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American Libraries Online

Natomas closes all K–5 school libraries

All eight elementary-school libraries in the Natomas Unified School District in Sacramento, California, closed indefinitely May 26 to help plug the district's \$17.3-million budget gap. "These kinds of cuts are a last resort," district spokesperson Heidi Van Zant said. "We used to have dance and art," Bannon Creek Elementary School 4th-grader Ramneek Kaur said in the *Sacramento Bee*. "Now, no books." Determined to document programs that remain healthy, two school librarians have launched the Google map "[Standing Up for School Librarians](#)."...

American Libraries news, June 2



Youth Matters: My artful diversion

Jennifer Burek Pierce writes: "One rainy day in May, I gathered my umbrella and ventured into the Massachusetts countryside. My destination was not the charming farms nor the region's myriad historic towns; instead, I went to the [Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art](#), which resides on quiet West Bay Road in Amherst. It is a large space, clearly designed to accommodate many young energetic children and their guardians. Librarians looking to engage younger readers might see ideas to borrow at this museum."...

American Libraries column, June/July



Dispatches from the Field: Aggregating web resources

Michael Witt writes: "The Open Archives Initiative Object Reuse and Exchange specification defines a set of new standards for the description and exchange of aggregations of web resources. This presents an exciting opportunity to revisit how digital libraries are provisioned. ORE and its concept of aggregation may present the next major disruptive technology for librarians who develop and manage collections of



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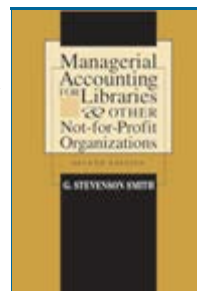
digital information.”...

American Libraries column, June/July

Cost finding

Q. *We've been asked to find out if it costs our library more or less than average to catalog a book. But what is the average cost?* A. There are occasionally articles on evaluating one way to accomplish cataloging vs. another, and these can sometimes be used as a quick means to assess if your library is “in the ballpark.” However, what goes into the costs to be applied to the cataloging process varies from institution to institution depending on a wide range of variables, making the comparison of one set of figures with another difficult....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, June 1



Self-publish in the Apple iBookstore

Jason Griffey writes: “Apple has decided to allow individuals to publish their own works in the iBookstore via iTunes Connect—although it isn’t necessarily easy. You could already do this through a third party such as Lulu, and doing so might be easier, as they take care of getting your ISBN and such. But if you have a Great Work that needs to be read on the iPad, you too can have your work featured in the iBookstore.”...

AL: Perpetual Beta, May 27



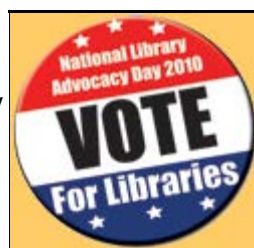
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ALA News

ALA to lead rally for libraries on Capitol Hill

More than 1,000 librarians from across the country will defy the stereotype of their “quiet profession” and stand up for the needs of the public during the ALA Library Advocacy Day featuring a rally at 11 a.m., June 29, on the U.S. Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C. The rally is open to the public and will feature such speakers as young adult author Lauren Myracle, U.S. Rep. Vern Ehlers (R-Mich.), and ALA President Camila Alire....

Washington Office, June 1



Why Annual Conference is going to be awesome

Teen Blogger writes: “My mother is a crazy, enthusiastic children’s librarian and I am her crazy, librarian-wannabe daughter, which means that ALA is like Disney World for the two of us. I’m lucky that she’s my mom because otherwise I might not even know what ALA stands for. Now we’re getting ready for our second trip to the ALA Annual Conference. As a teenager I’m not technically a librarian yet, though I’m such a librarian nerd that even sessions about RefWorks are pretty thrilling. But the true magic happens in the Exhibits Hall.”...

YALSA Blog, May 31

APA eBooks



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AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION



At the [ALA Annual Conference](#), Washington, D.C., June 24–29. The [Event Planner](#) is now open in both [PDF](#) and

[Who do I trust to protect my privacy?](#)

Join an afternoon conversation ([PDF file](#)) on privacy June 24 at the ALA Washington Office. The conversation will be structured with an Issue Map. Following the dialogue, participants will learn how to convene and moderate a deliberative dialogue so they can host their own local forums that explore privacy values and concerns....

District Dispatch, May 28

[Tech at Annual](#)

A Networking Uncommons area will be set up at Annual Conference as it was at Midwinter. This is a location where groups can meet informally and have access to resources such as a projector, digital recorder, iPod with microphone, a webcam, and a flip cam. If any group wants to gather in the Uncommons and have any of these resources available to them at a specific time, it can go to the [Networking Uncommons page](#) on the ALA Annual Wiki and find a link to the schedule....

ITTS News, May 28

[Step up to the plate with baseball programs](#)

Start throwing some heat this July with programming ideas and promotions for Step Up to the Plate @ your library. July is a big month for baseball with the Home Run Derby (July 12), All-Star Game (July 13) and Hall of Fame Induction Day (July 25). Step Up to the Plate makes it easy for libraries to help plan around these events. Register for free tools to help promote the program locally on the [program website](#)....

Campaign for America's Libraries, May 27



[Guadalajara Book Fair free pass program](#)

ALA and the Guadalajara International Book Fair are partnering for the ninth year to provide support for ALA members to attend the 23rd Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL) from November 27 to December 1. The region of [Castilla y León](#) will be the Guest of Honor at FIL 2010. The deadline for applying for the ALA/FIL free pass program is August 16....

International Relations Office



Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Fantasy](#)

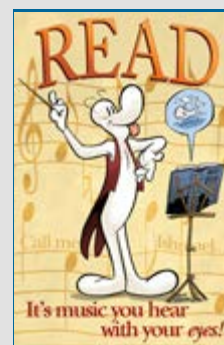
Kay, Guy Gavriel. *Under Heaven*. May 2010. 512p. Roc, hardcover (978-0-451-46330-2). In a prefatory note to his magnificent new history-based fantasy, inspired by Tang Dynasty China, Kay explains why he prefers to mix history and fantasy rather than write straight historical fiction: Should the justification bring him more readers, they and he will both profit. In the mountains of Kitai a young soldier, Shen Tai, has spent two years alone, burying the dead of both sides at a battle site to honor



[Excel](#) formats. To log in, use the email address you provided when you registered and the generic password "ala." You will be able to reset your password using the My Profile feature once you are logged in.



Be sure to visit the [Live @ your library Reading Stage](#), located at the end of the 2600 aisle in the Annual Conference exhibits hall. Poets and authors from Roy Blount Jr. (above) and Marilyn Johnson to Adriana Trigiani and Vicki Myron will be on hand.



Featuring original art created for ALA Graphics by Jeff Smith, [Smiley Bone](#) conducts young readers' eyes and ears to hear the music of reading in this READ poster. *Bone*, a graphic novel series by Jeff Smith, features the wild adventures of three cartoon cousins: Smiley Bone, Phoney Bone, and Fone Bone. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

his late father, the commanding general in the last imperial war. One morning he is quite surprised to learn that the court of Kitai's recent enemy has chosen to honor him with 250 coveted western horses. This is a gift fit for the emperor and can bring Tai great power—or get him killed in short order....

[Top 10 SF/Fantasy: 2010](#)

Ray Olson writes: "Satire and parody pervade *Booklist's* 10 best adult SF and fantasy books reviewed since the 2009 Spotlight on SF/Fantasy, though by no means are they all necessarily laff riots." Included are Tanya Huff's *The Enchantment Emporium* and Andrew Fox's *The Good Humor Man*; or, *Calorie 3501*....



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

D.C. Update

[Dining in the District](#)

Tracy Sumler writes: "The last several years have seen a boom in Washington restaurants. D.C. is attracting both top talent and celebrity chefs. Couple that with some legendary institutions and you can get yourself some good eats. The area immediately surrounding the convention center offers some great lunch options, and just a few blocks south you'll find Gallery Place and Chinatown. If you're an oenophile in the mood to splurge, Proof (above) is a wine-centric restaurant featuring a \$12 'Lunch Crush' special in the bar area."...

American Libraries feature



[Reassessing Mies's modernist D.C. library](#)

Philip Kennicott writes: "The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in Washington, the 1972 black box designed by the firm of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, has always been problematic, an austere and alien presence in a city temperamentally allergic to anything that isn't classical, brick, or bland. But now, seen across an open construction site without the distraction of the church that used to sit next to it, the library looks shockingly good. Suddenly this glass-and-metal box feels new and powerful, as if all it needed was a little air, a little breathing room."...

Washington Post, May 30



Division News

[2010 PLDS report](#)

The 2010 *PLDS Statistical Report*, an annual project of PLA, will be available in early July. The PLDS report is designed to meet the needs of public library administrators and others for timely and effective library-specific data that illuminates and supports a wide variety of management decisions. In addition to the library data, each year's

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Career Leads from ALA JobLIST

[Archivist](#). The Henry Ford, Dearborn, Michigan. As part of a major digitization initiative at the Henry Ford, the archivist will work on bringing legacy finding aids, inventories, and other archival descriptive tools up to current professional standards. This will include creating EAD compliant finding aids, MARC format catalog records, and the digitization and

report contains a special survey—this year's special survey focuses on children's services....

PLA Blog, June 1

PLA to offer free consulting sessions at Annual

PLA will provide Annual Conference attendees a rare opportunity to meet one-on-one with a library consultant for free. On June 26 and June 28, more than 25 consultants will be available for half-hour sessions to talk through pressing concerns for library professionals today—from planning and managing a building to serving a diverse community. To schedule a free session, contact the consultant directly ([PDF file](#)) before June 15....

PLA, May 27

Discover 25 YA classics on June 17

Classics never go out of style—and that's true for young adult literature. Librarians looking to delve into the gold standard of books for teens should join YALSA for "YA Classics," an hour-long webinar hosted by YALSA Past President Sarah Debraski. The webinar will take place at 2 p.m. Eastern time, June 17. [Registration](#) is now open....

YALSA, May 25

LLAMA Swap and Shop materials needed

Does your library produce interesting, eye-catching, beautiful bookmarks, brochures, fliers, posters, magnets, and other materials to promote your library's wonderful services and resources? Do you have extra inventory you can spare? If so, please contribute them to the Swap and Shop: PR X-Change at this year's ALA Annual Conference. Materials must be received by June 16....

Leads from LLAMA, May 29



Got a Great Idea? Win \$250 from YALSA

Through July 15, YALSA will accept [Great Idea applications](#) from members or official member groups that help the division meet its strategic goals. Winning ideas will help YALSA achieve the goals laid out in its most recent strategic plan ([PDF file](#)): advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning, and member recruitment and engagement....

YALSA, May 28

ALTAFF designates Betsy-Tacy houses Literary Landmarks

The childhood homes of author Maud Hart Lovelace and her best friend, Frances "Bick" Kenney Kirch, in Mankato, Minnesota, were designated Literary Landmarks by ALTAFF. Lovelace was the author of the Betsy-Tacy book series, which was set at the turn of the 20th century in Mankato. The dedication was held May 20....

ALTAFF, May 28



AASL offers graduate credits for summer courses

AASL will offer graduate credits for its Summer 2010 [e-Academy](#) online courses. This opportunity is being offered in conjunction with the University of Colorado Denver School of Education and Human Development. Registration will be accepted by the university through July 19....

AASL, May 28

delivery of surrogates of materials. Duties will also include processing and reprocessing existing or new collections and record groups. In addition, the archivist will participate in designated reference shifts, guiding diverse researchers in utilizing primary and secondary sources....



Digital Library of the Week



The [Connecticut State Library Digital Collections](#) feature items from the Connecticut State Library, State Archives, and the Museum of Connecticut History. These include modern and historical records from the three branches of state government documenting the evolution of state public policy and its implementation, the rights and claims of citizens, and the history of the state and its people. Other collections include aerial surveys of the

Round Table News

NMRT seeks résumé reviewers

Volunteer to be a reviewer for the New Members Round Table's Résumé Review Service and make a difference in a librarian's career. NMRT is seeking librarians with significant experience in human resources, the hiring process, or search committees to review résumés and cover letters at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., on June 26 and 27. Contact [Haiyun Cao](#) and indicate your experience and availability....

New Members Round Table

GLBTRT's new Over the Rainbow Committee

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table has established an Over the Rainbow Committee that will create an annual bibliography of titles of interest to adult readers that reflect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer experiences. The first ALA Over the Rainbow Books list will be announced in January 2011. The committee is currently seeking titles for the 2010 list....

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table, May 28



Awards

Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor award

Robert M. O'Neil, director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression at the University of Virginia, has received the 2010 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award. The award, which recognizes and honors those individuals who have contributed substantially to FTRF, will be presented at the 2010 ALA Annual Conference during its Opening General Session....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, June 1



Library Advocacy Day video contest winners

The winners of the Library Advocacy Day video contest have been chosen. Joyce Valenza's [video](#) (3:00) won the first prize of \$175 and Julia E. Schult's [video](#) (2:58) won the second prize of \$75 for their theme celebrating the importance of libraries and Library Advocacy Day. The funds for this contest were provided by the Eileen D. Cooke memorial fund....

District Dispatch, June 1



Librarian to swim again for Spectrum

Miriam Tuliao, assistant director of central collection development collections strategy at the New York Public Library, will participate in the United States Masters Swimming Two-Mile Cable Open Water National Championship in support of the Spectrum

state since 1934, and the Works Progress Administration Census of Old Buildings from the 1930s.

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

Public Perception How the World Sees Us

"I'm glad to see that libraries still thrive. Story-time programs for those too young to read on their own are an important part of the process of keeping our society literate. Those programs tickle the imaginations of children, making them create images of their own to go with the words being read by adults. They also convince children that books hold a magic key to the tales of people, sometimes in such an environment as the one in which the child lives and other times in a setting that is completely foreign."

—Florida Parishes Bureau Chief Bob Anderson, in his "Through a Glass Darkly" column, *Baton Rouge (La.) Advocate*, May 27.

"This is a very big question: whether technology will outstrip the printed word. But with a gadget you are



Presidential Initiative. The event will be held July 10 at Chris Greene Lake near Charlottesville, Virginia. Tulliao has participated in several long-distance open water events, including the Big Shoulders 5K Swim in Chicago in September 2007....

Office for Diversity, May 26

[2010 Francis Joseph Campbell Award](#)

Daniel W. Boyd, who from 1981 to 2008 served as the director of the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library, will receive the 2010 Francis Joseph Campbell Award. The award is administered by ASCLA's Library Services to People with Visual or Physical Disabilities Forum. Winners are selected for their outstanding contributions to the advancement of library service for the blind and physically handicapped....

ASCLA, June 1

[LITA Ex Libris Student Writing Award winner](#)

Andromeda Yelton, currently enrolled in the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, has been named the winner of the 2010 LITA Ex Libris Student Writing Award. Yelton's paper, titled "Document Classification using Wikipedia," describes the use of a script employing Wikipedia as context for analyzing the subjects of nonfiction works and will appear in a future issue of *Information Technology and Libraries*....

LITA, May 27

[AASL Research Grants](#)

Janice Newsum of Houston, Texas, and Anne Marie Perrault of Buffalo, New York, are the recipients of AASL Research Grants sponsored by Heinemann Raintree. Newsum is looking into whether school libraries are supporting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and Perrault will focus on examining existing and emerging multimodal resources to foster learning and information literacy skills among K-12 students with disabilities....

AASL, May 28

[Salem Press Library Blog Awards](#)

Salem Press, publishers of Masterplots and Magill's Choice reference sets, have picked the best library-related blogs in five topical categories (general, quirky, academic, public, and school). Those that won first place are [Libraries and Transliteracy](#), [Awful Library Books](#), [No Shelf Required](#), [Agnostic Maybe](#), and [Bib 2.0](#). First prize in each category was awarded \$500, second prize \$250, and third \$100....

Salem Press, June 1



[Jodi Awards nominations](#)

The Jodi Awards are given to museums, galleries, libraries, archives, and heritage venues that use digital technology to widen access to information, collections, learning, and creativity for disabled persons. The awards will be given at a high-profile event in December in Edinburgh to coincide with a National Archives of Scotland seminar about the problems and possibilities of online historical research by

always dependent on a battery and on power of some sort. A book won't fall apart; you can read it as easily on a mountaintop as in a bus queue. The printed word is irreplaceable, and much threatened."

—South African writer and Nobel laureate Nadine Gordimer, speaking at the Hay Festival of Literature and Arts, Hay-on-Wye, Wales, *The Guardian* (U.K.), May 30.

"Just dig the damn hole and get on with it. Build the library, build it big, and build it proud."

—Former Chief Librarian Norman McLeod, urging the city of Guelph, Ontario, to follow through on its commitment to build a new main library building, *Guelph (Ont.) Mercury*, May 31.

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disabled researchers. The deadline for nominations outside the United Kingdom is August 9....

Jodi Awards

[2010 Miriam Braverman Award winner](#)

The Progressive Librarians Guild has awarded the 2010 Miriam Braverman Memorial prize to Kristen Hogan for her essay "'Breaking Secrets' in the Catalog: Proposing the Black Queer Studies Collection at the University of Texas at Austin." Hogan is currently enrolled in the master's program at the University of Texas at Austin School of Information. The prize is awarded annually for the best essay written by an LIS student on an aspect of the social responsibilities of librarians, libraries, or librarianship....

Progressive Librarians Guild, May 30

[Lambda Literary Award winners](#)

The Lambda Literary Foundation announced the winners of the 22nd Annual Lambda Literary Awards, honoring works that celebrate or explore LGBT themes, May 27 at an awards ceremony in New York City's SVA Theater. Of the 113 finalists, 24 winners were announced (including 1 tie). Winners included Ariel Gore, editor of the anthology *Portland Queer: Tales of the Rose City*; Catherynne M. Valente, author of the fantasy novel *Palimpsest*; and Vestal McIntyre, author of *Lake Overturn*....

Lambda Literary, May 28



Seen Online

[English programs at NYPL face cuts](#)

The New York Public Library is one of many providers of free English-language classes in New York City. Typically, many more people show up than there are spots available, and hundreds have to be turned away. Now, with the library facing a possible \$37-million budget cut, even fewer people may be able to take classes next year. If the cuts go through, the library says that it will have to cut the number of English-language classes it offers from 117 to 48. Libraries in Brooklyn and Queens are facing similar cutbacks. Brooklyn Councilman Vincent Gentile released this "Faces of Library Cuts" [video](#) (3:13) to publicize the libraries' plight....

New York Times, May 30; Vimeo, May 26



[Recovery Act funds support rural libraries](#)

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced 145 investments in 37 states, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, that will create jobs and improve needed infrastructure in rural communities across the nation. Some 25 library projects are included, among them the Lewis County Public Library in Vanceburg, Kentucky, which will receive a \$1.1-million loan and \$200,000 grant to build a new, fully-accessible library building....

U.S. Department of Agriculture, May 27

[Pittsburgh mayor questions Carnegie Library plan](#)

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl plans to veto a measure giving the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh \$640,000 because library officials have not assured him all branches will remain open. City council approved the

Canadian Library Association, Annual Conference, Edmonton, June 2–5, at:

[#cla2010](#)

American Library Association, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., June 24–29, at:

[#ala2010](#)

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Calendar

July 14–16:

[National Diversity in Libraries Conference](#),

Princeton University, McDonnell Hall / Fine Hall / Lewis Library complex, Princeton, New Jersey. "From Groundwork to Action."

July 26:

[2010 Lieberman Lecture](#), Book Club of

California, San Francisco. "Betsy Davids: From Palm Leaf to Book: a South Asia Quest." Sponsored by the American Printing History Association.

July 29–

Aug. 1:

[National Storytelling Conference](#), Warner

Center Marriott, Los Angeles. "Many Stories: One World." Sponsored by the National Storytelling Network.

July 30:

[2nd Annual Collaboration](#)

money for the library May 26 with an 8–0 vote. Council President Darlene Harris, who had questions about the library's finances, abstained. Council needs six votes to override the veto. Library Director Barbara Mistick characterized the funding as "short-term, stopgap dollars" that will keep the libraries open through January....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Tribune-Review, May 27

Headmaster: Eliminating library books works just fine

The headmaster of a central Massachusetts school that [eliminated](#) most of the books in its library last year says the move has worked well and turned the library into a magnet for students and faculty. The Fisher-Watkins Library at the Cushing Academy in Ashburnham is now "the most-used space on campus, with collaborative learning areas equipped with smart boards, sections for quiet study, and screens for data feeds from research sites," James Tracy said May 28 in a letter to the editor....

Boston Globe, May 28



Siskiyou County libraries face closure

The main library in Yreka, California, and its 10 small branches are threatened with closure as officials struggle to deal with a \$3.7-million budget deficit in this rural county that borders Oregon. The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote on spending cuts June 15. Closing the libraries would save \$716,000. If it approves the cuts, the libraries would close by the end of June....

Modesto (Calif.) Bee, June 2



Lemonade flap leaves bitter taste at Evanston library

The mystery of the library lemonade stand is growing more sour by the day for volunteers trying to raise money to keep the two branch libraries open in Evanston, Illinois. Someone who identified himself, or herself—the details are still fuzzy—as an off-duty city health inspector reportedly told the volunteer running a stand at the South branch of the Evanston Public Library May 29 that Evanston requires a permit for such operations....

Chicago Tribune, June 1

Northwestern student found dead in library bathroom

Brian Tsay, a 25-year-old student in the School of Continuing Studies, was found by a staffer in a Northwestern University Library bathroom on the Evanston, Illinois, campus May 30. An autopsy conducted May 31 by the Cook County (Ill.) Medical Examiner's office remained inconclusive, pending toxicology lab results. Tsay was found the morning after Dillo Day, an all-day music festival sometimes associated with heavy student drinking....

Daily Northwestern, June 1

East Chicago director arrested in tussle with police

East Chicago (Ind.) Public Library Director Manuel Montalvo and his wife were arrested by Chicago transit police May 27 at the Millennium Park Metra Station. Police alleged the couple were heavily intoxicated, tried to board an empty South Shore train, and shoved and verbally

Unconference.

University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Library, Little Rock. Sponsored by the Arkansas Library Association's Information Technology Roundtable.

Aug. 4–8:

National Conference of African American Librarians.

Sheraton Conference Center, Birmingham, Alabama. "Culture Keepers VII: Bridging the Divide with Information Access, Activism, and Advocacy." Sponsored by the Black Caucus of ALA.

Aug. 11–13:

Pacific Northwest/ Washington library associations.

Joint Conference, Victoria (B.C.) Conference Center. "No Library Is an Island."

Sept. 1–3:

Australian Library and Information Association.

Annual Conference, Brisbane (Queensland) Convention and Exhibition Centre. "Access 2010."

Sept. 15–18:

Kentucky Library Association / Kentucky School Media Association.

Annual Conference, Galt House Hotel and Suites, Louisville. "In These Extraordinary Times—Libraries Now More than Ever."

Sept. 26–28:

Arkansas/ Southeastern library associations.

Joint

abused officers who told them to leave the platform. Montalvo said he would dispute the charges of disorderly conduct, criminal trespass, and battery of a police officer....

Chicago Sun-Times, May 30

[Some are appalled at fingerprint book-checkout system](#)

Students in Manchester, U.K., are having their thumbprints digitally transformed into electronic codes, which can then be recognized by a computer program. Pupils swipe a bar code inside the book they want to borrow, then press their thumb onto a scanner to authorize the loan as well as to return the book. Critics say they are appalled at the system, developed by Microsoft and being tested in other parts of the country....

The Telegraph (U.K.), May 28

[Go back to the Top](#)

Tech Talk

[How to buy a smartphone](#)

Jamie Lendino writes: "Hold onto your hats, because the smartphone market is moving at a blinding pace. From the introduction to the HTC Incredible (right), EVO 4G, and Google Nexus One, to massive upgrades for perennial mainstays Apple and RIM, the landscape is changing tremendously this year. Anyone buying a smart device now needs to choose carefully, for fear of ending up with an obsolete device in just a few months. Here is a guide to all the latest and greatest smartphones."...

PC Magazine, May 27



[Is 2010 the year of mobile video chat?](#)

Chris Cameron writes: "The fast-growing population of Android users will soon be able to chat face-to-face, thanks to a Skype mobile application that will hit the marketplace with video functionality later this year. Skype's [new iPhone app](#) has added support for voice calling over AT&T's 3G network. A new dawn of mobile video chatting seems to be upon us. The question is, however, will people actually take to this new form of communication?"...

ReadWriteWeb, May 28; *Skatter Tech*, May 30



[Software to ease the pain of Windows 7 migration](#)

The migraine-inducing process of migrating Windows from XP to 7 could get easier now that virtualization developer InstallFree has released InstallFree Bridge 2.0, a program that reportedly eliminates software compatibility issues. It does this by giving users the ability to run older versions of Microsoft Internet Explorer and other applications on Microsoft's newest operating system—a process the company calls the "application repackaging business."...

eSchool News, May 28



[New GPS satellites will help apps locate you better](#)

Conference, Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock. "Arkansas and SELA: Getting Back to Natural Things: Learning, Libraries, and Literacy."

Sept. 27–

Oct. 1:

[School Library Association of Queensland Biennial Conference / 39th International Association of School Librarianship Annual Conference](#), Brisbane (Queensland)

Convention and Exhibition Centre. "Diversity, Challenge, Resilience: School Libraries in Action." Meeting incorporates the 14th International Forum on Research in School Librarianship.

Sept. 28:

[Ithaka](#), Annual Meeting 2010, Westin New York at Times Square, New York City.

Sept. 28–30:

[Illinois Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Navy Pier, Chicago. "Libraries Out Loud."

Oct. 15–17:

[American Printing History Association](#), Annual Conference, Corcoran College of Art + Design, Washington, D.C. "Learning to Print, Teaching to Print."

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Chris Cameron writes: "Location-based applications are all the rage right now, but anyone who uses them knows that current GPS technology is only accurate to roughly 20 feet at best. This could shrink significantly with the recent launch of the first of several new GPS satellites. On May 27, the U.S. Air Force launched the GPS IIF SV-1 satellite from Cape Canaveral, the first in a series of new satellites designed to overhaul the existing network that has been providing GPS data for nearly two decades."...

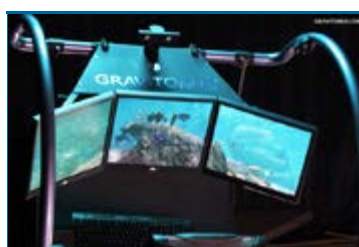
ReadWriteWeb, May 31

[Eight gadgets for computer users with disabilities](#)

Toby Shuster writes: "Most of us take for granted the ability to surf the internet, email a friend, or pay a bill online. But many people have disabilities that inhibit them from using the computer.

Fortunately, a slew of technologies both currently on the market and in development will make computing easier for these folks. Here is a quick rundown of a few."...

TakePart, May 25

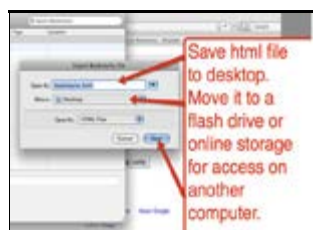


[How to export Firefox bookmarks and reuse them](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "At the end of every school year the teachers at my school have to turn in their laptops to be reimaged.

Therefore, around this time each year I'm asked to help people back up their bookmarks. This tutorial walks viewers through the process of saving bookmarks for reuse on another computer. (If you are still bookmarking everything in Firefox, please consider using [Delicious](#), [Diigo](#), or another online bookmarking service.)"...

Free Technology for Teachers, May 30



[I can haz Tweetz](#)

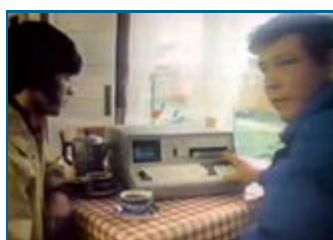
Sony Computer Science Laboratories exhibited a lifelogging device for cats at Open House 2010 on May 28. The device, which was prototyped in collaboration with the University of Tokyo, is equipped with a camera, an acceleration sensor, and a GPS to record the activities of a cat (perhaps your library cat). Using the data collected by the acceleration sensor, the device deduces the activities of a cat such as walking, sleeping, and eating. For example, it is possible to automatically post a comment like "This tastes good" when a cat is eating something....

Tech-On, June 1



[Retro/Old School computer commercials](#)

Computer technology has certainly come a long way in only a few decades and though we may like to complain about failed OSes and hardware, looking back at some of these often hilarious computer commercials from



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the 1970s and 1980s really shows how far we've come. For example, the 55-pound [IBM 5100 Portable Computer](#) (right) introduced in 1975 had an astonishing 64K of memory and cost more than \$9,000....

SherWeb, May 25

Publishing

[A BookExpo recap](#)

Abby Johnson, children's librarian at the New Albany–Floyd County (Ind.) Public Library, offers a series of recaps of her experiences at BookExpo America in New York, May 25–27. A sample: "It was about then that I realized that BEA was *not* going to be like the ALA Exhibits. It was a whole lot crazier than I expected. And on Wednesday it was pretty much crowded the entire day. The lines for autographs were insane." Read parts [two](#), [three](#), and [four](#)....

Abby (the) Librarian, May 29–31, June 2



[The end of an era in publishing](#)

Garrison Keillor writes: "Call me a pessimist, call me Ishmael, but I think that book publishing is about to slide into the sea. We live in a literate time, and if you want to write, you just write and publish yourself. But self-publishing will destroy the aura of martyrdom that writers have enjoyed for centuries—tortured geniuses, rejected by publishers, etc. If you publish yourself, this doesn't work anymore, alas. It was beautiful, the Old Era. I'm sorry you missed it."...

Tribune Media Services, May 26

[Purdue professor embeds hyperlinks in printed books](#)

People who prefer print books over e-books may still want extra digital material to go with them. That's the idea behind Sorin Matei's project, [Ubimark](#), which embeds books with two-dimensional codes that work as hyperlinks when photographed. So far there's just one book available in English, *Around the World in 80 Days*, with the bar-like codes. Watch the [demo video](#) (4:25)....

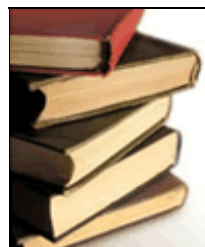
The Chronicle: Wired Campus, May 28



[My favorite website: Overbooked](#)

Neil Hollands writes: "This morning (casting about for a good topic for Book Group Buzz), I found myself back on one of my favorite websites, [Overbooked](#). Every reader should know it. Overbooked is the bright idea and long-term effort of Ann Chambers Theis, a marvelous librarian at Chesterfield County (Va.) Public Library, who has been maintaining the site since 1994. The site won the Louis Shores–Greenwood Publishing Award in 2008 for excellence in book reviewing."...

Booklist Online: Book Group Buzz, May 27



[The best photobooks of the past 25 years](#)

The *British Journal of Photography* recently asked a panel of experts to select their favorite photobooks of the past 25 years. Surprisingly, perhaps, Nan Goldin's *Ballad of Sexual Dependency*, from 1986, came a

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close second to a much less well-known book, Masahisa Fukase's *Karasu* (Ravens), which was published the same year. Fukase's images are grainy, dark, and impressionistic....

The Guardian (U.K.), May 24



[Ebrary's new public library collection](#) (PDF file)

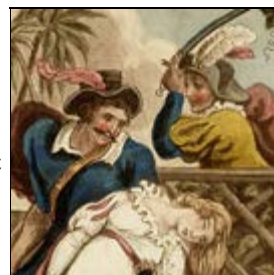
Ebrary has announced a pilot program for its new public library collection. The collection contains 20,000 titles ranging from fiction to life skills and careers to arts and crafts. Simultaneous multiuser access is available for this collection in addition to ebrary's DASH (Do-it-yourself publishing platform). Local public high schools get free access with the public library subscription....

Ebrary, May 24

[The best scandalous chronical \[sic\] of its day](#)

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "Sir Walter Scott thought the author 'a prose Juvenal.' The book went through at least 19 editions. It was a satiric *roman à clef*, its characters drawn from the contemporary social and political spheres. It is considered to be one of the most famous novels of the 18th century. Yet few are aware of it. The book is *Chrysal: or The Adventures of a Guinea* by Charles Johnstone, originally published in London in 1760 by T. Becket." The novel follows a British gold coin through various owners in six different countries....

Booktryst, May 26



[20 things you might not know about Shakespeare](#)

Robert Gore-Langton writes: "We know the plays, but how much do we really know the man? Shakespeare was a professional writer and writers have love affairs, rivalries, cash crises, prejudices, off days, children, and mortgages. The assumption is that we know very little about this side of his life. But it's amazing just how much *is* known and how fascinating it is. Jonathan Bate, Simon Callow, and other experts weigh in on 20 questions about Shakespeare you might have felt embarrassed to ask."...

The Times (U.K.), May 31



[Illustrated newspapers](#)

Steven Lomazow writes: "It is remarkable that America's first illustrated newspaper, the *Illustrated California News*, began in the brand-new state of California in 1850, spurred no doubt out of the boom of the gold rush. The first publication to use the term 'illustrated news' was the British *London Illustrated News* in 1842. The most commonly encountered are *Harper's Weekly* and *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, but there are a few others, including German, specialty, Confederate, and local papers."...

Magazine History, May 25



[You won't see these on an e-book](#)

Richard Davies writes: "I enjoyed putting this list of 50 iconic book covers together. If you saw these particular editions in a bookshop window, then we believe you would stop and stare. Most have been around for some decades, some are very famous, some were famous, and a few have been forgotten. Every one is all worth a second look."...

Abebooks, May 27

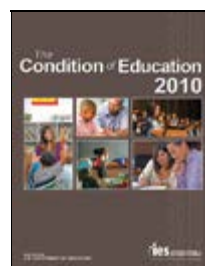


Actions & Answers

[The Condition of Education 2010](#)

The National Center for Education Statistics has released its annual report summarizing important developments and trends in education. *The Condition of Education 2010* ([PDF file](#)) presents 49 indicators on the status and condition of education, in addition to a special section on high-poverty schools. The report projects that public school enrollment will rise from 49 million in 2008 to 52 million by 2019, with the largest increase expected in the South....

National Center for Education Statistics, May 27



[New York librarians plan all-night protest reading](#)

Brian Fairbanks writes: "The New York Public Library has confirmed that all three of its systems (Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn) are up against a 30% reduction in funds for the next fiscal year. A group of these brainy, library-science-degree-holding vixens and studs are throwing a 24-hour protest reading on the steps of Brooklyn's Central Library June 12–13, to augment the on-the-ground work to get postcards and petitions signed and sent to the New York City Council. NYPL activists are also asking you to purchase one of these [librarian-themed shirts](#). Don't forget—ladies/men love men/ladies who read."...

Asylum NYC, June 2



[LC and Columbia to develop geospatial clearinghouse](#)

The Library of Congress and Columbia University announced an agreement to create a web-based clearinghouse of information about best practices for preserving significant geospatial data. LC's National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program will fund development of the clearinghouse at the Center for International Earth Science Information Network at Columbia's Earth Institute....

Library of Congress, May 28

[Wikipedia's FAQ for librarians](#)

The Wikimedia Foundation, which manages the online resource Wikipedia, has added an FAQ for librarians that answers questions about accuracy, vandalism, objectionable material, and collaboration. It offers four ways in which librarians can help make Wikipedia better—not just by editing or



adding material, but also using it to teach information literacy skills and reference sources. Lee and Sachi Lefever of Common Craft have also released an informational [video](#) (3:46) about Wikipedia....
Wikimedia Outreach Wiki, May 25; Common Craft, May 25

[Facebook’s revised privacy settings](#)

Nick O’Neill writes: “Facebook announced a new set of privacy settings May 26 that it hopes will be sufficient to make them essentially permanent, as Mark Zuckerberg described during his presentation. For many users, the new settings mean greater control over privacy. While there are always aspects of the privacy settings to criticize, we think this is a major step in the right direction. Here are 10 things you need to know about the new changes.”...
All Facebook, May 26

[If you tweet it, they will come](#)

m. k. Eagle writes: “Despite the prevailing wisdom that teens don’t tweet—a notion that gets thrown around here and there—I seem to have found that rare enclave of teens who *do* tweet. By my count, right now I have 18 followers who are also students at the high school where I work. My first reaction, of course, was sheer panic. And then they brought me cupcakes (above).”...
YALSA Blog, May 28



[The Queen of Nice](#)

Brigid Sweeney writes: “Amid furor over branch closures, the Boston Public Library’s president is imposing her vision for the future—and, just maybe, a new model for how to get things done in this town. Amy Ryan (right) is also really, really nice. Hers is more than a run-of-the-mill pleasantness, though. It’s a specific sort of affability known, at least where she comes from, as Minnesota Nice: courteous, mild-mannered, disinclined to confrontation. This spring, after less than 18 months on the job, Ryan found herself in the middle of a particularly not-nice budget battle.”...
Boston Magazine, June



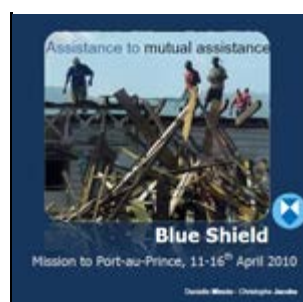
[EBSCO library budgeting trends survey](#)

EBSCO conducted a survey in February to assess the impact of current economic conditions on libraries. Many respondents reported that their libraries have been impaired by budget pressures and that they continue to look for cost-saving strategies heading into 2010–2011. Eighty-three percent of librarians reported either budget cuts or no budget growth during the 2009–2010 year. ARL libraries were especially hard hit....
EBSCO, May 21

Not replace staff	63%
Frozen new hires	57%
Re-graded/Reassigned staff	53%
Eliminated positions	37%
Reduce staff hours	21%

[International Blue Shield’s Mission to Haiti report](#)

The Blue Shield International sent two experts to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, April 11–16, to assess library, archives, and museum collections damaged in the recent earthquake. Danielle Mincio of IFLA and Christophe Jacobs of the International Council on Archives completed

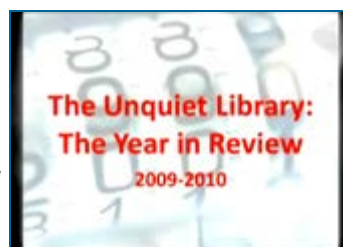


assessments of the National Library, the Library St. Louis de Gonzague, the national network of public libraries, the National Archives, and other institutions in this comprehensive report ([PDF file](#))....

Blue Shield International, June 2

[Another way to do a school library annual report](#)

Buffy Hamilton writes: "In the spirit of my monthly reports, I give you the [annual report](#) of the Creekview High School Library, Canton, Georgia, in multimedia format. It includes an embedded copy of the text annual report, a [video](#) (7:18) of the year in review; links to each monthly report; and widgets and links to our social media streams."...



The Unquiet Library, June 1; YouTube, May 31

[Electronic serials: The fantasy pricing model](#)

Hilary Davis writes: "When I asked Selden Lamoureux, electronic serials librarian at North Carolina State University, what the most challenging issues for electronic serials librarians were today, we launched into a fascinating conversation about a topic that hits at the core of what it means to work in library acquisitions. She explained fantasy pricing as the practice of establishing a journal's subscription price that appears to be largely divorced from any real production and distribution costs."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, May 26

[A job of biblical proportions](#)

Liana Lupas calls herself "the only librarian in the world who takes care of one book." Of course, that book is the Bible, and in two decades with the American Bible Society and the Museum of Biblical Art in New York City, Lupas has been responsible for a [collection](#) that includes more than 45,000 books of Scripture printed in more than 2,000 languages during six centuries. Lupas said that Bibles considered rare might include anything printed before 1700, the earliest translation in a language or geographic area, and Bibles belonging to historic figures....



Catholic News Service, May 26

[Hosting a traveling exhibition: Tips and tricks](#)

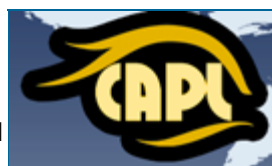
Betsy L. Blankenship writes: "My library had the privilege of hosting the ALA traveling exhibit 'Listening to the Prairie: Farming in Nature's Image' in 2001. It was an extremely successful but challenging experience. My small library with two staff members and eight student assistants hosted the exhibit for six weeks and provided a host of complementary programs on campus and in the community. Here are some suggestions for hosting a successful exhibit."...

Programming Librarian

10 resources for ESL and foreign-language students

Richard Byrne writes: "While writing about [LangMedia](#) yesterday I realized that I've reviewed many resources for foreign language and ESL/EFL students and teachers over the last couple of years. Here are 10 of the better free resources for foreign language and ESL/EFL students."...

Free Technology for Teachers, May 26



RDA and AACR2 compared: examples

The Library of Congress has posted some examples in Word format that illustrate the differences between the AACR2 and RDA cataloging rules. Some examples have only a few fields; others are more complete. Some are made-up. Some examples reflect LC's policy decision on choice of additional core elements for the RDA Test; these examples have the label "LC core elements only." New examples will be added on an ongoing basis....

Library of Congress Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate, May 24

FRBR and sharability

Karen Coyle writes: "One of the possible advantages to using FRBR as a bibliographic model is that it can provide us with sharable bits in the form of the defined entities. I've been working on creating a test set of records to illustrate some linked data concepts, and so I began thinking about how the data would break out into sharable units. It turns out to be . . . an interesting question."...

Coyle's InFormation, May 26

A step stool for bookworms

The Cramer company, makers of the Kik-Step stool used in many libraries, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with a [Library Edition](#) of the Kik-Step that features quotes from such literary giants as Ernest Hemingway and Mark Twain molded right into its nonskid tread....

Kansas City (Mo.) Star, May 22



Penny prints from the Netherlands

Paul K. writes: "The fabulous Memory of the Netherlands site (part of the National Library of the Netherlands) has posted a new collection of more than [1,200 penny prints](#). These 19th-century woodblock prints come from a single donor collection and depict a wide range of cultural themes: humorous slapstick, nursery rhymes, religious devotionals, games, military battles, disasters, and contemporary events of significance. Most appear to be aimed at children."...

BibliOdyssey, May 27



Europeana white papers

The first white paper posted at the [Europeana](#) digital library looks at the key role linked data will play in Europeana's development and in helping Europe's citizens make connections between existing bits of knowledge to achieve new cultural and scientific developments. Without linked data, Europeana could be seen as a simple collection of digital objects. With linked data, the potential is far greater, as the author of "[Knowledge = Information in Context](#)," Stefan Gradmann,

explains....
Europeana

[The 10 best video game consoles of all time](#)

Jeffrey L. Wilson writes: "Video game consoles have come a long way in the three decades since they first appeared. They began as simple entertainment devices for über-nerd hobbyists—remember the Atari 2600? Since then, gaming has ballooned into a mainstream, multibillion dollar industry. I thought it would be worth taking a look back to rank the all-time greatest. Some selections are obvious, but I've considered not only consoles released stateside, but overseas as well."...

PC Magazine, May 28



[The Crabby Librarian](#)

Melanie A. Lyttle writes: "The Crabby Librarian started out as a one-time character to promote the 2006 animal-themed summer reading program at the Madison (Ohio) Public Library. Now on the eve of her fifth year visiting the schools in her town, the Crabby Librarian has a [fan page](#) on Facebook and a YouTube [video](#) (9:25). There is just something magical about snarling at kids and telling them they don't deserve summer reading prizes."...

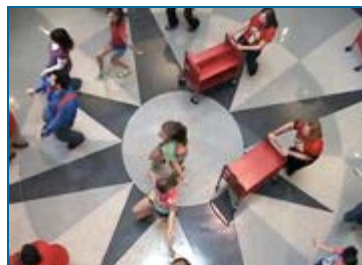
ALSC Blog, May 27



[Gail Borden Public Library celebrates](#)

To celebrate its winning a National Medal for Museum and Library Service in February, the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin, Illinois, staged a public celebration the afternoon of May 15. The event included this surprise [flash mob](#) (3:29) that combined dancers from the Dixon Dance Academy and the library bookcart drill team. Cathy Dixon choreographed the dance, John Fleener of Elgin Academy led the film crew, and he and his students did the editing....

YouTube, May 19



[Librarians do GaGa](#)

Sarah Wachter, a graduating student at the University of Washington's iSchool, directed, wrote, edited, and produced this library-related [video takeoff](#) (4:23) of Lady GaGa's 2008 hit "Poker Face" for a film festival at the school. She borrowed a camcorder from the school and "frantically [recruited](#) faculty and students to say a line on camera for me. I also did a lot of bumping into people in hallways and at their various places of work and asked them if they'd like to be in a music video." Watch for the Nancy Pearl cameo. Lyrics are [here](#)....

YouTube, May 27; Athena's Banquet, May 28, 30



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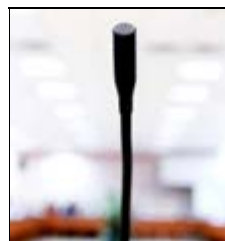
July 1 is fast approaching, bringing a new fiscal year for many libraries around the country. However, that's the only certainty in many communities as advocates tenaciously continue their campaigns to keep as many library facilities open and staffed as possible. Rallies, fundraisers, and negotiations have been held in New York City, New Jersey, Boston, Charlotte, Los Angeles, and elsewhere in June....

American Libraries news, June 9

[Mastering moderation](#)

Steven J. Bell writes: "You just found out you're going to moderate a conference program or webcast. Now what? If what you do is emulate what you've seen most moderators do, chances are you'll read off the presenters' names and their canned biographical statements. Then you'll sit down and disappear for the rest of the program. Instead, let me describe a role that moderators can play that will add value to any program."...

American Libraries feature



[Why librarians should care about national broadband](#)

Alan S. Inouye writes: "Broadband is the new national infrastructure. Just as electricity, telephones, and highways became essential in the 20th century, full participation in life in the 21st century depends on broadband. Librarians know all too well the consequences of having only modest connectivity—for instance, how a library's network slows down midday after the school bell rings. The plan has great potential for increasing broadband capabilities for the library community."...

American Libraries feature

[Wisconsin says "Cheese!"](#)

Pat Eschmann writes: "'[Wisconsin Libraries Say Cheese! A Day in Pictures](#)' is part of the ongoing Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries, a statewide effort to create a collective voice for Wisconsin academic,

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public, school, and special libraries. The campaign focuses on developing and communicating effective messages about the importance of all types of library service in Wisconsin." The [concept](#) has taken hold in 25 states "from Hawaii to Maine," Leonard Kniffel writes, including Utah (above)....

American Libraries feature; AL: Inside Scoop, June 1



Monroe County school librarians get a happy ending

Beverly Goldberg writes: "Almost two months ago, students at the Templeton Elementary School in Bloomington, Indiana, performed a play, *The Case of the Missing Librarian*, to express how they felt over losing their beloved librarian Laura Hall (right) at the end of the school year. Lo and behold, education officials have had a glorious change of heart, adding another virtual pinpoint to a new hopeful Google map documenting districts that '[Stand Up for School Librarians](#).'"...

AL: Inside Scoop, June 3



Don't forget to green your break room


Laura Bruzas writes: "Most libraries have a break room that includes a kitchen area. Here are a few simple, low-cost, eco-friendly options to help keep it clean and fresh without the use of harmful-to-the-environment products."....

AL: Green Your Library, June 4

Evaluating your reference collection

Q. Due to budget cuts, my library is looking closely at the reference collection. Are there any policies or guidelines for evaluating reference collections, especially in light of print and paid database resources? A. While ALA does not have a collection development (or evaluation) policy for the reference collection, we do have some guidelines to help you create your own policy....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, June 8



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ALA News

Toni Morrison to keynote Opening General Session

Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison will be the keynote speaker at the Opening Session of the 2010 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 26. Winner of the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for fiction for *Beloved*, Morrison will discuss her life as a champion of the arts. A professor, novelist, editor, critic, and lecturer, Morrison in 1993 became the first African American to win a



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Nobel Prize in recognition of her contributions to literature....

Public Information Office, June 8

[Amy Sedaris headlines Closing General Session](#)

Author, actress, and comedienne Amy Sedaris will serve as Annual Conference Closing General Session keynote speaker on June 29. An alumna of the Second City and Annoyance Theatre in Chicago, Sedaris is the author of the forthcoming *Simple Times: Crafts for Poor People*. Among her acting credits is her portrayal of Jerri Blank in the Comedy Central TV hit *Strangers with Candy*, which she cowrote....

Public Information Office, June 8



[Auditorium Speaker lineup](#)

The ALA Annual Conference Auditorium Speaker Series welcomes 12 distinguished authors, activists, and national newsmakers. Speakers include novelist Sir Salman Rushdie; best-selling author John Grisham; Sarah, Duchess of York; authors Junot Díaz, Dennis Lehane, Sue Monk Kidd, Ann Kidd Taylor, Dave Isay, Mary McDonagh Murphy, Nancy Pearl, and Audrey Niffenegger; puzzle-master Will Shortz; and illustrator David Small....

Public Information Office, June 7

[Natalie Merchant to perform](#)

ALA will host Natalie Merchant: *Leave Your Sleep*: A Performance and Presentation on June 28.

Merchant, an acclaimed songwriter and performer, will share selections from her new release *Leave Your Sleep*, a 2-CD set of songs adapted from the works of British and American poets....

Public Information Office, June 7



[Stevens unveils authors as advocates at Inaugural](#)

The ALA Inaugural Banquet on June 29 in Washington, D.C., will set the stage for the launch of a new national advocacy public awareness campaign, "Our Authors, Our Advocates," one of incoming ALA President Roberta Stevens's key initiatives for 2010–2011. Authors Carmen Agra Deedy, Sharon Draper, Brad Meltzer, and Marie Arana will show their support for libraries through media interviews, podcasts, and PSAs....

Public Information Office, June 8

[Library visionary keynotes ALA President's Program](#)

Eppo van Nispen tot Sevenaer, inspirational speaker and founder of the DOK Library Concept Center in Delft, Netherlands, will keynote the ALA President's Program on June 27. In a lecture entitled, "Libraries Wanted: Dead or Alive," van Nispen will present his vision of the future of libraries and media....

Public Information Office, June 7



[Library Book Cart Drill Team Championships](#)

The sixth annual Library Book Cart Drill Team Championship, showcasing library workers performing themed dance routines with costumes and creatively decorated book carts,



[Conference](#), Washington, D.C., June 24–29, don't forget [Open Gaming Night](#), June 25.



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will be held June 27. This year's competing teams include the Delaware Diamonds, Gett Down with your Funky Shelf, Night of the Living Librarians, Texas ArRangers, and ALA Student 2 Staff Kids....
Public Information Office, June 7

Battledecks @ Annual

Nine extemporizing presenters will compete for prizes and glory in the Battledecks competition on June 28, immediately following the Exhibits Closing Program. Battledecks is often described as "PowerPoint Karaoke." Each contestant will give an impromptu presentation on a topic that will be assigned in the room, using slides they have never seen before. Despite these challenges, the results are frequently hilarious, thought-provoking, and surprisingly insightful....

AL Focus, June 9



Come UnALA with us

Michelle Boule writes: "Something that has the potential to be the most exciting and fun thing happening at ALA Annual Conference this year still has a lot of spaces for people to attend. And it is a free event. If you come, you will have a large say in what happens, what we talk about, and how what is shared in a few short hours could change the world. Come to the [Unconference at ALA Annual](#) on June 25." Add your name to the [wiki list](#) to discuss or present a topic....

A Wandering Eyre, June 3; ALA Annual Conference wiki

Bookmobile Sunday features libraries on wheels

The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services will hold its fourth annual Bookmobile Sunday on June 27, a ticketed event that features [speakers](#) W. Ralph Eubanks and Andrew Smith. Following the event will be a parade of bookmobiles, which will be open to all conference attendees....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 4, 7

ALA Diversity and Outreach Fair

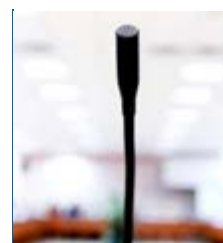
Twenty-one libraries and organizations from across the United States will demonstrate "diversity in action" during the Diversity and Outreach Fair on June 26. The fair is a unique opportunity for attendees to learn about notable diversity initiatives and programs, as well as the possibilities for fostering quality library services to all....

Office for Literacy and Outreach, June 4

Poetry possibilities at Annual Conference

Conference attendees will find a variety of poetry-themed programming to delight and inspire the lyrical librarian. These events include opportunities to meet the poets, live readings, and a discussion of poetry and library programming. This year, the LIVE! @ your library reading stage will feature poets Kwame Alexander, Sarah Blake (right), Nickole Brown, Henri Cole, Benjamin Alire Sáenz, and Gwendolyn Zepeda....

Public Programs Office, June 4



Mastering Moderation

National Broadband

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Perpetual Beta

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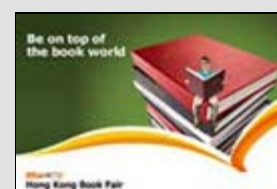
Green Your Library

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AL Focus

Hong Kong Book Fair Free Pass Program



The Hong Kong Book Fair

is again offering the Free Pass Program for Librarians for its 21st Annual Fair, which will be held in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, July 21–27. Those eligible to participate in the program must be personal members of ALA who work in the area of Chinese language acquisitions or are working to build their Chinese language collections to better serve their community of users. The deadline

[Attend a ProgrammingLibrarian.org demo](#)

Public Programs Office will present regular demonstrations of [ProgrammingLibrarian.org](#), an online resource center for all things related to creating cultural community programs for the library, June 25–27, in the ALA Public Programs Office Booth (#2659) in the Exhibits Hall. The site is designed for librarians who plan and present cultural programs and events....

Public Programs Office, June 2

[Graphic Novel Panel](#)

Join graphic novelists David Small and Audrey Niffenegger for the first-ever Graphic Novel Panel on June 28. The program will focus on the importance of graphic novels in the library and their power to reach out to reluctant readers....

Public Information Office, June 7

[ALA volunteers to support D.C. libraries](#)

More than 100 ALA volunteers from across the United States will gather June 25 at the Washington Convention Center for "[Libraries Build Communities](#)," a daylong community service effort that will provide aid to local organizations. This year's efforts will support local public and school libraries, the Capital Area Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity of Washington, D.C....

Chapter Relations Office, June 7

[Many Voices, One Nation 2010](#)

Eugenia Kim, Matt Dembicki, and Joseph Stands With Many will be three of the participants in Many Voices, One Nation on June 25 during the ALA Annual Conference. The program brings together writers and artists from different perspectives and presents a rich program of spoken word, music, and performance art....

Office for Diversity, June 2



[Wanda Urbanska joins @ your library contributors](#)

Recently dubbed a spokeswoman for the simplicity movement by the *New York Times*, author and *Simple Living* television host Wanda Urbanska is the latest writer to sign on as a regular contributor to ALA's [@ your library](#) public-awareness website. Her first posting is "[The Path to Financial Independence](#)," an excerpt from her new book, *The Heart of Simple Living: 7 Paths to a Better Life*....

Campaign for America's Libraries, June 3–4



[Reply by email on ALA Connect](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "We're excited to announce a new feature for [ALA Connect](#) that should make discussions easier. It's called 'reply via email,' and it does pretty much what the name says. When you get an email notification of new content in one of your Connect groups, at the top of the message you'll see the following line: Reply above this line to post a comment."...

ITTS News, June 8

[Text a donation to help rebuild libraries in Haiti](#)

It now only takes two minutes for you to donate \$10 to help rebuild libraries in Haiti.

to apply is **June 11.**

Career Leads from ALA JobLIST



[Branch Manager](#)

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, Columbus, Georgia. The successful candidate will be a team-minded professional with strong interpersonal and project management skills. This person will supervise, train, and motivate a staff of 17 for the North Columbus Public Library branch; coordinate programming and engage in regular community outreach; and oversee a total renovation of the branch. The NCPL Branch Manager reports to the Deputy Director and is part of the management team....



@ [More jobs...](#)

Digital Library of the Week

ALA has set up an option to easily donate through your mobile phone. To donate to the ALA Haiti Library Relief Fund simply text "alahaiti" to 20222, and a \$10 one-time tax-deductible donation will be added to your mobile phone bill. ALA is raising funds to rebuild three libraries in Haiti destroyed during the earthquake in January....
International Relations Office, June 8



[AILA and APALA highlight family literacy](#)

The American Indian Library Association and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association have launched a [Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture](#) website. Part of the ALA Family Literacy Focus initiative, Talk Story is a library-based family literacy model that reaches out to Asian/Pacific American and Native American children and families....

Office for Literacy and Outreach, June 3



[Partnering for success in children's services](#)

ALA Editions has released [Children's Services: Partnerships for Success](#), edited by Betsy Diamant-Cohen, who brings together 18 examples of successful outreach partnerships that children's librarians and administrators can adapt to their own situations. Contributors from the U.S. and Canada explain how they partnered with schools, community organizations, museums, businesses, and other agencies to create novel experiences for children across the children's services spectrum....

ALA Editions, June 3



[50 delightful lists for librarians](#)

ALA Editions has released [The Librarian's Book of Lists](#) by George M. Eberhart. After years spent editing *American Libraries Direct* and the many editions of *The Whole Library Handbook*, Eberhart has collected a raft of arcane librarianship and amusing trivia for this endlessly browsable volume. Included are the top 12 silly reasons to ban a book and how to say "Where is the library?" in 50 languages. A beguiling mixture of serious topics, tongue-in-cheek items, and outright silliness makes it equally suitable for the reference shelf or the staff lounge....

ALA Editions, June 8



Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Art books for youth](#)

Fleischman, Sid. *Sir Charlie: Chaplin, the*



[AlabamaMosaic](#) is a repository of digital materials on Alabama's history, culture, places, and people. Its purpose is to make unique historical treasures from the state's archives, libraries, museums, and other repositories electronically accessible to Alabama residents and to students, researchers, and the general public in other states and countries.

AlabamaMosaic was initiated under a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services and is now administered by the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries.

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

Public Perception How the World Sees Us

"We seem to be losing these iconic communal institutions of our youth. And when we do keep them

Funniest Man in the World. June 2010. 288p. Greenwillow, hardcover (978-0-06-189640-8). Following well-received titles about Mark Twain and Harry Houdini, Fleischman's third biography is a bittersweet celebration: it is the last book the author published before his death, in March 2010. With a straightforward chronology, the chapters follow the famous comedian from his impoverished childhood in London slums through Hollywood stardom and his final years, when he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. As in his previous books about famous lives, Fleischman infuses the narrative with energetic charm, and although the book is thoroughly documented with exemplary source notes, playful metaphors lend an almost tall-tale tone that echoes the humor of Chaplin's work: "Custard pies were flying," Fleischman writes in a description of the tangled movie business....



Carte Blanche: Magic man

Michael Cart writes: "Sid Fleischman came late to writing biography. He was already 86 when his first foray into the field, *Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini*, was published in 2006. Well, perhaps it wasn't technically the first, since he had already penned his autobiography, *The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer's Life*, in 1996 when he was just a kid of 76. Though Sid once told me, 'Writer's lives are dull,' his was anything but! A man of many talents, he began his career as a magician, traveling the country in the last days of vaudeville, but his interest in magic actually began when he was still in school and led to the publication of his first book when he was 19; titled *Between Cocktails*, it was a collection of tricks with paper matches 'that could be done informally—between cocktails.'"



Top 10 Books for Youth: Biography

Ilene Cooper writes: "Some names like Anne Frank and Amelia Earhart are familiar. Others—the Switzer brothers and Maggie Gee—will be new to readers. But these powerfully written biographies, selected from titles reviewed in *Booklist* in the last 12 months, will draw readers to their stories."...



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

D.C. Update

Four restaurants enliven the K Street strip

Time was that the streets radiating out

around, we repackage them along commercial lines as if that's the only way to make them palatable to the public. I took a walking tour around East London a month or so ago and happened upon a bright orange, modern structure with the word 'idea store' spelled out in a colorful lowercase font across the entrance. 'What's that?' I asked. 'Oh, that's the local public library,' the tour guide answered."

—Contributor Delia Lloyd, "[The Death of the Library: Read It and Weep](#)," in the Woman Up section of the online *Politics Daily* news magazine, June 7.

@ [More quotes...](#)



TweetWatch

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Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries, Annual Conference, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, June 6–12, at: [#acuril](#)

Association of

and down from K Street—hallowed ground for lobbyists and image-makers—were a fusty culinary landscape of white tablecloths, blue blazers, and standard steakhouses. But in recent years, those looking for a less predictable menu have migrated to ever more [inventive and ethnic restaurants](#) opening on and around the K Street strip....

New York Times, June 6

[Exhibit time for the Apollo](#)

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of Harlem's Apollo Theater, the National Museum of African-American History and Culture is presenting a multimedia exhibition called "Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing: How the Apollo Theater Shaped American Entertainment." It traces the evolution of the Apollo from its birth in 1914 as a whites-only burlesque theater to a venue where African-American performers could start and advance their careers. Materials on display include historic photographs, costumes, musical scores, and playbills. The [NMAAHC gallery](#) is located on the second floor of the Smithsonian's National American History Museum at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW....

National Museum of African-American History and Culture



[Investigate the Lincoln assassination conspiracy](#)

In a 1.4-mile walking tour that decamps promptly at 6:30 p.m., June 25 and 26, from Ford's Theatre (511 10th Street, NW) to the White House, join fictional Detective James McDevitt as he revisits and reexamines the sites and clues from the Lincoln assassination investigation in eight stops. [Tickets](#) for *Investigation: Detective McDevitt*, written by Richard Hellen and directed by Mark Ramont, are \$12 apiece and \$10 each for groups of 20 or more, and do not include a tour of the theatre itself....

Ford's Theatre; Ticketmaster



[D.C. tips: Evening options](#)

Annual is only two weeks away, and everyone is figuring out where they have to be and when. Is your schedule packed, but you still want to get out and explore Washington? Here are some after-hours options for you to consider....

YALSA Blog, June 8

[Washington National Cathedral ponders rare book sale](#)

Over the past two years, economic hard times have loomed as large at [Washington National Cathedral](#) as the Gothic spires that grace the city's skyline. News came this week that the cathedral, visited by every U.S. president since Theodore Roosevelt laid its foundation stone in 1907, was considering selling off part of its rare books collection, probably worth millions....

Washington Post: On Faith, June 5



[Sorry, no free samples](#)

Canadian Archivists, Annual Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 9–12, at: [#aca2010](#)

Special Libraries Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, June 13–16, at: [#sla2010](#)

American Library Association, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., June 24–29, at: [#ala10](#)

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

Calendar

June 18: [National Museum and Library Services Board](#), public meeting, IMLS Offices, 1800 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Topics include the National Broadband Plan and the *Opportunity for All* library computer use study.

June 24–29: [ALA Annual Conference](#), Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

July 10: [Web 2.0 for the School Library Teacher](#), Graduate School of Library and

Want to see millions of dollars (such as the new \$100 bill, right) being printed before your eyes? Tour the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing's D.C. Tour and Visitor Center at 14th and C Streets, SW. Free, same-day tickets are distributed at the 14th Street entrance Monday–Friday starting at 8 a.m. Tours take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; advance reservations are held for large groups between 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m....

U.S. Bureau of Printing and Engraving



Division News

[Still time to register for RUSA preconferences](#)

[Registration](#) closes June 20 for the three preconferences that RUSA will be holding in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. This year's offerings, held June 25, feature sessions on genealogy, interlibrary loan statistics, and reference skills....

RUSA, June 8

[Start your day at the Literary Tastes Breakfast](#)

Join other ALA Annual Conference attendees in Washington, D.C., June 27 with a delicious breakfast as authors Adriana Trigiani, Dan Chaon, Laney Salisbury, David Small, and Melvin Konner read from their works, ruminate on writing, and sign books. [Registration](#) closes June 20....

RUSA, June 8

[AASL to launch planning tool in August](#)

AASL has joined with Britannica Digital Learning to copublish an online, interactive school library program planning module that will change school library program development, saving time and delivering data. "A Planning Guide for Empowering Learners" is a program evaluation, planning, implementation, and advocacy tool that will ensure school library program planners go beyond the basics....

AASL, June 3

YALSA summer webinars

Find out the latest and greatest in YA nonfiction—and how to get it into teens' hands—during YALSA's "[Back to the Facts: YA Nonfiction](#)" webinar, hosted by Angela Carstensen. The webinar will take place August 19 at 2 p.m. Eastern time. "[Risky Business: Taking Risks to Improve Teen Services](#)" will help participants smartly and effectively take risks to improve services and programs for teens in their communities. The webinar will take place July 15 at 2 p.m. Eastern time. [Registration](#) for both is now open....

YALSA, June 4

[YALSA to sponsor two Emerging Leaders](#)

YALSA will sponsor two divisional members as Emerging Leaders in 2011. Each will receive up to \$1,000 to attend ALA's 2011 Midwinter Meeting in San Diego and Annual Conference in New Orleans. [Applications](#) are due July 30; be sure to indicate YALSA as the preferred sponsor when applying....

YALSA, June 4

Round Table News

Information Science,
Simmons College,
Boston.

July 10–13:

[American Association of Law Libraries](#),
Annual Conference,
Denver. "Mapping Our
Future."

July 12:

[Minnesota Educational Media Organization](#).

Leadership Workshop,
Minnesota Humanities
Center, St. Paul.

July 14–16:

[National Diversity in Libraries Conference](#),
Princeton University,
McDonnell Hall / Fine
Hall / Lewis Library
complex, Princeton,
New Jersey. "From
Groundwork to Action."

July 21–22:

[Wisconsin Library Services](#), WiLS 2010
Conference, Pyle
Center, Madison.

July 29–

Aug. 1:

[National Storytelling Conference](#), Warner
Center Marriott, Los
Angeles. "Many
Stories: One World."
Sponsored by the
National Storytelling
Network.

Aug. 3:

[ShareAcademy](#),
Central Piedmont
Community College
Library, Charlotte,
North Carolina.

Aug. 3–6:

[Balisage: The Markup Conference](#), Best
Western Hotel Europa
Downtown, Montréal,

GLBTRT kicks off year-long celebration

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Round Table will kick off a year-long celebration to mark its 40th anniversary during the ALA Annual Conference. The round table was one of the first professional organizations of its kind, established in 1970....

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Round Table. June 8

Awards

Biddle honored for Achievement in Library Diversity Research

Stanton Biddle, director of Middle States Accreditation Review for Baruch College, has been named ALA 2010 Achievement in Library Diversity Research Honoree. His contributions include titles on university planning, African-American history and culture, numerous presentations promoting resources for exploring the history and culture of underrepresented populations, and editing the proceedings of the first two National Conferences of African American Librarians. The award is given by the Committee on Diversity and the Office for Diversity and supports the propagation of library-based diversity research....

Office for Diversity, June 8



ASCLA achievement, innovation awards

ASCLA is presenting three awards for service to the profession. Barbara T. Mates won the 2010 Exceptional Service Award for her advocacy for persons with disabilities and for older adults. Jerry Krois is the 2010 recipient of the Cathleen Bourdon Service Award for sustained leadership to ASCLA. The Resource Library of the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities is the 2010 winner of the ASCLA/KLAS/NOD Award for its project "Disability Etiquette Infusion Units: Changing Attitudinal Barriers at University of Wyoming."...

ASCLA, June 8

New exceptional websites for children

ALSC has added recommended websites to [Great Web Sites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to outstanding websites for children. The site features links to websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings....

ALSC, June 3

Madler receives Conable travel stipend

Aubrey Madler, information specialist with the University of North Dakota's Center for Rural Health, is the recipient of the 2010 Gordon Conable travel grant to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The Conable Scholarship was created to advance intellectual freedom and mentorship. Madler will be blogging during the conference on the [OIF Blog](#) and afterward she will deliver a report to the Freedom to Read Foundation board....

Freedom to Read Foundation, June 8; OIF Blog, June 9



Tennessee supports Spectrum

The Tennessee Library Association has announced its support of the

Quebec.

Aug. 4:

Cataloging for Non-Catalogers, online.

Sponsored by Lyris.

Aug. 4–8:

National Conference of African American Librarians, Sheraton

Conference Center, Birmingham, Ala.

"Culture Keepers VII: Bridging the Divide with Information Access, Activism, and Advocacy." Sponsored by the Black Caucus of the ALA.

Aug. 7:

Project Management for Information Professionals,

Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, Boston.

Aug. 9–13:

Providing Social Science Data Services: Strategies for Design and Operation, Inter-

University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Aug. 10–15:

Society of American Archivists, Annual Conference, Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, D.C. "Archives*Records."

Sept. 8–10:

II Encuentro Latinoamericano de Bibliotecarios, Archivistas y Museólogos,

Universidad San Martín de Porres, Lima, Peru.

Spectrum Presidential Initiative with an annual contribution of \$500. The donation comes during a special one-year Spectrum Presidential Initiative to raise \$1 million for the Spectrum Scholarship Program, ALA's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the underrepresentation of critically needed ethnic librarians within librarianship....

Office for Diversity, June 8

[Rose Treviño Scholarship](#) (PDF file)

Reforma, the national association to promote library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking, has created a memorial scholarship to honor the life and legacy of [Rose Treviño](#) (right), a youth librarian who dedicated her career to serving Hispanic communities and who passed away April 10.

Donations to the scholarship should be addressed to Reforma Treasurer Robin Imperial. Selection criteria will be discussed at the ALA Annual Conference....

Reforma, June 1



[Columbus Metropolitan Library named LJ/Gale Library of the Year](#)

Library Journal and Gale, part of Cengage Learning, announced June 7 that the [Columbus \(Ohio\) Metropolitan Library](#) has been named 2010 Library of the Year. Each year this prestigious recognition goes to the public library in the United States that most profoundly demonstrates service to community, creativity, and innovation in developing specific community programs. In addition to a cash award of \$10,000, the library will be featured as the cover story for the June 15 issue of *Library Journal*. Watch the [video](#) (1:16)....

Gale Cengage Learning, June 7



[Martha Catt wins Distinguished Hoosier Award](#)

Martha Catt, retired director of Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library in Zionsville, Indiana, was presented with the Governor's Distinguished Hoosier Award May 27. The award is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon an Indiana resident. Catt was cited for contributions to her community and state over the past 20 years when she served as library director....

Indianapolis Star, June 4



[Brian Quinn receives APA Award](#)

Brian Quinn, social sciences librarian at the Texas Tech University Libraries, will receive the American Psychological Association's Excellence in Librarianship Award for 2010. The award, in its fourth year, recognizes outstanding contributions to psychology and behavioral sciences in areas including instruction, project development, publications, research, or service....

Texas Tech Today, June 7



[2010 Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards](#)

A seamlessly constructed tale of friendship and time travel set on Manhattan's Upper West Side, *When You Reach Me* (Random House), Rebecca Stead's second

Sept. 22–25:

[American Association for State and Local History](#)

Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"Winds of Opportunity."

Sept. 30–

Oct. 2:

[Minnesota Educational Media Organization](#)

Fall Conference, St. Cloud Kelly Inn and St. Cloud Civic Center. "Thriving in Adversity: Finding Balance in Challenging Times."

Oct. 5–7:

[II Congreso Uruguayo de Bibliotecología e Información](#)

Montevideo, Uruguay.

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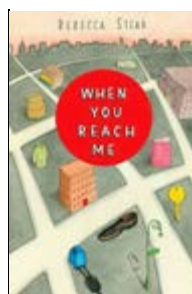
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novel for young people, has won the 2010 *Boston Globe–Horn Book Award* in the Fiction and Poetry category. *Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary* by Elizabeth Partridge (Viking) won for Nonfiction, and *I Know Here* by Laurel Croza (Groundwood) won for Best Picture Book. All children's and YA books published in the United States between June 2009 and May 2010 were eligible for the awards....

The Horn Book, June 8



2010 Canadian Griffin Poetry Prizes

Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin's *The Sun-fish* and Karen Solie's *Pigeon* are the respective international and Canadian winners of the 10th annual Griffin Poetry Prize of \$65,000 apiece (\$61,217 U.S.). By funding the Griffin Poetry Prize—the world's largest prize for a first edition single collection of poetry written in English—the Griffin Trust for Excellence in Poetry, headquartered in Oakville, Ontario, aims to spark the public's imagination and raise awareness of the crucial role poetry plays in our cultural life.. ...

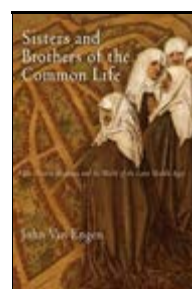
Griffin Poetry Prizes, June 3



2010 Grundler Prize

Western Michigan University has awarded the prestigious Grundler Prize to a University of Notre Dame scholar for his book, *Sisters and Brothers of the Common Life: The Devotio Moderna and the World of the Later Middle Ages* (University of Pennsylvania, 2008). The prize was awarded at the 45th International Congress on Medieval Studies May 15 to John van Engen....

Western Michigan University, June 7



Irish Book of the Decade

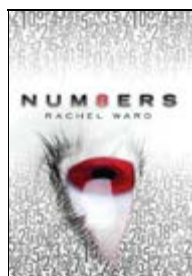
The Bord Gáis Energy (Irish Gas Board) has announced the winner of its Irish Book of the Decade competition. The 2007 comic-fantasy novel *Skulduggery Pleasant*, the first in a series of the same name by Derek Landy, came in first in an online poll of a shortlist selected by a panel of Irish editors, librarians, and booksellers. The book tells the story of feisty 12-year-old Stephanie and a wise-cracking magician turned detective who is, among other things, dead....

Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book Awards, June 1



2010 Angus Book Award

Author Rachel Ward has won the 2010 Angus Book Award for her debut novel *Numbers* (Chicken House, 2010)—about a 15-year-old girl who can see the date a person will die when she looks in their eyes. Ward was presented with her trophy, a miniature replica of the Aberlemno Serpent Stone, and the £500 (\$800 U.S.) prize at a May 18 ceremony in Kirriemuir, Scotland. This annual award for best new paperback YA novel



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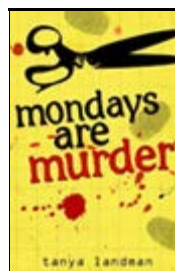
written by a UK author is voted on by third-year students in Angus secondary schools....

Angus Council, May 19

Leeds YAs choose their favorite books

Students aged 9–16 in Leeds, England, voted for their favorite reads and came up with Tanya Landman's *Mondays Are Murder*, Chris Wooding's *Malice*, and Narinder Dharmi's *Bang, Bang, You're Dead*. The winners were revealed at a May 25 ceremony. Landman was there to receive her award and admitted to having a "Kate Winslet moment" (as on the bow of the *Titanic*)....

Leeds Book Awards, May 26



Seen Online

Woman gets 36 years for DUI deaths of librarians

Sandra Jacobson, convicted on nine counts related to the traffic deaths of two women taking a cab to the airport after the 2009 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver, was sentenced June 4 to 36 years in prison. Jacobson, whose blood-alcohol count was estimated at more than three times the legal limit when her truck hit a cab causing the deaths of Connecticut librarians Kate McClelland (left) and Kathy Krasniewicz (right), was convicted in April. Jacobson also faces a [wrongful death suit](#) filed by McClelland's children....

Denver Post, June 4; Greenwich (Conn.) Time, June 7



California tries to counter rising journal costs

The University of California system has said "enough" to the Nature Publishing Group, one of the leading commercial scientific publishers, over a 400% proposed jump in the cost of the group's journals. On June 8, a letter ([PDF file](#)) went out to all of the university's faculty members from the California Digital Library, saying that if the publisher is unwilling to negotiate, the system might have to suspend all 67 of its subscriptions, including *Nature*, and encourage a faculty boycott of contributed papers to those journals....

Chronicle of Higher Education, June 8



Sisterhood stays in Fond du Lac

A popular young adult book, *Forever in Blue: The Fourth Summer of the Sisterhood* by Ann Brashares, will remain on the library shelf at Theisen Middle School in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. In a 7–1 vote June 7, a reconsideration committee decided the book's value as a reading source for middle school students trumped parent Ann Wentworth's objection to content she labeled "age inappropriate" and "sexual."...

Fond du Lac (Wis.) Reporter, June 8



Lemonade-stand issue ends on a sweet note

It turns out that the Evanston, Illinois, "lemonade-gate" wasn't much of a conspiracy. On May 29, someone claiming to be a city health

inspector told a woman working at a lemonade stand outside the Evanston Public Library's South Branch that she needed a permit. When Evanston's Health Department denied responsibility, fingers started pointing. Bottom line: The Friends of the Library will get its permit and the lemonade stand will reopen....

Evanston (Ill.) Review, June 8

Ex-librarian loses religious discrimination suit

A federal judge has rejected a lawsuit by a former Ohio State University librarian who accused the school of being hostile to his Christian beliefs. U.S. District Judge William Bertelsman ruled June 7 that Scott Savage didn't prove that Ohio State had made his working conditions intolerable. Savage said he was forced to quit in June 2007 after continued personal and professional attacks on his character two years after he recommended that freshmen read an anti-gay book....

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, June 8

UMKC's new Gay and Lesbian Archive

Carolyn Szczepanski writes: "On the fourth floor of the University of Missouri–Kansas City's Miller Nichols Library, there is an oasis of color splashed across a table in Stuart Hinds's office. The director of special collections has laid out laminated advertisements from long-closed Kansas City bars—lively images that promise 'Experts in the art of drag and entertainment!' Next to these he has placed an arrangement of political pins with rainbows and bright-pink triangles. These items are the beginning of the Gay and Lesbian Archive of Mid-America."...



The Pitch, June 3

Louisiana needs LSU's library program

Nicole Morello writes: "I am writing in reference to the front-page article of the May 25 newspaper regarding LSU Chancellor Michael Martin's proposal to cut the master's degree in library and information science from LSU's program offerings. Rather than share statistics regarding the success of this program, I would like to share a personal story about why the School of Library Information Science matters."...

Baton Rouge (La.) Advocate, June 7

Long-lost silent films return to America

A late silent feature directed by John Ford, a short comedy directed by Mabel Normand, a period drama starring Clara Bow, and a group of early one-reel westerns are among a trove of long-lost American films recently found in the New Zealand Film Archive. Some 75 of these movies, chosen for their historical and cultural importance, are in the process of being returned to the United States under the auspices of the National Film Preservation Foundation, the charitable affiliate of the Library of Congress National Film Preservation Board....



New York Times, June 6

Another library role for Rachel Weisz

The last time we saw Rachel Weisz in an Egyptian setting, she was cast as the

earnest librarian-turned-archaeologist Evelyn Carnahan in *The Mummy* and *The Mummy Returns*. In *Agora*, her latest film (released in the United States June 4), she returns to the Nile to play another woman of a scholarly bent—Hypatia, a Greek scholar, mathematician, and philosopher. However, the film, by Chilean director Alejandro Amenábar, takes a few liberties with the known facts, among them an alleged destruction by Christians of the great Library of Alexandria. See the [review](#) by Tim O'Neill....

New York Times, May 21; *Armarius Magnum*, May 20, 2009



[**Wales takes on Google Books**](#)

Rory Cellan-Jones writes: "The National Library of Wales is one of the United Kingdom's copyright libraries, able to ask for a copy of every book, newspaper, and magazine published in the U.K. Like other such institutions, it is struggling to find a role in the digital age. The National Library is not, however, just sitting back and waiting for a graceful demise. It's plunging with enthusiasm into a massive digital project. 'The people of Wales own this collection, they have paid to build it up over the years, why should it just be handed to Google?' said Welsh National Librarian Andrew Green."...

BBC News: dot.Rory, June 7



[**The Alameda bookmobile brings the library to you**](#)

California's public library system has seen some major cutbacks lately. But one library at least is still moving along smoothly—because it's on wheels. The [Alameda County Bookmobile](#) is a library in a long, white bus, touring the county with books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and almost everything else. In this [broadcast](#) (5:17), KALW's Hana Baba interviews Children's Librarian Gina Rose, who gave her a tour....

KALW-FM (San Francisco), June 7



[**San Jose's comic book contest**](#)

Entrants in San Jose (Calif.) Public Library's second annual Graphic Novel Making Contest were asked to submit graphic novels or comic books of up to eight pages with black-and-white drawings. There were divisions for children 12 and younger, ages 13 to 17, and adults 18 and older. Submissions were judged on their illustrations and the strength of their stories. "People start winning things, and they think, 'This is going to be my future,'" said Outreach Librarian Deborah Estreicher, who organized the contest with Tully Community Branch Librarian Chieu Nguyen....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, June 3

[**Genealogy tourism in Salt Lake City**](#)

When Jan Gow makes her annual pilgrimage from New Zealand to Salt Lake City, it's for the ribbons of microfilm and endless volumes of maps and cemetery and property records tucked inside the

Family History Library. The library, owned and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 1894, is visited by some 700,000 people annually and is widely considered the world's largest repository of genealogy records....

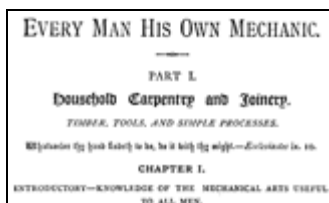
Canadian Press, June 7



[Retired academic librarian carves a new career](#)

When Ray McInnis retired after 46 years at Western Washington University's Wilson Library, he searched far and wide for information about the history of woodworking. But he discovered that if he wanted what he was looking for, he'd have to write it himself. The result is his website, the [History of Woodworking](#). McInnis said, "When I launched into this I had been a woodworker for nearly 40 years, but I knew virtually nothing about the history of woodworking."...

Bellingham (Wash.) Herald, June 3



[Singapore librarian reads underwater](#)

A librarian, apparently from the National Library Board of Singapore, is giving the art of storytelling an aquatic twist at the Underwater World Singapore oceanarium. She uses a special microphone system to tell children's stories related to the ocean, such as *Smiley Shark* by Ruth Galloway and *Fishy Tales*. The 20-minute reading session is held four Saturdays in June....

Channel News Asia, June 5



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Tech Talk

[This is your brain on computers](#)

Scientists say juggling email, phone calls, and other incoming information can change how people think and behave. They say our ability to focus is being undermined by bursts of information that play to a primitive impulse to respond to immediate opportunities and threats. The stimulation provokes excitement (a dopamine squirt) that researchers say can be addictive. In its absence, people feel bored. The resulting distractions can have deadly consequences. It may be that the immediacy of the internet [changes the core](#) of who we are. Take this [test](#) to find out....

New York Times, June 6; Center for Internet Addiction

[Microsoft's web-based Office goes live](#)

Officially joining the browser-based productivity game, Microsoft on June 7 released its [browser-based versions](#) of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote. The Office Web Apps, as the programs are dubbed, are slimmed-down versions of the desktop counterparts, allowing for document viewing, sharing, and lightweight editing. Consumers get free access to the tools, along with 25GB of storage as part of Windows Live, while businesses can also host their own

version of the Web Apps using the latest version of Sharepoint....

CNET News: Beyond Binary, June 8; Windows Blog, June 7

[Dual-screen tablet-maker eyes e-textbook market](#)

Priya Ganapati writes: "A new dual-screen tablet from California startup Kno aims to make electronic textbooks into a viable business. 'Textbooks won't fit into a 10- or 12-inch screen so you have to scroll up and down and right and left,' says Osman Rashid, cofounder and CEO of [Kno](#). Company founders say they can fix that with two 14-inch LCD touchscreens that fold in like a book. The device is scheduled for release in December, and Kno has inked deals with four major textbook publishers, including McGraw Hill, Pearson, and Wiley."...

Wired: Gadget Lab, June 4



[The step-by-step guide for digitizing your life](#)

Adam Dachis writes: "Your increasingly digital lifestyle has left your analog media collecting dust. Save it from obsolescence and digitize your life. This guide covers many different kinds of media, so feel free to skip to the section(s) that interest you the most: paper, images, audio, video, and storage and organization."....

Lifehacker, June 8



[Hewlett-Packard enables remote printing](#)

By 2011, more printing will be done from the web than traditional PC-based word processing programs. Hewlett-Packard has announced that its forthcoming printers will let users print remotely using mobile phones and other wireless devices. Each new printer will be assigned an email address. A document printed from an iPhone would go to HP's data center for rendering into the correct format and then be forwarded to the sender's printer. The process will take about 25 seconds....

PC World, June 7

Publishing

[Let the *Library Wars* begin](#)

Corrina Lawson writes: "If you grew up a reader, I think it's impossible to lose the love of libraries and books. The shojo manga comic *Library Wars: Love and War*, the [first in a series](#) adapted by Kiiko Yumi from the novels of Hiro Arikawa, appeals to that love. In a future where the government destroys books that are 'unsuitable,' libraries and local governments respond by forming a special military unit to preserve books. The Library Defense Forces are charged with protecting books and readers at all costs, even their lives. The main character of volume one is Iku Kasahara, who has dreamed of being part of the LDF since she was a young girl."...

Wired: GeekDad, June 2; VIZ Media, May 10



[Are you buying comics for women?](#)

Robin Brenner writes: "A good friend and colleague,

Eva Volin, posed a smart and challenging question for librarians during the recent BookExpo America panel '[Hot Fall Graphic Novels for Libraries](#)': How many librarians are actively collecting graphic novels written for women? One of the titles she included as a runner-up for the hot list is a classic, soon-to-be published, yaoi manga series [Kizuna](#), by Kazuma Kadoka."...

EarlyWord: The Publisher | Librarian Connection, June 8



[The changing face of academic presses](#)

Richard Poynder writes: "These are tough times for university presses. In the wake of the global financial crisis, many of them are struggling to survive. To get a closer view of the challenges, Sarah Pritchard (right), Charles Deering McCormick university librarian at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, offered some insight. 'We argued that the press needed to be better embedded into the wider university mission,' Pritchard said."...

Information Today, June 7



[Two new Stieg Larsson stories found](#)

Several unpublished manuscripts by Stieg Larsson (right), the Swedish crime author who died before his Millennium trilogy became a global cult hit, have surfaced at the National Library of Sweden, Deputy National Librarian Magdalena Gram revealed June 8. Larsson had sent the short stories "The Crystal Balls" and "The Flies" to the Swedish science fiction magazine *Jules Verne* when he was 17, but they were rejected; the library subsequently received them in 2007 as part of a private donation of the magazine's archives....

Agence France-Press, June 8



[Tower Hamlets Teen Booklist 2010](#)

The Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service in London, England, has released its ninth annual list of recommended books for teens. The 2010 list, titled *The List* (for Tower Hamlets) ([PDF file](#)), features 40 titles, all published in the last 12–15 months. All the books were reviewed by Tower Hamlets secondary school librarians, public library staff, and schools library service staff....

Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service



[Top 10 difficult literary works](#)

Reading a good book or poem is one of life's joys, and once in a rare while a good book can change your life forever. Great literature often demands we meet the authors' ideas on their own terms, and the experience is not always comfortable. Submitted for your review are 10 literary works that demand much of the reader. Who among us hasn't struggled with a book or poem that failed to capture our attention?...

Listverse, June 7

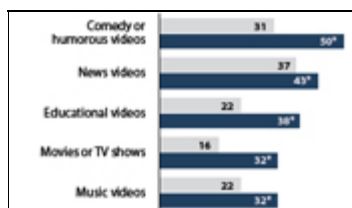


Actions & Answers

[The state of online video](#)

Seven in ten adult internet users (69%) have used the internet to watch or download video, according to a June 3 Pew Research Center report ([PDF file](#)). That represents 52% of all adults in the United States. Driven by the popularity of online video among 18-29 year-olds, there have been dramatic increases since 2007 in the number of American adults watching comedy or humorous videos, rising in viewership from 31% of adult internet users in 2007 to 50% of adult internet users in the current survey; and educational videos, rising in viewership from 22% to 38% of adult internet users....

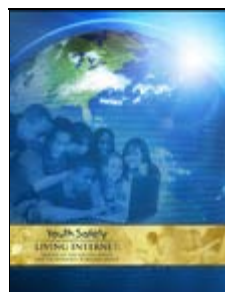
Pew Research Center, June 3



[Online safety report: Scare tactics don't faze kids](#)

Although internet safety education is essential, scare tactics do little to influence the behavior of children and teenagers, said the "Youth Safety on a Living Internet" report ([PDF file](#)) issued June 4 by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Instead, NTIA's Online Safety and Technology Working Group suggested that the government "promote nationwide education in digital citizenship and media literacy as the cornerstone of internet safety."...

eSchool News, June 7; National Telecommunications and Information Administration, June 4



[How to update your library's Wikipedia page](#)

Heather Mansfield writes: "Now that most nonprofits have a Community Page on Facebook in addition to their Official Page, it is crucial that nonprofits create a Wikipedia account to edit, maintain, and watch their organization's Wikipedia page. Why? Because Facebook Community Pages have Wikipedia tabs that pull in your information directly from Wikipedia. Here's how to get started."...

Nonprofit Tech 2.0, June 7

[StoryCorps to visit medal-winning libraries](#)

Each year, select museums and libraries with outstanding records of community service receive the Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This year, for the first time, personal stories demonstrating the ongoing impact of these award-winning institutions will be documented through a cooperative agreement between IMLS and StoryCorps, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recording and sharing the stories of Americans from all backgrounds and beliefs....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 7



[Best Practices for Government Libraries 2010](#)

Best Practices for Government Libraries 2010: The New Face of Value is now available for downloading ([PDF file](#)). *Best Practices* is a collaborative document that is put out annually on a specific topic of interest to government libraries and includes content



submitted by government librarians and community leaders with an interest in government libraries. The 2010 edition includes over 70 articles and other submissions....

Government Info Pro, June 3

[The Library of Congress: A Modern Marvel](#)



The Library of Congress will be the focus of the History cable channel's *Modern Marvels* program slated to air June 10. In an episode titled "The Real National Treasure," LC staff members are interviewed about the vast array of activities at the library—from acquiring and cataloging millions of items, many of them rare, to making them more accessible to the public through display or digitization and preserving them in specialized, state-of-the-art laboratories....

Library of Congress, June 3

[Libraries as leaders in data preservation](#)

On June 3–4, a panel of experts at the National Academies of Science discussed the role of libraries in curation, preservation, and access to research data. The discussion took place under the auspices of the National Research Council's Board on Research Data and Information. The board heard presentations from leaders of the Association of Research Libraries, the American Society for Information Science and Technology, and the Coalition for Networked Information....

District Dispatch, June 8

[The cases of the purloined letter and the \(allegedly\) stolen bible](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "Two institutions, two libraries, two allegations that each holds a unique and priceless literary document that is stolen property. Two American archives each housing a cultural treasure from, in one case, France; and in the other, Armenia. Two very different reactions to requests that the items be repatriated to the country that believes itself to be the rightful owner. In this good news, bad news story, Part One involves Haverford College and a purloined Descartes letter; [Part Two](#) pits the Armenian Apostolic Church of America against the J. Paul Getty Museum over who is the rightful owner of seven pages ripped from a 13th-century illuminated manuscript known as the Zeyt'un Gospels."...

BookTryst, June 7, 9



[A fun game from 1898](#)

Ashley Cataldo writes: "Returning the occasional game to the American Antiquarian Society graphic arts department does not usually result in discovering the explosives that blew up the *USS Maine* in 1898. But when Jennifer Burek Pierce, assistant professor at the University of Iowa SLIS and recent Jay and Deborah Last Fellow at AAS, had finished looking at the games



collection, I noticed a game titled, 'Who did it? The Maine Question,' a game containing an envelope, a fuse, and tiny bits of explosive powder." Pierce talks more about the game in [Part Two](#)....

Past Is Present, June 7, 9

[A search for librarian identity](#)

Kim Leeder writes: "I'm at the point in this librarian job where I have enough experience to know how to get things done, and also enough to wonder, 'What exactly am I doing?' These days we're better at knowing what we're not (bun-wearing shushers) than putting our finger on what exactly we are and what we're here for. But what librarians do have is a set of core values that serves as the backbone of our identity and draws together even those working in nontraditional positions."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, June 9

[Do bus fumes damage books?](#)

Q. *Do diesel fumes from a bus damage books? A request was made to the city bus transit offices to move a bus stop based on the argument that bus fumes damage books.* A. Yes, auto emissions, including diesel fumes, can damage books, according to the 2003 *Assessing Preservation Needs: A Self-Survey Guide* ([PDF file](#)) by Beth Patkus published by the Northeast Document Conservation Center (page 32). Moving the bus stop should be considered if bus fumes are indeed a threat to library materials kept just inside—and to the people using those materials....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, June 3



[Another Carnegie for sale in Rockport](#)

Larry Nix writes: "The libraries that Andrew Carnegie helped fund are more visible on the web these days. For the most part that's a good thing. I'm certainly pleased that there seems to be more interest in preserving these historic structures. Library historian Charley Seavey wrote to tell me about a Carnegie in his hometown of Rockport, Massachusetts, that had been turned into a private residence. It is now for sale for the bargain basement price of \$2,495,000."...

Library History Buff Blog, June 6



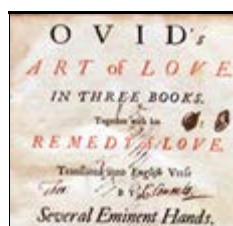
[Iraq receives control of online science library](#)

As Americans work toward a military handoff to full Iraqi control, they are making an intellectual handoff as well. On June 7, the Iraqi people gained control of an online library built in 2006 to bolster the country's scientific research. The Iraqi Virtual Science Library, sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Defense and State, has been under the trust of a Congressionally financed nonprofit group for the past four years....

Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, June 7

[Bindon Blood, bibliomane](#)

Bibliomania, an obsessive-compulsive disorder involving the collecting or hoarding of books, has taken many forms over the years. As early as 1809, the English bibliographer Thomas Frognall Dibdin published a book on the subject. A book recently donated to the Louisiana State University Libraries' Special Collections—*Ovid's Art of Love* (London: Jacob Tonson, 1709)



—once belonged to a little-known bibliomane named Bindon Blood, a Dickensian character whom other book collectors nicknamed ‘The Vampire.’”...

LSU Libraries Special Collections Blog, June 2

[Inappropriate citations?](#)

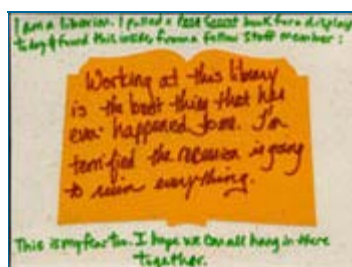
Christina Pikas writes: “According to the authors of an [article](#) in *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, inappropriate citations intentionally or unintentionally misrepresent the meaning of the works cited. Here are some aspects they mention: citing a review article instead of the primary work; citing something that asserts an idea based on another citation; and misunderstanding or misinterpreting an article. They suggest that this practice could undermine an entire discipline and that citation padding to try to get a paper accepted is dirty business.”...

Christina's LIS Rant, June 5

[Librarian anger is real](#)

Will Manley writes: “Our library news sources have done an excellent job of reporting the carnage that budget cuts have made to libraries of all types in the past two years. What they have not covered, however, is the human toll that these cuts are making. Many of these librarians at risk are in a very edgy state of dread. Some are moving toward the dark abyss of despair and despondency. There's a lot of anger, paranoia, frustration, confusion, and depression out there.”...

Will Unwound, June 7



[My foursquare “aha” moment](#)

Jenny Levine writes: “You remember your first time, right? The moment you realized email (or blogging or Facebook) was more than just cool? I've been using [foursquare](#) for a while and having fun with it, but my ‘aha’ moment finally came (twice) in May on a trip to Washington, D.C. The first happened when I checked in at the National Building Museum and foursquare showed me that Fiesta Asia Street Fair was a nearby trending place.”...

The Shifted Librarian, June 7

[Henry Carter Hull Library celebrates Mark Twain](#)

Mark Twain impersonator Eric Schoeck (right), an Albertus Magnus College professor in real life, gave a witty speech at the Henry Carter Hull Library's Memorial Day Community Picnic in Clinton, Connecticut.

Some 200 people showed up to commemorate both the centennial of the author's death in 1910 and the library's 100-year birthday this year....

Henry Carter Hull Library



[How to power through a mountain of email](#)

Gina Trapani writes: “It's your first day back at work after a week-long vacation and you're staring down an email inbox stuffed with 1,600 unread messages. If you don't have all day to spend just dealing with email, here are some cleanup shortcuts for getting to the bottom of the pile quickly.”...

Fast Company, June 1

[What will libraries look like in 2015?](#)

Bobbi Newman writes: "There are so many opinions and options for the future of libraries out there. One [idea](#) (5:09) from Mal Booth, Sophie McDonald, and Belinda Tiffen breaks down the library of 2015 by five aspects: organizational culture, work conditions, service models, sustainability, and people. A [video](#) (9:42) from JISC in the UK questions whether or not there will be librarians in the future." A few others are listed....

Librarian by Day, June 2



[Things librarians fancy, chapter 2](#)

Travis Jonker writes: "It's time to once again peer into the hidden world of librarians. Blatantly borrowing a concept from a website that shall remain nameless, I present Things Librarians Fancy, chapter 2 (read chapter 1 [here](#)). I am, for the record, guilty of many (many (many)) of the items described below." One of those things is "exhaustively precise cataloging" (right)....

100 Scope Notes, June 8



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Top 10 lists in *The Librarian's Book of Lists*

"At some point in my life, I realized that making lists belongs on my list of top 10 favorite things to do," said *American Libraries Direct* Editor George M. Eberhart, "and that's how I came up with the idea for *The Librarian's Book of Lists*." Released in June by ALA Editions, the book is a collection of humorous, serious, and sometimes odd lists that Eberhart hopes will be "at least tangentially useful and informative, especially for librarians and book lovers."...

American Libraries feature



Next Steps: Social eyes

Brian Mathews writes: "Library fines got you down? Help build our Facebook page to 500 people & I'll waive fines of two students." This message streamed across the [Twitter feed](#) of Santa Barbara (Calif.) City College's Luria Library. In less than 140 characters, it perfectly portrays the playful and forgiving nature of its library director, and demonstrates the rising value of social capital, which just might outweigh the penalty for a few overdue books."...

American Libraries column, June 10



Is there a mascot in your green future?

Laura Bruzas writes: "Yesterday, I received the latest edition of the Bensenville (Ill.) Community Public Library's e-newsletter *Serendipity*. In it, the library director introduced its new mascot, Scribbles the Bear, to the community via a fairy tale telling the story of how Scribbles lived all alone in the woods behind the library until one day a patron befriended him and helped him get his very own library card. Right now, I'm thinking a mascot named Mother Earth would be way cool."...

AL: Green Your Library, June 11



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ALA News

Annual Conference preview

The ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 24–29, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and surrounding hotels offers a full program agenda and an array of guest speakers culminating with members converging on Capitol Hill to express their support for library-friendly funding and policies to the U.S. Congress. The effort is designed to serve as a visual reminder to members of Congress that libraries still matter. Here is a preview of conference highlights. Follow Annual Conference events and tweets on the [American Libraries #ala10 page](#)....

American Libraries feature



Conference registration is strong

ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels delivered a conference update June 15 to members of the ALA Council: "I wanted to provide everyone with a status report on how the Annual Conference is shaping up," he said, emphasizing that "given the economy, registration has been quite strong." Look for enhancements on the ALA homepage June 23–July 1, including a Twitter feed tracking the conference hashtag [#ala10](#), a news tab aggregating blogs from around ALA, and quick navigation to key conference resources....

AL: Inside Scoop, June 16

Sarah, Duchess of York, cancels

Sarah, Duchess of York, has canceled her scheduled June 27 appearance at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Although her publicists gave no immediate reason for her June 15 cancellation, they told ALA that a statement was forthcoming. The Duchess was recently caught on videotape in the compromising position of trying to sell access to her ex-husband, Prince Andrew, in return for £500,000 (\$740,240 U.S.)....

AL: Inside Scoop, June 15



Our Authors, Our Advocates

Authors Carmen Agra Deedy, Sharon Draper, and Brad Meltzer are the first authors to participate in a new national library advocacy campaign titled "Our Authors, Our Advocates." ALA President-Elect Roberta Stevens said the campaign "will focus on using these well-known and passionate individuals to speak out on the importance of not only sustaining but increasing support for libraries." The launch will take place during the ALA Inaugural Banquet, June 29, at the Renaissance Washington Grand Ballroom, Washington, D.C....

Public Information Office, June 16



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[Literature programs and author events](#)

(PDF file)

While planning your schedule for the ALA 2010 Annual Conference, do you look for new authors to bring in to your library? Are you hoping to learn about the latest and greatest in contemporary literature to bring to your library's reading and discussion groups? If so, this guide is for you. The ALA Public Programs Office has compiled this list of events that features appearances by authors, discussions of literature and poetry, and other resources to inspire cultural community programs in your library....

Public Programs Office, June 10



[Need help at Annual? Text an ambassador](#)

Need help from a real person during Annual Conference? Ambassadors are standing by each day. You can visit the ambassador desk in registration, the desk in the Membership Pavilion, Booth 2525 in the exhibits, or by text message. To text, send the word "ala" followed by your question to 66746....

ALA Membership Blog, June 14



[Virtual Library Advocacy Day](#)

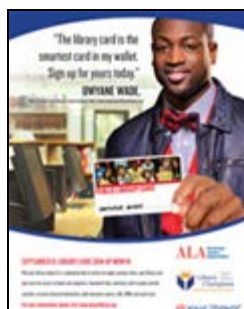
ALTAFF and the ALA Washington Office will lead Virtual Library Advocacy Day, an opportunity for all library advocates to make their voices heard on a national level, on June 29. ALTAFF Executive Director Sally Gardner Reed encourages all advocates to take part in this united effort to ensure that America's libraries can continue to serve the public....

ALTAFF, June 15

[Dwyane Wade named honorary chair of Library Card Sign-up Month](#)

This September, Olympic gold medalist and 2008–2009 NBA top-scoring player Dwyane Wade wants Americans to know that a library card is the "smartest card" in every wallet. As Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up Month, Wade has donated his time and image to the creation of a print PSA. ALA will place the [downloadable](#) PSA in magazines during Library Card Sign-up Month in September....

Campaign for America's Libraries, May 25



[McCook to present 2010 Jean E. Coleman Lecture](#)

Kathleen de la Peña McCook, distinguished university professor at the University of South Florida SLIS in Tampa, will present the 2010 Dr. Jean E. Coleman Library Outreach Lecture in Washington on June 28. This year's lecture, "Librarians and Human Rights," will present a historical and cultural analysis of the librarian's role in human rights....

Office for Literacy and Outreach, June 9



[See how the American Dream Starts @ your library](#)

On June 28, representatives from three public libraries will describe how participation in the American Dream Starts @ your library initiative helps their libraries provide literacy services for adult English language learners. Since the initiative was launched in 2008, 104

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Cognotes (the second Conference Preview issue) is available in [Nxtbook](#), [accessible](#), [mobile](#), and [PDF](#) versions.



To help harried librarians handle increased demand, experts Jessica Moyer and Kaite Stover have assembled a group of specialists who have created a one-stop resource for all kinds of readers' advisory

public libraries in 24 states have been awarded the grants....
Office for Literacy and Outreach, June 9

[Ethnic affiliates will showcase literacy initiatives](#)

The five ethnic affiliates of ALA will showcase their Family Literacy Focus initiatives in "Tools to Promote Family Literacy and Advocacy" June 26 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The Family Literacy Focus is an initiative to encourage families in ethnically diverse communities to read and learn together....

Office for Literacy and Outreach, June 9

[Committee on Literacy is 10 years old](#)

ALA leaders and literacy advocates will gather on June 25 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the formation of the ALA Committee on Literacy. To be held in the ALA Washington Office, the celebration will focus on the committee's decade of working tirelessly to advocate for literacy services across generations and in libraries....

Office for Literacy and Outreach, June 9

[Membership Meetings in Washington](#)

ALA members are invited to attend and participate in the two Membership Meetings on Saturday, June 26, and Monday, June 28, in Ballroom A of the Washington Convention Center. ALA members can bring issues important to libraries and librarianship to the floor and decide how they might be addressed within ALA....

Annual Conference wiki

[Register onsite for Bookmobile Sunday](#)

Missed online advance registration for Bookmobile Sunday during ALA's Annual Conference? Registration will be available at the door beginning at 10:15 a.m. at Room 207A/B at the Washington Convention Center. Registration is \$25 at the door and includes lunch....

Office for Literacy and Outreach, June 15

[The late Effie Lee Morris honored by Nancy Pelosi](#)

In a tribute at the U.S. House of Representatives June 10, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi read into the *Congressional Record* a tribute to Effie Lee Morris, the first African-American president of PLA, who died in San Francisco on November 10. Pelosi's tribute came five days before a celebration of her lifetime of work as a librarian and advocate for underserved children and the visually impaired was held at the San Francisco Public Library....

Public Information Office, June 15



[Advice for libraries receiving ADF meeting-room policy letters](#)

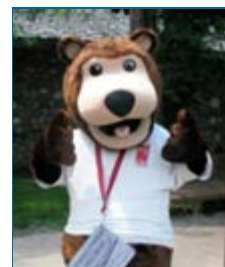
Deborah Caldwell-Stone writes: "The Alliance Defense Fund, a Christian legal organization, has initiated a letter-writing campaign to libraries and schools around the country. The campaign targets libraries with meeting room policies that restrict the use of the library's meeting rooms for religious services. Because ADF states that it intends to take legal action against the library if it does not change its policy, we advise libraries to communicate with ADF only through legal counsel."...

OIF Blog, June 14



issues. [*The Readers' Advisory Handbook*](#) offers a trove of solid guidance. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

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The June issue of *College and Research Libraries News* contains the ACRL Research Planning and Review Committee's [2010 Top Ten Trends in Academic](#)

OITP brief explores mobile technology and libraries

There's an App for That! Libraries and Mobile Technology: An Introduction to Public Policy Considerations ([PDF file](#)), released June 16 by the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy, takes a look at how the adoption of mobile technology alters the traditional relationships between libraries and their users. Authored by OITP Consultant Timothy Vollmer, the brief explores reader privacy, access to information, digital rights management, and accessibility....

District Dispatch, June 16



New National Gaming Day logos

Join hundreds of libraries of all types across the country and abroad to participate in ALA's 3rd annual National Gaming Day @ your library on November 13. New [logos](#) are available to begin advertising your library's planned activities now. This year's event will again include a national videogame tournament (Rock Band and Super Smash Bros. Brawl), as well as board game and other activities. Registration will open in July....

National Gaming Day



Education of a wordsmith

Martin Garnar writes: "When I first joined the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee as an intern in the fall of 2003, I wanted to make a good impression and show that I was eager to participate. Before I had attended my first meeting, there was a request for volunteers to draft a document. Little did I know that it was being drafted in response to an extremely touchy situation and that my participation on the task force would lead to my inbox being flooded with emails accusing me of being a shameful accomplice to criminal activity."...

OIF Blog, June 16

Emerging Leaders speak

Members of the 2010 class of ALA Emerging Leaders speak about their experiences so far and what they've gotten out of the program in this video (2:26). Appearing on camera are J. P. Porcaro and Justin Hoenke (right), Eileen Bosch, Jeannie Chen, Kirby McCurtis, Valeria Molteni, and Dennis Nangle. ALA is now seeking applicants for the Emerging Leader class of 2011; the [application](#) deadline is July 30....

AL Focus, June 11



New ALA TechSource workshop series

ALA TechSource Workshops are the newest online initiative in furthering discussion, learning, and information sharing for librarians interested in keeping up with and applying technology effectively. Each interactive ALA TechSource Workshop will provide participants with a unique hands-on experience that will help simplify key concepts involved in making important technology decisions. Workshops are planned for the summer and fall....

ALA TechSource, June 14

[Libraries](#) report, which was compiled based on an extensive review of current literature.

Career Leads from JobLIST



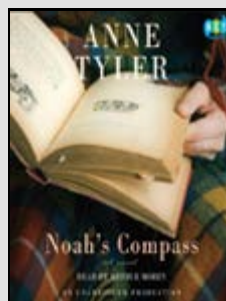
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Featured review: Audiobook

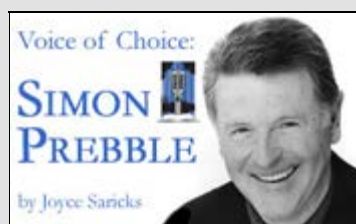
Tyler, Anne. *Noah's Compass*. Read by Arthur Morey. Jan. 2010. 9hr. Books on Tape, CD (978-1-4159-6557-3).

Tyler's 18th novel is perfectly narrated by Morey, who spins out his reading with exquisite rhythm and pitch. The story involves 61-year-old Liam Pennywell, a divorced philosopher and fifth-grade teacher who recently lost his job. He stoically downsizes and moves into a smaller (and rather shabby) apartment on the outskirts of Baltimore. He awakens the first morning in a hospital, the victim of a break-in and beating, of which he has no recollection. What happened, and where did his memories of that night go? Morey reads Liam's moment of questioning and resulting complications with excellent pacing, luring listeners deep inside the story and holding us with a voice that is husky, pure, and filled with quick tonal shifts....



Voice of Choice: Simon Prebble

Joyce Saricks writes: "Simon Prebble, our third annual Voice of Choice, is praised for his skill with dialogue and character portrayal as well as for his masterful instinct for creating mood through careful pacing and pauses. Fans know that his name on an audiobook guarantees an exceptional listening experience. Working from his home studio in New York, Prebble has read nearly 500 audiobooks (up to 40 per year) and is the recipient of multiple starred reviews in *Booklist* and 14 Audie nominations. What makes Prebble such a great narrator? Critics and fans praise his skill with characterization."...



Reading (aloud) is (probably not) my business

Keir Graff writes: "I have long harbored a secret ambition to do voiceover work. For years, I made commercial breaks more enjoyable by hitting the mute button and then reading the closed captioning in my most orotund radio-announcer voice ('After the diaper goes on, the day goes on—the freshness stays!'). I should mention that my wife has the patience of a Zen Buddhist monk combined with an ability to appreciate *South Park*, which means she not only tolerated this behavior but, frequently, laughed. Her laughter seemed genuine—but perhaps I was too busy doing voiceover to hear the desperation in her voice."...



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Digital Military Newspaper Library](#) is a pilot project of the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Libraries to house, organize, and preserve 16 contemporary and historic military newspapers. These newspapers represent Naval and Air Force bases from many geographical regions around the state of Florida and will include Kennedy Space Center, a submarine base at King's Bay Georgia, the Panama Canal Zone, and two newspapers in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This undertaking will seek to build on

D.C. Update

[Library of Congress "Hope for America" exhibition](#)

Legendary entertainer Bob Hope once quipped, "I love to go to Washington, if only to be near my money." Hope's political humor, his relationship with U.S. presidents, and the interplay among the worlds of comedy, politics, and civic activism are showcased in the new public exhibition, "[Hope for America: Performers, Politics, and Pop Culture](#)." The exhibition is located in the Bob Hope Gallery of American Entertainment on the ground floor of the Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First St., SE....

Library of Congress, May 27; *New York Times*, June 11



[A Washington monument to munchies](#)

Fenway has Fenway Franks, the Dodgers have Dodger Dogs, but the Washington Nationals have Half-Smokes, from the landmark [Ben's Chili Bowl](#) at 1213 U Street, NW. Twice the girth of a normal hot dog with a 50:50 pork-to-beef ratio, the kielbasa-sized frank is usually spliced in half on the grill with red pepper flakes inside. Bill Cosby is a resident regular, and President Obama and Mayor Adrian Fenty have [visited](#). The landmark restaurant was founded in 1958 in a theater building that used to show silent films....

Serious Eats, Apr. 2, 2008; *New York Times*, Jan. 15, 2009



[Metrorail fares increase](#)

Just in time in time for everyone's arrival, Washington's Metro transit system will be implementing round one of its FY2011 fare hikes. Fares on Metrorail and Metrobuses will be increasing on Sunday, June 27 (pending final approval from the Metro Board on June 24), right during Annual Conference. Metro's [Trip Planner](#) has already incorporated the new fares, so check it out to determine the price of your trip....

ALSC Blog, June 16

[Ten days in a carry-on](#)

Heather Poole, a flight attendant from Los Angeles, demonstrates how to pack enough for a 10-day trip into a single, standard carry-on bag. Step one: Folded clothing takes up too much space. This suitcase will hold three pairs of shorts, three pairs of dress pants, one skirt, three pairs of casual pants or jeans, three nightgowns, three bathing suits, one sarong, three lightweight sweaters, four dresses, 10 casual shirts, six dress shirts, a clutch, toiletries, and two pairs of shoes....

New York Times, May 6



the success of other projects including the [Florida Digital Newspaper Library](#) and the [Caribbean Newspaper Digital Library](#). Other related digital collections include the [Korean War Oral History Collection](#), [Vietnam War Veterans Oral History Collection](#), and [World War II Oral History Collection](#) from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program.

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

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us



Sign in front of public library:
"Notice: Budget cuts. Now open every 3rd Tuesday of odd-numbered months during leap years."

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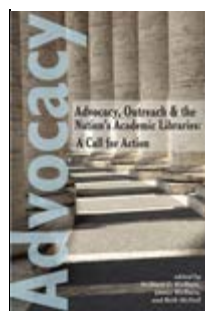
"Whether we are traditionalists about libraries or not, and I consider myself not, we ought to be able to accept that libraries are very important pieces of

Division News

[Advocacy, outreach, and academic libraries](#)

ACRL has published [Advocacy, Outreach, and the Nation's Academic Libraries: A Call for Action](#), edited by William Welburn, Janice Welburn, and Beth McNeil. The authors focus on scholarly activity and the production of research, outreach and civic engagement, the adoption of new and emerging technologies, information literacy, service to student populations, diversity, and organizational development as potential avenues for libraries to assert their value in their communities....

ACRL, June 15



[Debraski to manage new YA blog](#)

YALSA will launch a new blog this fall focusing on young adult literature, with Sarah Debraski (2008–2009 YALSA president) at the helm. The division is currently accepting nominations for the new blog's name [online](#) through June 30. In addition to in-depth discussion of young adult literature, the new blog will feature teen perspectives and multimedia....

YALSA, June 10

Round Table News

[EMIERT programs and events at Annual](#)

The Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table is offering a smorgasbord of unusual opportunities at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, among them the remarkable story of a poem by Samuel Ullman that influenced world leaders from Douglas MacArthur to Ted Kennedy; and the saga of Romanian-Jewish immigrants in the United States and Canada....

EMIERT

[Keeping CALM: Cooperation, collaboration, convergence](#)

Charlene Hsu Gross writes: "One of the benefits of participating in the 2010 cohort of ALA's Emerging Leaders is making new connections with committees within ALA. Along with four other group members, I have the privilege of working on a project for CALM, the Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums. CALM is the joint committee of three national professional associations: ALA, the Society of American Archivists, and the American Association of Museums."...

New Members Round Table, *Footnotes*, May



Awards

[Pura Belpré Celebración](#)

Hundreds will gather June 27 for an event that celebrates the most influential Latino authors and illustrators of children's literature. The Pura Belpré Celebración will serve as a national backdrop for the presentation of the coveted Pura Belpré Medal, an award that recognizes Latino authors and illustrators of children's literature. Event highlights include a

machinery for delivering to human beings what they need—information, pleasure, instruction, enlightenment, new direction in life. They're also joining up with services which help people with difficulty reading, and working with people learning English—to put all that in danger is exactly the wrong thing to do."

—Former U.K. Poet Laureate and current Chair of the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council Andrew Motion, dismissing suggestions from Dutch consulting firm KPMG that British libraries are "not very much used" and should be run by volunteers, *The Guardian*, June 11.

@ [More quotes...](#)



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7th International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science, London, June 21–24, at:

performance by Los Quetzales Mexican Dance Ensemble (right) under the direction of Laura Ortiz. Participating authors will sign copies of their award-winning books....

ALSC, June 15



[The life of a Newbery Medal judge](#)

Only 15 people get to officially decide what America's best children's book of the year is, and the Skokie (Ill.) Public Library's Holly Jin was recently one of them. To call being part of the John J. Newbery Medal Committee an honor is a bit of an understatement, even if Jin's original aspiration was to serve on the Caldecott Medal Committee. The one big difference, Jin said, is that the Newbery Award judges have to digest more complex books to evaluate which they think are the best....

Skokie (Ill.) Review, June 14

[2010 Leab Exhibition Award winners](#)

ACRL's Rare Books and Manuscripts Section has selected five winners and one honorable mention for the 2010 Katharine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab *American Book Prices Current* Exhibition Awards. The awards recognize outstanding exhibition catalogues issued by American or Canadian institutions in conjunction with library exhibitions as well as electronic exhibition catalogues. Certificates will be presented to each winner at the RBMS Annual Membership Meeting on June 27....

ACRL, June 9



[Winners of Explore the Universe @ your library](#)

Seven young library users have been launched on a journey out of this world, thanks to Explore the Universe @ your library. The program was designed to encourage children and teens to use the resources at their library to answer a series of questions about the Hubble Space Telescope. The winners were selected at random from all kids who answered the questions correctly. The contest was hosted on atyourlibrary.org. ALA's public awareness website....

Campaign for America's Libraries, June 15

[Four states selected for Prime Time program](#)

Prime Time, an affiliate of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, in cooperation with the Public Programs Office, has selected public libraries in Arizona, Florida, Georgia, and Michigan to participate in the national expansion of its award-winning family reading and discussion program, *Prime Time Family Reading Time*. Based on illustrated children's books, *Prime Time*—now in its 19th year—is designed to help low-income, low-literate families bond around the act of reading and talking about books....

Public Programs Office, June 15



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American Library Association, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., June 24–29, at:

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Calendar

Aug. 10–15:

[World Library and Information Congress](#), 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, Gothenburg, Sweden. "Open Access to Knowledge: Promoting Sustainable Progress."

Aug. 11–13:

[Pacific Northwest Library Association / Washington Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Victoria, B.C.

Sept. 15–18:

[Kentucky Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Louisville. "In These Extraordinary Times: Libraries Now More Than Ever."

Sept. 22–24:

[South Dakota Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Sioux Falls.

[IMLS awards \\$22.6 million in 38 program grants](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services on June 15 awarded 38 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grants totaling \$22,623,984. These grants provide scholarships for students in master's and doctoral programs in library and information science, support the research of early-career faculty in graduate schools of library and information science, and provide continuing education opportunities to enhance the skills of practitioners in libraries and archives. A complete list of awardees is [here](#)....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 15

[Barbara Kingsolver wins Orange Prize for Fiction](#)

An epic, ambitious novel that goes from the Mexican household of Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo to the communist witch-hunts of 1940s America was named winner June 9 of the 2010 Orange Prize for Fiction. Barbara Kingsolver took the £30,000 (\$44,220 U.S.) prize for *The Lacuna*, her most recent novel since 2000.

The award is given to a female author of any nationality for the best original full-length novel written in English, and published in the United Kingdom in the preceding year....

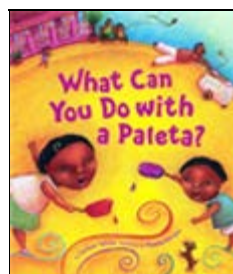
The Guardian (U.K.), June 9



[International Latino Book Awards](#)

The 2010 International Latino Book Awards were announced May 25 during BookExpo America at the Javits Center in New York City. Sponsored by Latino Literacy Now, the awards honor literary excellence in many different categories. The award for Best Educational Children's Book in English went to *What Can You Do with a Paleta?* by Carmen Tafolla (Trycycle Press)....

SLHW Literary Notes, May 26

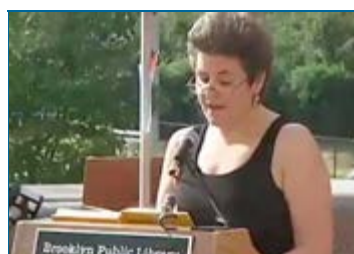


Seen Online

[Librarians stage read-in to protest New York cuts](#)

To protest Mayor Michael Bloomberg's budget cuts to New York City libraries, city librarians have circulated petitions, testified before city committees, and helped stage a [Ghostbusters reenactment](#) (3:35). On June 13, librarian Ingrid Abrams stood at a podium near the steps of the Central Library in Brooklyn, opened *Go Away, Big Green Monster!* by Ed Emberley and read. Abrams and more than 100 other readers staged a 24-hour read-in called "[We Will Not Be Shushed](#)." meant to draw attention to the library's campaign against the cuts. Library users wrote [postcards](#) and signed petitions. Watch the [newscast](#) (1:09)....

Wall Street Journal: Metropolis, June 14; New York Public Library Blogs, June 15; NY1 News, June 15



[Google's new encrypted search creates CIPA problems](#)

A new encrypted search feature that internet search giant Google rolled out in May is causing problems for schools, which say the service keeps them from complying with the Children's Internet

Sept. 26–28:
[Arkansas Library Association / Southeastern Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock.

Sept. 26–28:
[Second International Conference on Education Research](#). Hilton Riverside, New Orleans.

Sept. 28–30:
[Illinois Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Navy Pier, Chicago. "Libraries Out Loud."

Sept. 29–Oct. 2:
[North Dakota Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Grand Forks. "Libraries: A Census."

Oct. 25–27:
[Library Assessment Conference](#), sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel. "Building Effective, Sustainable, Practical Assessment."

Nov. 6–8:
[8th International Conference on the Book](#). University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

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Protection Act and could put their federal e-rate funding at risk. In accommodating privacy advocates, Google ironically has angered K-12 education technology officials, many of whom are now blocking access not only to Google's encrypted search page but also Gmail and Google Docs....

eSchool News, June 14

Fond du Lac keeps another book

The book, *Get Well Soon* by Julie Halpern—recounting a teenager's days in a mental hospital—will remain on the library shelf at Theisen Middle School in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. School District Reconsideration Committee members voted unanimously June 14 to make no changes regarding the book's status. Ann Wentworth, a parent who requested the book be removed from the library, said she was not surprised by the outcome of the official hearing....

Appleton (Wis.) Post-Crescent, June 15



Flood damage at Ogemaw District Library

A number of photos, family history records, and research materials for genealogy stored by the Rose City Area Historical Society at the Ogemaw District Library in Rose City, Michigan, were destroyed by flooding that occurred June 12. According to ODL Director Jeanette Nathan, the records were housed in the basement while the historical society's room was remodeled for an August 4 grand opening. The basement filled with around 56 inches of water....

Ogemaw County (Mich.) Herald, June 14

Huge pair of donations to Presque Isle

In early June, officials at the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library in Presque Isle, Maine, have found themselves in the middle of a fairy tale. First, a California woman with ties to the library donated \$1 million that will be used to expand the 102-year-old facility. Three days later, the Family Literacy Project at the library received another donation in the form of a \$25,000 grant from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Maine Family Literacy Initiative....

Bangor (Maine) Daily News, June 13



Molly Molloy's database of death

Molly Molloy keeps a grim diary. "Eight killed in night club," reads her April 28 entry. "Pregnant woman killed during soccer match," she noted on May 4. Molloy, a reference librarian at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, spends most mornings sifting reports in the Mexican press to create a tally of drug-cartel-related killings in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. She is striving to fill a widening information gap about these homicides. Molloy tallies the reports and makes her findings available for free to anyone who wants them."...

Wall Street Journal, June 15



Deal to save Evanston branches

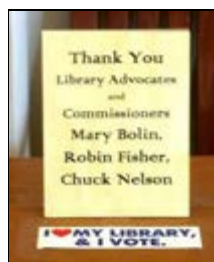
Illinois Senate Majority Leader Jeff Schoenberg (D-9th) and Evanston, Illinois, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl are set to announce a proposed

partnership that could pave the way for restoring the city's branch libraries. City officials disclosed the possibility in a news release today, announcing that Tisdahl and Schoenberg will appear at a press conference June 21 to provide more details. Aldermen moved to eliminate the North and South branches during the recent budget season as they sought to reduce a large deficit....

Evanston (Ill.) Review, June 15

[Political signs stir up trouble in Brevard County](#)

A pair of political signs displayed atop a table greeted patrons June 14 in the reference section of the Satellite Beach branch of the Brevard County (Fla.) Libraries. One urged patrons to phone county commissioners and sign a "Save our Libraries" petition, available at the information desk. The second thanked library supporters for attending a May budget hearing and extended a special thank you to Commissioner Mary Bolin for her support. Both have been deemed inappropriate by County Manager Howard Tipton....



Melbourne Florida Today, June 16

[Mayor Ravenstahl scolded over Carnegie Library funding](#)

Eight state representatives from the city of Pittsburgh have sent Mayor Luke Ravenstahl a strongly worded letter complaining that he hasn't lived up to a commitment to provide the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh with \$1.2 million over two years. City council last year approved, and the mayor signed, a bill giving the library system \$600,000. But Ravenstahl returned unsigned a bill passed June 1 allocating the system another \$640,000—money the system says it needs to keep all branches open through December....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette, June 16

[William Jacques theft trial underway](#)

A Cambridge University graduate stole a collection of rare books worth £40,000 (\$59,000 U.S.) from one of Britain's leading scientific libraries, a court heard June 16. William Jacques, 41, systematically pilfered 13 volumes of a 19th-century botanical encyclopedia from the Royal Horticultural Society's library in southwest London by hiding them under his tweed jacket, it was alleged. Library staff became suspicious after spotting him acting suspiciously during a three-month period at the start of 2007....

Daily Mail (U.K.), June 16

[Falcon hatchlings at Evanston Public Library](#)

A nest of three newly-hatched peregrine falcons are guarded May 5 by their mother Nona and father Squawker on their ledge at the top of the Evanston (Ill.) Public Library (1:17). A third hatched May 3. All three chicks were [banded and named](#) May 26: Lorraine, Hennen, and Perkins....

YouTube, June 10; Evanston Public Library



[Cal State students create makeshift study area](#)

California State University, Los Angeles, students Stephanie Velasquez and Karla Chitay were stymied recently when they headed to the university library to study for a final exam: The facility had closed at

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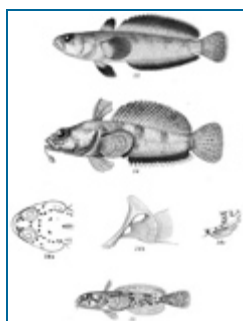
8 p.m. just before they arrived. But a few feet away, scores of students were bent over laptops and textbooks in a makeshift open-air study area. There was a copy machine and a printer. The "people's library," open until midnight, was organized by a group of students after administrators curtailed regular library hours because of state budget cuts....

Los Angeles Times, June 10

Scripps library enters the digital era

Inside the library at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, rows of century-old books that chart the beginnings of modern oceanography are guarded behind a locked gate. All of them are deemed too fragile or valuable to remain in the general stacks. But a partnership with Google has unlocked the gate and made the institution's vast resources available online. Over the past 18 months, they have digitized an estimated 100,000 volumes from the La Jolla library as part of a broader effort to put texts online through Google Books....

San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, June 13



New Novi library showcases visual arts

Just when many libraries are cutting staff and hours, Novi, Michigan, plans a grand opening June 26 for a new library that is double the size of the old one. The library was designed to showcase visual art, welcome community gatherings and provide literature, videos and 107 computers for Novi residents. And it was built under budget by an estimated \$700,000 to \$800,000 for its \$12.5-million original estimated cost....

Detroit Free Press, June 14



Statue stolen from Allen Public Library

For seven years, the bronze statue of a child on a bench reading a book greeted arriving visitors outside of the Allen (Tex.) Public Library. Nicknamed "Tommy," the 2,500-pound sculpture disappeared the night of June 10. Police aren't sure how thieves were able to haul off the statue but fear it may have been scrapped for its metal....

WFAA-TV, Dallas, June 14



Librarian claims bias in firing

A former librarian at the Western branch of the Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library has sued the city government, alleging she was unjustly terminated because of her age and race. Carmen Samuels served as branch manager for 23 years, according to the lawsuit, filed June 8 in Jefferson Circuit Court. Samuels, who is African American and in her 60s, was fired in August 2008, two years short of becoming eligible for retirement....

Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, June 10

Library worker stabbed to death in Brookfield

65-year-old Marilyn Fay worked in the Chicago Public Schools for 30 years and in retirement worked part-time at the Brookfield (Ill.) Public Library.



Acquaintances were shocked to learn that her body was found riddled with stab wounds in her home June 14. A man and a woman have been arrested and are being held for questioning....

Chicago Tribune, June 16

[Student found in college library dies](#)

A student found unconscious in the Ridgewater College library in Hutchinson, Minnesota, has died, and authorities are trying to determine what led to her death. Der Vang, a freshman, was in a study room June 9 when another student discovered her unresponsive....

Minneapolis Star-Tribune, June 11

[Escaped lemurs lured into library](#)

When the authorities arrived, the fugitives were lounging in the Cresset Christian Academy library in Durham, North Carolina, stuffing themselves on a tropical fruit salad that the lunch lady had thoughtfully provided. So ended the 36-hour adventure of Berisades and Ivy, a pair of 6-year-old ring-tailed lemurs who daringly vaulted the electric fence of a natural habitat enclosure at the Duke Lemur Center late on June 5. Teacher Anna White and some teens spotted them outside the school and lured them into the library with some lunch leftovers. Watch the [newscast](#) (2:06)....



Durham (N.C.) Herald-Sun, June 8; WTVD-TV, Durham, June 8

[Students lured into library with snacks](#)

It's final exam week for middle and high school students, time for many teens to reacquaint themselves with the Westport (Conn.) Library. As the librarian for teen services, Jaina Lewis hopes to make the students' studying more enjoyable and more productive by passing out free snacks. So she loops through the building a couple times an evening, pushing a cart full of snack packages and juice boxes that were purchased for just over \$100 with money provided by the Friends of the Westport Library....

Westport (Conn.) News, June 16

[Mayonnaise mayhem in Boise](#)

A 74-year-old Boise woman is accused of tossing an open jar of mayonnaise into a book drop of the Ada Community Library in Boise, Idaho. Joy L. Cassidy has been charged with malicious injury to property. Boise police say they have been investigating several reports of vandalism at the library since May 2009. Employees told officers the suspect has been pouring liquids, such as corn syrup and ketchup, into an outside drop box, destroying books and other materials....

KTVB-TV, Boise, Idaho, June 14

[Google to scan Austrian library books](#)

The Austrian National Library has struck a 30-million-euro (\$37 million U.S.) deal with internet giant Google to digitize 400,000 copyright-free

books, a vast collection spanning 400 years of European history. Library Director Johanna Rachinger hailed what she called an important step, arguing at a news conference that "there are few projects on such a scale elsewhere in Europe."...

Agence France Presse, June 15



[Liberia's first children's library](#)

Joyce Baker, director of the Arizona City (Ariz.) Community Library, is traveling to Yekepa, Liberia, in June to help prepare and catalog books for a children's library. There are no public libraries in the entire country and there has never been a children's library. Students at schools in Gilbert and Chandler collected more than 10,000 used books and teaching materials to help the Liberian children. Baker is going with her husband, a counselor, to teach Liberian nationals basic counseling techniques and to help prepare the books for circulation while she is there....

Arizona City (Ariz.) Independent, June 9



[Rural Uganda district gets its first public library](#)

Kanungu District, one of the hardest-to-reach areas in southwest Uganda, now has a five-room public library in the village of Nyaka to support school reading, adult literacy, and computer use. The Nyaka Blue Lupin Community Library, which opened in April, was constructed by the Nyaka AIDS Foundation and has a community room with a seating capacity of 200. The library is a relief to residents who had to travel long distances to find books for their children....

Kampala New Vision, June 8



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Tech Talk

[19 Android phones you can buy today \(or soon\)](#)

Priya Ganapati writes: "Less than two years after Google introduced the first Android phone, the free, open source operating system has turned into a juggernaut. There are 16 Android phones available now, and three new devices will hit retail stores later in June. The latest Android phone is the [HTC Aria](#) (right), revealed by AT&T on June 14 as a mid-range phone that will run Android 2.1, and have a 5-megapixel camera and a 3.2-inch display." Meanwhile, here are [10 things Android does better than the iPhone OS](#)....

Wired: Gadget Lab, June 14; CNET: Android Atlas, June 14; Gizmodo, June 3



[Laptops with the best battery life](#)

Dan Ackerman and Scott Stein write: "We don't blame consumers for being obsessed with laptop battery life—after all, who wants their laptop to shut down in the middle of a long flight or at an important meeting? Over the years, we've found the battery life of laptops can range wildly: We've seen some systems push 7 hours, and others have trouble even clearing an hour and a half. For your benefit and ours, we've gone back and cherry-picked the front-runners in battery life for 2010 laptops."...

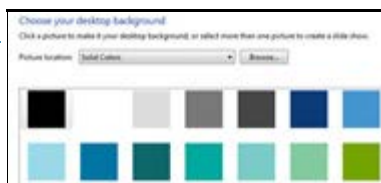
CNET: Crave, June 10



[12 tips to speed up Windows 7](#)

Michael Muchmore writes: "One of the main virtues of Windows 7 is its speed—especially when compared with its predecessor, Vista. But most people haven't experienced the 15-second boot for the operating system that Microsoft engineers were shooting for. The problem with most 'speed-up Windows 7' stories is that they tell you to turn off some of its more charming visual features. The first nine of my dozen tips show you ways you can speed up your system without compromising its appearance."...

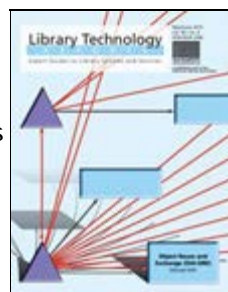
PC Magazine, June 14



[The Object Reuse and Exchange specification](#)

The May issue of *Library Technology Reports*, edited by Michael Witt, offers insight into the Open Archives Initiative's Object Reuse and Exchange specification, which defines a set of new standards for the description and exchange of aggregations of web resources. ORE and its concept of aggregation may present the next major disruptive technology for librarians who develop and manage collections of digital information....

ALA TechSource Blog, June 9



[The future of cloud computing](#)

According to a Pew Research Center [survey](#), most technology experts and stakeholders say they expect they will live mostly in the cloud in 2020 and not on the desktop, working mostly through cyberspace-based applications accessed through networked devices. This will substantially advance mobile connectivity through smartphones and other internet appliances. Many say there will be a cloud-desktop hybrid. Still, cloud computing has many difficult hurdles to overcome....

Pew Research Center, June 11

[The USB Typewriter](#)

The USB Typewriter is a new and groundbreaking innovation in the field of obsolescence. Lovers of the look, feel, and quality of old-fashioned manual typewriters can now use them as keyboards for any USB-capable computer, such as a PC, Mac, or even an iPad. The modification is easy to install, involves no messy wiring, and does not change the outward appearance of the typewriter. The result is a retro-style USB keyboard that looks great and feels great to use. Watch the [video demo](#) (0:11)....



Publishing

How e-books are like disposable razors

Tom Peters writes: "In the good old days, when men wanted a shave, they often went to a barber shop. As far as I can tell, it was a bundled, one-price service. Then along came the safety razor and the social shift to shaving at home. Now men had to purchase the shaving handle, the disposable razor blades, and shaving cream, usually separately. Buying a printed book was like getting a shave in a barber shop; one price delivered almost the complete experience. But portable e-books are doing for reading what the safety razor did for shaving."...

ALA TechSource Blog, June 15

A frustrated e-book nonuser

Sarah Houghton-Jan writes: "I strongly feel that e-books and e-audiobooks are only used on the margins of our library communities. Not because people don't have the technology—they do. And not because they don't want e-books—they do. But because using library e-books is such a horrible pain, sometimes impossible, due to the restrictions that DRM places on us (which affects the subsequent issues of licensing and copyright). Publishers need to realize that DRM doesn't stop the real pirates." David Lee King [agrees](#) (somewhat)....

Librarian in Black, June 14; David Lee King, June 15

Friday in the YA Library

Greg Hatcher writes: "In addition to comics and pulp fiction, I'm also very fond of what used to be called young adult series adventure novels. Today they've largely disappeared from the bookstores, though revamped versions of the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew are hanging in there. But the ones I'm talking about had a very specific look and format. They were hardcovers, seven inches tall by five-and-a-half inches wide, no dust jacket, roughly 240 pages or so, and always with a pulpy cover illustration that promised excitement with a touch of weirdness."...

Comics Should Be Good!, June 11



BiblioPulp: The underbelly of the rare book world

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "Hard-boiled dames caught in the grip of a habit beyond their control; corrupt dolls seeking cheap thrills between the sheets of a book; innocents ensnared into the rare book racket, underage girls seduced by slick blurbs, and grown men brought to their knees by bibliographical points that slay dreams in a depraved world. It's a tale told through posters designed and exclusively distributed by [Heldfond Gallery](#) in San Francisco, based upon vintage pulp fiction book covers. Proprietor Eric Heldfond has been peddling them for a few years now."...

BookTryst, June 14



Actions & Answers

[LC gallery: Digitizing the past and present](#)

Rob Beschizza writes: "I recently took a tour of two Library of Congress departments: the Preservation Research and Testing Division in Washington, D.C., and the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center in Culpeper, Virginia. The library's preservation specialists use the latest technology, such as hyperspectral imaging, which offers ultra-high resolution scans of documents, imaged under sharply restricted wavelengths of light, revealing details denied to the naked eye."...

Boing Boing, June 9



[Best library people on Twitter](#)

Jason Boog writes: "Times are tough for the libraries and librarians in your life. No matter where you live, your library needs your support right now. To celebrate these passionate literary professionals, we have created another directory curated by GalleyCat Reviews readers. Add your favorite library people in the comments, and we'll add them to the list. We will constantly update the directory, just like our other lists (book reviewers, editors, etc.)."...

GalleyCat, June 10

[Diaries: 18th-century Twitter feeds](#)

In reviewing volumes of diary entries—mostly written by women—from the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Cornell University Assistant Professor of Communication Lee Humphreys found many terse Twitter-style records about what was happening in daily life. Entries ranged from what was for dinner to reports of deaths, births, marriages, and travel—such as "April 7. Mr. Fiske Buried. April 27. Made Mead. At the assembly," from the 1770 [diary](#) of Mary Vial Holyoke (above) of Salem, Massachusetts....



Futurity, June 9

[New copyright regulations coming to college campuses](#)

Starting July 1, [new copyright regulations](#) will apply to colleges that participate in federal student aid programs. The regulations implement provisions of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 relating to copyright infringement on campus networks. The Department of Education has provided a sample text that colleges may use to summarize the penalties for violating federal copyright laws. ALA is concerned with this unfunded mandate that outsources copyright enforcement to institutions of higher education....

District Dispatch, June 15

[E-reserves lawsuit is a failure to communicate](#)

Andrew Richard Albanese writes: "A contentious copyright infringement lawsuit filed in Atlanta in 2008 by academic publishers against four individuals at Georgia State University has been quietly progressing. The case, known as *Cambridge University Press et al. v. Patton et al.*, involves electronic reserves and the murky contours of copyright and fair use. Publishers are in essence suing their very partners in the scholarly publishing enterprise (including a university librarian)."...

Publishers Weekly, June 14

[Librarians versus Nature](#)

John Dupuis writes: "The University of California system has said 'enough' to the Nature Publishing Group's huge proposed jump in the cost of its journals. What are the long-term implications of this dust-up? Hard to say, but it's very clear that the commercial publishers really aren't on the side of libraries, researchers, scholarship, science, curing the common cold, putting another person on the moon, apple pie, motherhood, or any other of those wonderful things."...

Confessions of a Science Librarian, June 13

[Digital talking books celebrated](#)

Two hundred librarians and staff who serve blind and physically handicapped individuals celebrated the national rollout of the digital talking-book system (right) at the biennial conference hosted by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, part of the Library of Congress. The conference, held May 15–20 in Des Moines, Iowa, marked the release of digital talking books and players to special-format libraries that serve a readership of 900,000....

Library of Congress, June 11



[Bookplate exhibition at the University of Virginia](#)

Albert Einstein's bookplate shows an immense universe of stars and swirling masses. George Washington's bookplate simply shows his family seal, with a bird perched on top and the motto "Exitus acta probat" ("the end shows the deed"). These are just a few tidbits that make the world of bookplate collecting so fascinating for James Goode. A sample of his treasury is on display through July 29 at the University of Virginia Library. Watch the [video](#) (4:25)....

University of Virginia Magazine, June 8



[Baby books: A mother lode for researchers](#)

Judy Lin writes: "Baby's first tooth, first words, records of doctor's visits, favorite foods—such are the stuff of baby books. They are also a rich source of scholarly material, as evidenced by a robust interest among researchers in the official [Baby Book Collection](#) at UCLA's Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, now at 1,100 books and growing. Dating back to 1882, the books are a record not merely of young lives, but open a personal window into the history of American childhood and family, medicine, art, architecture, and other disciplines."...

UCLA Today, June 3



[For World Cup fans](#)

BBC Sport has produced a *Match of the Day Unplugged* video segment (5:16) on the exhibition being held at the National Library of South Africa in Cape Town titled "The History of Soccer in South Africa." Host Alan Hansen covers the main features of the exhibition, which traces the history of the sport in South Africa from 1897 to the 2010 World Cup....

BBC Sport, June 12



[Military libraries launch](#)

[summer reading](#)

U.S. Defense Department library officials have embarked on their first departmentwide summer reading program in hopes of encouraging military children to keep their reading skills sharp during the summer. More than 250 base libraries will soon set off on "[Voyage to Book Island](#)" (0:31), an activity-packed reading program in which children are asked to complete four to six books over the course of the summer, said Nilya Carrato, the program assistant for the Navy General Library Program....

American Forces Press Service, June 14; YouTube, May 14



[Libraries subscribe free to care ADvantage magazine](#)

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is offering free library subscriptions to its *care ADvantage*, a quarterly magazine for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related illnesses. Discounted bulk orders are also available. Articles are written by top experts in their respective fields....

Alzheimer's Foundation of America



[South Florida students lobby for LSU library school](#)

The Board of Governors at Louisiana State University announced in May that they were considering closing the library and information science program, among others, due to budget cuts. After hearing this, the University of South Florida's SLIS Student Organization decided to set up an email and [social media campaign](#) to let LSU know how they feel about the importance of a degree for information professionals....

Librarians-in-Training, June 9

[The death of library schools?](#)

Will Manley writes: "It's always wonderful when someone comes along and writes my post better than I ever could. This commenter has basically said it all: Library school students have been sold a bill of goods. Does anyone else cringe at the irony of a school of information studies giving out misinformation? But beyond that rather obvious and regrettable issue is a much larger issue. Why are library schools selling a bill of goods?"...

Will Unwound, June 14

[Going postal with British libraries](#)

Larry Nix writes: "At the request of Renae Satterly, editor of the *Library and Information History Group Newsletter*, I agreed to write a brief article about libraries and postage stamps for the just-published Summer issue ([PDF file](#)). Along with the article I developed supplementary web pages on [bibliophilately](#) and [library stamps of the British Isles](#)."...

Library History Buff Blog, June 15; *Library and Information History Group Newsletter*, Summer, pp. 16-17



[A librarian in every school](#)

5th Grade Teacher Bob Peterson writes: "This spring, within a week's time, two things happened that made me angry. One was the Milwaukee school district's announcement of major cuts to local school budgets for next year that resulted in the elimination of our librarian

position in our 400-student elementary school. During spring break, I met with my principal and a parent who is on the school governance council, and we agreed to call a public meeting about the lack of librarians."...

Rethinking Schools, Summer 2010

Bleeding school libraries

This video (3:31) provides a dramatization of what will happen to school libraries when poorly conceived budget cuts close them. Laura K. Graff, librarian at Sun Valley (Calif.) High School, was the mastermind behind the enterprise and in a

[YALSA Blog post](#) she describes how she got the idea for the video and how she's been distributing it....

YouTube, June 2; YALSA Blog, June 11



School librarians are teachers

Teacher-librarian Sudi Hope Stódola of the Denver Public Schools put together this grassroots advocacy video (3:50) that dramatizes the importance of library media specialists as teachers. Teacher-librarians collaborate with other teachers in all subject areas, they foster a love of reading, they teach research skills, and they teach 21st-century skills....

YouTube, June 5



Libraries at the heart of our communities

(PDF file)

Wayne Senville writes: "Is there a place in your community where residents of all ages and incomes visit and enjoy spending their time; where people go to hear interesting speakers discuss new ideas, books, travel, and a broad range of topics; where you can get help when applying for a job; that can be counted on, day after day, to draw people downtown or to main street? In a growing number of cities and towns, there's one answer to all these questions: the public library."...

Planning Commissioners Journal, no. 75 (Summer 2009): 12-18

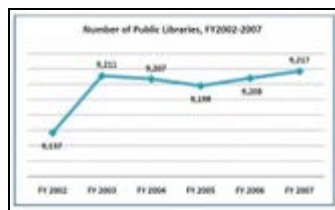


How many closings?

Q. I keep reading about recent closings of public libraries or proposed closings of branches in some larger cities, and I recall that others, such as in Salinas, California, closed but reopened. How many libraries have, in fact, closed? A. The most reliable

count of the number of public library service outlets comes from the annual IMLS Public Library Survey, as reported on our [Fact Sheet 1](#), but that report is lagged because of the collection, analysis, and publication processes, and doesn't reflect the various actions reported in the news....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, June 15



What is a public library?

Stars and Frogs posted this parody (0:38) of an iPad commercial that sings the praises of public libraries. "A public library goes

everywhere and lasts a lifetime. There's no right way or wrong way. It's crazy powerful."...

YouTube, June 13



[Internet stars for internet freedom](#)

Free Press and the Harry Potter Alliance collaborated on this video (2:39) featuring a series of online celebrities and writers (vlogbrothers John and Hank Green, blogger Wil Wheaton, mythbuster Adam Savage) speaking about the importance of net neutrality. Sponsored by [Save the Internet](#)....

YouTube, June 10



[Best anti-plagiarism video ever](#)

The University Library of Bergen, Norway, created this hilarious Dickensian moral tale (5:13) about the dangers of copyright violation, in which a student is shown by the Ghost of Plagiarism what might happen to him if he copies an article on logic and artificial intelligence and submits it as his own. With robots, marching bands, special effects, and numerous references to Hollywood films. Hit the CC button for English subtitles....

YouTube, May 27



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[Boston's reprieve dimmed by losses elsewhere](#)

Grassroots advocates in Boston were thrilled to learn June 21 that library officials were indefinitely postponing the closure of four branches that had been planned for months. The news came as hundreds of library workers at the Charlotte (N.C.) Mecklenburg Library and Los Angeles Public Library were coming to grips with layoff notices....

American Libraries news, June 22



[Libraries report increased use, decreasing funding](#)

A new ALA report finds that public libraries have posted gains in several areas of technology deployment. Nationwide, users are increasingly using library online services, particularly to support job seeking and e-government transactions, and libraries have managed to add public computers and improved internet connections. However, snowballing funding cuts at state and local levels are forcing thousands of libraries to lock away access to these resources as they reduce operating hours. The full 101-page report is available in PDF format on the [ALA website](#) and in the *American Libraries Summer 2010 Digital Supplement in flipbook format....*

Office for Research and Statistics, June 21



[Think Green promo tool can save more than paper](#)

Laura Bruzas writes: "Why stop with a 'think before you print this' message at the end of your emails? How about including a favorite easy-to-implement green tip, a one-sentence green book review, or a snapshot update on a green project that your library is undertaking in your signature line?"...

AL: Green Your Library, June 22



[Library branch in the mall](#)

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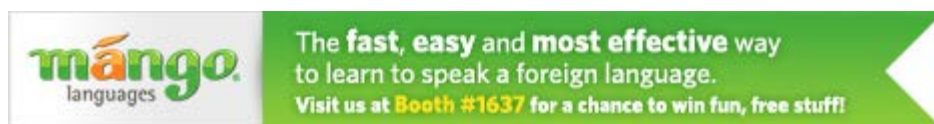
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Q. *We're renovating one of our branches and have been offered space in a mall as a temporary home. Have other libraries done this?* A. Yes, there are other library facilities sited in malls, as both temporary and permanent locations. We do not have solid statistics on how many, but we've gathered references to a number of them at the [Public Library in Shopping Mall](#) page on the ALA Professional Tips Wiki....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, June 23



ALA News

[ALA staves off a second furlough week](#)

ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels told the governing Council and staff June 18 that management had reviewed the budget and updated year-end projections. "I am pleased to report that, based on this review, we no longer anticipate the need for a second furlough week for this fiscal year," he announced. Fiels said the good news was based on the combined efforts of many units....

AL: Inside Scoop, June 18

[Marlo Thomas replaces the Duchess](#)

Less than 24 hours after Sarah, Duchess of York, canceled her appearance at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., revered actress, author, and children's advocate Marlo Thomas stepped in to fill her morning slot on June 27. Often remembered for her 1960s television series *That Girl*, Thomas is more recently known for her work as national outreach director for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital....

AL: Inside Scoop, June 16



[Annual Conference What's Happening guide](#)

Mary Ghikas, ALA senior associate executive director, has once again assembled a handy What's Happening guide ([PDF file](#)) to the most important tips, facts, and activities at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C....

ALA Annual Conference 2010 wiki

[Follow along, wherever you are](#)

To help attendees as well as nonattendees stay in touch with events at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., staff from across the Association are collaborating on expanded minute-by-minute coverage of programs, speakers, governance, and social events. Look for the full conference [dashboard](#) in the *American Libraries* section, as well as enhancements to the [ALA homepage](#)....

Public Information Office, June 22



[ALA Annual Conference](#), Washington, D.C., June 24–29. Annual Conference offers many opportunities for you to meet, discuss,

[Panel to discuss Google Book Search settlement](#)

The ALA Washington Office will host a panel discussion on the proposed Google Book Search settlement during Annual Conference. The session, "Panel Discussion on Life after the Google Book Search Settlement," will be held 10:30 a.m.–noon on Saturday, June 26. A panel of speakers will discuss what the outcome of the proposed GBS settlement will mean for the future of libraries and digitization efforts....

District Dispatch, June 22

[Electronic gadget petting zoo](#)

Visit the ALA Publishing booth #2605 at Annual Conference for a peek at ALA TechSource's electronic gadget petting zoo, Sunday, June 27, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. You'll have a chance to check out some of the latest gadgets—smart phones, e-readers, the iPad—and discuss them in person with our bloggers Jason Griffey, Tom Peters, Kate Sheehan, and Tom Peters....

ALA TechSource blog, June 22

[JobLIST Placement Center hosts free webinar](#)

The JobLIST Placement Center is launching a free webinar 1–2 p.m. Eastern Time on June 29. The webinar will explore resources for professional development, job searching, and networking. Webinar presenter Diane Kovacs has 15 years' experience as a web instructor and consultant. Register [here](#)....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 22



[Emerging Leaders poster session](#)

Members of the ALA 2010 class of Emerging Leaders will showcase their final projects at a poster session and reception on Friday, June 25, 3–5 p.m., during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The poster session will allow each group to showcase its creative and innovative solutions for their projects....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 22

[Emerging Leaders interview Archivist David Ferriero](#)

2010 Emerging Leaders Group C has created a series of podcasts on behalf of the Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums. For the podcast's inaugural episodes, the group interviewed David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States....

ALA Library, June 15

[ALA Store at Annual Conference](#)

The ALA Store, located beside Registration outside the exhibits hall, will have a diverse line-up of Celebrity READ posters available, as well as posters, bookmarks, gift products, and recently released ALA Editions books. Stop by early to pick up your conference souvenirs, including the official D.C. 2010 T-shirt and matching magnets....

ALA Publishing, June 22

[Annual Conference guide in accessible formats](#)

ReadHowYouWant is offering the 2010 Annual Conference guide in six different downloadable EasyRead print formats as well as Braille and DAISY. EasyRead documents are optimized to improve both word recognition and ease of eye tracking by adjusting word and line spacing....

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network, learn, and debate with other ALA members at [interactive sessions, programs, and events](#).

Don't forget to check out these [parties and receptions](#).

ALA will again be offering free [Wi-Fi internet access](#) to all attendees of the Annual Conference at no charge in the Washington Convention Center. Wi-Fi "hot zones" will be in all of the public areas (lobbies, meeting rooms, and ballrooms) but not in the exhibit halls. Once onsite, look for the "ALA2010" network.



Actress [Taraji P. Henson](#) (here reading Dr. Seuss's *Green Eggs and Ham* in this Celebrity READ poster) is a native of Washington, D.C., who is costarring with Jackie Chan in *The Karate Kid*, which opened June 11. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

New this week
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[Carolyn Forsman jewelry for FTRF](#)

Bryan Campbell writes: "Looking for something upbeat, upscale, and affordable to take home from Annual Conference? Be sure to visit Booth #2535 to check out the designs of [Carolyn Forsman](#)—the New York-based jeweler who donates proceeds from her ALA booth to the Freedom to Read Foundation."...

OIF Blog, June 22



[Toolkit on e-government services](#)

The ALA Committee on Legislation has released an [E-Government Toolkit](#), created to assist librarians with addressing the growing public demand for assistance with online government services. According to ALA research, 61% of libraries report providing access to government information as one of the most critical internet services they provide....

District Dispatch, June 21



[Digitizing scattered historical materials](#)

OITP Google Policy Fellow Gwen Glazer is working on a proposal for a program that would fund small-scale digitization of scattered historical materials and create a centralized repository that the public could browse and search. She wants to hear from libraries that do not have much previously digitized original material. Take a three-question [survey](#)....

Gwen Glazer

[Text a donation to help rebuild libraries in Haiti](#)

It now only takes two minutes for you to donate \$10 to help rebuild libraries in Haiti. ALA has set up an option to easily donate through your mobile phone. To donate to the ALA Haiti Library Relief Fund simply text "alahaiti" to 20222, and a \$10 one-time tax-deductible donation will be added to your mobile phone bill. ALA is raising funds to rebuild three libraries in Haiti destroyed during the earthquake in January....

International Relations Office



[Designing space for children and teens](#)

ALA Editions has released [Designing Space for Children and Teens in Libraries and Public Places](#) by Sandra Feinberg and James R. Keller. Providing tips, suggestions, and guidelines on the critical issues involved with designing spaces for children and teens, this how-to book addresses topics such as how to select an architect or design professional, the importance of including YA librarians in the design and implementation, and information on how children and teens view and use space....

ALA Editions, June 17



[ALA history: The Marjorie Fiske study on censorship](#)

Ellie Collier writes: "By 1953, ALA was strengthening



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For those of you **not** going to ALA Annual Conference, June 27 is [Do Nothing But Read Day](#). For those of you who are going, you will have another chance on December 19.

Career Leads from

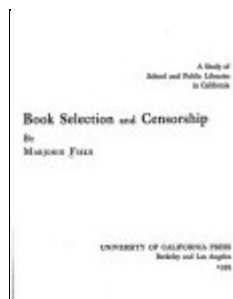


[Integrated Library Systems Administrator](#)

University of Richmond, Virginia. A service-

its public position as defender of intellectual freedom. With a grant from the Fund for the Republic and the sponsorship of the School of Librarianship of the University of California, it conducted a project, headed by sociologist Marjorie Fiske from 1956 to 1958, that studied the problem of censorship in book selection. Fiske's report showed the profession that, at least in California, its proposed ideals were not consistently in practice."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, June 23



oriented position responsible for managing all aspects of ILS and discovery layer technology in the libraries and for integrating them into the libraries' services and workflows. Collaborate with relevant library and IT units in long-term strategic planning for the development of digital technologies and evaluating the implications of new technologies and how they can be leveraged to move liberal arts college libraries forward....

Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Audiobook

Green, John, and David Levithan. *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*. Read by MacLeod Andrews and Nick Podehl. May 2010. Grades 9–12. 8hr. Brilliance, CD (978-1-4418-4260-2).

In this feel-good novel penned by two exceptional YA authors, two suburban Chicago teens share the same name. Although they live in opposite directions, the two Will Graysons eventually meet at a porn shop in Chicago (not as steamy as it sounds). The chapters alternate between the two titular characters, with Andrews and Nick Podehl each taking on one of the Wills. One speaks in a deeper voice, though it isn't clear who plays which part; but it doesn't really matter because they both excel in teenspeak. The character connecting the two Wills is Tiny Cooper, a likable teen who is "really, really gay, and really, really large." The story culminates with Tiny Cooper's rousing original musical production ("Tiny Dancer") in which all Will Graysons of the area . . . oh, never mind....



Fall audiobook preview 2010

Sue-Ellen Beauregard writes: "Once again, we salute National Audiobook Month by featuring this preview of upcoming titles. The audiobooks, slated for release from June through December 2010, are organized under adult and youth subheadings, with the adult titles further grouped under fiction and nonfiction and more specialized genres. TBA indicates 'to be announced,' and CD refers to compact disc. The information is supplied by the distributors and subject to change."...

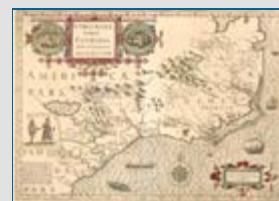


The future of book reviewing

Keir Graff writes: "If you're coming to the 2010 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., be sure to add the Booklist Online program, 'Everyone's a Critic: The Future of Book



Digital Library of the Week



Five centuries of maps come together in the 3,200-item [North Carolina Maps](#), which officially debuts June 30. A collaborative project of the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library, the North Carolina State

Reviewing' to your calendar. It will be held Saturday, June 26, 1:30–3:30 p.m. at the Washington Convention Center, Room 202A.”...

Likely Stories, June 21

Science fiction: Past, present, future

Neil Hollands writes: “Join me on Monday, June 28, 10:30–noon, WCC, Room 209 A/B, for a presentation with author Cory Doctorow and professor Eric Rabkin on ‘Science Fiction: Past, Present, Future.’ Rabkin will provide an overview of the history of the genre. The always controversial and fascinating Doctorow will talk about what the future holds for the genre. My job is to provide practical advice for librarians in how to work with the genre.”...

Book Group Buzz, June 21

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

D.C. Update

ALA Conference survival tips

Karen Schneider writes: “By my count, since I first attended ALA at Midwinter 1992 (San Antonio), I have attended roughly 35 ALA conferences, including Midwinter Meetings—so many that I have founded the (actually nonexistent) Old Members Round Table, which sports a hashtag on Twitter of #omrt and has its own Facebook fan page. There are many tips for surviving and enjoying ALA, but for the sake of anyone new to ALA who stumbles across this blog, here are some more.”...

Free Range Librarian, June 19

Visit two of Baltimore’s historic libraries

Take advantage of your Annual Conference attendance to visit two of Baltimore’s jewels—the Enoch Pratt Free Library’s Central Library and Johns Hopkins University’s George Peabody Library (right). Baltimore is just a short distance away from Washington. The tour will take place Monday, June 28. Space is limited, so contact [Sonia Alcantara-Antoine](#) by June 24....

PLA Blog, June 21



Side trips: Sites of progressive social change

Jerome Pohlen’s *Progressive Nation: A Travel Guide with 400+ Left Turns and Inspiring Landmarks* is the source for this list of places to visit during your free time. Pohlen’s guide endeavors to celebrate those who worked for progressive social change, as well as the movements and communities they inspired. The listings here are, with one exception, within 30 minutes via foot and/or public transportation of the Washington Convention Center....

Women in Libraries, June



Jung’s Red Book at LC

Archives, and the Outer Banks History Center in Manteo, the collection is the result of a three-year project to identify and scan nearly every original map of the state published from 1584 to 1923, the collection also contains maps of every North Carolina county and maps published by the state through the year 2000. There is an [interactive option](#) allowing users to lay selected historic maps over current street maps and satellite images. A video showcases historic maps from the project with a [Google Earth 3-D tour](#) (3:31).

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

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

“How dare you and the rest of your barbarians set fire to my library? Play conqueror all you want, Mighty Caesar! Rape, murder, pillage thousands, even millions of human beings! But neither you nor any other barbarian has the right to destroy one human thought!”

—Elizabeth Taylor (as Cleopatra) castigating Rex Harrison (as Julius Caesar) for torching the Great Library of Alexandria, in *Cleopatra*

Nearly a century after its creation, the original Red Book by Swiss psychiatrist Carl Gustav Jung (1875–1961) is the centerpiece of a Library of Congress exhibition titled “The Red Book of Carl G. Jung: Its Origins and Influence.” The 205-page illustrated manuscript—in the author’s own hand—had been locked in a vault after Jung’s death. Created between 1914 and 1930, the Red Book was the product of an “active imagination” technique developed by Jung, which resulted in his concepts of the archetype, collective unconscious, and individuation....

Library of Congress, June 2



Movable books pop up at the Smithsonian

Nancy Mattoon writes: “On June 14, the Smithsonian Libraries opened a new exhibit at the National Museum of American History at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., [Paper Engineering: Fold, Pull, Pop, and Turn](#), showcasing the art of the movable book. (This is a more inclusive term than pop-up, as it covers all books with moving parts.) The exhibit drew on the libraries’ vast collection of more than 13,000 movable books and was created by Curator Stephen van Dyk of the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum Library.”...

BookTryst, June 16



Haunted hotels in D.C.

The nation’s capital has plenty of opportunity for frights, even when you don’t count the politicians. The Hay Adams Hotel staff is said to believe that Clover Adams, the wife of the original owner, haunts the fourth floor, and [strange occurrences](#) have happened at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel since the Inaugural Ball for Calvin Coolidge on January 20, 1925, which he did not attend because he was mourning the death of his son....

YALSA Blog, Oct. 30, 2009

Division News

RBMS preconference in Philadelphia

Ian Kahn writes: “Today was the first day of the ACRL [Rare Books and Manuscripts Section preconference](#) in Philadelphia. The ABAA Booksellers’ Showcase was running all day. There were some great dealers there with some wonderful things to look at. I picked up a copy of [Lunacy and the Arrangement of Books](#) by Terry Belanger. Aidan and I spent the morning in the workshop on ‘Building Collections: Acquiring Materials and Working with the Antiquarian Book Trade.’ The tours were great.”...

Lux Mentis, Lux Orbis, June 22



ALTAFF takes on murder in Connecticut

A violent murder shocked the close-knit community of Cheshire, Connecticut. *In the Middle of the Night*, written by Brian McDonald from interviews given by one of the accused killers, was published before the trial. Cheshire Public Library bought the book, which was challenged

(1963).

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Calendar

July 22–25:

[San Diego Comic-Con International](#),

San Diego Convention Center. [Speculation](#) about what you might see there.

July 29–

Aug. 1:

[National Storytelling Network](#), Conference, Warner Center Marriott, Woodland Hills, California. “Many Stories, One World.”

Aug. 10–15:

[Society of American Archivists](#), Joint Annual Meeting, Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, D.C.

before it arrived. Learn how the library's advisory board handled this issue, what impact library advocates had, and what you should know to face a similar challenge in your community on Sunday, June 27, at an ALTAFF panel presentation moderated by Kent Oliver at ALA Annual Conference....

ALTAFF

[30 ways to reach reluctant readers](#)

Turning reluctant young adult readers into enthusiastic book lovers is a challenge that every teen and school librarian faces—and YALSA will suggest 30 surefire strategies to make this happen at its [webinar](#). "Ready, Set, Go! 30 Ways to Reach Reluctant Readers in 60 Minutes."

The webinar will take place at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, September 16....

YALSA, June 22

[Explore the future with ACRL](#)

ACRL has released a new report, *Futures Thinking for Academic Librarians: Higher Education in 2025* ([PDF file](#)) to prompt academic librarians to consider what trends may impact the future of higher education in order to take strategic action now. Authored by David J. Staley and Kara J. Malenfant, the report presents 26 possible scenarios for the future which may have an impact on all types of academic libraries over the next 15 years....

ACRL, June 22



[Order AASL's planning guide and rubric](#)

The newest tool from AASL, *A Planning Guide for Empowering Learners*, is now available for advance ordering. Copublished with Britannica Digital Learning, this online, interactive school library program-planning module will help school librarians implement the AASL program guidelines. It includes a "School Library Program Assessment Rubric" that will allow school librarians to assess their program according to 16 different sets of criteria....

AASL, June 22



Awards

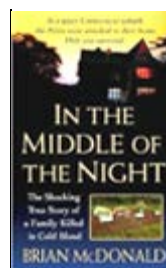
[2010 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award](#)

The Jefferson Elementary School Library in Elmhurst, Illinois, is the winner of the 2010 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming. The award, sponsored by the ALA Public Programs Office and AASL, will be presented on June 27, immediately prior to the Marlo Thomas session. Learning Resource Center Director Nicolette Vaillancourt developed the winning [Elmhurst History](#) program....

Public Programs Office, June 22



[2010 Spectrum Scholars announced](#)



Held in conjunction with the Council of State Archivists and the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators. "Archives*Records DC/2010."

Aug. 11: [Show Me the Data: Managing Datasets for Scholarly Content](#), webinar.

Sponsored by the National Information Standards Organization.

Sept. 8–10: [Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers](#),

International Conference, Robinson Executive Centre, Wyboston, Bedfordshire, United Kingdom.

Sept. 23–25: [Association for Library Service to Children](#), National Institute, Emory Conference Center Hotel, Atlanta.

Sept. 30–Oct. 3: [Library and Information Technology Association](#), National Forum, Hilton Downtown, Atlanta. "The Cloud and the Crowd."

Oct. 6–10: [Frankfurt Book Fair](#), Messegelände,

The ALA Office for Diversity has announced 75 recipients of the 2010 Spectrum Scholarships. The Spectrum Scholarship program provides scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students pursuing graduate degrees in library and information studies. Its mission is to improve service at the local level through the development of a representative workforce that reflects the communities served by all libraries....

Office for Diversity, June 22



[UCLA ALA Student Chapter supports Spectrum](#)

The University of California, Los Angeles, Student Chapter of ALA has announced its support of the Spectrum Presidential Initiative with a contribution of more than \$1,000. The funds were raised through a barbeque (right) sponsored by the chapter as part of the Dinners for Spectrum Scholars program....

Office for Diversity, June 21



[Nancy Drew gets her due](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "An online exhibit celebrating supersleuth Nancy Drew has transformed the intrepid, titian-haired detective from a old-time library pariah into a modern-day ALA award winner. The ACRL Rare Book and Manuscripts Section has bestowed one of its Leab Exhibition awards for 'online exhibit of exceptional merit' to the University of Maryland Libraries for '[Nancy Drew and Friends: Girls' Series Books Rediscovered.](#)'

That rumbling sound you hear is an army of reanimated children's librarians, rising from their graves in outrage to mount a zombie invasion of ALA's 2010 Annual Conference."...

BookTryst, June 23



[The American Dream Starts @ your library program](#)

Thanks to the ALA and Dollar General Literacy Foundation's The American Dream Starts @ your library program, 75 public libraries in 24 states received \$5,000 grants to grow or develop literacy programs for adult English language learners. Some of the American Dream libraries immediately launched new programs and services for adult English language learners and their families. The rest are waiting until fall to begin their programs and classes....

Campaign for America's Libraries, June 20



[2010 Peter Lyman/Sage Scholarship](#)

Cynthia Lovett of Brooklyn, New York, will receive the 2010 Peter Lyman/Sage Scholarship. The \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to a person who is pursuing an MLS and plans to specialize in the field of new media. A film set decorator, art department coordinator, digital artist, and video editor, Lovett hopes to "design new ways for people to interact with information retrieval systems." Lovett will attend Rutgers University....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 21

Frankfurt, Germany.

Oct. 10: [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#)

Annual Conference, Colorado Convention Center, Denver.

"Campus Initiatives to Catalyze a Just and Sustainable World."

Oct. 13–15: [North American Cartographic Information Society](#)

Annual Meeting, Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Oct. 27–31: [Oral History Association](#)

Annual Meeting, Sheraton Hotel Downtown, Atlanta. "Times of Crisis, Times of Change: Human Stories on the Edge of Transformation."

Oct. 28–30: [National Science Teachers Association](#)

Area Conference, Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, Missouri. "Science: The Foundation of the Future."

Nov. 8–9: [SPARC Digital Repositories](#)

Annual Meeting, Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore.

Nov. 10–12: [Research Libraries U.K.](#)

Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland.

2010 Marshall Cavendish Scholarship

Mackenzie Brooks of Batavia, Illinois, will receive the 2010 Marshall Cavendish Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to a person pursuing an MLS. As an undergraduate, Brooks interned in the Archives and Manuscripts Department of the Chicago History Museum. Brooks attends Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois...

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 21

2010 Tony B. Leisner Scholarship

ALA has chosen Madeline Grace Bentley of Springfield, Missouri, as the recipient of the 2010 Tony B. Leisner Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to a library support staff member pursuing an MLS. Bentley will attend the University of Missouri-Columbia...

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 21

2010 Christopher Hoy/ERT Scholarship

Holly Byers of Chicago will receive the 2010 Christopher Hoy/Exhibits Round Table Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to a person pursuing an MLS. Byers will be attending San Jose State University....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 21

2010 Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship

Diana J. Lennon of Ossining, New York, will receive the 2010 Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship. The \$3,000 award is given to an ALA or library support staff member to help finance the pursuit of an MLS. Lennon will be attending Long Island University's Palmer School of Library Science....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 21

2010 Mary V. Gaver Scholarship

Bridget D. Ward of Wilson, North Carolina, will receive the 2010 Mary V. Gaver Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to a person pursuing an MLS with a specialty in youth services. Ward will attend the North Carolina Central University in Durham....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 21

2010 Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship

Brenda Sevigny-Killen of Pittston, Maine, will receive the 2010 Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to a library support staff worker who is pursuing an MLS. Sevigny-Killen will be attending the San Jose University School of Library and Information Science....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 21

2010 David H. Clift Scholarship

Laura Sue Manley of Hazel Park, Michigan, will receive the 2010 David H. Clift Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to a person pursuing an MLS. Manley will be attending Wayne State University's School of Library and Information Science....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 21

Awards for serving the blind and physically handicapped

The Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped presented awards to two libraries June 18 for outstanding service to the blind and physically handicapped communities. The Washington Talking Book and Braille Library in



Dec. 6–7:

12th International Conference on Grey Literature, National Technical Library, Prague, Czech Republic.

"Transparency in Grey Literature."

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American Libraries:

Seattle (right) received the Network Library of the Year Award. The Special Services Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of Virginia Beach, Virginia, received the fourth annual Network Subregional Library of the Year Award. Both awards carry a \$1,000 cash prize....

Library of Congress, June 18

[2010 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award](#)

Author and *Washington Post* journalist Rick Atkinson has been awarded the 2010 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. The \$100,000 honorarium will be presented at the library's annual Liberty Gala in Chicago on October 22. The award recognizes a living author for a body of work that has profoundly enriched the public's understanding of American military history....

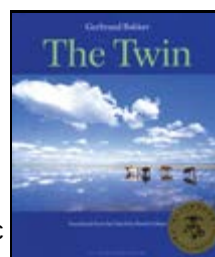
Pritzker Military Library, June 21



[International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award](#)

Dutch author Gerbrand Bakker has won the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award for his debut novel *The Twin* (Archipelago, 2009). Judges praised the book, about a man who returns to his family farm after the death of his twin, for its "laconic humor and surprising tenderness." The €100,000 (\$123,400 U.S.) prize is the largest worldwide for a work of fiction. Bakker's English translator David Colmer will also receive a portion of the prize money....

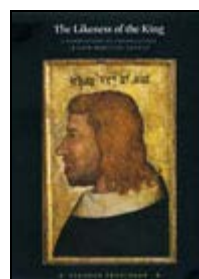
BBC News, June 18



[Best First Book in Intellectual History](#)

Stephen Perkinson's *The Likeness of the King: A Prehistory of Portraiture in Late Medieval France* (University of Chicago Press, 2009) has won the Morris D. Forkosch Prize for the Best First Book in Intellectual History from the *Journal of History of Ideas*. The book upends several well-established theories on the evolution of portraiture, and takes readers through a fascinating tour of late medieval history and philosophy....

Bowdoin College, June 18



[Grant will assist libraries in helping the unemployed](#)



The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded OCLC WebJunction and the State Library of North Carolina a grant to continue work to provide library-based employment services and programs to assist the unemployed. The \$940,750 grant will fund work to conduct an impact and needs assessment on unemployment in all U.S. regions, and create a corresponding curriculum that can be tailored to meet local needs so that libraries are better equipped to meet the needs of the unemployed....

OCLC, June 23

[NEH funds library humanities projects](#)

The National Endowment for the Humanities will fund some

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\$20 million in grants for 120 humanities projects. Among the library projects funded are digitizing pre-1923 newspapers at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the Washington State Library, and the Arizona Department of Libraries, Archives, and Public Records; the development of environmental controls to protect the Folger Shakespeare Library's holdings; and work on the Papers of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois....

National Endowment for the Humanities, June 10

San José's Circle of Learning

The San José School of Library and Information Science is partnering with the American Indian Library Association to launch Circle of Learning—an initiative designed to recruit and support American Indians and Alaska Natives who are interested in earning an MLIS degree. Students must be admitted to the school's MLIS program in order to receive scholarship funding. The Circle of Learning advisory committee is finalizing application criteria, which will be available August 3....

San José School of Library and Information Science, June 16

\$1.5 million to support Native American libraries

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded \$1.5 million to 218 Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages and corporations as part of its Native American Library Services Basic Grant program. With this funding, the libraries will be able to strengthen their core services for the benefit of the tribal communities and villages they serve. A full list of recipients is [here](#)....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 17

Seen Online

Protest at New York's City Hall

Dozens of people, determined to fight proposed funding cuts to New York City's three library systems, descended on City Hall June 17. The protesters, many of them schoolchildren from Public School 1 in Chinatown, were armed with a whopping 200,000 letters and petition signatures to present to the City Council and in particular Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Queens), chairman of the committee on cultural affairs, libraries, and international intergroup relations. As many as 1,500 library employees could lose their jobs. Meanwhile, Brooklyn faces five to seven [branch closings](#)....

New York Daily News, June 20; *New York Daily News*, June 23

State hits Milwaukee Public Library with sanctions

State and regional officials hit the Milwaukee Public Library with sanctions for cutting its budget too deeply, Library Director Paula Kiely said June 22. Under state law, municipal libraries that belong to federated library systems can't reduce their annual operating budgets below the average of the past three years. But Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and the Common Council chopped 2010 property tax support for the library by \$1.2 million, and the library missed its state-mandated target by more than \$1 million....

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, June 22

New members of IMLS Advisory Board

On June 22, the U.S. Senate confirmed five individuals to serve on the National Museum



and Library Services Board, which advises the Institute of Museum and Library Services on general policy and practices. The new members are former ALA Executive Director Robert Wedgeworth (left), Dean of Johns Hopkins University Libraries Winston Tabb (center), former ALA President and Enoch Pratt Free Library CEO Carla Hayden (right), Birmingham Civil Rights Institute CEO Lawrence J. Pijeaux Jr., and former Smithsonian Exhibits Officer John Coppola....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 23

[Ex-librarians club meets in Los Angeles](#)

Jon writes: "On June 21, I attended (what I'm calling) the first meeting of the Ex-Librarians Club at Wurstküche in L.A. It was a chance for Los Angeles Public Library workers who were laid off last week to get together and console each other over drinks and sausages. There was a sad undertone throughout the night. A lot of former LAPL employees have spent their entire working lives in public libraries and they are worried that their skills will not be transferable to a corporate desk job."...

LA Snark, June 22

[Need revenue? Lease your flagpole to T-Mobile](#)

T-Mobile is in negotiations with the trustees of the North Merrick (N.Y.) Public Library to place a 50-foot cell tower on the library grounds. The stealth tower, which would take the form of a new flagpole at the library, would help to eliminate coverage gaps in the area, according to a T-Mobile representative. Library Director Tom Witt said that T-Mobile would pay the library \$18,000 a year to lease the land if the board approved the deal....

Merrick (N.Y.) Patch, June 22



[Many patrons prefer books to gadgets](#)

The makers of internet-enabled communications devices are bombarding consumers with sales pitches for revolutionary gadgets that promise to deliver the world to their fingertips in pocket-sized packages. So, where does the public library fit into this bold new world? "We still spend more on books than we do technology," said Nancy Sanford, director of the Florence-Lauderdale (Ala.) Public Library, though that library is the most tech-savvy in the Muscle Shoals area....

Florence (Ala.) Times Daily, June 20

[Judaica gets new home at UC Berkeley](#)

The University of California, Berkeley, will now preside over the Judah L. Magnes Museum's nearly unrivaled collections representing the cultural history of Jews in the West, according to an agreement announced June 21. The Bancroft Library will house the Magnes's Western Jewish History Archives—letters, photographs, diaries, and other records of Jewish settlement in the West. Sheet music and musical manuscripts will go to the Jean Gray Hargrove Music Library, and artifacts will be moved to a building in downtown Berkeley....



San Francisco Chronicle, June 22

Shakespeare Folio theft trial opens in Newcastle

A jobless book dealer who posed as an international playboy allegedly mutilated a stolen £3-million first edition of Shakespeare's works to disguise its provenance, the Newcastle Crown Court has heard. Raymond Scott is accused of taking the Folio from Durham University in 1998 and waiting 10 years before taking it to the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., for authentication. Scott now [admits](#) the Folio is Durham's, but that he got it through a Cuban contact. The Folger's Richard Kuhta [testified](#) at the trial that he had recognized the book as the stolen one....

BBC News, June 18; *Newcastle (U.K.) Northern Echo*, June 19; Press Association, June 21

Tome Raider found guilty

A Cambridge graduate who stole more than £1 million (\$1.48 million U.S.) worth of rare books during his career as a professional book thief was found guilty June 22 of stealing rare books from the Royal Horticultural Library. William Jacques, nicknamed "Tome Raider" after stealing hundreds of rare books in the late 1990s, drew up a "thief's shopping list," targeting the most expensive books that he could access. Sentencing was [postponed](#) until July 20....

The Guardian (U.K.), July 22; BBC News, June 22

Missing library statue found mutilated in Dallas

The Allen (Tex.) Public Library's missing statute of a boy reading a book turned up in pieces at a Dallas recycling yard. Dallas Police Detective John Easton said thieves had broken the head off, cut the bench in half, and broken the arms off. Easton said he gave the pieces of the 2,500-pound bronze statue to Allen police June 17, as well as information on two suspects, who had tried to sell them to Claxton Recycling Services on June 4....

Dallas Morning News, June 17



San Francisco branch designated a city landmark

The San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission voted June 16 to designate the 51-year-old North Beach branch (right) as a city landmark, setting the stage for a continued fight over its demolition at the city board of supervisors. Preservationists are attempting to use the landmark process to prevent the demolition of a number of aging branch libraries in the city, most controversially the North Beach branch....

San Francisco Chronicle, June 17



What students should look for in a college library

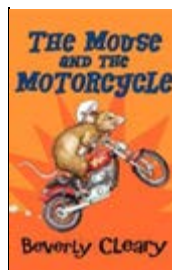
One of the first things a college admissions officer or a high school guidance counselor tells a prospective student is to visit the libraries on campus. *U.S. News & World Report* spoke to a handful of experienced college librarians to find out what prospective students—and their parents—should look for when they check out a prospective school's library....

U.S. News & World Report, June 17

School librarian inspired children's book author

An unnamed school librarian in Akron, Ohio, cornered a boy in a hallway. She asked him to read a nonsensical book (*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary), and her suggestion became a catalyst in an 8-year-old's life. When Michael Buckley grew up, he penned bestsellers that have transported children into a world of make-believe. Buckley was the featured author at the eighth James V. Brown Library Author Gala in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, June 17....

Williamsport (Pa.) Sun-Gazette, June 18



[University of Illinois Library celebrates Bloomsday](#)

With treats and a cooler filled with O'Doul's on hand, the University of Illinois Rare Books and Manuscripts Library hosted its annual Bloomsday celebration June 16, one of many events held around the world commemorating the life and work of Irish author James Joyce. *Ulysses* aficionados joined the library for a round of performances that included readings of the author's published writings and musical numbers of songs mentioned in the novel....

Daily Illini, June 17

[Globe-trotting Shanachies gear up for e-book age](#)

Dutch library innovators Erik Boekesteijn (left) and Jaap van de Geer (right) are on a quest to ensure libraries survive the digital revolution—and pick up a few technology tricks along the way. The pair were in Wellington, New Zealand, in mid-June, visiting the National, Central, and Karori libraries, and held a seminar for librarians in the city. They began traveling the world four years ago in the tradition of Irish shanachies or storytellers—sharing and collecting stories about best practice in libraries, particularly in technology, in return for food and lodging....

Stuff.co.nz, June 21



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Tech Talk

[Google Voice now open for signups](#)

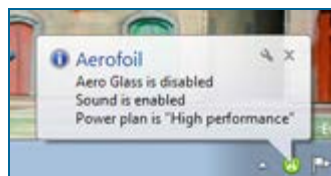


Jason Griffey writes: "If you haven't heard of or used Google Voice, it's an interesting service that has a lot of potential. The general idea is: You sign up, and Google gives you a new phone number, which then becomes a sort of relay, forwarding calls to any number of other phones simultaneously. For instance, if someone calls my Google Voice number, it rings my work phone and my cell at the same time, and I just pick up whichever is more convenient. That's just the tip of the iceberg, though."...

AL: Perpetual Beta, June 22

[How to maximize your laptop's battery life](#)

The How-To Geek writes: "If you have a laptop with a *really* old battery that drains in a few minutes after a full charge, there's not much you can do to make that old thing last



much longer—you'll probably want to replace the battery before you do anything else. For everybody else, these tips can help you keep your battery working at peak efficiency. The LCD panel is the biggest culprit by far."...

Lifehacker, June 17

[Creating a library database search using Drupal](#)

When Florida Gulf Coast University Library was faced with having to replace its database locator, they needed to find a low-cost, non-staff-intensive replacement for their 350+ database search tool. Danielle Rosenthal and Mario Bernardo describe the development of a library database locator using Drupal along with several modules, such as CCK, Views, and FCKeditor....

Code4Lib Journal, June 22

[Top 10 Mac apps that should be on Windows](#)

Adam Pash writes: "We love what Microsoft's done with Windows 7, but when we boot into Windows after spending a good amount of time on a Mac, there are 10 applications we sorely miss. For most purposes, we stuck with *free* applications. For a counterpoint, check out these [10 Windows apps](#) that should be on Macs."...

Lifehacker, June 19



Publishing

[Not a crisis, a transition](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "At the annual meeting of the Association of American University Presses, incoming President Richard Brown challenged the idea that scholarly publishing is in crisis. A crisis, when it isn't resolved for decades, becomes a way of life, and his preferred description for that way of life is 'perpetual transition.' That should resonate with librarians. Even better, he plans to make improving communication with librarians, whom he calls a 'kindred community,' a priority this coming year."...

ACRLlog, June 21

[Where have all the Norman Mailers gone?](#)

Lee Siegel writes: "Amid all the hubbub provoked by *The New Yorker's* '[20 Under 40](#)' list, one elephant-sized fact has been hidden in plain view. Fiction has become culturally irrelevant. With the exception of a few ambitious—and obsessively competitive—fiction writers and their agents and editors, no one goes to a current novel or story for the ineffable private and public clarity fiction once provided. For better or for worse, the greatest storytellers of our time are the nonfiction writers."...

New York Observer, June 22; New Yorker, June 14; Huffington Post, June 9

[Luxurious leather-bound books from the Franklin Library](#)

The Franklin Library, a division of the Franklin Mint, was a publisher of fine collector edition books from the early 1970s until 2000. Known for beautiful bindings, Franklin books were published in three styles—full genuine leather, imitation leather, and quarter-bound genuine leather. The full leather-bound editions were



produced throughout the library's lifespan but the other two styles were only published in the 1970s and 1980s. The publisher developed a following by providing beautifully bound editions that would not break the bank....

AbeBooks, June 21

Actions & Answers

Renewing the library in the Internet Era

Charles Buchanan writes: "T. Scott Plutchak (left) doesn't believe the library is an endangered species. In fact, 'this is the best time to be a librarian in 500 years,' says the director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences. 'Increasingly, our role is to help people navigate the information space quickly and efficiently.' Here, Plutchak and Jerry Stephens (right), director of UAB's Mervyn Sterne Library, describe five key ways in which the digital revolution has made libraries more accessible, personal, and relevant than ever."...

UAB Magazine, June



OCLC approves new WorldCat record use policy

A new WorldCat record use policy, developed by a Record Use Policy Council and informed by community input, has been approved by the OCLC board of trustees. [WorldCat Rights and Responsibilities for the OCLC Cooperative](#) will be effective August 1, replacing the *Guidelines for Use and Transfer of OCLC Derived Records* developed in 1987....

OCLC, June 21

BCALA Conference adds featured speakers

Award-winning journalist Roland S. Martin, eco-chef Bryant Terry, and producer Ray Charles Robinson Jr. will speak during

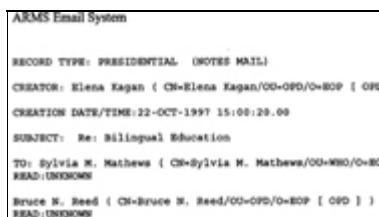


the Black Caucus of the American Library Association's seventh National Conference of African American Librarians, August 4–8, at the Sheraton Conference Center in Birmingham, Alabama. The conference theme is "Bridging the Divide with Information Access, Activism, and Advocacy."...

ALA Office for Diversity, June 22

Processing the presidential records of Elena Kagan

Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero writes: "On June 18, the Clinton Presidential Library made available online more than 75,000 pages of records relating to President Obama's Supreme



Court nominee, Elena Kagan. This latest batch of records includes emails written by Kagan during the four years she spent in the Clinton White House. Since May 10, six archival technicians, 16 archivists, and a supervisory archivist have put in over 6,000 hours on the job—working every Saturday, Sunday, and Memorial Day—in order to process and make available almost 170,000 pages of records.”...

AOTUS: Collector in Chief, June 22

National Recording Registry adds 25

Tupac Shakur’s tribute to mothers struggling to survive, “Dear Mama”; Loretta Lynn’s biographical hit, “Coal Miner’s Daughter”; Bill Cosby’s second album, *I Started Out As a Child*; and the Marine Corps Combat Field Recording Collection of the second battle of Guam are among the 25 additions to the Library of Congress National Recording Registry announced June 23. The National Recording Preservation Board selects 25 recordings annually that are “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant” and at least 10 years old. The latest selections bring the total number to 300....

Library of Congress, June 23



Source codes for vocabularies, rules, and schemes

In making available changes to MARC to accommodate RDA, the Library of Congress published lists of terms and codes for RDA content, media, and carrier types. But LC has determined that the source codes do not adequately reflect the source material (RDA), as is usually the case. So new codes are replacing the ones formerly indicated in the Source Codes for Vocabularies, Rules, and Schemes list for Genre/Form Term and Code Sources....

Catalogablog, June 18

BCR phase-out plans

Kelcey Wetzel writes: “For the last 18 years, BCR has been housed in a building located in Aurora, Colorado. As part of the phase-out of operations announced in early April, BCR put this building on the market. It’s now under contract for sale. While BCR will still be in operation into the fall, we will no longer process and fulfill any new orders after July 31. A special arrangement will allow BCR members to activate a Lyrasis membership good through June 30, 2011.”...

BCReview, June 8



May a library lend e-book readers?

Peter Hirtle writes: “A recent [post](#) at the Citizen Media Law Project about first sale rights with e-books got me thinking about libraries. CMLP noted that with e-books, one has no first sale rights because they are usually governed by licenses. First sale, however, is fundamental to the business of libraries. It allows us to loan copies of printed books we have purchased without violating the copyright owner’s rights to distribute the work. Some libraries have started lending e-book readers to faculty and students. Is this legal?”...

LibraryLaw Blog, June 20; Citizen Media Law Project, June 8

Mobile devices and library catalogs

Laurel Tarulli writes: “Like our replacement of landlines with cell phones, smartphones are replacing home computers. If you’re not a blogger or a student or someone who generates information, there is

no need for a computer. Your smartphone is your computer. I've been seeing a lot of libraries put up a text-based, bare-bones catalog interface for mobile devices, calling it a mobile site. This isn't good enough."...

The Cataloguing Librarian, June 21

11 helpful cheat sheets for Google apps

Henry Jones writes: "Google puts out great products that help us perform our daily tasks. Whether it's email, creating docs, or communicating with colleagues, there seems to be a Google service for just about everything. But just like other tools and applications there are lots of features, which means more stuff to remember. So if you're like me and have trouble memorizing things like keyboard shortcuts, we're here to help."...

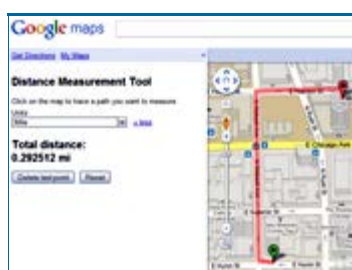
WDL, June 18

Shortcut Key	Definition	Action
c	Compose	Allows you to compose a message in
/	Search	Puts your cursor in the
n	Move to newer conversation	Opens or moves your cursor to the next conversation
j	Move to older conversation	Opens or moves your cursor to the previous conversation
m	Next message	Moves your cursor to the next message in the conversation

Measure distances in Google Maps

Kevin Purdy writes: "Want to know the distance between two points on Google Maps? Google Maps just added a Labs feature that provides as-the-crow-flies or combined distances in miles or kilometers. (Hit the 'I'm Feeling Geeky' link, and you get a whole host of other options, including Jewish temple cubits, light-years, football fields, swimming pools, etc.) Head to your [Google Maps Labs settings](#) and enable the Distance Measurement Tool."...

Lifehacker, June 22



50 power Twitter tips

Chris Brogan writes: "Here I am with another 50 power Twitter tips. I broke them down into five categories: intent, technical, business, integrated usage, and off-twitter. Some could probably fit in more than one category. Your mileage may vary. Some of these might be really helpful and others might not be that useful at all, given your own situations."...

Chris Brogan, June 16

How to create a custom Twitter background design

Cindy King writes: "Are you still using the standard Twitter backdrop? If you're looking to leave a lasting impression, you should consider swapping out that plain-Jane image for something more exciting. Changing your default Twitter background shows your audience you're not a spambot and gives you the opportunity to create a more inviting environment to engage with them."...

Social Media Examiner, June 14



The best part about working in a public library

Leigh Anne Vraibel writes: "You know you're a hopeless library nerd when you willingly spend a Friday evening talking to library school students about what it's like to work in a public library. Because I'm not a complete maverick, I did scribble down a short list of things I wanted to make sure I said. I wanted to make sure that they knew it was worth it: the job-hunting, the subpar salaries, the budget crises, and the 'paying your dues' phase. Here's what I came up with."...

Library Alchemy, June 18

[Serendipity's guide to library use](#)

Serendipity writes: "As a young girl, my fondest memories involve me, my dad, and a library. I remember spending Saturdays with my dad at the local library, roaming from shelf to shelf, making my stack taller than me, then devouring them anytime I could. But in my older, wiser years, especially on my frugal journey, I've realized how much the library really has to offer. Let's review, shall we?"...

Serendipity's Guide to Saving, June 21



[10 ways to combat illegal file sharing](#) (registration required)

As colleges and universities prepare to meet a new federal directive to curb illegal file sharing, one expert has a list of 10 suggestions for higher-education technology officials. As of July 1, colleges and universities must comply with the peer-to-peer provisions of the Higher Education Opportunity Act. Jay Friedman, vice president of marketing for Audible Magic, offers a list of 10 best practices that have emerged from his company's work with many higher-education institutions in solving illegal file-sharing issues....

eCampus News, June 22

[GPO joins Alliance for Digital Preservation](#) (PDF file)

The U.S. Government Printing Office has joined a worldwide digital preservation alliance to collaborate with federal depository libraries and other organizations on preservation initiatives. LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) provides libraries with digital preservation tools and support so they can collect and preserve their own copies of authorized electronic content. GPO's participation in LOCKSS will support development efforts by libraries that utilize the service....

Government Printing Office, June 14

[Age listings on IMDb: A privacy issue?](#)

One of the biggest movie sites in the world, the [Internet Movie Database](#), is facing a hornet's nest of controversy over its policy of publishing the birthdates and ages of actors and writers. The Writers Guild of America, West, is leading an effort to convince the database that workers as they reach 40 face fewer job opportunities in a business that tends to prefer 25-year-olds. Listing ages publicly is exacerbating the situation. But IMDb isn't eager to make the change....

TheWrap, June 16



[Ground Zero](#)

Bill Ferris writes: "This Google Maps mashup lets you see what would happen to your hometown (or another location of your choosing) if it was hit by various nuclear weapons. [Ground Zero](#) lets you pick your poison, which ranges from Fat Man and Little Boy to the Soviet Tsar Bomba, which caused the largest explosion ever. You can even look at the impact of the asteroid that killed the dinosaurs." If you enjoyed that, then check out what your hometown would look like under the Deepwater oil spill with [If It Was My Home](#)....

Instructify, June 17; If It Was My Home



[Keene on the Commons](#)

Keene (N.H.) Public Library and the Historical Society of Cheshire County, New Hampshire, were accepted into the Flickr Commons in June and have added some 1,100 [historical photos](#) on the state's history to the archive. Keene Collection Development Librarian B. J. Wahl writes that all of the scanning and enhancing has been done by one 70-year-old volunteer, who due to a stroke, can only use his left hand to do it. The Commons was launched in January 2008 and now more than 40 [libraries and museums](#) worldwide contribute images....

indicommons, June 16



Librarian Flickr fun: LSW Badge Game

The Library Society of the World has devised a game that combines fancy badges with assigning yourself a well-deserved prize. Called the LSW Badge Game, you do something you think is significant, then award yourself with a badge of your own design, add it to the [Flickr pool](#), then post it on your website, blog, or Facebook page. For example, you could have a badge for attending ALA Annual Conference or for fixing a photocopier. Andy Woodworth has begun [creating badges](#). More ideas are [here](#) and [here](#)....

Flickr: LSW Badge Game



Joyce the Librarian

Sue Jenkinson and Phil Sykes are members of the Yorkshire Ukulele Circle. This is their adaptation (3:28) of a song about the repressed "Joyce the Librarian" by Richard Stilgoe and Peter Skellern (lyrics are [here](#)). A verse has been omitted and the tune altered slightly to give maximum impact. This is what happens when you read D. H. Lawrence....

YouTube, Mar. 7, 2008



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Libraries reach FY2011: Some relieved, all wary

The FY2010 roller-coaster ride is just about over, and many a library advocate is undoubtedly glad to see the back of it. There's a curious symmetry about the timing: Thousands of tenacious front-line library supporters are taking stock of their finalized local budgets even as 2,000 people [rallied](#) on Capitol Hill June 29 to speak up for full library funding at the federal level....

American Libraries news, June 30



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ALA News

Washington Office honors former OITP staffer

The Washington Office held a special dedication ceremony June 25 to commemorate the naming of the Mark A. Bard Conference Room. The ceremony was an opportunity to honor Bard, who served as information technology specialist in the Office for Information Technology Policy. Bard passed away September 11, 2009, from injuries sustained when he was struck by a car two years earlier in Alexandria, Virginia....

District Dispatch, June 25



RDA Toolkit now live

[The RDA Toolkit](#) went live on June 23. The Toolkit (copublished by ALA, Canadian Library Association, and CILIP through its publishing imprint Facet Publishing) includes *RDA: Resource Description and Access*, the long-awaited new unified cataloging standard designed for the digital world and an expanding universe of users needing to share metadata. It offers a one-stop resource for implementing RDA, with ongoing improvements and additions. Peter Murray has some comments on the toolkit [here](#)....

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ALA Publishing, June 27; Disruptive Library Technology Jester, June 27

Booklist ONLINE

Printz read-alikes

Gillian Engberg writes: "Since the first Michael L. Printz Award, administered by YALSA and sponsored by *Booklist*, was presented in 2000, young adult literature has continued to push beyond the boundaries of its genre and offered teen readers more sophisticated, rewarding, and original stories than ever before. In honor of the Printz Award's 10th anniversary, we've compiled these read-alikes for past winners."...



Women of no importance

Kaite Mediatore Stover writes: "Women make up more than half the population, but we certainly don't get much ink in history books. Marie Curie, Rosa Parks, and a handful of others who changed the world get their due, but what of the women whose contributions may be smaller but whose lives often make the best reading—women like ourselves? *Jeroboam's Wife* presents a scholarly yet fascinating study of seven little-known biblical women. Readers who enjoy interesting characters will be pleased with the tale of the Widow of Zarephath, a Gentile woman who takes in the prophet Elijah and confirms his miraculous talents. Although her part in the Old Testament is small, her compassion and generosity demonstrate how profoundly she affects others, especially Elijah."...



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

Awards

2010 Genealogical Publishing Company Award

Thomas Jay Kemp, director of genealogy products for NewsBank, is the 2010 recipient of the Genealogical Publishing Company Award, administered by the RUSA History Section. Kemp is well-known as one of genealogy's premier librarians and authors, and several of his sources are classics known even to non-genealogy librarians and to novice genealogists....

RUSA, June 22

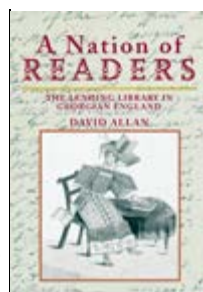


[ALA Annual Conference](#), Washington, D.C., June 24–29. Watch for AL Direct's **Special Post-Annual Conference**

[Library History Round Table awards](#)

The ALA Library History Round Table has named the 2010 winners of the Justin Winsor Prize Essay Award, the Donald G. Davis Article Award, and the Eliza Atkins Gleason Book Award honoring the best writers on the topic of library history. Pamela R. Bleisch, Kate McDowell, and David Allan (for his book *A Nation of Readers: The Lending Library in Georgian England*) are the respective winners....

Library History Round Table, June 27



[YALSA's 2010 Spectrum Scholar](#)

As part of its commitment to furthering diversity in the profession, YALSA chose Hoan-Vu Do as its 2010–2011 Spectrum Scholar. Do will attend the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science. He is the division's third sponsored Spectrum Scholar, a program funded by the Friends of YALSA....

YALSA, June 29

[ProQuest establishes Ron Clowney Spectrum Scholarship](#)

ProQuest, a long-time supporter of the Spectrum Scholarship program, has established a Spectrum Scholarship to honor the life of Ron Clowney (right). Clowney, ProQuest vice president of U.S. higher education and government sales, passed away in May. His colleagues chose to honor his life by creating this new scholarship within the Spectrum program. The first Ron Clowney Spectrum Scholarship [was awarded](#) in June 2010 to Felipe Alberto Castillo....

Office for Diversity, June 22, 23



[New Jersey State Library wins Astra Award](#)

The New Jersey State Library received a [2010 Silver Astra Award](#) in the Out-of-Home Campaign category from the New Jersey Communications, Advertising, and Marketing Association for its Library Champion Billboard Campaign. The awards were announced May 19....

New Jersey State Library Newsletter, June 29



[U.S. librarian gets Fulbright](#)

Pamela Louderback, library director at Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, is the 2010–11 [recipient](#) of the £12,500 (\$18,872 U.S.) Fulbright–Queen's University Belfast Governance Award. Louderback, who has published research in the field of indigenous education, will travel to Ireland this fall to research government-directed educational policies and practices for Irish children....

NSUBA Library, Mar. 26; U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission



[2010 ISTE Media Specialist Technology Innovation award](#)

Librarians from two East Coast K–12 schools have been named the winners of the third annual Media Specialist Technology Innovation Award, which recognizes collaborative technology innovation projects created by elementary, middle, and high school educators. Tricia Svendsen (Joseph W. Martin Jr. Elementary School in North Attleborough, Massachusetts) and Cathi Fuhrman (Hempfield Senior

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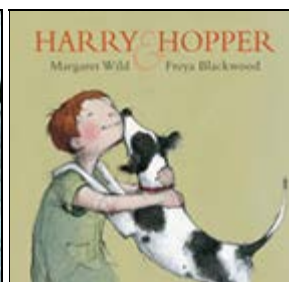
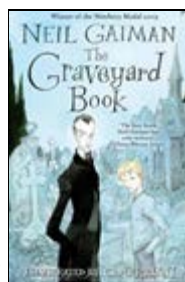
High School in Landisville, Pennsylvania) were the media specialists honored at the International Society for Technology in Education conference in Denver June 29....

International Society for Technology in Education, June 24

Neil Gaiman wins Carnegie Medal

A novel he came up with 25 years ago but put aside because he didn't think he was good enough to write it has made Neil Gaiman the first author ever to win the Carnegie and the Newbery medals with the same book. Gaiman was named winner of the UK's most prestigious children's fiction prize, the CILIP Carnegie Medal, on June 24 for *The Graveyard Book*. Australian illustrator Freya Blackwood won the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal for outstanding illustration for *Harry and Hopper*....

The Guardian (U.K.), June 24



2010 Locus Awards

The 2010 *Locus* Awards winners were announced at the annual Science Fiction Awards Weekend, held June 25–27 in Seattle. Best SF novel went to Cherie Priest's *Boneshaker* (Tor), the best fantasy novel was China Miéville's *The City and the City* (Del Rey), and the best YA book was Scott Westerfeld's *Leviathan* (Simon Pulse)....

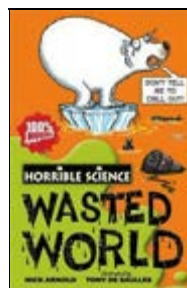
Locus Online, June 26



Horrible Science writer wins top award

Nick Arnold, author of the Horrible Science series, has won Britain's top award for science writing. Arnold's book *Wasted World*, which takes a funny yet serious look at the problems of pollution and global warming, has been awarded the prestigious Thomson Reuters Record Award for Communicating Science. The prize is awarded by the Zoological Society of London for the most outstanding communication of zoology to a general audience....

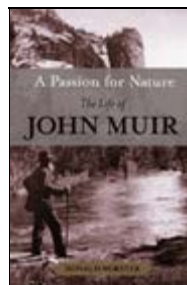
Cision Wire, June 17



2010 Scottish Book of the Year

American historian Donald Worster has been awarded the Scottish Book of the Year Award for his biography *A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir*. Worster received a total of £30,000 (\$45,150 U.S.) in recognition of his literary talent, and the significance of his biography, which positions John Muir as a national icon for Scotland and a figure of global significance for concern about the environment....

Scottish Arts Council, June 18



Dundee International Book Prize

A dramatic murder mystery set in a Lancashire town during Victorian times was unveiled as the winner of the 2010 Dundee International Book Prize, a collaboration between the University of Dundee, Polygon, and Dundee City Council. Alan Wright will be awarded the £10,000 (\$15,000 U.S.) prize, the highest

Digital Library of the Week



The Historic Houston Photographs Collection

created by the University of Houston's M. D. Anderson Library, is drawn from the extensive group of research materials known as the George Fuermann "Texas and Houston" Collection. *Houston Post* writer Fuermann amassed a collection of Texana between 1950 and 1971. Downtown Houston with horse-drawn buggies, the old City Hall and Union Station buildings, verdant parks, and swimming holes are some of the images found here.

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

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"Libraries are our future—to close them would be a terrible, terrible mistake—it would be stealing from the future to pay for today, which is what

in the U.K. for an unpublished writer, and with it a publishing deal for his debut novel, *Act of Murder*....
City of Dundee, Scotland, June 25



[2010 Desmond Elliott Prize](#)

Ali Shaw was named the winner of the £10,000 (\$15,000 U.S.) Desmond Elliott Prize in London June 23 for *The Girl with Glass Feet*, published by Atlantic Books. Shaw has worked as a bookseller and at Oxford's Bodleian Library, but is now concentrating solely on his writing. The prize is a new one for first novels with a compelling narrative written in the U.K. and is now in its third year....

Desmond Elliott Prize, June 23



Seen Online

[Libraries fading as school budget crisis deepens](#)

Students who wished their school librarians a nice summer on the last day of school may be surprised this fall when they're no longer around to recommend a good book or help with homework. As the budget crisis deepens, administrators have started to view school libraries as luxuries that can be axed rather than places where kids learn to love reading and do research. No one will know exactly how many jobs are lost until fall....

Associated Press, June 24

[Councilor: Expose library porn watchers](#)

A city councilor in Quincy, Massachusetts, wants made public a list of people who have been caught looking at pornography on library computers. Ward 2 Councilor Daniel Raymondi said he wants to know how extensive the problem is at the Thomas Crane Public Library, after the issue came up in a recent discussion about the library budget. Raymondi said part of his motivation is to determine if any library policy violators are sex offenders....

Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger, June 29



[San Diego to break ground on Central Library](#)

City leaders plan to break ground in July on a new \$185-million [main library](#) in downtown San Diego, despite concerns that the project could leave taxpayers on the hook should private donors fail to raise enough money to pay for it. The City Council [voted](#) 6–2 June 28 to move forward with library construction under the promise that a fundraising campaign will be able to collect the additional \$32.5 million needed to finish the job....

San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, June 28; KPBS-TV, San Diego, June 29



[Is Indianapolis library's renovation](#)

got us into the mess we're in now."

—Neil Gaiman, in his acceptance speech for the Carnegie Medal, *The Telegraph* (U.K.), June 24.

"The Dewey Decimal Game. Players come up with book titles (real or not) based on the licence plate numbers of approaching vehicles. Regards to all the attendees at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., this weekend."

—Steve's suggestion for a travel game in the "Schott's Vocab" blog, *New York Times*, June 28.

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International Society for Technology in Education, Annual

[suit repaired?](#)

A new ruling has revived the hopes of Indianapolis–Marion County Public Library officials for a second try at recovering up to \$25 million from New York–based engineering firm Thornton Tomasetti over an allegedly botched marquee project for IMCPL's renovated Main Library that caused \$50 million in cost overruns. Although a jury cleared the company of fraud, library officials questioned the dismissal of several claims that never made it to trial. The Indiana Appeals Court reinstated one—a claim that Thornton Tomasetti breached a standard of professional care....

Indianapolis Star, June 29



[Lawmakers override S.C. governor's library veto](#)

The South Carolina House overrode Gov. Mark Sanford's vetoes of two critically popular state services June 16: aid to county public libraries and the Department of Archives and History. Lawmakers from smaller counties and rural areas pleaded with House members to overcome the Sanford veto of \$4.6 million for libraries, which would have caused some to close and wiped out public access to internet services. The override vote was 110–5....

The State (Columbia), June 16

[Bookmarks teach anti-school lesson in library stacks](#)

Two grassroots groups opposed to publicly funded education added their message to the stacks of the University of New Hampshire and the Portsmouth and Dover public libraries. Dover Public Library Director Cathy Beaudoin said some 5,000 bookmarks from the School Sucks Project and Freedom Radio were found at DPL after a shelf of books spilled onto the floor. Had the groups asked to display a poster, the library likely would have granted approval, she said, but hiding the material prompted its removal....

Portsmouth (N.H.) Herald, June 25



[Behind the scenes at the Disney Archives](#)

After Walt Disney died in 1966, his grieving staff sealed his office suite in Burbank, California. In 1970, the company handed the key to Walt's still-sealed office to a former UCLA research librarian named [Dave Smith](#) (right), who was sent into the chamber to learn its history. "I didn't expect this to become my life's work, but it did," Smith, 69, said as he gave a tour of the Disney Archives, a massive collection spread across several in-house libraries and warehouses filled with Disney movie props, costumes, toys, art, animation, vintage theme-park gear, and company publications....

Los Angeles Times: Hero Complex, June 26



[British authors fear income losses from library loans](#)

A host of authors in the U.K. are up in arms at the prospect of a drop in their already limited incomes through cuts in the money paid out on library loans. Authors receive just over six pence per loan, up to a cap of £6,600, through the Public Lending Right scheme. But its budget is being reduced this year by 3%, to £7.45 million, and authors are desperately concerned that further reductions will be forthcoming in the autumn....

Conference, Denver, June 27–30, at: [#iste2010](#)

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

Calendar

July 25–27:

[Ohio Library Support Staff Institute](#), Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea.

Aug. 8–10:

[A Reference Renaissance:](#)

[Inventing the Future](#),

sponsored by BCR and Lyrasis, Denver Marriott Tech Center.

Aug. 11–13:

[Pacific Northwest Library Association / Washington Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Victoria, B.C. "No Library Is an Island."

Sept. 23–25:

[Association for Library Service to Children](#), National Institute, Emory Conference Center Hotel, Atlanta.

Sept. 29:

[E-books: Libraries @ the Tipping Point](#), virtual conference sponsored by *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal*.

Sept. 30–Oct. 3:

[Library and Information Technology Association](#), National

The Guardian (U.K.), June 28

[Thesis library amasses youthful thoughts of now-famous alumni](#)

Every year, more than 1,000 Princeton University students slave away on a senior thesis, after which it is deposited in the Seeley G. Mudd Library basement, never to be seen again—unless the student becomes famous. “To the Final Conflict: Socialism in New York City, 1900–1933,” written in 1981 by Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan, is the latest hot read in a long line of sought-after theses by such alumni as Michelle Obama, Ralph Nader, Bill Bradley, David Duchovny, Sonia Sotomayor, and Samuel Alito....

Newark (N.J.) Star-Ledger, June 26



[Rikers Island prison library](#)

Joe Halderman, the CBS news producer convicted in 2010 of trying to extort \$2 million from David Letterman, is now an inmate librarian at a makeshift New York Public Library branch started in March at one of the correctional facilities on Rikers Island. The branch is run by Nicholas Higgins, the supervising librarian of NYPL's Correctional Services Program. Every week, Higgins takes a city bus to the Eric M. Taylor Center, lugging a sack of books that inmates have requested. Watch the [video](#) (3:35)....

New York Times: City Room, June 25



[ICANN board approves porn domain](#)

Pornography will have its own top-level domain, .xxx, the board of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers decided June 25. The proposal was made under ICANN's rules for “sponsored” TLDs, through which domains have been created by interest groups, including the aeronautical industry (.aero) and the cooperative movement (.coop). ICM Registry, the company that proposed the domain, welcomed the vote....

PC World, June 25

[Naked cheese thief arrested in library restroom](#)

A man faces charges after an unusual incident at the Main branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. 52-year-old Darrell Bess was taken into custody June 23, after he was found bathing in the men's restroom, armed with knives and in possession of four pounds of stolen parmesan cheese. Court documents show that Bess is homeless and has a history of bizarre thefts....

WKRC-TV, Cincinnati, June 24

[Japan's bullet train library](#)

A decommissioned bullet train (Shinkansen) locomotive has been turned into a children's library in Akishima, Tokyo. The city government thought that having an old bullet train as a library would make a trip to the library exciting for young readers. Watch the [video](#) (in Japanese, 2:40)....

Japan Probe, June 27; DailyMotion, June 26



[Sri Lanka's Library Association](#)

Forum, Hilton Downtown, Atlanta. “The Cloud and the Crowd.”

Oct. 6–9:

[Idaho Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Red Lion Templin's, Post Falls. “Libraries: Bridging the Divide.”

Oct. 7–9:

[Colorado Association of Libraries](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland. “Power On: Avenues for the Future.”

Oct. 23:

[Kidlit Con](#), Annual Conference for book bloggers, Open Book, Minneapolis.

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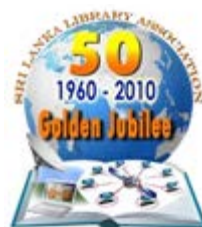
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The Sri Lanka Library Association celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Its president, Upali Amarasiri, is director of the National Institute of Library and Information Science at the University of Colombo. In this interview, Amarasiri offers his views on the association, the profession, and the status of librarians in Sri Lanka today....

The Island (Colombo), June 26



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Tech Talk

[New iPhone4: Review and Q&A](#)

David Pogue writes: "Apple's new iPhone, its fourth in four years, reached stores on June 24. The first thing you notice is the new shape. Despite a beefier battery (16% more likely to last a full day), a faster processor, and upgraded everything, the new model is still noticeably thinner and narrower than before." [Some Q&A](#): "The annual release of a new iPhone always seems to whip my readership into an emotional frenzy. Here's a sampling of the emails so far, with my replies." Another review is [here](#). Some early owners reported [reception problems](#)....

New York Times, June 23-24; *PC Magazine*, June 25; Associated Press, June 25



[Browser-based mobile viewer for Google Docs](#)

Google has further enhanced its Google Docs product June 28 by [releasing](#) a mobile viewer for Android, iPhone, and iPad users. The mobile docs viewer lets users view documents, zoom in and zoom out, navigate pages, and download the document all via their mobile browser. Supported file types include PDF, .ppt, .doc, and .docx. Users can go to docs.google.com and access any of their previously uploaded documents....

Mashable, June 28

[Get 10GB free online backup space](#)

Mohan Ramkumar writes: "Cloud storage services offer paid monthly subscriptions either for unlimited storage or for hundreds of gigabytes of data. Most of us do not have that much critical data to back up and therefore it would be a total waste of money. For those of us who have data that cannot be stored using the 1-2GB free space offered, we have a list of four of the best free online storage services that offer free space of more than 10GB."...

MakeUseOf, June 28



[A glossary of journalism tech terms you should know](#)

Jennifer 8. Lee writes: "The days are over when a journalist could ignore those geeks in the corner who typed lines of code and spoke in a bizarre language populated with acronyms. Any journalist's story now can be distributed with an API; information gathered by a reporter can be used in a mashup or shared via Scribd. This glossary defines terms related to web standards, programming, online tools,



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Poynter Online, June 28

[Digital image pioneer wants to smooth out pixels](#)

In 1957, Russell Kirsch took a picture of his infant son and scanned it into a computer. It was the first digital image: a grainy, black-and-white baby picture that literally changed the way we view the world. Science is still grappling with the limits set by the square pixel. Now retired and living in Portland, Oregon, Kirsch has written a program that turns the chunky squares of a digital image into a smoother picture made of variably shaped pixels.”...

Discovery News, June 26



[50 open source tools to replace education apps](#)

Cynthia Harvey writes: “The educational community has discovered open source tools in a big way. Analysts predict that schools will spend up to \$489.9 million on support and services for open source software by 2012, and that only includes charges related to operating systems and learning management systems. For this list, we’ve collected educational apps from a variety of categories (including library systems) that can replace popular commercial software.”...

Datamation, June 22



The library OPAC meets Web 2.0!

[LC selects firm to help Twitter archiving](#)

The Library of Congress has been in the business of storing American artifacts for 210 years, but when it comes to the new world of social media, LC realized it was going to need a hand. This week LC announced that it has hired the Massachusetts-based software firm [Signiant](#) to help LC archive one of America’s priceless treasures: the tweet....

Oh My Gov!, June 25

[Top five OCR spell-checking tools](#)

Free OCR

Tina Sieber writes: “Optical Character Recognition is the process of converting text captured in an image into a text document. Unfortunately, most free OCR services do not provide a spell-checking feature. In this article I am going to introduce the best spell-checking tools for post-processing OCR texts. This includes alternatives for existing tools that do not provide internal OCR spell-checking.”...

MakeUseOf, June 29

[Security issue with GoodReader and the iPad](#)

Jason Griffey writes: “[GoodReader](#) is by far the best interface and app for handling different file types on the iPad. But it doesn’t require authentication or any warning to connect via Bonjour, and it allows you to browse *and download* any files that are so shared—files with credit card information, passwords, and bank account information. If you use it, make sure that Ask Permission Before Connecting is on.”...

Pattern Recognition, June 26



Publishing

[Yahoo style guide](#)

Sarah Houghton-Jan writes: "Yahoo has released a [style guide](#) in direct competition with the Associated Press stylebook. It will be in stores (in both digital and physical formats) on July 6. In reviewing the Yahoo guide, it's clear that it is more progressive, modern, and mindful of internet technologies and web terms and their usage; for example, it recommends website instead of Web site and email instead of e-mail."...

Librarian in Black, June 28



[Amy Chow on e-books](#)

Amy Chow, head librarian at the Brearley School in New York City, caught up with eBookNewser to discuss e-books in school libraries: "For the most part, when people access an entire book online, they often read or use specific parts of the full text instead of starting at the beginning and reading every page to the end. I've noticed the usage of e-books at my school to be largely consisting of nonfiction books as opposed to longer narratives, like novels."...

eBookNewser, June 25



[Feds: College e-readers must be accessible](#)

In a joint June 29 "Dear Colleague" [letter](#), the U.S. Department of Education and the Justice Department cautioned the presidents of colleges and universities that e-readers required for classwork must allow visually impaired students to use them. The letter came just after a two-year [settlement agreement](#) went into effect with Arizona State University in Tempe, whose Kindle DX pilot project with Amazon triggered the disability-rights dispute. Of the e-readers produced by [four companies](#)—Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Sony, and Apple—only Apple's iPad can be used by blind people....

U.S. Department of Education, June 29; Wired Campus, June 29

[OverDrive to add Disney Digital Books](#)

Digital distributor OverDrive announced a preliminary agreement with [Disney Digital Books](#) to enable libraries to offer access to Disney's comprehensive library of books online. Young library patrons and their parents will be able to enjoy—for the first time—unlimited access to more than 600 new and classic Disney books....

OverDrive, June 29

[Clay Shirky talks on cognitive surplus](#)

Chris Croissant writes: "We were thrilled and privileged to have Clay Shirky come into the Penguin offices in London June 29 to give a fascinating insight into his new book *Cognitive Surplus*. Explaining how for decades, technology encouraged us to squander our time as passive consumers, Shirky argues that technology has finally caught up with human potential and examines the changes we will all enjoy as our untapped resources of talent and good will are put to use at last."...

Penguin Blog, June 30



Fiction may not be so dead after all

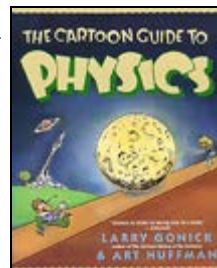
Carolyn Kellogg writes: "Every few years someone finds a platform to declare fiction dead, despite all evidence to the contrary. This time around, it's [Lee Siegel](#). It's hard to figure out which is more problematic: how poorly Siegel's argument is made, or how many things he gets wrong in the process. So for fun, let's see if I can resuscitate poor old fiction by addressing Siegel's points, one at a time, as he lays them out."...

Los Angeles Times: Jacket Copy, June 23; *New York Observer*, June 22

What scientists recommend for summer reading

Rachel Saslow writes: "Once they've plowed through their monthly stack of technical journals, which books do science and engineering professionals read for fun? And which books did they love as youngsters? We asked several of them to name their favorite beach reads over the years, both novels and nonfiction with scientific themes."...

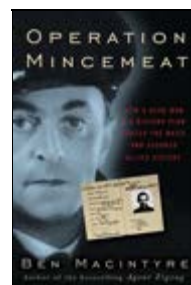
Washington Post, June 29



Nifty-keen beach books roundup

Clayton Moore writes: "According to the *Bookslut* policies and procedures manual and my newly revised job description, I'm supposed to be writing about mysteries. But I'll let you in on a little secret. There's usually no mystery involved. The books we love, whether they fit into the genre or not, are all about crime. Here's the lineup, by month of release, to get you through the long hot summer."...

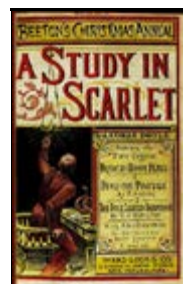
Bookslut: Mystery Strumpet, June



Sherlock Holmes's first caper for sale

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "The only known inscribed copy, apart from Arthur Conan Doyle's own, of the first printing of *A Study in Scarlet*, the first appearance of Sherlock Holmes, will be auctioned at Sotheby's in London on July 15. Published in *Beeton's Christmas Annual* in November 1887, it is expected to sell for £250,000–£400,000 (\$375,000–\$600,000 U.S.). There are only three signed or inscribed copies recorded of this classic debut in the detective genre of literature, one of the rarest and most highly sought books of modern times."...

BookTryst, June 28



Librarian splurges on savings tips

Former Franklin Park (Ill.) Public Library librarian Rachel Singer Gordon has a constant desire to pass on information. That's why she blogs 10–15 times a day on [MashUpMom.com](#) and shares money-saving tips and ideas with 14,000 visitors daily. Now, Gordon has mashed up her money strategies and internet tips into *Point, Click, and Save: MashUpMom's Guide to Saving and Making Money Online* (Information Today), which shows how to build a money-saving (and making) network using other websites and social networks, as well as how to avoid virtual scams....

Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, June 29



Actions & Answers

[Time's best blogs of 2010](#)

From the savvy to the satirical, the eye-opening to the jaw-dropping, *Time* makes its annual picks of the blogs we can't live without. The magazine selected five essential blogs ([The Daily Wh.at](#), [TechCrunch](#), [Gawker](#), Politico's [Ben Smith](#), and [Boing Boing](#)), as well as five others that are overrated....

Time, June 28

TechCrunch

[Open Library now lending virtual books](#)

On June 29, a group of libraries led by the nonprofit digital Internet Archive [created](#) a [one-stop website](#) for checking out e-books, including access to more than a million scanned public-domain books and a catalog of thousands of contemporary e-book titles available at many public libraries. Participants will also contribute scans of a few hundred older books that are still in copyright, but no longer sold commercially. [Gary Price](#) offers some analysis....

Wall Street Journal, June 29; Open Library Blog, June 29; ResourceShelf, June 29



[Risky youth behaviors and online safety](#)

danah boyd writes: "I'm pleased to announce a rough draft of *Risky Behaviors and Online Safety: A 2010 Literature Review* ([PDF file](#)) for public feedback. This document was produced for the Harvard Berkman Center's Youth and Media Policy Working Group Initiative and builds on the 2008 edition that Andrew Schrock and I crafted for the Internet Safety Technical Task Force. As researchers who are actively collecting data and in the field, many of us are frustrated because what we see doesn't match what politicians believe."...

Apophenia, June 24

[Study reveals factors in ed-tech success](#)

Schools with one-to-one computing programs have fewer discipline problems, lower dropout rates, and higher rates of college attendance than schools with a higher ratio of students to computers, according to the results of a major new study ([PDF file](#)). But for one-to-one programs to boost student achievement as well, they must be properly implemented. The findings come from Project RED (Revolutionizing Education), a national initiative that released its results June 28 at the International Society for Technology in Education conference....

eSchool News, June 28



[Knock, knock! OCLC at the door with WorldCat Direct](#)

Barbara Quint writes: "OCLC continues to push its services and the services of the libraries it serves into a more demanding user environment. According to Tony Melvyn, the new [WorldCat Direct](#) service has had a long evolution. OCLC began testing the idea of home delivery with the Montana Home Delivery/NCIP Pilot Project in 2007–2008. So how does WorldCat Direct work?"...

Information Today, June 28

[Florida librarians launch Gulf Oil Spill Info Center](#)

The University of South Florida library in



Tampa has created the Gulf Oil Spill Information Center to provide impartial, up-to-date, high-quality information about the Deepwater Horizon Gulf oil spill, its historical context, and cleanup efforts. Resources already uploaded to [GOSIC](#) include a [video series](#) (3:33 for June 8 video) and a report from the Oil Spill Academic Task Force ([PDF file](#)). A research portal is also under development, which will contain many more documents and sources....

University of South Florida Libraries, June 29

[IMLS and Labor Department forge new partnership](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration announced a new partnership that will help job seekers access employment and training services in public libraries. PLA President Sari Feldman noted that by working together at the federal level, the two agencies can help shine a spotlight on what works and encourage even greater and more effective collaborations at the state and local levels....

District Dispatch, June 25



[Checklist Manifesto for the reference desk](#)

Brian Herzog writes: "In a library near me, the director did most of the reference work. When she announced her retirement, the staff was worried about having to do reference themselves until a replacement was found. She emailed me saying she had just read *The Checklist Manifesto* by Atul Gawande and asked for my help in creating a 'reference checklist' for her staff—hopefully it would help them cover all the bases when helping patrons."...

Swiss Army Librarian, June 29

[Five real-time search engines to try](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "Real-time search engines draw their results from popular social media services like Delicious, Twitter, Facebook, and Flickr. What makes their search results different from standard search engines is that the most current links are given priority over older links. Real-time search is very helpful for finding information about the latest trends or news in a particular niche. Here are some real-time search engines that you should try."...

Free Technology for Teachers, June 26



[Thoughts on the library job market](#)

Rick Roche writes: "After I posted our opening for a full-time reference librarian in April, I received 78 applications with résumés from fully qualified librarians or library students close to qualifying. Reading through the letters, I got a look into the very deep pool of library talent that is currently available for hire. Many qualified, experienced, and creative librarians are currently either unemployed or underemployed. From my reading of the letters and résumés, I sense that underemployed is the new norm for young librarians."...

ricklibrarian, June 21

[FSU students graduate virtually](#)

In a ceremony attended by the avatars of six students, the first [virtual graduation](#) (9:09) at Florida State University took place online on May 1. The Spring 2010 Second Life Graduation Ceremony of the College of Communication and Information enabled distance students who had earned their degrees online to graduate online as well. The iSpace Second Life FSU campus, where the graduation was held, was built through the efforts of the faculty and graduate students of the CCI School of Library and Information Studies....



Florida State University College of Communication & Information, June 25; YouTube, June 26

[Behold *The Greatest Show on Earth* script](#)

Nathan Masters writes: "Cecil B. DeMille's annotated working manuscript from the 1952 circus-life melodrama *The Greatest Show on Earth*, starring Betty Hutton and Charlton Heston, resides in the Cinematic Arts Library at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Such records are an invaluable resource for students, faculty, and other scholars looking for insight into the origins of a particular movie or studying the filmmaking process in general. This blog post is the first in a series exploring the many USC libraries."...



University of Southern California: LibWire, June 25

[Guidelines for new or revised romanization tables](#)

The Library of Congress Policy and Standards Division has developed Procedural Guidelines for Proposed New or Revised Romanization Tables. They are looking for comments....

Catalogablog, June 23

[Huntington Library lovers donate \\$240 million](#) (PDF file)

Surpassing the dreams of organizers, the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California, announced that its "For Generations to Come" fundraising campaign has exceeded by \$60 million the \$175-million goal it set in 2004. The donations will be used for the establishment of new endowments to provide income in perpetuity to support staff, protect the collections, and fund research and educational programs. Expanded community involvement was a key accomplishment of the effort....



Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, June 28

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