librarian and storyteller](#)

As a youth, Susan Patron (right) began going to the somewhat intimidating Wilshire branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, which was built in Italian Renaissance style. She became more comfortable after getting to know the librarian, and it was around that time that she knew she wanted to become a writer. Her parents suggested it might be wise to study for a job that might actually pay the rent, so becoming a librarian seemed logical. Though retired now, the Newbery Medal-winning author of *The Higher Power of Lucky* has just submitted her eighth book, about a boy with a born-again mother....



*Los Angeles Times*, Dec. 30

### [Rome wasn't returned in a day](#)

In 1936, a young Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, boy checked out a library book from school that sparked something deep inside of him. The boy loved Laura Orvieto's *The Birth of Rome* (Lippincott, 1935) so much he decided he could not bear to part with it. Some 73 years later, Thomas McArdle, 85, felt it was time to part with that special book and return it to its rightful owner, the Southmoreland School District....

*Connellsville (Pa.) Daily Courier*, Jan. 4

### [Centenarian checks out one-millionth item at Mount Prospect](#)

Nearly a month ago, officials with the Mount Prospect (Ill.) Public Library saw this day coming: They projected hitting the one-million mark in circulation before the end of the year. When it came on December 30, they were delighted to see the user who hit the million mark—101-year-old Harold Weary. He approached the circulation desk with a murder mystery on DVD, and when he checked it out, the celebration started....

*Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald*, Dec. 30

### [Why Twitter will endure](#)

David Carr writes: "Beyond the dippy lingo, the idea that something intelligent, something worthy of mindshare, might occur in the space

of 140 characters seems unlikely. But it was clear that at the SXSW conference in Austin last March, the primary news platform was Twitter, with real-time annotation of the panels on stage and critical updates about what was happening elsewhere at a very hectic convention. At 52, I succumbed, partly out of professional necessity.”...

*New York Times*, Jan. 1

### [Creative leniency for overdue](#)

In the Illinois towns of Joliet and Palos Park, the economic downturn has pushed the public libraries into the grocery business: Patrons with hefty fines can donate canned goods or other groceries through the library to local shelters and food pantries. In Colorado, the Denver Public Library has practically done away with fixed-rate fines; librarians there are free to negotiate a fee structure that feels fair to them based on individual cases. And at the Bay County (Mich.) Library System, kids are allowed to pay off fines by [doing extra reading](#)....

*New York Times*, Dec. 28; *Bay City (Mich.) News*, Dec. 26

### [Soda thefts at Deerfield](#)

A thief has steadily pilfered about six cans of soda each day for the past month from the staff kitchen at the Deerfield (Ill.) Public Library. While the library regularly tracks down overdue books, the soda caper has eluded its internal enforcement efforts. So library officials have turned to police. The area is locked and requires a staff-issued key, and the thefts take place when the library is closed....



*Chicago Tribune*, Dec. 31

### [Workplace safety plan called for in Ottawa after library assault](#)

City of Ottawa departments should work “cohesively” to ensure that employees have safe workplaces following an alleged sexual assault on a library staff member, Ottawa (Canada) Public Library Board Chairwoman Jan Harder said after a January 5 closed-door meeting. A female staff member at the library’s Metcalfe branch was allegedly assaulted December 28, and police later charged a 15-year-old boy with sexual assault causing bodily harm and related crimes....

*Ottawa Citizen*, Jan. 6

### [Suspected British book thief arrested](#)

A former accountant suspected of stealing a rare 13-volume work on camellias from the Royal Horticultural Society Lindley Library in London was arrested December 25. William Jacques, a Cambridge graduate, is alleged to have stolen the books, worth about £50,000 (\$80,800 U.S.). He has been charged with the theft of *Nouvelle iconographie des camellias* (1849–1860) by Ambroise Verschaffelt, which contains an array of color plates and is regarded as one of the rarest and greatest works on camellias....



*The Times* (U.K.), Dec. 30

### [British Library to fast-track website archiving](#)

New legal powers to allow the British Library to archive millions of websites are to be fast-tracked. Culture Minister Margaret Hodge is pressing for the faster introduction of powers to allow six major libraries to copy every free website based in the U.K. as part of their

efforts to record Britain's cultural, scientific, and political history. The *Guardian* reported in October that senior executives at the British Library and National Library of Scotland were dismayed at the government's failure to implement the powers in the six years since they were established in 2003....

*The Guardian* (U.K.), Dec. 27

### [American librarian trampled by elephant in Kenya](#)

An American woman and her baby daughter were trampled to death January 4 by an elephant while on a forest hike in Kenya. The mother, Sharon Brown, was middle and high school librarian for the International School of Kenya in Nairobi. Brown and her child were taking part in a guided walk near the Castle Forest Lodge, about 65 miles north of Nairobi. There have been no tragic incidents with elephants in the area since 2001....

CNN, Jan. 6

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## Tech Talk

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### [Nexus One: The revolution is still on hold](#)

Rafe Needleman writes: "Google's new smartphone, the [Nexus One](#), released January 5, is a good phone, but does it break new ground for consumers? Looked at in the context of the history of mobile phones, it's a solid step in Google's continuing assault on new markets in general and on Apple in particular, but it's not revolutionary. Of course, the Nexus One has solid consumer advantages over Apple's phones. You can get it on T-Mobile (now), Verizon (in the spring), or unlocked. It looks like it has a better screen, and it has active noise cancellation and voice control, both very cool. It has nice integration with online services like Google Maps, Facebook, and Picasa. For industry watchers, the Android platform's openness is important."...



CNET News: Rafe's Radar, Jan. 5

### [Eight things every geek needs to do before 2010](#)

Jolie O'Dell writes: "It's one thing to have resolutions for the new year. I, for example, plan to lose weight, learn Python, and design the perfect handbag. But since nothing satisfies like the quick achievement of a short-term goal, here are eight things every good nerd should do before the ball drops (or as soon afterwards as possible). Then you can play the condescension chip and start chiding friends who haven't checked off these items yet."...



ReadWriteWeb, Dec. 28

### [Five best wallpaper sites](#)

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: "Nobody likes staring at a boring desktop when they fire up their computer every morning. *Everyone* has a favorite wallpaper site; Lifehacker readers logged nearly 500 votes for their favorites. Keep your wallpaper fresh with the five most popular sites used by our readers to dress up their monitors."...



Lifehacker, Dec. 27

### [Tips on designing mobile websites](#)

Kim Griggs, Laurie M. Bridges, and Hannah Gascho Rempel write: "Sites designed specifically for mobile devices increase usability. Nielsen, a leader in Human-Computer Interaction, advises that 'if mobile use is important to your internet strategy, it's smart to build a dedicated mobile site.' To provide a good mobile experience, offer services that support time-critical and location-sensitive activities, such as real-time information about computer availability and map-based directions."...

*Code4Lib Journal*, no. 9 (Sept. 21)

### [Five ed-tech stories to watch for in 2010](#)

Recently, *eSchool News* posted a look back at the [10 most significant education technology stories of 2009](#), as chosen by its editors. Now, here is a look at five stories that could have a huge effect on education technology in the new year. Number 3: Will the digital textbook revolution succeed?...

*eSchool News*, Jan. 4, 5

### [69 coolest web apps of 2009](#)

SmashingApps takes a look at a few of the web apps it has featured over the past year. Some will be useful for web designers, while end users and office managers will find others helpful. Included are OfficeLive, Remindo, HootSuite, Tweeper, WhatTheFont, 247webmonitoring, EmailTheWeb, and Zamzar....



SmashingApps, Dec. 29

### [The decade in data](#)

Oliver J. Chiang writes: "All around us is evidence that we've been living in a decade ruled by 1's and 0's. A household in the U.S. is now 10 times more likely to have a broadband connection than in 2000. Analog cameras, music, and media players have become quaint rarities during this past decade, replaced by their increasingly pervasive digital counterparts. Here's a list that compares key data points from 2000 to 2009, or the latest available figures."...

*Forbes*, Dec. 28

### [Migrating to Windows 7? Virtualization can help](#)



Alex Williams writes: "It's not easy to migrate to Windows 7 from Windows XP. Core incompatibilities just make it inherently difficult. Microsoft does not offer a clear migration path, and a number of legacy applications will not work in Windows 7, no matter how well the software is moved. Virtualization software such as [Zinstall](#) can make the process of switching a bit easier."...

ReadWriteWeb, Dec. 28

### [Why Windows slows down](#)

The How-To Geek writes: "One of the most persistent myths about Windows is that you need to reinstall the operating system regularly to keep it running at top performance. Let's take a look at the *real* problem and how to fix it. Follow these procedures, and you won't have to wonder if spending hours backing up data, installing from disc, and reinstalling your essential applications is really necessary."...

Lifehacker, Dec. 28

## [35+ usability resources for web designers](#)

Steven Snell writes: "Usability should be a priority for every website. Without usability, even the most beautiful design will be ineffective. In this post we'll feature a number of resources, tools, software, checklists, and articles that can help you to design and develop highly usable websites." He subdivides them into premium and free resources, websites and blogs, checklists, and helpful articles....

DesignM.ag, Dec. 21



## Publishing

### [Magazine closures threatened](#)

Reed Business Information employees are bracing for some bad news following a December 31 [memo](#) from CEO John Poulin. Poulin said the company so far has been unable to sell the majority of its U.S.-based magazine products as a whole and therefore the company will need to close certain titles and lay off a number of employees during the first half of 2010.

The company owns and operates *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*, and *School Library Journal*, trade magazines which have weathered the brunt of their parent company's long-running [sales declines](#)....

*Folio Magazine*, Jan. 4; *paidContent*, Jan. 1; *Daily Finance*, Jan. 4



### [Kirkus back in business?](#)

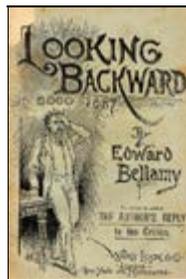
In a January 5 email to colleagues, *Kirkus Reviews* Managing Editor Eric Liebetrau said the publication, which last month was said to be closing with staff leaving by the end of 2009, is working toward an arrangement with an acquiring company to continue publication. Liebetrau said details will be forthcoming in the next two to three weeks....

*Publishers Weekly*, Jan. 5

### [15 best time-travel stories of all time](#)

Writers have often speculated about time travel—the ability to shift through the firmament of time as though it were water. Time travel really hit its stride in the late 19th and the 20th centuries and became a standard fixture of novels, short stories, and eventually television. Even though the concept has been used frequently (and often badly), there are still interesting ways to play with the idea. Here are 15 of the finest time travel stories ever put on paper....

PopCrunch, Dec. 16



### [Understanding SF book reviews](#)

Charlie Jane Anders writes: "*Publishers Weekly's* Genreville blog is posting a hilarious [set of tweets](#) for would-be 'lazy book critics,' under the hashtag [#lazycriticslexicon](#), and other writers and critics have joined in. If you've ever wanted to know what book critics are *really* saying when they call books esoteric or controversial, or you're thinking of becoming a lazy book critic yourself, you will need to check it out."...

io9, Jan. 5

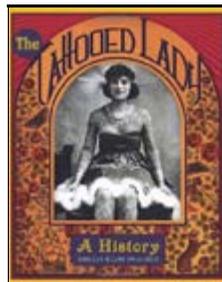
## [Books 2.0: But what about reading?](#)

Monica Hesse writes: "It's a dizzying experience, reading Vooks. But they represent just a few examples of a new genre that has been alternatively dubbed v-books, digi-books, multimedia books, and Cydecks, all with essentially the same concept: It's a book . . . but wait, there's more! Is a hybrid book our future? Maybe. Predicting the eventual death of the traditional novel sounds practically heretical. But keep in mind that the genre has actually existed in English for only about 300 years."...

*Washington Post*, Dec. 28

## [Pretty in ink: Librarian takes a peek at circus tattoos](#)

Though tattoos are no longer the stuff of sideshows, there was a time when an abundance of ink would have gotten a woman branded as a freak. Amelia Osterud, access services librarian at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin, takes a look at the bold souls who pioneered the trendy tat in *The Tattooed Lady: A History* (Speck Press, 2009).



Osterud says those tattooed ladies were "gutsy," and their boldness gave turn-of-the-century women the nerve to "start questioning the social codes that kept them confined."...

*Madison.com*, Dec. 26



## Actions & Answers

### [Wisconsin librarians say "Cheese!"](#)

Wisconsin Libraries Say Cheese! is a special public-relations effort of the Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries to showcase the programs, services, and resources of public libraries in the state. On November 16, dozens of Wisconsin libraries uploaded photos that exemplify a day in the life of their staffs and facilities. The program was modeled after last year's New Jersey Library Association and the New Jersey State Library's Snapshot Day....



Wisconsin Library Association

### [LC selects 25 movies for National Film Registry](#)

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington selected 25 motion pictures December 30 that will be preserved as cultural, artistic, and historical treasures for generations to come. Spanning the period 1911–1995, the films named to the 2009 National Film Registry range from the sci-fi classic *The Incredible Shrinking Man* and Bette Davis's Oscar-winning performance in *Jezebel* (above) to the Muppets movie debut and Michael Jackson's iconic video "Thriller." This year's selections bring the number of films in the registry to 525....

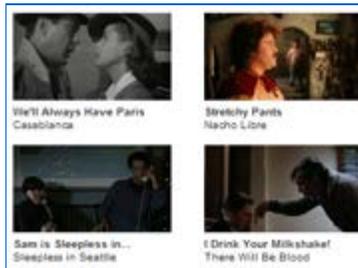


Library of Congress, Dec. 30

## [How to find movie scenes with MovieClips](#)

Nathan Chase writes: "If you've ever tried to find your favorite movie scenes on YouTube or other video networks, you've probably noticed it's not always the easiest thing to find the direct quotes you're looking for. While there are many places online to find the full movie downloads, going through the process of getting the whole film and editing the scene you want down into a short clip is a time-consuming process. Wouldn't it be nice if there was a place online that already did that for you? Enter [MovieClips](#)."...

MakeUseOf, Jan. 2



## [Internet, broadband, and cell phone statistics](#)

In a national survey between November 30 and December 27, Pew Internet and American Life found that 74% of American adults (ages 18 and older) use the internet, 60% use broadband connections at home, and 55% connect to the internet wirelessly, either through a WiFi or WiMax connection via their laptops or through their handheld device like a smart phone....

Pew Internet and American Life, Jan. 5

## [Dutch treat: Library's documents reveal New York's secrets](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "History records it was a city founded by sober, God-fearing church-goers seeking religious freedom. But what if it was all a whitewash? An attempt to hide the secret history of the earliest settlers: pirates, prostitutes, smugglers, adventurers, and fortune seekers. That's the truth being revealed about the city of Manhattan by [Charles Gehring](#), an archivist working at the New York State Library."...

Book Patrol, Dec. 28; *New York Times*, Dec. 26



## [LC adds 60,000 books to Internet Archive](#)

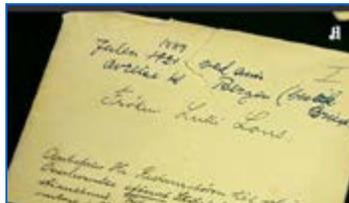
Nearly 60,000 books prized by historians, writers, and genealogists, many too old and fragile to be safely handled, have been digitally scanned as part of the first-ever mass book-digitization project of the Library of Congress. The [oldest work](#) in the batch, dated 1707, covers the trial of two Presbyterian ministers in New York. The collection can be accessed through the [Internet Archive](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to building and maintaining a free online digital library....

America.gov, Dec. 24



## [Knut Hamsun's love letters opened after 118 years](#)

Several love letters penned over 100 years ago by Norwegian author Knut Hamsun, winner of the 1920 Nobel Prize in Literature, were opened January 4 at the National Library in Oslo. Culture Minister Anniken Huitfeldt broke the seals and several Hamsun experts ascertained that the letters were sent to Julie (Lulli) Amanda Lous,

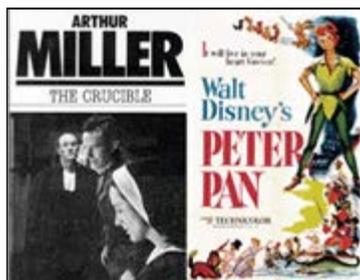


with whom the author had a stormy relationship in 1891–1892. The package was handed to the National Library by Lous's nephew in 1960 with the stipulation that the letters remain sealed for 50 years....

News 24 (Cape Town), Jan. 4; *Aftenposten* (Oslo), Jan. 4

### [What might have been in the public domain by now](#)

Current U.S. law extends copyright protections for 70 years from the date of the author's death. (Corporate "works-for-hire" are copyrighted for 95 years.) But prior to the 1976 Copyright Act (which became effective in 1978), the maximum copyright term was 56 years (an initial term of 28 years, renewable for another 28 years). Under those laws, works published in 1953 would be passing into the public domain on January 1, 2010....



Center for the Study of the Public Domain

### [Five universal truths that librarians can agree on](#)

Andy Woodworth writes: "Over the last couple of days, I have been reading a flurry of 'end of the year' posts. What has really captured my interest in the library blogs is the spectrum of beliefs that exist on where libraries are going and where they should be heading. In thinking about the wide range of perspectives, the different theoretical approaches, and the variety of libraries that exist, I believe there are five current universal truths that will be the basis for any discussion about the library in the future decade."...

Agnostic, Maybe, Jan. 3

### [10 librarian blogs to read in 2010](#)

Blake Carver writes: "Each year, we've attempted to gather a group of librarians whose writing helps increase our understanding of the profession and its place in our rapidly changing world. Again this year, we tried to choose 10 writers who cover very different aspects of our profession, 10 sites that inform, educate, and maybe amuse. By following these blogs I think you'll find something new to read and a place to gain better understanding of a part of librarianship that's outside of your normal area."...

LIS News, Jan. 4

### [New browser for old ads](#)

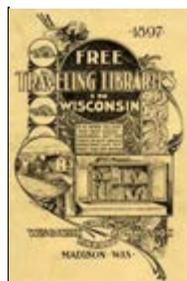
[Vintage Ad Browser](#) was created in 2009–2010 and released in 2010, by Philipp Lenssen, who currently lives in China. The site aims to collect vintage ads from a variety of sources, including comic books, CD-ROMs, websites, APIs, your submissions, books, and magazines. At the moment, this site contains 123,286 ads and is sortable by subject and date and searchable by keyword....



Vintage Ad Browser

### [Traveling libraries](#)

Larry Nix writes: "Under the leadership of Melvil Dewey, the State of New York initiated a traveling library system in 1892. Traveling libraries were small, rotating collections that provided a method for extending library service to rural areas. These small libraries—usually from 30 to 100 books—were located



in a post office, a store, or someone's home, with a volunteer acting as the caretaker of the collection. Many other states also adopted this model of public library extension."...

Library History Buff Blog, Jan. 4

### [Best and worst genealogy products of 2009](#)

Tamura Jones provides a look back at some of the events, companies, and products that shaped the year in genealogy. Best product of the year was RootsMagic 4, a Unicode-based rebuild of RootsMagic. Other awards included the Best New Genealogy Product (the 1911 Census of England and Wales) and the Best Genealogy Organization of 2009 (Footnote). MyHeritage Family Tree Builder 4.0 earned Worst Genealogy Product of 2009...



Tamura Jones, Dec. 30

### [Are American students lazy?](#)

Scott Jaschik writes: "Gather faculty members together and it's not hard to get them talking about the ways students disappoint. They text in class, expect extensions for no good reason, and act surprised when they don't earn A's. But when it comes to work ethic and manners, are there some students who—on average—don't disappoint? Kara Miller thinks so—and her comparison of American students (who continually disappoint) and foreign students (who don't) has set off quite a discussion in Boston."...

Inside Higher Ed, Jan. 4

### [2020: Fewer libraries, more locations](#)

Eric Hellman writes: "In my [Ten Predictions for the Next Ten Years](#) article, my first prediction was that the number of public libraries in 2020 would be half of what it is today. I also predicted that the number of public library locations would *increase* by 50%. There were two considerations—book digitization and the shift to e-books—that led me to these predictions."...

Go to Hellman, Jan. 3



### [Social tagging in the catalog](#)

Laurel Tarulli writes: "You may have seen the [article](#) about the hate speech tag assigned by a patron to a significant number of works by Ann Coulter at Mount Prospect (Ill.) Public Library. Unfortunately, many library officials reading this are nodding their heads in affirmation that it was only a matter of time a patron complained—after all, how can we 'control' our catalog and what goes in it if we allow users to generate their own tags and contribute to our catalogs. Mount Prospect Public Library is using the discovery layer AquaBrowser for its tagging."...

The Cataloguing Librarian, Dec. 30

### [Vocabulary learning can be fun—and free](#)

Public libraries can now offer all services on [VerbaLearn.com](http://VerbaLearn.com), a website for building vocabulary, to their patrons for free. With the new free library subscription, all patrons of participating libraries get free use of the full-featured VerbaLearn Plus version. VerbaLearn helps students improve their SAT, GRE, ACT, and ESL test scores and also offers courses at the 7th through 12th-grade reading levels....

VerbaLearn, Dec. 18



### [How to start freelancing without quitting your job](#)

Gina Trapani writes: "A common misconception about successful independent workers is that one day, in dramatic fashion, they quit their day job, hang a shingle, and live happily ever after. The truth is, most freelancers start off moonlighting, volunteering, interning, and doing client work at night and on weekends in addition to a nine-to-five gig. If you fantasize about living the freelancer life, you can do the same—even in a recession, starting now. Turn some of your free time into a new career without giving up the steady paycheck."...

Lifehacker, Dec. 30

### [Lonely librarian movie to premiere at Sundance](#)

Director/screenwriter Diane Bell's *Obselidia* is one of 16 films selected for the Dramatic Competition for the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. Described as a "save-the-world love story," the film tells the story of a lonely librarian who believes love is obsolete until a road trip to Death Valley with a beguiling cinema projectionist teaches him otherwise. Starring Michael Piccirilli as George Ruben (the librarian), the film is described as a "rare and humane lens through which we can view a world increasingly preoccupied with and inhabited by extinction." Watch the [trailer](#) (1:17)....



Slash Film, Dec. 25; YouTube, Dec. 1

### [Library cats from all over the world](#)

Amy Bajalis writes: "Who can forget [Dewey](#), the beautiful ginger library resident that touched millions of hearts with his stories? Did you know that there are over [300 known library cats](#) in the world? Currently there are 235 library cats in the United States, 21 in the U.K., 12 in Canada, 11 in New Zealand, and six in Australia. Here are photos of some of them. Check out these gorgeous kitties."...

Love Meow, Jan. 5; Iron Frog Productions



### [Author and pet pairings](#)

Kathleen from AbeBooks writes: "The idea for this post actually came to me while working on a Jules Verne feature a while ago. I couldn't help but think that his beard reminded me of a terrier's chin. My quirky mind went from there, matching authors with what I thought would be (or would



have been) a suitable pet for them—based on appearance alone, of course. So here you go, some of my author/pet pairings." [More pairings](#) from Elizabeth....

Reading Copy Books Blog, Dec. 30, Jan. 5

### [Taiwan library video is a winner](#)

The new video [I Love the Library](#) (5:48), which has won a recent library video competition sponsored by the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), features a love story and dancing books. For her role as producer of the winning video, Erin Liu, a student at Chaoyang University of Technology, has received a scholarship sponsored by Elsevier. According to Erin, the library is like a big treasure, provides inspiration, and can help create a happy mind. It helps if you know Mandarin, but the video is amusing even if you don't....

Library Connect News, Jan. 6



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## American Libraries Online

### [Library doors shut after trustees fire director](#)

The abrupt firing of the director of the Swanton (Vt.) Public Library, followed by the dismissal of the assistant director, has led to what initially appeared to be a walkout by the remainder of the staff and the subsequent closure of the library. The board of trustees terminated Director Marilyn Barney and Library Assistant Jody Martin January 4. The following day the rest of the staff left in what local media called a show of support for Barney, and the library has remained shut since then....

American Libraries Online, Jan. 12



### [Introducing Perpetual Beta](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "Welcome to **PERPETUAL beta** . This space will be a place where you will read about the very edge of new technologies, as well as tips and tricks about doing interesting things with existing technologies. I will introduce technologies that libraries and librarians should be paying attention to and give you tips and tricks to make better use of the technologies that you may already be playing with. A few examples of the things that I'll be covering: How to get any piece of text you want onto your e-reader, how to automate delivery of information to your staff and patrons, and how to set up your own media server for your library."...

Perpetual Beta, Jan. 8

### [Internet Librarian: Info the woods](#)

Joseph Janes writes: "As anyone who knows me well will testify, I am not by inclination the outdoorsy type. I was, however, induced to go camping this fall—sort of. I went to my first [InfoCamp](#), an unconference founded and led by a couple of dynamos named Aaron Louie and Rachel Elkington. Unconferences are fascinating; for those of us used to highly structured, years-in-the-planning conclaves with elaborately prepared presentations, it's quite bracing to experience an unconference's




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unstructured, off-the-cuff nature, because nobody knows what's going to happen."...

*American Libraries*, Jan./Feb.

### [Youth Matters: Some of my favorite reads](#)

Jennifer Burek Pierce writes: "What's your favorite book? There's the one that captures the mood you're in, the one that pulls you out of the mood you've been in, the one with those charming turns of phrase, the one with the cunning plot turns, or the one with the better-than-you'd-hoped-for ending. Here, then, is a handful of current and enduring infatuations that my students might soon encounter."...

*American Libraries*, Jan./Feb.



### [Library Design Showcase submissions](#)

With the updated *American Libraries* website, the address for submitting photos of new or renovated buildings for the Library Design Showcase in April broke, at least temporarily. The redirect should be in place now, but just in case, all information can be found on the [new site](#). The deadline is February 1....

AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 8

## ALA News

### [Awards, Al Gore to highlight Midwinter in Boston](#)

The important role libraries play during the economic downturn will be one of the key issues discussed during the ALA 2010 Midwinter Meeting, held January 15–19 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. The prestigious Youth Media Awards will be announced on January 18, and former Vice President Al Gore will deliver the annual Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture on January 16....



### [What's happening at Midwinter 2010](#)

Your Midwinter 2010 preplanning can go into overdrive—Senior Associate Executive Director Mary Ghikas's traditional "What's Happening" document ([PDF file](#)) is now available. It's long (231 KB), so please think carefully before printing out the whole thing, but it is packed with information about the 2010 Midwinter Meeting (and ALA in general)....

ALA Connect

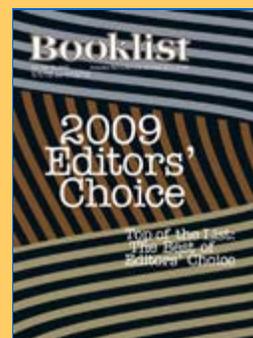
### [Try out the Midwinter Tracker](#)

The [Midwinter Tracker](#), which gathers tweets and Flickr photos related to the Midwinter Meeting in Boston and displays them in one place, is now operational. The brainchild of Heather Devine, a computer scientist for



### [ALA Midwinter Meeting](#)

Boston, January 15–19. The [ALA Store](#), located in the North Lobby of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, will be open for business Friday through Monday. ALA Graphics and Editions products and publications, in addition to those from many ALA divisions, will be available for purchase, as well as the official conference T-shirt, which is a heathered cranberry color and features the Midwinter Meeting logo.



The January 1 & 15 *Booklist* contains the [Editors' Choice 2009](#) roundup of popular titles. Pick up your copy at the Midwinter Meeting. **NEW! From *Booklist*.**

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Adobe Systems, the Midwinter Tracker currently includes materials that bear the hashtags #alamw10, #alamw, #alamwttt (for Top Tech Trends), and #totebag (for "ALA Midwinter Meeting Snark"). Users can view tweets and pictures by hashtag and by day, or display everything chronologically. The tracker also has a database component that will archive tweets for access long after they become unsearchable on Twitter....

AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 12



### [One approach to ALA Twitter accounts](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "I've been mulling over this post for several weeks now, but a conversation that happened on Twitter prompted me to finally write and publish it. It started when Kenley Neufeld [wrote](#) about participating in ALA and [tweeted](#) the link. Cyndi E. [engaged](#) Kenley in a conversation about ALA following its members back on Twitter, which led Kenley to [ask](#) ALA's Midwinter Meeting account what its follow policy is. ALA has no official social media policy, although there is an internal staff task force working on one. Given this recent conversation, I thought I'd share my approach and solicit feedback for what you think is and isn't working."...

The Shifted Librarian, Jan. 11

### [New report details library economic trends](#)

A new report prepared by the ALA Office for Research and Statistics confirms that libraries of all types are feeling the pinch of the economic downturn while managing sky-high use. Compiled from a broad range of available sources, *The Condition of Libraries: 1999–2009* ([PDF file](#)) summarizes trends in public, school, and academic libraries across several library measures, including expenditures, staffing, and services. The report also highlights trends in services provided to libraries by library cooperatives and consortia....



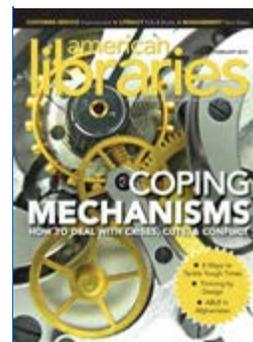
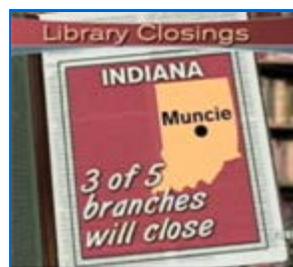
### [Call for increased public access to research](#)

ALA and ACRL submitted [comments](#) to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy supporting increased public access to research funded by federal science and technology agencies. While greater access to publicly funded research has long been a high-priority issue for academic libraries, ACRL President Lori Goetsch, dean of libraries at Kansas State University, emphasized that now is the time for public and school librarians to tell their stories....

District Dispatch, Jan. 12

### [Library Advocacy Day](#)

For one year only, [Library Advocacy Day](#) will replace National Library Legislative Day. On June 29, library advocates from all 50 states and Washington, D.C., will meet at Upper Senate Park on the U.S. Capitol grounds. The event, which will begin at 11 a.m., will feature guest speakers, photo ops, and a chance to



### [How to Thrive by Design](#)

### [ABLE in Afghanistan](#)

### [It's the Content, Stupid](#)

### [Where to Eat in Boston](#)

### Career Leads from

ALA JobLIST



[Director of Library Services](#), University of North Alabama, Florence. Provides vision, leadership, and accountability through collaborative strategic planning and assessment, policy development and implementation, budget preparation and administration, integration of appropriate technology, supervision of faculty and staff, support for professional development, and

advocate for libraries. This [video](#) (1:19) explains the basics....

AL Focus, Jan. 7

### [Get your Gaiman graphic](#)

A new web graphic featuring author and Honorary Chair of National Library Week Neil Gaiman is [available](#) to librarians looking to increase visibility for National Library Week on their websites and blogs. The graphic was created in response to interest in the free downloadable public service announcement and requests for a web-based promotional tool....



### [Funding for new civic engagement program](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office has received funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the Searle Funds at the Chicago Community Trust and \$54,500 from the Terra Foundation for American Art to support the development of "Picturing America through Civic Engagement," a pilot program to engage young audiences in citizenship and the American electoral process through the visual arts. The program will target YA audiences in Chicago-area public libraries through partnerships between public libraries and local high schools....

### [Dollar General renews American Dream mini-grants](#)

ALA has received a \$750,000 two-year grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to continue "The American Dream Starts @ your library." In 2007, ALA received a similar grant for resource development and library mini-grants. This new round of funding will help 70 public libraries in Dollar General communities expand their literacy services for adult English-language learners....



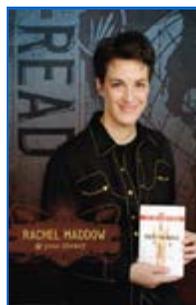
### [The ultimate handbook for library managers](#)

ALA Editions has released a second edition of [Fundamentals of Library Supervision](#) by Joan Giesecke and Beth McNeil. These two experienced library managers weave expert advice and commentary into an easy-to-use resource. This revised edition focuses on real-world, day-to-day practices. Guiding supervisors through the intricate process of managing others, this comprehensive handbook serves as a welcome refresher and reference for experienced managers facing new challenges....



### [Maddow and Myers join Celebrity READ campaign](#)

Radio host [Rachel Maddow](#) and comedian [Seth Meyers](#) now appear on ALA Celebrity READ posters. Maddow, host of *The Rachel Maddow Show* on MSNBC and Air America Radio, covers an array of politics and pop culture through interviews and lively debates. Meyers brings comedy to his reporting as anchor of *Saturday Night Live's* Weekend Update. The Celebrity READ posters are quality products that promote libraries, literacy, lifelong learning, and reading....



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## Digital Library of the Week

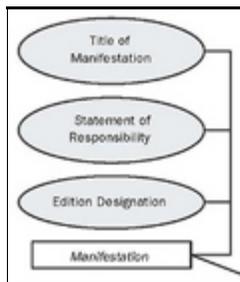


The [Fort Collins History Connection](#) is an online collaboration between the Fort Collins (Colo.) Museum and Discovery Science Center and the Poudre River Public Library District, incorporating historical resources from the library, the museum artifact collection, and the Fort Collins Local History Archive. The project was funded in part by a 1997–1998 LSTA grant. Fort Collins history is a microcosm of the development of the West. The settlement of the Cache La Poudre River Basin has now achieved national

## [Focus on library metadata: A preview](#)

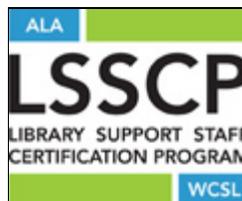
Karen Coyle is putting finishing touches on the February issue of *Library Technology Reports*, titled "RDA Vocabularies for a Twenty-First-Century Data Environment." In this excerpt, she addresses the difficulty that many librarians have in understanding the basic concepts of FRBR, and offers some diagrams as clarification. Though understanding FRBR may be tricky, she argues, it is essential to a transformation to a modern, workable data environment....

ALA TechSource Blog, Jan. 12



## [Become a portfolio evaluator for the LSSC Program](#)

The Library Support Staff Certification Program will sponsor a training session for librarians who are interested in becoming evaluators for portfolios submitted by LSSC candidates to achieve Library Support Staff Certification. The information program will be held at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, from 10:30 a.m.–noon on January 16, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Room 260....



significance with the designation of the Cache La Poudre National Corridor. Searchable collections include historic photographs, maps, museum artifacts, city directories, oral histories, and building permits. Not all documents are available online.

**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.

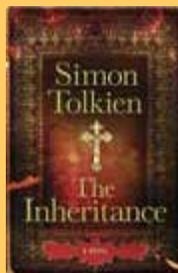
# Booklist

ONLINE

## [Featured review: Thriller/suspense](#)

Tolkien, Simon. *The Inheritance*. Apr. 2010. 336p. Minotaur, hardcover (978-0-312-53907-8).

The promotional material for former British criminal barrister Tolkien's second novel (the first, *The Final Witness*, was published in 2002) shamelessly plays up the fact that the author is the grandson of J. R. R. Tolkien. Enough of this literary-pedigree nonsense. As Tolkien shows in both his mysteries, he does not need to have his DNA trumpeted; he is a first-rate writer in his own right. His latest thriller moves from a horrific crime perpetrated on a French family by two British soldiers during World War II and then straight into 1959, with the opening of a trial at the Old Bailey. Tolkien provides the kind of caustic portraits of judges and barristers and knowledge of the innermost cells of the Old Bailey that the late John Mortimer, also a barrister, delighted readers with in the Rumpole series. On trial is 22-year-old Stephen Cade, accused of shooting his estranged father in the head....



## [Top of the List: 2009](#)

Every January, *Booklist* publishes [Editors' Choice lists](#) of the best books, databases, video/DVDs, and audiobooks of the past year. From these lists, we further select what we call the Top of the List: the single best title in eight categories—Adult Fiction, Adult Nonfiction, Youth Fiction, Youth Nonfiction, Youth Picture Book, Video, Audio, and Reference Source....



## Public Perception

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**"The library had everything I wanted: a bathroom, a Toronto telephone book, all the morning's newspapers, warmth, and friendly staff. Frequently in this space we critique the things the City of Toronto does wrong, so I just want to take a second to praise something that this city does right: Maintain 99 branches of the library, the biggest borrowing library system on the continent. It's a beautiful thing."**

—Peter Kuitenbrouwer, writing in the *Canadian National Post* January 6 about his experience at the Ashdale branch of the Toronto Public Library, which came to the rescue when he wound up in an unfamiliar neighborhood.

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

## Boston Update

### [ALA's Boston homecoming](#)

When ALA meets in Boston this weekend it will be a homecoming for the Association. During the early years of ALA, the offices were wherever the unpaid elected secretary was located. From 1876 to 1890 this was Melvil Dewey. Dewey provided free space for the Association in his Library Bureau offices at 32 Hawley Street in Boston. On April 22, 1905, ALA opened an office at 10 1/2 Beacon Street in Boston. Edward C. Hovery was hired as the first paid executive officer....  
Library History Buff Blog, Jan. 12



### [Fun activities in Boston](#)

Got your meetings planned but not your leisure time? Here is a handy list of places to go and food to eat....  
Association for Library and Information Science Education

### [TripKick helps you select a hotel room](#)

Christine Bulson writes: "If you don't want to have a hotel room facing a building three feet away, look at [TripKick.com](#). For selected hotels in major cities the site suggests rooms to request based on features that are important to you—quiet rooms, corner rooms, rooms with great bathrooms, and preferred views and floors. In Boston, TripKick includes 10 of the 14 conference hotels."...  
Points of Reference, Jan. 8



### [Why cell phones are banned on airplanes](#)

Researchers and aircraft companies have found almost no direct evidence of cell phones or other electronic devices interfering with aircraft systems. However, the ban has a lot more to do with possible interference with cell phone towers on the ground. If you're flying at 35,000 feet, your cell phone's signals could reach hundreds of towers at once, and telcom companies are not set up to handle this type of roaming agreement....  
Live Science, Dec. 21

## Division News

### [Laurie Halse Anderson named School Library Media Month spokesperson](#)

Award-winning author Laurie Halse Anderson is the official spokesperson for AASL's 2010 School Library Media Month celebration. Anderson's first novel, *Speak*, was a National Book Award finalist, a Michael L. Printz honor book, a *New York Times* bestseller, and an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. Visit the [SLMM web pages](#) regularly to find updated resources to help celebrate



### TweetWatch

#### Follow:

American Library Association, Midwinter Meeting, Boston, Jan. 15-19, at: [#alamw10](#)

Association for Library and Information Science Education, Annual Conference, Boston, Jan. 12-15, at: [#alise2010](#)

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

### Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q. I am looking for this year's winners of the children's book awards (the Newbery, Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, and others) and cannot find any information about them. I thought they were posted in early January. Where can I find the information?**

**A.** The 2010 [ALA](#)

the event within your school and community....

### [Live coverage of LITA Top Tech Trends](#)

Join the LITA Top Technology Trends Committee on January 17, 10:30 a.m.—12 noon Eastern Time on Cover It Live for a discussion of top technology trends in librarianship, with panelists Amanda Etches-Johnson, Jason Griffey, Joe Murphy, Lauren Pressley, and David Walker. The discussion will be moderated by Gregg Silvis. This event will also be broadcast via [ustream.tv](#)....

LITA Blog, Jan. 13

### [ACRL's winter 2010 e-Learning schedule](#)

ACRL is offering a wide variety of online learning opportunities in winter 2010 to meet the demands of your schedule and budget. Registration for all online seminars and webcasts qualifies for the ACRL Frequent Learner discount program. ACRL online seminars are asynchronous, multiweek courses delivered through Moodle....

### [Scholarly Communication 101 road shows](#)

ACRL is taking scholarly communication on the road again in 2010 with "Scholarly Communication 101: Starting with the Basics." Recognizing that scholarly communication issues are central to the work of all academic librarians and all types of institutions, ACRL is offering a free half-day workshop to five libraries across the country. Institutions interested in hosting "Scholarly Communication 101" should [apply](#) by February 8....

## Round Table News

### [Venue change for FTRF/GLBTRT author event](#)

The location for the January 17 Freedom to Read Foundation [author event](#) and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Round Table Midwinter social has been moved to the Harvard Medical School's Countway Library of Medicine at 10 Shattuck Street in Boston. Due to burst pipes at the Community Church of Boston, organizers of this exciting event had to find new digs—fortunately, the Countway opened its doors....

OIF Blog, Jan. 11

## Awards

### [Smart Investing @ your library grants awarded](#)

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation and RUSA have announced \$1.5 million in grants to 19 recipients as a part of the Smart Investing @ your library initiative that will provide millions of library patrons with effective, unbiased financial-education resources. The grantees, which serve urban, suburban, and rural communities across the country, will receive one or two years of funding, as well as assistance with program marketing, outreach, and evaluation provided by ALA....



### [PPO and YALSA award 265 Great Stories CLUB grants](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office and YALSA have selected 265 libraries to receive Great Stories CLUB grants, which will support



### [Youth Media Awards](#)

announcement will take place on Monday, January 18, at 7:45 a.m. Eastern Time, as part of the ALA Midwinter Meeting. A live webcast will be available through [Unikron](#). Names of the winners will also be immediately available through the [ALA Youth Media Awards](#) Facebook page and also through the [@ALAYma](#) Twitter feed. There will also be an encore presentation of the webcast in [Second Life](#). The information will be available as soon as possible in the [ALA Awards Database](#). Over the coming months, [more information](#) about the awards, including historical data, application information, and how to find the acceptance speeches, will become available. The acceptance speeches are part of the upcoming [ALA Annual Conference](#) festivities in Washington, D.C. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

## Calendar

**Feb. 3–6:** [iSchools iConference](#), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Feb. 3–6:** [International Conference on Web](#)

book discussion programs targeting troubled teens. Among those selected to receive grants, 50 sites will additionally receive small cash grants to support program-related expenses. Funding was provided for this program by Oprah's Angel Network. View the [full list](#) of selected libraries and their partner organizations....

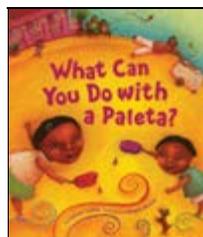
### [AASL awards and grants](#)

AASL offers more than \$50,000 in awards and grants to its members. Visit the division's [website](#) to search the awards and download application forms. The deadline to apply is February 1. Winners will be honored at a special awards ceremony during the ALA 2010 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C....

### [2010 Charlotte Zolotow Award](#)

*What Can You Do with a Paleta?* by Carmen Tafolla has won the 2010 Charlotte Zolotow Award for outstanding writing in a picture book. The award was announced January 11 by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, a library of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education. Published in 2009 by Tricycle Press, the book tells the story of a Mexican-American child's delight with an ice pop on a hot summer day....

PBS Parents: Booklights, Jan. 11



### [2010 Scott O'Dell Award](#)

The winner of the 2010 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction is Matt Phelan for *The Storm in the Barn*, published by Candlewick. The award, administered by Elizabeth Hall and judged by Hazel Rochman (chair), Ann Carlson, and Roger Sutton, is a cash prize of \$5,000. The book is a graphic novel about life in the Dust Bowl of the 1930s....

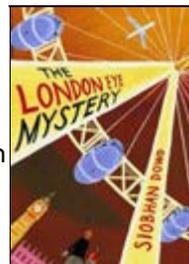
Read Roger, Jan. 6



### [Dolly Gray Award winners](#)

Siobhan Dowd, author of *The London Eye Mystery* (David Fickling Books), and Clarabelle van Niekerk and Liezl Venter, author/illustrators of *Understanding Sam and Asperger Syndrome* (Skeezel), will accept the sixth biennial Dolly Gray Children's Literature Awards January 21 from the Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Autism and Development Disabilities. The awards recognize high quality fiction or biographical children's books with positive portrayals of individuals with developmental disabilities....

Maui (Hawaii) News, Jan. 10; Council for Exceptional Children



## Seen Online

### [Library news from Haiti](#)

The worst earthquake to hit the Caribbean in two centuries destroyed much of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, near the epicenter, when it hit January 12. Still uncertain are the fate of many libraries. One report indicates the library of the American University of the Caribbean on the Les Cayes campus has collapsed....

Phoenix Arizona Republic, Jan. 13

### [Haiti earthquake maps](#)

### [Search and Data](#)

[Mining](#). Polytechnic Institute of New York University, New York City.

### **Feb. 5:**

[Online Northwest](#). CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

### **Feb. 9-10:**

[Technology Essentials 2010](#). WebJunction online conference.

### **Feb. 23-26:**

[International Society for Knowledge Organization](#). Annual Conference, Sapienza University of Rome. "Paradigms and Conceptual Systems in KO."

### **Mar. 1-22:**

[Selling Your Library Without Selling Out](#). online course by Amigos Library Services.

### **Mar. 4:**

[Picturing America in Our Nation's Libraries](#). Hilton Hotel, New York City. A one-day conference for public and school librarians who have received the Picturing America collection.

### **Mar. 19-21:**

[International Association for Development of the Information Society](#). Annual Conference, Porto, Portugal. "Mobile Learning 2010."

### **Mar. 19-21:**

[The Document Academy](#). Annual Conference, College of

Google has [released](#) a KML file that can be viewed in Google Earth with new satellite imagery of Haiti that shows some of the damage caused by the earthquake. Ushahidi has produced a Google Maps [mashup](#) to track the latest news and incidents related to the earthquake. Mibazaar has put together a Twitter map that shows [real-time tweets](#) about the Haiti earthquake. He has also created a [YouTube video map](#) showing geotagged videos of news reports on the earthquake....



Google Maps Mania, Jan. 13; Google Lat Long Blog, Jan. 13

### [Google threatens to quit China](#)

Google officials said January 12 that the company would stop cooperating with Chinese internet censorship and consider shutting down its operations in the country altogether, citing [assaults](#) from hackers on its computer systems and China's attempts to "limit free speech on the web." The move, if followed through, would be a highly unusual rebuke of China by one of the largest and most admired technology companies, which had for years coveted China's 300 million web users. But [analysts say](#) that Google would still be at risk from attacks even if it did pull out....

*New York Times*, Jan. 12; Official Google Blog, Jan. 12; *PC World*, Jan. 13

### [Vancouver librarians asked to be Olympic shills](#)

Librarians in Vancouver, British Columbia, are being warned to solicit only official Winter Olympics sponsors for any games-themed events they organize in February, and to cover up the names of any competitors—even slapping tape on offending logos found on AV equipment. The memo, written by Vancouver Public Library Marketing and Communications Manager Jean Kavanagh, tells staff to avoid such companies as Pepsi or Dairy Queen—neither of which is an official sponsor, unlike, say Coca-Cola or McDonald's. The [guidelines](#) apply mainly to highly visible gatherings with 30 or more people....

*Toronto Globe and Mail*, Jan. 13; *The Tyee*, Jan. 12

### [Retired librarian donates Peace Clock to Windsor](#)

Guided by a simple quest to "help make the downtown area a nicer place," retired Windsor (Ontario) Public Library Director A. Aziz Chowdhury was cheered January 12 by a crowd of dignitaries and fellow members of the local South Asian community following dedication of the Bangladesh Peace Clock. Chowdhury donated \$30,000 toward the \$60,000 cost of the stylish timepiece as a gift to the city....

*Windsor (Ont.) Star*, Jan. 12

### [Library panel says no to outsourcing](#)

One of three committees working on ways to save financially strapped libraries in Nevada County, California, will recommend the county bail itself out and not rely on an outside firm. The library system's Citizens Oversight Committee voted unanimously January 13 to recommend a plan from the Truckee Friends of the Library that keeps all the libraries open....

*Grass Valley (Calif.) Union*, Jan. 13

### [Blindness organizations settle lawsuit over Kindle](#)

In June, the National Federation of the Blind and the American Council of the Blind jointly filed a discrimination lawsuit against

Information, University of North Texas, Denton.

**Apr. 2–4:**  
[1st Augmented Human International Conference](#), Megève, France.

**Apr. 28–30:**  
[Off-Campus Library Services Conference](#), Marriott Cleveland Downtown at Key Center, Ohio.

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Arizona State University to prevent it from deploying Amazon's Kindle DX as a means of distributing electronic textbooks to students because the device cannot be used by blind students. The parties [announced](#) January 11 that they have reached a settlement agreement that vaguely promises improvements to and progress in the accessibility of e-book readers...

*Washington Post*, Jan. 11; National Federation of the Blind, Jan. 11

### [Denver library contractor shuts down after FBI raid](#)

Krahl Construction, which has a \$1.5-million contract for improvements at the Denver Public Library's main branch, has stopped work on the project in the wake of a January 5 FBI search of its Chicago headquarters. Krahl sent out a letter to employees January 8 saying the company would be shutting down. An FBI official said the search was part of an "ongoing federal investigation" and that agents were "looking for evidence of a crime." The work was being done as part of the "Building a Better Denver" bond initiative...

*Denver Business Journal*, Jan. 12

### [State budget cuts hit Indiana Free Library](#)

Another state budget cut has forced the Indiana (Pa.) Free Library to trim its operating hours and lay off four employees. Library Director Kate Geiger said that beginning in January the library would be closed on Fridays. Library employees were given the bad news January 5 that one full-time and three part-time staffers would be laid off. The library's annual state-aid grant was slashed by 22%....

*Indiana (Pa.) Gazette*, Jan. 6



### [Sugar Grove pushes library referendum, again](#)

The Sugar Grove (Ill.) Library apparently holds the record for the most consecutive attempts to raise taxes. On February 2, Sugar Grove voters for the 10th time will see a referendum on the election ballot to increase the tax rate for the library. Voters have rejected the request the last nine times. That appears to be a record in Kane County....

*Kane County (Ill.) Chronicle*, Jan. 12

### [Paul LeClerc explains "What's the deal" with NYPL](#)

New York Public Library President and Chief Executive Officer Paul LeClerc explains to the media (1:46) why the library is a vibrant, necessary place in the age of Google searches, smartphones, and internet ubiquity: "The founders of the library believed that reading and learning and writing and knowledge are such important human activities that they deserve to take place in a grand and glorious space. That's the core value of this place. It has to be free."...

NBC New York, Dec. 3



### [The chill factor](#)

Under a little-known contract provision titled "Extreme Temperature Procedures," unionized workers at branches of the New York Public Library can accrue compensatory time when the temperature inside dips below 68 degrees for a couple of hours. Officials with all three public library systems say they do not track the number of days

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awarded to chilled employees, but they estimate the clause is invoked only a few times each year because the heating systems at the branches are well maintained....

*New York Times*, Jan. 11

### [San Francisco social worker enforces behavior policy](#)

The San Francisco Main Public Library has often received complaints about homeless persons who are said to curse loudly or threaten others. The bathrooms have been the focus of reports involving people doing drugs, bathing in the sinks, or having sex in the stalls. In a partnership with the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the library hired Leah Esguerra in January 2009. Esguerra is on hand five days a week handling complaints from staff and patrons about behavior that violates the library's [guidelines for use](#)....

*San Francisco Chronicle*, Jan. 11; San Francisco Public Library

### [Herrick District Library plays hardball](#)

The Herrick District Library in Holland, Michigan, wants the state to butt out on how it contracts with neighboring municipalities. Library Director Tom Genson is notifying five townships—Fillmore, Heath, Olive, Overisel, and Port Sheldon—that its offerings to those locales will be discontinued in June if they don't sign new contracts to pay for services. Herrick has been providing free services to those residents for more than three decades and initiated a lawsuit in October to require fees....

*Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press*, Jan. 9

### [SMU, condo owner settle lawsuit over Bush Library](#)

Southern Methodist University and a lone condo owner settled a bitter legal battle January 7, ending an expensive and politically volatile lawsuit that at one point threatened to personally involve former President George W. Bush. The settlement involved a payment from SMU to condo owner Gary Vodicka for an undisclosed sum. In exchange, SMU is now the undisputed owner of land that will be used for the landscaped grounds at the Bush Presidential Library. A timeline of events in the library land fight can be found [here](#)....

*Dallas Morning News*, Jan. 7–8

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## Tech Talk

### [Consumer Electronics Show 2010](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "My first assignment for Perpetual Beta was to cover the Consumer Electronics Show for libraries. I'll be reporting over the next several weeks about my discoveries there, and will include audio and video interviews, demos, and anything else I can think of that might be interesting. I'll have a series of videos coming in the next few days and weeks from my CES coverage, including a [video](#) (2:06) of the Nexus One in action, and a [look](#) (0:53) at the full-color Qualcomm Mirasol e-reader (above)."...

Perpetual Beta, Jan. 8–11



### [Intel Reader for the visually impaired](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "Here are two videos of an

incredible new text-to-speech device, the [Intel Reader](#). A portable text-to-speech processor, it will take a photo of any text, OCR it, and then read it to you. It also saves each piece of this process, the photo, the text file, and the audio, and gives you access to it on your computer. I can see libraries of all types using these both internally for quick digitization, and for possible patron checkout."...

Perpetual Beta, Jan. 13



### [McAfee to help Facebook clean up its site](#)

Facebook has finally gotten fed up with all the viruses and spam that is plaguing the social network and ensnaring and embarrassing its 350 million members. The company announced a deal with McAfee, a leading maker of antivirus software, to give Facebook users a complimentary six-month subscription to McAfee's Internet Security Suite. Facebook will also begin using a McAfee tool to scan the computer of any user whose account gets compromised by malware....

*New York Times*, Jan. 13

### [Access blocked sites with PHPProxy](#)

Kevin Purdy writes: "Got some web space you rent for a personal site? Good, then you can likely get around any restrictions your employer, school, or other eye-shielding authority has wrongly put in your way with a quick PHPProxy installation. PHPProxy is a free download that is easy to install on any web space that can run PHP scripts, which these days is most of them."...

Lifehacker, Jan. 14



### [The children of cyberspace: Old fogies by their 20s](#)

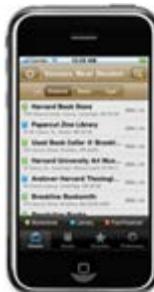
Brad Stone writes: "Researchers suspect that the ever-accelerating pace of technological change may be minting a series of mini-generation gaps, with each group of children uniquely influenced by the tech tools available in their formative stages of development. These mini-generation gaps are most visible in the communication and entertainment choices made by different age groups. Those born in the 1990s and 2000s will expect to share the minutiae of their lives online, stay connected to their friends at all times, buy virtual goods, and own one über-device that does it all."...

*New York Times*, Jan. 9

### [LibraryThing iPhone app](#)

LibraryThing, a major social-networking-through-books site, launched its first iPhone app January 6. [Local Books](#) is free and lists bookstores, libraries, and book-related events near you. There are public and academic libraries, chain bookstores and independent bookstores, and many include photos. As good as the venue listings are, the search function seems, in this iteration, a little creaky....

*Los Angeles Times*: Jacket Copy, Jan. 7; LibraryThing Blog, Jan. 6



### [Google's 10 toughest rivals](#)

Carolyn Duffy Marsan writes: "The biggest tech industry news story of the decade was undoubtedly the dramatic rise of Google. But will the search and online advertising juggernaut continue its dominance over the internet economy in 2010? Not if the tech companies on our list can help it. Until now, Google's biggest frenemies were the traditional media. But as its portfolio has grown to encompass more than 150 products—including free, hosted versions of popular software applications—Google has attracted an array of tech industry competitors."...

*Computerworld*, Jan. 6

### [Printers were sent from hell to make us miserable](#)

Matthew Inman writes: "Printers, unlike other technologies, are remarkable in the fact that they are just as crappy and unreliable now as they were in 1995. It is my belief that they were sent here to inspire rage, loathing, and murder in the hearts of all mankind."...

The Oatmeal



## Publishing

### [Library audiobook and e-book download stats from OverDrive](#)

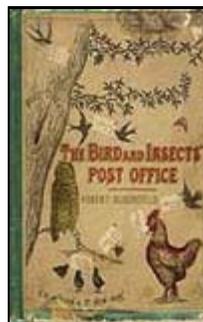
Electronic book supplier OverDrive has announced record downloads from library websites in 2009. Patrons at more than 10,000 OverDrive-powered libraries worldwide viewed 401 million downloaded website pages and checked out 8.7 million e-book, audiobook, music, and video titles, both of which are all-time highs. The company showed a 40% increase in new library users over 2008....

OverDrive, Jan. 13

### [30 beautiful old bird books](#)

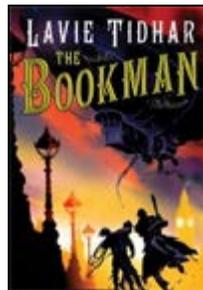
Beth Carswell writes: "From owls to ornithology, beaks to bills, our feathered friends show up on our most expensive lists with some frequency. The most expensive bird-book sale through AbeBooks in 2009 was *Ootheca Wolleyana: An Illustrated Catalogue of the Collection of Birds' Eggs* (London: sold by R. H. Porter, 1864–1907), by John Wolley and Alfred Newton. Whatever your passion, be it artistic and colored plates of birds, ornithology, birdwatching, care of pet birds, or just books with beautiful, bird-themed covers, there are books out there to ruffle anyone's feathers."...

AbeBooks, Jan. 8



### [Why is English the language of science fiction?](#)

Charlie Jane Anders writes: "Science fiction authors from France, Finland, and the Netherlands are all putting out books in English, notes Israeli author Lavie Tidhar (who's also publishing a steampunk novel in English). Why is English the language of science fiction anyway? Tidhar's novel, *The Bookman*, is a 'steampunk adventure, and a book about books, and a mystery, and a love story,' and it sounds as though Tidhar



wrote it in English, despite also writing science fiction in Hebrew sometimes. Tidhar says this may be a trend.”...

io9, Jan. 6

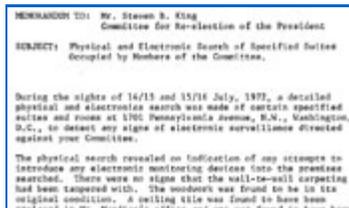


## Actions & Answers

### [Nixon-era materials released](#)

On January 11, the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum opened approximately 280,000 pages of textual materials, 12 hours of sound recordings, and 7,000 images from the personal collection of White House photographer Oliver F. Atkins at the National Archives at College Park, Maryland, facility and at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, California. The release includes 5,500 pages declassified, in whole or in part, as the result of mandatory review requests from individual researchers covering national security matters....

National Archives, Jan. 6



### [Is the White House backing away from Net neutrality?](#)

Larry Downes writes: "The Obama administration and its allies at the FCC are retreating from a militant version of Net neutrality regulations first outlined by FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski in September. That's my reading of a number of recent developments, underscored by comments made by government speakers on a panel on the first day of a Tech Policy Summit held January 7-9 at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas." A new report by NYU's Institute for Policy Integrity, *Free to Invest: The Economic Benefits of Preserving Net Neutrality* ([PDF file](#)), underscores why Net neutrality would ensure that the internet remains free and open to content providers....

CNET News: Wireless, Jan. 8; Benton Foundation, Jan. 8



### [Not just DVDs and free internet](#)

Seth Godin writes: "What should libraries do to become relevant in the digital age? They can't survive as community-funded repositories for books that individuals don't want to own (or for reference books we can't afford to own). More public librarians are telling me (unhappily) that the number one thing they deliver to their patrons is free DVD rentals. That's not a long-term strategy, nor is it particularly an uplifting use of our tax dollars. Here's my proposal: Train people to take intellectual initiative."...

Seth Godin's Blog, Jan. 9

### [How to reach nonusers](#)

Toby Greenwalt, visual services coordinator for Skokie (Ill.) Public Library, writes: "The people who do make use of library services love them, and for this we are eternally grateful. But there remains the question of those who don't, and Seth Godin's [post](#) (above) is a

perfect illustration of this. We suffer from a major image problem, and it's putting the profession at risk. So I put the question to you, *Huffington Post* readers: If you're not a library user, how can we prove ourselves to you?"...

*Huffington Post*, Jan. 13

### [Top 100 health websites you can trust](#)



The purpose of this Top 100 List is to provide Medical Library Association members and other librarians with a resource to use in their daily practice and teaching. Secondly, the MLA headquarters staff can refer individuals to a list of quality health websites. Our goal is to have a limited number of resources that meet the quality criteria for currency, credibility, content, and audience, as described on the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section website....

MLA Consumer and Patient Health Information Section

### [ACLU sues LC for curtailing free speech](#)

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit January 8 against the Library of Congress on behalf of Col. Morris Davis, the former chief prosecutor for the Guantánamo military commissions, who was terminated from his job at the library's Congressional Research Service because of opinion pieces he wrote about the military commissions system. The lawsuit charges that CRS violated Davis's right to free speech and due process when it fired him for speaking as a private citizen....

ACLU, Jan. 8

### [Move your career and job search ahead](#)

Career development consultant Caitlin Williams writes:

"For a huge number of professionals, the current economic and workplace challenges have been overwhelming in terms of job opportunities and career advancement. Moving ahead professionally is no longer as straightforward as it has been in the past."



Williams also offers a [podcast](#) on how to handle being laid off, and she will present a [workshop](#) on the afternoon of January 16 in the ALA Placement Center during the Midwinter Meeting in Boston....

Get a Job!

### [Is your school library job on the line?](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "I'm starting to get emails from school librarians who are at risk of losing their jobs due to budget cuts for the 2010-11 school year. Given the dire budget straits most states are finding themselves in this year, I expect this may be the most challenging year our profession has ever had in keeping positions. Here are some suggestions I've given to my own library folks."...

Blue Skunk Blog, Jan. 12



### [Indiana awarded Mellon grant to develop library software](#)

A \$2.38-million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to Indiana University will be used to develop software created specifically for the management of print and electronic collections for academic and research libraries. IU will lead the Kuali Open Library

Environment project, a partnership of research libraries dedicated to managing digital resources and collections. Together, these libraries will develop "community source" software that will be made available to libraries worldwide....

Indiana University, Jan. 11

### [Win a school library makeover](#)

Computer company Acer and chip manufacturer Intel are offering K-12 schools a chance to transform their libraries into a 21st-century learning lab—with technology furnished by Acer and Intel. Nominate the school of your choice by January 17 by completing an application and writing a short paragraph on what makes your school great and why it deserves to win a library makeover....

Acer

### [Library is front and center at Austin's First Night celebration](#)

Dawn Vogler writes: "Austin (Tex.) Public Library staffers, especially those book cart drill team competition stars, [the Bibliophiles](#), came out strong once again at the city's First Night event December 31.



Due to budget cuts in city spending this year, activities and grants had to be cut, but you would never know that from the display APL staffers put on during the grand procession. Their bookmobile rounded the corner with its bold, pop-art graphics about finding the right answers, and I perked up." More photos are [here](#) and [here](#)....

Library Developments, Jan. 7

### [Why Facebook is wrong: The age of privacy is not over](#)

Marshall Kirkpatrick writes: "Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg (right) [told a live audience](#) January 8 that the world has changed, that it's become more public and less private, and that the controversial new default and permanent settings reflect how the site would work if he were to create it today. Not everyone agrees with his move and its justification. Though there is a lot to be said for analysis of public data, I believe that Facebook is making a big mistake by moving away from its origins based on privacy for user data."...



ReadWriteWeb, Jan. 9, 11

### [Say hi to @SteacieLibrary](#)

John Dupuis writes: "Yes, [my library](#) has entered the Twitter age. I'll probably be the main tweeter but hopefully a couple of the other reference staff here will chip (chirp?) in from time to time. It took me a while to decide whether or not it's worth it to join Twitter. The thing is, quite a few internal York University organizations and people are on Twitter and I think it's probably at least as interesting to reach out and connect to them, hopefully raising the library's profile on campus a bit."...

Confessions of a Science Librarian, Jan. 12

### [Project Brand Yourself a Librarian](#)

Justin Hoenke, teen librarian at Cape May County (N.J.) Library, writes: "It's really simple. If you're up for it, let's all get tattoos to show our support for libraries and librarians. We are who we are. We are librarians. Let's show the world how proud we

are! Let's get a library tattoo in Washington, D.C., at the ALA Annual Conference, June 24–29. If you've got ideas on a tattoo parlor, leave a comment. I'll gladly be in charge of setting up appointments for everyone."...

8bitlibrary.com, Jan. 13

### [You are a librarian, aren't you?](#)

Merry the Librarian writes: "Ah, the age-old question: 'You *are* a librarian, aren't you?' What a wonderful question! Whenever librarians hear this one, we instantly realize that what the patron *really* means is: 'You *are* all-knowing, aren't you?' Sorry to disappoint you, patrons, but sometimes your questions are too vague even for our advanced minds to answer."...

Merry the Librarian, Jan. 10

### [Designing a rural library in Thailand](#)

Sami Rintala of rintala eggertsson architects recently led a group of architecture students from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology on a social project. They worked together to build a two-story library building for an orphanage in Ban Tha Song Yan village in Thailand, near the Burmese border. The task was to utilize local materials to build a structure that integrated with the local environment....



Designboom, Dec. 28

### [Evanced Solutions contest](#) (PDF file)

Library supplier Evanced Solutions is sponsoring a "We Love Evanced" video competition for its customers. The winner will receive a scholarship for their library to help offset conference expenses for attending the 2010 ALA Annual Conference to be held June 24–30 in Washington, D.C. Evanced is encouraging customers to create 3–5-minute videos explaining why they love Evanced Solutions' services and products. A winner will be announced at the 2010 Public Library Association Conference, March 23–27, in Portland, Oregon....

Evanced Solutions, Jan. 6



### [NYU acquires Kathleen Hanna archive for Riot Grrrl Collection](#)

Noted musician and feminist Kathleen Hanna has bequeathed her papers—zines, correspondence, and material pertaining to her career in Bikini Kill—to New York University's Fales Special Collections Library. The archive includes documents from the Riot Grrrl movement spanning 1989 to 1996. The Kathleen Hanna Papers seem to be the first major acquisition for the library's brand-new Riot Grrrrl Collection....



The L Magazine, Jan. 7

### [Litchfield library cat gets national attention](#)

A year ago, the Litchfield (Ill.) Carnegie Public Library had a "mouse problem." Today, thanks to Stacks the cat, the problem has been taken care of, and the library has gained a little national attention. The 2-year-old black cat that has lived at the Litchfield library for about a year is among felines billed as "45 Amazing Library Cats" in a story in the February issue of *Cat Fancy* magazine. Director Sara Zumwalt said that one of Stacks's favorite activities is riding the library elevator....



Springfield (Ill.) *State Journal-Register*, Jan. 7

### [These libraries are going to the dogs](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "Libraries across the country from Swampscott, Massachusetts, to San Jose, California, are making exceptions to that arcane 'No Dogs Allowed' rule for a program proven to help struggling young readers. The [Reading Education Assistance Dogs](#) program has been so successful in improving reading scores that it has spread nationwide, with more than 2,300 dog and trainer teams now helping reluctant readers become book lovers."...



Book Patrol, Jan. 13

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### [Library community rallies to support Haiti](#)

In the days following the devastating 7.0-magnitude earthquake that all but toppled Haiti's capital city and other population centers, news is slowly becoming available about how Haitian libraries and their staff members fared. The Université Caraïbe and most universities and schools in Port-au-Prince are completely destroyed. Miraculously, the National Library building has survived, although its shelving and holdings have shifted. The library community elsewhere is responding by starting multiple initiatives....

American Libraries Online, Jan. 18



### [Google settlement opponents ask Congress for nonprofit alternative](#)

A month before the February 18 final fairness hearing for the proposed settlement of lawsuits challenging Google's Book Search project, the Open Book Alliance called on Congress to instead help establish a digital book database operated by a neutral, nonprofit organization. In a January 19 letter ([PDF file](#)) sent to members of Congress and digitization advocates, OBA cofounder Peter Brantley asked the parties to the proposed settlement to join a "new inclusive process" to develop a comprehensive digital public library that would "foster competitive instead of exclusive markets."...

American Libraries Online, Jan. 19

### [Al Gore delivers global warning](#)

*American Libraries* Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel writes: "The environmental threat facing the planet as a result of carbon-based fuel consumption makes all other efforts to improve the quality of human life seem futile—unless the global climate crisis is addressed, and soon. That was the message Al Gore delivered at the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture January 16 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston." Watch a [video excerpt](#) (3:14) on the topic of solar energy....

AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 17



[ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)  
Boston, January 15–19.

### [Advice for the working worried](#)

AL Direct Editor George Eberhart writes: "Career development consultant Caitlin Williams (right) has been making herself available in the placement center at ALA conferences for nearly 10 years. On January 17 she took some time out from giving advice on résumé polishing and job search strategies to Midwinter attendees to talk to *American Libraries* about how librarians can best position themselves to handle the uncertainties of a tough economy." Watch the [video](#) (2:19)....

AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 17



Visit the [ALA YouTube channel](#) to see video coverage of the Midwinter Meeting.

### [The extemporaneous Battledecks challenge](#)

*American Libraries* Associate Editor Greg Landgraf writes: "Participants in Battledecks ([video](#), 2:06) gave impromptu five-minute presentations in the Uncommons area at Midwinter. The catch? They didn't get their topic in advance, and they also didn't have their slides in advance. The speakers had to weave together a disassembled car, an Allen wrench, and a cat with a lime peel on its head, among other things, into their discussions of technology. Battledecks immediately followed 'Set Sail for Fail' ([video](#), 2:00)."...

AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 17



Check out the Midwinter Flickr [photostream](#) from *American Libraries*. Keep track of all Flickr photos and tweets tagged with #alamw10 at [Midwinter Tracker](#).

### [Books, volunteers needed for Ethiopia Reads](#)

"Librarians are the best human beings that I have known," said Yohannes Gebregeorgis at the ALA President's Program January 17. And he became a librarian himself just to prove his point. Using the experience he gained at the San Francisco Public Library, he founded [Ethiopia Reads](#) in 1998 to bring books and reading to children in his native land, where he and his colleagues have established 30 children's libraries in schools in and around the capital, Addis Ababa, and the city of Awassa....

AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 19



### [Midwinter 2010: A photo essay](#)

*American Libraries* student intern Rachel Yoke was busy in Boston, taking pictures of people, events, places, discussions, gaming, and the city skyline. Visit her daily photo essays on the activities at the Midwinter Meeting: [Friday](#), [Saturday](#), [Sunday](#), and [Monday](#)....



### [Embracing change for continuous improvement](#)

Peter Hernon and Ellen Altman write: "With information about customers—their characteristics and preferences—libraries can target marketing strategies to both present and potential customers. Patrons' evaluations help libraries respond so that they can cultivate loyal customers who will rally support for bond issues or actively oppose threatened budget cuts. The payoff of learning about library customers and their requirements is their heavy use of materials and services and an



**Experienced library supervisors** Joan Giesecke and Beth McNeil explain how to create a productive workplace as they weave expert advice and commentary into an easy-to-use resource. This revised edition of [Fundamentals of Library Supervision](#) focuses on daily, real-world practices. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

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enhancement of the library's service and resource reputation."...  
*American Libraries*, Jan./Feb.

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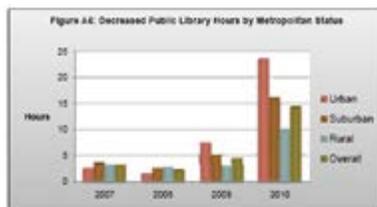
### [Second round of broadband funding prioritizes libraries](#)

Changes made to the second round of funding for the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) and the USDA's Rural Utilities Service Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) will expand the opportunities for libraries and other community anchor institutions to apply and receive funding. As with the first round of funding, the ALA Washington Office will support library applications by posting [resources and information](#) about this final round of funding. Sign up for a free [Round Two webinar](#) taking place January 22....

District Dispatch, Jan. 19

### [New survey: Public libraries in jeopardy](#)

Half of U.S. states have reduced funding to public libraries and to state library agencies and nearly one-quarter of urban libraries have reduced open hours, according to a survey, "A Perfect Storm Brewing" ([PDF file](#)), conducted by ALA and the Center for Library and Information Innovation at the University of Maryland in fall 2009. At the same time, more than three-quarters of all public libraries reported increased use of their public internet computers over the past year, and 71% reported increased wireless use....



### [Midwinter Meeting highlights](#)

Librarians gathered to discuss major issues affecting them—including budget cuts in tough economic times and how libraries provide services in a changing information environment—at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, held January 15–19 in Boston. The final attendance was 11,095 (including 8,526 members and 2,569 exhibitors), beating last year's total of 10,220 for the meeting in Denver (which drew 7,905 members and 2,315 exhibitors) but falling short of the 2008 tally of 13,601 (10,533 and 3,068) in Philadelphia....



### [Candidates for president, treasurer speak out](#)

ALA immediate past president Jim Rettig emceed a Midwinter Meeting forum featuring the candidates who will be vying for the ALA president and treasurer posts in the forthcoming spring election. Some 150 people attended the forum. Watch the [video](#) (9:40) of the opening statements by presidential candidates Molly Raphael and Sara Kelly Johns, and continue with the rest of the Candidates' Forum on [AL Focus](#)....

AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 16; AL Focus, Jan. 19



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[How to Thrive by Design](#)

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70 [Dollar General mini-grants](#) are now available for public libraries serving adult English-language learners. [Apply](#) by February 28.

Career Leads from  
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[Digital Repository Services Librarian](#)

George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. This position serves as head of the MARS (Mason Archival Repository Service) program at Mason. Duties include managing the service, handling associated technology and related administrative workflows, and leading audience-building efforts of University

### [A new deal for privacy?](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Greg Landgraf writes: "‘We need a New Deal about privacy,’ said Hal Niedzviecki (right), author of *The Peep Diaries*, at the Office for Intellectual Freedom’s Midwinter kickoff for [Choose Privacy Week](#), which will be observed for the first time May 2–8. Niedzviecki discussed his flirtation with what he called ‘Peep Culture’—the willingness of people to share and consume the details of each other’s lives, be it on Facebook, personal blogs, Twitter, or wherever." Watch the [video](#) (2:28)....



AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 16

### [ALA supports Haiti relief effort](#)

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority and ALA have announced a joint donation of \$27,085 to directly support relief efforts in Haiti. The effort was set up in less than 24 hours by the two groups after the deadly earthquake on January 14. Donations were made by many of the attendees at the ALA 2010 Midwinter Meeting in Boston over the weekend, and were matched in kind by the MCCA. Linda Dorcena Forry (D-12th Suffolk), the second Haitian-American to be elected to state office in Massachusetts, received the donation on behalf of the local Haitian community....



### [Council tackles ALA business in record time](#)

Treasurer Rodney Hersberger reported to Council at the Midwinter Meeting that the Association ended FY2009 with positive revenue over expenses of \$683,102; due to cost cutting, eligible staff received a one time incentive payment of \$800. Council defeated a measure asking for a report on the much-debated ALA Event Planner. Kevin Reynolds and J. Linda Williams were elected to the Executive Board....

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### [Turock family and Boston convention bureau donate to Spectrum](#)

ALA Past President Betty J. Turock provided a gift of \$100,000 to the Spectrum Presidential Initiative on behalf of the Turock family as part of the 2010 Spectrum Presidential Initiative. The [Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) also presented a donation of \$500 in support of the program to Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels. The donations will go to the Spectrum Scholarship Program, ALA’s national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the specific issue of underrepresentation of critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession....



### [Conference debriefed](#)

Tom Bruno writes: "ALA Midwinter has come and gone once again, and my head is spinning after meeting so many people, absorbing so many new ideas, and just generally having a great time. Yet, mindful of the [Set Sail For Fail](#) discussion I participated in on Sunday, I have the urge to examine my conference experience and see what wisdom I can offer for future ALA attendees."...

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## Digital Library of the Week



The [University of Houston Digital Library](#) opened its virtual doors in November 2009 with the goal of documenting the history of the University of Houston, the city of Houston, and state of Texas, as well as other

## Midwinter: What I saw and how I lied (in wait)

Betsy Bird writes: "When you're at an ALA conference and you want to go to the exhibits floor, it may surprise you to learn that the floor isn't really open until Saturday morning. But they open it up on Friday night. Yup. Friday at 5:30 I was present and accounted for as the masses patiently waited to enter the hall and reap the goodies. And since my Saturday was going to be too busy to do otherwise, I knew I'd really only have two days to leap upon the floor, galley-grabbing-wise. For this particular day, we turn our attention to the books and goodies on display throughout the exhibits floor."...

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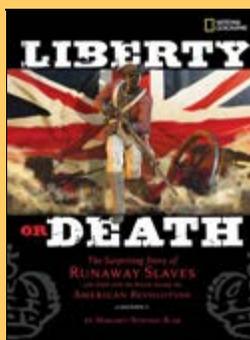
historically and culturally significant materials related to the university's teaching and research mission. Featured collections include the scrapbooks of the Ewing Family that document the suffrage activities of Mrs. Kittridge Ewing; letters of Mrs. Anson Jones, wife of the President of the Republic of Texas from 1844 to 1846; Marine Bombing Squadron photos from World War II; photos of the Galveston hurricane of 1915; historic Houston photographs; *Houstonian* yearbooks; photos of the 1947 Texas City disaster; and photos of University of Houston buildings and people.

**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.

## Booklist ONLINE

### Featured review: Nonfiction books for youth

Blair, Margaret Whitman. *Liberty or Death: The Surprising Story of Runaway Slaves Who Sided with the British during the American Revolution*. Jan. 2010. 64p. National Geographic, hardcover (978-1-4263-0590-0).



In too many American history books for young people, the role of African Americans in the Revolutionary War begins and ends with Crispus Attucks at the Boston Massacre. Blair provides a well-researched account of slaves in Virginia who, beginning in 1775, fled to the British. The royal governor of the colony hoped to put down the rebellion in part by offering freedom to slaves of rebels (but not of loyalists) who would flee their masters and fight for the British side. Foraging, fighting, spying, and working as laborers, they risked their lives for liberty, and many of them died. At the war's end, the British transported some 3,000 former slaves to Nova Scotia, and later sent nearly half of those to a new settlement in Sierra Leone. Though told in a matter-of-fact tone, the story is often heart-wrenching: the slaves, offered freedom for strategic rather than moral reasons, died in great numbers, and those who survived were promised benefits that never fully materialized....

### Interactive online reference

Sue Polanka writes: "Last November I attended the 2009



Charleston Conference: 'Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions.' E-content, licensing, business models, and a host of other issues were discussed. There were several presentations on reference, one in particular titled 'Interactive Reference,' presented by Tom Beyer, director of publishing at iFactory, and myself. Part of the RDW Group, iFactory designs and engineers a variety of online products, including *Sage*

## Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

**"We just got a two-minute warning on envisioning the future of ALA. Um . . . need more time, please?"**

—Amy Harmon, Jan. 16, tweeting just after ALA Council broke up into small groups to fill out a worksheet for feedback on the proposed ALA Strategic Plan.

**"Going to ALA is a lot like visiting Disney World—there is no way to ride every**

*Reference Online, Rosen's Teen Health & Wellness, and multiple Oxford products. During the presentation, Beyer discussed the state of online reference and the variety of interactive features that could be useful in the next-generation products. Beyer defined a reference product as 'something that will answer our questions in a way that is authoritative, accurate, and comprehensible,' and he suggested that 'the reference platform should interact with us to do that job better.' So just how should the reference platform interact with us? In any number of ways, but Beyer focused his discussion in two areas, content and the user."...*

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

## Division News

### [Media specialist out, school librarian in](#)

The AASL board of directors voted at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston on January 16 to officially adopt for the profession the title "school librarian." A recent AASL survey indicated confusion, misperceptions, and inconsistencies about various job titles in the school librarian profession. The AASL Affiliate Assembly requested that the board choose a title for its professionals that is clear to other educators, administrators, and the public, and presents a common nomenclature for all publications and advocacy efforts....

### [Virtual PLA National Conference registration open](#)

On March 25–26, PLA will share a condensed, live and online 13th National Conference with public librarians and public library workers who can't make the trip to Portland, Oregon. The Virtual Conference will include many familiar elements of the live conference, including high-quality educational programming, poster sessions and networking opportunities with colleagues. [Registration](#) for the virtual conference closes on March 19....



## Round Table News

### [Celebrating the freedom to read](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table cosponsored a terrific event January 17 at Harvard Medical School's Countway Library of Medicine. Authors Leslea Newman (*Heather Has Two Mommies*) and Michael Willhoite (*Daddy's Roommate*) discussed the genesis of their books and the controversies that ensued. The panel was moderated by FTRF trustee John Horany, a Texas attorney who litigated a seminal case in Wichita Falls in which those same books were targeted for censorship in the city's library....

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### [From book to big screen](#)

Authors Chuck Hogan, Julie Powell, Tracy Chevalier, and Eric Van Lustbader kicked off the exhibits opening Friday afternoon

**ride, see every show, and eat every churro."**

—Tom Bruno, in his [Jersey Exile](#) blog, Jan. 18.

**"Vendor looked on with repulsion as two totebag-loving librarians swiped about 6 each from the hook and bolted. Sad really."**

—JanieH, tweeting in [#totebag](#), Jan. 16.



### TweetWatch

**Top tweets of the ALA Midwinter Meeting:**

[Friday](#)  
[Saturday](#)  
[Sunday](#)  
[Monday](#)

**Follow:**

American Library Association, Midwinter Meeting, Boston, Jan. 15–19, at: [#alamw10](#)

Educause Learning Initiative, Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, Jan. 19–21, at: [#eli2010](#)

Software and Information Industry Association, Information Industry Summit, New York City, Jan. 26–27, at: [#iis10](#)

Special Libraries Association, Leadership



at the Exhibits Round Table Author Forum in conversation with Brad Hooper of *Booklist*, sharing impressions about what it's like to have your book turned into a feature film. Powell said she had close to nothing to do with the adaptation of her book, *Julie and Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously*, into a hit film starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams. Van Lustbader talked about his close friendship with author Robert Ludlum, which led him to continue the Bourne series after Ludlum's sudden death in 2001, confiding that he thought Matt Damon was the perfect actor for the title role—much better than Brad Pitt, whose prior film commitments prevented him from taking the role....

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Summit, St. Louis, Jan. 27–30, at: [#slaleads](#)

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

## Awards



### Youth Media Award winners

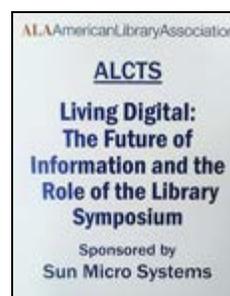
ALA announced the top books, audiobooks, and video for children and young adults—including the Caldecott, King, Newbery, and Printz awards—January 18 at the Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The announcement was webcast for those who could not attend.



### Newbery and Caldecott winners

Rebecca Stead, author of *When You Reach Me*, and Jerry Pinkney, illustrator and author of *The Lion and the Mouse*, are the 2010 winners of the John Newbery and Randolph Caldecott Medals. The Newbery and Caldecott medals honor outstanding writing and illustration of works published in the United States during the previous year. [Watch](#) Stead, Pinkney, and ALA President Camila Alire

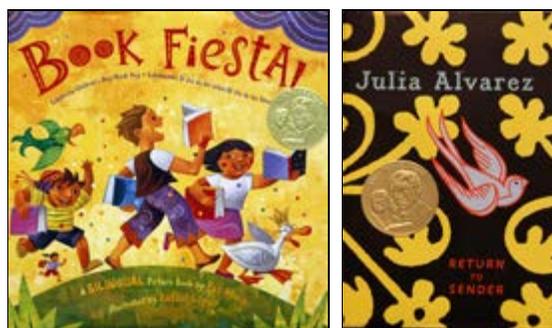
## Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q. I attended one of the institutes at the 2010 Midwinter Meeting and was told the session's slide presentations would be available afterwards on the ALA website. But where? Is there a certain place I can look?**

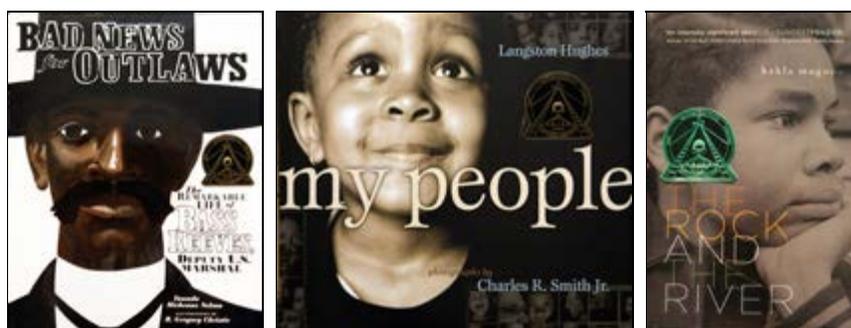
**A.** As with Annual Conference (although there are considerably fewer programs and sessions), how [handouts and other materials](#) are disseminated varies from division to division, and from one program planner or speaker to another. Still, look first to ALA's [Conference Materials Archive Wiki](#) to find such materials, including handouts and slide

on the *Today Show* (2:12)....



### [López, Alvarez win Pura Belpré Awards](#)

Rafael López, illustrator of *Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day*, and Julia Alvarez, author of *Return to Sender*, are the 2010 winners of the Pura Belpré Illustrator Award and Author Award, which honor Latino authors and illustrators whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in children's books....



### [Nelson, Smith win Coretta Scott King Awards](#)

Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, author of *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal*, and Charles R. Smith Jr., illustrator of Langston Hughes's *My People*, are the winners of the 2010 Coretta Scott King Book Awards honoring African American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults. Kekla Magoon, illustrator of *The Rock and the River*, is the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award winner....

### [Myers wins new CSK–Virginia Hamilton Award](#)

Walter Dean Myers is the winner of the first-ever Coretta Scott King–Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement. The award is named in memory of distinguished and beloved children's author Virginia Hamilton. Myers is best known for creating vivid, unflinching stories that speak candidly of the lives of teens. For four decades, his characters have wrestled with life-changing decisions, romance, family relationships, and friendships....



### [Geoffrey Hayes wins Geisel Award](#)

Author and illustrator Geoffrey Hayes is the 2010 winner of the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for his graphic novel *Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!* Siblings Benny and Penny encounter trouble when

presentations from Midwinter Meeting programs and sessions. In addition to searching the wiki, you can also use the *2010 Midwinter Meeting Program Book* (large [PDF file](#)) to identify the sponsoring ALA division, office, or round table of the program and its exact title. Then go the section of the ALA website for the sponsoring ALA [division](#), [office](#), or [round table](#) to see if any of the materials are posted or linked from there instead. Should you still come up empty, contact the sponsoring ALA division, office, or round table (or its ALA staff liaison, if noted) directly for further assistance. There are additional search strategies listed at ALA Annual Conference handouts, etc. Feel free to contact the [ALA Library](#) for help, also. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

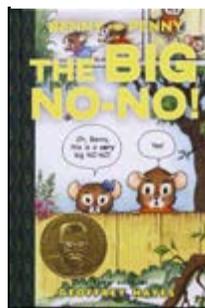
@ The [ALA Librarian](#) welcomes your questions.

## Calendar

**Feb. 1–3:**  
[Electronic Resources and Libraries](#), AT&T Executive and Conference Center, Austin, Texas.

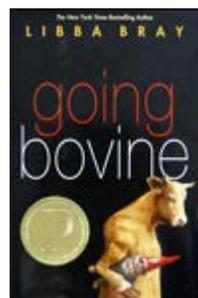
**Mar. 4–7:**  
[Alaska Library Association](#), Annual

curiosity about a mysterious neighbor leads them into unexpected adventures. The characters' emotions are revealed in the rich artwork within each panel. The Geisel Award is given to the author and illustrator of the most distinguished American book for beginning readers published in English in the United States....



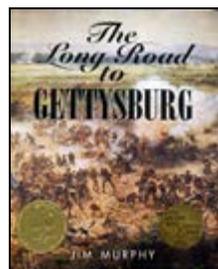
### [Libba Bray wins Printz Award](#)

Libba Bray, author of *Going Bovine*, published by Delacorte Press, has won the 2010 Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature. Libba Bray is the author of the Gemma Doyle trilogy. *Going Bovine* tells the story of Cameron, a 16-year-old slacker who sets off on a madcap road trip—along with a punk angel, a dwarf sidekick, a yard gnome, and a mad scientist—to save the world and perhaps his own life....



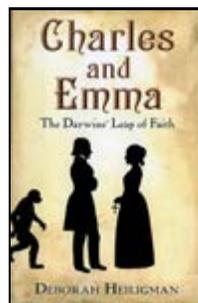
### [Jim Murphy honored with Edwards Award](#)

Jim Murphy is the recipient of the 2010 Margaret A. Edwards Award honoring his significant and lasting contribution to writing for teens. The award was presented for his books *An American Plague*, *Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America*, *The Great Fire*, *The Long Road to Gettysburg*, and *A Young Patriot*. Murphy's well-researched books bring history alive through multiple narratives involving young people....



### [YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction](#)

*Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith*, by Deborah Heiligman, is the winner of the first-ever YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults. After creating a list of pros and cons for marriage, science-minded Charles Darwin chooses to marry his strictly religious first cousin, embarking upon the most loving, creative, and intellectually important relationship of his life. Heiligman flawlessly integrates primary source research into intimate, novelistic prose....



### [Batchelder Award honors Delacorte Press](#)

Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, is the winner of the 2010 Mildred L. Batchelder Award for the most outstanding children's book originally published in a foreign language and subsequently translated into English for publication in the United States. Originally published in Swedish in 1996 as *En ö i havet*, *A Faraway Island* was written by Annika Thor and translated by Linda Schenck....



### [Carnegie Medal goes to \*Don't Let the\*](#)

Conference, Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage.

**Mar. 10–12:**  
[Advanced Leadership Institute for Senior Academic Librarians](#), Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Mar. 10–12:**  
[Louisiana Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Capital Center, Baton Rouge.

**Mar. 17–19:**  
[Tennessee Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Memphis.

**Mar. 23–27:**  
[Public Library Association](#), National Conference, Oregon Convention Center, Portland.

**Apr. 7–9:**  
[Florida Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando.

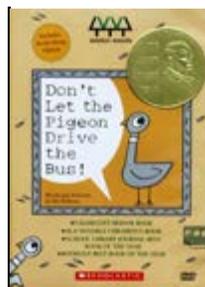
**Apr. 7–9:**  
[Kansas Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Century II Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency, Wichita.

**Apr. 7–9:**  
[New Mexico Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Ruidoso Convention Center.

**Apr. 7–10:**

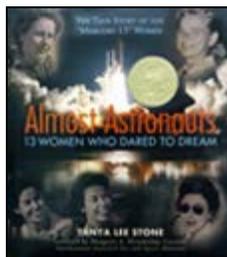
### [Pigeon Drive the Bus!](#)

Paul R. Gagne and Mo Willems of Weston Woods, producers of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, are the 2010 recipients of the Andrew Carnegie Medal for excellence in children's video. The video is an animated delight, as Pigeon tries to cajole his way into achieving his long-held dream of driving a bus. This energetic and wacky production takes a book that screams for interaction and provides it with the voices of children answering the pigeon's plaintive cries to drive the bus....



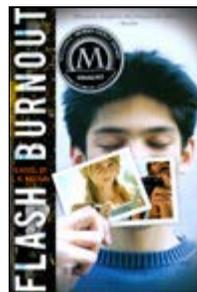
### [Tanya Lee Stone wins 2010 Sibert Medal](#)

Tanya Lee Stone, author of *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*, was named the winner of the 2010 Robert F. Sibert Medal for the most distinguished informational book for children published in 2009. The book tells the story of the women aviators and aspiring astronauts known as the Mercury 13, who in the early 1960s repeatedly proved themselves capable but could not overcome prevailing prejudices....



### [L. K. Madigan wins William C. Morris Award](#)

*Flash Burnout*, written by L. K. Madigan, has been named winner of the William C. Morris Award, which honors a book written for young adults by a first-time, previously unpublished author. Blake's life is way too complicated. He's a sophomore with a girlfriend and a friend who is a girl. One loves him. One needs him. Can he please them both? The voices of the characters are accurate, evocative, and humorous, capturing the everyday adolescent stresses and misunderstandings that are so hard to live through....



### [2010 Alex Awards](#)

YALSA has selected 10 adult books with special appeal to teen readers to receive the 2010 Alex Awards. The awards, sponsored by the Margaret Edwards Trust, will appear with full annotations in the March 1 issue of *Booklist* magazine....

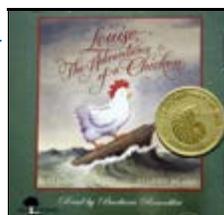
### [YALSA rebrands its selected lists](#)

The YALSA board approved a proposal ([PDF file](#)) January 16 to rename its Best Books for Young Adults List to Best Fiction for Young Adults, expand the Alex Awards for best adult books of interest to teens, and merge all of its top 10 lists annually into a Best of the Best for Young Adults list that will be published by the division. These changes are in direct response to feedback from members regarding the use and creation of these lists....

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### [Odyssey Award goes to Live Oak Media](#)

Live Oak Media, producer of the audiobook [Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken](#), has won the third annual Odyssey Award for excellence in audiobook production. The Odyssey Award is given to the producer of the best audiobook produced for



[Montana Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Holiday Inn and Best Western GranTree Inn, Bozeman.

**Apr. 12–14:**  
[Computers in Libraries](#), Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia.

**Apr. 13–16:**  
[Alabama Library Association](#), Annual Convention, Embassy Suites Hotel and Von Braun Center, Huntsville.

**Apr. 14–17:**  
[Texas Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio.

**Apr. 19–20:**  
[Connecticut Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville.

**Apr. 19–21:**  
[Oklahoma Library Association / Mountain Plains Library Association](#), Joint Conference, Oklahoma City Renaissance Hotel and Cox Convention Center.

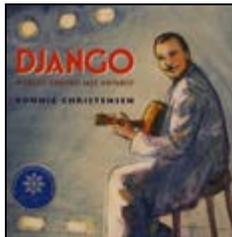
**Apr. 21–23:**  
[Maryland Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Clarion Resort, Ocean City.

**Apr. 26–28:**  
[New Jersey Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Ocean Place, Long Branch.

children and/or young adults. *Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken* was written by Kate DiCamillo and narrated by Barbara Rosenblat. Whimsical sound effects, playful background music, and Rosenblat's impressive repertoire of voices combine in this tour-de-force listening experience....

### [Schneider Family Book Award winners](#)

Winners of the Schneider Family Book Award, which honors an author or illustrator for the artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences, were announced at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. *Django*, written and illustrated by Bonnie Christensen, is the winner in the young children's category; *Anything But Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin is the winner in the middle-school category; and *Marcelo in the Real World* by Francisco X. Stork is the winner in the teen category....



### [Lois Lowry to deliver 2011 Arbuthnot Lecture](#)

Lois Lowry, two-time winner of the Newbery Medal, will deliver the 2011 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture. Each year, an individual of distinction in the field of children's literature is chosen to write and deliver a lecture that will make a significant contribution to the world of children's literature. The award is administered by ALSC....



### [Youth Media Awards: Behind the scenes](#)

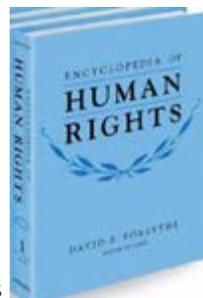
Did you think it was exciting just hearing the award winners announced at the Youth Media Awards presentation? Well, imagine the dizzying highs and crushing lows experienced by the fearless members of the award selection committees—the thrills (of judging each entry), the chills (of choosing between one excellent nominee and the next), or the ecstasy (of sharing your choices with the authors and publishers). Better yet, watch this [video](#) (4:18) and see how they did it....

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### [Human rights encyclopedia wins Dartmouth Medal](#)

*Encyclopedia of Human Rights* (Oxford University Press) is the recipient of the 2010 Dartmouth Medal, a prestigious award RUSA bestows annually on a reference work of outstanding quality and significance published in the previous calendar year. As a major contribution to the literature of human rights, this harrowing but important work chronicles the advances in the human rights movement from 1945 to the present....



### [2010 Outstanding Reference Sources](#)

RUSA has announced its list of Outstanding Reference Sources for 2010. The list is compiled by a committee of RUSA members who are readers' advisory and reference experts. They review publications and online reference



### [Apr. 28–30: Massachusetts Library Association.](#)

Annual Conference, Hyannis Resort and Conference Center.

### [May 12–14: Utah Library Association.](#)

Annual Conference, Hilton Garden Inn, St. George.

### [May 20–21: Colorado Academic Library Consortium.](#)

Summit 2010, Sheraton Denver West Hotel, Lakewood, Colorado. "Collaborate Like You Mean It!"

### [May 25: Vermont Library Association.](#)

Annual Conference, St. Michael's College, Colchester.

### [May 27–28: Rhode Island Library Association.](#)

Annual Conference, Bryant Center, Bryant University, Smithfield.

### [May 28: Book Blogger Convention.](#)

NYC Seminar and Conference Center, New York City.

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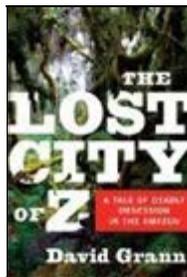
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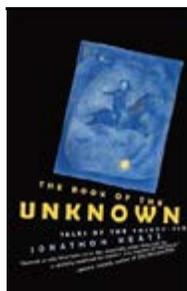
### [2010 Notable Books List](#)

RUSA has announced the selections for the 2010 Notable Books List—a source for very good and very important fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for the nation’s adult readers. The winners were selected by the Notable Books Council, a group of RUSA members and readers’ advisory experts from around the country. Since 1944, the Notable Books Council has annually selected a list of 25 important books for adult readers....



### [2010 Sophie Brody Award](#)

The RUSA Collection Development and Evaluation Section has selected *The Book of the Unknown: Tales of the Thirty-Six* by Jonathon Keats for its 2010 Sophie Brody Award. The award is funded by Arthur Brody and the Brodart Foundation and is given to encourage, recognize, and commend outstanding achievement in Jewish literature. Keats’s engaging book opens with a fictional scholar’s quest to understand the meaning behind a list of names found during the excavation of a German synagogue....



### [2010 Louis Shores ABC-CLIO Award](#)

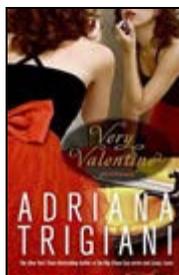
Heather McCormack, managing editor of *Library Journal's* Book Review section, is the recipient of RUSA’s 2010 Louis Shores/ABC-CLIO award recognizing excellence in book reviewing. McCormack was selected for her innovative spirit demonstrated by her creation and editing of *Book Smack!*, a free bi-weekly online newsletter that covers topics and titles not typically included in other reviewing sources....



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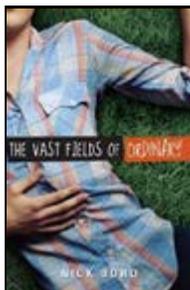
### [RUSA’s 2010 Reading List showcases genre fiction](#)

The RUSA Collection Development and Evaluation Section has made its choices for the 2010 Reading List of genre fiction titles. The list recognizes the best books in eight genres: adrenaline (which includes suspense, thriller, and adventure), fantasy, historical fiction, horror, mystery, romance, science fiction, and women’s fiction. When it was announced that Adriana Trigiani, author of *Very Valentine*, won top honors in the women’s fiction category, she jumped up on stage to call her mother, a librarian. Watch the [video](#) (4:18)....



### [Burd, Francis, and Frank win Stonewall Book Awards](#)

ALA’s Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table has announced the winners of the 2010 Stonewall Book Awards. This year for the first time, GLBTRT has given an award for children and young adult literature; it went to *The Vast Fields of Ordinary*, by Nick Burd. *Stray Dog Winter* by David Francis is the winner of the Barbara Gittings Book Award in Literature, and *Unfriendly Fire* by Nathaniel Frank is the winner of the



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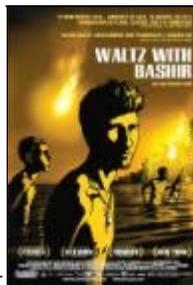
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Israel Fishman Book Award for Nonfiction....

### [2009 Notable Videos for Adults](#)

The ALA Video Round Table has selected 15 outstanding titles from among 56 nominees for this year's list of Notable Videos for Adults. The winners include *Waltz with Bashir* (Sony Classic Video), in which an Israeli soldier explores his memory of the 1982 Lebanese War using a combination of animation and narrative; and *Sita Sings the Blues* (Nina Paley), a colorfully animated musical that tells of the turbulent love life of a Hindu goddess named Sita, whose story shares similarities with that of a modern-day American woman....



### [2010 BCALA Literary Awards](#)

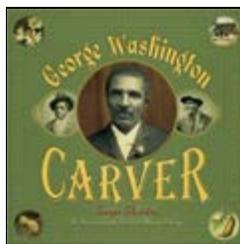
The Black Caucus of the American Library Association announced the winners of the BCALA Literary Awards during the ALA Midwinter Meeting. The awards recognize excellence in adult fiction and nonfiction by African-American authors published in 2009, including the work of a first novelist and a citation for Outstanding Contribution to Publishing. The winner in the fiction category is *Buying Time* by Pamela Samuels Young....



*ALA Cognates*, Jan. 18, pp. 6, 8

### [2010 Sugarman Children's Biography Award](#)

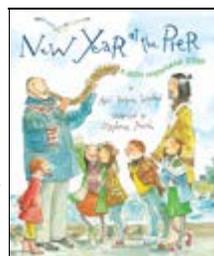
Tonya Bolden is the winner of the Norman A. Sugarman Children's Biography Award for *George Washington Carver*. The award is given biennially by the Cleveland Public Library to honor excellence in the field of biography for children. The designer organized this book in a format reminiscent of a family photo album, bringing Carver's extraordinary accomplishments to life....



*ALA Cognates*, Jan. 18, p. 14

### [2010 Sydney Taylor Book Award winners](#)

April Halprin Wayland and Stephane Jorisch, author and illustrator of *New Year at the Pier: A Rosh Hashanah Story*; Robin Friedman, author of *The Importance of Wings*; and Margarita Engle, author of *Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba*, are the 2010 winners of the Sydney Taylor Book Awards presented by the Association of Jewish Libraries. The award honors new books for children and teens that exemplify the highest literary standards while authentically portraying the Jewish experience....



Association of Jewish Libraries Blog, Jan. 11

### [Nominate a library for the National Medal](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is seeking nominations for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for exemplary museum and library community service. The medal winners will be the institutions that make the most extraordinary civic, educational, economic,



environmental, and social contributions. The medal includes prizes of \$10,000 to each recipient and an awards ceremony to be held in Washington, D.C. The deadline for [nominations](#) is February 16....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Jan. 12

## Seen Online

### [Maine librarian dies in hiking accident](#)

Longtime University of Maine librarian Francis Wihbey died January 12 in a fall on a hiking trail in San Diego. Wihbey, 65, had served as the government documents librarian for more than 30 years before his retirement last October. Wihbey appeared to have [fallen](#) at least 100 feet down a "crumbling" Torrey Pines trail and likely died of internal injuries....



*Bangor (Maine) Daily News*, Jan. 15; *San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune*, Jan. 15

### [School districts decline Race to the Top](#)

The Obama administration's main school improvement initiative has spurred education policy changes in states across the nation, but it is meeting with some last-minute resistance as the first deadline for applications arrived January 19. Thousands of school districts in California, Ohio, and other states have declined to participate, and teachers' unions in Michigan, Minnesota, and Florida have recommended that their local units not sign on to their states' applications....

*New York Times*, Jan. 18

### [Washington State Library faces budget cuts](#)

A big round of spending cuts is coming to the Washington State Library in Olympia, and agency leaders said it means 31 lost jobs and elimination of work to preserve many of the state's oldest historic documents. The layoff notices will go out January 25 and take effect through the end of June. State librarian Jan Walsh said that some cuts must begin taking effect in February to meet the demands of Gov. Chris Gregoire's supplemental budget plan....

*Tacoma (Wash.) News Tribune*, Jan. 19

### [Evanston library branch closings proposed](#)

Supporters of Evanston (Ill.) Public Library took to the streets January 18 to protest the city's proposed closing of its two branches, asking city officials to hold off a year to explore alternatives,



including the creation of a separate Public Library District. Hundreds of people gathered outside the North and South branches, hoisting signs and chanting "Save our library." Supporters are asking city council members to hold off to allow time to explore a public-private partnership and grants, as well as conversion to a separate taxing body....

*Evanston (Ill.) Review*, Jan. 18

### [NARA's new director](#)

Until recently, David Ferriero's favorite artifact at the National Archives was the canceled \$7.2-million check—"an actual check!"—that was used to purchase the territory of Alaska in 1867. Then two weeks ago, the archives' new director discovered an American Indian



treaty, etched on parchment and festooned with ribbons and wampum. For the nation's 10th archivist, the former Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries, the discoveries come daily....

McClatchy Newspapers, Jan. 17

### **[Boulder beefs up security in wake of disturbances](#)**

Police will conduct a sweeping review of security at the Boulder (Colo.) Public Library after officials said they are fed up with some patrons causing disturbances. Library Director Tony Tallent met with Police Chief Mark Beckner to express concerns about problematic visitors. Security at the main library branch has become an issue following a rash of complaints and incidents, not the least of which was the November 25 stabbing of an 18-year-old transient man outside the building....

Boulder (Colo.) Daily Camera, Jan. 16

### **[Martin Luther King painting dedicated in Tucson library](#)**

On January 14, just one day before what would have been Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 81st birthday, the Joel D. Valdez Main Library in Tucson, Arizona, hosted a dedication ceremony for a painting titled *The Dream*, depicting King and donated by local artist Andrew Polk. The roughly 6-by-8-foot painting was part of an April 2009 exhibition at the Davis Dominguez Gallery....

Tucson Arizona Daily Star, Jan. 17



### **[Santa Clara County shoots for cardholder record](#)**

Santa Clara County (Calif.) Library aims to have the most library cardholders in the United States by 2013, an effort aided both by its own outreach campaign and by an increasing number of patrons signing up on their own initiative. The library adopted the plan in 2008 with an overarching goal of making its resources more convenient and easier to use. Part of that initiative requires wide-ranging publicity and marketing efforts to reach out to non-cardholders....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Jan. 15

### **[Canadian Braille library in jeopardy](#)**

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind says it can no longer afford to run the nation's largest bilingual library of Braille and accessible audio materials. CNIB has used donated money to run the library for more than 90 years, but the charity said January 19 that it can no longer sustain the \$10-million annual operating cost of the service. The library lends Braille, audio materials, and software technology to people across Canada from its national office in Toronto. It has launched a [Right to Read campaign](#) urging Canadian governments to support its services....

CBC News, Jan. 19



## [Kafka estate may belong to Israel National Library](#)

Documents indicating that author Franz Kafka's literary estate was left to the Israel National Library have recently surfaced, raising suspicion that the two sisters who inherited the estates of Franz Kafka and Max Brod are not, in fact, the legal executors. The sisters Eva Hoffe and Ruti Wisler have kept the two Czech writers' manuscripts in five secret vaults in various Tel Aviv banks. In December, the Tel Aviv Family Court gave them 15 days to reach an arrangement with National Library officials regarding the manuscripts....

*Ha'aretz* (Tel Aviv), Jan. 19

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## Tech Talk

### [Why library automation systems are like bicycles](#)

Eric Hellman writes: "For the last 20 years, library consultant Rob McGee has run a president's panel at ALA Midwinter Meetings featuring the people who run the library automation industry. This year Andrew Pace (right) was on the panel, representing OCLC. He's not been made president or anything, but he has been leading OCLC's effort to produce cloud-based library management services. Andrew woke me from my Twitter-distracted slumber with a story about his bicycle."...

Go to Hellman, Jan. 16



### [LITA's Top Tech Trends panel](#)

*American Libraries* Associate Editor Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "The LITA Top Tech Trends discussion January 17 at the Midwinter Meeting was interesting to me this year because its participants, while all formidable representatives of the world of cutting-edge library tech geeks, were all new to the panel. David Walker kicked off the discussion by talking about discovery layers, a top trend indeed."...

AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 18



### [Apple Tablet due January 27](#)

With Apple's Tablet now assigned a formal due date—January 27—the speculation has started to stabilize, with the device now sounding more like what it first it sounded like: a giant iPod Touch. For business users, the Tablet should offer access to supersized versions of iPhone applications, which could drive corporate acceptance of both devices. iPhone 4.0 software, expected to be introduced as part of the Tablet package, will offer developers some new options. The Apple Tablet is also expected to compete with e-readers....

*PC World*, Jan. 19



### [Library Anywhere, a mobile catalog for everyone](#)

Following on its recent announcement of [Shelf Browse](#), LibraryThing is looking for library beta testers of a new

mobile app called Library Anywhere. It is envisioned as a mobile catalog for any library, up and running in minutes, with mobile web and apps for iPhone, Blackberry, and Android. It allows for catalog searches and placing holds, works with 90% of current OPACs, and comes with an "accessible version" that provides a fully Section 508-compliant version of your existing catalog....

Thingology, Jan. 16



### [Google Wave versus the rest, feature by feature](#)

Gina Trapani writes: "We got a great response to our January 12 [FAQ](#) about Google Wave, and decided it's worth expanding further on the differences between Wave and the current crop of web-based

| Feature                                                           | Email | Instant Messenger | Google Docs |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------|
| A single, hosted copy of a conversation or document               | No    | Not usually       | Yes         |
| The ability to see when contacts are online                       | No    | Yes               | Yes         |
| Instant messaging or chat, with no-refresh updates                | No    | Yes               | Yes         |
| Keystroke-by-keystroke live updates with multiple visible cursors | No    | Some services     | No          |

collaboration offerings. Wave combines features from email, instant messenger, Google Docs, wikis, and forums and throws its own spin on things. For a quick visual of its offerings versus similar tools, check out this feature-by-feature comparison table."...

Lifehacker, Jan. 18

## Publishing

### [New York Times ready to charge online readers](#)

*New York Times* Chairman Arthur Sulzberger Jr. appears close to announcing that the paper will begin charging for access to its website. After a year of sometimes-fraught debate inside the paper, the choice for some time has been between a *Wall Street Journal*-type pay wall and the metered system adopted by the *Financial Times*, in which readers can sample a certain number of free articles before being asked to subscribe. The *Times* seems to have settled on the metered system....

*New York*: Daily Intel, Jan. 17

### [A field trip to the Midwinter exhibit floor](#)

Brigid Alverson writes: "As you might expect, the ALA Midwinter Meeting is a fairly staid event, compared to, say, New York Comic-Con. The average age is older, the decibel level is lower, and there are no booth babes. On the plus side, there were graphic novels. Boom! Studios had a large booth with tables laden with their graphic novels, and at the Viz booth the staff was busy promoting an interesting array of recent releases."...

Comic Book Resources: Robot 6, Jan. 19



### [Apple disrupts the e-book market](#)

Mike Shatzkin writes: "Publishers may have used the [entry of Apple](#) into the e-book arena as an opportunity to change the entire paradigm of e-book distribution for major books. And while the great excitement about Apple and e-books has been based on hopes that

the new Apple Tablet will add a lot of new e-book consumers, the change in the sales protocols will probably have a much more profound impact on the e-book market than the device. Or at least that's how it looks from here."...

The Shatzkin Files, Jan. 19; Galleycat, Jan. 19

### [EBSCO offers new full-text history resources](#) (PDF file)

EBSCO Publishing now offers full-text access to the historical databases, *America: History and Life* and *Historical Abstracts*. In June 2007, EBSCO acquired the databases from ABC-CLIO and since then has worked to create definitive full-text versions....

EBSCO, Jan. 15

### [Ethnographic video](#)

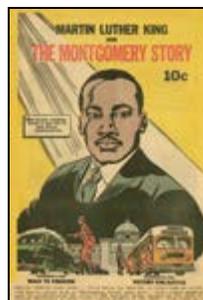
George Eberhart writes: "Alexander Street Press held its always-interesting customer appreciation breakfast January 17 at the Boston Public Library. In anticipation of the launch of its new Ethnographic Video Online collection in February, the company presented Cynthia Close (right), executive director of Documentary Educational Resources, as its breakfast speaker. She provided an intriguing overview of filmmaker John Marshall's work on the !Kung Bushmen of the Kalahari Desert."...



AL Inside Scoop, Jan. 17

### [The comic book that changed a nation](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "In December 1957, a comic book was published that really did threaten the future—at least the future of American segregationists. Carefully preserved in the special collections of several academic libraries, the 14-page comic book is credited with being one of the most influential teaching tools ever produced for the Civil Rights Movement. Published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, it tells the story of the successful 1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott, led by Martin Luther King, Jr., and passive resistance."...



Book Patrol, Jan. 18

### [Gustaf Tenggren and the genesis of the Little Golden Books style](#)

Stephen Worth looks at the illustrations in Swedish-American artist Gustaf Tenggren's 1942 book, *The Tenggren Tell-It-Again Book*, and shows how they served as an important transition between his work for Walt Disney (*Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*, *Pinocchio*, *Bambi*) and his art for the classic Little Golden Books series originally published by Simon and Schuster. He writes: "By going back to his roots and synthesizing his Swedish cultural upbringing, Tenggren invented a style that now seems to us to be quintessentially American."...



ASIFA-Hollywood Animation Archive, Jan. 19

### [From Android Karenina to Huckleberry Fang](#)

Keir Graff writes: "And to think it all started with a plucky little mashup called *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*. In her [review](#), Mary Ellen Quinn asked, with tongue firmly in cheek, 'What's next? *Wuthering*



*Heights and Werewolves?* Not a bad guess, but the next offering was actually *Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters*. Let's assume this trend has legs. So, as a helpful service, the *Booklist* editors would like to offer the following contenders."...

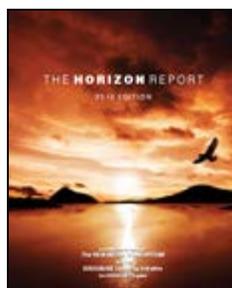
Likely Stories, Jan. 17



## Actions & Answers

### [Horizon Report, 2010](#)

The New Media Consortium officially released its *Horizon Report* for 2010 ([PDF file](#)) at the Educause Learning Initiative Conference January 19. The report, an annual effort that identifies emerging technologies that will affect higher education, identifies open content and mobile computing as trends that will enter mainstream learning this year. The authors see augmented reality entering the classroom around 2013 and gesture-based computing in 2015....



The Wired Campus, Jan. 14

### [Report to Congress on Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act](#)

The Consumer Product Safety Commission released its Report to Congress ([PDF file](#)) January 15 regarding difficulties encountered with enforcing the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. The report notes that used books have emerged as a particular problem due to the retroactive nature of the law, adding that the retroactive applicability of the lead limits creates problems for libraries....

District Dispatch, Jan. 19

### [Is privacy dead? Only when exploitation mixes with apathy](#)

Kent Anderson writes: "Recently, pronouncements by online megaplayers (Google, Facebook) have been lighting up the boards as Eric Schmidt and Mark Zuckerberg particularly have made incendiary comments about the future and value of privacy. Schmidt can be perceived as a hypocrite and Zuckerberg comes off as a callow pseudointellectual. But both are focused on privacy for the same reason—they have to break down expectations of privacy for their businesses to thrive."...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Jan. 18

### [Social media cards: Business cards 2.0](#)

Erin Maassen writes: "Since we've already established trustworthy relationships with

our patrons inside the library, it's only natural that we use social media to enhance our relationships with patrons virtually. Enter social media cards, an official-sounding title for a simple invention. The size of a business card, the two-sided card is printed in-house. Each side represents a different brand: the librarian as a person (left) and the library as an institution (right)."

The M Word: Marketing Libraries, Jan. 18



## [Guided homework help goes online](#)

Jennifer Hillner writes: "Homework help is just a few clicks away, thanks to the New York Public Library's groundbreaking new interactive [Dial-A-Teacher Whiteboard](#). Four nights a week, the online program connects students and teachers in real time through a secure digital whiteboard, where they can chat about assignments and draw their responses on the shared board. It's the first program of its kind in the United States, and here's how it works."

Edutopia

## [Copyright term and public domain chart](#)

Peter Hirtle has issued a 2010 update to his invaluable [Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States](#) chart. He has added the list of countries that have joined Berne or WTO after January 1, 1996, and tweaked the language of the Laos exceptions. He cautions: "My one worry is that the chart may contribute to an illusion of certainty when ambiguity is the reality."

Stanford University Libraries, Jan. 15

| Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States<br>1 January 2010* |                                |                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Never Published, Never Registered Works†                                     |                                |                                                                 |
| Name of Work                                                                 | Copyright Term                 | What work or any part thereof in the U.S. as of 1 January 2010? |
| Unpublished works                                                            | Life of the author + 70 years  | Works for authors with term before that                         |
| Unpublished audiovisual and other works made for the collective advertising  | 95 years from date of creation | Works under either rule                                         |
| Unpublished works other than those listed above                              | 95 years from date of creation | Works under either rule                                         |

## [Digital cameras in special collections](#)

OCLC has released the final draft of the report *"Capture and Release": Digital Cameras in the Reading Room* ([PDF file](#)), billed as a "short report by an RLG group on advantages of allowing hand-held cameras in special collections. The report includes a modular, re-usable, pick-and-choose form that incorporates items from the many camera policies this group surveyed."

OCLC Research, Dec. 22

## [How to add captions to your YouTube videos](#)

Samuel Axon writes: "Once you've uploaded a video to your YouTube account, you have two options for generating subtitles for the video: You can use the CaptionTube web app that Google has created, or you can upload a transcript you make yourself and use Google's speech-recognition technology to automatically assign the right times to each caption. In either case, you'll end up with a text file that you can edit to make corrections and viewers will be able to either read the captions in their native language or [translate them](#) on the fly when watching your video."



Mashable, Jan. 16

### [JSTOR now indexed in WorldCat](#)

Over 4.5 million JSTOR article-level records from more than 1,000 journals, selected monographs, and other scholarly content are now indexed in OCLC's WorldCat. Scholars and researchers using WorldCat can now identify content in JSTOR and connect to full text using the authorization provided by their library....



OCLC, Jan. 15

### [Chubby Checker promotes new twist in Medicare law](#)

Rock'n'roll legend Chubby Checker is helping the Social Security Administration promote a new law taking effect that makes it easier for seniors to qualify for [extra help](#) with Medicare prescription drug costs. First, it eliminates the cash value of life insurance from counting as a resource. Second, it eliminates the assistance people receive from others to pay for household expenses, such as food, rent, mortgage, or utilities, from counting as income....



Social Security Administration, Jan. 8

### [Brooklyn's Central Library, 1941](#)

Young readers pose inside the new Art Deco central branch of the Brooklyn Public Library, which opened February 1, 1941. This view of the librarian's desk was taken on opening day. Commenters have noted that the girl with boots is most likely wearing them to cover leg braces, probably as a result of polio. For more photos of the facility, see [Book Patrol](#)....



Shorpy, Jan. 15; Book Patrol, Nov. 5

### [Georgia librarian raised \\$20,000 for Haiti](#)

Cliff Landis, technology librarian at Valdosta (Ga.) State University's Odum Library, offered to match up to \$10,000 in funds donated for Haiti relief to Partners in Health. Within three days, more than 150 people gave \$10,000 to the charity, which Landis matched. Even his mother handed him her grocery money. He thanks everyone in this [video](#) (2:58)....



clifflandis.net, Jan. 16; YouTube, Jan. 17

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## American Libraries Online

### [EBSCO, Gale spar over exclusivity](#)

Two major database companies are at loggerheads over exclusivity in the provision of periodical content. EBSCO published an open letter ([PDF file](#)) to the library community January 25 in response to an [open letter](#) published the week before by Gale Cengage Learning. At issue is what EBSCO calls mischaracterization of its actions and intentions by Gale, which had expressed concern over what it calls the practice of “locking up” a periodical publisher’s content with a single information provider....

American Libraries Online, Jan. 26

### [Newsmaker: Al Gore](#)

American Libraries Editor and Publisher Leonard Kniffel caught up with former Vice President, Nobel Prize recipient, and Oscar winner Al Gore before the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston for an exclusive interview. His message: The environmental threat facing the planet as a result of carbon-based fuel consumption makes all other efforts to improve the quality of human life seem futile—unless the global climate crisis is addressed, and soon. For [videos](#) of Gore’s entire presentation, visit AL Focus....

American Libraries Online, Jan. 26; AL Focus, Jan. 25



### [Olympic sponsorship rules raise Vancouver’s eyebrows](#)

As the city prepares for the upcoming Winter Olympics, local media—on the lookout for games-related malfeasance—pounced on a request from the Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library administration asking staff to adhere to the sponsorship rules of the Vancouver Organizing Committee when holding Olympics-related programming. A memo ([Word file](#)) sent to branch heads and supervisory staff last spring by Marketing and Communications Manager Jean Kavanagh instructs staff to “not have Pepsi or Dairy Queen sponsor your event. Coke and McDonald’s are the Olympic sponsors.”...

American Libraries Online, Jan. 27

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### [Branch-closing threat galvanizes Northwestern](#)



[ALA Annual Conference.](#)

## [University neighbors](#)

The determination of grassroots activists in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois—home to Northwestern University—has motivated the city council to put off shuttering two beloved public library branches as of March 1, and to agree instead to study the efficacy of creating a third branch in an underserved part of town. Evanston City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz had proposed the branch closures as part of a plan to close a gap of \$9 million in the \$94-million general municipal fund....

American Libraries Online, Jan. 24

## [Change at American University](#)

Brian Mathews writes: "Bill Mayer, university librarian at American University in Washington, D.C., imagines a library without librarians. The way he sees it, his campus is filled with activity and he wants his librarians to be a part of the action. This vision opens up the library for new types of programming spaces, where the library is transformed into a series of living rooms and kitchens. This metaphor builds on the idea that at parties, people congregate around the food and comfortable sitting areas. Libraries in this manner would become a natural place for learners to mix and mingle."...

AL: Next Steps, Jan. 25



## [The birth of a green libraries blog](#)



Laura Bruzas writes: "Just about every time I enter a library, a new idea pops into my head about how it can be more eco-friendly. The great majority of these ideas would be easy to implement and cost next to nothing or nothing at all. So, it is with great appreciation that I have found a place to share these ideas. I hope you will join me for the journey."...

AL: Green Your Library, Jan. 20

# ALA News

## [ALA establishes Haiti Library Relief Fund](#)

ALA, acting on a resolution adopted by its Council on January 19 during the Midwinter Meeting in Boston, has created a Haiti Library Relief Fund to collect monetary donations to help rebuild libraries and archives that were destroyed or damaged during the devastating January 12 earthquake. [Donations](#) can be made by credit card or check. ALA will provide updates on the condition of libraries in Haiti and coordinate relief and rebuilding efforts with the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield, IFLA, and UNESCO....



## [Apply for Library Support Staff Certification](#)

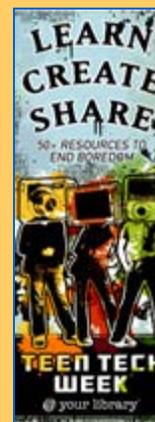
The ALA-Allied Professional Association is now accepting [applications](#) from potential candidates interested in obtaining Library Support Staff Certification. The LSSC Program helps support staff achieve recognition for current and new skills and abilities....

ALA-APA, Jan. 18

## [New myth-busting ALA community](#)

SnopesALA is a community of people

Washington, D.C., June 24–29. [Early bird registration](#) is in effect through March 5.



Get ready for [Teen Tech Week](#), March 7–13, with these flyers, pamphlets, bookmarks, and posters. **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.

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interested in validating or debunking ALA legends and rumors. They will do their best to generally unravel the mysteries of the Association. Initial topics include:

“Myth: ALA checks your bank account to make sure you have \$10,000 if you are running for president,” and “ALA has a new content management system.” David Vess came up with the concept. What’s your burning question?...

ALA Connect



### [Register for virtual worlds conference](#)

The ALA Virtual Communities and Libraries Member Initiative Group is sponsoring a conference (“[The Future is Now: Libraries and Museums in Virtual Worlds](#)”) to be held online (using OPAL webconferencing software) and in various virtual worlds, especially ALA Island in Second Life, March 5–6. Keynote speakers include Marilyn Johnson and Tom Atkinson, but there will also be tours, demonstrations, poster sessions, social gatherings, and other events. You need not be proficient in virtual worlds to participate. Watch the [video announcement](#) (1:55)....



### [National Library Week PSAs available](#)

Two free, [downloadable](#) radio public service announcements are available to librarians looking to promote National Library Week (April 11–17) on local radio stations. The PSAs are available in both English and Spanish. Downloadable PSA scripts are also available for radio stations that do not accept pre-recorded PSAs....

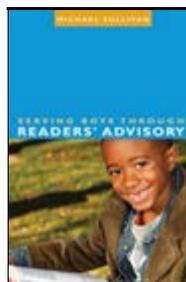
### [ALA from far away](#)

Sarah Thompson writes: “My first ALA conference was last year’s annual in Chicago and I was hooked, but for this year’s Midwinter in Boston, attendance just wasn’t possible. I’ve never been a big fan of Twitter, but after Midwinter, I think I’m addicted. I couldn’t get enough of following Midwinter attendees and reading their tweets about sessions they’d attended and what advance reading copies everyone was eager to get their hands on. I also read many blogs from librarians that were in attendance and made a giant wish list for the library.”...

YALSA Blog, Jan. 25

### [Sullivan’s readers’ advisory for boys](#)

ALA Editions has released [Serving Boys through Readers’ Advisory](#) by Michael Sullivan. Sullivan, a widely published author, has drawn on more than 20 years’ experience getting boys interested in reading to offer his first readers’ advisory volume. With an emphasis on nonfiction and the boy-friendly categories of genre fiction, the book offers a wealth of material including suggestions for how to booktalk one-on-one as well as in large groups....



### [History of the book arts](#)

ALA Editions is reissuing [Scribes, Script, and Books:](#)

## ALA JobLIST

**Director.** Chester County (S.C.) Public Library. The Board of Trustees is seeking an enthusiastic, energetic person to lead a team of professionals in a three-branch county library system. Knowledge of public library management, library automation, electronic services and resources, budgeting, and financial planning are needed. Strong leadership and public relations skills are essential. Must be eligible for SC Public Library Certification....



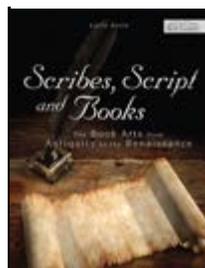
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## Digital Library of the Week



The [J. León Helguera Collection of Colombiana](#) provides access to unique primary sources on 19th-century Colombian history and culture. The result of a half-century of

[The Book Arts from Antiquity to the Renaissance](#) by Leila Avrin, originally published in 1991. Released as part of the ALA Classics series, this detailed volume chronicles the history of the handmade book. Avrin looks at the development of scripts and styles of illumination, the making of manuscripts, and the technological processes involved in papermaking and bookbinding. Readers will have a greater understanding of books and texts up through the Renaissance with more than 300 plates and illustrations....



### [From book to bookmark to big screen](#)

Mythology comes to life in the Percy Jackson [poster](#) and [bookmark](#), new from ALA Graphics. Featuring exclusive artwork by illustrator John Rocco, the poster and bookmark portray a cityscape constructed of tomes towering before Percy, the young protagonist from Rick Riordan's *The Lightning Thief*. In this first book from the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, Percy discovers he is the son of the Greek god Poseidon. The film is scheduled for release February 12....



### [The good ship ALA](#)

Larry Nix writes: "In recognition of its service in World War I, ALA was invited by the United States Shipbuilding Board to name one of the many merchant marine ships built under its auspices.



ALA chose the very creative name of 'ALA' for its ship. Harry R. Skallerup wrote "[The Steamship Named ALA](#)," the definitive article about the ship, in the Fall 2004 issue of *Libraries and Culture*. It was christened by Shirley Putnam, daughter of Librarian of Congress Herbert Putnam, on December 18, 1920, and sunk by a German submarine in 1941."...

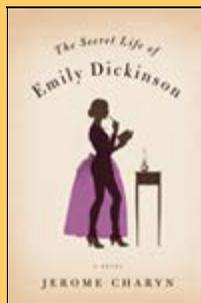
Library History Buff Blog, Jan. 24

## Booklist ONLINE

### [Featured review: Historical fiction](#)

Charyn, Jerome. *The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson*. Feb. 2010. 352p. Norton, hardcover (978-0-393-06856-6).

Versatile and puckish Charyn extends his rascally improvisations on American history, following the Revolutionary War-era *Johnny One-Eye* (2008) with an audacious take on the life and spirit of Emily Dickinson. In his author's note, Charyn explains his fascination with the poet and, most importantly, her "fiercely imagined life." In a voice as precise and unnerving as that of her revolutionary poems, Dickinson narrates with droll wit, bemused rhapsody, and acid fury, often mockingly describing her redheaded self as a bird, mouse, kangaroo, spinster,



collecting on three continents, it is one of the largest and most wide-ranging in the United States.

Materials are grouped into three separate types: broadsides, 1825–1972; pamphlets (including *novenas*), 1785–1969; and *programas*, 1819–1914. The site allows for easy browsing (by date, type, or subject), or detailed searching. The collection is curated by the Jean and Alexander Heard Library at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Currently only 66 documents are searchable, but the library hopes to expand the project.

**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  
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**"[The library is] one of the very few institutions on earth where any soul may walk through its doors free, and depart enriched."**

—Diane Asséo Griliches, *Library: The Drama Within* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1996), p. vii.

"Uncle Emily," and the Queen Recluse. Now and then, she alludes to the inner lightning strikes that prompt her to write, but flinty Dickinson focuses most on her knotty relationship with her father, her adoration for her dog, infatuation with her volcanic sister-in-law, and abiding, impossible love for Tom, the tattooed handyman turned thief....

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## Division News

### [Will Shortz to keynote PLA program at Annual](#)

Famed puzzle master Will Shortz will be the keynote speaker at PLA's President's Program at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 27. Listeners to NPR's *Weekend Sunday Edition* and readers of the *New York Times* are familiar with challenging style of Will Shortz, the world's only academically accredited enigmatologist, a 14-letter word meaning "someone involved in the science of puzzles."...



### [YALSA's winter e-courses](#)

Register by February 2 for two four-week online courses provided by YALSA on booktalks and power programming for teens. The instructors are Nancy Keane and Amy Alessio, and the courses run from February 8 to March 8. Discounts are available for group registrations....

### [RUSA to highlight D.C.-area genealogy resources](#)

Librarians from all types of libraries will have the opportunity to uncover genealogy research treasure troves at the "Behind the Genealogy Reference Desk: Our Capital's Hidden Genealogy Gems," a June 25 preconference at Annual Conference in Washington. Personal family history researchers interested in the resources presented at this workshop are also welcome to attend....

### [RUSA Literary Tastes Breakfast](#)

All book lovers are invited to purchase tickets to the Literary Tastes Breakfast, an Annual Conference tradition hosted by the RUSA Collection Development and Evaluation Section. The breakfast, which will be held June 27, features authors from RUSA's 2010 literary book award selections....

### [ASCLA Consulting Toolkit workshop](#)

The workshop "Assembling a Consulting Toolkit: What You Need to Know to Become a Successful Library Consultant," which sold out at the 2010 Midwinter Meeting, will be offered again at the 2010 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The full-day preconference will be held on June 25....

## Awards



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Ohio Educational Technology Conference, Columbus, Feb. 1-3, at: [ohioetc](#)

International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining, New York City, Feb. 3-6, at: [wsdm2010](#)

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

### Ask the ALA Librarian



**Q. I've got a lot of books I don't need any more. Is ALA collecting materials to send to the libraries damaged by the earthquake in Haiti?**

**A.** The American Library Association is not collecting books or other materials. The first need of libraries in Haiti is money to rebuild. Therefore, ALA has created the [Haiti Library Relief Fund](#) to take in

## [Sullivan named ACRL Academic Librarian of the Year](#)

Maureen Sullivan, owner of Maureen Sullivan Associates and professor in the Simmons College GSLIS Doctoral Program in Managerial Leadership, is the 2010 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. The award, sponsored by YBP Library Services, recognizes an outstanding member of the library profession who has made a significant national or international contribution to academic or research librarianship and library development....

ACRL Insider, Jan. 21



## [2010 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award winners](#)

The winners of ACRL's 2010 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award are Bucks County (Pa.) Community College Library, the A. C. Buehler Library (right) at Elmhurst (Ill.) College, and the Indiana University Bloomington Libraries. Sponsored by ACRL and YBP Library Services, the award recognizes the staff of a college, university, and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution....

ACRL Insider, Jan. 21



## [Winners of the 2010 John Cotton Dana Award](#)

Six libraries are winners of the 2010 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award, which recognizes and honors outstanding achievements in library public relations. The John Cotton Dana honor is sponsored by the H. W. Wilson Company, the H. W. Wilson Foundation, and LLAMA. The winners are Hackney Library at Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina; King County (Wash.) Library System; New Jersey State Library; Pasco County (Fla.) Library System; San Francisco Public Library; and Westbank Community Library District in Austin, Texas....



## [Serve on the AIA/ALA Library Buildings Awards jury](#)

The LLAMA Library Buildings Awards Committee is seeking nominations and applications for jurors for the 2011 Library Buildings Award competition. Jointly sponsored by ALA and the American Institute of Architects, the prestigious biennial awards recognize distinguished accomplishments in library architecture by American architects. Applications must be returned to the LLAMA office by April 17....

Leads from LLAMA, Jan. 25

## [Coretta Scott King–Virginia Hamilton Award](#)

New to the ALA Youth Media Awards in 2010 is the Coretta Scott King–Virginia Hamilton Award for lifetime achievement. In this video (2:41), award committee chair Barbara Clark (right) discusses

monetary donations. There are other possibilities for using your books in support of the libraries, however. First, consider organizing a book sale locally and donating the funds to the Haiti Library Relief Fund. Second, there are a number of organizations that do coordinate book donations; the ALA Library has developed a fact sheet on [Book Donation Information](#). Internationally, relief work for libraries is being coordinated by the [Blue Shield](#), the cultural equivalent of the Red Cross. It is the protective emblem specified in the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict for marking cultural sites to give them protection from attack in the event of armed conflict. The International Committee of the Blue Shield, founded in 1996, includes representatives of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, of which ALA is a member. From the [ALA Professional Tips wiki](#).

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

## **Calendar**

**Ongoing:**  
View continuing education sessions and social events for



Virginia Hamilton's contributions to literature, the award itself, and the inaugural winner, Walter Dean Myers....

AL Focus, Jan. 27

### [2010 Zora Neale Hurston Award](#)

Anthony Loum of the Brooklyn Public Library has been selected as the 2010 winner of the Zora Neale Hurston Award. Loum was selected for his work in planning and ensuring the quality of programs delivered by the library in the 2009 Big Read for which Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* was the chosen book. The award recognizes a RUSA member's significant efforts to promote African American writers and African American literature in their libraries....



### [National Friends of Libraries Week Awards](#)

Five Friends groups were recognized for winning National Friends of Libraries Week Awards by ALTAFF during its Gala Author Tea, held during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The honorees were Friends groups in San Pedro, California (right); Uniontown, Ohio; Conroe, Texas; Birmingham, Alabama; and New York State. Each group received a \$250 check and a certificate....

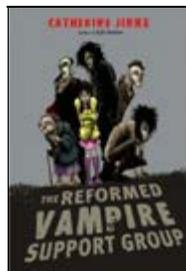


### [2010 Service to Young Adults Achievement Award](#)

The YALSA/Greenwood Publishing Group's Service to Young Adults Achievement Award was presented to critic, editor, and author Patty Campbell, based in Fallbrook, California. The \$2,000 award, given every other year, recognizes a YALSA member who has demonstrated unique and sustained devotion to young adult services through substantial work in several initiatives....

### [2010 Best Books for Young Adults](#)

YALSA has announced its 2010 list of Best Books for Young Adults. The list of 90 books recommended for those ages 12-18 meets the criteria of both good quality literature and appealing reading for teens. The list comprises a wide range of genres and styles, including contemporary realistic fiction that reflects the diversity of the teen experience, nonfiction that brings to teens an awareness of the world they live in and its history, and fantastical stories told in both narrative and graphic formats. The [complete list](#), including annotations, can be found on the YALSA website....



### [2010 Fabulous Films for Young Adults](#)

YALSA has announced its 2010 Fabulous Films for Young Adults list. The list offers 31 titles based on the theme "Outside In: Rebellion vs. Conformity." The list

librarians and other educators within the Second Life virtual world at the Google calendar of [Librarian Second Life Events](#).

**Feb. 9:** [Social Networking for Libraries](#), online Trendy Topics workshop sponsored by Alliance Library Systems and TAP Information Services.

**Feb. 9-10:** [Technology Essentials 2010](#), WebJunction online conference.

**Feb. 11:** [TechTrends: Midwinter 2010](#), ALA TechSource webinar.

**Feb. 17-18:** [Handheld Librarian II](#), online conference, sponsored by Alliance Library System and LearningTimes.

**Mar. 5-6:** [ALA Virtual Communities and Libraries Member Interest Group](#), OPAL webconference. "The Future Is Now: Libraries and Museums in Virtual Worlds."

**Mar. 9:** [2010 Digital Book Printing Forum](#), New York Marriott Marquis.

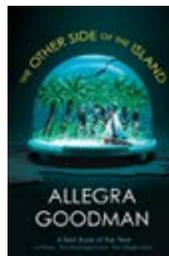
**Mar. 17-20:** [Conference on College Composition](#)

includes films, both fiction and nonfiction, that display teens reacting to the society around them and how they learn to become who they are. The [complete list](#), including annotations, is found on the YALSA website....



### [2010 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults](#)

YALSA has announced its 2010 list of Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults. This year's PPYA committee produced four lists of titles arranged by the following topics: Bodies, Change Your World or Live to Regret It, Hard Knock Life, and Twists on the Tale. The [complete list](#) of 88 titles, including annotations, is found on the YALSA website....



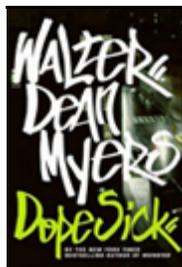
### [2010 Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults](#)

YALSA has announced its 2010 Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults list. The list for ages 12–18 is drawn from the previous two years of spoken-word releases. The 2010 Amazing Audiobooks list features a wide range of recordings, with 21 fiction titles representing diverse genres and styles, including humor, horror, and historical fiction. The [complete list](#) of 23 titles, including annotations, is found on the YALSA website....



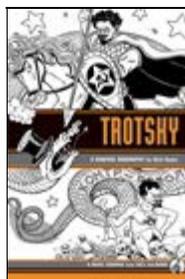
### [2010 Quick Picks for Reluctant YA Readers](#)

YALSA has announced its 2010 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers selection list. The Quick Picks list suggests books that teens, ages 12–18, will pick up on their own and read for pleasure; it is geared to the teenager who, for whatever reason, does not like to read. The [complete list](#) of 101 titles, including annotations, is found on the YALSA website....



### [2010 Great Graphic Novels for Teens](#)

YALSA has announced its 2010 Great Graphic Novels for Teens list of 73 titles, drawn from 127 official nominations. The books, recommended for ages 12–18, meet the criteria of both good-quality literature and appealing reading for teens. In addition, the Great Graphic Novels for Teens Committee created a Top Ten list of titles that exemplify the quality and range of graphic novels appropriate for teen audiences. The [complete list](#), including annotations, is found on the YALSA website....



### [2010 MAE Award for Best Literature Program for Teens](#)

YALSA has named Susan Bohn the winner of the 2010 MAE Award for Best Literature Program for Teens. The MAE Award provides \$500 to the

#### [and Communication.](#)

Marriott Downtown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.

#### **Apr. 1:**

#### [UGame ULearn: The User Experience.](#)

Delft University of Technology, Netherlands.

#### **Apr. 8–9:**

#### [Virginia Hamilton Conference on Multicultural Literature for Youth.](#)

Student Center, Kent (Ohio) State University. "New Horizons: The Next 25 Years."

#### **May 25–28:**

#### [Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference.](#)

Chania, Crete, Greece.

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recipient and \$500 to the recipient's library and is sponsored by the Margaret A. Edwards Trust. Bohn, a school librarian, implemented the Animania program at the Hononegah Community High School in Rockton, Illinois....

### [2010 Great Books Giveaway winners](#)

YALSA has named Benjamin Banneker High School (right) in Atlanta the winner of its annual Great Books Giveaway. Its library will receive more than \$20,000 in books, audiobooks, and other materials from items publishers and producers donated to YALSA. The two runners-up were Conley-Caraballo High School in Hayward, California, and the Farmington (N.M.) High School library....



### [Baker & Taylor Conference Grants](#)

YALSA has awarded the 2010 Baker & Taylor Conference Grants to Barbara Kinast (Isaacs Bildersee Intermediate School in Brooklyn, N.Y.) and Carol Anne Geary (Sutton (Mass.) Free Public Library). The grants are awarded for first-time attendance at an Annual Conference. Each will receive up to \$1,000 to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C....

### [2010 Frances Henne Research Grant](#)

YALSA has awarded the 2010 Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA Research Grant to Janice Newsum and Marcia Mardis. The \$1,000 grant will provide seed money for Mardis and Newsum's research project, "Are Boys Radically Changing? A Fresh Exploration of Boys' Internet Use in Public Libraries."...

### [2010 Loleta D. Fyan Grant awarded](#)

Library consultant and author Pamela MacKellar, in partnership with the New Mexico State Library, has been awarded the 2010 Loleta D. Fyan Grant for a proposal entitled "Online Management Course for New Library Directors in New Mexico." The project team will develop free online courses in management for new library directors without MLS degrees in local communities with 15,000 residents or less....



### [Diversity Office calls for Research Grant proposals](#)

The Office for Diversity seeks proposals for its Diversity Research Grant program. Applicants must be current ALA members, and 2010 proposals must address one of three identified topics. The grants consist of a one-time \$2,000 award for original research and a \$500 travel grant to attend and present at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference. The application deadline is April 30....

### [Picturing America program grants](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities have announced a new grant opportunity for public libraries that received NEH's Picturing America collection of American artwork. Grants



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of \$2,000 will be distributed to 30 public libraries to support public programs that highlight the Picturing America collection. [Applications](#) will be accepted through March 31....



### [Ken Haycock wins ALISE award](#)

Ken Haycock, director of the School of Library and Information Science at San José State University, received the 2010 Association for Library and Information Science Education Award for Professional Contribution to LIS Education. The award honors Haycock's leadership in establishing the nation's first Executive MLIS program, the first fully online Master of Archives and Records Administration degree program, and a unique international doctoral partnership with Queensland University of Technology—all accomplished over the last five years. See other ALISE [awards and grants](#) announced at the Midwinter Meeting...  
San José State University SLIS, Jan. 19



### [Academic librarian receives Mankato Pathfinder Award](#)

Rasmussen College Librarian Lisa Spieker received a Mankato Pathfinder Award January 6 for her work with the college's diversity committee and her untiring devotion to educating the campus and community through displays, speaker panels, and open discussions. The annual citation by the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Board recognizes individuals and organizations that, in the spirit of King, are action takers in the struggle for equal treatment, human rights, and nonviolence....  
*Mankato (Minn.) Free Press, Jan. 6*



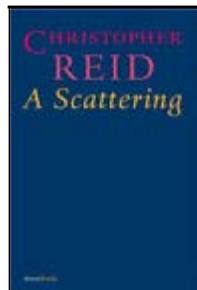
### [American Indian Youth Literature Awards](#)

The American Indian Library Association has selected *A Coyote Solstice Tale*, written by Thomas King and illustrated by Gary Clement; *Meet Christopher: An Osage Indian Boy from Oklahoma*, by Genevieve Simermeyer; and *Between the Deep Blue Sea by Me*, by Lurline Wailana McGregor as recipients of the third American Indian Youth Literature Award. The Awards are given in three categories: best picture book, best middle school book, and best young adult book....



### [A Scattering wins Costa Book of the Year award](#)

An intensely personal and moving series of poems written as a tribute to his late wife won Christopher Reid one of the UK's most important literary prizes. Reid is only the fourth poet to win the overall Costa Book of the Year award, picking up a £30,000 (\$48,460 U.S.) prize and an incalculable increase in readership. *A Scattering* consists of four poetic sequences, the first written when his wife Lucinda Gane was alive



and they were on vacation in Crete, and the other three after her death....

*The Guardian* (U.K.), Jan. 26

### [Ezra Jack Keats Foundation minigrant proposals](#)

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation has issued a call for proposals for \$500 minigrants to public libraries and public schools to support creative programming. The deadline for submission of proposals ([PDF file](#)) is September 15....

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, Jan. 19

### [Better World Books literacy grant](#)

After more than 27,000 people participated in the first-ever Reader's Choice Literacy Grant in January, Better World Books has announced that Intermountain Therapy Animals' Reading Education Assistance Dogs program has been voted the most deserving submission to receive the \$20,000 grant. The R.E.A.D. grant proposal is to hold 10 new training workshops around the country and provide scholarships to train and qualify five additional instructors....



Better World Books, Jan. 22

## Seen Online

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### [Obama nominates three to NMLSB](#)

President Barack Obama announced his intent January 19 to nominate three prominent librarians to the National



Museum and Library Services Board, a body that advises the director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services on public policy. The nominees are Carla D. Hayden, former ALA president and chief executive officer of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore; Winston Tabb, Sheridan dean of university libraries and museums at Johns Hopkins University and former associate librarian at the Library of Congress; and Robert Wedgeworth, founding president of ProLiteracy Worldwide and former ALA executive director....

White House, Jan. 19

### [USDA designates \\$100 million for rural libraries](#)

The Secretary of Agriculture has allocated \$100 million in United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities funding for public libraries to provide educational opportunities and improve public services in rural communities. The funding will be provided primarily through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve public libraries....

District Dispatch, Jan. 27

### [New standards would enhance library access in Indiana](#)

Hoosiers will have more access to public library computers and holdings under a new set of [standards](#) adopted January 15 by the Indiana Library and Historical Board. Although many libraries already offer computers for use by the public, the new standards would require all branches statewide to do it. The governor and attorney general must approve the new standards before they go into effect January 1, 2011....

*Indianapolis Star*, Jan. 25

### [Libraries continue to pitch in for Haiti](#)

Library workers are keeping their sleeves rolled up as they continue contributing to the international effort to provide moral and monetary aid to earthquake-stricken Haiti. The Deltona branch of the Volusia County (Fla.) Public Library has donated use of its new amphitheater for a January 30 concert organized by the Deltona Arts and Historical Society. Garwood (N.J.) Free Public Library is giving all overdue fines received through January 30 to Haiti relief efforts undertaken by UNICEF....



*AL: Inside Scoop*, Jan. 26

### [CMU students walk the labyrinth for Haiti](#)

Michelle Bigard spent the afternoon of January 22 reflecting on the horror in Haiti. She did so by strolling around a dimly lit room on the fourth floor of the Charles V. Park Library at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. Soft meditative music played in the background and a huge circular mat with a maze-like walking path covered the floor.



Bigard was one of several people who participated in the Labyrinth Walk for Haitian Earthquake Recovery....

*Central Michigan Life*, Jan. 24

### [Palo Alto University names library after Afghan librarian](#)

Omar Seddiqui, 85, has traveled the world, handled precious documents, and used to preside over the entire public library system in his homeland of Afghanistan. On January 20, the library at Palo Alto (Calif.) University—formerly the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology—was named the Omar Seddiqui Library at the suggestion of his son, Fred Seddiqui, who sits on the board of the university. Seddiqui came to the United States in 1982 and settled in San José....

*San José (Calif.) Mercury News*, Jan. 20

### [Largest book in the world goes on display](#)

It takes six people to lift it and has been recorded as the largest book in the world, yet the splendid Klencke Atlas, presented to King Charles II on his restoration and now 350 years old, has never been publicly displayed with its pages open. That glaring omission is to be rectified, the British Library announced January 26, when it will be displayed as one of the stars of its big summer exhibition about maps....



*The Guardian* (U.K.), Jan. 26

### [Book by special-needs students debuts at NYPL](#)

*Teen Tales*, a book that eight Staten Island special-needs students wrote and illustrated, made its debut on the shelves at the St. George branch of the New York Public Library in late January. It tells the story of what they want to do with their lives, thanks to an arts program at the Hungerford School at New Dorp High School. At the beginning of their 10-session course in November, instructor Victoria Larimore took the students to the St. George library for inspiration....

*New York Daily News*, Jan. 27

### [Cornell seeks support for arXiv](#)

Cornell Libraries announced January 21 that they will seek voluntary financial support to help pay for their repository site, arXiv.org. The library is responsible for the site's operation, maintenance, and funding. ArXiv, created in 1991 by Physics Professor Paul Ginsparg, will remain free for users, but the library is seeking contributions from the institutions that use the site most. In order to ease the financial dependence of arXiv's sustainability on Cornell, the library has developed a use-based business model, which can be viewed on the site....



*Cornell Daily Sun*, Jan. 25

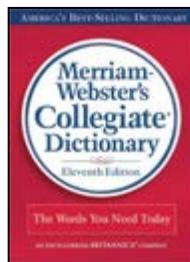
### [Audit slams Niagara Falls library](#)

The operation of two branches of the Niagara Falls (N.Y.) Public Library has suffered from a lack of commitment from appointed board trustees and questionable financial oversight, according to an external audit released January 19 by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's office. Among the most notable findings was that some individuals on the five-member board failed to perform their official duties, resulting in "unscheduled or frequently canceled meetings, insufficient records, inaccurate financial reporting, and significant uncollected fines."...

*Niagara (N.Y.) Gazette*, Jan. 19

### [School panel will review Merriam-Webster dictionary](#)

The Menifee (Calif.) Union School District is forming a committee to review whether dictionaries containing the definitions for sexual terms should be permanently banned from the district's classrooms. The 9,000-student K-8 district this week pulled all copies of *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* after an Oak Meadows Elementary School parent complained about a child stumbling across definitions for "oral sex." The decision was made without consultation with the district's school board and has raised concerns among First Amendment experts and some parents....



*Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise*, Jan. 22

### [Youth faces sentencing for threat against librarian](#)

Sentencing is scheduled for February 19 in the case of a teenager who sent an email message October 15 threatening to murder Cortez (Colo.) Public Library Director Joanie Howland. The act was to take place at Library Libations, a November 7 event held at the *Cortez Journal* office. After his arrest, both the youth and his mother sent letters of apology to Howland, the library staff, and the newspaper regarding the threat....

*Cortez (Colo.) Journal*, Jan. 26

### [Man breaks into library, then jumps into lake](#)

A man who tried to break into the Walton-DeFuniak Library in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, was arrested January 23 after being rescued from the cold waters of Lake DeFuniak. Police responded to the sound of breaking glass at the library shortly after midnight, but the suspect fled on foot before diving into the frigid lake water to avoid capture. After spending an hour trying to persuade him to leave the lake, officers took a boat to rescue Brian K. Eckert, who had become lethargic and hypothermic....

Fort Walton Beach *Northwest Florida Daily News*, Jan. 23

## [Will Italy censor YouTube?](#)

A new front in the showdown between state power and internet freedom is opening in Italy. Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government is pushing through new measures that would give the state control over online video content and force anyone who regularly uploads videos to obtain a license from the Ministry of Communications. The new rules, which are unprecedented among Western democracies, would in effect force internet service providers to police their own content. Final Cabinet approval is expected on February 4 unless opposition parties are able to block them in court....

*Time*, Jan. 22



## [Thief returns painting to Edinburgh law library](#)

The riddle over a painting stolen from the Signet Library in Edinburgh has taken a new twist—after it was found hanging outside on a railing January 21. The watercolor / *Cannae Hear Ye* (right) by the late Borders artist Tom Scott was thought to have been stolen on New Year's Day when the library was hosting a highbrow debate about the legacy of John Knox. Auction houses and art dealers had been alerted to the theft. The library serves as the headquarters of the Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet, Scotland's 500-year-old independent association for lawyers....

*The Scotsman*, Jan. 22



## [Three arrested over synagogue arson in Crete](#)

Authorities on the Greek island of Crete arrested two Britons and a Greek January 22 after arson attacks on a 17th-century synagogue. The 24-year-old Greek confessed, while the Britons denied any involvement. The attacks on January 5 and 16 seriously damaged the Etz-Hayyim synagogue in the town of Chania. The director of the synagogue, Nikos Hanaan Stavroulakis, said 2,500 rare books were destroyed....

*European Jewish Press*, Jan. 23

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## Tech Talk

### [Apple introduces iPad tablet device](#)

The crowd at the Yerba Buena Center in San Francisco met Apple Chief Executive Steve Jobs's introduction of the iPad with a roar of thunderous applause the morning of January 27. The iPad is a 10-inch touch-screen computer that resembles an oversized iPod Touch. It stands as the middle ground between a full-blown laptop computer and an iPhone, and it contains Apple's App Store, so the many applications already available for the iPhone and iPod Touch will run on the tablet—scaled up to fit the bigger screen. [Prices start](#) at \$499. [Photos](#) of the live event are on *Popular Science*, and live blogging took place at [Mashable](#) and [PC World](#)....

*Los Angeles Times*, Jan. 27; *New York Times*, Jan. 27; *Popular Science*, Jan. 27; *Mashable*, Jan. 27; *PC World*, Jan. 27



### [Free TechTrends webinar](#)

Take a look back at the ALA Midwinter Meeting from a library technology perspective. ALA TechSource's panel of experts will analyze and discuss what they learned and what trends stood out at the conference in a free webinar February 11, from 3 to 4 p.m. Central Time. On the panel are *American Libraries* Associate Editors Sean Fitzpatrick and Greg Landgraf, Perpetual Beta blogger Jason Griffey, and Bibliomation's Open Source Implementation Coordinator Kate Sheehan....

ALA TechSource

### [13 ways to help your library save money on technology](#)



Sarah Houghton-Jan writes: "These are my favorite options for libraries to use as alternatives to the expensive paid services and software that we use now, usually because our parent organizations or IT departments have gone along with the mainstream, bought the expensive stuff from the well-known companies, and never blinked. But now that we are all facing budget crunches the likes of which we haven't seen in decades, we have a chance to show these alternatives to the decision-makers, save the organization some money, and support the open source movement at the same time."...

Librarian in Black, Jan. 24

### [Lessons from the stupid](#)



Jason Griffey writes: "I had the unfortunate luck late last week to contract a really terrible trojan/virus on my work computer called [Vundo](#). OK, I admit, I should never have clicked on the email my father sent, but I had a moment of stupid, and boy did I pay for it. But this post isn't actually about the hours of attempting to clean the infection, or the fact that it buried itself in the master boot record and would reinstall at every reboot. This post is about how cool it is to be able to do a complete reinstall of a computer these days and not worry about my data. I had all of my critical documents in [Dropbox](#)."...

AL: Perpetual Beta, Jan. 26

### [Follow changes to any website in Google Reader](#)

Brian Shih writes: "Feeds make it easy to follow updates to all kinds of webpages, from blogs to news sites to Craigslist queries. Unfortunately not all pages on the web have feeds. Today we are rolling out a change in Google Reader that lets you create a custom feed to track changes on pages that don't have their own feed."...

The Official Google Reader Blog, Jan. 25

## Publishing

### [Alan Lomax's Haitian music collection](#)

In 1937, American music archivist and historian Alan Lomax traveled to Haiti to capture that country's music. He ended up recording more than 50 hours of music for the Library of Congress. These recordings were released in November on a 10-CD *Alan Lomax in Haiti* box set ([video](#), 1:37), thanks to the work of University of Toronto musicologist Gage Averill, who had been chosen by Lomax's daughter to bring the music to the public. Watch a [CBC interview](#) with Averill



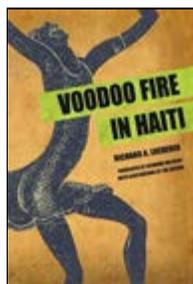
(7:13) and read a [review](#) of the set. The Alan Lomax estate is pledging \$15 from each purchase of the box set to the Red Cross to aid in the Haiti disaster relief fund when purchased through [Allegro Media Group](#)...

The Haiti Box blog; YouTube, Nov. 17, Jan. 21; PopMatters, Nov. 24

### [Rare books on Haiti](#)

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "In 1983, Robert Corbett, a philosophy professor at Webster University, and his wife, Jane, visited Haiti for the first time to do service work. By 2007, he had amassed a collection of 2,600 books and 5,000 journal articles on Haiti. He is currently in the process of selling the collection in its entirety. I asked Bob to share with Book Patrol readers his thoughts about the collection in general, Haiti, and his book collecting strategy."...

Book Patrol, Jan. 21



### [Revelations of a bookplate](#)

Chuck Whiting writes: "This is one of the more interesting bookplates I've come across in recent years. It depicts Haiti's first military force, the Gendarmerie d'Haiti, which was established in 1915 during U.S. occupation and commanded and supported by U.S. Marines. Quite likely, the previous owner of the book—*American Ballads and Folk Songs*, by John A. and Alan Lomax—had been a U.S. Marine in the Gendarmerie d'Haiti during that time. I found the book at a Houston Public Library sale several years ago and bought it for the author's inscription inside and because of my interest in the subject."...

Bibliophemera, Jan. 25



### [Our boredom, ourselves](#)

Jennifer Schuessler writes: "If you read a lot of book reviews, there are certain words that tend to crop up with comforting, or maybe it's dismaying, regularity. Lyrical. Compelling. Moving. Intriguing. Absorbing. Frustrating. Uneven. Disappointing. But there is one word you seldom encounter: boring. And yet boredom is woven into the very fabric of the literary enterprise. We read, and write, in large part to avoid it. At the same time, few experiences carry more risk of active boredom than picking up a book."...

New York Times, Jan. 21

### [The best free social media icon sets](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "I've recently been looking for sets of icons for all of the social websites that I belong to for my website, blog, and also print handouts. In the course of my research I've come across some excellent icon sets that designers are giving away for free. If you have a need for social media icons for your library website, personal website, or blog, here are a few resources that I found helpful."...

iLibrarian, Jan. 22



## Actions & Answers

### [The \\$100 recycling center, part 1](#)

Laura Bruzas writes: "Does your library have a recycling program? If not, why not? Could it be that you feel establishing one would be a daunting task or that it would be cost-prohibitive? If that's the case, I'm here to report that it's not. Here is a step-by-step guide to establishing a recycling center in your library." Read [part 2](#)....

AL: Green Your Library, Jan. 22, 2017



### [Jessamyn West guestblogs at Boing Boing](#)

Cory Doctorow writes: "Our next guestblogger is the incomparable activist geek librarian Jessamyn West, who, along with other library-hackers like ALA's Jenny Levine, are part of a movement to redefine librarianship in the information age. I've been enjoying Jessamyn's projects and thoughts for years and it's a delight to have her here. And she coedited *Revolting Librarians Redux*, one of the most exciting books I've read in the past 10 years."...

Boing Boing, Jan. 24



### [Subscription wars: You are bleeding to death](#)

Brian Barrett writes: "You know what's great? My smartphone puts the world in my pocket. Broadband puts 2,454,399 channels on my HDTV. I can access the internet from an airplane. You know what's unsustainable? Paying for it all. The problem is that each service provider thinks within a bubble, without recognizing the larger ecosystem of payments we live in. It's like those nights in high school when each teacher would assign you two hours of homework. There weren't enough hours in the day then, and there's not enough money in a paycheck now. And there shouldn't have to be."...

Gizmodo, Jan. 18

| Type of Service/Device | What You Get                                      | What It Costs        |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Smartphone             | Unlimited Voice, Text, and Data                   | \$80-\$120           |
| Notebook/Smartbook     | Between 10MB and 5GB of Data                      | \$20-\$60            |
| Tablet                 | Wi-Fi or 3G                                       | \$20-\$60            |
| Home Internet          | Between 15Mbps and 50Mbps Download Speeds         | \$20-\$48            |
| Cable Television       | Basic Cable Channels, Premium Channels, On Demand | \$12-\$130+          |
| Landline Phone         | Unlimited Domestic Landline Calls                 | \$0-\$50             |
| Mobile Internet        | 5G Dongle for Your Notebook                       | \$20-\$60            |
| Wi-Fi Hotspots         | T-Mobile and/or AT&T HotSpots, Boingo, and GoGo   | \$0-\$43             |
| Netflix                | Between One and Three Discs and Unlimited Down    | \$8-\$21             |
| Time                   | DVR, Netflix Streaming, Amazon On Demand          | \$1 (guaranteed)     |
| Video Live Gold Member | Netflix Streaming, Facebook and Twitter Access, V | \$0-\$4 (guaranteed) |
| Music                  | Rentals and/or Subscription of Premium TV Shows   | \$4-\$24 (estimated) |
| Public IP              | High-Definition Video Playback                    | \$2 (guaranteed)     |
| Navigation             | Turn-By-Turn Navigation App                       | \$3-\$8 (guaranteed) |
|                        | <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$106-\$738</b>   |

### [10 best songs about libraries and librarians](#)

Caroline Stanley writes: "So you're laid up in bed with the flu like everyone else, with nothing to do but chug Emergen-C, ride the NyQuil train, and gaze glassy-eyed at hours of DVRed shows that you'd usually let languish. It's time for a new playlist! When even keeping your eyes open starts to hurt, queue up this nerdy mixtape and zonk out to the best in library-inspired jams."...

Flavorwire, Jan. 25



### [Top 10 books written by librarians](#)

Richard Davies suggests books authored by one-time librarians and library staffers Philip Larkin, Madeleine L'Engle, Jorge Luis Borges, Thomas Berger, Alice Mary Norton, Per Petterson, Anne Tyler, Angus Wilson, Elizabeth Taylor (the novelist), and Wallace Breem....

Reading Copy Book Blog, Jan. 26

## [The most amazing libraries in the world](#)

Amy Hertz and Jessie Kunhardt write: "Times are changing for libraries everywhere. But even as many libraries build their digital collections and amp up their technological offerings, we thought we'd take a step back and show our appreciation for the beauty of many of these vast collections of books. Here are some of the most amazingly beautiful libraries from around the world."...

Huffington Post, Jan. 22



## [Maine School Librarian Handbook](#)

The library at Lake Region High School in Naples, Maine, was a hive of activity on January 23. The Maine Association of School Librarians met to unveil and begin distribution of the *Maine School Librarian Handbook*, a complete rewrite of the original handbook that was created in 1984. The 750 handbooks will be distributed at no cost to all schools, public and private, in the state. A letter will be sent to school principals, encouraging them to meet with library staff to discuss the importance of the library in their schools....

Maine Association of School Librarians, Jan. 26



## [What does a good library tell you about a school?](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "Had I any say in the decision, my grandsons would never attend a school that did not have a good library program. You can tell a lot about a school's philosophy of education—in practice, not just in lip service—by what sort of library it supports. It's in times of budget cuts that a school's true values come starkly into focus. Libraries are a visible sign that a school is educating governors, not the governed."...

Blue Skunk Blog, Jan. 24

## [The BookBook hardcover carrying case](#)

Michelle Kraft writes: "What better way for Mac-toting librarians to protect their laptops than the BookBook? The BookBook is a laptop case cleverly designed and disguised as an antique, distressed, leather-bound book. It comes in two colors, red and black and in 13" and 15" sizes. According to the [TwelveSouth website](#), the 'rigid leather hardback covers for a solid level of impact absorbing protection.' The zippers for the case look like little leather bookmarks."...

The Krafty Librarian, Jan. 22



## [Getting fit @ your library](#)

With many Americans looking for alternatives to gym memberships, now is a great time to promote the fitness services at your library. Here are a few examples of how libraries across the country are promoting their programs. For example, Townsend (Mass.) Public Library has begun hosting Pilates Mat Class for the New Year @ your library....

## [Apply for second round of space artifacts](#)

On January 19, NASA began offering a second round of [free space artifacts](#) to museums attended by the public and free libraries serving all residents of a community, district, state, or region. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is helping NASA reach out to eligible institutions that might be interested in acquiring one of the 2,500 free objects from the Space Shuttle, Hubble Space Telescope, or the Apollo, Mercury, or Gemini programs. The artifacts are free, but eligible recipients must cover shipping and special handling fees....



Institute of Museum and Library Services, Jan. 21

### [Ukrainian scam targets Delray Beach Public Library](#)

Brian Krebs writes: "January 7 was a typical sunny morning at the Delray Beach (Fla.) Public Library, aside from one, ominous dark cloud on the horizon. None of the staff could figure out how or why nearly \$160,000 had disappeared from their bank ledgers virtually overnight. The money was sent in sub-\$10,000 chunks to some 16 phantom employees who had been added to the usual outgoing direct deposit payroll."...

Krebs on Security, Jan. 22

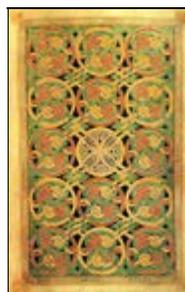
### [Thoughts on online privacy](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "I had some interesting conversations about privacy at ALA's Midwinter Meeting, which got me thinking about which companies probably know the most about me. I've thought about my own 'walled garden' a lot and worked through what I'll share publicly, privately, and pretend privately. Overall, I'm more careful with specific things like location information. So which companies know the most about me? It's been a thought-provoking exercise to come up with the following list."...

The Shifted Librarian, Jan. 26

### [3-D secrets of the Book of Kells](#)

The Book of Kells and similarly illustrated manuscripts of 7th- and 8th-century England and Ireland are known for their entrancingly intricate artwork—geometric designs so precise that in some places they contain lines less than half a millimeter apart and nearly perfectly reproduced in repeating patterns. Cornell University paleontologist John Cisne says that the monks evidently trained their eyes to cross above the plane of the manuscript so they could visually superimpose side-by-side elements of a replicated pattern, and thereby create 3-D images that magnified differences between the patterns up to 30 times....



Cornell Chronicle, Sept. 1

### [Month of Discoveries in the Netherlands](#) (in Dutch)

Schools, public libraries, and the National Library of the Netherlands are participating in "Maand van het Vinden" (Month of Discoveries) April 7–28. Similar to the U.S. Information Literacy Month in October 2009, the initiative will promote libraries—both physical and online—as trustworthy sources of information....



Maand van het Vinden

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