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[Obama nominates Susan Hildreth for IMLS director](#)

President Obama [announced](#) his nominations for key administration posts September 29, including Susan H. Hildreth for director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Hildreth is city librarian of the Seattle Public Library and an active member of ALA, having served as president of PLA in 2006–2007. She also served as state librarian of California from 2004 to 2009....

Washington Office, Sept. 30; White House, Sept. 29



[Conviction in 2006 bombing of Salt Lake City Public Library](#)

A federal court jury convicted Thomas James Zajac on October 4 of planting a pipe bomb in the Salt Lake City Public Library's main facility that went off September 15, 2006, on the third floor and prompted the evacuation of some 400 patrons and staff members. Police attributed Zajac's motive to anger over what he perceived as his son Adam's mistreatment in being arrested in 2004 for a traffic violation....

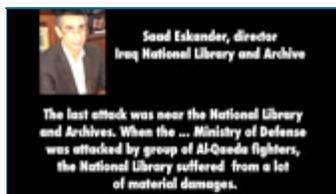
American Libraries news, Oct. 5



[Iraqi National Library director: "A critical crisis"](#)

American Libraries Editor Leonard Kniffel recently spoke by phone with Saad Eskander, director of the Iraq National Library and Archives. The September 13 conversation (12:55) covered President Obama's announcement of the pullout of U.S. combat troops from Iraq, the progress made in rebuilding the library, and the mood of the people of Baghdad. Due to the poor telephone connection, the interview is transcribed within the podcast to the extent possible....

AL Focus, Oct. 1



[Dispatches from the Field: Rethinking library linking](#)


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Cindi Trainor and Jason Price write: "OpenURL link resolvers have become a vital part of many libraries' offerings, especially those of academic libraries. Only recently has an effort been devoted to improving resolvers' functionality by examining in detail the accuracy of the data that drives them. Also of critical importance is how the standard is implemented within the source databases from which OpenURLs originate. The solutions to OpenURL failures vary widely."... *American Libraries* column, Oct.

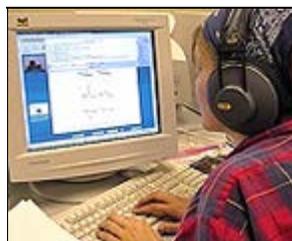
[Will's World: The conservatives among us](#)

Will Manley writes: "I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that politically the library profession is quite liberal. There may be a lot more conservatives in the profession than I know about but if they exist, they are for the most part quiet and under cover. Many liberal librarians will tell you that they equate the conservative movement with censorship and stringent fiscal policies. But these are two reasons why, instead of shunning the growing conservative movement in this country, we should engage it in a vigorous dialogue."... *American Libraries* column, Oct.

[Going the distance without leaving your desk](#)

Beth Filar-Williams writes: "Travel, especially flying, is a huge detriment to our environment. Can librarians change their attitude on travel for learning and networking opportunities? ALA and its divisions, committees, and round tables offer a number of learning opportunities, from one-time webinars to week-long courses. Log on from your desk or your home and participate without much more than a headset-mic combo."...

AL: Green Your Library, Sept. 30

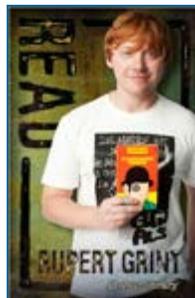


ALA News

[Rupert Grint chooses A Clockwork Orange](#)

A Yahoo! News story [informed](#) its readers October 1 that "Rupert Grint (right) has risked upsetting parents of young Harry Potter fans—he's urging them to read Anthony Burgess's controversial novel *A Clockwork Orange*." Grint did so by joining his costars Daniel Radcliffe and Emma Watson to pose for a [trio](#) of Celebrity READ posters. ALA Marketing staff reports that the [latest READ posters](#) have created more buzz than any ALA poster in recent memory...

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 1; Yahoo! News, Oct. 1; ALA Graphics, Sept. 30



Explore ways to [find funding](#) to attend the Midwinter Meeting.

[Major changes in place for Conference Services](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: "Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels announced October 4 a new arrangement with conference management firm Hall-Erickson that will include replacing Conference Services Director Deidre Ross with Hall-Erickson Vice President Paul Graller, who will act as ALA's conference services coordinator. Fiels's announcement noted: 'Overall responsibility for conference services will remain the responsibility of Mary Ghikas, senior associate executive director for member programs and services.'"...



[ALA Midwinter Meeting](#) in San Diego, California, January 7-11, 2011.

[Institutes and optional events](#) are *not* included with a meeting registration and usually require an additional registration fee. When you register for bundled, advance, or regular registration you may also register for these events. They may be chosen on the online or paper registration form. Please add the event code for each event if you use the paper form.



[Hang out and read.](#)

The bats are loose in the library! Encourage readers of all ages to hang out at the library with this new poster

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 4

[Warning: Avoid conference-housing poachers](#)

ALA Conference Services cautions that sometime soon you will receive a phone, fax, or email transmission (if you haven't already) that offers you cut-rate housing for ALA's Annual Conference or Midwinter Meeting. The apparent intent is to convince you that the offer is made on behalf of ALA or that it is a viable alternative. Don't be misled. Housing for the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is handled exclusively by Experient....

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 1

[Academic libraries survey coming soon](#) (PDF file)

Every two years the National Center for Education Statistics collects [basic statistical data](#) from college and university libraries. That is happening again this fall with the launch of an online survey. Each academic library director will receive a letter containing a registration certificate that shows a User ID and password for the library. The director will be asked to indicate a "key holder" who will use those codes to enter the library's data. The [survey itself](#) will be online between November 9 and February 28....

Office for Research and Statistics

[Banned Books Week Machinima Contest winner](#)

As part of its celebration of Banned Books Week in Second Life, the Office for Intellectual Freedom held a Banned Books Week Machinima Contest. Machinima is filmmaking within a real-time, 3-D virtual environment like Second Life. Four entries with the BBW theme of "Think For Yourself and Let Others Do the Same" were submitted. Clark Abismo's [robot-themed entry](#) (5:00, above) was the winner, but the other submissions by [MimiSoleil Firelight](#) (2:56), [Tidewater Community College's Rosie](#) (2:39), and [Iono Allen and Miso Susanow](#) (5:29) are worth watching....



OIF Blog, Oct. 5; You Tube

[The Washington Office is 65 years old](#)

In 1945, ALA founded the Washington Office to educate and work with legislators and public officials to obtain funding and policies that support libraries and public access to information. Over the years, the office's work has been instrumental in many important wins for libraries, including the passage of the first bill enacted by Congress granting federal aid to public libraries in 1956....

District Dispatch, Oct. 1

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

The Office for Information Technology Policy is once again soliciting nominations for best library practices using cutting-edge technology. Last year, OITP's America's Libraries for the 21st Century Subcommittee launched the "cutting-edge" contest to showcase libraries that serve their communities with novel and innovative methods and to provide the library community with some successful models for delivering quality library services in new ways. The deadline for [nominations](#) is November 1....

District Dispatch, Oct. 6

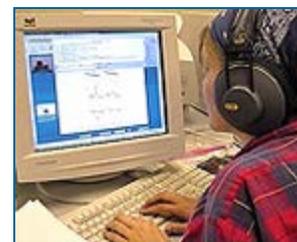
[ALA partners with Target's Read With Me campaign](#)

featuring art from the acclaimed book *Bats at the Library* by Brian Lies. Young readers will enjoy the antics of the bats as they discover the library after hours. **NEW!**
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[AL Focus](#)

Great Libraries of the World

Target Corporation has announced a partnership with ALA in the retailer's nationwide Target Read With Me campaign that aims to increase children's reading proficiency and ability to read on their own by the end of 3rd grade. ALA has contributed recommended reading lists and tips on building a child's home library, as well as providing support and resources for a [website](#) dedicated to encouraging adults to read to children, which includes a search tool that locates libraries by ZIP code....

Development Office, Sept. 29



[New TechSource online workshop on using RDA](#)

While some libraries are formally testing RDA as participants in the U.S. national libraries' study, many more are experimenting and exploring. ALA TechSource is offering a three-part online workshop series, [Using RDA: Moving into the Metadata Future](#), October 27, November 10, and November 17 to examine what's changed from AACR2 and explore the potential for applying RDA data to library projects....

ALA TechSource, Oct. 1



[JobLIST Placement Center offers webinar](#)

If you're feeling stuck in your job search and just not sure what you can do to change things, an October 20 webinar, "Take Your Job Search Campaign Up a Level: What to do When You're Still Not Getting That Job You Want (And Need!)," is meant to jumpstart and re-energize your job search campaign, no matter where it is right now. Caitlin Williams (right), who has been offering career counseling at ALA conferences for the past decade, will present. [Registration](#) is open....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Oct. 4



[Library MVPs named](#)

Maplewood Junior/Senior High School in Guys Mills, Pennsylvania, was chosen the top library MVP for 2010 for submitting nearly 400 entries to this year's Step Up to the Plate @ your library program, cosponsored by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The library wins a \$100 bookstore gift certificate. Three other libraries were also named MVPs; they will receive a \$50 ALA Graphics gift certificate and an autographed baseball....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Oct. 4



[Place your bets on Money Smart Week @ your library](#)

In partnership with the the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, ALA is expanding Money Smart Week @ your library week, to be held April 2-9, 2011, into a national initiative. Held in the Midwest for the past decade, Money Smart Week has enabled libraries of all types to partner with community groups, financial institutions, government agencies, educational organizations, and other financial experts to help consumers learn to better manage their personal finances. The library component of the Money Smart Week website launches



[Olin Memorial Library](#)

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

Wesleyan's second general library, Olin was designed by Henry Bacon of McKim, Mead, and White and completed in 1928. It was named after alumnus Stephen Henry Olin by his widow Emeline, who donated the funds for its construction. The central feature of its 163-foot wide façade is the marble portico of six Ionic columns surmounted by a pediment and capped by a balustrade. Additional space for the book stacks was furnished in 1938, and in 1983-1986 a U-shaped addition was wrapped around the stack extension.



[Sterling Memorial Library](#)

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. Yale's largest library is a Gothic Revival facility designed by James Gamble Rogers and adorned with some 3,300 stained

November 1....

Chapter Relations Office, Oct. 4

[Win a \\$5,000 gaming gear shopping spree from DEMCO](#)

DEMCO is partnering with ALA to help one lucky library level up its gaming program with a \$5,000 shopping spree. Libraries that are [registered](#) for National Gaming Day, November 13, can submit an application to win the prize. During your NGD10 activities, you can take pictures and video or talk to patrons to get ideas in order to [show DEMCO your vision](#) for a next-level gaming program for your community. One winner will be drawn from a pool of 15 finalists at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego....

National Gaming Day @ your library, Oct. 1



["Discovering Librarianship" application deadline extended](#)

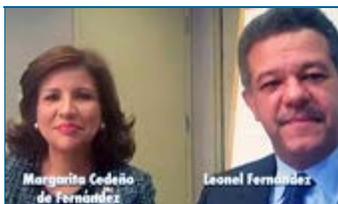
The deadline has been extended to October 15 to [apply](#) for an IMLS grant to become one of 35 early career librarians from a racially or ethnically underrepresented group who will receive recruitment training in the "Discovering Librarianship: The Future Is Overdue" project at ALA Midwinter in San Diego, January 7–11. Designed to increase the profession's capacity to recruit high school and college students at national, regional, and local career recruitment and education events, the project will provide the library profession with a new set of recruitment materials....

Office for Diversity, Sept. 30

[Dominican Republic president explores library development](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: "In what looks very much like the beginning of a beautiful friendship, Dominican Republic President Leonel Fernández paid a visit to ALA in Chicago October 1, accompanied by First Lady Margarita Cedeño de Fernández and an entourage that included Aida Montero de Jiménez, director of the Biblioteca Juan Bosch in Santo Domingo, to talk about libraries. They spoke passionately but pragmatically about developing a superior public library system, including libraries for children and teens." Watch the [full interview](#) (9:50) or [highlights](#) (2:55)....

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 1; AL Focus, Oct. 1



[New ALA Editions website](#)

Daniel A. Freeman writes: "When ALA TechSource became part of ALA Editions, we immediately joined the effort to help book publishing at ALA stay on the cutting edge. As Editions' production and editorial staff pushed forward with their efforts to publish digitally, we decided that a [new website](#) and vibrant [blog](#) would be a great way to give our readers an inside look at how a new type of book publishing is emerging."...

ALA TechSource blog, Oct. 5



[Common phrases and the amazing stories behind them](#)

ALA Editions has released [Common Phrases: And the Amazing Stories Behind Them](#) by Max Cryer. This humorous and informative book is "as good as gold"

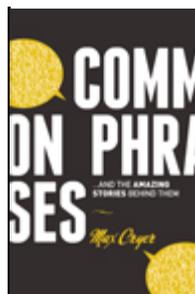
glass decorations by G. Owen Bonawit, including 673 painted medallions. Rogers created the library in the image of a cathedral, modeling the circulation desk after an altar. The main entrance is adorned with symbols and writings in various ancient languages, the work of sculptor Rene Paul Chambellan, who also made the gargoyles, interior panels, and other ornamental designs. Completed in 1930, the library was named after attorney and alumnus John William Sterling, who donated much of his fortune to Yale.

This new AL Direct feature showcases 250 libraries around the world that are notable for their exquisite architecture, historic collections, and innovative services. If you find yourself on vacation near one of them, be sure to stop by for a visit. The entire list will be available in [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart, which is scheduled for publication in 2011 by ALA Editions.



for word buffs . . . "we kid you not!" Cryer unearths the stories behind hundreds of the words and phrases used in everyday speech. Librarians are equally adept at using language and seeking information, and this delightful book speaks to both activities. Stuffed with fascinating trivia that's as fun to read as it is valuable for reference use, this volume explains the origins of such idioms as "bad hair day," "canned laughter," and "cold turkey."...

ALA Editions, Sept. 29



[New edition of Cataloging Correctly for Kids](#)

Based on guidelines issued by ALCTS, the fifth edition of [Cataloging Correctly for Kids: An Introduction to the Tools](#) offers advice from experienced, practicing librarians. Revisions to the handbook, which was edited by Sheila S. Intner, Joanna F. Fountain, and Jean Weihs, include comprehensive updates on bibliographic description and subject access; a new chapter on cataloging for non-English speaking and preliterate children; and a discussion of when and how to move to RDA. The title is also available as an [e-book](#) and in a [print/e-book bundle](#)....

ALA Editions, Oct. 4

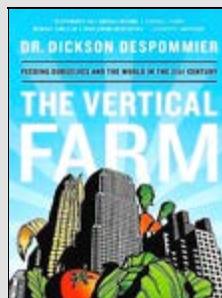


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Gardening](#)

Despommier, Dickson. *The Vertical Farm: Feeding Ourselves and the World in the 21st Century*. Oct. 2010. Illustrated. 304p. St. Martin's (978-0-312-61139-2).

Despommier, an award-winning professor of microbiology and public and environmental health sciences, adds his voice to those calling for agricultural reform. It's time to confront agrochemical pollution, he declares, and to convert waste into energy, conserve water, stop cutting down forests for fields, and make cities the equivalent of healthy ecosystems. It's time, Despommier believes after more than a decade of study and brainstorming, for vertical farming. A provocative introduction to a pragmatic approach to growing safe, nutritious, local food....



[Top 10 food books](#)

Donna Seaman writes: "Health and well-being for both humans and the biosphere are the goals of the 10 best food books of the year, in which both pleasure and sustainability are emphasized as authors suggest changes in food shopping,



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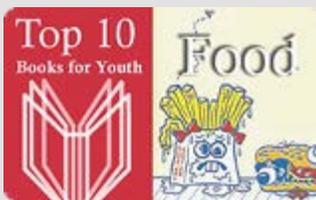
ALA JobLIST

[Children's Librarian.](#)

cooking, and eating.”...

[Top 10 food books for youth](#)

Gillian Engberg writes: “Whether they want to trace the life of a french fry, learn how to boil an egg, or discover what kids around the world eat for breakfast, young readers can explore all their epicuriosities with this list of standout food-themed titles, all reviewed in *Booklist* over the past five years.”...



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

San Diego Update

[The Gaslamp Quarter](#)

The ALA Midwinter Meeting will be held January 7–11 in the San Diego Convention Center, located downtown adjacent to the Gaslamp Quarter, a 16½-block historical neighborhood that is now a premier shopping, dining, and entertainment district. The quarter, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, extends from Broadway to Harbor Drive, and from 4th to 6th Avenue. With many restaurants, bars, nightclubs, lounges, boutiques, art galleries, and shops for conference-goers to visit, the Gaslamp has established itself both as the playground of hip, eclectic San Diegans and as an elite urban destination....



Gaslamp Quarter Association

[Labor concerns in conference hotels](#)

The newsletter of the Social Responsibilities Round Table includes information about San Diego hotels and their current labor status. The article encourages SRRT members to support unions and to [research hotels](#) prior to making reservations for the ALA Midwinter Meeting and for other business and recreational purposes....

SRRT Newsletter, no. 172 (Sept.); Unite Here

[Southern California gray whale migration](#)

Migrating gray whales travel south along the coastline by San Diego to the waters off Baja California to breed and then back to their summer feeding grounds. Newport Landing Whale Watching offers cruises daily from Newport Beach with a 96% success rate, so it would be a fluke if you failed to see one. Come early or stay late to catch a glimpse of one of the 26,000 whales that migrate along the California coast from December 3 to February 28....



Newport Landing Whale Watching

Division News

[LITA keynote: Roy Tennant on](#)

Victoria (Tex.) Public Library. Seeking an energetic and creative children’s librarian with excellent communication skills to help create new and exciting children’s programs and partnerships, conduct story times, develop programs for tweens and families, and oversee a busy Summer Reading Program. Masters of Library Science degree from an ALA-accredited institution required and 1–2 years of library experience preferred....



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Digital Library of the Week



For the first time in its seven-year history, the [Homeland Security Digital Library](#) has opened a portion of its unique and unrivaled collection to the public. The HSDL is the nation’s premier collection of documents related to

[the Cloud](#)

This is a keynote session presented by Roy Tennant at the LITA National Forum, October 2, in Atlanta. One of the most-hyped technologies in recent days is cloud computing. This [talk](#) (52:48) goes beneath the hype to provide a high-level overview illustrated with specific examples about how libraries are using cloud computing technologies to better and more efficiently serve their users. Watch Ross Singer's [keynote](#) (58:33) on linked data....

Ustream, Oct. 2-3



[2010 Great Ideas contest winners named](#)

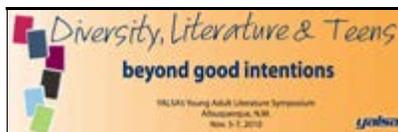
Three librarians have won YALSA's Great Ideas contest, held to brainstorm ways of promoting the action areas in its strategic plan ([PDF file](#)). Elizabeth Burns of the New Jersey State Library Talking Books and Braille Center in Trenton suggested a blog-based YALSA book award/booklist reading challenge. Kit Ward-Crixell of New Braunfels (Tex.) Public Library and Krista McKenzie of Maryland's Garrett College shared an award for independently submitting the same idea: the creation of an online tool to aid YA librarians in conducting original research....

YALSA, Oct. 1

[Advance registration to close for YA lit symposium](#)

Advance registration [remains open](#) through October 8 for YALSA's biennial November 5-7 Young Adult Literature Symposium in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In keeping with the theme—"Diversity, Literature, and Teens: Beyond Good Intentions"—the symposium will offer attendees a chance to meet more than 30 authors, learn about current trends in young adult literature, and receive a certificate for more than 12 contact hours....

YALSA, Oct. 4



[Deadline extended for AASL Fall Forum](#)

Advance registration pricing for AASL's November 5-6 [Fall Forum](#) in Portland, Oregon, has been extended until October 21. "In Focus: The Essentials of 21st-Century Learning" will feature breakout sessions with three preeminent school library researchers, Gail Dickinson, Leslie Maniotes, and Ross Todd, who will show how essential questions, enduring understanding, and evidence-based practice align with AASL's learning standards and program guidelines....

AASL, Oct. 1



[Consulting Toolkit workshop returns to Midwinter](#)

ASCLA will reprise the full-day 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting workshop "Assembling a Consulting Toolkit: What You Need to Know to Become a Successful Library Consultant" on January 7 at the 2011 ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego. Nancy Bolt, Sara Laughlin, and Beth Bingham will present an overview of library consulting, and then workshop attendees will conduct a self-assessment of their personal consulting potential....

ASCLA, Oct. 5

homeland security policy, strategy, and organizational management. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's [National Preparedness Directorate](#) (under FEMA) and the Naval Postgraduate School [Center for Homeland Defense and Security](#), the HSDL is composed of homeland security-related documents collected from a wide variety of sources. These include federal, state, tribal, and local government agencies, professional organizations, think tanks, academic institutions, and international governing bodies. Although largely comprised of reports, this specialized library also provides homeland security subject matter in other formats including videos, slide presentations, maps, databases, and statistics. Resources are carefully selected and evaluated by a team of librarians and subject-matter specialists. Anyone interested in homeland-security research can access more than 40,000 policy and strategy documents, about half the total collection, from an array of government and academic sources with assurance that the resources have been professionally reviewed. As the definition of homeland security has expanded beyond terrorism to

[Comments sought on new tool for evaluating teen services](#)

YALSA members are invited to comment on the draft of its teen services evaluation tool ([PDF file](#)). The finalized tool will be used to evaluate a public library's overall level of success in providing services to 12–18 year-olds, with the areas for evaluation derived primarily from YALSA's [Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth: Young Adults Deserve the Best](#), revised in 2010. The [survey](#) is open until November 15....

YALSA, Oct. 1

[AASL seeks conference proposals](#)

AASL has issued a call for proposals for concurrent sessions at the 15th national conference of AASL, which will take place October 27–30, 2011, in Minneapolis, with the theme of "Turning the Page." Sessions should help attendees elevate themselves as leaders or elevate their library programs at every stage of implementation. Proposals must show support of the [AASL Strategic Plan](#), the [AASL Standards for the 21st-Century Learner](#), or [Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Programs](#). The [deadline](#) for submissions is November 1....

AASL, Oct. 1

Round Table News

[Speaking out against bullying](#)

In response to the recent tragic events involving GLBTQ teens, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table has compiled "Speaking OUT Against Bullying," a list of resources for kids in trouble and the people who care about them. Resources were contributed by members of the round table and further suggestions are welcome....

GLBT Round Table

Awards

[Edwards Award nominations welcomed](#)

YALSA members' applications are sought for the Margaret A. Edwards Award for Best Literature Program for Teens. Sponsored by the Margaret A. Edwards Trust, the award bestows \$500 on the individual winner and another \$500 to the award winner's library. [Nominations](#) are due by December 1....

YALSA, Oct. 1

[ALA offers 2011 recognition awards and grants](#)

Nominate yourself, colleagues, or your library for ALA's 2011 recognition awards and grants. Unless otherwise noted, the deadline for awards is December 1. General information about ALA awards is available [here](#)....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 4

[13 vs. 14](#)

Jonathan Hunt writes: "As you know, the Newbery audience goes up to and includes the age of 14, but next spring the [ALSC membership](#) will have an opportunity to lower the age of service from 14 to 13 (while increasing it at the bottom end from preschool to birth). If the proposed changes to the bylaws pass, there will be many implications, but for our purposes here, it seems likely that the award

include other man-made and natural catastrophic events, the subject matter contained in the library has also expanded to include topics such as school violence, pandemic flu, and natural disasters. Previously, anyone seeking to research the site needed to gain pre-approved permission for access. Account holders have access to more than twice the information available on the public site, and have additional benefits including research support, user-specified email alerts on topics of interest, a quarterly e-newsletter, and critical releases. Homeland security professionals, students, and academics are **invited to apply for an account** by filling out a brief email form available via a link under the homepage login button.

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

Public Perception
How the World Sees Us

"The lifblood of a university is its library, and cutting library resources is like cutting off oxygen to the brain. Without this lifblood, the

criteria will be revised accordingly.”...

School Library Journal: Heavy Medal, Oct. 2; ALSC Blog, Feb. 25

FLICC awards for federal librarianship

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee has announced the winners of its national awards that recognize the many innovative ways that federal libraries and library staff fulfill the information demands of government, business, and scholarly communities, and the American public. Among the honorees is Eleanor S. Uhlinger (right), university librarian of the Naval Postgraduate School/Dudley Knox Library in Monterey, California, who is the 2009 Federal Librarian of the Year....



FLICC, Oct. 1

Princeton salutes Leslie Burger

The Princeton (N.J.) Regional Chamber of Commerce announced the names of four honorees at a September 30 press conference, stepping outside of the business community in one case to honor Leslie Burger, director of the Princeton Public Library, with a Community Leader of the Year Award. Burger, who has directed the library’s renovation, growth, and expansive range of programs since 1999 and served as ALA President in 2006–2007, was selected for setting a new standard for community libraries across the country....



Trenton (N.J.) Times, Oct. 1

Nominations due for Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award

October 15 is the deadline for nominations for the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award, which is given by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Established in 1969 by library school faculty to honor Downs on his 25th anniversary as director of the school, the award acknowledges those who have resisted censorship or efforts to abridge the freedom of individuals to read or view materials of their choice....

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign GSLIS

Laman Library System wins Prism Award

The William F. Laman Public Library System of North Little Rock announced October 5 that it has received a statewide, multi-industry award for its [new website](#), becoming the first library system in Arkansas to do so. The award was presented by the Arkansas Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America....

KTHV-TV, Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 5

2010 Carle Honors

Hundreds of children’s book enthusiasts gathered September 30 at Guastavino’s in New York City to celebrate the 2010 Carle Honors, hosted by the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, Massachusetts. The year’s honorees were *The New Way Things Work* author and illustrator David Macaulay (Artist, right), noted art collectors Kendra and Allan Daniel (Angel), the Society for Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators’ Stephen Mooser and Lin Oliver (Mentor) and renowned sculptor Nancy Schön (Bridge)....



Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

university will falter and fail.”

—Robert Buckingham, dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Saskatchewan, in “Library Cuts Threaten Research,” *The Scientist*, Sept. 28.

“My parents and grandparents read to me every day, and as a result I began reading when I was 4 years old. Because of the opportunities given to me in that small, beautiful county library [the Bangor branch of the La Crosse County (Wis.) Library] I have passed on my love of reading to my children and grandchildren. Nothing can replace the feeling of holding a book in your hands and stepping into another world of imagination, education, and pleasure. How fortunate we are to live in an area where libraries are abundant and available to everyone. A library card is your passport to the world, and I encourage everyone to get one.”

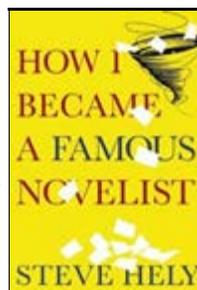
—Judy Bouffleur, from a letter to the editor in the *La Crosse (Wis.) Tribune*, Oct. 3, that was chosen by the staff at the La Crosse County Library to best represent the importance of libraries during National Library Card Sign-up Month.

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[2010 Thurber Prize for American humor](#)

The 2010 Thurber Prize for American Humor was awarded October 4 to Steve Hely for his debut novel, *How I Became a Famous Novelist*. The award was presented at the Algonquin Hotel in New York City. Started in 1997, the Thurber Prize for American Humor is the only recognition of the art of humor writing in the United States. The winner receives \$5,000 and then is the guest entertainment for the annual December Thurber Birthday Gala....

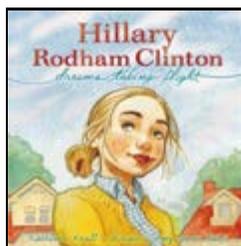
Thurber House, Oct. 4



[2011 Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award](#)

The Children's Book Guild has honored Kathleen Krull with its 34th Nonfiction Award. The award is presented annually to an author or illustrator whose total body of work has contributed significantly to the quality of nonfiction for children. Krull's snappy prose, intriguing facts, and humorous anecdotes enliven biographies of Leonardo da Vinci, Sigmund Freud, Wilma Rudolph, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and many other notables....

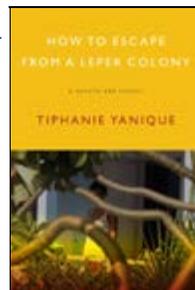
Children's Book Guild, Oct. 1



[National Book Foundation's "5 Under 35" fiction](#)

This is the fifth year of the National Book Foundation's "5 Under 35" selections, which recognizes five young fiction writers chosen by National Book Award winners and finalists. This year's honorees are Sarah Braunstein, Grace Krilanovich, Téa Obreht, Tiphonie Yanique, and Paul Yoon. The five writers will read at an invitation-only event November 15 at the PowerHouse bookstore in Brooklyn, New York....

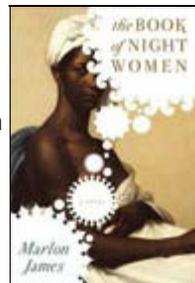
National Book Foundation, Oct. 5



[2010 Dayton Literary Peace Prize](#)

Dave Eggers's *Zeitoun* (McSweeney's) and Marlon James's *The Book of Night Women* (Riverhead Books) were named winners September 22 of the 2010 Dayton Literary Peace Prize for nonfiction and fiction, respectively. Inspired by the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that ended the war in Bosnia, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize is the only international literary peace prize awarded in the United States. The prize celebrates the power of literature to promote peace and global understanding....

Dayton Literary Peace Prize, Sept. 22



[22 best young Spanish-language novelists](#)

The editors of *Granta* have announced their first-ever list of Best Young Spanish-Language Novelists. The 22 writers on the list were chosen by a distinguished



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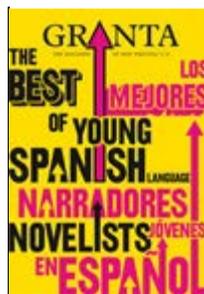
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panel of six judges. To be eligible, the writers had to be born on or after January 1, 1975. They hail from Mexico, Argentina, Spain, Colombia, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, and Peru. The list was announced at a press conference at the Círculo de Bellas Artes in Madrid on October 1....

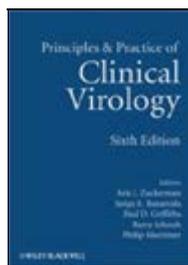
Granta, Oct. 1



[2010 Wheatley Medal for best index](#)

On September 30, at the annual dinner of the Society of Indexers conference at Middelburg, Netherlands, SI President John Sutherland announced that the Wheatley Medal for an outstanding index was awarded to Jan Ross for her index to A. J. Zuckerman et al., eds., *Principles and Practice of Clinical Virology*, 6th ed. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009). The winning indexer receives a medal, certificate, and cash prize....

Catalogue and Index, Oct. 4



[2010 CLPE Poetry Award](#)

Carol Ann Duffy's *New and Collected Poems for Children* (Faber & Faber) was honored September 30 with the 2010 Poetry Award by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education at a special ceremony in London by last year's winner John Agard. The annual award is one of very few poetry awards for children in the U.K. and was launched in 2003 to highlight the importance of this branch of literature to children....

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education



Seen Online

[Stockton–San Joaquin County considers hiring LSSI](#)

Officials in Stockton and San Joaquin County, California, are trying to determine if they can get more bang for the buck by having LSSI, a private company in Germantown, Maryland, manage the library system. But red flags came up when some Thornton residents questioned whether having decisions about their library made three time zones away would be a good idea. And after LSSI CEO Frank A. Pezzanite [asserted](#) in a *New York Times* article that “a lot of libraries are atrocious,” ALA President Roberta Stevens argued in a [letter to the editor](#) against relinquishing library management to the private sector, and Amy Traub at the Drum Major Institute [concurs](#). Will Manley has some [comments](#) from librarians who work for LSSI....

Lodi (Calif.) News-Sentinel, Oct. 1; *New York Times*, Sept. 26, Oct. 3; *Huffington Post*, Oct. 4; Will Unwound, Oct. 2



[Gas cut off in Chicago library field house sit-in](#)

The gas was cut off October 4 at the Whittier Elementary School field house in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago

Calendar

Oct. 8–10:

[New York Comic Con.](#)

Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, New York City. Join fellow librarians at noon on October 8 at the ALA booth #434 for the [largest organized group photo](#) at the Con.

Oct. 18–24:

[Open Access Week.](#)

Sponsored by the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Research Coalition.

Oct. 22:

[Smithsonian Archives Fair.](#)

National Mall, Washington, D.C.

Oct. 27:

[Digital Media Conference West.](#)

Hotel Kabuki, San Francisco.

Nov. 4:

[Graphic Novel Discussion.](#)

Leslie F. Malpass Library, Western Illinois University, Macomb. “The (Too) Graphic Novel.” On **Dec. 1:** “From Heroes to Antiheroes.”

Nov. 6:

[Children's Literature Council of Southern California.](#)

Fall Gala, Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles.

Apr. 20–23,



where dozens of parents have been staging a sit-in for nearly three weeks in hopes of convincing Chicago Public Schools to remake the building into a library. However, a city task force [recommended](#) October 5 that CPS restore heat and hot water to the field house and halt demolition plans until the group releases its recommendations on which facilities to repair or build. The parents have set up a library on the premises, thanks to donations of books, and held a [ribbon-cutting ceremony](#) on September 30. On October 1, Chicago Teachers Union officials [lent their support](#) by donating more than 500 books....

Chicago Sun-Times, Oct. 5-6; *Gapers Block*, Oct. 1; *WLS-TV*, Chicago, Oct. 1

[New York Public Library names new president](#)

The New York Public Library is planning to name Anthony W. Marx, the current president of Amherst College, a native New Yorker and a passionate advocate of public education, as its new president. He replaces Paul LeClerc, who announced his plan to step down in November 2009. The choice suggests that the search committee sees the library's future as rooted in the life of its 86 neighborhood branches....

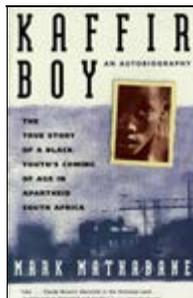
New York Times, Oct. 5



[Kaffir Boy challenged in San Luis Obispo](#)

Mark Mathabane wrote about his experience in *Kaffir Boy*, an autobiographical account of South African apartheid published in 1986. However, due to an anonymous complaint about a passage in the book in which Mathabane describes how some children would prostitute themselves for food, San Luis Obispo (Calif.) High School has begun a review process that could potentially remove the book from the school's curriculum and its library....

San Luis Obispo (Calif.) New Times, Sept. 29



[Boston Public Library eliminates 40 jobs](#)

The embattled Boston Public Library system announced 40 service and support staff layoffs October 1, on the heels of eliminating four management positions. The cuts are to custodial, secretarial, library assistant, and human resources jobs that will be eliminated at the central library branch in Copley Square, said spokeswoman Gina Perille. No librarians were laid off....

Boston Globe, Oct. 1

[Marietta school library reopens one year after flood](#)

One year after north Georgia's historic flood destroyed its library, a Marietta school officially opened a new library October 4. Shreiner Academy, a private preparatory school in Marietta, lost its entire book collection in the 2009 flood. When the heavy rains came, the library was undergoing renovations. Books were being stored in the basement of one of the school's buildings. The new library is an



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[Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association](#), National Conference, Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk hotels, San Antonio, Texas. Deadline for paper proposals is December 15.

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improvement over the old reference center....
WGCL-TV, Atlanta, Oct. 4

[Library staffers stop man from beating girlfriend](#)

Police responded October 4 to the Madden Hills branch of the Dayton (Ohio) Metro Library on a report of a fight in the parking lot. Witnesses told police that an 18-year-old man had been beating a young woman, apparently his girlfriend. When several library staff members entered the lot, the young man squared off with raised fists as if to attack one of them. When that did not dissuade his advance, a single punch to the face by one of the staffers did, sending the 18-year-old to the ground....

Dayton (Ohio) Daily News, Oct. 5

[Charlotte task force seeks ideas](#)

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library director Charles Brown cautioned during a visit to Davidson in late September that maintaining the library system in its current form could be difficult given the county's budget problems. So county officials hope a newly appointed task force can come up with some long-term answers. The 17-member Future of the Library Task Force begins meeting October 20....

Davidson (N.C.) News.net, Oct. 5

[A Mad Men reading list](#)

Books are no exception to the meticulous recreation of the 1960s advertising world in the AMC network series *Mad Men*—and one librarian has been paying attention. Billy Parrott, manager of the New York Public Library's Battery Park City branch, has compiled a "*Mad Men* Reading List" that includes such books as the paperback Betty Draper pored over in the bathtub while trying to soak away suspicions about Don's cheating and the Japanese cultural-history tome that everyone in the agency is forced to read. But does Don Draper go to the library? "I like to think he does," Parrott said....

New York Daily News, Oct. 3



[Collector donates Civil War photos to LC](#)

A Virginia collector has donated to the Library of Congress the largest trove of Civil War-era photographs depicting average soldiers that the institution has received in at least 50 years. The stunning ambrotypes and tintypes show hundreds of the young men who fought and died in the war, often portrayed in the innocence and idealism before the experience of battle. The [pictures](#), almost 700 in all, make up the bulk of the collection of Tom Liljenquist, of McLean, Virginia....

Washington Post, Oct. 2



[How the NYPL Photography Collection was born](#)

Julia Van Haaften writes: "In 1977, I was invited to curate the New York Public Library's first major photography exhibition. When the show came down at the end of July, I arranged to keep the books and albums in a special area adjacent to the Art and Architecture Division, in what is now the Salomon Room. There was demand from researchers to see these and



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other images, so over months, I added more photographic materials from the stacks that seemed vulnerable to vandalism or theft." Visit NYPL's [photography exhibition](#) online and watch the [video](#) (1:24)....

Huffington Post, Oct. 1

[Tax-cut measures could devastate Colorado libraries](#)

Colorado's librarians are worried. Depending on what voters decide in the November election, libraries around the state could be forced to reduce their hours, slash services, or shut the doors to branches entirely. Of concern are Proposition 101 and Amendments 60 and 61, collectively known as the "Big Three." Opponents, who have dubbed them the "Bad Three," project a devastating impact on public services like libraries, schools, and fire and police departments, if any or all of them pass. Watch a [video](#) (4:51) about the issues....

Colorado Independent, Oct. 1; YouTube, Sept. 9



[Fitchburg launches commemorative penny drive](#)

In 1950, the children of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, scrounged up their spare change and brought it to school on Fridays for a penny drive to help build the Fitchburg Youth Library, one of the nation's first collections intended for young people. In honor of the library's 60th anniversary, Fitchburg Public Library trustees launched a penny drive September 29 to expand the children's book collection. Mayor Lisa Wong unveiled a parking meter in front of the library so that children and parents can donate their change....

Fitchburg (Mass.) Sentinel and Enterprise, Sept. 30

[Lord Jesus Christ thrown out of Belchertown library](#)

The Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown, Massachusetts, has taken the unusual step of banning local artist Lord Jesus Christ III from the public facility in response to what they called recurring bad behavior. The September 8 order issued by the board of trustees warns that the dreadlocked, cross-dressing Jesus Christ will be subject to criminal charges if he appears in the library again. Library Director Owen Maloney said the library does not care how Jesus Christ dresses, but it does care how he acts inside the facility....

Springfield (Mass.) Republican, Sept. 28



[Parents: Library Wi-Fi gives kids headaches](#)

On September 27, a group of parents asked the town of Collingwood, Ontario, to shut off Wi-Fi services in the public library. The council committed to having staff report back on October 18 with an examination of Wi-Fi services in municipal facilities, not just the library. The parents have been lobbying the Simcoe County District School Board for several months to remove Wi-Fi units from school, saying their children have complained of headaches, nausea, and tachycardia. They claim Wi-Fi is the cause....

Collingwood (Ont.) Enterprise-Bulletin, Oct. 1

[Do college students need more online privacy education?](#)

In the wake of a Rutgers University freshman's September 22 suicide after two videos of him having sex were broadcast



online without his consent, privacy advocates say the rules regarding internet privacy and appropriate online behavior should be stressed in higher education. Tyler Clementi's death came the same week Rutgers launched a program called [Project Civility](#), designed by campus officials to encourage students to consider how they treat people....

eSchool News, Oct. 4

[Yearbook collections go digital](#)

Colleges across the United States have been making digital copies of old yearbooks. According to Laurie Gemmill, program manager of the Mass Digitization Collaborative at LYRASIS, the firm—with support from the Sloan Foundation and the Internet Archive—has helped 100 colleges and universities create digital archives that also include student newspapers and course catalogs. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne is among the institutions that have [recently joined](#) the digital collaborative....



Salisbury (Md.) Daily Times, Oct. 3; University of Maryland Eastern Shore

[Librarian to walk the Great Wall of China for charity](#)

Librarian Rosemary Dunstan will walk the length of the Great Wall of China in the latest in a series of charity treks she has undertaken. Dunstan, the manager of the Sonning Common Library in South Oxfordshire, England, will be raising money for the Institute of Cancer Research. The 54-year-old Dunstan has previously dog-sledded in Lapland, trekked to the Mt. Everest base camp, completed the Summer Solstice marathon in Iceland, and climbed some of the highest peaks in Nepal....



Henley (U.K.) Standard, Oct. 5

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Tech Talk

[How to go \(almost\) completely wireless in your home](#)

Adam Dachis writes: "Whether for aesthetic or practical reasons, most people don't like running wires around their entire home to, say, get online, or hook up a home theater.



The truth is that you'll be hard-pressed to cut the wires *entirely*; wireless isn't necessarily the holy grail. There's very little (if anything) that actually performs better wirelessly, so when you have the option of going wired instead of wireless, it's often worth it. This is more of a guide to replacing wired solutions with wireless alternatives."...

Lifehacker, Oct. 4

[How to buy a wireless modem](#)

Sascha Segan writes: "It's an exciting time to get internet on the go. Less-expensive 3G service plans and new 4G networks are making wireless cellular modems faster and more affordable than ever. In many cases, you don't even need to sign a contract. Wireless modems aren't just for PCs any more, either. Many connections will work other gadgets too, like your iPod Touch or iPad. Here's what you need to know to pick the right service and hardware."...

PC Magazine, Sept. 29

[Take control of your Android device](#)

Chris Head writes: "Hacking your Android OS device, also known as 'rooting,' can be a great way to unlock new features that your wireless carrier nixed or Google failed to include. You'll be able to control every aspect of your Android—from the processor speed to the user interface—just as you can control your PC. (Warning: Proceed at your own risk)."...

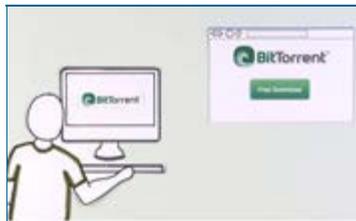
PC World: Phones, Oct. 5



[BitTorrent explained](#)

Are you new to the world of BitTorrent? Have you been using BitTorrent for awhile, but you're curious about how it all works? This video (3:17), produced by the team behind the popular BitTorrent and µTorrent software, includes an overview of the BitTorrent ecosystem and gives you great tips on how to leverage the products for your enjoyment....

Vimeo, Sept. 22



[Three terrific ways to download Torrent files](#)

Jeffry Thurana writes: "Despite the fact that Torrent is one of the most popular download methods available today, there are many everyday computer users who still don't 'get it.' Most people are more familiar with—and more comfortable using—direct download methods. But there's always help if you are willing to look for it. Meet [Torrific](#), a web service that will help you find and turn any Torrent file into a direct download."...

MakeUseOf, Oct. 5



[Four digital alternatives to the résumé](#)

Sharlyn Lauby writes: "A résumé isn't just used for job searching. Many times, it can serve as a way to land a piece of business, speaking gig, or board position. So it's important to always have a résumé that's ready to go on a moment's notice. Technology and new opportunities provide a number of ways to present your résumé; while it might be good to maintain the traditional format, other options—such as video résumés, VisualCVs, social résumés, and LinkedIn profiles—can also make sense."...

Mashable: Business, Oct. 5



[A sneak preview of Google TV](#)

Tom Simonite writes: "Google gave a preview of its assault on TV October 4. One big question mark is whether large numbers of people will welcome a TV experience that requires a keyboard. As the [demo video](#) (1:32) on Google's [official blog post](#) and the [new web page for the service](#) both show, Google TV relies heavily on typing and hence a Bluetooth keyboard. Google TV's second challenge is summarized in its deceptively simple slogan: 'The web meets TV.' Web pages are designed to be used from 18 inches away not a few yards. Google



TV's third challenge: content."...

Technology Review, Oct. 4; Google TV Blog, Oct. 4

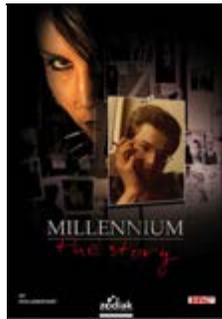
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[Stieg Larsson documentary available for free download](#)

The Millennium trilogy by Swedish author Stieg Larsson is the literary phenomenon of the last decade, with 15 million books sold worldwide.

Millennium: The Story is a 50-minute documentary about Larsson, who at the age of 50 died from a sudden heart attack before his first novel was even published. Music Box Films is offering libraries the opportunity to download the documentary for free via iTunes to allow free public screenings. Contact [Paige Blake](#) for details....

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[eSequels offers trial subscription](#)

eSequels.com, the online database companion to Janet G. and Jonathan F. Husband's [Sequels](#) reference book (ALA Editions, 4th ed., 2009), is offering a free, two-week trial subscription. The database indexes characters, locations, and subjects as well as authors and titles, allowing you to identify a series that you may recall only vaguely. [Email](#) a request for a trial with your library's name, address, and phone number....

eSequels.com

[10 great science fiction novels that have been banned](#)

Susana Polo writes: "These titles are among the most popular and beloved science fiction works of the last century. They've told us how bad the future might be before we get there, how free you can be if you don't follow blind belief, and that children are perfectly capable of digesting some pretty heavy concepts. But they've all been banned or threatened with banning. Number 10: *Shade's Children* by Garth Nix is filled with a creeping dread that the computer intelligence that leads the teenage main characters does not have their best interests in mind."...

io9, Oct. 1



[Top 100 out-of-print titles](#)

Every year BookFinder.com tracks the most sought-after out-of-print titles in America. In this eighth edition, several books garnered enough attention for publishers to reprint them in the near future. BookFinder also finds some out-of-print mainstays that are unlikely to see a printer again despite their popularity. Here are the top 100 most requested out-of-print titles in the United States over the past 12 months. Madonna's *Sex* is at the top....

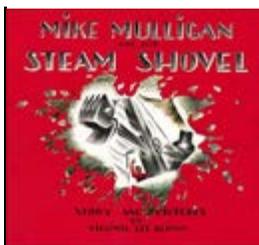
BookFinder.com



[Top 10 most valuable children's picture books](#)

Travis Jonker writes: "I spent a good portion of my formative years reading price guides. I was fond of prematurely and obsessively counting my riches, checking price guides for the current going rate of my most valuable assets. These memories of my collecting past came flooding back to me when I stumbled upon a [list of the most valuable](#) picture books of all time. Let's build the suspense a bit and count them down."...

100 Scope Notes, Oct. 5; Children's Picturebook Collecting



[Betty Crocker's ancestors](#)

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "At some point in the early 1900s, a brilliant marketer decided to publish a recipe book to promote the sale of his product. Very soon, just about every manufacturer of foodstuffs adopted the idea and a minor deluge of small, branded, free cookbooks flooded the marketplace. The point was to spread the word about the superiority of the product and the many ways it could be used to transform the average housewife into a kitchen-to-dinner-table goddess and thus win the hearts of husband, children, and dinner guests."...

Booktryst, Oct. 5



Actions & Answers

[America's Star Libraries 2010](#)

Library Journal's new Index of Public Library Service is out, rating 7,407 public libraries and giving stars to 258. Created by Ray Lyons and Keith Curry Lance and sponsored by Baker & Taylor's Bibliostat, this round of the *LJ* Index is based on 2008 data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, reflecting service since the onset of the recession. The top libraries in each group get five, four, or three stars....

Library Journal, Oct. 1

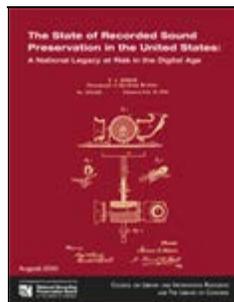


[LC study shows dire state of sound preservation](#)

Digital technology alone will not ensure the preservation and survival of the nation's sound history. That is one of the findings in a major study released September 29 by the Library of Congress National Recording Preservation Board detailing the state of sound-recording preservation and access.

[The State of Recorded Sound Preservation in the United States: A National Legacy at Risk in the Digital Age](#) is the first comprehensive study on a national level that examines the state of America's sound-recording preservation....

Library of Congress, Sept. 29



[Or maybe not so dire](#)

Dorothea Salo writes: "Digital preservation is no harder than analog; we just have better scaffolding in place for (some) analog preservation. We've worked out quite a bit with regard to preserving digital materials. We know about best practices. Those of us with

some experience can make sharp guesses about the preservability of digital materials handed us, just as a paper-preservation expert knows to look at the paper stock and the quality of binding.”...

Book of Trogoon, Sept. 30

[Libraries are essential to bridge the broadband gap](#)

Bobbi Newman writes: “As we see a push by the National Broadband Plan from the FCC and organizations like Broadband for America to make high-speed internet access available to every household in America, we need to take a realistic look at the role libraries will play. The benefits of access to broadband are widely documented; it is the gap in access we need to address.”...

Broadband for America, Oct. 4

[Just print what you like](#)

Beth Filar-Williams writes: “[PrintWhatYouLike](#) is a free online editor that lets you format any web page for printing in seconds, saving money and the environment. It helps you eliminate printing web pages full of ads, empty space, and other junk you don’t want. Enter the URL and you get a screen with the web page image and a legend of options. Watch the [demo](#).”...



Going Green @ your library, Oct. 5

[Journal cuts threaten research](#)

In September, New Mexico State University Library announced the cancellation of more than 700 journal and database subscriptions, the result of a perfect storm of rising journal prices and a slashed materials budget. It is the latest, but not the largest, in a procession of research libraries to chop, slash, and hack their subscription lists in response to significant budget cuts. Now, tensions are rising as scientists speak out against library cuts and how they will affect research....

The Scientist, Sept. 28

[Underground resource sharing](#)

Steven Bell writes: “One outcome of the Netflix discussion that took place in the library community is that there seems to be general agreement that adhering to licensing agreements is the right thing for academic librarians. So I find it interesting that this blogger is [complaining](#) about not having access to JSTOR as an alumnus. But apparently a popular workaround is to ask a friend with access to a research library and its databases to share his log-in and password with you.”...

ACRLLog, Sept. 29; Love and Disdain, Sept. 26

[Searching for better research habits](#)

Should colleges teach students how to be better Googlers? Educators who see the popular search engine as antithetical to good research might cringe at the thought of endorsing it to students. But they might not cringe nearly as hard as did attendees of the 2010 Ithaca Sustainable Scholarship Conference when Andrew Asher showed them what happens when students do not learn how to use Google properly....

Inside Higher Ed, Sept. 29

[A library without walls](#)

Robert Darnton writes: “Can we create a National Digital Library? That is, a comprehensive library of digitized books that will be easily accessible to the



general public. Simple as it sounds, the question is extraordinarily complex. It involves issues that concern the nature of the library to be built, the technological difficulties of designing it, the legal obstacles to getting it off the ground, the financial costs of constructing and maintaining it, and the political problems of mobilizing support for it."...

New York Review of Books blog, Oct. 4

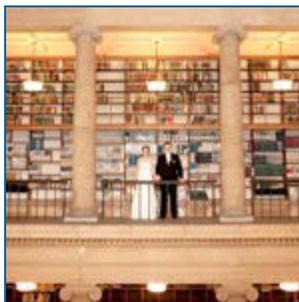
[New name for LC Annotated Card Program](#)

The Library of Congress has officially renamed its Annotated Card Program the Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program. LC initiated the Annotated Card Program in the fall of 1965. Though renamed, it will continue to provide the same services. The new name, which now contains the word "cataloging," better defines the activity of the program and specifically identifies the audience for the types of materials it handles....

Catalogablog, Oct. 4

[Get married in the James J. Hill Reference Library](#)

The James J. Hill Reference Library in St. Paul, Minnesota, often rents out its spacious reading room for weddings and has a 4.7 (out of 5.0) [venue rating](#) on WeddingWire. One bridal blog posted the photos of a June 2010 wedding at the library, which featured typewritten invitations on an old-style library card, a spectacular bibliographic environment, and other bookish touches....



Style Me Pretty, Oct. 4; WeddingWire

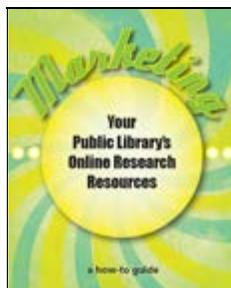
[Working with non-YA librarians](#)

Gretchen Kolderup writes: "Many YA librarians find themselves on something of a team of one, the only professional at their libraries dedicated to serving teens. When we're not at the desk or in the building, taking care of teens' reference questions and readers' advisory requests falls to non-YA staff members. We can help bolster teen services at our libraries when we're not present by providing non-YA librarians with some of the resources we use in assisting teens."...

YALSA Blog, Sept. 26

[ProQuest offers new marketing toolkit for public libraries](#)

With budgets for many public libraries being squeezed, it's more important than ever for librarians to be able to promote the value of their resources and their information expertise. To aid them in this essential work, ProQuest has released a new version of its free Public Library Marketing Toolkit. The toolkit contains many resources that will help to increase awareness of the library and to boost usage of online resources....



ProQuest, Sept. 14

[Omne ignotum pro magnifico est](#)

Google Translate supports more than 50 languages, including minority languages such as Welsh and Haitian Creole, and the [addition of Latin](#) is sure to please scholars and traditionalists. In a [blog post](#) written entirely in Latin, Jakob Uszkoreit, a senior engineer at Google, said that Latin was far from a dead language. Although the Latin translation tool will rarely be used to decipher emails or captions on YouTube videos, it can enable web users to read many of the crucially important philosophical and scientific texts originally written in the language....

The Telegraph (U.K.), Sept. 30; Official Google blog, Sept. 30

[It's American Archives Month...](#)

October is American Archives Month—an opportunity to raise awareness about the value of archives and archivists. Since 2006, the Society of American Archivists has provided members with public relations kits that provide practical information and great ideas to help you make your archives and program more visible. You can join in a common effort—"I Found It in the Archives"—to reach out to those who have found their records, families, heritage, and treasures through your collections....

Society of American Archivists; Wisconsin Historical Society



[...and it's Theological Libraries Month](#)

The American Theological Libraries Association is offering [ideas and marketing materials](#) to help theological libraries launch their October 2010 Theological Libraries Month activities, including bookmarks, a poster, press release templates, and a cartoon contest. The goal of the event is to advance the importance and value of theological libraries and library services to faculty, administrators, staff, and students....

American Theological Libraries Association



[Training, accidentally](#)

Kate Sheehan writes: "I am coming up on a year of training people to use Evergreen as their ILS. I've had a year to see what's worked, what hasn't, and to start organizing my experiences into something resembling lessons on training. I'm sharing my list of what I learned at work this year in the hopes that other trainers (accidental and otherwise) will chime in with their experiences and thoughts on the subject."...

ALA TechSource blog, Oct. 4

[37 productivity tips for working from anywhere](#)

Sarah Kessler writes: "The days of shackling your business to a brick and mortar office are over. Even people who primarily work in traditional offices occasionally find themselves working on the road or from their kitchen tables. This flexibility is great in a lot of ways, but each new work setting also brings with it a new set of productivity challenges. We asked people who work from home, from coworking spaces, in coffee shops, on the road, and in offices to share their secrets for a productive day."...

Mashable, Sept. 27



[Learn world geography with Enigeo](#)

Jason Don Forsythe writes: "As a geography buff, I get frustrated that many students I talk to don't seem to have a great grasp of the countries of the world, or in some cases, all 50 states in our own country. Luckily, we have free applications like [Enigeo](#). Enigeo is a free download that lets you test your students' geographical knowledge."...

Instructify, Oct. 4



[Europe as seen by various nationalities](#)

Frank Jacobs writes: "In the kaleidoscope of cultures that is Europe, no matter from where you look at it, you're always surrounded by 'the Other.' It takes but a few small steps thence to paranoia, xenophobia, and worse. One solution to dealing with the potential divisiveness of diversity and (if done in good humor at least) a lot funnier, is the great European Shouting Match. Most of these 'Europe As Seen by' maps were created by the Bulgarian-born, London-based designer [Yanko Tsvetkov](#)."...

Strange Maps, Oct. 5



[Top 10 countries that censor the internet](#)

The [Committee to Protect Journalists](#) tracks countries in Asia and the Middle East where information is submitted to censorship by their governments. In some cases, the dictatorships or totalitarian regimes restrict access and impose prison penalties for uploading any "misleading" information to personal web pages. Here is a list of the 10 top countries where blogging activity is considered risky and where you can get in serious trouble for doing so....

Listverse, Oct. 2



[Life is not PG-13](#)

Film critic James Berardinelli writes: "The average American teenager is exposed to more profanity in the halls of a public school than they would hear in a Martin Scorsese or Quentin Tarantino movie. Nudity and sexual imagery are prevalent. The real problem with the PG-13 rating is that it no longer serves the purpose for which it was created. It has turned into a marketing tool. The time has come for the MPAA to shift away from regulating who can and cannot see movies to simply providing content information for anyone who cares. Expand upon what is done today and provide more detailed descriptions."...

Reelviews, Oct. 3

[How I went from management to mending cart](#) (satire)

Josh Hanagarne writes: "A couple of years ago I was one of the library's rising stars. When I was offered the job of managing one of the library branches, I was told that my particular skill set was perfect for what was needed. Things came to a head after one year. A patron suggested that the pants I was wearing were not flattering to my figure. I seized him by one foot and threw him up into the ceiling

fan, where I hoped he would disintegrate into crimson mud and mist.”...

World's Strongest Librarian, Sept. 30

[Author-inspired scented candles](#)

Apparently, you can now buy candles whose scents are reminiscent of various authors.

Yes, really, [author-scented candles](#). The original scents are Edgar Allan Poe (a mix of patchouli, absinthe, and sandalwood), Jane Austen (gardenia, tuberose, and jasmine), Henry Thoreau (a blend of cedar, moss, and juniper), Walt Whitman (grass, thyme, and clover), and Charles Dickens (tangerine, juniper, and clove)....

Reading Copy Book Blog, Oct. 1; Paddywax



[Hold on, pardner, there's a new card in town](#)

The staff of the Chinook Regional Library in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, put together a Western-themed stop-motion animation video (2:27) to celebrate its migration to provincewide interlibrary sharing that uses Innovative Interface's Millennium/Encore library system. The staff members involved with the video were Laura Emery, Dawn Stark, Trudi Pickering, and Wendy Muri....

YouTube, Aug. 30



[Baby, come back \(to the library\)](#)

In a [competition](#) to create the most original and compelling public service announcement (1:00) promoting libraries to New Jersey teens, the team of Malcolm Minor and Nicole Thompson, from the Malcolm X. Shabazz High School in Newark took top honors for their spot "Baby Come Back."

This well-written parody of a Geico Insurance commercial has a library book with eyes trying to convince a young girl to come back to the library. The video was filmed at the East Brunswick Public Library....

YouTube, Sept. 1; New Jersey State Library Newsletter blog, Sept. 8



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[Boardwalk Empire's librarian](#)

Greg Landgraf writes: "When *Boardwalk Empire*, the new series about Prohibition-era Atlantic City, debuted September 19, it had plenty of factors in its favor: an acclaimed director (Martin Scorsese), writer (Terence Winter), and network (HBO). But it also had a powerhouse researcher in its corner—Atlantic City Free Public Library's Heather Halpin Perez (right), archivist for the library's Alfred M. Heston Collection of materials related to Atlantic City history."...

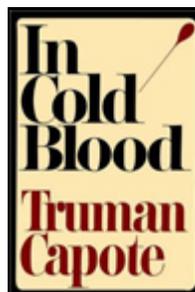
American Libraries news, Oct. 11



[Connecticut senator: Ban violent books from prison libraries](#)

Connecticut State Sen. John Kissel (R-Enfield) met October 6 with state Department of Corrections Commissioner Leo Arnore to discuss the removal of books containing graphic violence from Connecticut prison-library collections. The meeting took place several days after jurors returned a guilty verdict for the first of two defendants in the murder of Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her two daughters Hayley and Michaela in their Chesire, Connecticut, home, and the brutal beating of their husband and father William Petit....

American Libraries news, Oct. 12



[Youth Matters: Hearts and minds in play](#)

Jennifer Burek Pierce writes: "At the Library History Seminar XII, September 10–12, in Madison, Wisconsin, many scholarly papers focused on youth services. The ideas in circulation at the conference suggested that two factors ignite academic interest—censorship and new technology. Forces of change make young people visible in the library, because attempts to limit access to information and new technologies that promise to improve our connections and impact are highly public activities."...

American Libraries column, Nov./Dec.

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[Perpetual Beta contest winner](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "Last month I announced the first ever Perpetual Beta contest, with the winner receiving a copy of my newest book, *Mobile Technologies and Libraries*. After poring over the entries, a final decision has been made, and the winner is LeecyB75. Congratulations! There may be other contests coming on Perpetual Beta in the future. Keep reading."...

AL: Perpetual Beta, Oct. 12

ALA News

[Comic fans show their library love](#)

The Campaign for America's Libraries' Megan McFarlane (dressed as Rogue, right) writes: "October 8 was professional day at New York Comic Con. Librarians showed up en masse to attend programs, check out new titles, and have fun. ALA and 8bitlibrary.com hosted an [Epic Librarian Photo shoot](#) at the ALA booth. More than 30 librarians came to have their photo taken and show their support for the valuable role that comics, graphic novels, and manga play in today's libraries. [Library fans](#) (like Wolverine, above) also showed their library support by having their picture taken holding our special library card." OIF Deputy Director Deborah Caldwell-Stone [gave a talk](#) on challenges to graphic novels in libraries, and a [panel of New Jersey librarians](#) said libraries are purchasing more comics than ever....



At Your Library Blog, Oct. 10; WalletPop, Oct. 11; *School Library Journal*, Oct. 12

[Programming Librarian gets reprogrammed](#)

The Public Programs Office [website](#) has debuted an updated look and enhanced features for librarians committed to bringing increased access to literature, music, contemporary issues, art, history, poetry, scholars, writers, and musicians to their communities. New features include the [Programming Librarian Forum](#) for posting and responding to questions about planning, promoting, and executing all types of library programs; and the [PR Generator](#), which gives users who are registered with Programming Librarian access to templates for fliers, bookmarks, and postcards that can be easily customized....



Public Programs Office, Oct. 12

[Learn how to lead a productive discussion](#)

Adam Davis (right), director of training and publications for the Project on Civic Reflection, will present "The Art of Discussion Facilitation: Essential Tools for Public Programs and Beyond" in a January 6–7 institute offered by the Public Programs Office at the ALA 2011 Midwinter Meeting in San Diego. [Registration](#) is limited to 50 participants....

Public Programs Office, Oct. 12

[National STEM Video Game Challenge begins](#)

ALA and AASL are among the founding



[ALA Midwinter Meeting](#)

in San Diego, California, January 7–11, 2011. Check out the [ALA Midwinter Wiki](#) and follow meeting activities on Twitter at [alamw](#) (use [#alamw11](#) for your tweets).



[Using RDA: Moving into the Metadata](#)

[Future](#), a new three-session workshop taught by Karen Coyle, Chris Oliver, and Diane Hillmann. All 90-minute sessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. Eastern / 1:30 p.m. Central / 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time on these dates: October 27, November 10, and November 17. **NEW!**
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New this week



outreach partners in the first annual [National STEM Video Game Challenge](#) competition, which is being held by the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop, in conjunction with E-Line Media and other sponsors.

Designed to pique children's interest in science, technology, engineering, and math, the challenge will result in five game-developer awards next spring: A Youth Prize of \$50,000 to 5th–8th graders and their school; two Developer Prizes (grand prize of \$50,000 and two \$25,000 awards) to emerging and experienced game developers for mobile STEM-focused games for young children; and a People's Choice Award....

ALA/AASL, Oct. 12

[OITP names two new directors](#)

Larra Clark (left) and Marijke Visser (right) have been named directors in the Office for Information Technology Policy at ALA's Washington Office. Beginning November 1, Clark will serve as director of the Program on Networks and associate director of the Program on America's Libraries for the 21st Century, with a focus on OITP's telecommunications portfolio and management of projects in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Visser becomes assistant director of OITP as of October 18 and will manage the office's e-rate activities and its projects on children and technology....



Office for Information Technology Policy

[Free webinar on frontline advocacy](#)

Learn how to empower all library staff to become better advocates for their libraries and themselves October 29, 2–3:15 p.m. Eastern time, during the "Frontline Advocacy" webinar. Targeted for library staff at all levels and types of libraries, the program will show you how to empower frontline staff to integrate advocacy into patron and constituent interactions and how to teach these techniques on a local level. [Registration is required](#) for this free webinar....

Office for Library Advocacy, Oct. 12

[Celebrate cultural heritage @ your library](#)

Public libraries are among the first American institutions that immigrants turn to for help in learning how to read, write, and speak English. Funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the American Dream Starts @ your library initiative has awarded \$5,000 grants to 75 public libraries in 24 states to develop and implement innovative literacy services for adult English-language learners and their families. American Dream libraries are recognizing and celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15) and Polish-American Heritage Month (October 1–31)....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Oct. 12

[The American Dream Starts in Arkansas](#)

On September 27, the American Dream Starts @ your library initiative hosted a poster session at the joint conference of the Arkansas Library Association and the

*in American
Libraries*

[Youth Matters](#)

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Great Libraries of the World



[Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection](#)

Georgetown, Washington, D.C. This Federal-style mansion was built in 1801 and for a time was the home of Secretary of War John C. Calhoun. It was purchased in 1920 by art collectors [Mildred and Robert Woods Bliss](#), who redesigned the home and grounds and renamed it Dumbarton Oaks. The research library has superb collections in the areas of [Byzantine studies](#), [Pre-Columbian art](#), and [garden and landscape design](#). In 1940, the Blisses moved to California and donated the



Southeastern Library Association in Little Rock. During the session, American Dream librarians Hadi Dudley (right) and Darby Wallace discussed (6:09) the challenges, the successes, and their hopes for the future as they develop programs for English-language learners....
American Dream Starts @ your library, Oct. 11

[ALA Student-to-Staff program](#)

One of the great opportunities ALA offers each annual conference is making it possible for 40 students from Student Chapters to participate in the [Student-to-Staff program](#). In exchange for working 16 hours during the conference, these students receive free registration, free housing, and a per diem for meals. Contact your [ALA Student Chapter](#) for its selection criteria....



ALA Student Membership Blog, Oct. 8

estate and collections to Harvard University.



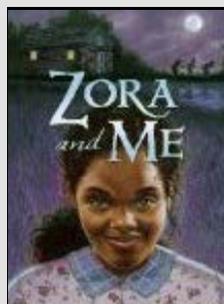
[Folger Shakespeare Library](#)

Washington, D.C. The Folger has the world's largest collection of the printed works of William Shakespeare (including 79 copies of the [1623 First Folio](#), published seven years after Shakespeare's death) and is a primary repository for rare materials from the early modern period (1450–1750). The library opened in 1932 and was established by collector [Henry Clay Folger](#) and his wife [Emily](#) as a gift to the American people. It holds more than 256,000 books, 60,000 manuscripts, 250,000 playbills, 200 oil paintings, some 50,000 graphics and photos, as well as musical instruments, costumes, and films.

Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Youth historical fiction](#)

Bond, Victoria, and T. R. Simon. *Zora and Me*. Oct. 2010. 192p. Candlewick, hardcover (978-0-7636-4300-3).



Told in the immediate first-person voice of 10-year-old Carrie, Zora Neale Hurston's best childhood friend, this first novel is both thrilling and heartbreaking. Each chapter is a story that evokes the famous African-American writer's early years in turn-of-the-last-century Eatonville, Florida, and the sharp, wry vignettes build to a climax as Carrie and Zora eavesdrop on adults and discover secrets. Family is front and center, but true to Hurston's work, there is no reverential message: Carrie mourns for her dad, who went to Orlando for work and never came back; Zora's father is home, but he rejects her for being educated and "acting white," unlike her favored sister. Racism is part of the story, with occasional use of the *n*-word in the colloquial narrative....

[Top 10 first novels for youth](#)

Ilene Cooper writes: "This year's crop of debut standout novels runs the gamut when it comes to genre: fantasy, historical, contemporary, mystery. Protagonists include



This AL Direct feature showcases 250 libraries around the world that are notable for their exquisite architecture, historic collections, and innovative services. If you find yourself on vacation near one of them, be sure to stop by for a visit. The entire list will be

everyone from seers to Iñupiaq Eskimos to hall monitors—and one very special pig. These first novels were reviewed in *Booklist* during the past 12 months. Included is *Blessings's Bead* (Farrar/Melanie Kroupa, 2009), by Debby Dahl Edwardson, in which two narratives—one historical, one nearly contemporary—make up this beautiful first novel, set among Iñupiaq Eskimos in Alaska's far northern territories."...

[Cookbooks in the library: Your questions answered](#)

Brad Hooper writes: "On October 5, *Booklist* hosted the webinar "[Breaking New Bread: Cookbooks in the Library](#)" (1:01:59), sponsored by Wiley, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and Storey Publishing. Our distinguished panel included Michael Friedberg, Katrina Kruse, Amy Greeman, Mark Knoblauch, and Kaite Mediatore Stover. Our attendees asked a number of insightful questions, which, unfortunately, we did not have enough time to answer right then. Our expert panelists were so good as to answer the questions in writing, and we now post their interesting answers here."...

Likely Stories, Oct. 12

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

San Diego Update

[The wonders of Balboa Park](#)

Do you fancy photography, folk art, or fossils? Are you crazy about cars, trains, and planes? Mad about Old Masters and mummies? Batty for baseball? Or do you just get a kick out of critters like koalas and kangaroos? You can explore all these wonders and more in San Diego's beautiful Balboa Park, the largest cultural complex west of the Mississippi. The Park covers 1,200 acres and it's minutes away from downtown San Diego. There are more than 85 cultural and recreational organizations here, including 15 museums and various performing arts groups....

San Diego (Calif.) Convention and Visitors Bureau



[Does your flight have Wi-Fi?](#)

Simon Mackie writes: "In-flight Wi-Fi is becoming more common, but it's unfortunately not ubiquitous just yet; it can be difficult to tell which flights have it available. Enter your flight details into [HasWifi](#) and it'll let you know whether you're likely to be able to stay connected during your journey, and if so, which service provider is used."...

GigaOM, Oct. 8



[Never leave home without these](#)

Jay Turner writes: "Imagine: You've spent the past several weeks preparing a presentation. You've been in contact with the A/V people and they've assured you that all your equipment needs will be handled. They promise you a projector, speakers, internet access—the works. You arrive on the morning of your



available in [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart, which is scheduled for publication in 2011 by ALA Editions.

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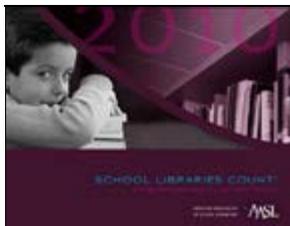
presentation and find that someone on their end has dropped the ball. Sure, the projector is there, but where's the VGA cable? Where are your speakers? And where the hell is your internet access? Here are the top five accessories that no trainer should leave home without."...
ALA Learning, Oct. 5

Division News

[AASL 2010 School Libraries Count! survey](#)

According to the results from the AASL 2010 School Libraries Count! survey ([PDF file](#)), the educational resources of students in high-poverty schools have been most affected by last year's economic downturn. Overall survey results show that school expenditures on information resources were approximately \$12,260 in 2010, compared to \$13,525 last year. However, average spending on information resources in high-poverty schools decreased 25%, or \$3,557, on average compared to 2009 survey results....

AASL, Oct. 13



[Crowd discusses the cloud at LITA Forum](#)

Lisa Carlucci Thomas writes: "The 13th annual LITA National Forum brought library and information technology professionals together in Atlanta September 30–October 3 to discuss projects and developments surrounding the conference theme, 'The Crowd and the Cloud.' Expert speakers shared knowledge of, and experiences with, the leading trends and innovations in library technologies, including mobile, social, and web services. Keynoting this year's forum were Amy Bruckman (above), Roy Tennant, and Ross Singer."...

American Libraries news, Oct. 13



[ACRL Information Technology survey](#)

This spring, the ACRL Board created an Information Technology Task Force to develop a plan for the division to address its members' desires for additional programs and opportunities related to new technologies. The task force is seeking your feedback to inform its work. This [brief survey](#) is open to all, regardless of ACRL membership status....

ACRL Insider, Oct. 12

[Friends groups survey deadline extended](#)

The deadline for completing ALTAFF's survey of Friends groups has been extended through October 29. Respondent groups will be entered in a drawing for a free year as an ALTAFF Friends Group Affiliate and a copy of "Even More Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends." The [15-minute survey](#) gathers information about Friends groups' structure, revenues, fundraising activities, grants, library support, bookstores, advocacy, and membership....

ALTAFF, Oct. 6

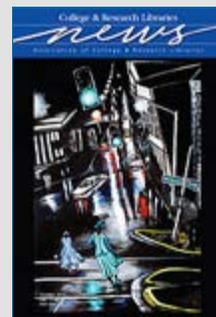
[Dollar General funds Everyone Reads @ the library](#)

ALSC and YALSA have received a total of \$210,000 from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support the new youth-literacy program, "Everyone Reads @ the library." YALSA will use the funds to

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In the [October issue](#) of *College and Research Libraries News*, Lynne Bisko and Rebecca Pope-Ruark [offer some tips](#) for librarians who need to collaborate with students in a classroom project.

Career Leads
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[Curator, Photographic Archives](#), University of Louisville Libraries, Kentucky. Reporting to the head of special collections, the curator, Photographic Archives, will oversee an internationally renowned collection of documentary history, commercial, and fine art photographs comprising over 2 million images. The curator, Photographic Archives will promote and provide access to the collection through

develop materials and programs to support summer reading programs for teens, Teen Read Week, and materials in Spanish for teen readers. ALSC will significantly expand its El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) to include and celebrate a wide variety of cultures....

ALSC, YALSA, Oct. 12

Round Table News

[3M/NMRT professional development grant available](#)

Members of ALA's New Members Round Table can apply to receive a grant, sponsored by 3M Library Systems, to cover round-trip airfare, lodging, conference registration fees, and some incidental expenses associated with attending ALA Annual Conference, June 23–28, 2011, in New Orleans. The grant was created to encourage participation by new ALA members in national Association activities. Details are available [here](#); current NMRT members can [apply](#) by December 15....

NMRT, Oct. 6

Awards

[Nominations sought for Kilgour Award](#)

LITA invites nominations for the 2011 Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology. The \$2,000 award, sponsored by OCLC, recognizes research relevant to the development of information technologies, in particular that which has a positive and substantive impact on any aspect of the publication, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of information or on how information and data are manipulated and managed. The deadline for [nominations](#) is December 31....

LITA, Oct. 8

[\\$50,000 in opportunities to school librarians](#)

Nominations and applications are open for 10 awards and grants administered by AASL for 2011. Recipients' achievements showcase best practices in the school library field in categories that include research, collaboration, leadership, and innovation. The [application deadline](#) is February 7 for all but the National School Library Program of the Year award, whose deadline is January 3....

AASL, Oct. 12

[Call for proposals for Baber Research Grant](#)

Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant of up to \$3,000, awarded to one or more librarians or library educators who propose a project aiming to answer a question of vital, national importance to the library community. Recipients will conduct innovative research that could lead to an improvement in services to any specified group of people. The [application deadline](#) is January 14....

Office for Research and Statistics, Oct. 11

[Apply for a Fyan Grant](#)

The Office for Research and Statistics is accepting proposals through December 3 for the Loleta D. Fyan Grant of up to \$5,000. Projects must be used for the development and improvement of public libraries and the services they provide, with the potential for a broader impact and application beyond meeting a specific local need. The [deadline](#) is

exhibitions, lectures, publications, and programs to local, regional, and national audiences. The curator will become familiar with the regional photographic community, cultivate relationships with potential donors, and will engage faculty, students, and community partners in aligning the Photographic Archives programs with the University of Louisville's mission and strategic plan....



@ [More jobs...](#)

Digital Library of the Week



Founded in 2001, the [University of Missouri Digital Library](#) provides a repository for digitized items on behalf of the UM Libraries. Over 20 text collections and 23 image collections have been added, including materials from 15 libraries around the state of Missouri. Text collections include the Civil War in Missouri, the *Missouri Alumnus* impact magazine, *Missouriana*

December 3....

Office for Research and Statistics, Oct. 11

[New Jersey library wins interior design award](#)

A 2009–2010 redesign of the River Vale (N.J.) Free Public Library has been recognized by the American Society of Interior Designers. Susan Quick, owner of SLQ Design, who created the library's redesign plan, received the Design Excellence Award in the educational / academic / library category. The biannual award is given for creative and functional use of space, scale and proportion, color and composition, interesting use of materials, surface textures and patterns, effectiveness and creative use of lighting, and appropriateness and effectiveness of detail....

Pascack Valley (N.J.) Community Life, Oct. 7



[Mario Vargas Llosa wins Nobel Literature Prize](#)

Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa won the 2010 Nobel Prize in literature October 7 as the academy honored one of the Spanish-speaking world's most acclaimed authors and an outspoken political activist who once ran for president in his tumultuous homeland. Vargas Llosa, 74, has written more than 30 novels, plays, and essays, including *Conversation in the Cathedral* and *The Green House*. He is the first South American winner of the prestigious 10 million kronor (\$1.5 million U.S.) prize since Colombian writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez won in 1982....

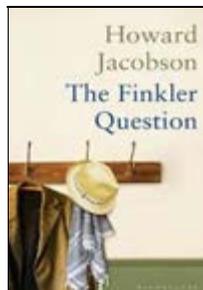
Associated Press, Oct. 7



[Howard Jacobson wins Man Booker Prize](#)

Howard Jacobson's laugh-out-loud exploration of Jewishness, *The Finkler Question* (Bloomsbury), has become the first unashamedly comic novel to win the Man Booker Prize for Fiction in its 42-year history. The book—Jacobson's 11th—follows the lives of three friends, Julian Treslove, Sam Finkler, and Libor Sevick, and tackles not just what it is to be a British Jew, but also the nature of friendship itself. Jacobson was awarded the £50,000 (\$79,000 U.S.) prize at an October 12 awards dinner at London's Guildhall....

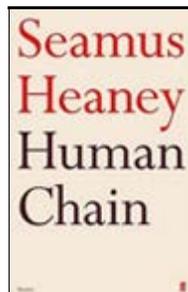
The Guardian (U.K.), Oct. 12



[2010 Forward Poetry Prize](#)

Seamus Heaney won Britain's most valuable poetry prize October 6 for a volume of verse inspired by his experiences after a stroke. The £10,000 (\$15,886 U.S.) Forward award for best collection went to his *Human Chain* book of poems published by Faber & Faber, the first since his stroke in 2006. Other winners were Hilary Menos, who took the Felix Dennis prize for best first collection (*Berg*, published by Seren) and Julia Copus, who won best single poem with "An Easy Passage."...

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



[2010 Jo Osborne Award for Humor in Children's Literature](#)

Digital Text Collection, and Daniel Webster speeches. Image collections include Cows on the Lawn (dairy husbandry at UM), Joplin historical postcards, sheet music collections, Sanborn maps for Missouri, and the photo archives of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

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 do you tell when the person addressing a group of librarians is not a librarian? Easy. He or she will, as surely as day follows night, make a reference to the Library of Alexandria."

—Stephen Ramsay, associate professor of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in a [talk](#) on Emory University's Digital Scholarship Commons, Oct. 8.

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Daniel Pinkwater, author of many popular books for children, has been selected to receive the 2010 Jo Osborne Award for Humor in Children's Literature from the Ohio State University. The Jo Osborne Award, established in 1996 and named after a longtime children's librarian at Worthington (Ohio) Public Library, recognizes authors and illustrators whose humor is delivered with heart, wit, and insight....

Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology, Oct. 11



2010 Guardian Children's Fiction Prize

Children's author Michelle Paver is the winner of the 2010 *Guardian* Children's Fiction Prize for *Ghost Hunter*, the concluding volume of her bestselling *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness* series. Set in an imagined prehistory, the series follows a young boy called Torak, who finds he can communicate with a wolf cub, and becomes his companion. The £1,500 (\$2,380 U.S.) prize was founded in 1967, is judged by children's authors themselves, and can only be won once by any single author....

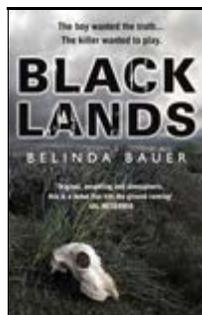
The Guardian (U.K.), Oct. 8



Belinda Bauer wins the Gold Dagger

Belinda Bauer's *Blacklands* (Corgi) has won the Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger Award for 2010. The awards were announced at London's Grosvenor House Hotel October 8 at the 2010 Specsavers Crime Thriller Awards. Simon Conway's *A Loyal Spy* (Hodder) won the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger, which recognizes the thriller of the year, and Ryan David Jahn's *Acts of Violence* (Macmillan New Writing) won the CWA John Creasy (New Blood) Dagger for a first book by a previously unpublished writer....

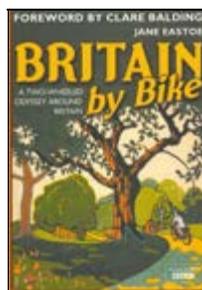
Mystery Fanfare, Oct. 8



British Book of the Year

The British Printing Industries Federation, Oxford Brookes University, and the Publishers Association joined forces October 5 to announce the winners of the 2010 British Book Design and Production Awards. The awards were arranged this year under 16 different categories. The highly acclaimed Book of the Year category was won by Jane Eastoe for *Britain by Bike* (Anova Books)....

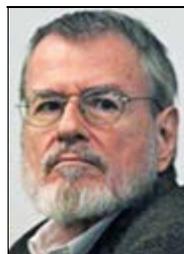
British Book Design and Production Awards, Oct. 5



Seen Online

Community college librarian found guilty of murder

Jurors rejected an insanity defense October 12 from former Northeast Lakeview College adjunct librarian Alan Godin (right), who walked into the school's library in San Antonio, Texas, on October 13, 2008, and methodically gunned down his colleague, Donald



HighEdWeb Conference, Cincinnati, Oct. 10–13, at: [#heweb10](#)

Educause Annual Conference, Anaheim, California, Oct. 12–15, at: [#educause10](#)

Georgia Council of Media Organizations, GaCOMO XXII, Athens, Oct. 13–15, at: [#como2010](#)

Nebraska Library Association, Annual Conference, Grand Island, Oct. 13–15, at: [#nla2010](#)

West Virginia Library Association, Annual Conference, Roanoke, Oct. 13–15, at: [#wvla2010](#)

Access 2010, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Oct. 13–16, at: [#accesswpg](#)

Association for Rural and Small Libraries, Conference, Denver, Oct. 14–16, at: [#arsl10](#)

BlogWorld and New Media Expo, Las Vegas, Oct. 14–16, at: [#blogworld](#)

Picture Archive Council of America, International Conference, New York City, Oct. 15–17, at: [#paca2010](#)

New England Library Association, Annual Conference, Boxborough, Oct. 17–19, at:

"Devin" Zimmerman. Godin was found guilty of first-degree murder. His attorneys [did not deny](#) he was the shooter, but said he did have a history of mental illness and had a relapse that afternoon....

The Ranger (San Antonio College), Oct. 13; *San Antonio (Tex.) Express-News*, Oct. 13

[Man says librarians helped him read again](#)

Bruce Searles (right) wishes he could do more than put a sign in his yard to support the Southwest Public Libraries levy this November. He credits the Grove City, Ohio, library with teaching him to read again after he suffered a stroke 18 years ago. He tried to read, but everything looked like gibberish at first. "[The librarians] got to know me and they took me seriously and encouraged me. They showed me the books to get and they were very compassionate toward me," Searles said. He estimates it took him four years to learn to read again....

Grove City (Ohio) This Week, Oct. 6; WBNS-TV, Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 10



[Berkeley students stage protest in Doe Library](#)

At least 500 students rallied in the University of California, Berkeley's Sproul Plaza October 7 and then staged a [raucous sit-in](#) at the historic Doe Library in the latest of a string of protests begun last year to oppose fee hikes, layoffs, and course cutbacks in public higher education across the state. Yet even as they cheered, the rallying students could not ignore that the latest state budget being considered in Sacramento is expected to restore about \$200 million each to the University of California and California State University systems, and provide about \$5.5 billion to public higher education....

San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 8; *Daily Californian*, Oct. 7

[Rutgers Republicans want Paul Robeson's name off the library](#)

The library of Rutgers University's Camden, New Jersey, campus is named after Paul Robeson (1898–1976), the African-American concert singer and actor who became known as a social-justice activist and supporter of the Soviet Union. Erik Opczynski, a 21-year-old undergraduate finance major and president of the Rutgers–Camden College Republicans, published a letter in the school's newspaper in September asking Rutgers to rename the library because of Robeson's "radical socialism." Andrew Shankman, an associate professor of history, drafted a rebuttal signed by nearly a dozen faculty....

Philadelphia (Pa.) Daily News, Oct. 9



[Waukee library reclassifies teen book](#)

The Waukee (Iowa) Public Library board of trustees voted October 12 to reclassify a book formerly housed in the library's teen section after a patron said the book included inappropriate language. *The Notebook Girls* (Grand Central, 2006), by Julia Baskin, Lindsey Newman, Sophie Pollitt-Cohen, and Courtney Toombs, a diary cataloging the real-life experiences of four New York City high school girls, will now be housed in the adult nonfiction collection....

Des Moines (Iowa) Register, Oct. 13



[#nela2010](#)

International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications, Pittsburgh, Oct. 20–22, at:

[#dc2010](#)

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Calendar

Nov. 1–2:

[Journal Article Tag Suite](#), Conference, Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Nov. 3–6:

[Charleston Conference](#), Holiday Inn Charleston Historic District, Charleston, South Carolina.

Nov. 9:

[Learning Space and the Design of Future-Oriented Libraries](#), workshop, Steelcase, 4 Columbus Circle, New York City. Cosponsored by Aaron Cohen Associates.

Nov. 10–12:

[Access Services](#), Conference, Georgia Tech Global Learning Center, Atlanta, Georgia. "Unlocking the 21st-Century Library." Sponsor: Georgia Institute of Technology Library.

Nov. 11–12:

[Association for Computing Machinery](#)

[Judging a mayor by his libraries](#)

Julia Keller writes: "In 21 years in office, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley (right) has built 59 public libraries. No city library system in the nation enjoyed more support—real muscle-and-mortar support, not just pretty words in nice speeches about the importance of reading—from its top elected official than Chicago has received from Daley. There are myriad ways to judge a mayor's achievements: crime statistics, jobs, new businesses, city services. But public libraries are different. You don't need to pull any strings to get VIP treatment. In a public library, everybody's a VIP."...

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 9



[Massachusetts teachers union opposes library volunteers](#)

The teachers' union in Bridgewater and Raynham, Massachusetts, has filed a labor grievance that could block volunteers from keeping the school district's libraries open. Librarian positions were cut from the middle schools in both towns this year and their salaries channeled into hiring teachers to address bulging class sizes. Volunteer organizations stepped in to pick up the slack—only to be surprised by threats of a labor complaint. Republican gubernatorial candidate Charles D. Baker Jr. held a [press conference](#) October 12 to voice his outrage over the grievance....

Raynham (Mass.) Call, Oct. 12; *Boston Globe*, Oct. 12

[Volunteers raise private funds to reopen library branch](#)

After a year of relentless fundraising and activism, residents hoping for a chance to reopen the doors of the Benton branch (right) of the Belmont (Mass.) Public Library had their wish granted. The board of selectmen voted 2–1 to allow the Benton Library Reuse Committee and the Friends of the Benton Library to draw up a two-year license to run the library using private donations. The branch was closed in 2009 in response to the town's budget constraints....

Boston Globe, Oct. 7



[Zombie fashion hits Ferndale library](#)

The zombie apocalypse started at the Ferndale branch of the Whatcom County (Wash.) Library System October 9, and it happened with style. Kids got to put on their worst faces at the library's first Zombie Project Runway, where fierce struts were replaced by broken shuffles, and flawless faces instead looked bloody and hungry for brains. The idea for the event, which mixes the fashion reality competition *Project Runway* with the undead, came from a teen conference that YA Librarian Aubri Keleman attended....

Bellingham (Wash.) Herald, Oct. 10

[Stacks is the newest New Castle library staffer](#)

The New Castle (Pa.) Public Library recently welcomed its newest full-time employee. Susan Morgan, public relations and circulations manager, said a kitten roamed into the library August 12. Morgan said the first-floor staff fell in love with the kitten, who they named Stacks, and some patrons started coming in more often just to visit with him. The library is a large building with high ceilings, so experts said Stacks shouldn't



[International Health Informatics](#)

Symposium, Hilton Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia.

Nov. 12–15: [California Library Association/California School Library Association](#)

Joint Conference, Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, California. "Navigating the New: Charting the Future Together."

Nov. 15–16: [Taxonomy Boot Camp](#), Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C. "Making It Real: Getting Value, Support, and Usage from Taxonomies." Sponsor: *Information Today*.

Nov. 15–17: [Indiana Library Federation](#), Annual Conference, Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis. "Libraries Rock!"

Nov. 18–21: [Theatre Library Association](#), Joint Conference with the American Society for Theatre Research and the Congress on Research in Dance, Renaissance Seattle Hotel, Seattle. "Embodying Power: Work over Time."

Nov. 28–Dec. 1: [Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa](#), Centennial Conference, Dunedin, New Zealand.

cause any allergic reactions....
WKBN-TV, Youngstown, Ohio, Oct. 10

[Third season of *The Librarians* premieres in Australia](#)

The season opener of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's TV series *The Librarians* on October 13 sees new challenges to test the tortured Catholic mindset, self-superiority, and disgust for post-1950s values of head librarian Frances O'Brien (series cocreator Robyn Butler, right). Here a hygiene-obsessed public servant (Angus Sampson) decrees that the public library must return a profit; Frances's mother-from-hell, Pearl (Victoria Eagger), descends upon the O'Brien household; and librarian Ky Lee (Keith Brockett) marries his partner Darren in a [gay wedding ceremony](#) that veers from the hilarious to the disastrous. The cringe-making humor and [pointed satire](#) remain as sharp and uncomfortable as ever. Check out the [Facebook page](#)....



The Age (Melbourne), Oct. 7; ABC-TV; *Sydney Star Observer*, Oct. 12; Australian Conservative, Oct. 11

[Ex-Pontiac director pleads not guilty](#)

The former director of the Pontiac (Ill.) Public Library has pleaded not guilty to charges of stealing more than \$10,000 from the library. Eric Colclasure appeared October 4 in Livingston County Circuit Court with his attorney, James Casson. Prosecutors allege that Colclasure misdirected rent checks paid by Heartland Community College to the library between April and June....

Bloomington (Ill.) *Pantagraph*, Oct. 6

[DNA testing permitted in Brookfield librarian murder case](#)

DNA evidence collected at a Brookfield, Illinois, librarian's murder scene will be tested in the case against the man accused of stabbing her. Marilyn Fay (right), who had worked in the Chicago Public Schools for 30 years and in retirement worked part-time at the Brookfield Public Library, was killed June 14 in her home. Steven Kellmann has been charged in her stabbing death....



Hillside (Ill.) *Suburban Life*, Oct. 6

[Renovations begin on burned Shiprock school library](#)

The Mesa Elementary School library in Shiprock, New Mexico, was targeted by arsonists September 12, and Principal Pandora Mike estimates the school lost 20,000 books. Administrators opened the damaged wing two weeks later. Renovation of the library began October 11, with a reopening tentatively scheduled for January. Clean-up and construction costs likely will top \$500,000, but replacing the books is a more emotional matter, Librarian Darlene Chase said....

Farmington (N. Mex.) *Daily Times*, Oct. 7

[The Bodleian Library expands](#)

Oxford University Vice Chancellor Andrew Hamilton marked a new chapter in the 400-year history of the Bodleian Library by getting onto a [forklift](#) to officially open the library's new £26-million (\$41-million U.S.) book storage facility in South



"LIANZA 1910-2010: At the Edge."

Dec. 1-2:
[Enhancing the Culture of Reading and Books in the Digital Age: Copyright As a Means to Foster Creativity and Access](#), Symposium, Tokyo Main Library Auditorium, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsor: IFLA.

Dec. 6-8:
[6th International Digital Curation Conference](#), Chicago Mart Plaza.
"Participation and Practice: Growing the Curation Community through the Data Decade." Cosponsors: Digital Curaton Centre, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign GSLIS.

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Marston, Wiltshire. Over the next year, nearly six million books will be moved there from a salt mine in Cheshire, a store in Nuneham Courtenay, and, of course, Oxford. The exercise is the biggest book move since the Bodleian first opened its doors to scholars in 1602....

Oxford (U.K.) Mail, Oct. 12; *BBC News*, Oct. 7; *Materials Handling World*, Oct. 12

[London library wins over British comedian](#)

Library lovers everywhere rose up in anger when comedian Frank Skinner (right) described local libraries as "musty, uninspiring places" in a recent weekly column for *The Times*. But there were none more annoyed than Don MacKenzie, who invited the comedian to pay a visit to his local library on Church Street in Lisson Grove, West London. He came on October 6, and Patsy Brogan, one of the library assistants, said the funny man was so impressed by what he saw he agreed to become a member....

Hampstead and Highgate (U.K.) Express, Oct. 8



[New Zealand minister fears Masonic witchcraft](#)

A Christian minister in Carterton, New Zealand, is objecting to a Masonic lodge being used for a temporary library because he considers it connected to witchcraft. John Cromarty and his wife Marilyn, of St. David's Church, are handing in their library cards and are asking all their friends not to visit the lodge, which is housing the town's books while the \$6-million event center is built....

Wairarapa (N.Z.) Times-Age, Oct. 7

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Tech Talk

[Microsoft's 3-D strategy](#)

Erica Naone writes: "Microsoft has joined the wave of companies betting that 3-D is the next big thing for computing. At a recent talk at MIT, Chief Research and Strategy Officer Craig Mundie said he sees the technology as an innovation that 'will get people out of treating a computer as a tool' and into treating the device as a natural extension of how they interact with the world around them. Microsoft plans to introduce consumers to the change through its gaming products, but Mundie outlined a vision that would eventually have people shopping and searching in 3-D as well."...

Technology Review, Oct. 13

[7 ways we digitize our world, and 3 reasons why we need hard copies](#)

Jaymi Heimbuch writes: "Digitization has been a forward march for years now; still, it might be surprising to step back and look at how physical copies of our stuff have changed into something else entirely. And even more surprising might be to go beyond the debate of the level of pleasantness of reading a paperback book versus an e-book on a Kindle and look at how digitizing everything might save space and shrink the environmental footprint of everything we produce, but also put the longevity of our information at risk."...

TreeHugger, Oct. 11



[Video calling and video chat](#)

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Almost a fifth of American adults—19%—have tried video calling, either online or via their cell phones, according to a survey by the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project. These figures translate into 23% of internet users and 7% of cell phone owners who have participated in video calls, chats, or teleconferences....

Pew Research Center, Oct. 13

[How to take better pictures with your smartphone](#)

Whitson Gordon writes: "Cameraphones have come a long way in the past few years, but they don't always take point-and-shoot quality pictures on the first try. Depending on your cameraphone and the lighting conditions, the results are often dull, ugly photos that are barely worth looking at later on. You can do better, though; you can take most cameraphone shots from forgetful to interesting with just a few tweaks. Here's how to squeeze the best quality photos out of your smartphone's camera."...

Lifehacker, Oct. 13



[HTML5 draws privacy concerns](#)

The new web code, HTML 5, is already in limited use and it promises to usher in a new era of internet browsing within the next few years. It will make it easier for users to view multimedia content without downloading extra software, check email offline, and find a favorite restaurant or shop on a smartphone. But HTML5 presents more tracking opportunities, so that advertisers and others could retrieve a user's location, time zone, photographs, text from blogs, shopping cart contents, emails, and browser history. [Facebook says](#) it is using some HTML5 technology right now....

New York Times, Oct. 10; CNET news: Deep Tech, Oct. 13

[How to maintain your PC](#)

Eric Griffith writes: "You need to perform some consistent maintenance for a PC to treat you well in return. Here are 14 things you—or those who torture you most with unnecessary tech support calls—can do to repair your relationship with your computer, starting today. Remember, some of these tips might sound basic, but they're often ignored. And, hey, everyone has to start somewhere."...

PC Magazine, Oct. 8



[Best solutions for multi-terabyte storage](#)

Adam Dachis writes: "Last week we asked you for the best ways to safely store tons of data (at least 6TB). Here's a roundup of some of the best and most creative answers to get 6TB of usable storage with a connectivity faster than USB 2.0, for as cheap as possible."...

Lifehacker, Oct. 11

[15 apps for adding multimedia to Twitter](#)

Aliza Sherman writes: "I love Twitter, but one thing I admit can be lacking from the service is that it doesn't allow for embedded images, audio, or video in the Twitter stream; you can only link to them. Still, there are plenty of apps to help you to integrate multimedia into your tweets. Here's a list of handy and easy-to-use services for images, audio, and video."...



GigaOM, Sept. 22

[Find your way through the mall and airport](#)



Mobile phone maps have guided people through streets and alleys around the globe. But when those people step into a sprawling building, they can get lost. A number of start-up companies are charting the interiors of shopping malls, convention centers, and airports to keep mobile phone users from getting lost as they walk from the food court to the restroom. Some of their maps might even be able to locate cans of sardines in a sprawling grocery store....

New York Times: Technology, Oct. 10

Publishing

[Why art books won't become e-books](#)

Jim Lewis writes: "Kindles, iPads, and the like will soon be the dominant medium—if, indeed, they aren't already. As a novelist this bothers me not at all. But novels and nonfiction aren't the only things that come in book form. Unless you're very dedicated, and very well-traveled, most of the art and photography you've seen has been on the printed page as well. Will these, too, gradually be replaced with e-books? I suspect not."...



Slate, Oct. 7

[Make your own e-books](#)

The book is an antiquated method of delivering words to your brain. Just as the iPod compressed massive record collections onto tiny go-anywhere devices, so the e-book readers are putting entire libraries onto paper-thin portable devices you can shove in your (oversized) pocket. Want to ditch the backpack full of books and join the digital book revolution? Here's the *Wired* How-To guide to creating a digital copy of just about any book—whether it's your own masterpiece or an old paperback of Cervantes—into a digital book....

Wired: How-To Wiki, Oct. 6

[The digital newspaper: Four top iPad apps](#)

Amy-Mae Elliott writes: "Consumers have more digital options for reading the news than ever before. But it's the on-the-go mobile apps we are interested in here, with a hands-on look at four popular apps for the iPad platform, from traditional newspaper companies offering both free content and that which lives behind the paywall. Check out these reviews for a look at iPad apps from *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Financial Times*, and *The New York Times*."...



Mashable, Oct. 13

[When will subscriptions reach the iPad?](#)

Kent Anderson writes: "While the iPad has been hailed as a potential bridge into the digital age, periodical publishers remain frustrated by its application-centric model—every issue has to be an



application, since there's no way for a magazine application to include subscription elements in a satisfactory manner. This drives up prices for development, which are passed along to the consumer. However, Apple may be catching a clue, according to a recent *Wall Street Journal* [report](#)."...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Oct. 11; *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 26

[Ebrary launches patron-driven e-book acquisition](#)

(PDF file)

Ebrary announced October 11 that it is collaborating with librarians and publishers to develop a new [Patron-Driven Acquisition](#) model. With the company's implementation of PDA, libraries can create collections of titles of their choice, provide full access to end-users, and have titles automatically added to their permanent collection in real time, based on usage....

Ebrary, Oct. 11

[Accessibility and e-books](#)

Sue Polanka writes: "Yesterday I had the opportunity to speak with Ken Petri, director of the Web Accessibility Center at Ohio State University, about the accessibility of e-books and e-book readers. Ken is incredibly knowledgeable on the topic and offered a great deal of information during the interview ([mp3 file](#), about 25 minutes). Here are some resources on e-book accessibility that Ken recommended."...

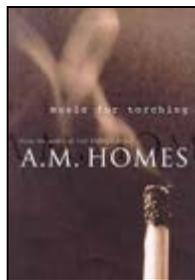
No Shelf Required, Oct. 6



[Top 10 best novels of the past 20 years](#)

I. Presnel writes: "The 10 novels on this list all substantiate the belief that books are the most elastic, introspective, human, and entertaining form of media that exist. Not movies, not music, not art, not the theatre. The first introduction a student often has to literature are stale, century-old books that do not translate well into this new modern era. Frankly they are boring, and a lot of kids drift into the living room and turn on the television and stay glued for the rest of their lives. So, here I will present the 10 greatest novels of the last 20 years, without apologies."...

Listverse, Oct. 10



[Picture books are unpopular? Not so fast, *New York Times*](#)

Julie Bosman, a writer for the *New York Times*, says picture books are so unpopular at the Children's Book Shop in Brookline, Massachusetts, that employees there are used to placing new copies on the shelves, watching them languish, and then returning them to the publisher. She adds that parents have begun pressing their kindergartners and 1st-graders to leave the picture book behind and



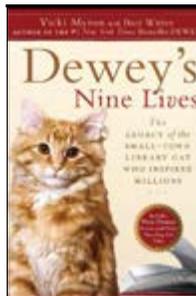
move on to more text-heavy chapter books. But children's librarians [dispute both of these statements](#), asserting that picture books in libraries are as popular as ever. And book blogger Amanda Gignac said Bosman took her quote [out of context](#)...

New York Times, Oct. 7; EarlyWord: The Publisher | Librarian Connection, Oct. 12; The Zen Leaf, Oct. 7

[Dewey lives on in *Nine Lives*](#)

When Spencer, Iowa, public librarian Vicki Myron wrote about an orange tabby kitten who came to live at her library one winter's day in 1988, little did she know she would have a bestseller on her hands. *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* (2008) has sold more than 1 million copies and is being adapted into a movie to star Meryl Streep (but the "script isn't in good shape," says Myron). Now Myron is back with *Dewey's Nine Lives* (Dutton), filled with stories Dewey fans tell about their own cats....

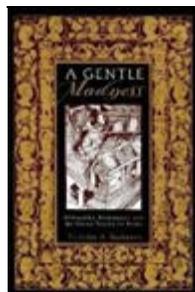
USA Today, Oct. 11



[Five books on bibliomania](#)

Allison Hoover Bartlett, author of *The Man Who Loved Books Too Much: The True Story of a Thief, a Detective, and a World of Literary Obsession* (Riverhead, 2009), offers her suggestions on books to read about extreme book-collecting. At the top is Nicholas A. Basbanes's *A Gentle Madness* (1995), a "meticulous history" that "offers plenty to enthrall the most knowledgeable of collectors."...

Wall Street Journal, Oct. 9



[Marilyn Monroe: Avid reader and book collector](#)

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "She had a personal library of over 400 books. She loved James Joyce, Walt Whitman, and poet Heinrich Heine. Saul Bellow and Carl Sandburg were literary heroes. Truman Capote and Isak Dinesen were friends. And she was married to playwright Arthur Miller. *Fragments: Poems, Intimate Notes, Letters by Marilyn Monroe*, edited by Stanley Buchthal and Bernard Comment, was published October 12 by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Within we learn of Marilyn's intellectual quest."...

Booktryst, Oct. 8



[In search of superlibros](#)

L. D. Mitchell writes: "Book collectors have, over the centuries, used a variety of means to indicate personal ownership of a particular volume. When marks of personal ownership are applied to the *bindings* of books, they are known collectively as supralibros. Although the best known and probably most numerous supralibros are coats-of-arms, other marks of ownership commonly found stamped on bindings are the owner's name, initials, monogram, or some combination thereof."...

The Private Library, Oct. 11



Actions & Answers

[21st-century social media literacies](#)

Howard Rheingold writes: "When it comes to social media, knowing how to post a video or download a podcast—technology-centric encoding and decoding skills—is not enough. Access to many media empowers only those who know how to use them. We need to go beyond skills and technologies. We need to think in terms of literacies. And we need to expand our thinking of digital skills or information literacies to include *social media literacies*."...

Educause Review 45, no. 5 (Sept./Oct.): 14–24

[Mary Minow appointed to IMLS advisory board](#)

On October 6, Mary Minow was appointed to the National Museum and Library Services Board. She was nominated by President Obama on April 26 and confirmed by the Senate on September 29. Minow is an attorney, consultant, and a former librarian and library trustee who has made presentations and consulted for libraries and library associations in more than 25 states on free speech, privacy, and copyright issues....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 7



[Report shows progress in collections care](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has released *Connecting to Collections: A Report to the Nation* ([PDF file](#)), which describes how IMLS engaged dozens of public and private partners to reach thousands of museum and library professionals with resources and technical assistance to care for endangered collections. IMLS launched Connecting to Collections in 2007 in response to *A Public Trust at Risk*, an IMLS-supported report documenting grave threats to the treasures that museums, libraries, and archives held in trust for the public....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 5



[The art of self-appraisal for public library workers](#)

Leigh Anne Vrabel writes: "It's that time of year again. The leaves don scarlet and orange frippery, then gradually waltz to earth in a slow dance of death. Bitter, howling winds nip at the ears and fingertips. Germs and viruses of every stripe stalk the land, sidelining the weak and weary with their pestilence. And librarians nationwide collectively bang their heads on their keyboards as they strive to summarize their annual accomplishments in the rite of self-appraisal."...

Library Alchemy, Oct. 6



[The new Facebook groups](#)

Nick O'Neill writes: "On October 6, Facebook announced a revamped groups product. However, most people are either still not aware about what this means or unaware of what all the features are. This guide will answer your questions. The main purpose of groups is to help Facebook users socialize around any topic or community. First, you can watch Facebook's own [video](#) (2:01)."...

All Facebook, Oct. 6; YouTube, Oct. 6



Groups

[Influencing how your Google results are displayed](#)

Lorcan Dempsey writes: "Two websites I regularly look at are *The Guardian* and *Times Higher Education*. I have been interested in how they are characterized in Google results, based on what they put in the meta description tags. So, what does *The Guardian* think will encourage people to click through to its site? A quick review of some public libraries suggested that the meta description tag is not widely used in this tactical way. Ditto for academic libraries."...

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Oct. 10

[WorldCat adds All Music Guide metadata](#)



The best of Louis Jordan
Artist: Louis Jordan
Label: Chess
Format: CD
Release Date: 1977

Jazz: Urban Blues, Swing, Jump Blues

1977

	Title
1	Choo Choo ChBoogie
2	Let the Good Times Roll
3	Aint Nobody Here But Us Chickens
4	Saturday Night Fish Fry
5	Beware, Brother, Beware
6	Caldonia

WorldCat has beefed up more than 250,000 pop and classical record entries, thanks to a new partnership with All Music Guide and Rovi. WorldCat users will now be able to find additional descriptions, genres and styles, release dates, tracks, AMG top track picks, ratings and reviews, and cover art....

OCLC, Oct. 6

[WorldCat's advanced citation function](#)

Andy Havens writes: "If you use WorldCat regularly, you know that you can easily cite materials using the Cite/Export button on the detailed record page for any item. Clicking on that button brings up a box, allowing you to select from five popular citation formats: APA, Chicago, Harvard, MLA, and Turabian. You can then either click on one of the + buttons to see the citation text in that format, or export the citation to RefWorks, EndNote, or EasyBib. But did you know that you can use WorldCat Lists to perform advanced citation functions?"...

NextSpace, no. 16 (Aug.)

[Bing to retrieve French National Library documents](#)

Microsoft's Bing search engine will give special treatment to search results from the archives of the French National Library, the two organizations announced October 7. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer signed an agreement with Bruno Racine, the library's president, to improve Bing's access to the archive and increase the number of potential users of the library's archives worldwide....



PC World, Oct. 8

[Creative Commons Public Domain Mark](#)

Creative Commons has released the [Public Domain Mark](#), a tool that enables works free of known copyright restrictions to be labeled in a way that clearly communicates that status to the public and allows them to be easily discovered over the internet. The mark increases the value of the public domain by making works that are already free of copyright readily accessible to the public. Europeana is its first major adopter....



Creative Commons, Oct. 11

[Commerce Department seeks copyright comments](#)

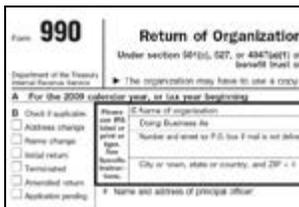
The U.S. Commerce Department's Internet Policy Task Force issued a Notice of Inquiry ([PDF file](#)) October 4 seeking comments from all interested stakeholders on the protection of copyrighted works online and the relationship between copyright law and innovation in the internet economy. Comments must be [submitted](#) by November 19....

U.S. Department of Commerce, Oct. 5

[Crucial tax-exempt filing deadline](#)

The Internal Revenue Service is providing one-time relief to allow small tax-exempt organizations (like libraries) to come back into compliance and retain their tax-exempt status even though they failed to file for three consecutive years. A crucial filing deadline of October 15 is looming for many organizations that are required by law to file their Form 990 with the IRS or risk having their federal tax-exempt status revoked. Nonprofit organizations that are at risk can preserve their status by filing returns by that date, under a one-time relief program....

U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Sept. 30



[Teachers' resources for the PBS Sherlock Holmes series](#)

The BBC recently launched an [updated version](#) of the Sherlock Holmes stories—*Sherlock* features a text-messaging detective named Holmes and a blogging doctor named Watson. In the U.S., *Sherlock* will air on PBS



Masterpiece for three consecutive Sundays [beginning October 24](#). From October 25 through December 7, you can watch episodes for free at the *Masterpiece* [website](#)—each episode will be available the day after broadcast. A discussion guide for book and film clubs, as well as other resources and links, is [available](#) on the site. Watch the [trailer](#) (1:52)....

PBS *Masterpiece*; io9, Oct. 10

[Best state websites for genealogy](#)

David A. Fryxell writes: "Finding where your ancestors lived is the first step in identifying records about them. Fortunately, the internetization of America also has swept over the nation's state archives, historical and genealogical societies, libraries, vital-records offices, and other keepers of genealogical gold. To help you find these outstanding state sites, we've compiled this state-centric Best Websites list. The 75 stellar sites singled out here represent the go-to bookmarks for browsing America's past, state by state."...

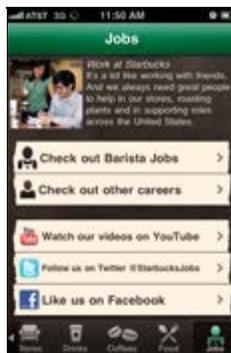
Family Tree Magazine, Oct. 12



[How job seekers will use social media in the future](#)

Sharlyn Lauby writes: "In today's fast-paced and competitive business market, companies are learning that using social media allows them to cast a wide net. And recruiting is no exception. So, if job seekers want new opportunities, they will eventually have to learn where companies are posting positions, then follow. If the future of recruiting is social, then job seekers need to get social. Here is a look at some social media success strategies for conquering your next job search."...

Mashable, Oct. 11



[Manage your presence on Google Maps](#)

Samuel Axon writes: "Did you know you

can use Google Maps to promote your library? Many of the features that you might normally associate with Yelp are actually included in what Google calls Place Pages. And since they're integrated tightly with the hugely popular Google Maps, you won't want to ignore them. Even if Google already lists you, you'll want to claim your page and make sure all the information is accurate."...

Mashable, Oct. 11



[10 tips for finding your groove and getting stuff done](#)

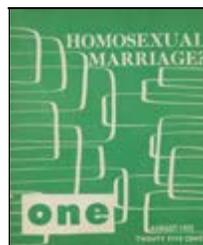
Julie Strange writes: "For me, 'productivity' is such a crap buzz word—it gives me mental images of the gizmo maker on the production line with the supervisor standing over him cracking the whip: '500 more gizmos before lunch!' Your ability to get stuff done is all you, buddy. Your success and failure is up to you. In that vein, I'm going to reframe 'productivity' to 'the groove you get in that helps you get things done' and share with you my tips for finding that groove."...

The Strange Librarian, Oct. 6

[USC acquires world's largest LGBT collection](#)

The [ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives](#) has donated the world's largest research collection related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history to the University of Southern California Libraries. The collection includes pioneering magazines, papers of LGBT activists and entertainers, and other materials that document diverse LGBT experiences. With its focus on the stories of Los Angeles, the ONE Archives Collection complements the USC libraries' extensive holdings in regional history....

University of Southern California Libraries, Oct. 7



[Do you know this man?](#)

Does anyone remember Islwyn Roberts, of Llanbedr, Meirionethshire, Wales, who started to hitchhike his way around the world in 1958 carrying a "Pays de Galles" sign with him? What was his story? No one seems to know if Roberts even made it to France, much less around the world, because he disappeared from the public eye. The National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth wants an answer, so it is launching an exhibition on Welsh travel and exploration October 16 with Roberts as its poster child. (However, [John Milnes says](#) there is a plaque in his memory next to a bus stop in Llanbedr where he used to sit in the 1990s.)...

National Library of Wales, Sept. 30; John Milnes



[Europeana opens virtual exhibition space](#)

Europeana, Europe's digital library and museum, has launched two online exhibitions that explore highlights of art and literature. [Reading Europe: European Culture through the Book](#) showcases the full text of 1,000 fascinating books, from medieval cookbooks to



18th-century English bestsellers. [Reshaping Art Nouveau](#) takes visitors on a cross-border journey that encompasses everything from domestic furnishings and decorative art to architecture and advertising....
Europeana, Oct. 7

[The making of a micromanager](#)

Will Manley writes: "Why are some people micromanagers? Oddly enough, it's not to torture others. Most micromanagers have an overly developed sense of accountability. Most micromanagers I have worked for are nice people who take their supervisory responsibilities seriously. They are typically fair-minded people and they often treat their employees equally. They usually don't play favorites. They truly do mean well. So how did they become micromanagers? Here are my theories."...
Will Unwound, Oct. 12

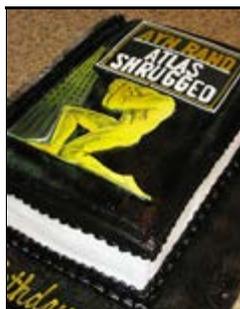
[Craft idea: Library card notebooks](#)

Brittni Mehlhoff writes: "Caitlin at the Packagery blog created this fun DIY with just a handful of materials. Its a mini-library-card notepad tutorial. These notebooks are perfect for jotting down short little notes or lists. And it's a great way to recycle some of those paper scraps you may have lying around. So, let's get to it. Here's Caitlin's project."...
Paper n stitch, Oct. 6



[50 pop-culture cakes](#)

Caroline Stanley writes: "All cakes were not created equal. Sometimes, they can transform into something greater than a common dessert—particularly when coupled with a bit of cultural inspiration. Whether you're a pop culture junkie who loves books, film, music, TV, or the visual arts, we've scoured the internet to find the perfect cake to match your obsessive devotion. Some of them are awesomely bad, while others are edible works of art."...
Flavorwire, Oct. 8



[Eight awesome webcomics](#)

Nancy Messieh writes: "A good webcomic doesn't necessarily need out-of-this-world drawings, a story line to follow, or much else other than a fabulously sarcastic sense of humor and bare-bones kind of drawings that leaves the focus entirely on the words. That's not to say that we don't love the way these artists have chosen to get their message across. But in an attempt to narrow down an impossibly wide topic, we decided to look at the more minimalist geek webcomics and choose some of our favorites to share with you."...
MakeUseOf, Oct. 10



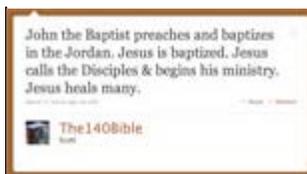
[The T140 Bible project](#)

Scott Douglas, author of *Quiet, Please!*

Dispatches from a Public Librarian, writes:

"The Bible has been translated 100s of times, retranslated even more. Today I propose one more: The T140, or the Twitter 140 Bible. Last week, as I did a daily devotional, I wondered what the 10 Commandments would look like tweeted. That got me thinking: Could the entire Bible be written like this? To sound trendy, I'll call it 'tweetvangelism.' So if you don't have time to read the Bible in large doses, then follow @[The140Bible](#). (And there's a [blog](#).) "...

Disturbed Christians, Sept. 27; [The140Bible](#)



[Our cerebrum is a library](#)

Chinese student Yu Ming put together this animated [short film](#) (3:25) that compares the brain to a library, where "the books kept in the library are like our memories. Sometimes we will be immersed in them subconsciously."

Completed in December 2008, apparently as part of university coursework....

Eyeka



[Who will help me? University of Alberta Libraries](#)

Stephen Abram writes: "Here's a great [video](#) (0:51) promoting the libraries at the University of Alberta. In my opinion, it does four things very well: It focuses on the core messages; it really does it in the appropriate amount of time for an online PSA; it uses the real staff and promotes their talents and roles; and it doesn't let humor override the professional message."...

Stephen's Lighthouse, Oct. 12; YouTube, Oct. 6



[Bowling Green's library sleevefacing challenge](#)

A sleeveface is "one or more persons obscuring or augmenting any part of their bodies with record sleeve(s) causing an illusion." Armed with vinyl and inspiration, Bowling Green (Ohio) State University's Music Library and Sound Recordings Archives started sleevefacing to promote the library and bring awareness to their collection. And now they [challenge](#) others to do the same. All sleevefaces must be photographed in a library of some kind, and no Photoshopping allowed....

Library Sleevefacing



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[Pakistan: People, places, libraries](#)

Organized by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad and the Pakistan Library Association, the "21st-Century Vision for Libraries" [conference](#) October 13–14 brought librarians from all over Pakistan to talk with specialists from the embassy and from consulates in Lahore and Karachi and from the United States and India, followed by discussions at several libraries, including the historic Frere Library in Karachi and Quaid-e-Azam Library in Lahore. This photo essay shows some highlights....

AL Focus, Oct. 19; Public Information Office, Oct. 19



[Libraries, now more than ever](#)

American Libraries Editor Leonard Kniffel (right) gave the keynote address October 13 at the "21st-Century Vision for Libraries" [conference](#) in Islamabad, Pakistan. Kniffel writes: "One of the things that became clear as we progressed through the two-day conference was that Pakistan libraries, unlike libraries in the United States, have not for the most part adapted to the information age, which is alienating potential users, particularly the young." ...

American Libraries feature; AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 12



[Violence in Karachi, but consulate library will reopen](#)

In the midst of new outbreaks of violence in Pakistan, the United States Consulate in Karachi has announced plans to reopen its Information Resource Center, which has been closed for four years. Schools and universities in Karachi shut down October 20 and library programs were cancelled after a group of armed men opened fire in the city's Kabari Market, killing 15 people and wounding some 20 more. The situation in Pakistan is tense and by afternoon the consulate in Lahore was closed and the staff sent home as a



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safety precaution....

American Libraries news, Oct. 20

[When a good deed meets bad press](#)

Beverly Goldberg writes: "A promptly handled reconsideration request at the Waukee (Iowa) Public Library morphed into a public-relations nightmare for Director Maryann Mori last week when area residents misinterpreted a *Des Moines Register* story about the relocation of *The Notebook Girls* from the YA section to adult nonfiction as restricting adolescents' ability to borrow the title. However, nothing could be further from the truth, Mori said."...

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 19



[Gaming 2.0](#)

Sandy Farmer writes: "The most exciting things have happened at the Houston Public Library's Central Library since it reopened in May 2008: Families are playing together and enjoying each other's company. Teen boys who now think the library is the best place to be ride buses an hour and a half each way to visit. Parents say they now believe their teens when they say, 'Mom, I'm going to the library today.'"...

American Libraries feature



[Next Steps: The Stanford information juggernaut](#)

Brian Mathews writes: "The libraries at Stanford University have been a juggernaut of innovation over the last 20 years. Their location in Palo Alto, the birthplace of Google, has undoubtedly impacted the libraries' philosophy and philanthropy. A key distinction of this paradigm-shifting organization is that it blends traditional library functions with campus-wide academic computing, as well as the University Press."...

American Libraries column, Nov.



[Showing movies in the library](#)

Q. *There's a community group that wants to show a movie to its members in one of the meeting rooms at the library. Is this legal?* A.

As we mention on [ALA Library Fact Sheet 7: Video and Copyright](#):

"Libraries which allow groups to use or rent their public meeting rooms should, as part of their agreement, require the group to warrant that it will secure all necessary performance licenses and indemnify the library for any failure on their part to do so."...

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Oct. 20

[Give weeded books a second life](#)

Laura Bruzas writes: "Send them to [Better World Books](#), a for-profit social enterprise that collects used books and sells them online to raise money for literacy initiatives worldwide. Or put them on your library's free cart or bookcase." And here are eight other things you can do....

AL: Green Your Library, Oct. 17



[Earn green for green library projects](#)



[ALA Midwinter Meeting](#)

in San Diego, California, January 7–11, 2011. Start off Saturday and Sunday

of the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego with

[two bestselling authors](#)

at the Sunrise Speaker Series, January 8–9.

Kathy Reichs is a forensic anthropologist, and creator of the Fox television series *Bones*, and author of *Virals*.

Andre Dubus III is the author of *Townie*, *The Garden of Last Days*, and *House of Sand and Fog*.



As high school enrollment continues to rise, the need for effective librarianship serving young adults is greater than ever before. [Young Adults Deserve the Best: Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth](#), developed by YALSA, is a document outlining areas of focus for providing quality library service in collaboration with teenagers. In this book, Sarah Flowers

Laura Bruzas writes: "Some large-scale green projects might require a referendum, but there are many small-scale, lower-cost ways to help your library go green, such as contests. One eco-friendly contest that comes to mind immediately is the [Great American Can Roundup](#) where your library can win up to \$5,000—plus whatever you might earn from a scrap metal recycler for the cans themselves—if it has a not-for-profit arm."...

AL: Green Your Library, Oct. 15



[40 ways to go greener](#)

Laura Bruzas writes: "This morning, I found a nifty [40 Ways to Go Greener at Home \(Besides Just Recycling\)](#) list that I'd like to share with you. At first glance, you may think this list may not offer much insight for librarians. But, if you take a closer look and keep an open mind, you may find more than a few applicable tips, including program planning ideas, small-scale projects that you can duplicate on a larger scale, and links to a few short but very informative videos."...

AL: Green Your Library, Oct. 12; Simple Mom, Apr. 21



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ALA News

[Norman Horrocks, 1927–2010](#)

Norman Horrocks, professor emeritus at the Dalhousie University School of Information Management and a longtime ALA member leader, died peacefully during the night of October 14. A favorite among many ALA members and a member of ALA's governing Council for 21 years, Horrocks received the Association's highest honor—Honorary Member—in 2004 and was a well-known expert on ALA's constitution and by-laws. Share your memories on ALA Connect's [memorial page](#) or on the [memorial wiki](#). Condolences to the family can be posted on the [funeral home page](#)...

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 15



[Some good news out there too](#)

ALA President Roberta A. Stevens writes: "One of the best aspects of being ALA president is the opportunity to be a part of state chapter conferences. I'd like to focus on my experience at the Kentucky Library Association / Kentucky School Media Association joint conference in Louisville, September 15–18. What really impressed me was the enthusiasm and positive attitude of the KLA/KSMA members. They are definitely using the lessons of ALA's [Advocacy University](#) with great success and have incorporated quite a few magical touches of their own."...

ALA President's Message, Oct. 20



[Two authors slated for Midwinter 2011 Sunrise Speaker Series](#)

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Conference Services, Oct. 14

[2010–2011 LIS financial assistance directory](#)

Need additional financial assistance? The *Financial Assistance for Library and Information Studies* directory ([PDF file](#)) is an annual directory of awards from state library agencies, national and state library associations, local libraries, academic institutions, and foundations that give some form of financial assistance for undergraduate and/or graduate education programs in library and information studies. For ALA scholarships, visit the ALA [website](#)....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Oct. 18



[Apply for scholarships through ALA](#)

Scholarship money is available for future librarians. ALA has more than \$300,000 for students who are studying library science or school librarianship at the master's degree level. Scholarships typically range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. The application and instructions are available [online](#). The application deadline is March 8....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Oct. 18

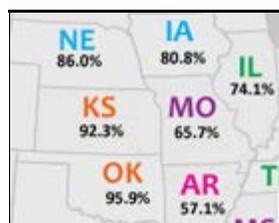


[Wi-Fi access in U.S. public libraries](#)

To better meet growing patron demand for online information and services, public libraries continue to expand free public access to the internet via wireless connections. A vast majority of libraries (70%) reported increased use of their wireless networks in 2009–2010.

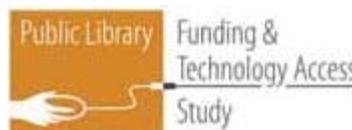
Nationwide, 82% of public libraries now offer this service, and some states (and the District of Columbia) report universal Wi-Fi access in their public libraries. Click on a state on the map to get the details....

Office for Research and Statistics



[Log on now to participate in internet-use study](#)

The November 5 deadline is swiftly approaching for public libraries to participate in the 2010–2011 Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study online survey. The survey provides an important opportunity for libraries to share information on computer and internet resources and infrastructure, as well as funding, technology training, and other uses of public libraries, such as providing public access technology centers in their communities. Log on [here](#) to take



[Library of Congress](#)

Washington, D.C. The nation's oldest federal cultural institution, the library serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with 745 miles of bookshelves. Its collections include more than 32 million books and other print materials in 470 languages; more than 61 million manuscripts; the largest rare book collection in North America, including the [rough draft of the Declaration of Independence](#) and a [Gutenberg Bible](#) on vellum; over one million government publications; one million issues of world newspapers spanning the past three centuries; 500,000 microfilm reels; over 6,000 comic book titles; 4.8 million maps; 2.7 million sound recordings; and more than 13.7 million prints and photographic images. Housed in the [Capitol building](#) at first, in 1897 the library moved into the [Thomas Jefferson Building](#), which contains some of the richest public interiors in the United States, a compendium of the work of classically

the survey....

Office for Research and Statistics, Oct. 19

[Massachusetts teen wins Step Up to the Plate grand prize](#)

Thirteen-year-old Josh Smith's dream of visiting to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, is about to come true, thanks to a trip to the Haverhill (Mass.) Public Library. As avid library users and baseball fans, the Smith family discovered the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program while visiting their library this summer. Smith and his family will travel to Cooperstown October 30 for the Hall of Fame's World Series Gala....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Oct. 19



[Funding-opportunities webinar for rural libraries](#)

The Washington Office will host a webinar October 29 at 2 p.m. Eastern time to assist rural libraries with pursuing funding opportunities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Presenters will discuss the three USDA programs that have funds available for rural libraries: the Distance Learning and Telemedicine program, the Communities Facility program, and the Community Connect program....

District Dispatch, Oct. 20

[Vendor chosen for ALA website migration to Drupal](#)

ALA has contracted with OJC Technologies of Urbana, Illinois, to manage the migration of its website to the open source Drupal platform. ALA units are preparing for the migration by reviewing existing content, removing or archiving materials no longer needed, repairing links, and adding missing accessibility features....

ITTS, Oct. 19



[ALA accreditation: Not a rubber stamp](#)

Laura Dare writes: "Many members know that ALA accredits master's programs in library and information studies. In fact, accreditation was ranked second in a 2009 survey ([PDF file](#)) of what members value most about ALA. Among those not directly involved in LIS education, however, the perception may be that ALA accreditation is a one-time, rubber-stamp process—sort of like renewing your driver's license. In reality, ALA accreditation is an ongoing process designed to foster continuous improvement of LIS programs."...

Prism 18, no. 2 (Fall 2010)

[GreenMyParents helps out with Haitian library](#)

[GreenMyParents](#), a social media youth movement to seed the green economy and save the planet, has joined forces with ALA in its effort to rebuild the Petit Goave Public Library in Haiti, which was destroyed by the earthquake in January. The estimated cost to rebuild the Petit Goave library is \$350,000. GreenMyParents helps families collaborate at home on building a new, greener America....

International Relations Office, Oct. 19



[ALA Editions on Kindle](#)

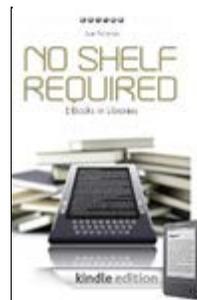
trained architects John L. Smithmeyer, Paul J. Pelz, and Edward Pearce Casey. Its 23-carat [gold-plated dome](#) capped the "largest, costliest, and safest" library building in the world at the time. An elaborate entrance pavilion and [Great Hall](#) gradually lead into the monumental [Main Reading Room](#). The Jefferson Building underwent a [restoration](#) for its 100th anniversary in 1997. The library's other three facilities are the [John Adams Building](#) (1939), the [James Madison Memorial Building](#) (1980), and the [National Audio-Visual Conservation Center](#) (2007).



[Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature](#), George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville. The library has more than 100,000 volumes published in Great Britain and the United States going back to the 17th century. Strengths of the collection include 300 editions of [Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe](#), 100 editions of [John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress](#).

Rob Christopher writes: "Did you know that many ALA titles are now available in Kindle editions? Over the past six months we've been hard at work converting and uploading many of our recent and most popular books so that you can read ALA Editions wherever you happen to be, whether it's on the train during your commute or while you're deep in the stacks. We're adding more every month, but here's our current inventory."...

ALA Editions blog, Oct. 18

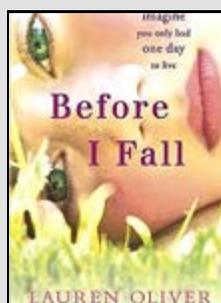


Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Audiobook

Oliver, Lauren (author). Sarah Drew (reader). *Before I Fall*. July 2010. 12.5hr. Grades 9–12. Listening Library, CD (978-0-307-74685-6).

Pretty, popular mean-girl Samantha (Sam) Kingston dies in a car crash on the way home from a party. She wakes up to relive the day again and again, trying to change the tragic outcome for herself and the others she has wronged. Reader Sarah Drew nails Sam's voice, allowing the teen's insecurity to peek through the polished surface; does a spot-on interpretation of Sam's drunk boyfriend the night of the fatal accident; and portrays her three girlfriends in uniquely teen voices, pulling the backstory out of each girl and laying it bare in her delivery. A compelling first novel....



Top 10 first novels for youth on audio

Sue-Ellen Beauregard writes:

"Except for *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, which holds a deserved spot on this debut-novel audio list, these selections, chosen for outstanding production values and readers, were reviewed in *Booklist* during the past four years."...



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San Diego Update

Dinner and a play

Keli Dailey writes: "That heart-wrenching theatrical soliloquy will go down smoother if you've had a pre-theater meal. And while this town lacks a theater district proper—our collection of downtown stages comes close—there's a cluster of restaurants near each theater house that will get you fed and to your show on time." This



[fables](#), juvenile [biography](#), 19th-century science and natural history, 19th-century [alphabet books](#), moral tales, [fairy tales](#), juvenile periodicals, 19th-century boys' adventure stories, 20th century boys' and girls' series, Little Golden Books, and juvenile publications of the [American Sunday School Union](#).

This *AL Direct* feature showcases 250 libraries around the world that are notable for their exquisite architecture, historic collections, and innovative services. If you find yourself on vacation near one of them, be sure to stop by for a visit. The entire list will be available in [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart, which is scheduled for publication in 2011 by ALA Editions.

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[House Huggers Unite! How to Stop Teardown in its Tracks](#), by Wanda Urbanska

list shows restaurants near the following theaters: the Old Globe, La Jolla Playhouse, the Balboa and other downtown theatres, Cygnet, Moxie, and North Coast Repertory Theatre....

San Diego Union-Tribune, Oct. 19

[Picture the Museum of Photographic Arts](#)

San Diego's Museum of Photographic Arts mounts exhibitions representing the history of the medium, contemporary works, photojournalism, and varied photographic processes. Among the exhibits during ALA Midwinter will be "Reflections: Exploring Cultural Identity," MoPA's fifth annual youth exhibition that will showcase the work of some 40 San Diego County students, including Leiann Bui who contributed "Role Models" (right). Located at 1649 El Prado, MoPA is open from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday....

Museum of Photographic Arts

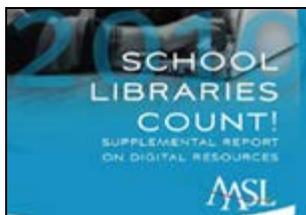


Division News

[Digital resources in school libraries](#)

According to an AASL survey, 61% of school library staff respondents provide professional development for teachers in the use of digital content. Of those providing training, 71% spend between one and six hours or more a week training teachers on digital resources. This data was gleaned from a set of [supplemental questions](#) on digital content and resources in the 2010 School Libraries Count! survey....

AASL, Oct. 19



[Teen Read Week 2010](#)

Thanks in part to events like [Teen Read Week](#), October 17–23, teen books now enjoy unprecedented critical success and popularity. In addition, library use has skyrocketed in the past two years, with many teens and their families taking advantage of free access to a wide variety of quality reading materials at their libraries. This year, Coretta Scott King Award–winner Nikki Grimes (above), author of *A Girl Named Mister*, is lending her [influential voice](#) in a [video](#) (1:51) created just for YALSA. Find out more about Teen Read Week in this podcast (7:34) [interview](#) with YALSA Communications Specialist Stephanie Kuenn....

YALSA, Oct. 18; Visibility @ your library, Oct. 19



[Catching Fire shoots to the top of Teens' Top Ten](#)

Teen readers across the country chose *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins as their favorite book in the annual [Teens' Top Ten](#) vote, sponsored by YALSA. Teens cast more than 8,000 votes online



[Small Scale, Big Change: Architecture Can Be a Powerful Tool for Social Change](#)

[Boardwalk Empire's Librarian](#)

[Legendary Jazz Performances Recovered After Seventy Years](#)

[Top Young Adult Author Shares Her Love of Libraries \(video\)](#)

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[What Does the New Health Care Law Mean for Me?](#)

[Give a Little Bit: Volunteer Opportunities Abound for Teens at the Library](#)

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[User Services](#)

[Librarian](#), Orange County Community College, Middletown, New York. The user services librarian is responsible for providing primary managerial oversight for circulation and interlibrary loan services at the Newburgh Campus Library. Additionally, as part of a strong public services oriented team,



between August 23 and September 17, with the official list announcement during [Teen Read Week](#), October 17–24. World Wrestling Entertainment Diva Eve (above) announced the 2010 winners in a [webcast](#) (1:56)....

YALSA, Oct. 18

[WrestleMania Reading Challenge launches](#)

World Wrestling Entertainment's [WrestleMania Reading Challenge](#), sponsored by YALSA, launches this week as part of Teen Read Week. More than 60,000 students in 1,700 school and public libraries in the United States and Canada are expected to participate in the hopes of winning an all-expenses-paid trip to WrestleMania XXVII in Atlanta on April 3, along with \$2,000 and books for their local sponsoring libraries. Watch the Reading Challenge [video](#) (2:02)....

YALSA, Oct. 18



[PLA time management tips](#)

PLA has just released [Time Flies...But Where? Time Management Tips and Tools](#), a downloadable training program for public library staff. The training will help participants evaluate the balance between their work life and personal life and understand their time management choices and challenges. Authored by Sandra Nelson, the program culminates in a personal plan outlining steps and tools for better time management for each participant....

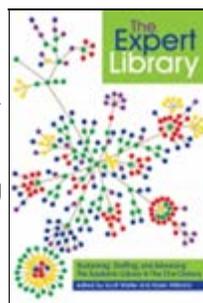
PLA, Oct. 19



[ACRL examines the expert library](#)

ACRL has published [The Expert Library: Staffing, Sustaining, and Advancing the Academic Library in the 21st Century](#), edited by Scott Walter and Karen Williams. This thought-provoking book provides fresh thinking and insights into recruiting and retaining academic library professionals to ensure the continued relevance and success of academic libraries. In 13 engaging essays, it draws on the experience of academic librarians looking back over a decade of research and innovation....

ACRL, Oct. 14



[AASL Fall Forum advanced pricing ends October 21](#)

The deadline for advanced [registration](#) and housing pricing for the AASL 2010 Fall Forum ends October 21. "In Focus: The Essentials of 21st-Century Learning" will be held November 5–6 in Portland, Oregon. Attendees of the institute can receive graduate credit through Portland State University....

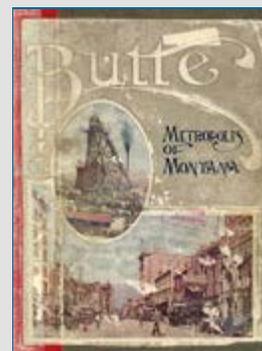
AASL, Oct. 19

the librarian will participate in reference services rotation, and in the development and delivery of library instruction sessions. This position requires a wide range of professional responsibilities and activities, including instructing and supervising personnel, developing policies and procedures, participation in the library instruction program, reference service, collection development, and promotion of library services to the campus community....



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Montana Memory Project](#) is a

[LLAMA webinars for new library directors and deans](#)

In November and December, LLAMA will present a series of four interactive webinars designed to meet the needs of new library leaders at the dean, director, department head or branch manager level. Each of the 60–90 minute programs will feature library consultant Pat Wagner of Pattern Research. Register [online](#)....
LLAMA, Oct. 19

[LITA offers web course on mashups and APIs](#)

LITA has a new web course, "Creating Library Web Services: Mashups and APIs," presented by Karen Coombs of the OCLC Developer Network and Jason Clark of Montana State University Libraries. The course will be held mornings November 15–19, with live synchronous lectures each day. Register [online](#)....
LITA, Oct. 15

[RUSA Midwinter Genealogy Institute](#)

Librarians seeking genealogy reference skills or those hoping to aid their personal family history research can now register for "Genealogy Happens! At the Genealogy Reference Desk," a 2011 ALA Midwinter Institute offered by the RUSA History Section. The event will be held January 7 at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch of the San Diego Library, 5148 Market Street, San Diego. Advance registration ends November 29....
RUSA, Oct. 14

[RUSA is looking for course and webinar ideas](#)

RUSA invites interested instructors and presenters to submit proposals for online professional development courses and webinars to be offered starting in early 2011. Topics of particular interest include skills for assisting patrons with job searches, collection development, and introductory reference and user services skills. Proposals should be [emailed](#) as Word or PDF attachments....
RUSA, Oct. 19

Awards

[Estela and Raúl Mora Award](#) (PDF file)

Three libraries have received the 2010 Estela and Raúl Mora Award for exemplary efforts in promoting El día de los niños / El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day). The winners are: Yolo County (Calif.) Library's Arthur F. Turner Community Library; Pima County (Ariz.) Public Library; and Santa Barbara (Calif.) Public Library System. The award is given by Reforma....
Reforma, Oct. 15



[Gary Frost honored by Guild of Book Workers](#)

Gary Frost, conservator at the University of Iowa Libraries, has been given the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2010 by the Guild of Book Workers. The Guild, founded in 1906, is focused on service to the hand-bookbinding community. Frost was cited for his contributions to conservation education and bookbinding studies, including his thought-provoking [website](#)....
University of Iowa Libraries: Preservation Beat, Oct. 13



collection of digital collections and items relating to Montana's cultural heritage, curated by the Montana State Library in Helena. Access is free and open through the internet. Many of these items are digitized copies of historic material, while others are contemporary. Many Montana [libraries](#), [museums](#), [archives](#), and [cultural institutions](#) have added and are in the process of adding materials to this collection. The contents include digital newspapers, maps, copies of photographs, rare books, historic documents, diaries, oral histories, audio and video clips, paintings, illustrations, and art.

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 have a battle on our hands, Trent. The board is going to cut our allocation and they want to move us into a tiny cinderblock building out on the highway, where the convenience store used to be, and bulldoze this beautiful library to make room for a parking lot for the

[Linda Smith earns ASIS&T Award of Merit](#)

Linda C. Smith, associate dean of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Graduate School of Library and Information Science, has been honored with the American Society of Information Science and Technology's 2010 Award of Merit. The award cited Smith's research on artificial intelligence and information retrieval, as well as her development of the iSchool's online-learning option, LEEP....

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign GSLIS, Oct. 8



[2010 Library Assessment Career Achievement Awards](#)

The Association of Research Libraries has announced the recipients of its 2010 Library Assessment Career Achievement Award. The awardees are three librarians who were instrumental in the definition and use of standardized and consistent statistical data—Gordon Fretwell, Roswitha Poll, and Kendon Stubbs. The three 2010 recipients helped make it possible for libraries to contribute and use high-quality comparable data for effective library management....

Association of Research Libraries, Oct. 13

[Johnson County Library named Depository of the Year](#) (PDF file)

The U.S. Government Printing Office has named Johnson County Library in Overland Park, Kansas, the 2010 Federal Depository Library of the Year. GPO selected the library for its excellent customer service and ongoing commitment to open government. The library has implemented many initiatives, such as GovFest and the GovDocs Kids Group, in order to better provide the public with access to federal government information....

U.S. Government Printing Office, Oct. 18



[Library honored for its archives](#)

The La Crosse (Wis.) Public Library received the 2010 Governor's Award for Archival Achievement on October 17. The award recognizes both the library's extensive archives and the ways it makes the materials accessible, said Wisconsin State Archivist Peter Gottlieb. Much of the library's information is available online as well, including more than 100 maps. The archives turn 30 years old this year....

La Crosse (Wis.) Tribune, Oct. 16

[J. K. Rowling wins Hans Christian Andersen Literature Award](#)

Saying she was "humbled and deeply honored," Harry Potter series author J. K. Rowling accepted the inaugural Hans Christian Andersen Literature Award October 19 at a ceremony in Odense, Denmark, the birthplace of the fairy tale writer. The award of 500,000 kroner (\$93,590 U.S.), which is given by the Hans Christian Andersen Literary Committee to authors who write in Andersen's spirit, is distinct from the [Hans Christian Andersen Medal](#), sometimes dubbed the "Nobel Prize for children's literature." Denmark TV2 has a [newscast](#) (7:17) of the presentation....

The Guardian (U.K.), Oct. 20; TV2, Odense, Denmark, Oct. 19



new sports complex they want to put in across the street. Fifteen million dollars to build that big barn and eighty grand for a shoebox to stick the library in."

—Sue Scott as Ruth Harrison, Reference Librarian, on the [Oct. 16 broadcast](#) of *A Prairie Home Companion*.

@ [More quotes...](#)



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Archives Month, Oct., at:

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Open Access Week, Oct. 18–24, at:

[#oaw2010](#)

International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications, Pittsburgh, Oct. 20–22, at:

[#dc2010](#)

Rabbit Hill Festival of Literature, Westport, Connecticut, Oct. 21–23, at:

[#rh10](#)

American Society for Information Science and Technology, Pittsburgh, Oct. 22–27, at:

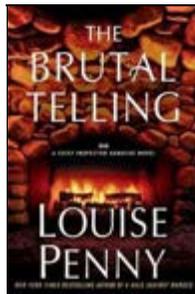
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Kidlit Con 2010,

[2010 Anthony Awards](#)

Canadian author Louise Penny won the 2010 Anthony Award for Best Novel for *The Brutal Telling*. The Anthony Awards are presented at the Bouchercon World Mystery Convention and are among the most prestigious awards in the world of mystery writers. Other awards announced at Bouchercon October 14–17 were the [Barry Awards](#), the [Macavity Awards](#), the [Crimespree awards](#), and the [Derringer Awards](#)....

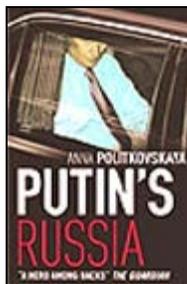
Bouchercon by the Bay; *Deadly Pleasures* News; Mystery Readers International; Central Crime Zone, Oct. 19; Short Mystery Fiction Society, May 1



[Literature in Translation Award from English PEN](#)

English PEN has launched a new prize for translated literature, and named the late Anna Politkovskaya as the inaugural winner for her nonfiction work *Putin's Russia*. In October 2006, two years after its publication in the United Kingdom, Politkovskaya was shot dead in the stairwell of her Moscow apartment block. The £1,000 prize (\$1,570 U.S.) will be divided equally between her estate and the book's translator, Arch Tait....

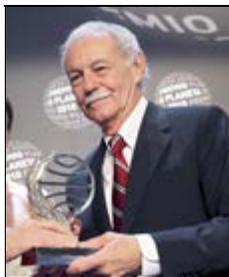
The Bookseller, Oct. 19



[Premio Planeta prize](#)

Eduardo Mendoza (right) has won the Premio Planeta prize for a novel set in Madrid in 1936 on the eve of the country's devastating civil war. Spain's most lucrative literary prize was announced October 15 at a ceremony in Barcelona and carries a €601,000 (\$846,750 U.S.) cash award. Mendoza's novel *Riña de gatos* (Cat Fight) centers on a British art expert who visits Spain in the increasingly chaotic days before the war and discovers a canvas that appears to be a previously unknown Velazquez painting of incalculable value....

Associated Press, Oct. 16



Seen Online

[Chicago to give field house protestors a school library](#)

Chicago Public Schools CEO Ron Huberman has [proposed](#) a deal to build a library at Whittier Dual Language Elementary School and keep its field house from being bulldozed. The deal seeks to end a weeks-long [protest](#) that pitted parents against CPS and drew national attention to the small school in the Pilsen neighborhood. The city had planned to raze the school's field house, but parents wanted to see the building converted to a library....

Huffington Post, Oct. 19; *Chicago Sun-Times*, Oct. 19; WLS-TV, Chicago, Oct. 18



[Libraries and Hispanic students](#)

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan says the United States must improve the educational outcome for all students—particularly Hispanic students who face a harder challenge graduating from high school. To address this inequity, President Obama signed an [executive](#)

Minneapolis, Oct. 23, at:

[#kidlitcon2010](#)

Internet Librarian Conference, Monterey, California, Oct. 25–27, at:

[#intlib10](#)

Digital Media Conference West, San Francisco, Oct. 27, at:

[#dmcw](#)

American Libraries news stories, videos, tweets, and blog posts at:

[amlibraries](#)

Calendar

Nov. 3:

[Going Green @ your library 2](#), online conference presented by Amigos Library Services.

Nov. 3–6:

[New York Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs, New York. "The Library: Your Story Starts Here."

Nov. 5:

[10th Annual Brick and Click Symposium](#), Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville. Sponsor: Owens Library, Northwest Missouri State University.

Nov. 5–6:

[AASL Fall Forum](#), Red Lion on the River—Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon.

Nov. 5–7:

[YALSA Young Adult Literature](#)

[order](#) October 19 targeting four new areas to help Hispanic-American students, from establishing federal working groups to strengthening private and public partnerships where libraries will specifically play a role....

School Library Journal, Oct. 19; U.S. Department of Education, Oct. 19

[Camarillo votes to leave Ventura County and hire LSSI](#)

The Camarillo (Calif.) city council unanimously voted late October 13 to withdraw from the Ventura County Library system and hire the Maryland-based Library Systems and Services Inc. to run the city library, despite protests from union members concerned about privatization and lost jobs. SEIU members were concerned that public employees would lose their jobs or some of their pay and benefits if hired by the company. LSSI claims it can operate the library for about \$1.9 million a year, compared to the nearly \$3 million the city now contributes as a branch of the county system....

Ventura County (Calif.) Star, Oct. 14



[Jackson library cuts stem from LSSI error](#)

County commissioners revisited cutting the Jackson-Madison County (Tenn.) Library budget by almost 20% October 14 in preparation for a meeting centering on \$121,080 owed to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System for 17 retired library workers and 12 inactive workers. The county is responsible for paying half that total. The situation developed in 2006 after Madison County [hired](#) management firm Library Systems and Services Inc., which did not figure retirement costs into the budget....

Jackson (Tenn.) Sun, Oct. 18

[Des Plaines will try to keep library open all year](#)

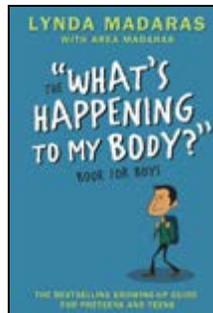
City officials in Des Plaines, Illinois, said October 18 that they would work with the municipal library to keep it from closing for most of December for lack of operating funds due to an anticipated delay in receiving property taxes. Though no promises were made about the library's \$1.5-million loan request to get it through 2010, city aldermen said constituents have been calling to ask that they not let the library go dark. Several days earlier, Des Plaines Mayor Marty Moylan [had suggested](#) that the library focus on making "basic reading material available" and stop making CDs and DVDs available for free....

Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, Oct. 18; *Chicago Sun-Times*, Oct. 15



[Dad gets book pulled from Texas school](#)

At the end of September, Jason Bedell spent a weekend pouring over a 215-page book his 8-year-old son brought home from Pflugger Elementary School in Buda, Texas. Among other things, *The What's Happening to My Body? Book for Boys* by Lynda Madaras describes how to have sex and includes dozens of detailed hand-drawn body diagrams. Nancy Turner, director of library services at Hays CISD, agreed the book was inappropriate for elementary school. The district has since pulled all of the books by the author off the shelves in all 21 school libraries....



[Symposium.](#)

Albuquerque Marriott, New Mexico.

Nov. 6–8:

[International Conference on the Book.](#) University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Nov. 8–9:

[Fair Use and Balance in Copyright: The Best Practices Model.](#) online course.

Sponsored by the University of Maryland University College's Center for Intellectual Property.

Nov. 9–12:

[Michigan Library Association.](#) Annual Conference, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Acme.

Nov. 12–15:

[California Library Association/California School Library Association.](#)

Joint Conference, Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, California. "Navigating the New: Charting the Future Together."

Nov. 15–17:

[Indiana Library Federation.](#) Annual Conference, Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis. "Libraries Rock!"

Nov. 24:

[Web 2.0 Untangled: Reaching and Teaching Our Users with New Technology.](#)

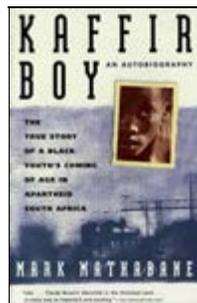
Wolfson College, Oxford, U.K. Sponsored by the CILIP University,

KXAN-TV, Austin, Tex., Oct. 14

[High school keeps *Kaffir Boy*](#)

Despite containing a passage that graphically details sexual assault, a book about apartheid will not be banned from San Luis Obispo (Calif.) High School, a review committee unanimously decided October 18. The book, *Kaffir Boy* by Mark Mathabane, has been taught at the school for more than a decade. In fact, librarian Vicki Carroll added, a copy of the book has been in the library for a long time with little notice. Controversy arose when anonymous letters complaining about the book were sent last spring to Zinn, school administrators, and the school board....

San Luis Obispo (Calif.) Tribune, Oct. 19



[Pennsylvania passes resolution to study school libraries](#)

Debra Lau Whelan writes: "Pennsylvania has for the first time passed a resolution focused solely on school libraries. The House of Representatives unanimously voted on October 4 in favor of asking the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to conduct an in-depth study on the status of media centers across 500 Pennsylvania K-12 districts. The reason? To uncover how many schools have lost their libraries or librarians, and the number of schools and students that have been negatively impacted by it."...

School Library Journal, Oct. 14

[Burned Georgetown branch reopens](#)

The fire that destroyed the Georgetown branch of the District of Columbia Public Library on April 30, 2007, burned through most of the books in its circulating collection. They could be replaced. The unique Georgetown artifacts in the library's Peabody Collection on the third floor could not. Thankfully, all those items survived, though some will require repairs, and the collection now has the [clock from the Peabody room](#) from the day of the fire, its hands stopped at 12:38 p.m. And so, with the ribbon-cutting at a new \$18-million structure on October 18, the Georgetown Neighborhood Library once again becomes whole....

Washington Post, Oct. 17; WTTG-TV, Washington, Oct. 18



[Flooded Georgetown library closes](#)

After meeting with contractors, officials said repairs to the water-damaged Georgetown (Del.) Public Library will force it to close for about eight weeks. In late September, less than two months after the \$6.2-million building's August 9 grand opening, a defective pipe fitting damaged books, carpet, furniture, and drywall on the first floor. Paul Enterline, president of the library's board of commissioners, said officials are still investigating whether the leak was caused by defective equipment or installation....

Bethany Beach *Delaware Wave*, Oct. 19



[Providence sues its library over repairs](#)

The city of Providence, Rhode Island, filed a lawsuit October 14

College, and Research Group.

Nov. 30–

Dec. 2:

[Online Information 2010](#), Grand Hall, Olympia, London, U.K.

Dec. 2:

[Augustana Information Literacy in Academic Libraries Workshop](#), University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, Camrose, Alberta, Canada.

Dec. 3–4:

[New Jersey Association of School Librarians](#), Fall Conference, Ocean Place Resort and Spa, Long Branch. "School Libraries for Student Success."

Dec. 5–8:

[Women's Leadership Institute](#), Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Florida. Cosponsored by ACRL.

Dec. 6–8:

[6th International Digital Curation Conference](#), Chicago Mart Plaza, Chicago. "Participation and Practice: Growing the Curation Community through the Data Decade." Cosponsors: Digital Curation Centre (U.K.), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign GSLIS.

Apr. 20–23, 2011:

[Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association](#), National Conference, Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk hotels, San Antonio, Texas.

against the Providence Public Library, escalating a battle over the fate of the city's library branches, which are now run by the nonprofit Providence Community Library. The city is leasing seven of the nine branch buildings from PPL (for \$1 annually) and claims the lease requires the library to make repairs "at its sole cost and expense." The suit lists more than a dozen problems at the branches, including leaky roofs, poor drainage, electric problems, and faulty ventilation. Calling Mayor David N. Cicilline a "petulant child," PPL on October 18 [said the lawsuit](#) was "baseless" and "harassing."....

WPRI-TV, Providence, Oct. 15; *Providence Journal*, Oct. 19

[Fullerton school district librarian is last one standing](#)

Yvette Cabrera writes: "When I found out that earlier this year the Fullerton Joint Union High School District made the drastic decision to retain the district's six lesser-paid and lesser-qualified high school library technicians to run its libraries, instead of its higher-paid, higher qualified teacher librarians, I knew this wouldn't bode well for the kids. When school started in late August, the district's six high schools were down to exactly one teacher librarian. That would be Marie Slim (right). When school began she was inundated with requests to work on projects from 76 teachers. By late September, reality set in."...

Orange County (Calif.) Register, Oct. 18



[Montana man pleads guilty to intimidating librarian](#)

Michael Spreadbury, a former candidate for mayor of Hamilton, Montana, pleaded guilty October 15 to one count of felony intimidation involving his harassment of Bitterroot Public Library Public Services Librarian Nansu Roddy. Spreadbury was originally charged with misdemeanor trespassing in June 2009 after returning to the library after he had been barred from it. He had been insisting the library keep as reference material letters he'd written accusing county officials of corruption. A threatening exchange with Roddy in the parking lot in November prompted the felony intimidation charge....

Hamilton (Mont.) *Ravalli Republic*, Oct. 17

[Texas releases surveillance footage of library gunman](#)

The University of Texas police department has released [surveillance tapes](#) (1:37) showing Colton Tooley, the student who took his life on September 28, running through the Perry-Castañeda Library.



Tooley wore a black suit and a ski mask while carrying an AK-47 rifle and waved at the security guard as he ran past theft sensors (above). Tooley came to the university and fired several rounds near the University Catholic Center before entering the library. After reaching the sixth floor, he took his own life. No one else was hurt....

The Daily Texan, Oct. 14; YouTube, Oct. 13

[Artist protests county's censorship of her library exhibit](#)

Complaints about three words have started a censorship debate in the Chatham Community Library, a new joint-use county-community college facility in Pittsboro, North Carolina. County officials say they received complaints about the content and sharp edges of some of artist Siglinda Scarpa's ceramic tiles in an installation that contain tiles featuring the words "sex," "damned," and "communists." Scarpa said

Deadline for paper proposals is December 15.

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the county officials put black tape over two tiles that contained the words....

Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer, Oct. 16

[Little Librarian kit a Toy of the Year finalist](#)

A Madison, Wisconsin, mother and daughter's toy project will be featured in Disney's *FamilyFun* magazine in November after being named a finalist in the magazine's Toy of the Year contest. [Little Librarian](#), created by Kristine and Amanda Miller, is a kit that helps children to create a library out of their own books. The kits include library cards, book cards, pockets that go inside the books like in pre-computer days, a reading journal, bookmarks, and even overdue slips....

Madison *Wisconsin State Journal*, Oct. 15



[Buffalo branches won't close, but...](#)

The Buffalo and Erie County (N.Y.) Public Library faces a projected shortfall of \$6.75 million in 2011. That includes a \$4-million cut in the system's county funding. Library officials have chosen not to close any branches, but other difficult cuts will be necessary, according to Library Director Bridget Quinn Carey. One option might be cutting up to 130 FTE positions, which may mean layoffs for nearly 200 employees....

Buffalo (N.Y.) News, Oct. 17

[Reprieved Jersey City branches worry about the future](#)

News that the West Bergen, Marion, and Lafayette (right) branches of the Jersey City (N.J.) Free Public Library will remain open until June 30 was warmly received by library employees and library users. But staffers remain nervous about the prospects beyond that date. The three branches had been slated to close December 31 due to budget cuts. Then on October 14, council members David Donnelly and Viola Richardson and Library Director Priscilla Gardner struck a deal with administration officials to give the branches a six-month extension....

Jersey Journal, Oct. 15



[Database of Nazi-looted art goes public](#)

A register of some 20,000 art works looted by the Nazis in World War II from Jewish families went online October 18 in the hopes of reuniting the items with their rightful owners. Begun in 2005, the [database](#) is a joint initiative of the Claims Conference and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and was drawn up using the archives of the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg—the German agency that cataloged the art stolen from 1940 to 1944. Listed are the works and a description, mostly in German but sometimes in French, and in many cases the names of the owners that they were taken from....

Discovery News, Oct. 18



[A sneak peek at the renovated](#)



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[Morgan Library](#)

Monami K. Thakur writes: "When one talks about American culture and heritage, one cannot help mentioning New York City's Morgan Library and Museum. On October 30, the institution will reopen to the public after an [extensive restoration program](#) involving its landmark McKim building. The majestic library that houses endless books in its triple tiers of bookcases is now equipped with a new state-of-the-art lighting system, newly designed display cases with some of the Morgan's most prized collections, and restoration of a late-19th-century Persian rug."...



International Business Times, Oct. 19; Morgan Library and Museum

[Libraries and digital access](#)

British Library Chief Executive Lynne Brindley writes: "To continue to play their part in enriching the cultural life of the nation, libraries and archives are going to have to work fast and take the digital lead. In September, the British Library launched its *2020 Vision* ([PDF file](#))—a 10-year strategy to ensure we remain a leading hub in the global information network. By 2020, we estimate that 75% of all titles worldwide will be published either digitally or in both print and digital. Our users will expect seamless access to all that information." The library has just opened an in-house and online exhibition, [Growing Knowledge: The Evolution of Research](#), that showcases 21st-century research tools....



The Telegraph (U.K.), Oct. 15

[Library of Wales inundated with 1958 hitchhiker info](#)

The National Library of Wales has been inundated with information after appealing for facts about a man from Llanbedr, Wales, who left home in 1958 to hitchhike across the world. Until now, little was publicly known of what became of Islwyn Roberts, who returned from his trip and died in 1993, aged 79. Details about Roberts are being used for the ["Small World: Travel in Wales and Beyond"](#) exhibition. Curator Carys Mai Lloyd said, "We even received information from a handful of people in Patagonia who remember him."...



BBC News, Oct. 14

[Indonesian court revokes book-ban law](#)

A ruling by the Indonesian Constitutional Court has stripped the attorney general's office of its authority to ban books it deems controversial. The institution has banned 22 books since 2006, including 13 history textbooks for use in junior and senior high schools. The judges said the decision to remove books from circulation should rest with the courts, not the executive branch. The office has banned hundreds of books since a law was enacted in 1963 allowing the confiscation of printed materials whose content could disrupt public order....



Jakarta Post (Indonesia), Oct. 14

[New Zealand unions fight bill demoting National Library and Archives](#)

The Public Service Association in New Zealand has testified to the Education and Science Select Committee that downgrading the roles of Chief Archivist and National Librarian to third-tier division managers in a newly merged Department of Internal Affairs will effectively disable their authority. "How can either agency safeguard the nation's heritage when both agencies are slotted into an IT group and their sector leadership roles are stifled?" asked PSA National Secretary Richard Wagstaff at a hearing on the State Sector Management Bill....

Voxy, Oct. 20

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Tech Talk

[Facebook fear and loathing](#)

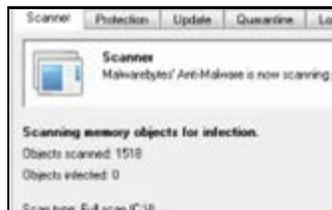
Michael Arrington writes: "All anyone is talking about today is the series of articles  that the *Wall Street Journal* has written about a privacy breach at Facebook. Sometimes identifying information about you—your name and maybe your friends' names—is theoretically being passed on from Facebook to apps and then to advertising networks. Along the way it's stored by various companies that are in the business of gathering data about people to resell to others, chiefly Rapleaf. Is this a real problem? No." In any case, such [data gathering](#) for advertising is going on all over the web, not just Facebook....

TechCrunch, Oct. 18; Inside Facebook, Oct. 18

[How to clean malware from your computer](#)

Seth Rosenblatt writes: "There's little out there that can cause a rage seizure like a malware infection. Yet as annoying and dangerous to your privacy as they are, malware infections can be removed from your computer. We've written up an [FAQ](#) to help guide you to safety, and this How To video (3:40) will show you some concrete steps—first for making sure that you actually have been infected, and then for how to eradicate the infection."...

CNET: Download Blog, Oct. 19



[U.S. studies Australian internet security program](#)

The government is reviewing an Australian program that will allow internet service providers to alert customers if their computers are taken over by hackers and could limit online access if people don't fix the problem. Experts and U.S. officials are interested in portions of the plan, set to go into effect in Australia in December. But any move toward internet regulation or monitoring by the U.S. government or industry could trigger fierce opposition from the public....

Washington Post, Oct. 16

[Information architecture 101](#)

Cameron Chapman writes: "Information architecture is a commonly overlooked area of website design. Too often, as designers, we just let the CMS we're using dictate how content for a site is organized. And that works fine as long as the site fits perfectly into the narrow content formats



most CMSs are designed around. This guide covers the fundamentals of IA design patterns, best practices, design techniques, and case examples.”...

Six Revisions, Oct. 18

[My top five cloud apps](#)

Lori Reed writes: “When a 1 GB hard drive was not enough space for all my files, I upgraded to a 500 GB portable hard drive. The problem is—if I lose that hard drive, I am in trouble. I don’t have enough space on my work computers to back up all my data, so that hard drive is literally my life. Recently, I’ve relied more and more on the cloud—that esoteric place where multiple copies of data and applications live somewhere out there in cyberspace. With that in mind, I’d like to share my five favorite applications for living in the cloud.”...

Lori Reed, Oct. 13



[Retouch your Facebook profile photo](#)

Sarah Kessler writes: “Spruce up your online appearance. Even if you don’t have a magazine photo team to touch up your photo, it’s easy to make a couple of quick enhancements with basic Photoshop knowledge. (Don’t go too crazy—your friends should be able to pick you out of a lineup.) Whether you want to remove wrinkles, apply makeup, soften skin, whiten teeth, or add a tattoo—these eight tutorials will teach you how to retouch your photos like a pro.”...

Mashable, Oct. 17



[Bit.ly now generates QR codes](#)

URL-shortening service bit.ly announced October 12 that users can now automatically generate QR codes that, when scanned with a mobile QR code reader, automatically direct users to shortened links. To create a QR code, visit bit.ly, write or paste in a URL address, click “shorten,” and add .qr to the end of the generated bit.ly link. Then copy the modified bit.ly link into a new browser window to view the QR code....

Mashable, Oct. 13



Publishing

[Link rot and footnote flight](#) (subscription required)

Jennifer Howard writes: “Plenty of web content is the information equivalent of a bag of potato chips, created to be consumed and forgotten. Not for scholars, though. Authors and journal editors link to web-based resources in citations meant to last, but the phenomenon of link rot—when links stop working—can undermine the usefulness of those references. For Michael J. Bugeja, link rot is a major concern. He and his colleague Daniela V. Dimitrova have a new book out, [Vanishing Act: The Erosion of Online Footnotes and Implications for Scholarship in the Digital Age](#), which expands on [research](#) first described in the *Chronicle* [in 2004](#).”...

Chronicle of Higher Education, Oct. 10



[Which works enter the public domain in 2011?](#)

Jonathan Gray writes: "Every year on January 1, hundreds of works enter the public domain around the world. So how do we know which works will come of age in 2011? First, we can get a rough idea from the data and calculators that are live on our [Public Domain Works](#) project. To make sure we haven't missed anyone, we can cross-reference this with bigger lists of notable people (not just creators) who died in 1940, such as the one on [Wikipedia](#). Also, we can use structured data sources (such as [DBpedia faceted search](#)) for more sophisticated searches."...

Open Knowledge Foundation Blog, Oct. 18



[Blogs morph into online mags](#)

Farhad Manjoo writes: "Soon, Gawker will no longer be a blog. The same goes for other sites in the Gawker network—Gizmodo, Jezebel, and Lifehacker. Soon, when these sites publish their scoops, they won't be doing so in a reverse-chronological, scrollable index of posts; they are changing into something more akin to conventional web magazines. Look at Lifehacker's future [here](#). These changes in presentation are collapsing all distinctions between 'blog posts' and 'articles.'"...

Slate, Oct. 15

[CIA sues author, claiming security breach](#)

The CIA has filed a breach of contract lawsuit against a former deep-cover agent who published a book critical of the agency without allowing CIA censors to remove large portions of the manuscript before publication. Ishmael Jones, pen name for the 20-year CIA veteran and Arabic speaker who said he sought to expose corruption in the agency, faces a civil lawsuit ([PDF file](#)) over his 2008 book, *The Human Factor: Inside the CIA's Dysfunctional Intelligence Culture*, a detailed account of his work as a "nonofficial cover" operative in the Middle East and Europe....

Washington Times, Oct. 18



[Popular highlights: The e-readers' collective](#)

Virginia Heffernan writes: "Readers coming to e-books freshly purchased from Amazon might be taken aback to find them already marked up. These are the so-called 'popular highlights' that now show up in Kindle e-books. Marked by a dotted underscore that indicates that other Kindle users have found the passages significant, popular highlights constitute crowd-sourced literary criticism. Readers, on the spot and yet collaboratively, make meaning of what they're reading. The effect is odd—even for those of us who see literature as something readers determine incrementally and collectively."...

New York Times, Oct. 15

[Halloween picture books](#)

Betsy Bird writes: "This year, for the first time, I started to notice that when it comes to holidays, authors and illustrators put a lot more effort into their Halloween fare than pretty much any other holiday you can name. To a large extent this is due to the visuals. It's a lot more fun to draw a ghostie



or goblin than it is to draw a sweet bunny delivering eggs. So this year I started paying attention. All right then: Which illustrators were tapped by their publishers to make books with exceptional visuals *this* year?"...

School Library Journal: A Fuse #8 Production, Oct. 15

[The A to Z of the shortest book titles](#)

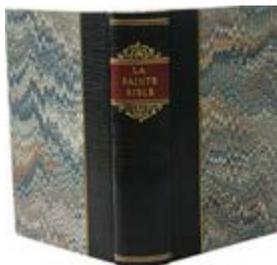
C by Tom McCarthy, one of the novels shortlisted for this year's Booker Prize, is not the first novel to be assigned a single letter from the alphabet as its title. In fact, there are numerous examples that stretch from *A* by Andy Warhol to *Z* by Vassilis Vassilikos, although not every letter of the alphabet appears to have been singled out for the literary treatment—does anyone want *R*? But single-letter titles are not particularly friendly to internet search engines that thrive on more detailed data. Here is a list of the shortest book titles AbeBooks could find....



AbeBooks, Oct. 13

[A primer on marbling](#)

L. D. Mitchell writes: "One of the book arts most commonly encountered by book collectors, especially on volumes which pre-date publishers' cloth bindings (as well as on many modern fine press titles), is marbling. Marbling is believed to have been invented in China over 2,000 years ago, and is known to have been used on paper (in Japan) as early as the 12th century A.D. It has been used for bookbindings and endpapers for hundreds of years. In books, though, marbling usually is seen to best effect when it is used to create endpapers."...



The Private Library, Oct. 13

Actions & Answers

[Dead Sea Scrolls to be digitized](#)

As part of its 20th-anniversary celebration, the Israel Antiquities Authority is launching the Leon Levy Dead Sea Scrolls Digital Library to document the entire collection of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The IAA will image the entire collection of 900 manuscripts comprising some 30,000 scroll fragments and make the images freely available and accessible on the internet. The scrolls will be photographed with the help of Google's research and development center in Israel using an advanced [photographic technique](#) that utilizes 11 different light waves that can reveal letters and inscriptions invisible to the naked eye. This is the first time that the collection will be photographed in its entirety since the 1950s....



Israeli Antiquities Authority, Oct. 19; Haaretz (Tel Aviv), Oct. 19

[IMLS holds ceremony for new board members](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services held the Oath of Office Ceremony October 18 for the new members of the National Museum and Library Services Board. The ceremony was officiated by Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. New board members include Carla Hayden, Winston Tabb, Robert Wedgeworth, Mary Minow, John Coppola, and Lawrence J. Pijaux Jr....

District Dispatch, Oct. 18

[Digitally inclusive communities](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced October 19 that it is awarding a \$150,000 cooperative agreement to the University of Washington, in partnership with the International City/County Management Association, to develop a framework for digitally inclusive communities. The agreement is part of the agency's effort to address the recommendations of the [National Broadband Plan](#) released in March 2010, which presented a vision of pervasive and affordable broadband for every American....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 19

[Library Inc.](#)

Daniel Goldstein writes: "Libraries have become perhaps the most commercialized academic area within universities, with troubling implications for the future of higher education. Libraries have always dealt with the business world, buying books, journals, and other products. In the past, however, libraries separated the commercial process of acquiring materials from the academic objective of putting those materials to use. But that division has now faded as an unintended side effect of information technology."...

Chronicle of Higher Education, Oct. 17

[Help A Librarian](#)

Stephanie Rocío Miles writes: "Earlier today I got a Facebook friend request from Heather Durkin Negley and discovered a great project she set up. [Help A Librarian](#) is an online tool that helps librarians share information and help each other. The project, which was founded earlier this year, began as a [Facebook group](#), and eventually moved to a separate site on the web. The site basically offers subscribers the ability to post questions and receive help from librarians across the world."...

Bilingual Librarian, Oct. 11



[Cataloging and metadata blogs](#)

Christine Schwartz writes: "This is a list of 31 cataloging and metadata blogs that have been currently active in 2010. The frequency of content varies depending on the author's approach to blogging. This list also represents focused blogs whose content is cataloging, metadata, and related issues, rather than those that cover a variety of topics or are diary-like personal accounts."...

Cataloging Futures, Oct. 18

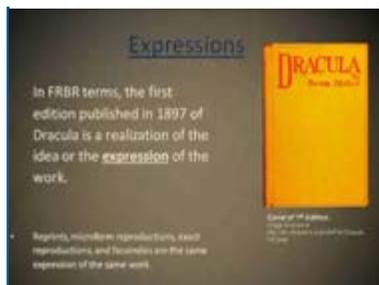


[For Halloween cataloging:](#)

[Dracula elucidates FRBR](#)

Melvyn Yabut uses Bram Stoker's *Dracula* to demonstrate (2:48) the relationship

among Group 1 entities in FRBR terms. FRBR stands for Functional Requirement for Bibliographic Records, a cataloging model that takes into account interrelationships among different entities. Group 1 entities are Work, Expression, Manifestation, and Item, representing the products of intellectual or artistic endeavor....
YouTube, Sept. 11, 2009



[Academic brain drain from Second Life](#)

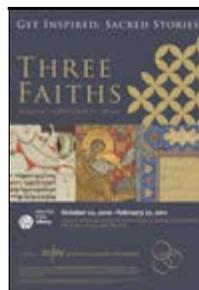
Officials at one discussion session at the Educause conference in Anaheim, California, spent an hour on October 13 debating whether or not they should relocate their campuses—taking all the buildings, quads, and people and carefully moving them elsewhere. The focus of the session was virtual worlds, and the academics were discussing whether to take their virtual campuses out of Second Life in protest, after the company that runs the online environment announced the end of a generous [education discount](#) as of January 1....
Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, Oct. 14; *Second Life: Land and Sea*, Oct. 4

[Why Google Books won't have any competitors](#)

Christopher Mims writes: "The Department of Justice has publicly expressed dissatisfaction with a revised settlement (still under review by U.S. Judge Denny Chin) between Google and publishers, a settlement it says will never allow for a competitor to Google Books. Why is this so important? Not only will Google Books eventually offer a searchable index of every book ever printed, it will also offer many of those books for sale, splitting the revenue with publishers. In the September 2010 *Stanford Technology Law Review*, legal and economic scholar Eric M. Fraser [extracts the bottom line](#) from the 140-page settlement."...
Technology Review: Mims's Bits, Oct. 18; *Stanford Technology Law Review*, no. 4 (Sept.)

[Coexist shines on the face of the New York Public Library](#)

To inspire greater understanding about what it means to be Jewish, Christian, or Muslim today and to celebrate the opening of the new [Three Faiths exhibition](#) at the New York Public Library, the Coexist Foundation has sponsored world-renowned projection artist Ross Ashton to illuminate the façade of NYPL with images from the exhibition. It's the first time an illumination of this scale has come to Fifth Avenue. The exhibition, running through February 27, will display together for the first time 200 of the library's most inspiring sacred texts....
Coexist Foundation, Oct. 19



[10 ways Twitter will make you a better employee](#)

Bobbi L. Newman writes: "In my case this means my day, the 9-to-5 one, not the one on the side where I write this blog. Here are 10 ways Twitter has made me a better employee, improved my job skills, and benefited my library. Thanks to Twitter, I can connect with experts it might take years to connect with otherwise. And patrons ask me questions on Twitter all the time. Yes, for real. Patrons go to the easiest, most convenient method for them."...
Librarian by Day, Oct. 15

[Three out of four tweets ignored](#)

Bob Brown writes: "If a tweet is posted on the web and nobody sees it, is it worth the bother? That's essentially the question social media analytics company Sysomos posed in a [survey](#) of 1.2 billion posts made over the past two months and found that 71% of the posts from the Twitter microblogging site elicited neither a retweet nor reply. Just 6% of tweets got retweeted and 23% were apparently intriguing enough to warrant a reply. More than 90% of retweets take place within an hour, so the shelf life of a Tweet appears to be pretty short."...

PC World, Oct. 17

["You may see an increase in patrons"](#)

Brian Herzog writes: "I'm sure everyone has heard that the IRS is [not going to mail](#) 2010 tax forms to peoples' homes next year. This will be especially painful for people without internet access or limited computer skills. It also means that libraries will see even more demand for tax forms next year. To warn us, the IRS sent out the following email through their [Tax Forms Outlet Program](#). I think the sentence, 'you may see an increase in patrons,' is a bit of an understatement."...

Swiss Army Librarian, Oct. 14; CNN, Sept. 28



[A history of OCLC's tax-exempt status](#)

Peter E. Murray writes: "One of the baffling elements I've found in discussions of the history of OCLC is that of its tax-exempt status under Ohio law. The latest example of this comes from documents filed in the SkyRiver / Innovative Interfaces lawsuit that make disparaging remarks about how OCLC got its state tax-advantaged status. I was curious about this a while back and so did some research on the topic. So, to set the record straight, here is at least one version—hopefully written from a neutral perspective—of what happened nearly three decades ago."...

Disruptive Library Technology Jester, Oct. 5

[Finding comparative and international law](#)

Shameema Rahman writes: "The Law Library of Congress Multinational Collections Database is now the [Global Legal Information Catalog](#). GLIC is a research tool that interfaces with the LC catalog. A benefit of GLIC is that you no longer need to open a book to find the list of jurisdictions included. Do you want to know about publications that cover Canadian law? Just click on [Canada](#). Interested in a different jurisdiction? You can then select the [jurisdiction](#) of interest. You can also browse by all [subjects](#) available."...

In Custodia Legis, Oct. 19

[National Archives site features primary sources](#)

The National Archives has created a new website to help educators teach with primary-source documents. [DocsTeach](#) not only lets teachers explore thousands of documents in a variety of media from the National Archives holdings, but it also includes online tools to help teachers combine these materials and create engaging history activities that students can access over the internet. The seven tools featured on the site are designed to teach critical-thinking skills as they relate to history activities, such as weighing evidence, interpreting data, and focusing on details....

eSchool News, Oct. 18



[ARL promotes federal depository principles](#)

The Association of Research Libraries board of directors unanimously voted on October 14 to endorse a set of principles regarding the Federal Depository Library Program. In the *ARL Statement of Principles on the Federal Depository Library Program* ([PDF file](#)), the board asserts that the management of these document collections should include efforts to support or participate in initiatives to create a comprehensive digital collection in the public domain....

Association of Research Libraries, Oct. 18

[Alumnus gives Purdue \\$2 million for library](#)

Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, is renovating a library that will become the first major campus facility to be named for an African-American alumnus. Roland G. Parrish (right) has given the university \$2 million to support the renovation of its Management and Economics Library. When complete in early 2012, the facility will stand as a state-of-the-art library, laboratory, and learning commons. Parrish is CEO of a chain of McDonald's franchises in northern Texas....

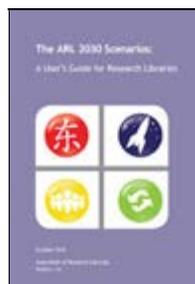
Purdue University, Oct. 14



[Four very different futures imagined for academic libraries](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "It's difficult to position your institution for long-term survival if you have no idea what kind of future you'll have to operate in. So the Association of Research Libraries prepared [four scenarios](#) that describe what the research environment might look like in 2030. The four story lines do not try to lay out what libraries themselves will need to do to be relevant 20 years from now. Instead they seek to describe the broader research environment in which libraries' future users might be operating."...

Chronicle of Higher Education, Oct. 19; Association of Research Libraries, Oct. 19



[Not in the mood to celebrate Open Access Week](#)

Steven Bell writes: "It's [Open Access Week](#), a time to 'present the individual and collective benefits of free online access to research.' It's a time to celebrate the many accomplishments and progress made on the scholarly communications front. So excuse me if I'm not in the mood to celebrate. I'm feeling frustrated. What else can you feel when the system is broken, you know that system must change, but there is little incentive for those perpetuating the system to change it for the better."...

ACRLLog, Oct. 18; SPARC, Oct. 18

[Year of the Solar System](#)

Stephanie Shipp writes: "NASA's Planetary Science Division has launched the [Year of the Solar System](#). Spanning a Martian year—23 months—the Year of the Solar System celebrates the amazing discoveries of numerous NASA missions as they explore our planetary neighbors and probe the outer edges of our solar system. Each month from October 2010 to August 2012 will highlight different aspects of our solar system, weaving together activities, resources, and ideas that you can use to engage audiences."...



Programming Librarian, Oct. 19

[Deleted does not mean gone forever](#)

Michelle Boule writes: "Most of us know that things, once put online, have a way of remaining online, no matter how hard we try to delete them or forget them. In May 2009, Jacqui Cheng of Ars Technica started an [experiment](#) to see how quickly an embarrassing photo (above) was deleted from social networking sites. 16 months later, the photo is [still accessible](#) and viewable despite having been deleted almost two years ago. As librarians, we have some educating to do."...

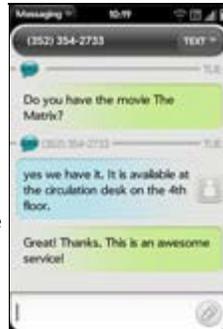


ALA TechSource Blog, Oct. 18; Ars Technica, July 3, 2009, Oct. 11

[Start up a text-messaging reference service](#)

Chad Boeninger writes: "Many libraries now offer text-a-librarian services to extend reference service to patrons on their mobile phones. If your library has pondered the idea of implementing a text-messaging reference service, but couldn't quite figure out a way to pay for it, I hope you find this useful. Our library has been running a text-messaging reference service since September 1, and it didn't cost us a dime. Here's how we're doing it, and how you can too."...

Library Voice, Oct. 14



[Harry Potter trailer, literal version](#)

Toby Turner (Tobuscus), video blogger and actor, produces many literal versions of music and other videos. Here he applies his literal skills to the *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* movie trailer (2:33), which has a library scene. Part 1 of the movie premieres November 19....

YouTube, July 27



[Librarians as seen by the media](#)

Chris Smith, creator of the Asian school-library website [Shambles](#), assembled this video (3:33) for an October 14 presentation in Monterrey, Mexico, at the Tri-Association Annual Educators' Conference of the Association of American Schools of Central America, Colombia, Caribbean, and Mexico. Do you recognize these movies, TV programs, and publications? This video could be a catalyst on discussions about librarian stereotyping....

YouTube, Oct. 13



[The Illinois Library Association: Loud and proud](#)

Attendees at the closing session of the 2010 Illinois Library Association annual conference in Chicago on September 30 were pleasantly surprised by a flash mob event (3:48) featuring Tracy Ducksworth



(right), director of the Grande Prairie Public Library in Hazel Crest, Illinois, who is also a professional gospel singer recording under the name of [Tracy Worth](#). Singing "Let's Get Loud" and accompanied on the stage by the M.A.D.D. Rhythms dancers, Duckworth got the crowd dancing and clapping (with the help of some ILA members in the know who were scattered throughout the audience)....

YouTube, Oct. 15

[The Pink Lace Diamond Mystery](#)

Local teens, library staff, and community members made "Detection" (2:18), a parody of the movie *Inception*, to help promote Murder Mystery Night at Burlingame (Calif.) Public Library on October 30. Can you solve the mystery of the Pink Lace Diamond murder? The library is the scene of the crime, but who is the thief, and who is the killer? As Teen Librarian Amy Pelman says, "The video is seriously awesome."...

Vimeo, Oct. 13



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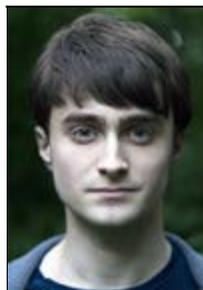
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Harry Potter READs

"Anything that gets kids into reading is fantastic," says Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe, who recently posed for an [ALA Celebrity READ poster](#) along with his Potter costars Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. Radcliffe talked to *American Libraries* in August, shortly after the photo shoot for the poster. The book he is holding in the poster is Mikhail Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita*, which he says he's been obsessed with since he read it over a year ago....

American Libraries column, Nov./Dec.



Wait! You can't retire without sharing that with us

Amy Hartman and Meg Delaney write: "As libraries face the departure of staff with well-honed reference skills, years of experience in the community, and deep knowledge of the collection and traditional resources, how can we identify and retain their departing expertise—the gold in the library's intellectual vault? Now, perhaps more than ever before in the history of our profession, what we do and what we are will be affected by retirement's brain drain."...

American Libraries feature

Illinois libraries talk sustainability

Sixty librarians from around Illinois met at Chicago's Field Museum October 22 to discuss how they could better help their communities go green. The workshop kicked off ILA's year-long [Go Green @ your Illinois Library](#) program. "Libraries already connect people to resources; this is about connecting people to each other," said Denise Raleigh, director of marketing, development, and communications at Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin. Watch the [kickoff video](#) (2:50)....

American Libraries news, Oct. 25; AL Focus, Oct. 27



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On My Mind: The unknown cataloger

Michael Gorman writes: "Hardly a month goes by without a story in the newspapers or elsewhere in the media about a scholar who has 'discovered' a lost or hitherto unknown manuscript of a text or musical work by a famous author or composer. 'It had been lying there undisturbed and unknown for decades but when I came across it, I knew what it was immediately,' said Professor Hebden-Snorkel, who gets the scholarly papers and the tenure for which she thirsts. No thanks are rendered to the Unknown Cataloger or for the preservation activities of the library or archive."...

American Libraries column, Nov./Dec.



In Practice: Read the fine print

Meredith Farkas writes: "There probably isn't a person alive who's read the Terms of Service (TOS) of every technology or service they use. Sometimes, the terms impact how a library can use a technology or give a company broad rights to content that you or your patrons have created. For example, a number of libraries have begun using Netflix to provide videos for their patrons. On the surface it sounds like a brilliant idea. However, according to Netflix's Terms of Use, 'use of the Netflix service . . . is solely for your personal and noncommercial use.'"...

American Libraries column, Nov./Dec.



One down, nine to go

Laura Bruzas writes: "A can-do community attitude coupled with the dedication of a loyal Friends group helped make the San Francisco Public Library's Parkside branch renovation (right) meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification standards. Parkside 'is the first of 10 upcoming library projects that will meet a LEED Silver or greater rating consistent with the city's long-term sustainability goals,' reports Ed Reiskin, director of San Francisco's Department of Public Works."...

AL: Green Your Library, Oct. 20



Recommended reading

Q. My local service club would like to give children at the elementary school in town a book this holiday season. Most of the children are African American or Hispanic, and they are in grades K-6. What can you suggest? A. First and foremost, talk with the school librarian or your local public librarian to see what's popular in your town, or what books are on the local summer reading lists. You might also want to review the most recent book lists, which are linked from the [ALA Library Fact Sheet 23: Recommended Reading](#)....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Oct. 26

ALA News

John Grisham named National Library Week honorary chair

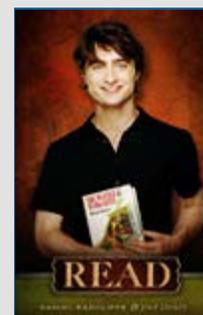
Author John Grisham has been named the



ALA Midwinter Meeting

in San Diego, California, January 7-11, 2011.

Special events on the exhibits floor: Friday, Opening Reception; Saturday, Spotlight on Adult Literature; Monday, Closing Speaker.



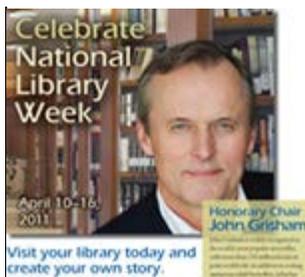
Daniel Radcliffe has played the title role in all of the blockbuster films based on J. K. Rowling's bestselling Harry Potter books. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1* debuts in U.S. theaters November 19. ALA now offers Celebrity READ posters of the **Harry Potter costars**. "It is rumored there are four. To possess them all is to make oneself immortal." **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.



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2011 honorary chair of National Library Week, which will be celebrated April 10–16. Grisham is the author of more than 25 books, including *A Time to Kill*, *The Firm*, and *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*, his first novel for young adults. As honorary chair, Grisham will appear in print and online [public service announcements](#) promoting National Library Week....

Public Information Office, Oct. 26



[Emerging Leaders, Class of 2011](#)

The ALA Emerging Leaders program, now in its fifth year, kicks off with a daylong session during the 2011 ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego. Eighty-three individuals ([PDF file](#)) have been selected through a very competitive process for the program this year. The program enables librarians and library staff from across the country to participate in project planning workgroups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity early in their careers....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Oct. 26



[Volunteer to serve on an ALA committee](#)

ALA President-elect Molly Raphael is encouraging members to volunteer for ALA and Council committees during the 2011–2012 appointment process. To volunteer for a committee, complete the online committee [volunteer form](#). The deadline is November 5....

Executive Office, Oct. 27

[Museum/library partnerships that work](#)

The Public Programs Office is announcing a free, online learning session, "Museum/Library Partnerships That Work," to be held at 2 p.m. Central time on November 18. This session is presented by [ProgrammingLibrarian.org](#) and supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the ALA Cultural Communities Fund. [Register](#) online....

Public Programs Office, Oct. 26

[Celebrating National Gaming Day](#)

Q. Where can I get information about how to best present and suggest our library celebrating National Gaming Day? A. [National Gaming Day](#) encourages young patrons to interact with a diverse group of peers, share their expertise, and develop new learning strategies. For talking points and research, see the [Games and Gaming Resources wiki](#), especially the [Advocacy](#) and [Gaming and Literacy](#) sections, as well as the [Librarian's Guide to Gaming](#). [Registration](#) and participation information for the third annual nationwide celebration on November 13 are available [online](#)....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Oct. 26



[Rural, Native, and tribal libraries](#)

Former ALA President Loriene Roy writes: "There's plenty of evidence nationally—and even internationally—that points to an awakening in interest and activity focusing on rural libraries, including those that serve Native and tribal communities. The Association for Rural and

[Libraries](#) on Facebook.

New this week
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Great Libraries of the World



[Charles Deering Library](#). Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. This library opened in 1933 and served as the university's main library until 1970. The

Small Libraries and the Association of Bookmobiles and Outreach Services held a joint conference in Denver October 13–16. Among the attendees were those interested in and involved with tribal librarians.” And how do you know you are a rural librarian? Consult this whimsical [checklist](#) supplied by Conference Planning Chair Andrea Berstler....
OLOS Columns, Oct. 25; BlogJunction, Oct. 20

[Student Chapter Leadership community](#)

The [Student Chapter Leadership](#) community was created in ALA Connect to provide a means for current and former student chapter leaders to meet, mentor, network, and discuss issues of common concern. If you have an interest in student chapters, or have ideas on how to foster communication among the chapters and between the chapters and ALA, come and share your ideas....

Student Membership Blog, Oct. 27

[Freedom to Read Foundation Nominating Committee](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation has announced the Nominating Committee for its April 2011 election. Committee members are Robert P. Doyle (chair), James G. Neal, and Judith Platt. Six positions on the FTRF board of trustees will be filled in the election to be held in April. Nominations should be sent by December 17 to [FTRF](#)....

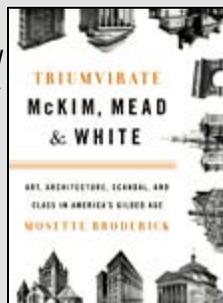
Freedom to Read Foundation, Oct. 25

Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Arts](#)

Broderick, Mosette. *Triumvirate: McKim, Mead & White: Art, Architecture, Scandal, and Class in America's Gilded Age*. Nov. 2010. 640p. Illustrated. Knopf, hardcover (978-0-394-53662-0).

The group of three—Charles McKim, William Mead, and Stanford White—that architectural historian Broderick portrays in this great, rambling mansion of a book sought to boost American architecture up to European standards. McKim's decision to become an architect seemed “impulsive,” yet he quickly developed a knack for attracting clients and planning projects. Artist White proved to be a gifted designer with a flair for interiors and a mania for antiquities. Pragmatic Mead took care of the firm's business side and lived a quiet, diligent life, taking up little space in this otherwise torrid Gilded Age saga. Broderick also tells the stories of the firm's epoch-defining, technologically progressive creations, profiling their colorful, prominent clients and fully delineating diverse projects, from seaside chateaus to Madison Square Garden, the Boston Public Library, and a host of other iconic, if short-lived buildings....



[Top 10 arts books: 2010](#)

Donna Seaman writes: “Personal stories of hardship, suffering, and artistic discovery dominate the list of

Gothic Revival building was designed by architect James Gamble Rogers, whose thematic inspiration was King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England. The library features 68 magnificent window medallions designed by G. Owen Bonawit and superb wood and stone carvings by sculptor Rene Paul Chambellan. It currently houses special collections, art reference, music, maps, government publications, and the university archives.



[Feehan Memorial Library](#)

University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. The library's philosophy and theology collection is housed in a luxurious space constructed in 1929 that resembles a 16th-century Italianate palace with a central court surrounded by three stories of arcades.

This AL Direct feature showcases 250 libraries around the world that are notable for their exquisite architecture, historic collections, and innovative services. If you find yourself on vacation near one of them, be sure to stop by for a visit. The entire list will be available in [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart, which is scheduled for publication in 2011 by ALA Editions.



the best art books of the year, which analyze and celebrate reigning figures in film, painting, music, and art collecting." Included in the list is *Another Fine Mess: A History of American Film Comedy*, by Saul Austerlitz, which seeks to redress the lack of critical respect for comedic films in 100 lively biographical sketches of top comedy talents from Charlie Chaplin to Katharine Hepburn to Judd Apatow....

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

San Diego Update

The best of San Diego, 2010

Every year, *San Diego Magazine* combs the county to find the best the area has to offer. Here are the editors' current picks for restaurants, bars, sights, people, places, concerts, food trucks, hotspots, iPhone apps, blogs, and running clubs. Many of these are outside the conference area, so check a map before you plan....

San Diego Magazine, Aug.



Ninth worst city for traffic

San Diego is ninth on the list of worst U.S. cities for traffic, according to a Texas Transportation Institute paper ([PDF file](#)) released in August that says the annual average number of hours of delay per traveler is 51.7. The San Diego–Carlsbad–San Marcos metropolitan area has a population of around 3 million and is the 17th largest metro area in the nation. Make sure you consider the [Metropolitan Transit System](#) trains, trolleys, and buses as an option. Downtown San Diego is also [bicycle-friendly](#), and walking is a good choice in a city with an [average January temperature](#) of 50°–66° F. Free [shuttle buses](#), sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning, will operate during the Midwinter Meeting....

Weather Channel; Texas Transportation Institute; *Bicycling*, Jan. 26, 2006



Division News

New AASL toolkit helps implement learning standards

A new resource from AASL will help building-level school librarians implement learning standards and program guidelines. The "[Building Level Toolkit: Implementing AASL's Learning Standards and Program Guidelines in Your School Library](#)" is designed to help practitioners learn more about the key ideas of the [learning standards](#) and share those messages with others. Developed by Kristin Fontichiaro and Melissa Johnston, the toolkit walks school librarians through important steps in the implementation process....

AASL, Oct. 26

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[Choose your words carefully](#)

At 1 p.m. Central time on November 15, PLA will present a live, hour-long webinar, "[Transforming Our Image.](#)" led by Valerie J. Gross (right), president and CEO of Howard County (Md.) Library. The webinar is designed to teach participants how to transform their public libraries and their profession by modifying the language they use. [Register](#) online....

PLA, Oct. 26



[Web research in academic libraries](#)

ACRL has published CLIP Note #41, [Web Research in Academic Libraries.](#) This new title provides useful information on teaching web research strategies in information literacy instruction. Compiled by Rebecca Sullivan of Luther College, the monograph examines to what extent and in what ways academic libraries have incorporated web search strategies into their information-literacy-instruction programs....

ACRL, Oct. 26



["Going Mobile" webinar](#)

Three-quarters of U.S. teens have cell phones—and you can easily use the devices to engage teens at your library at very little expense. Learn how to make your library cell-phone friendly in YALSA's November 18 webinar, "Going Mobile: Teens, Libraries, and Cell Phones," hosted by Jennifer Velasquez. The webinar will take place at 2 p.m. Eastern time. [Registration](#) is now open....

YALSA, Oct. 21



[YA literature bloggers needed](#)

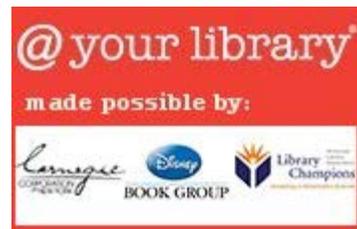
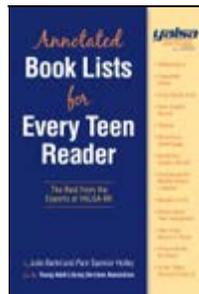
YALSA is launching a new blog dedicated exclusively to young adult literature. The Hub, as it will be called, will be your stop for interesting posts, interviews, links, and more about the world of YA lit. If you are a YALSA member and interested in writing for the blog, contact Literature Blog Manager [Sarah Debraski](#)....

YALSA Blog, Oct. 25

[Entice teen readers with book lists](#)

Today's school librarian or young adult specialist must be ready to help both the voracious teen reader who has devoured every "Twilight" installment to a book hater who prefers action movies and video games and wants help in making a selection for her next book report. Luckily, *Annotated Book Lists for Every Teen Reader: The Best from the Experts at YALSA-BK*, copublished by YALSA and Neal-Schuman Publishers, will give librarians informative insights and authoritative recommendations on how to satisfy even the most finicky young adult reader....

YALSA, Oct. 21



Career Leads from JobLIST

[Assistant Coordinator of Instruction and Online Learning.](#)

DePaul University Libraries, Chicago. Under the general supervision of the Associate Director for Research and Information Services and reporting directly to the Library Instruction Coordinator, the Assistant Coordinator of Instruction and Online Learning will work to further the development, administration, and evaluation of the orientation and instruction programs offered by the Library at all campuses and at all locations where DePaul courses are taught. This individual will serve as the point person for addressing immediate instruction needs at the campus at which he or she is based and will work closely with Library staff, as well as with faculty and staff of other university departments and offices, to develop effective programs that focus on promoting awareness and use of library and information resources, services, and

[An interview with Sarah Flowers](#)

YALSA president-elect Sarah Flowers (right) recently authored ALA Editions' [Young Adults Deserve the Best: YALSA's Competencies in Action](#), which expands on YALSA's [Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth](#) and gives practical advice and examples for fulfilling those competencies. Sarah was kind enough to answer a few questions about her new book....

YALSA Blog, Oct. 26



[Last week for Friends group survey](#)

All Friends groups—including groups that are already Friends Group Affiliates—who complete this [online survey](#) will be entered in a drawing to win a free year as an Affiliate with ALTAFF, as well as a copy of *Even More Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends*. The deadline is October 29....

ALTAFF, Oct. 6

[LITA offers two workshops in San Diego](#)

LITA is offering two full-day [educational workshops](#) on January 7 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego. Jason Clark of Montana State University is presenting "Creating Library Web Services: Mashups and APIs," and Amanda Hollister of LISHost.net will present "Open Source CMS Playroom." Visit the ALA Midwinter Meeting [registration page](#) to sign up for these events....

LITA, Oct. 26

Awards

[Sandburg awards go to Toni Morrison, Eula Biss](#)

Authors Toni Morrison (left) and Eula Biss were honored by the Chicago Public Library Foundation and Chicago Public Library October 20 during the Carl Sandburg Literacy Awards Dinner at the University of Illinois at Chicago Forum. Morrison received the coveted Sandburg Award honoring a significant work or body of work that has enhanced the public's awareness of the written word. Biss accepted the 21st Century Award honoring significant recent achievement in writing by an author with ties to Chicago....

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 21



[Who was John Cotton Dana and what is that award about?](#)

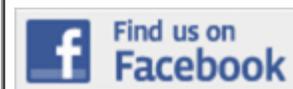
Ask library professionals to name a famous librarian and they will recall a variety of names, chief among them that of John Cotton Dana. When ALA and the H. W. Wilson Company decided in 1946 to give an award for outstanding achievement in the arena of library public relations, they named it after John Cotton Dana (1856–1929), who first refined the crude techniques of boosterism into the fine art of library public relations. If you've been doing the same sort of thing, [apply](#) for the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award....

LLAMA, Oct. 26



[Apply for Carnegie-Whitney grants](#)

technology and integrating them into the curriculum. The Assistant Coordinator of Instruction and Online Learning will play a principal role in the development and production of online library instruction resources and will work in partnership with the university's Instruction Design and Development unit to deliver training for faculty and staff that includes the integration of library information resources into the curriculum....



@ [More jobs...](#)

Digital Library of the Week



The [Hawaii War Records Depository](#), established in 1943 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Library, is an extensive collection of materials that document life in Hawaii during World War II. Some 880

Up to \$5,000 in grant funding is available for the preparation, in print or electronically, of one or more popular or scholarly reading lists, webliographies, indexes, or other guides to library resources that will be useful to users of all types of libraries in the United States. The [deadline](#) is November 5....

ALA Publishing, Oct. 25

[Oklahoma City Friends group wins fundraising award](#)

The Friends of the Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma City has won an international award for its fundraising efforts. The volunteer organization will receive a National Philanthropy Day Award for Outstanding Fundraising Organization by the Association of Fundraising Professionals during a ceremony November 8 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel. The award recognizes outstanding fundraising efforts that demonstrate innovative techniques and community leadership....

Oklahoma City *Oklahoman*, Oct. 23

[Kingsolver wins Library of Virginia Literary Award](#)

Barbara Kingsolver was awarded the Library of Virginia's 13th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Award for fiction at an October 16 reception. Kingsolver, who grew up in rural Kentucky and now lives in southwest Virginia, was honored for her latest book, *The Lacuna*. The awards recognize the best books published the previous year by a Virginia author or on a Virginia theme....

Richmond (Va.) *Times-Dispatch*, Oct. 17



[CILIP International Award winners](#)

The CILIP International Library and Information Group has named two winners of its International Awards for 2010: Vimbai Hungwe, the late president of the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa, who died in a tragic car accident on June 6; and Jane Kinney Meyers (right), founder and president of the Lubuto Library Project, which enriches the lives of children in Zambia through libraries....

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, Oct. 1



[Christa Wolf wins Thomas Mann Prize](#)

German author Christa Wolf received the coveted Thomas Mann Prize for literature October 24 in Lübeck, Germany, in honor of her long literary career. One of the most prolific authors in the former East Germany, Wolf attracted controversy in 1993 when it was discovered that she had worked for the East German secret police from 1959 to 1962. The 81-year-old received the prize worth 25,000 euros (\$35,090 U.S.) for her work. Her latest book, *Leibhaftig* (2002), details the struggles of a woman in a 1980s East German hospital awaiting medication from the West....

Deutsche Welle, Oct. 24



[Turkish publisher honored with Freedom to Publish Award](#)

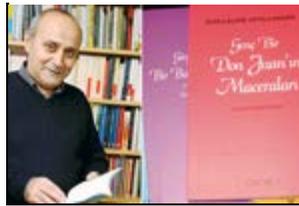
A Turkish publisher on trial for publishing a classic erotic novel by French writer Guillaume

photographs, taken between 1941 and 1946 by the U.S. Army Signal Corps and the U.S. Navy, document the impact of World War II on Hawaii, the activities of the Army and Navy, and the military's relationship with Hawaii's civilian population. Also included are approximately 1,000 photographs clearly identified as being from the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* and 330 photographs from the *Honolulu Advertiser*. Because the newspapers have lost most of their old photographs, these prints frequently are the only copies extant from the World War II era.

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 vital to a community. That was the lesson I learned as the former deputy governor of the state of Tennessee, where I led Tennessee's economic development efforts. We competed vigorously for new company expansions and relocations. During one such competition, we were down to the



Apollinaire was [recognized](#) with a special award by the Geneva-based International Publishers Association. Irfan Sancı, owner of publishing house Sel, is being prosecuted under an anti-obscenity law for publishing a translation of Apollinaire's *Exploits of a Young Don Juan* and [two other titles](#). Sancı is due to receive his award on November 2 at the Istanbul TÜYAP book fair, with his next court hearing currently scheduled for the morning of the same date....

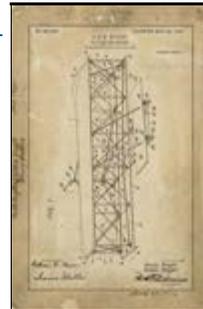
The Guardian (U.K.), Oct. 25; *Istanbul Hürriyet Daily News*, Oct. 24

Seen Online

[Audit shows National Archives treasures at risk](#)

An audit, prompted in part by the loss of the Wright Brothers' original airplane patent (right) and maps for atomic bomb missions in Japan, finds some of the nation's prized historical documents are in danger of being lost for good. Nearly 80% of U.S. government agencies are at risk of illegally destroying public records, and the National Archives is backlogged with hefty volumes of records needing preservation care, the Government Accountability Office audit found. Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero writes that he is committed to build a [new organizational model](#) for the National Archives that will be driven by a set of guiding principles....

Associated Press, Oct. 26; AOTUS: Collector in Chief, Oct. 26



[One sit-in won't close Chicago's school library void](#)

The Chicago school board is set to vote October 27 on a library for Whittier Elementary School, more than a month after a group of angry neighborhood mothers garnered international headlines and support by commandeering the ramshackle field house next door and jump-starting a library collection. But Whittier is not alone; citywide, nearly 1 in 4 elementary schools and 51 high schools do not have standalone libraries staffed by a [trained librarian](#)....

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 26; *Trib Nation*, Oct. 26

[American Dream librarian resigns over opposition to immigrants](#)

A Nebraska librarian who won national recognition for teaching immigrants how to read has [resigned](#) in a dispute over expanding her literacy work. Karla Shafer (right) had planned to teach English to immigrants in Nickerson as part of a second \$5,000 American Dream grant from ALA. But she resigned her part-time post as director of the Hooper Public Library in September after she was confronted by City Council President Gene Meyer over the plan....

Omaha (Nebr.) World-Herald, Oct. 24



[Immigrants find their "American Place" at Hartford Public Library](#)

Iraqi Sadea Musa can explain in three words why she and her family immigrated to the

wire for a major project, competing with communities from two different states.

"In the end, we won the project. Over a celebratory dinner with the company's real-estate site-selection team, I asked a consultant to give me the behind-the-scenes story of the intense competition.

"He said, 'Any time our firm has a close competition, we do a secret shopping experience at the local library. We hang out at the library in each community to get a true sense of the values of that community.'

"I instantly got it. Only a year or so earlier, Nashville had opened a fabulous new downtown library; certainly, that secret trip to our library had told them volumes about the community."

—Alex Fischer, President and CEO of The Columbus Partnership, in an [editorial](#) in the *Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch*, Oct. 23.

@ [More quotes...](#)



U.S.: "Freedom, safety, and security." Arriving in Connecticut in February, members of the Musa family soon found themselves at the Hartford Public Library, where in the past 10 years thousands of other refugees and immigrants have gone as they try to build new lives. The library's [American Place program](#) started in 2000 with a grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and has become a nationally recognized model for the role that public libraries can play in educating and assimilating immigrants....

Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Oct. 26



[Seniors angry over library cancelling their meetings](#)

The 60 senior citizens who showed up October 26 at Delray Beach (Fla.) Public Library all had one thing in common: They were angry over the library's decision to cancel the Current Events discussion group that has been meeting weekly for the past 10 years. Group members said the library cancelled the group after receiving a complaint about a discussion that had turned heated. Library officials say the program has a long history of unruly behavior, with name calling and even a fistfight in the parking lot....

Palm Beach (Fla.) Post, Oct. 27

[Philadelphia school library targeted for a makeover](#)

Michael Reavey, hired as Potter-Thomas Elementary School's librarian a year ago, found that the North Philadelphia school library was dark and little more than "a storage room with old books purchased 40 years ago under the LBJ administration." But Potter-Thomas was one of 32 schools in the U.S. selected this year to win a \$200,000 library renovation in the Target School Library Makeover program. Now it has freshly painted blue and green walls, new bookshelves, bright lighting, 2,000 new books, and three new computers....

Philadelphia Daily News, Oct. 25



[The rise of self-service public library facilities](#)

Washington County Library's new Library Express in Hugo, Minnesota, has no librarians, no card catalog, and no comfortable chairs. The service, which opened July 29 and was funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services ([PDF file](#)), is merely a stack of metal lockers outside city hall. When patrons want a book or DVD, they order it online and pick it up from a digitally locked, glove-compartment-sized cubby a few days later. Faced with cuts, libraries are replacing full-service operations with devices and approaches that redefine what it means to have a library. Watch the [video](#) (1:48). Chicago is [exploring](#) a similar option for its subway stations....

Wall Street Journal, Oct. 25; Washington County (Minn.) Library, July 12; YouTube, Aug. 12; Chicago Sun-Times, Oct. 26



[New York's subway library](#)

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Museum Computer Network, conference, Austin, Texas, Oct. 27-30, at:

[#mcn2010](#)

Digital Library Federation, Fall Forum, Palo Alto, California, Nov. 1-3, at:

[#dlf2010](#)

Open Education Conference, Barcelona, Spain, Nov. 2-4, at:

[#opened10](#)

American Libraries news stories, videos, tweets, and blog posts at:

Cardinal Cook–Cathedral branch is located down a flight of stairs, just outside the turnstile entrance to the No. 6 train on the northwest corner of Lexington Avenue and 50th Street. Before the branch opened in 1992, the space housed a library, dating to 1887, for the Archdiocese of New York. At 2,100 square feet, it is the second smallest of the 90 NYPL branches, but it has the circulation activity of a much bigger library....

New York Times, Oct. 21



[NPR librarian considers all the facts](#)

For 20 years, National Public Radio Librarian Kee Malesky (right) has been saving NPR's hosts and reporters from themselves. In her new book, *All Facts Considered: The Essential Library of Inessential Knowledge* (Wiley, 2010), Malesky catalogs some of the facts that she has researched so dutifully. During her two decades of service in the NPR reference library, reporters have asked Malesky to look up some fairly obscure though fascinating pieces of information....

NPR: Weekend Edition, Oct. 23



[Illinois pays libraries a portion of what it owes](#)

An Illinois service through which libraries share books and other resources soon will receive an infusion of state cash, but library officials say the long-term outlook is bleak if more money doesn't arrive from Springfield. After a two-day pre-election email campaign by patrons and library officials urging Gov. Pat Quinn to release funds, state officials announced October 21 that six of the nine units that make up the Illinois Library Systems will receive a portion of state money due to them. The systems had not received 47% of their state funding and were waiting for some \$6.5 million for fiscal year 2010....

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 21

[Natick library's bookmobile entertains the troops](#)

The Morse Institute Library in Natick, Massachusetts, is working with the Natick Soldier Systems Command to give the soldiers stationed in town things to do when they are off duty. The bookmobile visits the Natick Labs Army base twice a month, giving the soldiers and citizens who live and work there the chance to check out books, audiobooks, and DVDs from the Minuteman Library Network. The visits give them cheap entertainment and access to books not available to the base's technical library....

Natick (Mass.) Bulletin and Tab, Oct. 22



[The Great Huki-Puke at Kapaau](#)

On October 23, the Great North Kohala Huki-Puke (Hawaiian for "book passing") successfully moved half of the library's 17,000 books and other materials more than a mile from the old Bond Memorial Public Library in Kapaau to the newly constructed North Kohala Public



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Calendar

Nov. 3:
[Going Green @ your library 2](#), online conference sponsored by Amigos Library Services.

Nov. 8–9:
[Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition](#), Digital Repositories Meeting, Baltimore.

Nov. 10–11:
[Society for Scholarly Publishing](#), Fall Seminar Series, American Geophysical Union, Washington, D.C.

Nov. 10–12:
[Research Libraries UK](#), Conference, Radisson Hotel on the Royal Mile, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dec. 7:
[Urban Libraries Council](#), webinar, "Libraries as Leading Agents for Civic Engagement."

Dec. 13–14:
[Coalition for Networked Information](#), Fall Membership Meeting, Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia.

Jan. 7–11:
[American Library Association](#), Midwinter Meeting, San Diego (Calif.) Convention Center.

Library via a human chain of more than 1,000 community volunteers. The entire effort was inspired by the story of Hawaiian King Kamehameha I, born in the area, who organized a similar human chain to move stones for a new temple in 1791. Watch the [video](#) (3:10)...

Hilo *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*, Oct. 25; Big Island Video News, Oct. 25

[Montana libraries get broadband boost](#)

A 2009 study rated Montana 50th out of 50 states and the District of Columbia in broadband internet penetration, with just 34% of connections having broadband speeds above 2 MB per second. The Montana State Library is taking some big steps to make the technology available in more and more places, launching a \$2.7-million, three-year program to make more computers and higher internet speeds available at 42 Montana libraries in 29 counties that are home to 86% of the state's population....

Helena (Mont.) *Independent Record*, Oct. 23

[Conserving library treasures](#)

Heidi Singer writes: "Myriam de Arteni (right) peers into a high-powered microscope at a breathtakingly beautiful Islamic prayer book with a broken spine. This fall, the 16th- to 17th-century volume, *The Anthology of Prayers*, is on display at the New York Public Library's exhibition '[Three Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, Islam](#).' But first it needed a tune-up. De Arteni, the library's senior conservator for exhibitions in the Barbara Goldsmith Conservation Laboratory, has treated numerous items in preparation for the exhibition."...

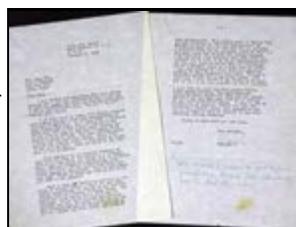
Huffington Post, Oct. 25



[Schomburg Center obtains Maya Angelou papers](#)

New York Public Library's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture has acquired 343 boxes of author Maya Angelou's personal papers and documents, including notes for her autobiography, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*; a 1982 telegram from Coretta Scott King asking her to join a celebration at the King Center; fan mail; and personal and professional correspondence with Gordon Parks, Chester Himes, Abbey Lincoln, and her longtime editor, Robert Loomis. Library officials declined to disclose a purchase price for the collection....

New York Times, Oct. 26



[Cupcake war in Waldorf](#)

The creations entered in the Cupcake War at the P. D. Brown Memorial branch of the Charles County Public Library in Waldorf, Maryland, on October 16 were too pretty, too well-designed, just too interesting to eat. The bakers—ranging from elementary-age kids through adults—focused on designs and originality rather than taste. Leah Pennington's hamburger-and-fries cupcake design (above) took first place in the middle school division....

Waldorf *Maryland Independent*, Oct. 20



[Idaho governor becomes library wedding crasher](#)

Gov. Butch Otter and other GOP candidates on a campaign bus tour

Jan. 12–14:

[Educause](#), Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland. "Setting a New Course for the Future."

Jan. 19–22:

[Special Libraries Association](#), Leadership Summit, Renaissance Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C. "Future Ready: Building Community."

Feb. 2–5:

[Ontario Library Association](#), Super Conference, Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Feb. 22–24:

[Educause](#), West/Southwest Regional Conference, Hilton Austin, Texas. "Leading IT into the Future in Transformative Times."

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July 1: [Education for All International Conference](#), University of Warsaw, Poland.

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American Libraries Direct



AL Direct is a free electronic newsletter emailed every Wednesday to personal members of the [American Library Association](#) and

arrived at Jerome (Idaho) Public Library around 5 p.m. October 20 for a supposedly scheduled campaign stop. However, the meeting room had been reserved three weeks earlier for the wedding reception of a library Friends member. Wedding guest Linda Helms said she looked right at the governor and told him the room was reserved. Librarian Patty Metcalf said she was unaware the governor's campaign was scheduled to stop in....

Twin Falls (Idaho) Times-News, Oct. 23

[Radical Reference in Montreal](#)

Radical Reference is a growing movement of librarians and other bookish radicals who want to use their various cataloging skills to make the world a more socially just place. If you're an activist looking to poke a hole in the system, they'll point you to the books, stats, databases, microforms, and esoteric library collections that can help you transform your manifesto from dismal diatribe to revelatory report. A [Montreal chapter](#) has been in the works since the summer and was unveiled October 23 during a demonstration against police brutality....

Montreal (Quebec) Mirror, Oct. 21

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Tech Talk

[The Desk Setup](#)

Brett Bonfield writes: "Although in the last few years I think we've done a really good job of making clearer connections between libraries and technology, I don't think anyone is surprised when librarians are omitted from discussions about and between prominent technologists, such as the ones facilitated by [The Setup](#) (interviews with IT people, writers, and developers about their computers)." Here are 21 librarians who reveal what hardware and software they use and what their dream setups are....

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Oct. 27



[Five keyboards to spice up your boring desk](#)

Amy Mae-Elliott writes: "If you're using a desktop computer to navigate the online jungle, chances are you spend a good bit of time at a boring old keyboard. The good news is that you don't have to settle for uninspiring hunks of plastic. It's worth investing a little bit of money into something that you use so often. There are some really stylin' keyboards out there, and we've picked out five of the best, whether you are a Mac or PC user."...

Mashable, Oct. 22



[How to buy a GPS](#)

Wendy Sheehan Donnell writes: "It's a great time to buy a GPS. The category has matured and competition from nav-equipped smartphones has driven prices way down. As a result, you can get a capable stand-alone GPS that can do much more than just help you find your way for a lot less than you would have paid just last year. Still, there are several factors to consider when choosing the right



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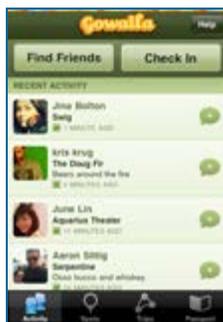
GPS: Do I need a big display? Should I spring for a live traffic subscription? Should I even bother with a GPS, or can I just use my phone? Here's what you should consider when navigating the GPS market."...

PC Magazine, Oct. 21

15 useful mobile apps for conferences

Aliza Sherman writes: "We're at a big national conference and are overwhelmed. In the old days, we'd pour through event agendas and printouts of the sessions we wanted to attend, touch base with people we wanted to see and arrange meeting times and places, and then struggle to find room numbers and meeting places. Flash forward to today. We all have mobile devices. Here are 15 apps that are helpful at conferences and events—but maybe not so useful elsewhere."...

GigaOM, Oct. 20



Sony Walkman isn't dead—yet

Reports of the death of the Sony Walkman, which in 1979 revolutionized the way people listened to music, are premature. For now. Widely circulated rumors of the demise of the original Walkman player seem to have stemmed from two words on the Japanese Sony Corp. site for the device. It said, "Production finished." But as it turns out, that meant only that the player would no longer be sold in its home country of Japan....

Los Angeles Times, Oct. 26



Andy Rooney's fall cleaning

David Pogue (as crotchety commentator Andy Rooney) looks at a wireless speaker for bicycle handle bars, a desk frame for an iPhone, a projector, a PrintStik, a case for an iPad, and stickers for wires.

"There isn't one thing here that wouldn't wind up in the back of my gadget drawer within a week."...

New York Times, Oct. 14



Publishing

How not to get libraries to lend e-books

Andy Woodworth writes: "I found [this article](#) from the British magazine *The Bookseller* in my Google Reader this morning and, I will admit, it has been awhile since I have been so excited and flabbergasted at the same time. In a time of cutbacks, the idea of libraries turning into service stations for e-reader devices has to be a frightening one. I'm sure these publishers in their infinite wisdom have determined a trouble-free way for people to download these books. Isn't the point of being online that you can have remote access to something?" CILIP [calls the restrictions](#) "regressive."...

Agnostic, Maybe, Oct. 21; *The Bookseller*, Oct. 21; *The Guardian* (U.K.), Oct. 26



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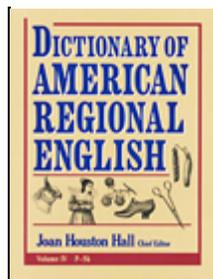
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What reference sources are LIS students using?

Mary Ellen Quinn writes: "Annie, our *Booklist* publishing assistant, is enrolled now in San Jose State's online MLIS program, and this semester she's taking a reference sources class. The class has been working on the familiar assignment of using standard reference sources to find answers to a list of questions. I was curious about the reference tools she was asked to look at and she shared the list with me. It's interesting to see how much has changed and how much has remained the same in the reference toolkit."...

Booklist Online: Points of Reference, Oct. 26



Scary stories from another era

AbeBooks writes: "'Tis the season to be terrified, and since fright is in fashion and vintage books are our favorite game, we have cherry picked some classic horror books for you to sink your teeth into. They were all published before 1960 and these books—some of them forgotten, many out-of-print—illustrate how authors and publishers tried to scare people in the days before JFK and the Beatles."...

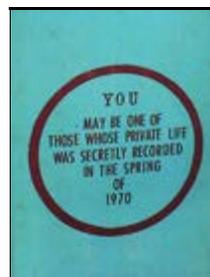
AbeBooks, Oct. 22



The case for nutcase literature

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "As rare book and special collections librarians have acquired most if not all the standard and nonstandard warhorses of fiction and nonfiction, they are beginning to look creatively beyond the traditional to form collections from disparate books within their holdings and with new acquisitions that when gathered together reveal an overlooked yet compelling story. Nutcase literature is surely an area worthy of investigation, for collectors, scholars, and curators alike. It is at once an extremely humorous and deadly serious subject."...

Booktryst, Oct. 25



Actions & Answers

20 heroic librarians who save the world

Charlie Jane Anders writes: "If information is power, then there's no hero mightier than a librarian. Librarians are superheroes, adventurers, explorers, and invaluable guides to other heroes. Here are 20 amazing librarians who save the world every day, from Flynn Carsen and Rupert Giles to Iku Kasahara and Luna Moth."...

io9, Oct. 22



Highlights of the SLJ Leadership Summit

Joyce Valenza writes: "I returned home late last night from the [SLJ Leadership Summit](#). October 21–23. I had a great time in



Chicago. And it would be easy to simply return with fond memories of time spent with old and new friends. The two days were packed with learning experiences and fun. I am still working through that learning and I am sorting out the sticky stuff—what happened that truly made a difference. For now, I'll share just a few of my stickiest highlights."...

School Library Journal: NeverEndingSearch, Oct. 24

[Earning full citizenship](#)

Karen Schneider writes: "'[Seeking Full Citizenship](#)' (*College and Research Libraries*, September) notes that faculty status for librarians has been discussed for over a century. But I knew I had to wade into these muddy waters when I opened the article and searched its text, confirming my suspicion that nowhere in this article does the word 'student' arise. Any argument for a change to my status or the status of those I manage has to first meet this very high bar: Does it work toward the higher good of the institution we serve?"...

ACRLog, Oct. 26

[A librarian's guide to film programming](#)

Mark Gladstone writes: "Over the years, I've had the opportunity and pleasure of teaching college film courses and organizing film programs at several public libraries. This article shares lessons learned from those experiences and provides tips for public libraries on selecting program content, choosing equipment, handling copyright issues, and marketing, to ensure the success of your library's film programming. Why should you choose a particular film for your library's film program?"...

Public Libraries 49, no. 5 (Sept./Oct.)

[How to tag other organizations on Facebook](#)

Heather Mansfield writes: "Facebook tagging is very simple. That said, many nonprofits still don't know how to do it. Without fail, every time I demonstrate Facebook tagging in a social media training there is always a resounding 'Wait . . . hold up! How did you do that? Can you please show it again?' Here you go—showing it again. By promoting others on Facebook (via tagging) you can also promote your own organization and nurture partnerships."...

Nonprofit Tech 2.0, Oct. 24



[Science and technology librarian blogs](#)

John Dupuis writes: "A week or two ago I lamented that I always seem to be reading the same librarianish blogs, not mixing it up too much. I wished that we might have a blogging community to assemble around, or at least a good aggregator. Well, Bora Zivkovic challenged me in the comments to aggregate sci-tech librarian blogs for the [ScienceBlogging.org](#) site. It's taken me a while, but I've done it."...

Confessions of a Science Librarian, Oct. 27



institution's reference staff and researchers to find the materials they are interested in. While cataloging manuals are full of details that are challenging to understand and remember, the work is all worth it when you can create well-organized and easily findable records in SIRIS for unique materials."...

Smithsonian Collections Blog, Oct. 14



[Stress test for reference librarians](#)

Will Manley writes: "People think librarianship is easy. We all know that's not true. Librarians, especially reference librarians, get stressed and often burn out. If you are a reference librarian, you know that you are close to burn out when: An overweight patron demands the latest diet book and you hand him a refrigerator lock. You begin integrating Primal Scream therapy into the reference interview process."...

Will Unwound, Oct. 26

[Russia donates 10 lost silent U.S. films to LC](#)

A major gift from Russia—digitally preserved copies of 10 previously lost U.S. silent films—will help the United States reclaim its silent-film heritage. Vladimir I. Kozhin, head of Management and Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, officially presented the films to Librarian of Congress James H. Billington in a special ceremony October 21 in the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building. The films were digitally preserved by Gosfilmofond, the Russian State film archive, and donated via the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library....

Library of Congress, Oct. 21; RT-TV (Moscow), Oct. 23



[LBJ Library posts Johnson's daily diaries](#)

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum posted more than 14,000 pages of former President Johnson's daily diaries on its [website](#) October 27. Johnson's secretaries began compiling the typed and handwritten diaries in 1959, when he was Senate majority leader and continued through his vice presidency and presidency....

Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum



[How to design a great "About Us" page](#)

Chana Garcia writes: "It's one of the most important elements on a website and also one of the most undervalued: the ubiquitous 'About Us' page—that section on your site that has been collecting virtual dust because you haven't bothered to read it since, well, you first wrote it. You may not be paying it much attention, but visitors to your site are, so it deserves a little more consideration and a lot more respect."...

Inc., Oct. 18



[The most interesting librarian in the world](#)

Library students at Syracuse University created this take-off (2:41) of the Dos Equis "Most Interesting Man in the World" ads for an Introduction to the Library and Information Profession course. Traffic cops stop her to ask directions, she writes reference books on demand, and she can light fires with a Kindle!...
YouTube, Oct. 12



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