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## American Libraries Online

### [Patriot Act reformers remain determined](#)

President Barack Obama signed into law the evening of May 26 a four-year renewal of the Patriot Act that included none of the reader-privacy and Fourth Amendment protections sought by freedom-to-read groups. "When the American people find out how their government has secretly interpreted the Patriot Act, they will be stunned and they will be angry," Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Oreg.) stated on the Senate floor before the bill's passage....

*American Libraries* news, May 31



### [Book buzz still packs librarians into BookExpo America](#)

Rocco Staino writes: "Librarians were well represented at the 2011 BookExpo America in New York City, held May 24–26, in autographing lines, workshops, and publisher parties that lasted late into the evening. Although traditionally aimed at retail book buyers, BEA has been adding more and more programming for librarians each year. 'Librarian's Book Buzz,' 'Hot Graphic Novels for Libraries,' and 'Librarians Shout 'n Share' were among the workshops tailored to the profession. Actor John Lithgow was a featured speaker at a *Library Journal* event." Heather McCormack comments on BEA [e-book activities](#), and Julie Bosman describes the [BEA buzz](#)....

*American Libraries* news, June 1; *Library Journal*, June 1; *New York Times*, May 25



### Electronic Book & Journal Collections *in the Humanities & Social Sciences*



### Among the Best Master's LIS Programs Online



### [Jane: Karen says "hi"](#)

Liz Humrickhouse and Beverly Goldberg write: "Collegiality extends across time and borders, as ALA Library Director Karen Muller was recently reminded when she saw a colleague's photo in the media. Muller recognized in an April 15 *USA Today* story her former mentor Jane Gillis (right), rare book cataloger at Yale University as well as the mother of Clare Morgana





Gillis, a freelance journalist who was one of four that Libyan officials had just detained (and released six weeks later). The mentoring ended many years ago, but the sense of connection endures."...

*AL: Inside Scoop, June 1*



### **Keeping our message simple**

James LaRue writes: "It is time for the library profession to come to grips with some harsh realities: Usage, demographics, and performance have nothing to do with library support. So what does? There are three essential factors: 1) The frame. What most affects library funding today is the result of 50 long years of conservative framing. It can be summed up in two words: "tax burden." 2) The story. Let's just give a vivid script to passionate library supporters who already love to talk to their community, and whose communities are liable to listen....

*American Libraries feature*



### **Fanbase to the rescue: A Massachusetts tale**



Eric T. Poulin writes: "It's indisputable that Facebook can successfully promote advocacy on behalf of library-related issues. When a controversial impending merger of a half-dozen local library systems generated a great deal of anxiety for both librarians and patrons last year, the '[We Love Western Mass Libraries](#)' Facebook page, launched by library patron, author, and homeschooled mother Liz Castro, united both groups to promote positive advocacy in response to the proposal."...

*American Libraries feature*

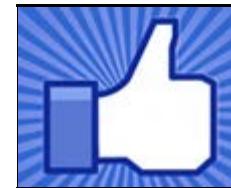
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### **Facebook for libraries**



David Lee King writes: "Today, I spent part of the day connecting with people. I complained about a silly election video, chatted with a college friend about a band, and put some finishing touches on plans for a conference taking place at the library. I did all this through Facebook. Here's how to set up a Facebook account, and how to use it to connect with your community."...

*American Libraries feature*

### **Refresh your view of e-rate**



Marijke Visser writes: "Suffering from the after-school network grinding-to-a-halt syndrome? Have a flat or declining budget with little state or local political support? If you haven't considered the e-rate program lately, now's the time to take a fresh look at it: The program brings millions of dollars to public libraries each year—dollars that support telecommunications and information services critical to library service today."...

*American Libraries feature*



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## Youth Matters: A facility forever young

Jennifer Burek Pierce writes: "What do young people want? When it comes to library space, they're inclined to seek sophisticated yet comfortable areas. In a focus group that gave teens the opportunity to advise librarians and architects charged with designing the new Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Public Library (right), their wishes were simple: Skip the clashes of color that might be considered cool or edgy; instead, they wanted a dynamic space that evokes the atmosphere of a coffee shop."... American Libraries column, May/June



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## ALA News

### ALA partners with NTIA

ALA Washington Office Executive Director Emily Sheketoff writes: "ALA is pleased to collaborate with the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to support [DigitalLiteracy.gov](#). This new portal is an important first step in collecting and sharing class materials, research, and online learning tools. We look forward to greatly expanding the content available as librarians, educators, and other practitioners engage with the website."...

Department of Commerce blog, May 31

### Joe Murphy to speak at PR Forum

Joe Murphy (right), librarian at Yale University and mobile technology innovator, will discuss how mobile phones provide a unique opportunity for libraries to market themselves June 26 at the annual PR Forum at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Murphy has focused his professional work on technology trends and the evolving information landscape....

Public Information Office, May 31



### Three more JobLIST Placement Center sessions

The ALA JobLIST Placement Center is sponsoring three additional job-search sessions during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans:

"[What Are Interviewers Really Looking For?](#)", "[Improving Your Odds](#)," and "[How to Be Successful When Searching for Academic Library Positions](#)."

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 31

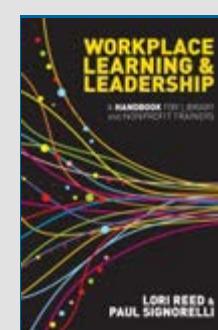
### The Annual Conference planning process

Jenny Levine writes: "Conference planning is a BHD (Big Hairy Deal) at ALA, with an emphasis on Big. Every time I think I understand the full scope of it, I find another piece I didn't know about or fully comprehend. And yet I'm still going to try to explain this behemoth. Right now it's May 2011, and we're about a month away from the 2011 Annual Conference. If you want to submit a program for Annual 2012, you may have already missed the deadline. Wait, what?"... ALA Marginalia, May 25



### ALA Annual Conference

in New Orleans, June 23-28, 2011. Visit the LIVE @ your library Reading Stage to hear poets and authors. Consult the [full schedule](#).



Using real-life examples of trainers who serve as leaders within libraries and their communities,

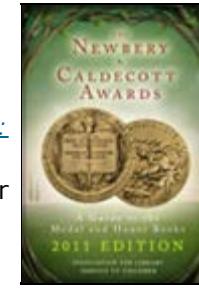
*[Workplace Learning and Leadership](#)* by Lori Reed and Paul Signorelli sheds light on an underappreciated but important component of library operations.

**NEW! From ALA**

## [An updated guide to the Newbery and Caldecott awards](#)

Updated to include the 2011 award and honor books, the new edition of [The Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Guide to the Medal and Honor Books](#), published by ALA Editions in association with ALSC, gathers together the books deemed most distinguished in American children's literature and illustration since the inception of these renowned prizes. Librarians and teachers rely on this guidebook for quick reference and collection development, as well as a resource for curriculum links and readers' advisory....

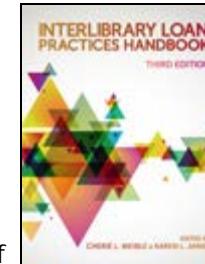
ALA Editions, May 31



## [A complete handbook of interlibrary loan practices](#)

Collections are increasingly shared among libraries, and the new third edition of the [Interlibrary Loan Practices Handbook](#), published by ALA Editions, gives library staff the tools necessary for a smoothly functioning interlibrary loan system. Editors Cherié L. Weible and Karen L. Janke explain the complexities of getting materials from outside the library for patrons and present a complete view of the process....

ALA Editions, May 27



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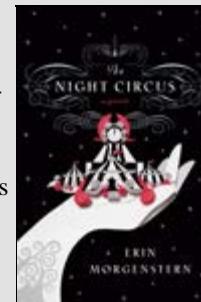
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# **Booklist ONLINE**

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

Morgenstern, Erin. *The Night Circus*. Sept. 2011. 384p. Doubleday, hardcover (978-0-385-53463-5).

This big and—no, not bulky—compelling first novel ushers in a menacing tone with its first sentence: “The circus arrives without warning.” Why would a circus arrive so quietly in town, and why would anyone need warning about this particular one? The time span here is 30 years, from 1873 to 1903, and the settings range from America to Europe. To a famous magician is delivered a little girl who, as it turns out, is his child, and fortunately for his future, she is possessed of magical powers. As it also happens, this magician has an archrival, who, in the face of the first magician’s jackpot in the form of his little girl, seeks a young person for him to train to rival her....



### [Classic monster mash-ups](#)

Christine Meloni writes: “At first, zombies and sea monsters invaded Regency England. Then, out of the shadows of the bookstores, vampires, werewolves, and even



**Editions.**

## [New this week in American Libraries](#)



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## [Great Libraries of the World](#)



aliens began to stalk our beloved classic literary characters, and no one was safe from a monster mash-up, not Mr. Darcy, not Jane Eyre, not even Tom Sawyer. The recent literary phenomenon that combines, or mashes up, a classic work with elements of modern pop-culture genre fiction was one of last year's biggest literary trends, and it is still showing signs of life with original stories about historical figures like Queen Victoria and Abraham Lincoln. Because monster mash-ups succeed at turning canonized classics into light reading, they are introducing a new generation to classic literature, especially young male readers. Here are some of the best, and the list includes both adult and youth titles."...

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

## New Orleans Update

### New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park

This jazz venue at 916 N. Peters Street (underneath Galvez Restaurant) is run by the U.S. National Park Service and features exhibits, lectures run by park rangers, films, live concerts on Saturdays, and walking tours that change from season to season. A self-guided audio walking tour ([PDF file](#)) takes you from the Louis Armstrong statue and Congo Square in Louis Armstrong Park to the Tango Belt and Preservation Hall....

New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park



### Jazz and heritage radio

WWOZ 90.7 FM is the New Orleans jazz and heritage station, a community radio station currently operating out of the French Market Corporation offices. It is a listener-supported, volunteer-programmed enterprise that promotes live events and plays jazz, blues, R&B, Cajun, zydeco, and other locally flavored music around the clock....

WWOZ-FM, New Orleans



### A library of possibilities at Blue Cypress Books

Anna Shults writes: "Blue Cypress Books at 8126 Oak Street has the largest selection of second-hand children's books in New Orleans, as well as an impressive New Orleans section. With an inventory reaching 11,000 books, I believe even the most reluctant readers can find something they want, especially with the help of store owner Elizabeth, whose knowledge of literature is both impressive and refreshing."...

*New Orleans Times-Picayune*, May 26



### New Orleans children's book authors

Ever wondered about *The Beignet That Almost Got Away*, *Mama's Bayou*, or *The Crawfish Family Band*? Get the stories behind these

**Great Library.** Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ontario. The library houses the largest private legal collection in the country, primarily statutes and law reports from Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, and other common law jurisdictions. It has a small rare book collection that includes pre-confederation statutes and early Upper Canada imprints.

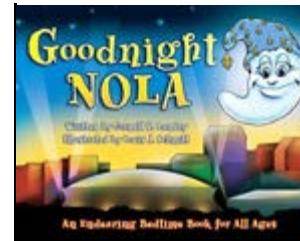


### Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario

The National Archives of Canada (founded in 1872) and the National Library of Canada (created in 1953) have occupied the same building on Wellington Street since 1967, but they were administered separately until 2004 when the government unified their collections, services, and personnel through the Library and Archives Canada Act. Its special collections include a [portrait gallery](#) of famous Canadians, more than 21.3 million [photographic images](#), early Canadian [maps and prints](#), resources created by or about [Aboriginal peoples](#), Canadian [sheet music](#)

Louisiana children's tales with this guide to local children's book authors. For example, when New Orleans native Cornell P. Landry isn't writing children's books, he is running the Kingfish Grille in old Gretna. He is the author of two local children's books, *Happy Jazz Fest* and *Goodnight NOLA....*

Arts New Orleans



## [Louisiana Children's Museum](#)

This museum at 420 Julia Street offers many activities for a wide range of ages. Kids can play house or horse around in the New Orleans architecture section (right), watch a puppet show, get caught up in a giant bubble, play with legos or trains, cook in a pretend kitchen, ride a bike with Mr. Bones, or shop in a small Winn-Dixie grocery store....

Louisiana Children's Museum



## [New Orleans voodooings](#)

Louisiana Voodoo is a set of underground religious practices that originated with the traditions of slaves brought from West Africa. The [New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum](#) at 724 Dumaine Street, established in 1972, displays and explains the history of Voodoo as a spiritual practice, the superstitions of Hoodoo, folklore and facts about Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau (right), and the fusion of Voodoo into music and jazz, Mardi Gras, movies, and literature. [Marie Laveau's House of Voodoo](#) at 739 Bourbon Street sells books, spells, charms, souvenirs, candles, and oils....

Wikipedia; New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum; Marie Laveau's House of Voodoo



## [Behind the scenes: Urban planning failures](#)

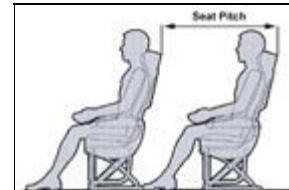
World famous urban planner Andres Duany provides an amusingly acidic account of what he calls "silver bullets," those catalytic architectural projects made to enhance New Orleans over the years, from the World Trade Center to downtown shopping malls to current plans to develop the Mississippi riverfront. Watch the [video](#) (5:25)....

New Orleans Times-Picayune, May 16



## [The elusive hunt for legroom](#)

Brett Snyder writes: "If you're tall and you travel, then finding airplane seats with the best legroom is an incredibly important exercise. Unfortunately, it's very difficult to do. It's made far more difficult since legroom is measured using an awful proxy called seat pitch, the distance between one point on a seat and that same point on the seat behind (above). The airlines really don't seem to care about pushing an accurate measurement of legroom into the public arena. So how can you



and recordings, the archives of the Canadian concert pianist [Glenn Gould](#), and national and provincial [newspapers](#). LAC's [Preservation Centre](#) in Gatineau, Québec, contains collection storage areas with optimum environmental conditions and laboratories for preservation activities.

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 later this year by ALA Editions.



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know? Sadly, you really can't without doing real research, so here are some tips."...  
CNN, May 23

## Division News

### Get street smart in June

Street lit's appeal extends well beyond urban teens. Find out more about this increasingly popular genre of literature and how to incorporate it into your library at YALSA's June 16 webinar, "[Street Smart: Serving Teen Street Lit Readers](#)," hosted by Megan Honig.

Participants will learn more about the genre and why it's important to make space for it in their library collections. They will also receive a list of street lit resources....

YALSA, May 31

### YA Forum discussion in ALA Connect

YALSA will host its monthly discussion forum, June 6–10, on outreach to LGBTQ teens. Throughout the week, YALSA members are encouraged to check in to the discussion forum and ask questions and contribute to the ongoing discussion. The forum is hosted in [YALSA's space](#) in ALA Connect....

YALSA, May 31

### ALTAFF celebrates Southern writers

ALTAFF will host "Celebrating Southern Writers" on June 25 at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. This panel will celebrate authors from the region. Featured authors include Tayari Jones (right), Jennifer Niven, Kevin Wilson, John Hart, Pat McEnulty, and Kathleen Kent. The program will be moderated by Barbara Hoffert, editor of Prepub Alert for *Library Journal*....

ALTAFF, May 31



### Free consultation sessions in New Orleans

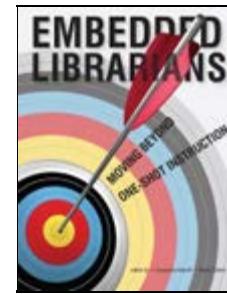
ASCLA and PLA are teaming up to offer "Consultants Give Back" at the ALA Annual Conference—an opportunity for libraries to receive free 30-minute consultation sessions from professional library consultants ([PDF file](#)). The event is in its second year and features consultants with expertise in a wide variety of topics, such as RFID, marketing and communications, executive searches, buildings and facilities, strategic planning, and library trend. Appointments will be available the afternoon of June 26 in the Magnolia room at the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans....

ASCLA, PLA, May 31

### Essays on embedded librarians

ACRL has published [Embedded Librarians: Moving Beyond One-Shot Instruction](#), edited by Cassandra Kvenild and Kaijsa Calkins of the University of Wyoming. This collection of 16 insightful essays is the first book-length treatment of the growing embedded librarianship movement. By joining varied groups of patrons and assisting their research over the long haul, embedded librarians commit themselves to service in a very different way than they did in traditional one-shot bibliographic instruction....

ACRL, May 31



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### Digital Library of the Week



The [University of Missouri Digital Library](#) includes a collection of postcard images that show the development of Joplin, Missouri, from a scattering of rough mining camps through the mid-point of the

## [AASL National Conference Ning](#)

Attendees at the AASL 15th National Conference and Exhibition will have a chance to build community and network before touching down in Minneapolis this October 27–30, thanks to the [AASL 2011 Conference Ning](#). “The AASL Ning is a virtual learning commons where everyone can participate in conversations for learning and contribute to the conference experience, whether you are attending in person or following the conference from afar,” said Buffy Hamilton, national conference social media chair....

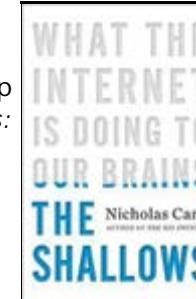
AASL, May 31



## [AASL explores The Shallows](#)

As part of the countdown to its 15th National Conference, AASL will host a 10-week discussion group on the One Book, One Conference book, *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr. Led by AASL President-Elect Carl Harvey, the discussion, which begins August 10, will cover one chapter each week and take place on the [conference Ning](#). It will culminate in an opportunity for attendees to share their thoughts with Nicholas Carr as he joins the event onsite in Minneapolis on October 28....

AASL, May 31



## Round Table News

### [New name for Map and Geography Round Table](#)

This spring, members of the Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT) voted to change the group's name to the Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT). The board proposed this change to emphasize the increasing role of geospatial information in today's libraries, while also reflecting the evolving focus of the round table. The name and acronym are also similar to the well-known form of the round table's original name. The new name goes into effect after Annual Conference....

Map and Geography Round Table

## Awards

### [The best in library branding](#)

Judith Gibbons writes: “The John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award turned 65 years old this year and celebrated with the Midwinter announcement of the 2011 winners. Five vibrant libraries demonstrated innovative, outstanding marketing strategies in campaigns ending in 2010: Anythink Libraries of Adams County, Colorado; Edmonton (Alberta) Public Library; Loudoun County (Va.) Public Library; University of California/Santa Cruz Library; and Worthington (Ohio) Libraries. The winners will be honored at a reception at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 23–28.”...

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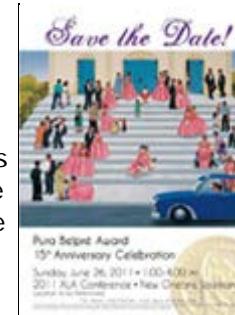
20th century. They provide an indelible image of a city that grew virtually overnight to become the world's premier supplier of lead and zinc ore. Joplin also became a transportation hub and still retains the title of The Crossroads of America. In addition to pictures of mines and miners, there are images of Joplin's extravagantly landscaped parks and public recreation areas as well as souvenir postcards of the motels and motor courts that sprang up along Route 66. Joplin's place as the social mecca for the soldiers training at Camp Crowder during World War II is documented in postcards showing the USO club and other social and recreational venues. Joplin's grandiose hotels, theaters, and apartment buildings are shown in their glory days. The postcards were selected primarily from the collections of the Joplin Public Library. The collection provides a close look at a city that has received much world attention since the disastrous tornado of May 22. The digital library also offers a [booklet](#) on the devastation wrought by the earlier Joplin tornado of May 5, 1971, and many other [images and texts](#).

**Do you know** of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#)

## Pura Belpré Award celebrates its 15th anniversary

ALSC and Reforma will hold a gala of the Quinces for the Pura Belpré Award this year at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans to celebrate the award's 15th anniversary. The event will take place on June 26, 1–4 p.m. All conference attendees are welcome to attend free of charge. The Quinceañera Celebración will feature the winning 2011 Belpré authors and illustrators, including Pam Muñoz Ryan, George Ancona, Margarita Engle, Eric Velasquez, and Duncan Tonatiuh....

ALSC, May 31



## Christopher M. Finan awarded 2011 Freedom to Read award

Christopher M. Finan, president of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, is the recipient of the 2011 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award. Finan has a distinguished career in both study and activism on behalf of the freedom to read. He has been particularly active in fighting state harmful-to-minors statutes and advocating the role of the bookseller as a partner with libraries, users, publishers, and all who produce, distribute, or use First-Amendment protected materials....

Freedom to Read Foundation, May 25



## Abigail McDermott receives Ex Libris Student Writing Award

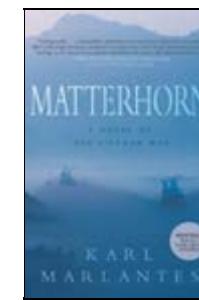
Abigail McDermott, an LIS student at the University of Maryland, has been named the winner of the 2011 LITA Ex Libris Student Writing Award. McDermott's paper, titled "Copyright: Regulation Out of Line with Our Digital Reality?" provides an overview of the current state of copyright law in the United States, focusing on the negative impacts of these policies on libraries and patrons, and will be published in *Information Technology and Libraries*. McDermott will receive \$1,000 and a certificate....

LITA, May 27

## 2011 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award

*Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War* by Karl Marlantes, published by Atlantic Monthly Press and El León Literary Arts, is the winner of the 2011 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award for excellence in military fiction. The award honors the best fiction set in a period when the United States was at war. The \$5,000 award, donated by author W. Y. Boyd II, recognizes the service of American veterans and encourages the writing and publishing of outstanding war-related fiction....

Office of ALA Governance, May 31



## Lambda Literary Award winners

The Lambda Literary Foundation has announced the winners of the 23rd Annual Lambda Literary Awards. More than 400 people attended the May 26 ceremony at the School of Visual Arts Theater in New York City. Among the winners were Eileen Myles's *Inferno (A Poet's Novel)*, which took the top honor in Lesbian Fiction, and Adam Haslett's *Union Atlantic* for Gay Fiction. Tony Award-winning playwright Terrence



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## Public Perception

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"Yes, reading books is a slow, time-consuming, and often tedious process. In comparison, surfing the internet is a quick, distracting activity in which one searches for a specific subject, finds it, and then reads about it—often by skipping a great deal of material and absorbing only pertinent fragments. Books require patience, sustained attention to what is on the page, and frequent rest periods for reverie, so that the meaning of what we are reading settles in and makes its full impact."

—Serbian-American poet Charles Simic, "[A Country without Libraries](#)," *New York Review of Books*, May 18.

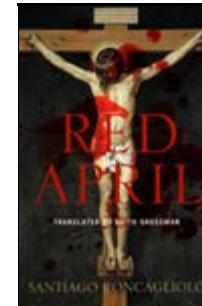
"Some questions remain unanswered. Every year you ask your tax accountant if you can deduct library fines on your return. 'No,' she says, unamused. You pay the fines without

McNally presented the Foundation's Pioneer Award to Edward Albee....  
Lambda Literary Foundation, May 27

## [Red April wins Independent Foreign Fiction Prize](#)

Peruvian novelist Santiago Roncagliolo, who cites Alan Moore's graphic novel *From Hell* as a major influence, has won the 2011 Independent Foreign Fiction Prize for his novel *Red April*. The story of a hapless prosecutor on the trail of a violent serial killer in the Peruvian town of Ayacucho, *Red April* takes place during Holy Week in 2000 in the aftermath of the Shining Path insurgency. The prize honors the best work of fiction by a living author that has been translated into English and published in the United Kingdom during 2010....

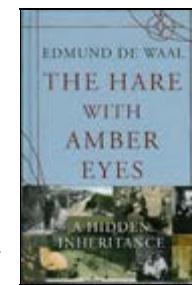
*The Guardian* (U.K.), May 27



## [Edmund de Waal wins 2011 Ondaatje Prize](#)

British ceramic artist Edmund de Waal's much-praised biography of his family's history, *The Hare with Amber Eyes*, has been named winner of the 2011 Ondaatje Prize, a £10,000 (\$16,448 U.S.) award given by the Royal Society of Literature for a work of fiction, nonfiction, or poetry that evokes the "spirit of a place." De Waal's book uses 264 delicate Japanese netsuke (small carvings) to tell the story of his family in the 20th century....

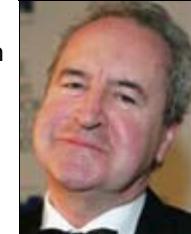
*The Guardian* (U.K.), May 24



## [2011 Franz Kafka Prize](#)

Ireland's leading novelist John Banville (right) has been awarded the Franz Kafka Prize for 2011, one of the most prestigious international literary awards. The annual Kafka Prize is awarded for "work of exceptional literary creation by a contemporary author." The award ceremony will take place in Prague in October when Banville will be presented with a bronze statuette (a scaled-down model of the monument to Franz Kafka in Prague) and £10,000 (\$16,448 U.S.)....

*Irish Independent* (Dublin), May 26



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### [Librarian positions cut in schools across the U.S.](#)

Joy Resmovits writes: "As school districts work to accommodate budget shortfalls, teachers aren't the only education professionals to be let go or reshuffled. Librarians, said AASL President Nancy Everhart, along with arts teachers and music program directors, are more vulnerable. The vulnerability of librarians and other school support staff also comes as states pass laws revising the rules that govern the hiring and firing of education professionals. Everhart is worried about potential librarian layoffs in Arizona, Colorado, Philadelphia, and Oregon."...

**complaint though, because there is nothing more awesome in society than a library. You are almost loathe to write about it for fear that the secret will get out. Where else can you order DVDs, CDs, and books online and have them delivered to your branch for free?"**

—Artist and musician Marcellus Hall, "[From the Desk and Drawing Table of Marcellus Hall](#)," Magnet, May 29.

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Huffington Post, May 31

## Furlough days may save L.A. school librarian jobs

Los Angeles teachers and school librarians will take four unpaid days off next year to help offset the city schools' estimated \$408-million budget deficit, according to a tentative agreement reached May 27. The deal between the United Teachers Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Unified School District would save the district about \$42 million if ratified. The school board could rescind about 3,400 of the layoff notices, which would include teachers, librarians, and nurses. About 2,000 employees' jobs could still be at risk....

*Los Angeles Times*, May 28

## The dilemma of orphan works

Marc Parry writes: "A common problem bedevils university digital collections. Wide online access is curtailed, in part because they contain 'orphan works' whose copyright owners can't be found. And the institutions that hold the collections must deal with legal uncertainty in deciding how to share the works. A university that goes too far could end up facing a copyright-infringement lawsuit. That reluctance harms scholarship, because researchers end up not using valuable documents if they can't afford to fly to a distant archive to see them."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 29



## British Library creates a digital newspaper archive

Ed King, the charismatic head of the British Library's newspaper collection, is overseeing the library's ambitious attempt to make millions of pages of newsprint available online for the first time. The library is one year into its plan to digitize 40 million news pages from its vast collection, housed in Colindale, north London. This autumn, the library will reinvent its cavernous vaults as a website, where amateur genealogists and eager historians will be able to browse 19th-century newsprint from their home computers....

*The Guardian* (U.K.), May 30

## Oakland mayor proposes shutting 14 of 18 city libraries

Oakland, California, Mayor Jean Quan has proposed cutting 14 of the city's 18 library branches, including a venerated African-American museum and library, unless unions slash their pay or voters pass an \$11.2-million parcel tax. Library supporters claim that Quan's proposal is simply political theater and is disingenuous; but if it passes, the main library, one of four that will remain open, will operate with just 10% of its original staff, making the delivery of library services and programs nearly impossible....

*San Francisco Chronicle*, May 29

## Donor pledge could keep Escondido branch open

A group of donors has offered \$96,000 to help prevent the East Valley branch of the Escondido (Calif.) Public Library from closing in June, but the city council's unwillingness to commit to keeping it open long-term could scuttle the proposal. The anonymous donors have demanded that the council keep the branch open in subsequent years in exchange for the donations, which would cover half of its \$192,000 annual operating



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Escondido (Calif.) *North County Times*, May 27

## [King County removes security cameras over privacy](#)

The King County (Wash.) Library System is removing security cameras from its libraries, worried that supplying security video to law-enforcement agencies could compromise patron privacy. "We decided the cameras were not serving a purpose and were a point of contention with law enforcement," said Director Bill Ptacek. The issue over police access to video from the cameras came up in March, when a 77-year-old man was assaulted in the Woodmont branch parking lot....

*Seattle Times*, May 24

## [Librarian's electric car gives her a charge](#)

School librarian Martha Wolf lives in northwest Bexar County, Texas, and drives to the San Antonio Independent School District. That means a significant commute to work each day—some 60 miles round trip. In May, Wolf became the owner of a 2011 Nissan Leaf, one of the first mass-produced electric cars to hit San Antonio streets. Now, for less than the cost of a week's worth of gas, Wolf can easily drive an entire month on electricity. She also received a \$7,500 federal tax credit for purchasing the car....

*San Antonio (Tex.) Express-News*, May 27



## [Millinocket trustees cry foul over position cut by town](#)

The town council of Millinocket, Maine, has retained a children's librarian position in its proposed 2011–2012 budget after the library board accused Town Manager Eugene Conlogue of violating codes by cutting the position without telling board members. They said the position, held by Marietta Cole, "is more important than ever" given looming school budget cuts that leave "struggling educators who are also trying to do more with less."...

*Bangor (Maine) Daily News*, May 27

## [Descendants of 1911 New York archivist donate Dutch papers](#)

On the centennial of the catastrophic 1911 New York State Capitol fire, descendants of A. J. F. van Laer (right), the fabled archivist who rushed into the burning building in Albany to save Colonial Dutch records he was translating, donated books and items from his estate on May 26. The March 29, 1911, fire destroyed nearly the entire collection of the New York State Library, considered one of the nation's finest collections, including 500,000 books, 300,000 manuscripts, and much of van Laer's life's work. The descendants donated several boxes of Dutch books, photographs, scrapbooks, and other material kept at a family summer home....

*Albany (N.Y.) Times-Union*, May 27



## [Prison library offers a place to escape](#)

Some 1,700 residents of the Jessup Correctional Institution in Maryland make very good use of their library. Most inmates will never win early release, so the library becomes



videos, at:  
[amlibraries](#)

## [Calendar](#)

**June 5–10:**  
[Digital Preservation Management Workshop](#), University at Albany–SUNY, New York.

**June 6–11:**  
[6th Annual Conference on Open Repositories](#), AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center, Austin, Texas.

**June 7–10:**  
[Art Libraries Society of North America / Visual Resources Association Foundation](#), Summer Educational Institute for Visual Resources and Image Management, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

**June 12–15:**  
[Special Libraries Association](#), Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia.

**June 21:**  
[Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology](#), 50th Anniversary Program, William H. Hannon Library, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

**July 13–16:**  
[National Association of Government Archives and](#)

a place to improve reading skills, write a letter home, watch an instructional video on auto mechanics, or just escape, mentally. *Weekend Edition Sunday* host Liane Hansen visits the prison to talk with longtime prison librarian Glennor Shirley (above). Shirley runs the libraries for the entire Maryland prison system....  
National Public Radio: *Weekend Edition Sunday*, May 29

### [\*\*End of era for bound law books?\*\*](#) (PDF file)

In another bow to the digital age, those bulky law books containing officially reported Illinois court opinions will be going the way of 8-track tapes and boom boxes as of July 1. Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride announced May 31 that "the official body of Illinois court opinions will now reside on the website of the Illinois Supreme Court, readily available to lawyers, judges, and law clerks for official citation and to any member of the public who wishes to read them." Illinois joins about a dozen other states moving to digital case law....

Illinois Supreme Court, May 31

### [\*\*How reading can block your ability to hear\*\*](#)

Becoming engrossed in a good book or a crossword really can block the ability to hear, a study has found. Scientists demonstrated that when people focus their full attention on something, they can become deaf to normally audible sounds. It happens because visual and hearing senses are trying to share limited brain capacity. Study leader Professor Nilli Lavie, from the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience at University College London, said: "Inattentional deafness is a common, everyday experience." ...  
*Daily Mail* (U.K.), May 27

### [\*\*Egyptian National Library to document the revolution\*\*](#)

An ambitious project sponsored by the Egyptian National Library and Archives is coordinating a large number of experts who have one aim: documenting the revolution that began on January 25. Khaled Fahmy, head of the history department at the American University in Cairo, said National Library Director Mohamed Saber Arab called him around February 20, soon after President Hosni Mubarak stepped down, and asked him to form committees to gather primary sources and oral testimony that documented the uprising....

*Al-Ahram* (Cairo), May 28



### [\*\*Books across the waters\*\*](#)

The Antwerp Sunshine Library in Mattawan, Michigan, is taking literally its theme for summer reading, "One World, Many Stories." The branch of the Van Buren District Library is a sister to libraries in Hagåtña, Guam, and Portstewart, Northern Ireland, where children will receive stories, photos, and gifts from summer readers in Mattawan. Branch Librarian Kay McAdam said, "Each child is invited to write a postcard that provides a glimpse into what life is like in southern Michigan." ...  
*Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette*, May 23



### [\*\*British libraries migrate to pubs\*\*](#)

Libraries axed under coalition spending cuts could be resurrected in pubs, shops, and doctors' offices if radical proposals being studied by

[\*\*Records Administrators / Council of State Archivists\*\*](#). Joint Annual Meeting, Sheraton-Nashville Downtown, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Sept. 28–Oct. 1:**  
[\*\*Wyoming Library Association\*\*](#), Annual Conference, Little America Hotel and Resort, Cheyenne.

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[\*\*Missouri Library Association\*\*](#), Annual Conference, KCI Expo Center, Kansas City. "Missouri Libraries: Envisioning Tomorrow."

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ministers are put into action. With local authorities ordered to save millions of pounds this year, libraries were quickly singled out for closure. A blueprint for the future is emerging that envisions sharing sites with the police, the National Health Service, and law offices, as well as lending books through pubs and generating funds by selling branded coffee....

*The Independent* (U.K.), May 29

### **U.K. takes hard line on legal aid for library lawsuits**

British campaigners seeking legal aid to pursue judicial-review claims against public library closures are being asked by the Legal Services Commission for "community contributions" of more than 50% of costs. Lewisham resident James Holland said being told the community would have to come up with funds had stopped him from starting a claim over New Cross library, which closed May 27....

*The Bookseller*, May 27

### **£500,000 embezzled from National Library of Scotland**

The National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh has admitted falling victim to a "sophisticated and complex" crime after one of its managers embezzled £500,000 (\$822,500 U.S.). IT director David Dinham took the money between September 2006 and June 2009 when he had control over huge budgets at the historic institution. Dinham admitted the embezzlement at a hearing at Edinburgh Sheriff Court in late May. Library staff had spotted financial irregularities and called in the police....

BBC News, May 31

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## **Tech Talk**

### **Top 5 social media security threats**

Social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn are increasingly used by enterprises to engage with customers, build their brands, and communicate information to the rest of the world. But for organizations, there are real risks in using social media, ranging from damaging the brand to exposing proprietary information and inviting lawsuits. Here are five of the biggest social media security threats....

*PC World*, May 31



### **Facebook is working on better media sharing**

Facebook is developing features that will make the sharing of users' favorite music, television shows, and other media as much a part of its site as playing games or posting vacation photos. The company is in discussions with several online music services, including the European company [Spotify](#), to develop a tab or widget that would display a user's most-played songs and provide an easy way for friends to hear them. Facebook wants to do the same for other kinds of media, like video and news, said people involved in the discussion....

*New York Times*, May 27

### **The best laptops under \$500**

Natalie Shoemaker writes: "Laptops that cost less than \$500 are few and far between, and trying to

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PC Magazine, May 26

### **New e-readers**

Brian Heater writes: "The e-reader market just got a lot more crowded in late May with the launch of the [touch-enabled Nook](#) and [Kobo eReader Touch Edition](#). Will either device be able to take down Amazon's industry-defining Kindle? We've broken down the specs on the two new readers, the Kindle, and Sony's comparable [Reader Pocket Edition](#) (PRS-350SC) to find out which device will come out on top."...

Engadget, May 26

### **How to clean your keyboard without breaking anything**



Yatri Trivedi writes: "Your keyboard is one of your most important peripherals, but it's bound to get clogged with dirt and grime over time. Dust off, scrub down, and clean

up your number-one input device safely with these tips. Some of these cleaning methods can theoretically do some damage to your keyboard if there's power going to it, so make sure it is unplugged first and the batteries are taken out."...

How-To Geek, May 31

### **How to prevent too-frequent software updates**

Adam Dachis writes: "Many applications roll out new updates *constantly*. While many applications will just ask you if you want to be notified of new updates and then set the frequency of checking for updates to something as frequent as daily, you can often change this. Most apps have an Updates tab in their preferences or settings that allow you to specify the frequency of the update and allow you to check for updates manually at any point."...

Lifehacker, May 31

## **Publishing**

### **The 10 hottest prospects from BookExpo America**

Boris Kachka writes: "Just as Rapturists are feeling a bit more optimistic about the end of planet Earth, so too are publishers about the end of *their* world, judging by the talk at the just-wrapped BookExpo America. Printed books continued to decline, but the exploding e-book market filled the gap. And fiction is now the major growth market. Charlie Winton, head of the indie-publishing conglomerate Publishers Group West, called it 'karmic payback.' In honor of the phoenixlike reemergence of fiction, here are the hottest fiction galleys from BEA."...

New York: Vulture, May 27



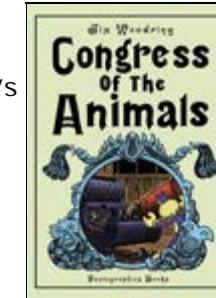
## E-readers and the future of reading

In early May, ALA Literacy Officer Dale Lipschultz led a discussion on e-readers and adult literacy at the Florida Literacy Coalition's 2011 Annual Conference in Orlando. The session, attended by a wide range of stakeholders including librarians, adult literacy teachers, tutors, literacy program administrators, and nonprofit professionals, examined the use of e-readers as a teaching and learning tool in adult literacy programs and sought attendees' input and participation in the shaping of this emerging technology. These are her notes from the program.... OLOS Columns, May 27

## Not just black and white

Max Winter writes: "The graphic novel is much more than a slightly longer comic book, or even the comic's smarter cousin. It's a vehicle for artists of different stripes, with or without excessive drafting ability, to reveal something of their imaginations and their visions of the world with untold levels of quirkiness and, at times, poetic immediacy. The doubleness of the best graphic novels is on triumphant display in five recently published works."...

Boston Globe, May 29



## SPARC launches open-access journal resource

The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition released a free online [Open Access Journal Publishing Resource Index](#) May 26 with information and documents to support the launch and operation of an open-access journal. Materials in the index will help libraries, presses, and other academic units on campuses as they work together to make the work of their researchers more widely available....

SPARC, May 26

## Black's Law Dictionary: The making of an American standard (PDF file)

Sarah Yates examines the history of *Black's Law Dictionary*, the methods used in its creation, and its evolution. She then compares it to its competitors and identifies the factors that have led it to become the predominant American law dictionary. It was not the first English law dictionary, or even the first American law dictionary. Yet now *Black's* is well-known enough that it is recognizable simply by the name of its long-deceased creator....

Law Library Journal 103, no. 2 (Spring): 175-198



## A literary tour of the most-well-read cities in America

Kathleen Massara writes: "Amazon released a [list](#) of the most well-read cities in the United States based on media sales so far this year; you may find the results surprising (we know we did). We've taken the top 10 cities and created a list of books that are based in each to create a virtual literary tour for your reading pleasure. Number 9 was Seattle, and we ultimately had to choose *Another Roadside Attraction* by Tom Robbins."...

Flavorwire, May 27; Amazon.com, May 26



## **Actions & Answers**

## Joplin relief efforts

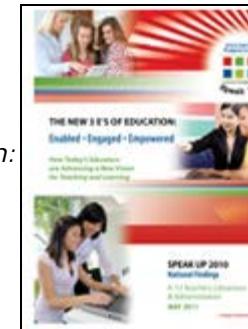
The Joplin Public Library has established a [relief fund](#) to assist its 10 employees who lost their homes and were injured during the May 22 tornado. The Missouri Southern State University Foundation has also established a [fund](#) to assist affected faculty, staff, and students. Joplin Public Schools were [hard hit](#) by the tornado. Seven students and one staff member were killed, and many have lost their homes and were injured. The Missouri Association of School Librarians has set up a [Help Joplin webpage](#) to coordinate relief efforts. Mackin Educational Resources has set up a [fundraising site](#) for Joplin librarians. 100% of funds raised will be given to librarians who lost their libraries. A special May 26 edition of the Missouri State Library *Show Me Express* newsletter ([PDF file](#)) contains information about the Joplin libraries.



## School librarians and digital content

School librarians have been identified as the "go-to" people for digital content in a May report by the national education nonprofit group [Project Tomorrow](#). The report, *The New 3 E's of Education: Enabled, Engaged, and Empowered* ([PDF file](#)), shares the findings on teachers, librarians, and administrators from the group's Speak Up 2010 survey. The survey found that in many schools, the school librarian has the responsibility for identifying, evaluating, and recommending digital resources to teachers....

AASL, May 31



## Prisoners have it better than students

A school superintendent in Michigan has written a public letter to the editor asking Gov. Rick Snyder if his school can become a prison instead. Superintendent of Ithaca Public Schools Nathan Bootz writes: "Consider the life of a Michigan prisoner. They get three square meals a day. Access to free health care. Internet. Cable television. Access to a library. A weight room. Computer lab. They can earn a degree. A roof over their heads. Clothing. Everything we just listed we *do not* provide to our school children. This is why I'm proposing to make my school a prison."...

*Gratiot County (Mich.) Herald*, May 12



## Tangoing with library vendors

Brett Bonfield writes: "Especially lately, it seems as if there have been many issues related to libraries and vendors that have been both emotional and divisive. For me, over the past few months, in public interactions with vendors, I feel as though I have been one of the many librarians on the receiving end of accusations, misrepresented facts, and dissembling. And I worry that I have contributed to our vendors feeling the same way. My public tangoing with vendors has centered around two topics: the future of ILS systems and limits on e-book circulation."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, June 1

## Cultivating digital lives

Ernie Cox writes: "Looking for new ways to engage and recruit tween patrons? Would you like to integrate more digital technology into the programming plans of the library? Maybe finding a new method for middle graders



to record summer reading is on your to-do list. A simple solution to these questions and more is [Kidblog](#), a basic version of the WordPress blogging platform intended for use with youth in schools and educational settings."...

ALSC Blog, May 26

## [What do teens know about digital preservation?](#)

Butch Lazorchak writes: "It's many adults' worst nightmare: How to entertain and (try to) educate thirty 8th graders for an hour? Especially when the subject matter is as potentially complex as how to preserve digital information. The first thing to do is to think like the teenagers who visited the Library of Congress on May 13 from the Imagine Schools South Lake Middle School in Clermont, Florida, as part of a class trip to Washington, D.C. Lucky for us, this wasn't the first time we've engaged with students on the subject of digital culture."...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, June 1



## [Summer Reading school visits: Some tips](#)

Kristen Bodine writes: "In my district, school visits are usually an all-day event, and for the teen summer reading program we normally only visit middle schools. We set up in the school media center and classes come in and visit us throughout the day. It's a very fun, but very long, day. I have some really great colleagues and I've learned a ton while doing school visits this year, so I thought I'd share some tips and tricks to help other new librarians."...

YALSA Blog, May 27

## [LC announces authors for 2011 Book Festival](#)

David McCullough, Russell Banks, Dave Eggers, Terry McMillan, Siddhartha Mukherjee, Jennifer Egan, Garrison Keillor, Amy Chua, and Toni Morrison will be among more than 80 writers speaking at the 11th National Book Festival organized and sponsored by the Library of Congress September 24–25 on the National Mall. The festival theme is "Celebrating the Joys of Reading Aloud." This year, the event has expanded to two days....

Library of Congress, May 24

## [Chronicling America has a new look](#)

Gary D. Price writes: "A busy week for the [Chronicling America](#) team at the Library of Congress. It is now home to 3.7 million digitized and indexed newspaper pages. It also has a new user interface and a '100 Years Ago Today' gallery, which provides front-page views to century-old newspapers. The site now enables users to see the search tool at the top of every page, navigate within search results, limit searching to only front pages, and view any newspaper in full-page mode without any extra information around the page."...

InfoDocket, May 29



## [LC to begin transitioning away from MARC](#)

Michael Kelley writes: "The Library of Congress has [announced](#) that it is going to undertake a major reevaluation of bibliographic control in a move that could lead to a gradual transition away from the 40-year-old MARC 21 standard in which billions of metadata records are presently encoded. 'It's a 10,' said Sally McCallum without hesitation when asked to rank the project's scope and importance on a scale of 1–10. McCallum is chief of the Network Development and MARC

Standards Office at LC."...

*Library Journal*, May 26; Library of Congress, May 13

## Six tools to simplify cataloging

Joyce Valenza writes: "Over the past year, I've discovered a number of handy, free tools for cataloging those materials we receive that do not come precataloged. Here are a handful of tools that could save you lots of time. The first is [Classify](#), which offers automated advice for assigning classification numbers and subject headings. Searchable by standard numbers, author, title, and subject heading, the database covers books, magazines, journals, and music and video recordings."...

*School Library Journal*: NeverEndingSearch, May 31

### Classify

An experimental classification web service

## What you don't know about copyright but should

Jennifer Howard writes: "If Nancy Sims had to pick one word to describe how researchers, students, and librarians feel about copyright, it would probably be 'confused.' A lawyer and a librarian, Sims is copyright-program librarian at the University of Minnesota Libraries. She's there to help people on campus and beyond, both users and owners of protected material, understand their rights. For the multitudes out there who are copyright-confused, here are some pointers she shared."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 29

## Academics begin to work with Wikipedia

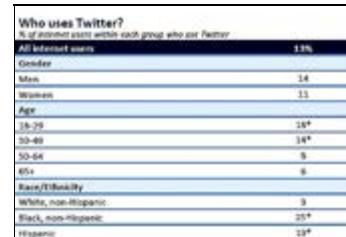
Josh Fischman writes: "The call to action was all over the Association for Psychological Science's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., May 26–29. Promotional ads in the conference programs urged the society's 25,000 members to join the [APS Wikipedia Initiative](#) and 'make sure Wikipedia—the world's No. 1 online encyclopedia—represents psychology fully and accurately.' Academics have held the online, user-written reference work in some disdain, said Mahzarin R. Banaji, a psychology professor at Harvard University, 'but now I'm hearing nothing but enthusiasm, and I really think this is going to work.'"...

*Chronical of Higher Education*: Wired Campus, May 28

## Pew study: The tweeps are on the rise

A [Twitter 2011 study](#) from the Pew Internet and American Life Project finds that 13% of online adults tweet, a significant increase from the 8% of online adults who identified themselves as Twitter users in November 2010. 95% of Twitter users own a mobile phone, and half of these users access the service on their handheld device. African Americans and Hispanics are a statistically significant percentage of Twitter users (25% and 19% respectively), with 18–29 year-olds of all ethnicities coming in third (18%)....

Pew Internet and American Life Project, June 1

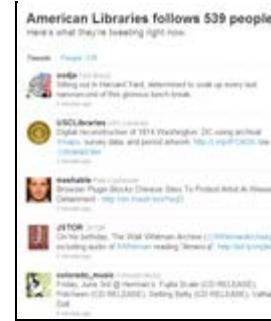


## Twitter and Gmail add social features

Did you ever wonder what your colleagues' Twitter timeline looks like? Well, if you have, you can now peek in on someone else's timeline. For example, check out what the *American Libraries* timeline looks like by going [here](#). Twitter has [added](#) the ability to see what the 539 people on

Twitter that AL follows are tweeting right now. Meanwhile, Google announced a [people widget](#) for Gmail that allows you to learn more about the people you are about to send off an email to....

Search Engine Land, May 27; TechCrunch, May 26; Official Gmail Blog, May 26



## [\*\*Twitter follow button simplified\*\*](#)

Jason Boog writes: "Before May 31, clicking the 'Follow us on Twitter' button on a website would redirect a reader to your Twitter page, a distracting detour away from your actual website. Twitter changed the interface, revealing a new [Follow button](#) that will let readers follow you without leaving. Libraries can update the code using Javascript or an iFrame to take advantage of the new feature. [Follow this link](#) to update your site."...

GalleyCat, May 31

## [\*\*10 keys to career success\*\*](#)

Ken Haycock writes: "Following my convocation address to the 700+ MLIS graduates at San José, I was asked to make my talk available. This is a condensation, organized according to 10 elements for a productive career, without the jokes and sidebars, based on my own 40 years of good times. It may be less appropriate to offer an inspiring message concerning our particular profession and its prospects in a tight economy, but we also sometimes forget that this too shall pass. So here are my pieces of advice."...

Library Leadership, May 30

## [\*\*What libraries need to do to create mashable data\*\*](#)

Curtin University of Technology LIS Lecturer Kathryn Greenhill (right) talks with Queensland University of Technology LIS Associate Lecturer Kate Davis on why open, mashable data is important for libraries.



Watch the [video](#) (12:02) to learn more about the types of data that Greenhill believes libraries should be making open and the applications for using mashable data....

Librarians Matter, May 26; YouTube, May 25

## [\*\*Choose and approach a corporate partner for your nonprofit\*\*](#)

Laura Kimball writes: "Corporations are looking for ways to bring giving into their business because it works. A 2008 Cone Corporate Citizenship [study](#) claimed 85% of Americans had a more positive image of a product or company when it supports a cause they care about. An effective partnership is critical in building momentum for funding and brand awareness, for both the nonprofit and the corporation. But you need to find a corporate partner that is the perfect match for your organization. We're talking 'the one' you want to spend the rest of your fundraising life with."...

Mashable, May 27



## What is a library?

Architect Philip O'Brien writes: "I think we can all agree on what a library was, and we may even be able to agree on what a library is. I think the trickier question is: What is a library going to be in the future? This question goes beyond the bricks-and-mortar buildings that have traditionally housed what we consider to be the modern library to include other questions. We need to make our libraries as we want them, because no one will do it for us."...

Incunabular Illumination, May 19

## All the \_\_\_\_\_ in the world

Karen Coyle writes: "There's something compelling about the idea that you could gather *all* of something into a single system or database or even, as in the ancient library of Alexandria, physical space. Setting your goal to gather all of something means you don't have to make awkward choices about what to gather and what to discard. There are some down sides to this everything approach, not surprisingly."...

Coyle's InFormation, May 31

## Serbians use digital archive to prosecute war criminals

Mayur Patel writes: "Prosecutors from The Hague, Netherlands, frequently visit a new digital archive in Serbia that is unlocking some of the country's long-guarded secrets. Records from the Serbia Military History Archive already have helped indict 14 paramilitary members charged in the deaths of 70 unarmed civilians during the rule of Slobodan Milosevic, a new [report](#) has found." Building on a \$50,000 seed grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in 2006, the nonprofit Jefferson Institute designed a system to convert the military's 40-million paper documents into searchable, digital format....

KnightBlog, May 26



## This I know

Will Manley writes: "If the American Library Association ceased to exist, many library bloggers would be in a panic about what to blog about." "Cataloging used to be the foundation of the library profession. IT is the new foundation of the library profession." "The best library science book ever written is *The Joy of Cataloging* by Sandy Berman." Read more of Manley's random insights and reflections on the library world in this blog post....

Will Unwound, May 26

## Char's unofficial 2011 BookExpo America awards

Char Gwizdala, senior librarian at Queens (N.Y.) Library, offers her take on the most award-worthy people, exhibits, and swag at the 2011 BookExpo America in New York City. Find out who won the "Here, Smell This" Award, the Publisher with the Mostest Award, the Most Retro Swag Award (right), and the Best Tote and Swag awards....

Char, May 27



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## American Libraries Online

## The merger of the century: EBSCO acquires H. W. Wilson

In a surprise announcement June 2, two of the leading names in digital reference publishing told their library customers that they have merged to strengthen the value of their databases and print resources.

EBSCO Publishing has acquired the staff and product lines of the H. W. Wilson Company. In a [FAQ](#) describing the move, EBSCO said that the "vast majority of Wilson databases will continue to be maintained, and there are many planned enhancements."...

American Libraries news, June 3

Wilson Databases	EBSCO Databases	New Content Databases (new content)
<a href="#">Art Index - Abstracts</a> <a href="#">Full Text + Images</a>	<a href="#">Art &amp; Architecture Complete</a>	<a href="#">Art Source</a>
<a href="#">Art Full Text Journals</a>	363 Full Text journals	286 Full Text journals
<a href="#">Business Source - Abstracts</a> <a href="#">Full Text + Images</a>	<a href="#">Business Source Complete</a>	<a href="#">Education Source</a>
<a href="#">Business Full Text Journals</a>	3,432 Full Text Journals	3,196 Full Text Journals
<a href="#">Child Development Abstracts + Images</a> <a href="#">Full Text + Images</a>	<a href="#">Child Development Complete</a>	<a href="#">Humanities Source</a>
<a href="#">Child Development Full Text Journals</a>	3,148 Full Text Journals	1,898 Full Text Journals
<a href="#">Computer Abstracts - Abstracts</a> <a href="#">Full Text + Images</a>	<a href="#">Computers &amp; Applied Sciences Complete</a>	<a href="#">Applied Science &amp; Technology Source</a>
<a href="#">Computer Abstracts Full Text Journals</a>	1,546 Full Text Journals	1,180 Full Text Journals
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<a href="#">Health &amp; General Science Abstracts</a> <a href="#">Full Text + Images</a>	<a href="#">Health &amp; General Science Complete</a>	<a href="#">Library &amp; Information Science Source</a>
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<a href="#">Humanities Abstracts - Abstracts</a> <a href="#">Full Text + Images</a>	<a href="#">Humanities Complete</a>	<a href="#">Music Source</a>
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# On My Mind: A tribute to H. W. Wilson

Former ALA Executive Director Robert Wedgeworth writes: "In the summer of 1973, I attended my first IFLA conference. Leo M. Weins, president of the H. W. Wilson Company, took the lead in introducing me to Sir Frank Francis, director of the British Museum Library, and other leading European librarians. Thus began my long association with the H. W. Wilson Company. Much of the success of our institutions can be credited, in part, to the commitment and dedication of the leaders and staff of the companies that have grown alongside libraries."...

*American Libraries* column, June/July



## Among the Best Master's LIS Programs Online



Court agrees: Libraries are educational places

A decision by the New York State Supreme Court has reaffirmed in case law that public libraries in the state of New York are undeniably educational institutions. The ruling came in the course of the East Hampton Library board winning an eight-year quest to get zoning variances for a 6,800-foot addition to the present facility for a children's wing. During the protracted court battle, library plaintiffs had accused members of the posh community of having "exclusionary and discriminatory motives" for the zoning battle....



American Libraries news, June 7

## Library services are essential after Massachusetts tornado

American Libraries received an email from Springfield (Mass.) Public Libraries Director Molly Fogarty June 3 about the aftermath of a tornado that devastated several neighborhoods there on June 1. The storm killed several people, injured many more, and destroyed and damaged hundreds of homes and businesses. The next day, Fogarty said, Springfield's Central Library and nine branches provided regular service hours—with the blessing of Mayor Domenic J. Sarno....

American Libraries news, June 8



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## The smartest readers

ALA Librarian Karen Muller writes: "One key use of libraries is how many books and other materials are borrowed. The Institute of Museum and Library Services conducts an annual survey of the country's 9,200+ public libraries that retrieves library circulation data. We dug a little deeper into the 2008 data ([PDF file](#)), the latest published, to find which libraries serving a population over 100,000 (a total of 549) have the highest circulation. So which cities have the 'smartest readers'—those whose residents make the most use of their tax-supported libraries?"...

American Libraries news, June 6

## Professional growth through learning communities

Paul Signorelli and Lori Reed write: "When we library staff members are struggling to respond to incoming phone calls, email, text/instant messages, tweets, Facebook and LinkedIn updates, and people stopping us in hallways to ask for help, it's easy to forget that we, too, need learning resources and communities of support. A valuable resource for those committed to professional development is what has become known as communities of learning, communities of learners, or learning communities."...

American Libraries feature



## How to label a book

Q. Does ALA have any guidelines or sample policies for labeling books for the shelves? **A.** Although ALA has established [standards and guidelines](#) for a range of library activities, none of these cover shelf preparation or physical processing of library materials. Consistent practices, which library users have become accustomed to, do exist nevertheless. Each library defines its own practices, with little significant variation across libraries—perhaps due to standardization of the supplies for labeling and other shelf preparation practices over time....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, June 8

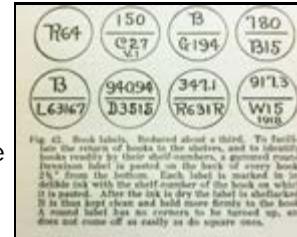


Fig. 42. Book labels. Produced about a third. To facilitate the return of books to the shelves, and to identify books ready by their shelf-numbers, a general round label is placed on each book. It is centered vertically, 2½" from the bottom. Each label is marked in indelible ink with the shelf-number of the book on which it is placed, and the date due for its return. If it is to be kept longer than the due date, it is marked with a circled 'R'. It is then kept clean and held more firmly in the book. A round label has no corners to be turned up, and does not come off as easily as the square ones.



## Retirements

On June 3, David Gunkel (right) retired as director of library services from the Sierra Vista (Ariz.) Public Library. On June 30, Michele Strange will retire as access services librarian at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Murphy Library. Thomas Jones retired May 31

as director of Bismarck (N.Dak.) Public Library. Jeanie Deem is retiring in June as media specialist at New Martinsville School in West Virginia....  
*American Libraries* column, June



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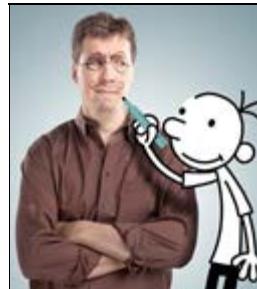
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## ALA News

### Auditorium Speaker Series lineup

The 2011 Auditorium Speaker Series features 12 renowned writers, including best-selling children's author Jeff Kinney (right, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*), former United States military analyst Daniel Ellsberg (*Secrets: A Memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers*), blogging pioneer and author Jeff Jarvis (*What Would Google Do?*), and award-winning writer-producer David Simon (*Treme*, *The Wire*). The series is part of the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 23–28....

Public Information Office, June 7



### Volunteers return to New Orleans

More than 220 volunteers from across the U.S. will gather at the New Orleans Convention Center for "Libraries Build Communities," a daylong community-service effort at 15 area locations, on June 24 during ALA Annual Conference. This will mark the fifth anniversary of ALA's first-ever community-service event, which began in 2006 when ALA became the first national organization to hold a conference in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers will shelve books, reorganize and update collections, catalog, and assist with landscaping, painting, and other construction projects....

Chapter Relations Office, June 7



### Meet the 2011 Emerging Leaders

Annual Conference attendees are invited to meet the 2011 class of Emerging Leaders at a poster session and reception on June 24. The ALA 2011 class of ELs will showcase their final projects at the Morial Convention Center, Room 271–273. Light refreshments will be served....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 7

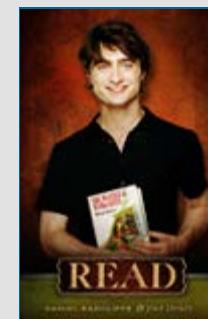
### ALA 101 programs for first-time attendees

John Chrastka writes: "ALA's 101 Programs provide a wonderful introduction to ALA and its divisions, providing you with an orientation to navigating the Annual Conference, ways to get more involved around the Association, and a chance to meet new people. You are

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ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 23–28, 2011. Check out the full list of Poster Sessions on display Saturday and Sunday.



Harry Potter still reads. Daniel Radcliffe has played the title role in all of the blockbuster films based on J. K. Rowling's bestselling Harry Potter books. Get ready for the July 15 release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* with this Daniel Radcliffe Celebrity READ poster. The complete set features Rupert Grint, Emma Watson,

invited to attend any of these programs in New Orleans."...  
ALA Membership Blog, June 7

## Your ALA Annual Conference and you

Gee willikers! Check out this swell 1950s-style [educational film](#) (6:26) that gives you the A-B-Cs of having a jim-dandy time at Annual Conference. It's packed with so many super tips that every Billy and Sue out there will exclaim, "Golly! Can we watch it again?" Yes indeedy, you can! (Stick around afterwards for a few bloopers, too.) Starring John Chrastka and filmed by Daniel Kraus for *American Libraries*....

YouTube, Apr. 28, 2008



## Getting social at Annual Conference

Megan Hodge writes: "As ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiebs said, if you don't come back from a conference with new ideas, you're missing something. Sometimes those new ideas aren't learned in the formal programs, but from simply talking to your seat mate on the Gale shuttle or a neighbor at the ProQuest lunch. Many ALA units host socials where free food is often provided. The Newbie and Veteran Librarian Tweet-up is good for newer librarians or ones who haven't yet found an ALA home. Vendors also host evening receptions."...

ACRLlog, June 3

## COSWL programs in New Orleans

The Committee for the Status of Women in Librarianship is hosting two programs at the 2011 Annual Conference in New Orleans. The first session, "Introduction to Women's Issues," June 25, will provide an opportunity to discuss the issues of caregivers. The second session, "Right Here I See My Own Books: A History of the Woman's Library (above) at the Chicago World's Fair, 1893," June 26, will be presented by Sarah Wadsworth, associate professor at Marquette University....

Committee for the Status of Women in Librarianship, June 6



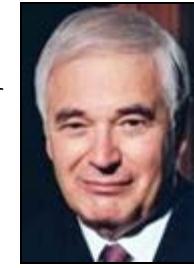
## Come one, come all, to the diversity Town Hall

The Town Hall Meeting on Diversity, sponsored by the Committee on Diversity, will take place the morning of June 24 during ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Attendees will have an opportunity to discuss challenges, opportunities, and best practices for achieving diversity in the profession after hearing a brief presentation on current statistics and research that point to an increased need for diversity in librarianship....

Office for Diversity, June 7

## James Bartleman to speak on youth, literacy, libraries

James K. Bartleman (right), former lieutenant governor of Ontario and author of *As Long as the Rivers Flow*, will join the Committee on Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds for their program, "Raisin' Readers: Improving Literacy for Rural Children and Youth," on June 26 at Annual Conference in New Orleans. A member of the Mnjikaning First Nation, Bartleman will talk



and Alan Rickman.  
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## **Great Libraries of the World**



[Library of Parliament](#), Ottawa, Canada. The library is the main research center for the

about initiating the Lieutenant Governor's Book Program in 2004, which collected more than 1.2 million books to stock school libraries in First Nations communities....

OLOS Columns, June 8

## [Digitizing hidden collections in public libraries](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy issued its first [OITP Perspectives](#)—a new publication series created to complement OITP Policy Briefs. The publication, *Digitizing Hidden Collections in Public Libraries* ([PDF file](#)), was written by Gwen Glazer, staff writer and social media coordinator at Cornell University, who served as the Google Policy Fellow for OITP in summer 2010. OITP Perspectives publications will be intended for primarily digital release....

Office for Information Technology Policy, June 2



## [2009–2010 Annual Report highlights Alire presidency](#)

The recently released [2009–2010 ALA Annual Report](#) covers the key initiatives of former ALA President Camila Alire under the theme "Libraries: The Heart of All Communities: Frontline Advocacy and Family Literacy." The report also highlights the increase in library usage and the vital role libraries play during challenging economic times. One of the highlights of the year was the launching of the Spectrum Presidential Fundraising Initiative....

Public Information Office, June 7



## [Step Up to the Plate for Father's Day weekend](#)

Promote quality family time at your library this Father's Day weekend with [Step Up to the Plate @ your library](#). Step Up to the Plate encourages people of all ages to use the print and electronic resources available at their library to answer a series of trivia questions designed for their age group. This year, the program connects generations by exploring baseball's more than 150-year history through topics like famous baseball families and historical baseball franchises....

Campaign for America's Libraries, June 7

Parliament of Canada. Designed in Gothic Revival style in 1876 by Thomas Fuller and Chilion Jones, the library's circular shape and its galleries and alcoves were touches added by the first librarian, Alpheus Todd, who also wisely advised that it be separated from the central building by a single corridor to protect it from fire. A 1916 fire destroyed much of Parliament, but the quick action of library clerk Michael MacCormac in securing the iron doors to the corridor before the fire could spread saved the collection. In 2002–2006, Thomas Fuller Construction supervised a major [upgrade](#) that enhanced or restored the building's 1876 features.



## [Barbara Ford appointed to UNESCO commission](#)

At its April meeting, the ALA Executive Board voted to send Barbara J. Ford's name to the State Department as its choice for representative to the United States National Commission of UNESCO. Ford (right), who was ALA President in 1997–1998 and is now director of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will serve a three-year term. The National Commission consists of 100 members who assist with global initiatives focused on communication, education, social science, natural science, and culture....

Illinois Wesleyan University, June 2

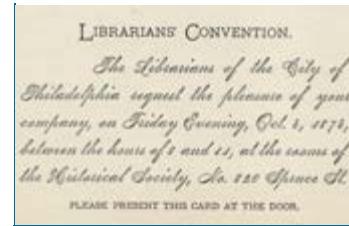


## [Library conference call, 1876](#)

Larry Nix writes: "On this date (or around this date) 135 years ago, the first call for the conference of librarians that resulted in

University of Toronto, Canada. The library houses the university's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections and its official archives. Built in 1973, the facility was named after an early settler of Upper Canada whose great-grandsons Sidney and Charles Fisher donated [their own collections](#) of Shakespeare, various 20th-century authors, and the etchings of

the creation of ALA went out to librarians across the nation. This occasion is documented in Edward G. Holley's *Raking the Historic Coals: The A.L.A. Scrapbook of 1876* (Beta Phi Mu, 1967). The circular containing the call included the names of 28 prominent librarians, including the young upstart Melvil Dewey. A second call to conference went out on July 28 in which the dates for the first ALA conference were set for October 4–6, 1876, in Philadelphia."... Library History Buff Blog, June 8



## [Text a donation to Japanese libraries](#)

Take a couple of minutes to donate \$10 to help rebuild libraries in Japan devastated by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. ALA has set up an option to easily donate to the Japan Library Association Relief Fund through your mobile phone. To donate, simply text ALAJAPAN to 20222, and a \$10 one-time tax-deductible donation will be added to your mobile-phone bill....

International Relations Office

## [Public library use and employment](#)

Presenting the latest and most comprehensive assessment of public librarians' education and career paths, [\*A Strong Future for Public Library Use and Employment\*](#) reports on a large-scale research project performed by authors José-Marie Griffiths and Donald W. King. Published by ALA Editions in collaboration with the ALA Office for Research and Statistics, the book includes an examination of trends in public-library employment....

ALA Editions, June 6



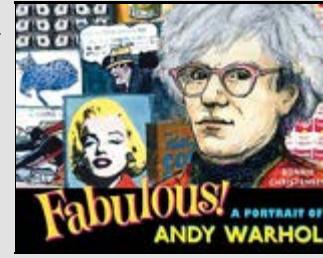
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# **Booklist ONLINE**

## [Featured review: Visual arts for youth](#)

Christensen, Bonnie. *Fabulous! A Portrait of Andy Warhol*. May 2011. 40p. Grades 3–6. Holt/Christy Ottaviano, hardcover (978-0-8050-8753-6).

Andy Warhol was an unlikely fellow to ever be tagged fabulous. Shy, sickly, and labeled a "sissy," Warhol could only imagine a life of glamour. But imagine he did, with pictures of celebrities on the wall to inspire him and his own artistic talents to push him to New York City after



17th-century Bohemian artist [Wenceslaus Hollar](#). Other rare items held are the *Nuremberg Chronicle* (1493), Shakespeare's First Folio (1623), Isaac Newton's *Principia* (1687), and Charles Darwin's proof copy (with annotations) of *On the Origin of Species* (1859).

**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 later this year by ALA Editions.

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graduating college. There, Warhol was able to find success as an illustrator, but he hungered for more. Christensen—who once performed with Warhol's "superstars" at the Actors Studio—does a masterful job of capturing her subject in just a few words. Readers will sympathize with the boy so unattractive he was called "Rudolph the red-nosed Warhola" and admire the perseverance that landed him in the limelight....

## [Top 10 biographies for youth](#)



Ilene Cooper writes: "Could there be a more diverse group of subjects in this year's list of top 10 biographies for youth? Spotlighting figures from Jane Austen to Janis Joplin, Henry Hudson to Joe Louis, the following titles, all reviewed in *Booklist* in the past year, will draw readers into intriguing life stories."...

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## New Orleans Update

### [Lego statue in the public library's Children's Room](#)

On November 17, 2006, the Lego Group donated to the city as a work of public art a model of a post-Katrina New Orleans, developed from the imaginations of children in the city and across the country. Artist Nathan Sawaya created the piece using children's ideas for what they thought would help the city as it rebuilds. The structure is on permanent display in the second-floor Children's Room at the New Orleans Main Library, 219 Loyola Avenue. Children's Room Librarian K. G. Wilkins says it is worth a look....

New Orleans Public Library



### [Tour New Orleans East](#)

New Orleans has a sizable and vibrant Vietnamese community that began in the mid 1970s. The community of Versailles is in the process of rebuilding, post-Katrina. The Asian Pacific American Librarians Association invites you to join them June 24 on a guided tour through New Orleans East that will take you to nonprofit organizations, the intercultural charter school, a youth community center, the future urban farm, the New Orleans East library (under construction), the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge, and the landfill site that became a rallying point for the community....

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, June 3



### [The best gumbo in New Orleans](#)

Amy Bickers writes: "New Orleans restaurants offer hundreds of variations on gumbo, a traditional Cajun-Creole concoction. They all begin with a roux—a mixture of spices and flour thickened with cooking fat. From there, chefs create hearty, dark varieties with smoked meats like Andouille sausage or duck and tasso,



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### Digital Library of the Week

or fill lighter seafood versions with shrimp, crabmeat, tomato, and okra. We spent a few days exploring eateries in the French Quarter (and beyond) in search of our favorite gumbos. Here are the tasty results."...

*Southern Living*, Nov. 2010

### **New Orleans in film and fiction**

The Crescent City is a popular setting for books, plays, graphic novels, [movies](#), television shows, operas, and even videogames. You can even take a [tour](#) of famous film locations that includes *Interview with the Vampire*, *The Pelican Brief*, *King Creole*, and *Easy Rider*....

*Wikipedia*; New Orleans Office of Film and Video; The Original New Orleans Movie Tours



### **Independent bookstores are thriving**

Jaquette White writes: "Today, as their larger competitors have faltered under economic strain, some local independent bookstores are finding ways to thrive. Tom Lowenburg, owner of [Octavia Books](#) (right), said, 'We think that we've been vindicated. There's growing support and recognition for the value in what we do.' Take [Maple Street Book Shop](#). The 47-year-old Uptown store for new and used books is thriving, with plans to add two additional locations. Britton Trice, who owns the [Garden District Book Shop](#), listed his Prytania Street shop on the internet coupon service Groupon."...

*New Orleans Times-Picayune*, May 29



### **Ogden Museum of Southern Art**

The Ogden Museum of Southern Art is located at 925 Camp Street next to Lee Circle and near the National World War II Museum. The collection is the largest and most comprehensive collection of Southern art in the world. [Exhibits](#) on display during Annual Conference include photos from Haiti after the earthquake, nature paintings by John Alexander and Walter Anderson, juke joint photos, and "Art and Jazz: Preservation Hall at 50." Check out this [sneak peek](#) of the latter exhibit....

Ogden Museum of Southern Art; Made in New Orleans, May 19



### **11 important New Orleans statues**

Andrew Jackson's equestrian statue in Jackson Square is only one of the many famous works of public art to be found in New Orleans. The French Market has some interesting sculptures ([PDF file](#)). This statue of Winston Churchill (right) by Welsh sculptor Ivor Roberts-Jones can be seen on the circle in front of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside on Poydras Street. Churchill's daughter, Lady Soames, attended the [dedication ceremony](#) in November 1977 and played a tape of her father saying that American support of Great Britain during World War II was "like the Mississippi. It just keeps rolling along."...

*New Orleans Magazine*, March 2008, June 2011; French Market



### **The University of California, Santa Barbara Digital Library**

includes some 3,000 highlights from the large collection of historic photographs, recordings, and manuscripts in the Davidson Library's Special Collections Department. "The library wanted to reveal its hidden collections and highlight its unique holdings," explained [Lisa Koch](#), UCSB metadata librarian. "The Digital Library is a resource for people who want to explore the materials but can't come to the building. Scholars and users can view items at home, and teachers can bring the archives into their classrooms." Among the highlights are photographs from Ghana, Britain, and Australia from 1910 to 1921; poster prints from contemporary San Francisco artists; picture discs from the 1940s; and artistic photographs of California and the United States from 1970 to 1990. Audio recordings include discussions and talks by famous political thinkers, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The recordings are drawn from the Center

## How to deal with airport strandings

Severe storms make it hard for airlines to know when flights will go. Often, instead of trying to string passengers along, the airlines will cancel operations for the remainder of the day and try to reset for the following day. That's when you should spring into action. The first thing you'll want to do is find yourself a room for the night. When the weather goes south, the airlines won't pay for your hotel. With many people stranded, hotel rooms are likely to become scarce....

CNN, May 30

## Guide to free Wi-Fi in New Orleans

Michael Golrick writes: "There is a new-ish blog about things to do in New Orleans called [411NOLA.com](http://411NOLA.com). Earlier this month they posted a list of the [free Wi-Fi hotspots](#) in New Orleans. For my friends and readers who are coming to town for the ALA Annual Conference, I have cut and pasted some of the information. (I am guessing that the airport part will be most useful to folks on the way home.)"...

Thoughts from a Library Administrator, June 7; 411NOLA.com, June 3

## Free Wi-Fi can cost you

Josh Noel writes: "On the hotel, café, or convention center networks, we flip through our online tasks with nary a care. But care would be a good idea. Jason Glassberg, cofounder of Casaba Security, said the hazards associated with public Wi-Fi networks are so numerous that he does not log on to them; he connects to the internet through his iPhone. When he must go through a public network, he does so through a virtual private network (VPN) that allows him to encrypt his data through a personal server back home...."

Chicago Tribune, May 31

## Division News

### ALTAFF tells "Tales from the Heart"

ALTAFF will host "Tales from the Heart: Literary Memoirs" on June 25 at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Featured memoirists include Wendy McClure (right), Margaux Fragoso, Brianna Karp, Theresa Weir, and Rachel Hadas. The program will be moderated by Barbara Hoffert, editor of Prepub Alert for *Library Journal*. An author book signing will follow. The event is free for conference attendees....

ALTAFF, June 6



### How Louisiana libraries created new beginnings

ALTAFF will present "How Louisiana Libraries Created New Beginnings" for its Specialized Outreach Services luncheon featuring author and library advocate Karin Slaughter (right) on June 25 at Annual Conference in New Orleans. Attendees will learn how diverse individuals have faced change in their libraries and communities, as well as how they have joined forces with staff, trustees, Friends, local politicians, and the community to make it all come together and create new beginnings for their libraries....

ALTAFF, June 7



### ALCTS forum analyzes latest Ithaka

for the Study of Democratic Institutions Collection. Among other audio recordings in the Digital Library are 78 rpm Vogue picture discs from the Todd Collection.

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



## Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"I care very much about libraries and I'm looking for more opportunities to speak out against the cuts and closures I see as so damaging to our children's future."

—New U.K. Waterstone's Children's Laureate and author Julia Donaldson at her [announcement ceremony](#) in King's Place, London, June 7.

@ [More quotes...](#)

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## S+R survey

Roger C. Schonfeld, director of research for the not-for-profit Ithaka S+R, will present findings in the group's *Library Survey 2010: Insights from U.S. Academic Library Directors* ([PDF file](#))



on June 27 at Annual Conference in New Orleans. He will offer a strategic analysis meant to help library leaders plan for the future based on the survey. Respondents weighed in on managing their library's collections, developing new digital collections, and creating new services to meet changing user needs....

ALCTS, June 7

## 2011 PLDS database released

The Public Library Data Service Statistical Report Digital Database ([PDF file](#)) has been updated with 2011 results. Compiled from surveys submitted by U.S. and Canadian public libraries, the 2011 edition includes data from 1,462 public libraries on their finances, resources, annual use figures, and technology. It also features a special, in-depth section on public library finance that details independent taxing authority, cash reserves, services charged for, library foundations, and governmental and alternative sources of income for public libraries....

PLA, June 7



## ACRL innovation contest winners

In conjunction with its President's Program at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, ACRL sponsored a contest to identify exciting library innovation projects using teams to implement new ideas. Given the high quality of the proposals and innovative thinking demonstrated in the projects, the committee selected three winners ([Towson University](#), [UT-Chattanooga](#), and [St. John Fisher College](#)) from the 28 teams of academic librarians who submitted proposals....

ACRL, June 3

## How to attract and keep Baby Boomer volunteers

ALTAFF has made available to its Friends and Foundation personal and group members a new toolkit, "Tapping Into the Biggest and Most Active Group of Volunteers in Town—The Baby Boomers." This 13-page toolkit, by ALTAFF Executive Director Sally Gardner Reed, explains why Friends groups need new active members, how today's volunteers are different and how these differences will affect future Friends groups....

ALTAFF, June 2

## New web education offerings from LITA

LITA is offering two new webinars, "Using Scrum to Streamline Web Applications Development and Increase Staff Involvement" and "Roadmap to JPEG2000," as well as a web course, "Creating Library Web Services: Mashups and APIs." Details are on the [LITA website](#)....

LITA, June 7

## Strategic planning in college libraries

ACRL has published [Strategic Planning in College Libraries](#) (CLIP Note #43), compiled by Eleonora Dubicki of Monmouth University. Academic libraries have experienced dramatic changes in recent years due to the transformation of the information and



[Sharon Draper: "Books Connected Me to a World Far Beyond My Neighborhood \(video\)](#)

[Embedded Librarians in the Classroom](#)

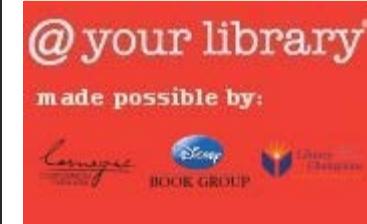
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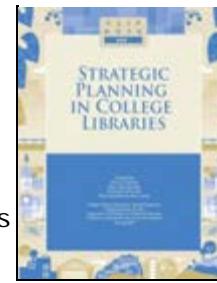


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[#or2011](#)

Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives, Annual Conference, Quebec City, June 7–10, at:  
[#carto2011](#)



higher education environments. The book incorporates sample plans from 25 academic libraries, ranging from one-page strategic plans to documents offering more than 20 pages of detailed goals, objectives, action plans, timelines, and assessment measures....

ACRL, June 7

## Round Table News

### Celebrate 10 years of the Amelia Bloomer List

Join authors Olga Cossi, Margarita Engle, Jan Godown Annino, and Lisa Desimini at the Amelia Bloomer Project Breakfast, sponsored by the Social Responsibility Round Table's Feminist Task Force, on June 26 during the ALA Annual Conference. The annual bibliography, named after pioneering newspaper editor, feminist thinker, public speaker, and suffragist Amelia Bloomer (right), recognizes high-quality children's and YA books featuring protagonists who spur the imagination and confront traditional female stereotypes....

Social Responsibilities Round Table, June 7



### Get your résumé reviewed

Job hunting? Applying for a promotion? Just want to get your résumé in shape? The New Members Round Table Résumé Review Service is for you. Librarians from all types of libraries and specializations have volunteered to help you make your résumé shine. Their services are available at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans on June 25–26 in the Placement Center....

New Members Round Table

## Awards

### Coretta Scott King Book Awards Breakfast

The Ethnic and Multicultural Exchange Round Table and the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee will celebrate the best in children's and young adult literature representing the African-American experience at the 2011 Coretta Scott King Book Awards Breakfast June 28 in the Sheraton New Orleans Napoleon Ballroom at ALA Annual Conference. This year's celebration will feature award winners Rita Williams-Garcia, Bryan Collier, Victoria Bond, T. R. Simon, and Sonia Lynn Sadler. Tickets are \$60....

Ethnic and Multicultural Exchange Round Table, June 3



### Help ASCLA celebrate its award winners

Celebrate the achievements of ASCLA award recipients on June 26 at a dessert reception cohosted by the division and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies. A ceremony will honor winners of the

Summer Educational Institute for Visual Resources and Image Management, Albuquerque, June 7–11, at:  
[#sei2011](#)

American Theological Library Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, June 8–11, at:  
[#atla11](#)

Special Libraries Association, Annual Conference, Philadelphia, June 12–15, at:  
[#sla11](#)

ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries, Ottawa, Ontario, June 13–17, at:  
[#jcdl2011](#)

American Library Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, June 23–28, at:  
[#ala11](#)

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## Calendar

**June 23–28:**  
[American Library Association](#), Annual Conference, New Orleans.

**June 24–25:**  
[Twin Cities Book](#)

Keystone Library Automation System National Organization on Disability Award, the Francis Joseph Campbell Medal, the Exceptional Service Award, the Leadership and Professional Achievement Award, and the Cathleen Bourdon Service Award....

ASCLA, June 7

### **TASL wins AASL ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant**

The Texas Association of School Librarians and its program "TASL and the Texas PTA: A Partnership for Learning" have received the 2011 AASL ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant. Established in 1986, the grant of up to \$1,750 is given to school library associations that are AASL affiliates for planning and implementing leadership programs at the state, regional, or local levels....

AASL, June 7

### **2011 Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship**

Audrey Barbakoff, reference librarian at the Milwaukee Public Library, is the fourth recipient of the Freedom to Read Foundation's Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship. The scholarship will provide for her expenses to attend the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Barbakoff will attend various FTRF and other intellectual freedom meetings and programs at the conference, consult with a mentor or board member and present a report about her experiences and thoughts....

Freedom to Read Foundation, June 7



### **EBSCO scholarships**

In cosponsorship with ALA, EBSCO has awarded seven librarians \$1,000 scholarships to attend the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. As part of the application process, EBSCO asked librarians to write an essay on the topic, "How will attending the ALA Annual Conference contribute to your professional development?" One librarian winner, Jonathan Chima Ogugua, is traveling from Nigeria to the United States for the first time....

Office of ALA Governance, June 7

### **LITA scholarships**

LITA has announced the annual scholarships it sponsors jointly with three organizations: Baker & Taylor, LSSI, and OCLC. These scholarships are for master's level study, with an emphasis on library technology, at an ALA-accredited library school program. The winners are Frederica Lush, Andrea L. Galbo, and Diamond Camille Sankey....

LITA, June 3

### **ALSC scholarships**

ALSC announced six scholarship winners for the 2011–2012 academic year. Four winners were awarded the Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship, made possible by Bound to Stay Bound Books: Nancy Graves, Danielle Gregori, Rachel Ortiz, and Robyn Woods. Two winners were awarded the Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship: Patricia Prodanich and Donna Hanley....

ALSC, June 2

### **Eleanor Frierson is Federal Librarian of the Year**

National Agricultural Library Deputy Director Eleanor Frierson has been named 2010 Federal Librarian of the Year by the Federal Library and Information Center

**Fair**, Progress Center Building, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul.

**June 24–25: Rose City Used Book Fair**, 5626 NE Alameda, Portland, Oregon.

**June 26–29: International Society for Technology in Education**, 2011 Conference, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia. "Unlocking Potential."

**July 21–23: Transborder Library Forum / Transfronterizo de Bibliotecas**, Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Austin. "Rethinking Library and Information Issues in Hard Times."

**July 31– Aug. 2 : Ohio Library Support Staff Institute**, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

**Aug. 3–5: Pacific Northwest Library Association**, Annual Conference, Spokane.

**Aug. 7–11: International Association of School Librarianship**, Annual Conference, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica. "School Libraries: Empowering the 21st Century Learner."

**Aug. 20:**

Committee of the Library of Congress for her leadership and direction of NAL and her service as cochair of the Science.gov Alliance. Frierson was honored along with [other award winners](#) at the 28th Annual FLICC Forum on Federal Information Policies on May 17 at the Library of Congress....

National Agricultural Library, May 17; Library of Congress, May 13

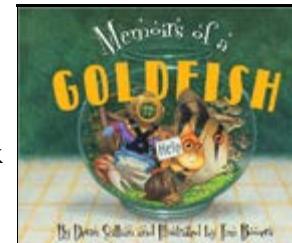


### [\*\*2011 Read Aloud Book Awards\*\*](#)

A picture book of a goldfish who shares a daily memoir and a fictionalized biography of girl who grew up to be a "real, live giant" are the winners of the seventh annual Read Aloud Book Awards, sponsored by the Curriculum Materials Center at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

*Memoirs of a Goldfish* (Sleeping Bear), by Devin Scillian and illustrated by Tim Bowers, won the Wanda Gág Book Award for the best read aloud picture book for younger children. *Stand Straight, Ella Kate* (Dial), written by Kate Klise and illustrated by M. Sarah Klise, won the Comstock Book Award for the best read aloud picture book for older children....

Minnesota State University Moorhead



### [\*\*First Anywhere But Here, Anywhen But Now prize\*\*](#)

Discworld author Terry Pratchett (center) has chosen a story of sex-crazed zombie cows and an Iain Banks-esque coming-of-age novel as joint winners of his inaugural

Anywhere But Here, Anywhen But Now prize. The £20,000 (\$32,660 U.S.) award for previously unpublished novelists was given for "stories set on Earth, although it may be an Earth that might have been, or might yet be, one that has gone down a different leg of the famous trousers of time." The winners were David Logan (right) for *Half Sick of Shadows* and Michael Logan for *Apocalypse Cow*; both will receive a contract from Pratchett's publisher, Transworld....

*The Guardian* (U.K.), June 2



### [\*\*2011 Angus Book Award\*\*](#)

Young adult author Keren David (right) has been named the winner of this year's [Angus Book Award](#) for her novel *When I was Joe* (Frances Lincoln, 2010). Voted for by more than 400 third-year pupils across the county, the award—a trophy of the Aberlemno serpent stone and £500 (\$818 U.S.)—was presented at a May 24 ceremony in Arbroath Academy in Angus, Scotland. The award is now in its 16th year, and was the U.K.'s first young adult book prize....

*Montrose (Angus) Review*, June 6



### [\*\*Chicago Antiquarian Book Fair\*\*](#)

Chicago Journeyman Plumbers Union Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago.

**Sept. 8–11:**  
[\*\*Association for Rural and Small Libraries\*\*](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco Hotel, Frisco, Texas.

**Sept. 14–17:**  
[\*\*American Association for State and Local History\*\*](#), Annual Meeting, Richmond Convention Center, Richmond, Virginia. "Commemoration: The Promise of Remembrance and New Beginnings."

**Sept. 15–18:**  
[\*\*Reforma\*\*](#), National Conference IV, Westin Denver Downtown, Denver, Colorado. "Elevating Latino Services to a Higher Level: Juntos in the Mile-High City."

**Sept. 21–24:**  
[\*\*North Dakota Library Association\*\*](#), Annual Conference, Minot.

**Sept. 24–27:**  
[\*\*Arkansas Library Association\*\*](#), Centennial Year Conference, Little Rock.

**Oct. 13–14:**  
[\*\*edUi 2011\*\*](#), Marriott Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. A conference for web professionals



## Seen Online

### [Supporters give hug to budget-pinched NYPL](#)

A group of supporters encircled the New York Public Library's 42nd Street branch in Manhattan arm-in-arm June 4 to show their love. Hug the Library was part of the [Save NYC Libraries](#) campaign organized by the advocacy group Urban Librarians Unite in response to nationwide cuts to public libraries. The continuous human chain symbolized a human shield to protect the library from the most significant decrease of open hours, materials, and staff in its 100-year history. Flavorwire encouraged the event with a [slideshow of historic photos](#) from the library's Digital Gallery....

CNN International, June 5; Save NYC Libraries, June 5; Flavorwire, June 4



### [California Assembly wants to make it hard to privatize libraries](#)

Despite strong opposition from Republicans, the California Assembly on June 3 passed a union-backed bill to make cities and counties blow through a series of roadblocks before they can privatize their libraries. Under Assembly Bill 438, library systems would have to prove that a switch away from the free public library system saves the city or county money, show that the cost savings are not simply a factor of lower pay for the private company's employees, and ensure that the public employees don't lose their jobs. The bill is now in the state Senate....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, June 3

### [Learning to read on zero dollars a day](#)

Anthony Doerr writes: "Meet Pat St. Tourangeau (right), a school librarian at Boise (Idaho) High. She has an indomitable look, as though this morning, while you slept, she might have baked a mean batch of cookies, towed someone out of a ditch, and repaired a snowmobile. I ask her how the library is doing. 'Our budget next year is going to be zero,' she says. 'Again.' I had foolishly assumed school libraries were something sacred. Picking on libraries is like picking on premature babies: What sort of person would actually *do it?*'..."

New York Times, June 4



### [School librarian loses job after filing harassment complaint](#)

The former librarian of the Galloway School, a private school in Friendswood, Texas, has filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, alleging that she was fired in retaliation after she complained about sexual harassment by a coworker. Lori Solt said the school did not renew her contract after she refused to sign a confidentiality agreement promising not to discuss the circumstances. The physical education teacher of the school allegedly sent Solt unwanted text messages over several months....

Friendswood (Tex.) Journal, June 7

### [Historic artifacts, displaced by teen center, in city police lockup](#)

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150-year-old artifacts from the historic pueblo Villa de Branciforte, previously on display at the Branciforte branch of the Santa Cruz (Calif.) Library, are being held in the city



police property lockup in lieu of a permanent home. The artifacts, which include a historical railroad spike, green marble, a Joaquin Castro Adobe book by Suzanne Paizis, and a 19th-century map of Branciforte, were requested to be removed by Library Director Teresa Landers to make room for a new Teen Center. The library board on June 6 declined to discuss readmitting the artifacts or any alternative....

*San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, June 6; Santa Cruz (Calif.) Patch, June 6*

### **Cuneiform-tablet readers: This dictionary's for you**

Scholars at the University of Chicago have worked since 1921 on a comprehensive guide to Akkadian, the ancient Semitic language in which some of the earliest days of human history were recorded on cuneiform tablets. All Akkadian dialects are included in the 21-volume, 28,000-word *Chicago Assyrian Dictionary*, the first volume of which was published in 1956. Organized more like an encyclopedia, the dictionary was created over the years by about 85 employees writing on millions of index cards in up to five large offices at the school's Oriental Institute....

*Chicago Sun-Times, June 4*



### **Clermont library rooms reopen to religious groups**

The 10 branches of the Clermont County (Ohio) Public Library will now allow religious groups to use meeting rooms, reversing a decision made three years ago by the board of trustees. A ban on using the rooms for anything other than library programs was instituted in June 2008, prompted by a lawsuit filed on behalf of a couple who intended to quote from the Bible if allowed to hold a free financial planning seminar at the Amelia branch. During a June 6 meeting at the Miami Township branch, the five library trustees present voted unanimously to suspend the ban....

*Cincinnati Enquirer, June 7*

### **Texas librarian spreads reading to Uganda**

Trudy Marshall is saying goodbye to public education after nearly 30 years of teaching in Central Texas. But resting is not in her retirement plan. Her eyes were opened when she started traveling to Africa nine years ago.



In 2005, she built the first library at a school in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. There were no plans to build another until she met Robert Johnson, an African pastor who invited Marshall to his village. Her [Libraries of Love](#) has now helped build 19 libraries that serve 25,000 children....

*KXAN-TV, Austin, Texas, June 6*

### **Flexible spending hurts low-achieving students**

A \$4.5-billion experiment intended to give California schools greater flexibility over state education dollars has resulted in cutbacks in some programs (including libraries) that target students who need the most

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academic help. A [study](#) by the RAND Corporation and Policy Analysis for California Education found districts tended to sweep revenues intended for specific programs into their general funds....

California Watch, May 27; RAND, May 26

## [\*\*Archivists helped game designers for \*L.A. Noire\*\*\*](#)

Earlier this week, videogame enthusiasts and fans of Los Angeles history cheered the release of Rockstar Games' [\*L.A. Noire\*](#), a police procedural game noted for its faithful reproduction of the city circa 1947. To recreate a city now hidden beneath 64 years of redevelopment projects, production designers contacted archives at the Huntington Library, UCLA's Department of Geography, the Los Angeles Public Library newspaper archives, the Pasadena Museum of History, and the USC Libraries' Special Collections Department....

KCET-TV, Los Angeles, May 19



## [\*\*Retired librarian tracked down relatives for police memorial\*\*](#)

Retired librarian Linda Abby Fein was the sponsor for a plaque honoring Philadelphia police officer Stella Donahue, the first female police officer to be killed in the line of duty in Pennsylvania on January 11, 1957. Fein conducted extensive online and library research and tracked down Donahue's daughter, living in Kentucky, so that she could attend the May 25 dedication....

Philadelphia *Northeast Times*, June 1

## [\*\*Woman stabs two people outside Hennepin branch\*\*](#)

Two people were stabbed in a seemingly random attack June 1 at the Hennepin County Library's Oxboro branch in Bloomington, Minnesota. Samira Abdalla Salim was arrested after stabbing a woman who was walking into the library and a security guard who heard the victim's cry for help. Salim, who lives next door to the library, had a reputation for handing out the Koran and talking religion outside the building. Police searched Salim's home and believe the [weapon](#) was a pen....

WCCO-TV, Minneapolis, June 2; KAAL-TV, Austin, Minn., June 3

## [\*\*French broadcasters banned from saying Facebook or Twitter\*\*](#)

How do you say Twitter and Facebook in French? You don't say them at all. France has banned the names of both social networking sites from being spoken on radio or television, unless they are part of a news story. The reason for the ban goes back to a 1992 decree that says mentioning such services by name is an act of advertising. Therefore, using the terms "Twitter" and "Facebook" constitutes preferential treatment....

*Huffington Post*, June 4



## [\*\*Oxford University nixes Half-Naked Half-Hour\*\*](#)

Undergraduates at Oxford University's Worcester College in the U.K. have been threatened with disciplinary action if they continue removing their tops in the college library on Wednesday afternoons. Some 40 male and female students became involved in the group action, which began in 2009. Librarians sent an email to the administration saying the practice was unacceptable and "a distraction

to other readers."...  
*Cherwell*, June 2

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## Tech Talk

### [YouTube unveils Creative Commons licensing option](#)

Dan Rowinski writes: "On June 2, YouTube announced Creative Commons [licensing options](#) for videos hosted on its site, making it much easier to use and share videos with legal attribution. Creative Commons on YouTube will allow users to splice clips or scenes from other videos through the [YouTube Video Editor](#). Copyright and Creative Commons can be a tricky area, as there are several different options. YouTube tries to make it easy by using only one—[CC by 3.0](#)—that permits users to share and adapt content for commercial use, provided that attribution is given to the original creator."...

ReadWriteWeb, June 2; YouTube Blog, June 2



### [Meet the iCloud](#)

Declaring that the personal computer was no longer the central hub of people's digital lives, Steven Jobs, Apple's chief executive, on June 6 unveiled the company's new online storage and syncing service for music, photos, files, and software. The new, free service, iCloud, will simplify how people manage content and apps across devices. It will automatically store on Apple's servers many of the new files that a person loads onto a Mac, iPad, or iPhone, and then make those files available on any other Apple devices owned by the same person....

New York Times, June 6



### [Six reasons why tablets are ready for the classroom](#)

Vineet Madan writes: "Colleges and universities must proceed carefully when considering whether to adopt a new technology on a large scale. However, [reports](#) from recent iPad pilot programs at schools across the country have been positive, and [some colleges](#) have even begun distributing tablets to all of their students. By looking at all that tablets offer in the context of student behavior and some of the recent trends in education, it's clear that tablets are ready for the classroom. Here's a look at the top reasons why."...

Mashable, May 16; The Unofficial Apple Weblog, Feb. 15; Seton Hill University



### [Three questions on the future of social media](#)

Soren Gordhamer writes: "The conversation about social media in our society is shifting significantly. After billions of tweets and 600 million people on Facebook, it's settled: People want to share online." The emerging conversation is: How can we filter the social media stream to get the essentials without getting distracted or consuming more than we can absorb?...

Mashable, June 2

### [Get inside a hard drive](#)

In this [video](#) (5:04), Bill Hammack the Engineer Guy tears down a hard drive to

show how it stores data. He explains how smooth the disk surface must be for the device to work, and he outlines the mathematical technique used to increase data storage. "To keep the head flying at the right height the platter is made incredibly smooth: Typically this platter is so smooth that it has a surface roughness of about one nanometer."...

EngineerGuy.com, June 4



## 11 gadgets to organize your workspace

Amber Singleton Riviere writes: "Although our work is steadily moving to the cloud, we still have a physical space to maintain and keep in order, whether that's in a traditional office, a home office, or from the road. Here are a few gadgets to help you keep your workspace organized, from cord organizers and phone chargers to note holders and to-do lists."...

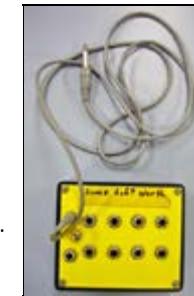
GigaOM, June 2



## Take the Island of Misfit Library Technology Quiz

Travis Jonker writes: "Usually I keep a strict children's lit focus in these pages, but you know the old saying, 'Write what you know about outdated technology.' My school libraries are doing a technology deep clean this summer and we're deciding what stays and what goes. Take this quiz to test your knowledge of some school library technology. How many can you name?"...

100 Scope Notes, June 7



## Nine ways to sort email

Dawn Foster writes: "I make extensive use of smart folders (in Apple Mail) and tags (in Gmail) to sort my email into logical groups that I can easily process all at once; it's an important part of my strategy for processing my inbox faster and dealing with email overload. The key is to use rules and filters that automatically sort my email without any additional intervention from me. Here are a few of the rules, filters, and groupings that I use to sort and process email more efficiently."...

GigaOM, June 3

## Choosing a mobile tag format

Steen Andersson writes: "There's been a war on for the last few years between a number of different Mobile Tagging technologies, with all of them wanting to become the leading standard. When clients ask about which tag format is best to use when driving customers to your mobile site, we talk them through four key factors. To help in selecting a particular tagging technology, we've put together a table (above) representing a weighted scorecard of the key technologies offered today."...

Finger Food, Dec. 10, 2010

Criteria	Mobile Tag Technology Scorecard		
	QR Codes	Microsoft Tag	JayTag & SnapTag
Example			
Consumer Recognition	★★★	★★★	★
Robust Scanning	★★★	★★★★	★★★
Branded Tags	Yes	Yes	Yes
Open & License Free Standard	Yes	No	No

## Three ways to create audio messages on your blog



Richard Byrne writes: "Adding an audio message to your classroom blog or website can be a good way to help deliver important messages to your students and their parents. An audio message, even if it's the same as a text announcement, increases the chances that a visitor to your blog will take notice of something important. It's not difficult to do. Here are three ways that you can add an audio message."...

Free Technology for Teachers, June 7

## Publishing

### Google Books Settlement talks extended

Google was back in court June 1, as New York Appeals Court Judge Denny Chin met with the internet giant and its class-action foes in the publishing world for a status hearing over a scheme that could shape the future of publishing. "We have been working closely with the authors and publishers to explore a number of options in response to the court's March decision," a Google spokesperson said in an emailed statement. "At today's status hearing, we asked the court for more time to discuss those options." The court granted a 60-day extension....

Christian Science Monitor, June 1

### June is Audiobook Month

Mary Burkey writes: "Step one: grab great [Get Caught Listening](#) promos: [sound clips](#) of favorite authors to incorporate into a radio Public Service Announcement, posters ([PDF file](#)) to highlight your library's audiobook downloads or physical collection, [YouTube videos](#) to add to your website—all highlighting the pleasures of listening to literature. Teachers can use the audiobook [fact sheet](#) in summer reading packets."...

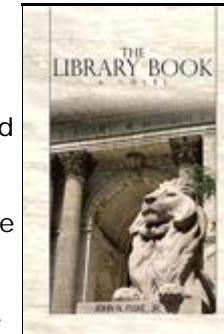
Booklist Online: Audiobooker, June 1



### A library book, or rather, a book about the library

John Fiske writes: "*The Library Book* (Black Spruce Media, 2006), a historical novel about the design and construction of the New York Public Library on 42nd Street, is my surprising reaction to an actual experience. I went scuba diving in abandoned marble quarries in Vermont and wondered where all the marble had gone. That's the truth. I did not manufacture this story for some literary reason. The story was right there. First I determined which notable marble building would be at the center of my story. Fairly quickly I decided to use the New York Public Library. The architects John Carrère and Thomas Hastings were the main characters."...

Huffington Post, June 1



### Break free of e-book "chains"

Stephen Shankland writes: "Free-software activist Richard Stallman can be a prickly character. But I find myself agreeing with some of his concerns about e-books. In a piece titled 'The Danger of E-books' ([PDF file](#)), Stallman bemoans the e-book's loss of freedoms that most of us take for granted with physical books and places the blame on corporate powers. I do resent the restrictions I suffer with e-books. I

understand why companies such as Barnes & Noble, Apple, and Amazon impose them, but that doesn't make me happy about it."...  
CNET News: Deep Tech, June 7

### **Five reasons why e-books aren't there yet**

John C. Abell writes: "There are no two ways about it: E-books are here to stay. And yet there are some aspects to print book culture that e-books can't replicate (at least not easily) yet. I am completely one with the idea that books are legacy items that may never go away, but have been forever marginalized as a niche medium. With that in mind, however, here are five things about e-books that might give you pause about saying good riddance to the printed page. Fix these problems, and there really will be no limits to the e-book's growth."...

Wired: Epicenter, June 3

### **National Academies Press offers free downloads**

The National Academies Press announced June 2 that it will make available for free download to the public full-text PDFs of its 4,000-title catalog. NAP is the publisher for the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council. "Our business model has evolved so that it is now financially viable to put this content out to the entire world for free," said NAP Executive Director Barbara Kline Pope....

National Academies Press, June 2

### **Online book is 10 millionth record added to WorldCat**

A record for an online book titled *Task-oriented and Purposeful Robot-Assisted Therapy* marked the [10 millionth record](#) added to WorldCat via the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway. The record was harvested into WorldCat by staff at InTech, an open access publisher located in Rijeka, Croatia. The book was written in 2007 by a group of eight researchers....

OCLC, June 7

## **Actions & Answers**

### **Outraged reactions to "Darkness Too Visible"**

Over the weekend the YA world was abuzz with reactions to an article by Meghan Cox Gurdon titled "[Darkness Too Visible](#)" in the June 4 *Wall Street Journal*, which said that teen literature was too violent and depraved. Such authors as [Cecil Castelucci](#), [Laurie Halse Anderson](#), and [Libba Bray](#) wrote impassioned responses. [Elizabeth Burns](#) and [Mary Elizabeth Williams](#) also had a lot to say. [This graph](#) pretty much sums it up. The night of June 4, author Maureen Johnson [suggested](#) the hashtag [#yasaves](#) for people to tweet the importance of YA lit, and within 20 minutes it became the third-highest trending topic on Twitter in the United States....

YALSA *The Hub*, June 6; *Wall Street Journal*, June 4; *Los Angeles Review of Books Blog*, June 5; Laurie Halse Anderson, June 5; *School Library Journal: A Chair, a Fireplace, and a Tea Cozy*, June 5; *Salon*, June 6; *School Library Journal*, June 7



### **How LC is building the Twitter archive**

Audrey Watters writes: "In April 2010, Twitter announced it was donating its entire archive of public tweets to the Library of Congress. Creating a Twitter archive is a major undertaking for LC, and the

process isn't as simple as merely cracking open a file for researchers to peruse. I spoke with Martha Anderson, the head of the library's National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program, and Leslie Johnston, the manager of NDIIP's Technical Architecture Initiatives, about the challenges and opportunities of archiving digital data of this kind."....

O'Reilly Radar, June 2

## [U.N. declares internet access a basic human right](#)

A United Nations report said June 3 that disconnecting people from the internet is a human rights violation and against international law. The report ([PDF file](#)), by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression, was issued the same day that the internet-monitoring firm Renesys detected that two thirds of Syria's internet access [had abruptly gone dark](#), in what may be a government response to civil unrest there.....

Wired: Threat Level, June 3



## [Get glogging!](#)

Mia Cabana writes: "Teens, teachers, librarians, lend me your ears. And your eyes and your monitors and keyboards, for that matter. If you're looking for a new web tool that has lots of potential for book reports and visual pathfinders, look no further than [Glogster](#), an online tool that helps you to create interactive online posters. You can embed videos, there is an eye-catching array of clip art, and the results look professional and impressive. Glogster is a hip online alternative to the good old Power Point presentation."....

YALSA *The Hub*, June 3



## [Google image inconsistencies](#)

Phil Bradley writes: "Google comes out with a great idea and then shoots itself in the foot with a total inability to apply any sort of consistency. Take the new search feature that in theory allows you to [find more images](#). The idea is great: If you are doing a search for pictures and you have chosen not to search using the image function, you might add in a term like 'images' or 'photographs.' Lo and behold, Google can recognize this, and it starts by showing you many pictures before you get to the web pages. Excellent idea, but...."

Phil Bradley's Weblog, June 6



## [Digital forensics](#)

Leslie Johnston writes: "Libraries, archives, and museums are acquiring increasing numbers of born-digital collections. I've been interested to see the increased use of digital forensics tools in the appraisal and processing and accessing of such collections. But there are challenges. Some of the software tools come from the realm of legal forensics. Some software introduces new technical concepts. Archives are looking at vintage media, which often requires vintage hardware and software, or specialized hardware."....

The Signal: Digital Preservation, June 7



## [There's a Congressional app for that](#)

Christine Sellers writes: "I recently got a new smartphone and have started exploring apps that can help me keep up with Congress and do my job. I've compiled a sampling of apps that offer information on Congress and lawmakers, as well as news about Congress. For example, Real Time Congress provides floor updates for the House and Senate, whip notices, hearings schedules for the House and Senate, documents (CBO cost estimates, GAO reports, White House policy statements), and news."....



In Custodia Legis: Law Librarians of Congress, June 7

## [British Library offers 19th-century books for iPad](#)

BiblioLabs and the British Library have released a British Library 19th-Century Historical Collection app for the iPad. Currently the app features more than 1,000 19th-century books, but it will provide access to more than 60,000 titles by later this summer when details on pricing will be announced. The books are all in the public domain and are part of the library's collection. Included are such titles as *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley and *The Adventures of Oliver Twist* (with illustrations) by Charles Dickens....



British Library, June 7

## [Changing reading practices in academia](#)

Barry W. Cull examines literature from a variety of disciplines on the technological, social, behavioral, and neuroscientific impacts that the internet is having on the practice of reading. A particular focus is given to the reading behavior of emerging university students, especially within Canada and the United States. A brief overview is provided of the recent transformation of academic libraries into providers of online digital text in addition to printed books and other materials....

First Monday 16, no. 6 (June 6)

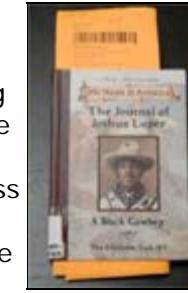
## [OCLC and open data licensing](#)

Jim Michalko writes: "In a recent presentation ([PDF file](#)) to OCLC Global Council, OCLC provided some preliminary thoughts on open data licensing of member library catalog data. A number of OCLC members and groups have contacted OCLC staff in recent months asking for OCLC's views on open data licensing of WorldCat metadata. These tend not to be casual inquiries; many libraries around the world have substantial amounts of metadata derived from WorldCat in their local or group catalogs."....

Open Knowledge Foundation Blog, June 6

## [The Internet Archive's new physical collection](#)

Brewster Kahle writes: "The Internet Archive is building a physical archive for the long-term preservation of one copy of every book, record, and movie we are able to attract or acquire. Because we expect day-to-day access to these materials to occur through digital means, our physical archive will only have occasional retrievals. The opportunity to preserve more than 10 million items is possible, so we have designed a system that will expand to this



level."...

Internet Archive Blogs, June 6

## What's on Julia Child's bookshelf?

Renowned French chef Julia Child donated her home kitchen and its entire contents to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. Christine Klepper writes: "One of my first impressions after I started working in the kitchen was how Julia's bookshelf was a great example of balance. It featured copies of her own publications, books belonging to her husband Paul, and general interest readings unrelated to cooking. My assignment in the kitchen was to complete condition reports on all 27 books on the kitchen bookshelf."...



O Say Can You See?, June 3

## Academic library advocacy talking points

Brian Mathews writes: "It seems I've been defending the concept of the academic library lately. Different people respond to different attributes, so I've developed this framework to help express the narrative. I call it N3P3. This framework doesn't cover every topic or every circumstance, but in a pinch it helps get the conversation going. I typically watch for areas of interest and then focus in on those themes."...

The Ubiquitous Librarian, June 5

## Why you should follow the Georgia State fair-use case

Nancy Sims writes: "Trial is currently underway in a copyright suit against Georgia State University brought by a number of academic publishers. Whoever loses will almost certainly appeal, so the case hasn't attracted much attention outside of academe. But it has the potential to set some far-reaching precedents. The publisher-plaintiffs are suing over the way course readings are shared with students; they object both to readings posted on course websites and readings shared via e-reserves through university libraries, and argue that GSU should be responsible for individual instructors' decisions on fair use." The *Chronicle of Higher Education* [offers](#) additional perspectives....

Copyright Librarian, June 6; *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 30



## Engaging programming with READ posters

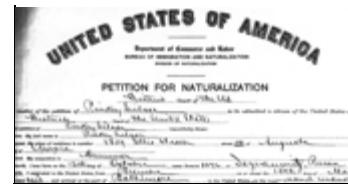
Kris Lill writes: "Late last year, the Allen County (Ind.) Public Library purchased ALA's [READ Poster Design Studio](#). We've come up with a fun way to use it. First, we designed READ posters featuring children's services staff, each with a favorite book. Second, we came up with riddles that went along with each title. Next, we displayed the posters around the Children's Services Department, then had a drawing for each of four age groups to get their photo taken for a poster."...

ALSC Blog, June 4



## Finding information on U.S. immigrants

Philip Trauring writes: "For many people researching family history in the United States, the research process seems to end



at the coast. Finding information on where your ancestor came from before getting off a ship in New York or elsewhere in the U.S. can be a daunting task. I'm going to review several different types of information you can find on immigrants, and show how you can use that information to get to the next piece of information. These resources include passenger manifests, census records, naturalization papers, military draft cards, and historical newspapers."...

Blood and Frogs, May 31

### Three ways nonprofits can pioneer m-advocacy

Heather Mansfield writes: "The time is ripe for early adopters in the nonprofit sector to embrace m-advocacy, also known as mobile advocacy. Odds are that in 2012, pitches to subscribe or join Mobile Action Networks will be common in Facebook status updates, tweets, blogs, homepages, and e-newsletters. As social media taught us, nonprofits who embrace emerging trends tend to experience the highest success rate. This list focuses on mobile-optimized petitions, but calls to action can also be tap-to-call elected officials, text-to-give pitches, donation reminders, and/or volunteer requests."...

Nonprofit Tech 2.0, June 7



### Reinventing Vancouver's libraries through outreach

An outreach program spearheaded by the Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library is taking root across Canada. "We have people in our community who haven't used the library in years because they can't afford to pay off their \$8 fine," said City Librarian Sandra Singh. "In the greater scheme of things, we'd rather they just used the library." Motivated to increase inclusiveness, VPL took the lead in 2004 on the [Working Together Project](#), sending librarians into disaffected communities to find out why they didn't take advantage of free library services....

Vancouver (B.C.) OpenFile, June 3



### Canadian school librarians under siege

In recent weeks, there has been extensive media coverage on the declining number of teacher-librarians in Canada. It began with the elimination of library staff and serious cuts to library services by the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board in Ontario. The Canadian Library Association has been monitoring these developments and is concerned about the status of teacher-librarians across the country....

Canadian Library Association, June 7

### Marshall Breeding on This Week in Libraries

Can library automation systems save libraries? Did you see the last Oprah show? Are we all moving into the Cloud? Those were some of the topics May 27



when Marshall Breeding, director for innovative technologies and research for the Vanderbilt University Libraries in Nashville, appeared on *This Week in Libraries* (37:31), the internet show hosted by Dutch librarians Erik Boekesteijn and Jaap van de Geer....

*This Week in Libraries*, May 27; Vimeo, June 2

### [How green is your library?](#)

Michael Lieberman writes: "No matter what steps your library is taking to become greener it will be hard to beat the Grove Library Project in Western Australia. The entire project, designed by architects Cox Howlett + Bailey Woodland, utilized environmentally sustainable design 'from soup to nuts.'" With dwindling natural resources and the future of public libraries hanging in the balance, ecologically sustainable development projects such as [the Grove](#), which extend the traditional brief of libraries by making the very building itself a living, evolving book as well as a depository of knowledge, are now essential. Take a [virtual tour](#) (6:51)....



Book Patrol, June 1; *The West Australian* (Perth), May 31; YouTube, Apr. 2

### [New York City's Conjuring Arts Research Center](#)

Nestled in a hidden location in midtown Manhattan, the [Conjuring Arts Research Center](#) is ground zero for illusionists and historians alike. The center provides a range of services, publishes scholarly journals, and teaches hospital-bound kids magic through its Hocus Pocus program. The collection is noted for its emphasis on early conjuring books, including more than 1,000 volumes printed before the year 1900. It also maintains an extensive collection of manuscripts of magic methods, some dating back to the 15th century. Watch the [video](#) (3:47)....



Vimeo: Cool Hunting, June 3; Conjuring Arts Research Center

### [Use Hollywood Career-o-Matic to follow actors, directors](#)

Christopher Beam and Jeremy Singer-Vine write: "A visitor to the [Rotten Tomatoes site](#) can check out the data for individual Hollywood careers, but there's no easy way for users to measure industrywide trends or to compare different actors and directors side-by-side. To that end, Rotten Tomatoes kindly let *Slate* analyze the scores in its enormous database and create an interactive tool so our readers might do the same. Use the Hollywood Career-o-Matic tool to map the career of any major actor or director from the last 26 years."...

*Slate*, June 6



### [Comic books: Superheroes of special collections](#) (PDF file)

Jason Nargis and Benn Joseph write: "The comic book collection at Northwestern University's Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections has a unique status as the only archive initiated by a donation from an undergraduate. When religion major Juan Cole offered his 1,100 comic books to Special Collections Curator Russell Maylone in 1972, he could not have known what a snowball effect his gift would have. Within a year, four other donors had come forward." ...

*Illinois Library Association Reporter* 29, no. 3 (June): 8–12



### I'm tired of LOL

Will Manley writes: "I'm tired of LOL, LMAO, WTF. It's time for some new internet lingo. Here are some nominees. RUOOYFM: Are you out of your freaking mind? HSDUTIM: How stupid do you think I am? VVV: Vini, vidi, vici. ICRS: I can't remember shit." ...

Will Unwound, June 3

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## American Libraries Online

### Kudos from the Crescent City

As ALA staff members pack for Annual Conference in New Orleans, the second since Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast six years ago, what should arrive but an email thank-you note from a Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, librarian regarding ALA's 2006 Annual Conference there. Marylyn Haddican writes: "On behalf of the residents of the New Orleans Metropolitan area, I want to thank you again for coming to New Orleans for the conference in 2006."...

AL: Inside Scoop, June 14



### Electronic Book & Journal Collections in the Humanities & Social Sciences



### Do Charlotte's reprieves herald more good news?

Officials in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.) Schools and the Mecklenburg County Commission have loosened their purse strings just enough to enable school libraries to remain staffed for the next academic year and the long-embattled Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to expand service hours at its six regional libraries from 37 to 54 per week. The day after Mecklenburg County commissioners added \$26 million to the school district's FY2011–2012 budget, the school board rescinded 570 of the 739 layoff notices sent out last month, including notices to several dozen media specialists....

American Libraries news, June 15

### Internet Librarian: As they like it

Joseph Janes writes: "One of the best parts of my job, especially this time of year, is marveling at great achievements: how splendid it was to witness an old friend and erstwhile student, Eric Meyers, defend his dissertation last month. Eric found that while middle-school students liked working in groups, it often impeded rather than enhanced their performance on information problem-solving tasks. A minor note in his work caught my eye. In many cases, it seemed students were relying on the search results page, rather than clicking through to a website to find answers or information."...

American Libraries column, May/June

### Among the Best Master's LIS Programs Online



## **Dispatches from the Field: WordPress as a library CMS**

Kyle M. L. Jones and Polly-Alida Farrington write: "Engaging with library users on the web is no longer restricted to simply putting a static HTML file on a server and calling it a successful website. Yet without technical assistance and forethought, content management can be an actively complex and frustrating process. A content management system like [WordPress](#) lets you manage your website more efficiently by separating the tasks of design and maintenance from the job of adding content." ...

*American Libraries* column, May/June



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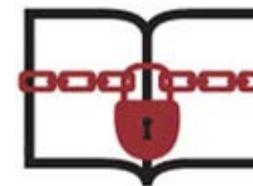
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## **What do most Americans have in common with ALA?**

ALA has long been at the forefront of efforts to defend the freedom to read and to resist censorship attempts. Results of a March Harris poll [indicate](#) that most Americans share those sentiments. A majority (56%) of 2,379 adult respondents surveyed think no books should be banned completely, while just 18% say there are books that should be; 26% are not sure. The older and less-educated people are, the more likely they were to say that there are some books that should be banned completely....

*AL: Censorship Watch*, June 13



## **ACLU warns Gwinnett County schools**

The Gwinnett County (Ga.) Schools have been blocking students' access to websites supportive of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities, and the American Civil Liberties Union (unsurprisingly) wants them to stop.

Graduating senior Nowmee Shehab (right), who headed the Gay-Straight Alliance at Brookwood High School, discovered the filtering when she was unable to access the group's own website. Shehab said it was crucial for students to be able to reach the sites at school....

*AL: Censorship Watch*, June 15; WSB-TV, Atlanta, June 6



## **Fresh veggies @ your library**

Greg Landgraf writes: "The Fairfield Woods branch of the Fairfield (Conn.) Public Library hosted a community-supported agriculture (CSA) pickup June 6, the first in a weekly series at the library. In a [CSA](#), members buy shares of a farmer's produce and receive weekly shipments of whatever was harvested that week, rather than purchasing specific quantities and types of food. In many CSAs, customers must pick up their shares at the farm. The library laid the groundwork to become a pickup site last fall, beginning with an email blast to its mailing list to gauge interest."...

*AL: Green Your Library*, June 9





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## ALA News

### House, Senate get letters of support for library programs

As the Senate and House Appropriations Committees work on the FY 2012 budget, a few letters have been sent to the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittees. Two letters were sent to Chairman Denny Rehberg (R-Mont.) and Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) in the House. One letter ([PDF file](#)) asked for increased support in funding for the Library Services and Technology Act, and the other letter ([PDF file](#)) asked for increased support in funding for Improving Literacy Through School Libraries....

District Dispatch, June 14

### War, secrecy, and info mesh at Daniel Ellsberg events

Two programs at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans highlight an important moment in U.S. history, the 1971 leaking of the secret Pentagon Papers by Daniel Ellsberg (right). A screening of *The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers* will take place June 25, followed by a discussion of the film with Ellsberg. On June 26 as part of the Auditorium Speaker series, Ellsberg will talk about his experiences, his thoughts on secrecy and government information, and his current efforts....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, June 14



### Frontline Fundraising Town hall program

Learn to raise private funds using the power of the internet and build lasting relationships with donors at the Frontline Fundraising Town Hall program on Monday, June 27, in the River Room at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans. Using ALA President Roberta Stevens's [Frontline Fundraising Toolkit](#) (right), the program will walk attendees through the stages of donor relationships....

ALA Development Office, June 14



### Advocacy programs at Annual

As you plan your schedule for the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, be aware of these important advocacy programs. Space is still available for the June 24 Advocacy Institute workshop, "Boomers, Staff, and Students: Engaging the Many Voices of Advocacy," cosponsored by the Louisiana Library Association and the Mississippi Library Association....

Office for Library Advocacy

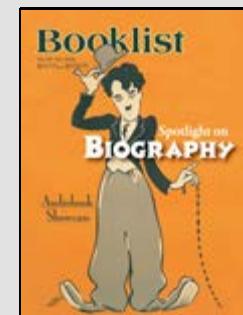
### In the exhibits at #ala11

With more than 1,500 booths featuring products and services, exhibitors are eager



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to discuss how they can help you make your library even better. From virtual libraries to mobile book-stacking systems to premium-quality library furniture, the ALA Exhibit Hall offers one-stop shopping for all of your library's needs. Join us to explore the latest innovations available to your library....  
ALA Membership Blog, June 10



## **Booth furniture to be given to New Orleans college library**

Information-services provider Unlimited Priorities Corporation has announced that it will donate the furniture from its exhibit booth at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference to the Library Resource Center of Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. The furnishings were purchased locally at Furniture Mart and include a black pleather sofa, two black pleather armchairs, a coffee table, and two end tables....  
Unlimited Priorities Corporation, June 13

## **The impact of e-books on library services**

The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy will present a program addressing the increasing significance of e-books and their impact on libraries during ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Titled "The Future is Now! E-books and Their Increasing Impact on Library Services," the program will be held on June 25. Speakers will address the current e-book landscape, e-book devices, technical support, and the relationships between publishers and libraries....  
Office for Information Technology Policy, June 10

## **Washington Office / NTIA roundtable on digital literacy**

The ALA Washington Office and the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration will hold a roundtable discussion about [DigitalLiteracy.gov](#) on June 25 during ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. DigitalLiteracy.gov is a new online portal that brings together online learning tools, curriculum, and job skills training. The discussion will focus on how libraries can use and add content to the portal....  
Washington Office, June 9

## **The milestones of literacy**

The ALA Committee on Literacy will host a panel of experts from across the Association to discuss the integral role of libraries in lifelong literacy development at "A Lifetime of Literacy in Libraries: Marking the Milestones from Infancy to Maturity," June 27, at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Presentations will showcase local projects and offer suggestions for implementation....  
Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 10

## **Workshops and seminars at the JobLIST Placement Center**

The JobLIST Placement Center will be located in Hall J of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center at ALA Annual Conference. All services and sessions are free. Registration for workshops held in the Placement Center is not required. Visit the [JobLIST website](#) to share your résumé with recruiters....  
ALA Membership Blog, June 14



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## **Great Libraries of the World**



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## [Survival tips for #ala11](#)

Bobbi L. Newman writes: "I've made some updates to the conference tips I shared last year before ALA Annual Conference. Hopefully, there is a little something here for everyone. I've added a short packing list of things I can't live without and a reading list with suggestions on networking and tips for introverts."....

Librarian by Day, June 10

## [ALA Annual Virtual Conference 2011](#)

Take a look at the ALA Annual Virtual Conference schedule for July 13–14—two full days of interactive online professional development and presentations that are perfect for those who can't make it to Annual Conference as well as those who are ready for more.

Highlights include daily keynote speakers (danah boyd and David Lankes), one-hour interactive sessions, and Author Talks moderated by *Booklist* editors. To register, sign into the Annual Conference [registration site](#) and choose one of the last two options for virtual conference....

ALA Conference Services

## [Helping Alabama](#)

In the aftermath of the historic storms of April 27, the Alabama Library Association has established a special account to serve as a collection point for those wanting to help the numerous libraries and communities affected by the storms. These funds will be distributed by the chapter's Executive Council with input from the Alabama Public Library Service, Alabama School Library Association, and the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries. To send assistance, contact [Dena Luce](#), association administrator....

Chapter Relations Office



## [Roberta Stevens at UNC Greensboro](#)

On May 6, ALA President Roberta Stevens delivered the commencement address at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Graduate School of Education. She offered the graduates some "fundamental concepts that I wish I had known from the start of my career." You can find a transcript of her remarks on the [UNC website](#)....

ALA Student Membership Blog, June 10; University of North Carolina at Greensboro, May 9

## [Groton livestreams @ your library](#)

A monthly library talk show born out of the Campaign for America's Libraries in 2002 has graduated from a local access cable channel to Livestream. Airing more than 100 episodes, the *@ your library* show hosted by Barbara Clark-Greene (right) has gone from receiving less than 1,000 viewers in April to more than 5,000 from across the country after the move to [Livestream](#) in May....

Public Information Office, June 14

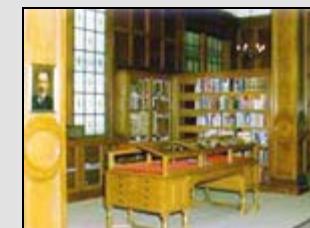


## [65 libraries awarded Civil War program grants](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities have announced that [65 public, academic, and community college libraries](#) will receive "Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War" reading and discussion program grants. The

## [Quebec Library,](#)

Quebec City, Canada. Canada's oldest historical society was founded in 1824 with the objective of preserving the colony's historical records. It has been in its present location since 1868. In the 20th century, the society evolved into a private community library. In 2000, it established the Morrin Centre, dedicated to preserving the English-language heritage of the city.



## [Osler Library of the History of Medicine,](#)

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. One of the most important scholarly resources on the history of medicine in North America, the Osler opened in 1929 to house the collection of rare medical books donated by physician and McGill graduate [William Osler](#). The library also has a large number of incunabula, an outstanding collection of editions of the works of the 17th-century British medical scholar Thomas Browne, and a collection of 19th-century French medical theses.

### **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

program follows the popular "Let's Talk About It" model, which engages participants in discussion of a set of common texts selected by a nationally known scholar for their relevance to a larger, overarching theme. As part of the grant, the libraries will receive \$3,000 to support program-related expenses....

Public Programs Office, June 14

### **Discover Earth through a new traveling exhibit**

A new traveling exhibition, "Discover Earth: A Century of Change," will tour from January 2012 to December 2013 hosted by 10 public libraries for eight weeks apiece. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the interactive exhibit focuses on local earth science topics such as weather, water cycle, and ecosystem changes. Host libraries will receive a \$1,000 grant for related programming. [Apply](#) by September 2....

Public Programs Office, June 14

### **Guadalajara Book Fair free pass**

ALA and the [Guadalajara International Book Fair](#) are partnering for the ninth year to provide support for ALA members to attend the 24th book fair from November 26 to December 4. Free passes will be awarded to 150 librarians who work in the area of Spanish-language acquisitions. The deadline for [applications](#) is August 15. The Guadalajara Book Fair is offering an additional \$100 to the first 100 applicants who submit their airfare confirmation. This year's invited country is Germany....

International Relations Office



### **Spanish International Book Fair Free Passport**

ALA, America Reads Spanish, and the Feria Internacional del Libro are partnering this year to provide support for American librarians to attend the 29th [Spanish International Book Fair](#) (Liber) in Madrid, October 5–7. The deadline for [applications](#) for a Free Passport is June 30. Passports will be awarded to up to 60 American librarians (members of ALA or one of ALA's affiliates) who work in the area of Spanish-language acquisitions....

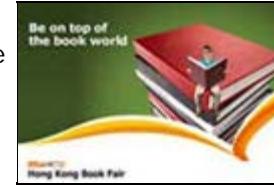
International Relations Office, June 14



### **Hong Kong Book Fair free pass**

The [Hong Kong Book Fair](#) is again offering a Free Pass Program for Librarians for its 22nd Annual Fair, which will be held in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, July 20–26. The Fair will provide ALA members from the United States and Canada who collect Chinese-language materials four nights of hotel accommodation and free book fair registration. The application deadline ([PDF file](#)) is June 17....

International Relations Office



### **Workshop on innovative mobile services**

In a new, two-session ALA TechSource Workshop, library technology expert and innovator Meredith Farkas will teach you about exciting trends in mobile technologies that can allow libraries to market and highlight their collections, provide reference assistance and instruction and simply make their collections and services more accessible to patrons wherever they are. Registration for this ALA TechSource

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 later this year by ALA Editions.



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### **Career Leads from**



#### **Associate Director for System-wide Services**

Johnson County Library, Overland Park, Kansas. This position will manage and develop the vision for library services to early literacy, incarcerated, Latino, and senior populations. Incumbent is responsible for the day-to-day operations of six branch libraries including personnel decisions, staff evaluation, responding to patrons' inquiries, development and implementation of plans for effective and efficient public services. This position assists with library planning, manages external relationships specific to underserved

Workshop is available at the [ALA Store](#). The sessions will be held July 21 and 28....

ALA TechSource, June 14

### **New session of YA Readers' Advisory eCourse**

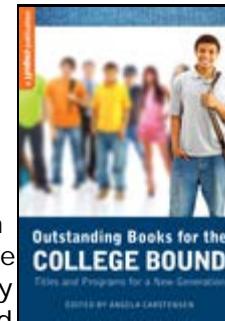
By popular demand, ALA Editions is offering a new session of its facilitated eCourse on Young Adult Readers' Advisory Services. Jessica Moyer, an experienced online instructor and a doctoral candidate researching teen reading habits, will serve as the instructor for a facilitated eCourse starting on July 5. Registration can be purchased at the [ALA Store](#)....

ALA Editions, June 14

### **Oustanding books for the college bound**

Connecting teens to books they'll truly enjoy is the aim of every young adult librarian, and the completely revamped guide [\*Outstanding Books for the College Bound: Titles and Programs for a New Generation\*](#), published by ALA Editions, will give teen services staff members the leg up they need to make it happen. Edited by Angela Carstensen, it lists nearly 200 books deemed outstanding for the college bound by YALSA. This book can help librarians assist young adults grow into the kind of independent readers and thinkers who will flourish at college....

ALA Editions, June 13



### **A whole new year's worth of teen programming**

In [\*A Year of Programs for Teens 2\*](#), published by ALA Editions, YA experts Amy J. Alessio and Kimberly A. Patton build on the successful formula they established in 2006. The 2011 sequel offers several new themed book lists and read-alikes as well as appendices with reproducible handouts for the various programs. The book contains more than 30 programs organized around a calendar year, including several focusing on technology, and many other ideas that can be adapted year-round....

ALA Editions, June 14



populations, and represents the library in the community....



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### **Digital Library of the Week**



#### **The Lowcountry Digital Library**

digitizes and makes accessible unique resources pertaining to the South Carolina coastal region. Contributing partners include the College of Charleston, the Medical University of South Carolina, the Citadel, and the Charleston County Public Library. Part of the South Carolina Digital Library, the LDL incorporates collections of photographs, postcards, artwork, manuscripts, railroad records, artifacts, scrapbooks, slave passes, family histories, and oral histories.

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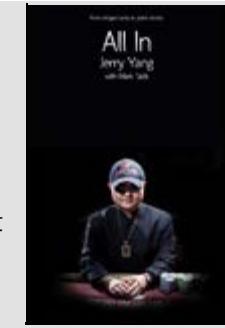
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# **Booklist ONLINE**

### **Featured review: Sports and recreation**

Yang, Jerry, and Mark Tabb. *All In*. July 2011.  
238p. Medallion, hardcover (978-1-6054-2188-9).

Sure, there are plenty of up-by-my-own-bootstraps, poker-playing autobiographies out there, but few possess the kind of personal drama this one does. Yang was a Laotian immigrant with a wife and six children struggling to get by in their modest Southern California home when, one 2005 evening, in atypical fashion, he and his wife plopped on the couch, remote in hand. While flipping around to find something for "mommy" to watch, Yang happened upon the World Series of Poker (WSOP) and was hooked. Having never played a hand of cards in his life—not Solitaire or even Go Fish—Yang found something transfixing about Texas Hold 'Em: namely, the particular attitude needed to be successful regardless of the cards dealt. With a \$25 buy-in, Yang participated in the 2007 WSOP and, against all odds, won \$8.2 million....



### [Featured review: Top 10 biographies](#)

Brad Hooper writes: "Since our previous Spotlight on Biography, the past 12 months have shown us that to ever think that the art of biography is slipping or sliding, even temporarily, is ridiculous. Read the following examples of the best of the past year, and see what we mean."...



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

## New Orleans Update

### [New Orleans: Always for Pleasure](#)

This [trailer](#) (2:39) for Les Blank's 1978 documentary about New Orleans, *Always for Pleasure*, will get you in the mood for a trip to the Crescent City, with its river traffic, street dancing, distinctive architecture, and regional food. "New Orleans has a gut-level mythic quality, a resonance unique among American cities. *Always For Pleasure* amplifies that resonance."—David Armstrong, *Berkeley Barb*....

YouTube, Mar. 17, 2007



### [A glossary of Yatspeak](#)

"Where yat?" The people of New Orleans have their own language. Its tone, lilt, and slang are indigenous to this city and reflect its ethnic history and tradition. New Orleans is part of the Deep South, but you won't find much of a stereotypical southern drawl; in fact, there are several distinctive



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

**"Today was a very sad day at Brennan Catholic High School [in Windsor, Ontario.] . . . As I walked down the hallway at lunch I noticed something new, something very disappointing. The school board had closed our library. They didn't even have the courtesy to wait until the end of the school year. As I stood there watching our librarian cry while embracing her students and colleagues who were also in tears, I began to ponder a few things. Where will I do my research now? . . . Now I hear all this talk about making the libraries into Wi-Fi computer hubs and I wonder if they ever stopped to take students like me into**

dialects. One of the most surprising is a Brooklynese style heard in the 9th Ward, Irish Channel, and Chalmette. This list has some common expressions and another offers some culinary terms. Watch the [video](#) (2:24) for more vernacular.... Experience New Orleans; NewOrleansRestaurants.com; YouTube, Feb. 22, 2008

## [2011 Times-Picayune readers' choice guide](#)

Just in time for Annual Conference, readers of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* have weighed in on what their favorite local things are in 101 categories. Yes, it's an advertising supplement and its 23 pages are in page-turner format—but where else will you find that the best place to exercise is in Audubon Park, or that Amanda Shaw is the favorite Cajun/Zydeco artist, or that the best happy hour is at the 12 Bar on Fulton Street?...

*New Orleans Times-Picayune*, June 3



## [Crescent City Farmers Market](#)

The city's farmers markets (other than the French Market) are held in different neighborhoods on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The location closest to the convention center is held Saturdays, 8 a.m.–noon, in the Warehouse District at 700 Magazine Street. It offers locally grown produce, fresh fruit, seafood, baked goods, cooking demonstrations, and entertainment....

Crescent City Farmers Market



## [Poppy Tooker's "Louisiana Eats!"](#)

"Louisiana Eats!" is a weekly program about food on WWNO 89.9 FM, hosted by New Orleans food activist Poppy Tooker. It's a radio show for people who cook and people who love to eat well—all with a Louisiana point of view and Tooker's distinctive Louisiana voice. Catch up on previous broadcasts online, or listen to the show live on Wednesday at 6:30–7 p.m. (repeated Saturday, 12–12:30 p.m.).... WWNO-FM, New Orleans



## [The Historic New Orleans Collection](#)

The Historic New Orleans Collection at 533 Royal Street is a museum and research center dedicated to the study and preservation of the history and culture of New Orleans and the Gulf South region. During Annual Conference, the museum will have an exhibit on "The Threads of Memory: Spain and the United States." Use the free [HNOC iPhone/iPad app](#) to find more than 350 historic photos based on your location, view each photo's record in the HNOC online catalog, and use the augmented reality Guide Me! function to find the site of each photo....

Historic New Orleans Collection



## [Jewelry as a diplomatic tool](#)

A traveling exhibition of pins from the personal collection of former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is on exhibit at the [New Orleans Museum of Art](#) in City Park. "Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection" features more than

consideration. You see, when I suffered cardiac arrest, the doctors put a defibrillator / pacemaker in my chest to keep me alive and I am not allowed to be in areas with high levels of Wi-Fi. So I wonder, what will I do now?"

—Brennan Catholic High School student Brandon Koskitalo, in a letter to the editor, "[Wondering What To Do with No Library](#)," Windsor (Ont.) Star, June 8.

"Congratulations on the new library, because it isn't just a library. It is a space ship that will take you to the farthest reaches of the Universe, a time machine that will take you to the far past and the far future, a teacher that knows more than any human being, a friend that will amuse you and console you—and most of all, a gateway, to a better and happier and more useful life."

—Science-fiction author Isaac Asimov, in a March 16, 1971, [letter](#) to the Troy (Mich.) Public Library congratulating the children of Troy on their newly opened facility.

"And it is a well known fact that books devour space. You can't reverse this law. However much space you give them, it's never enough. First they occupy the walls. They continue to spread wherever they can gain a



200 pins, many of which Secretary Albright wore to communicate a message during her diplomatic tenure. The exhibition examines the collection for its historic significance as well as the expressive power of jewelry....

New Orleans Museum of Art

### Bin space and airline boarding

Brett Snyder writes: "For those in coach, there's really only one reason to get on board quickly. It's all about bin space. Even though many airlines have installed larger overhead bins that can accommodate a standard roller bag straight-in, it's still not enough room. The sooner you get on board, the better chance you have of finding bin space near your seat. Checked bag fees have exacerbated the situation. Much of the discussion lately around boarding has been about the much-loved preboarding process."...

CNN, June 6



### Last-minute travel gadgets

The Daily Grommet offers some suggestions for travel items that you might not think of when you are planning a trip. Some of this gear could come in handy for any summer trip: feather-weight carry-on luggage, an in-flight organizer, a self-inflating wine hug, interchangeable jewelry kits, squeezable travel tubes, and a Balanzza luggage scale (above) that lets you easily check the weight of your bags so you can avoid the "special handling charges" for oversized items....

Daily Grommet



### Don't leave town without internet security

Terry Gardner writes: "Today I'm going to save you both time and money by telling you what happens when your Facebook and Gmail accounts get hacked and how to avoid that fate, which is especially important for travelers. Until this happened to me, I thought strong passwords were for other people. Now a hacker knows where I went to school, where I bank, and the names of my cats. Using free Wi-Fi hotspots while traveling and having weak passwords may have made me more vulnerable."...

Los Angeles Times, June 5

## Division News

### LITA and Top Tech Trends on YouTube

LITA is piloting a new YouTube presence. Its Top Technology Trends Committee is working on a pilot project to share short, informal videos from past and present Top Technology Trends panelists. These videos will serve as current sound bytes on trends of interest to the library community. Jason Griffey has produced the first [video](#) (5:10), available on [LITA](#)



**foothold. Only ceilings are spared the invasion. New books keep arriving, and you can't bear to get rid of a single one. And so, slowly and imperceptibly, the volumes crowd out everything before them. Like glaciers."**

—Serbian writer Zoran Živković, from the story "Home Library," in his mosaic novel *The Library* (*Biblioteka*), 2002.

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LITA Blog, June 10

### Mystery and horror @ your library

ALTAFF will host "Mystery and Horror @ your library" on June 26 at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, with mystery and horror writers discussing their books and writing life. Featured authors include S. J. Watson (right), Cammie McGovern, Erica Spindler, Bill Loehfelm, and C. S. Harris. The program will be moderated by Barbara Hoffert, editor of Prepub Alert for *Library Journal*. An author book signing will follow....

ALTAFF, June 14



### Laugh along with ALTAFF

ALTAFF will host "The Laugh's On Us!" featuring comedian, writer, and its divisional national spokesperson Paula Poundstone on June 26 at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. In addition to Poundstone, the event will feature Andy Borowitz (right) as well as authors Jill Kargman and Leila Sales. Borowitz is a writer and a comedian whose work appears in the *New Yorker* and at his satirical website, [BorowitzReport.com](#). ALTAFF welcomes Playaway as the sponsor of the event....

ALTAFF, June 14



### Frances Parkinson Keyes Literary Landmark

ALTAFF and the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library will dedicate the Beauregard-Keyes House, 111 Chartres St., New Orleans, as a Literary Landmark in honor of Frances Parkinson Keyes at 9 a.m. Central time on June 27. Author Frances Parkinson Keyes made the house at 1113 Chartres St. her winter residence from 1945 until her death in 1970 at the age of 85....

ALTAFF, June 14



### LLAMA President's Program

Tim Duggan, a landscape architect currently developing the Sustainable Landscapes program for the Make it Right Foundation in New Orleans, will present "Community Beyond Housing" at the 2011 LLAMA President's Program during ALA Annual Conference. The program will be held the morning of June 25. For the last three years, Duggan has designed affordable landscapes for LEED Platinum-certified homes....

LLAMA, June 13



### Strategic PR partnerships

Three experts will share their views for effective partnerships between libraries and journalists that create opportunities for local news and civic engagement. LLAMA's "Competing in the Information Marketplace II: Strategic PR partnerships—Journalists and Libraries," featuring journalists Bill Densmore and Mike Fancher and former ALA President Nancy Kranich, will be held June 25 at ALA Annual Conference in New

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### **Calendar**

**June 23–28:**  
[American Library Association](#), Annual Conference, New Orleans.

Orleans....  
LLAMA, June 10

## [\*\*Registration still open for PLA preconferences\*\*](#)

On Friday, June 24, at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference, PLA will present [three unique preconferences](#) dedicated to public library professionals. Registration is available in advance or onsite....

PLA, June 14

## [\*\*Join the mega-discussion and enter a contest\*\*](#)

Participants in a dynamic [Mega Issue Discussion](#) on PLA membership engagement and leadership on June 25 at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans will be entered into an onsite drawing to win a free registration for the 2012 PLA Conference, to be held March 13–17 in Philadelphia....

PLA, June 14

## [\*\*Joy Kirchner named ACRL visiting program officer\*\*](#)

To support its scholarly communications initiatives, ACRL has appointed Joy Kirchner, scholarly communications coordinator at University of British Columbia, as visiting program officer for 12 months. Kirchner will play an integral role in supporting one of ACRL's new strategic goals that will help librarians accelerate the transition to a more open system of scholarship. She will work with members and staff to develop a sustainable model for the Scholarly Communications 101 workshop and support the work of the Scholarly Communications Committee....

ACRL, June 13



## [\*\*ALCTS appoints two editors\*\*](#)

The ALCTS board has approved the appointment of two new publication editors. Alice Platt, digital initiatives librarian at Southern New Hampshire University, will be the new editor of the ALCTS Newsletter Online. Jeanne Drewes, chief of binding and collections care department at the Library of Congress, will be the new ALCTS paper series editor. Both appointments begin July 1 and will run for three years....

ALCTS, June 10



## **Round Table News**

### [\*\*Obligation to Endure showcases librarian heroes\*\*](#)

A 2010 documentary short about the unlikely heroes who fought to preserve the Environmental Protection Agency library system will be screened on June 26 during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Directed by Julie Fergus, *Obligation to Endure* recounts the attempted shutdown of the world's foremost source of environmental information in an age of climate change, natural disasters, and terrorism....

Social Responsibilities Round Table, June 14

## **Awards**

### **July 25: [Central New York Library Resources Council](#)**

[Best Western at Carrier Circle, Syracuse](#). "2011 Unconference: The Library as Space and Place."

### **Sept. 8–11: [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco Hotel, Texas.**

### **Oct. 13–15: [Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#),**

[Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency at the Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio](#). "Reach out, Reach up."

### **Oct. 24: [Connecticut Educators Computer Association / Connecticut Association of School Librarians](#),**

[Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford](#). "eENGAGE! Teaching and Learning in a Digital World."

### **Oct. 27–30: [American Association of School Librarians](#),**

[15th National Conference and Exhibition, Minneapolis Convention Center](#). "Turning the Page."

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## **Three Friends groups win ALTAFF Baker & Taylor awards**

Three Friends of the Library groups will be recognized with Baker & Taylor Awards from ALTAFF during the division's Gala Author Tea on June 27 at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The winners are the Friends of the Salt Lake City (Utah) Public Library, the Friends of the Carpinteria (Calif.) Library, and the Friends of the Princeton (N.J.) Public Library. Each group will receive a \$1,000 check and a plaque to honor their achievements....

ALTAFF, June 14

## **AASL to showcase tech-friendly libraries**

AASL will present three of the nation's leading school library programs with the 2011 National School Library Program of the Year Award at ALA's Annual Conference in New Orleans on June 27. Seeking to shed outdated stereotypes as shushers, shelfers, and book checkers, AASL is recognizing school librarians who are moving online and going high-tech to prepare students for college and career....

AASL, June 14

## **Innovative International Library Project Awards**

The International Relations Round Table has awarded 2011 ALA Presidential Citations for Innovative International Library Projects to four initiatives. The awards recognize the RISE Videoconferencing Network in southern Alberta, the National Library Board of Singapore for its "Quest" Library Reading Program, the E-Publication System Platform Project at the National Central Library in Taiwan, and the Expanding Information Access for Visually Impaired People project in Vietnam....

International Relations Office, June 14

## **Arlington Public Library wins local government award**

Arlington (Va.) Public Library Director Diane Kresh (right) was recognized June 8 with a 2011 Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award from the Alliance for Innovation for the library's "Arlington Reads 2010" program. The library was chosen from more than 40 applications received from across the United States and Canada. The program featured local authors and farmers, examined the issues of food and sustainability, and inspired the Central Library's community vegetable garden....

Arlington (Va.) Public Library



## **2011 Library Blog Awards**

Salem Press once again surveyed the library blog landscape in search of exceptional thinking, writing, and information. The annual Library Blog Awards celebrate and reward the blogging achievements of library professionals across the spectrum. Hundreds of blog nominations poured in and thousands of votes were cast. Eight winners were selected: [Librarian in Black](#), [Swiss Army Librarian](#), [The Unquiet Librarian](#), [Information Tyrannosaur](#), [Cecil County Public Library](#), [A Librarian's Guide to Etiquette](#), [Hack Library School](#), and [NeverEndingSearch](#)....

Salem Press, June 15



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## 2011 PEN/Malamud Award

Edith Pearlman (right) has been selected to receive the 24th annual PEN/Malamud Award. Given annually by the PEN/Faulkner Foundation since 1988 in honor of the late Bernard Malamud, this award recognizes a body of work that demonstrates excellence in the art of short fiction. Pearlman has published more than 250 works of short fiction and nonfiction in national magazines, literary journals, anthologies, and online publications. The award will be presented December 2 at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., and includes a prize of \$5,000....

PEN/Faulkner Foundation, June 9



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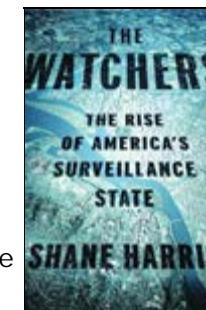
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## 2011 Helen Bernstein Award for Excellence in Journalism

Shane Harris, author of *The Watchers: The Rise of America's Surveillance State*, was awarded the 2011 Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism at an award ceremony at the New York Public Library June 7. Harris draws on his access to key government insiders to chronicle the ascent of the Surveillance State over the past 25 years, tracing its origins to Admiral John Poindexter, who in 1983 dreamed of a "system that would sift reams of data for signs of terrorist activity." [The award](#), which includes a \$15,000 cash prize, was established in 1987 in honor of journalist Helen Bernstein Fealy....

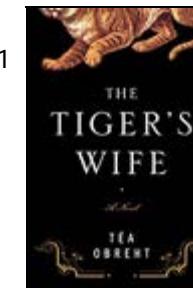
*International Business Times*, June 9; New York Public Library, June 8



## 2011 Orange Prize for Fiction

Serbian-American author Téa Obreht has won the 2011 Orange Prize for Fiction with her debut novel *The Tiger's Wife* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson). Celebrating its 16th anniversary this year, the prize celebrates excellence, originality, and accessibility in women's writing from throughout the world. Obreht was presented with £30,000 (\$49,260 U.S.) and the "Bessie," a limited-edition bronze figurine, at an awards ceremony at the Royal Festival Hall in London....

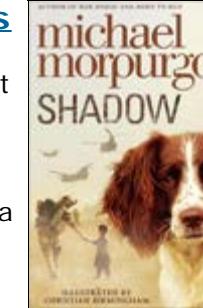
Orange Prize, June 8



## 2011 Red House Children's Book Awards

The winners of the 2011 Red House Children's Book Awards were announced at a special ceremony held at the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, England, on June 11. The overall winner, and winner in the Younger Readers category, was *Shadow* by Michael Morpurgo, a story about a friendship forged between a boy and an Army bomb-sniffing dog in Afghanistan. With this success, Morpurgo has become the first three-time winner of the award in its 31-year history. The award is the only national U.K. children's book award voted for entirely by children themselves....

BBC News, June 11



The e-newsletter that keeps you current on job seeking and hiring

## Seen Online

### [Pentagon Papers released in full](#)

On June 13, the National Archives released all 7,000 pages of the Pentagon Papers, the explosive documents that detailed four administrations' worth of [deception](#) on Vietnam. Some of the content has been public since 1971, and the release is not likely to reveal many new secrets. But this is the first time that Americans can [read the papers in full](#) without a security clearance. Officially known as the "Report of the OSD Vietnam Task Force," the papers were a secret analysis of America's involvement in the Vietnam War. Daniel Ellsberg (above), the task force participant who leaked the documents, believes they still have something to teach. Here is how NARA [managed the release](#)....



*Washington Post*, June 13; Associated Press, June 12; *Washington Post*: Federal Eye, June 13

### [Wisconsin lawmakers spare WiscNet](#)

A controversial plan to cut \$37 million in federal grant money from the University of Wisconsin system has been axed from the 2011–2013 budget, according to a legislator involved with the process. In a letter to a constituent, released to the *Wisconsin State Journal* June 14, state Rep. Erik Severson (R-Star Prairie) said the program known as [WiscNet](#) will [continue unaltered](#) for the next two years while a study is conducted to evaluate it. WiscNet is a cooperative that brings high-speed internet to most schools and libraries across the state. Rep. Ron Kind (D-LaCrosse) [asked](#) the Joint Finance Committee June 15 to continue broadband expansion to rural and underserved areas, rather than return millions in federal grants for that purpose....



*eSchool News*, June 15; *Madison Wisconsin State Journal*, June 15; *Retiring Guy's Digest*, June 15

### [Communities stand behind libraries facing layoffs](#)

As reports of librarian layoffs continue to surface, librarians have put away their inside voices to fight—with support from unions, parents, and students—to prove their jobs are essential for student success. Unfortunately, the work they do is largely behind the scenes, and parents, education officials, and the public are often unaware of the impact they have on student success. And experts believe increases in budget issues may force administrators to continue to consider library programs for the chopping block in the coming years....

*Huffington Post*, June 13

### [Education groups applaud ATTAIN Act](#)

Educational technology stakeholders are applauding the U.S. Senate's introduction of the Achievement Through Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Act, S. 1178 ([PDF file](#)), which, if passed, would replace the technology portion of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

"This legislation mirrors principles and recommendations from P21 which demonstrate how fusing the 4Cs and core subjects makes learning more rigorous, relevant, and engaging as is necessary for



college, work, and life success," said AASL President Julie Walker, who is chair of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills....  
eSchool News, June 14

## [Ted Koppel to donate collection to Syracuse University](#)

Ted Koppel (right), a Syracuse (N.Y.) University alumnus and the original anchor of ABC's *Nightline*, will donate a collection of personal materials to SU's E. S. Bird Library. The Koppel Collection will be housed in the library's Special Collection Research Center, and consists of videotapes, correspondence, cartoons, awards, photographs, and notebooks from Koppel's career as a journalist. Pamela McLaughlin, library director of communication and external relations, said the collection would be received sometime during the summer....

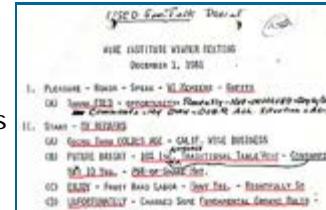
Syracuse University *Daily Orange*, June 10



## [Mondavi papers to UC-Davis](#)

The family of the late Robert Mondavi—the winemaker who helped turn California into one of the world's premier wine regions—has donated his professional and personal papers to the University of California, Davis. The papers include Mondavi's photographs, writings and speeches, correspondence with industry colleagues, international travel files, and historical records of the Robert Mondavi Winery. The collection will serve as a research asset for scholars and provide insight into Mondavi's work and life as a winemaker, business leader, and philanthropist....

*Davis (Calif.) Enterprise*, June 14



## [Blue bins for books worry library advocates](#)

A big, blue "Books for Charity" bin in the corner of a Safeway parking lot in Menlo Park, California, overflowed with donations June 13, prompting people to leave books in boxes on the pavement around it. The bins have become favorite destinations of book donors since they were first brought in a couple of months ago. But some local library advocates wonder whether books tossed into the bins would otherwise have gone to local libraries and question how many of the books really do go to charity....

*Palo Alto (Calif.) Daily News*, June 14



## [A bookish mural for Duluth](#)

A new pop of literary color has come to the library plaza in downtown Duluth, Minnesota, in the form of a giant bookshelf. Artist Scott Murphy's 23.5-foot tall "Books on the Plaza" mural was dedicated June 10 by Duluth Mayor Don Ness. The pillar outside the Duluth Public Library is now adorned with the spines of 18 books, ranging from Dr. Seuss's *Green Eggs and Ham* to an organic gardening book by local author Ellen Sandbeck called *Eat More Dirt*....  
*Duluth (Minn.) News Tribune*, June 11



## [The case of the careless extortionist](#)

The moral of this story is: Don't print out a bomb threat at the Los Gatos (Calif.) Public Library and leave a copy in the printer tray. That's what a would-be extortionist allegedly did on June 3, and the copy led police right to him. Police arrested 28-year-old Vadim Liotveyzen on June 6 after determining that he was allegedly responsible for writing the bomb threat. A library employee had found a note in a printer tray that talked about a bomb and extortion attempt at an undisclosed location....

*Oakland (Calif.) Tribune, June 13*

### **Charges dropped against Calgary school librarian**

Charges have been dropped against a former junior high school librarian with the Calgary, Alberta, Board of Education for allegedly having a sexual affair with a 15-year-old boy in 2010. Agnes Gina Kooy, 48, had been scheduled to face a one-day preliminary hearing on June 7, but the charges were stayed in a letter by Crown Prosecutor Sarah Bhola. No reason was given for staying the charges, but the usual practice of the Crown's office is that there was no reasonable likelihood of conviction....

*Calgary (Alberta) Herald, June 8*

### **Books looted in 1866 return to South Korea**

South Korea greeted the return on June 11 of nearly 300 royal documents looted by French soldiers during a punitive expedition to Ganghwa Island in 1866. Ceremonies celebrating the event were held on Ganghwa Island and in Seoul, where some of the books were carried through the street in a traditional Korean palanquin (right). Former culture minister of France Jack Lang and Park Byeong-sen, who discovered the royal texts at the National Library of France in 1975, flew to Seoul from Paris to attend the official celebration....

*Korea Herald, June 12*



### **Mob rule: Iceland crowdsources its new constitution**

It is not the way the scribes of yore would have done it, but Iceland is tearing up the rulebook by crowdsourcing its new constitution. As the country recovers from its financial crisis, Iceland is using social media to get its citizens to share their ideas as to what the new document should contain. "I believe this is the first time a constitution is being drafted basically on the internet," said Thorvaldur Gylfason, member of Iceland's constitutional council, which began posting draft clauses on Facebook in April for discussion by Iceland's citizens....

*The Guardian (U.K.), June 9; All Facebook, June 13*



### **Tajik officials ordered to read more books**

Officials in southern Tajikistan have been ordered to enroll at local libraries and read more books. Khatlon Province Deputy Governor for Ideology Sitora Sherova said at a June book exhibition in Qurghonteppa that most visitors to libraries are schoolchildren and students. Librarian Rohatoy Yusufova said that Sherova ordered librarians to sign up all local officials, including the regional governor, at the library, recommend what they should read, and take books to their offices....

*Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty, June 10*

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## Tech Talk

### [Free online tech resources grouped by subject and device](#)

A new website called [K-12 Tech Tools](#) features more than 1,000 free online technology tools. The tools are categorized by subject, grade level, and standards. Teachers can share their own tech tools and success stories, as well as learn from one another. Subject areas include art, English, language arts, health, math, music, science, and social studies....

eSchool News, June 15



### [10 clever laptop cooling solutions](#)

Amy-Mae Elliott writes: "As the weather heats up for summer, we've taken a look at some laptop cooling solutions to help keep your portable PC nice and chilled. Whether it's a full-on fan stand or simply a pad to prevent your thighs from getting too toasty, there's something for everyone. And with prices starting under \$10, there are options for every budget as well."...

Mashable, June 13



### [Guard that password](#)

Randall Stross writes: "For a pretty strong password, think 10. If your password contains 10 characters, you should be able to sleep well at night—perhaps for 19.24 years. That's how long it would take hackers to try every combination of 10 characters, assuming that the password is encrypted and that the hackers have enough computing power to mount a 100-billion-guesses-a-second effort to break the encryption. But if your user names and passwords are sitting unencrypted on a server, you may not be able to sleep at all if you start contemplating the potential havoc ahead."...

New York Times, June 11



### [19 apps to boost concentration](#)

Amber Singleton Riviere writes: "Being able to work online has its benefits, such as having the flexibility to work nontraditional hours with people around the world, but it's also easy to get distracted. Fortunately, there are several tools available to help improve concentration and productivity. Sometimes, all we need is a little added motivation, like an egg timer or alarm, to challenge us to remain focused and get to the finish line. If that's the case for you, then this list of apps might just come in handy."...

GigaOM, June 9

### [Three free real-time malware protection and removal tools](#)

Tina Sieber writes: "A digital infection with viruses, trojans, spyware, or other malware can put your data integrity and your system stability at risk and has the potential to cause further damage, including data and identity theft. An antivirus tool is essential for PC security, but it is not sufficient. Experts recommend a layered protection by using multiple tools and real-time malware scanners are

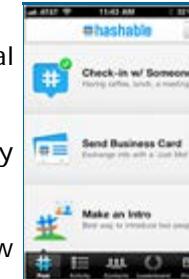


one important layer you shouldn't miss. You can pick from one of these three free malware removal programs."...  
MakeUseOf, June 8

### **Business cards go paperless, almost**

Austin Considine writes: "Since the advent of the digital address book, the pitfalls of the traditional business card have cluttered the path from handshake to hard drive. Several websites and smartphone applications try to solve that problem by replacing the card; in some circles, it is already becoming a relic. New sites like [Hashable.com](#) (right), [Contxts.com](#), and [About.me](#) allow users to create and share virtual business cards. The Hashable site may prove the closest thing to a business-card killer yet."...

New York Times, June 10



### **#Hashtags: A history**

Ashley Parker writes: "By now, hashtags already have transcended the 140-characters-or-less microblogging platform to become a new cultural shorthand, finding their way into chat windows, email, and face-to-face conversations. When Chris Messina (right), a developer advocate at Google, wanted to introduce two friends over email, he wrote #Introduction in the subject line. But Messina is no ordinary Twitter user: He officially invented the hashtag in August 2007, when he sent out a Twitter message suggesting that the pound symbol be used for organizing groups on Twitter."...

New York Times, June 10



### **Create photo collages the easy way**

Jessica Cam Wong writes: "Creating collages can be a bit time-consuming if you do it yourself in MS Paint or Photoshop. If you don't feel exactly creative, your work may not bring you the results you want. There are many solutions that will save you the headache, and will instead produce aesthetically pleasing results with just a few clicks. Read on to see more about these very-easy-to-use tools."...

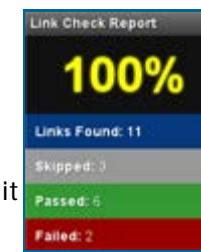
MakeUseOf, June 13



### **Six Chrome link checkers**

Saikat Basu writes: "URLs make the web go around. But more often than not, you cannot see beyond them. Links could be broken; links could point to the wrong page; even worse, links could be an open door to phishing scams or malware downloads. That's why it helps to keep at least one link checker in your browser. Link checkers also are great assistants when it comes to checking a bunch of download links from file-sharing websites like Rapidshare. Just so you know, the Chrome Web Store has these link checkers to help you out."...

MakeUseOf, June 10



### **Facebook unveils facial recognition**

In July 2010, Facebook quietly unveiled its new photo-tagging facial recognition program in North America. As of June 7, the new

program has been rolled out to the social media conglomerate's international users. The facial recognition system prompts users to tag friends that the program recognizes and as usual the service is an opt-out feature in Facebook's security settings rather than opt-in. The privacy and security concerns over the program, as well as its opt-out feature, have many Facebook users concerned....

ReadWriteWeb, June 7



## 10 classic computers you had as a youth

Chris Higgins writes: "First up, the Commodore 64 (right). It came out in 1982, priced at just \$595 in the United States (the price later dropped to \$200). It was the successor to the VIC-20 and was tremendously popular, selling tens of millions of units—partly because it was sold in retail stores and toy stores instead of computer stores and also because it carried a low price tag. It had 64K of RAM and a 1 MHz processor. The C64 was discontinued in 1994, but you can get a [C64 Direct-to-TV](#) device today that includes various built-in games."...

Mental Floss, June 14



## Publishing

### DC Comics reboots itself

Maria Kramer writes: "Big news, comic book fans! DC—the comic book line that brought us Batman and Superman—is [rebooting](#)! This September, they will start 52 iconic and not-so-iconic titles over at number one and create a brand-spanking-new continuity to draw in younger, hipper audiences. For those of you who have never really been into comics, now is a great time to start, since the confusing, decades-long, often contradictory storylines that can overwhelm the beginner will no longer be an issue. Here are some titles that will make you excited about DC Comics and the reboot, even if you are not a super-fan."...

YALSA *The Hub*, June 14; USA Today, May 31



### "Saved by the Bell Jar"

On Twitter recently, WWNortan started a hashtag ([#sitcomnovels](#)) combining novels and TV shows. It soon began trending. *The Huffington Post* rounded up some of the best from the weekend for your reading pleasure, like "The Pale King of the Hill," "Malcolm in the Middle," and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Ed."...

*The Huffington Post*, June 7

### 10 digital books you should know about

Peter Meyers writes: "A year ago I was knee-deep in iPad apps, sifting for gold among sludge as I combed for *Best iPad Apps*-worthy entries. My next book has me

back in waders, this time looking for innovative, user-friendly digital books.

Seems like a shame to wait for the pub date to share my findings. What follows, then, is an early snapshot of some of the best of what I've seen. You'll no doubt notice a heavy bias towards iPad apps."...

O'Reilly Radar, June 3



### **Browser found hiding inside the Simple Touch Nook**

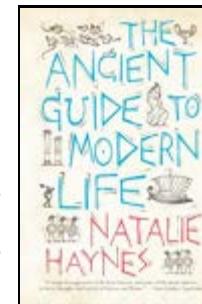
With the release of Barnes & Noble's Nook Touch in May, many were left wondering why the hardware didn't include a built-in web browser. The Nook is an Android device, so theoretically a browser is possible; in fact it does have one. The Simple Touch Reader, as the Nook has recently been dubbed, allows users to type a URL into a search box, but the results are mixed....

CNET News: Crave, June 8

### **Rousing Reads: The ancient world**

Bill Ott writes: "Every year, in late March and early April, I'm consumed with putting together *Booklist's* annual Mystery Showcase issue. But when that issue finally sleeps its Big Sleep, I run as far as I can from all things mystery, at least for a while. Take this year. Had I not been in my run-away-from-mystery frame of mind, I'm sure I would never had picked up Natalie Haynes's *The Ancient Guide to Modern Life*."...

American Libraries column, May/June



## **Actions & Answers**

### **RDA adopted by Library of Congress (conditionally)**

The Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine, and the National Agricultural Library announced June 13 their conditional adoption of RDA following a test period. The three libraries released a June 13 statement ([PDF file](#)): "The most challenging task was to turn the test data into a single recommendation for the three national libraries. There was no clear, easy answer. RDA presents complicated issues for all libraries. In the final analysis, the RDA Test Coordinating Committee recommended that the national libraries adopt RDA with certain conditions and that implementation will not occur before January 1, 2013."...

Library of Congress Bibliographic Working Group, June 13

### **National Science Digital Library on death row**

The [National Science Digital Library](#) had ambitious goals when it started in 2000: Create a massive open repository of STEM learning materials culled from projects funded by its benefactor, the National Science Foundation; then organize these materials so that they could be used by science and math teachers. The NSF poured well over \$100 million into the project. Just over a decade later, the digital library is set to be stripped of all funds in 2012, in part based on "the challenges of sustaining such a program in the face of changing technology and the ways educators now find and use classroom materials."...

Inside Higher Ed, June 14

## [Unraveling a 40-year-old Audubon theft](#) (PDF file)

Phillip J. Wajda writes: "The Union College campus in Schenectady, New York, is nearly empty. As night falls on this pleasant Sunday, June 13, 1971, two men sneak over to a rear window on the ground floor of the Schaffer Library's east side. Breaking the window, the men climb into the main reading room and scramble to an oversized locked display case. The thieves, professionals who had plotted their visit for months, eye their target: a leather-bound volume containing 100 of the 435 rare prints from John James Audubon's *Birds of America*."...

*Union College* 105, no. 4 (Summer 2011): 4–13



## [This is our future if publishers prevail](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "You're traveling through another dimension, a dimension not only of sight and sound but of mind; a route that passes through the middle ground between light and shadow. Your next stop—the copyright Twilight Zone. This is what Kevin Smith has called [a nightmare scenario](#), one that doubles down with [new guidelines for interlibrary loan](#) (which in his terms are opening '[a second front](#)' of attack on education). Get ready for a future that will not be a hospitable place for that old-fashioned pursuit, the advancement of knowledge."...

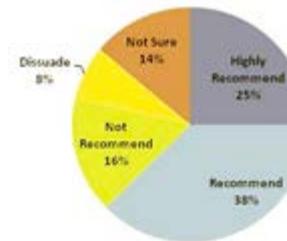
*Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish*, June 13; *Scholarly Communications @ Duke*, May 13, June 9; International Association of Scientific, Technical, and Medical Publishers

## [The value of an MLIS](#)

Over the last two weeks of May, librarians, library staff, and library school students weighed in on the Colorado Library Research Service's 60-second survey, "The Value of an MLIS Degree to You." Almost 2,500 people from every state and 15 countries, representing all library types, responded.

Around 1,300 respondents left comments, sharing additional thoughts on the value of the MLIS degree today. Just over three-fourths of respondents (76%) agreed or strongly agreed that their degree was worth the investment....

*Library Research Service News*, June 14



## [Understanding library impacts on student learning](#)

Derek Rodriguez writes: "Demonstrating connections between library use and undergraduate student achievement has proven a difficult task through the years. Several authors have suggested outcomes to which academic libraries contribute, such as retention, grade point average, and information literacy outcomes. I review a few of these efforts here."...

*In the Library with the Lead Pipe*, June 15

## [Confessions of an imperfect digital archivist](#)

Bill LeFurgy writes: "I keep lots of digital photographs. Hundreds of family members and colleagues reside in my collection and are, as Susan Sontag said, 'illuminated by a flash, fixed forever.' As forever as I can manage, that is. Digital photos are disturbingly prone to corruption and loss. I worry about things like bit rot, failed hard drives, obsolete media, and other technological risks. Sobering threats all, but they aren't the biggest problem facing my personal digital files. Frankly, *I am the major issue*."...

*The Signal: Digital Preservation*, June 13

## How to create presentations that don't suck

Melanie Pinola writes: "Bad presentations are painful—for both the presenter dying a slow death in front of a crowd and the bored audience members who have to sit through it. If your task is to create presentations that don't suck, here are five common presentation pitfalls to avoid and tips on making presentations that can instead inspire and inform."... Lifehacker, June 9



## 17 tips for shortening tweets

Tracy Gold writes: "If you've ever been frustrated by trying to cut those last few characters out of a tweet so you can send away, this post is for you. It's hard enough to cut tweets to the general 140-character limit, much less the recommended 120 characters or less needed to leave room for others to retweet you, so I created this guide to help. But be careful not to abbreviate your tweets to the point that their meaning is warped, or totally lost. It doesn't matter how easy to retweet you are if no one understands what you're trying to say."...

Social Media Today, June 7

## Craft project: Page corner bookmarks

Tally Heilke writes: "Page corner bookmarks are cute, practical, and deeply underrepresented in the world. They are easy to make and customize, and they will set you apart from all those same-same, flat, rectangular bookmarks. Corner bookmarks are where it's at. Here I'll teach you how to make two similar-but-different types of corner bookmarks. The first is a square overlapped by a triangle, the second is a triangle overlapped by a smaller triangle."...



I Could Make That, Feb. 26

## The problem with either/or

Linda W. Braun writes: "I've been thinking a lot about the ways in which people—librarians and others—seem to think in terms of either/or. For example: We ask if teens like to read or not. We ask if teens like digital books or physical books. We ask if teens use Twitter or not. But I think that deep down we all know that these aren't either/or questions. Thinking in an either/or way actually makes it easy to stick with the status quo, but it's not the status quo that we should stick with in library services for teens."...

YALSA Blog, June 10

## Summer reading and summer science

Deborah Lee Rose writes: "This summer, 152 public libraries in North Carolina and Pennsylvania will host free, hands-on science explorations for kids sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline's '[Science in the Summer](#)' program. Carol McKnight, children's librarian at the Bustleton branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia, encourages participants to check out science-themed books, some of which the program contributes to the permanent library collection. McKnight definitely sees kids spending more time looking at nonfiction books and researching science online after they attend hands-on science



sessions."...  
Smile Blog, June 8

### **On résumés and cover letters**

Andromeda Yelton writes: "On her Attempting Elegance blog, Jenica Rogers wrote some [advice on cover letters](#) that's been getting a lot of attention. You should go read her advice first, because it's good advice, and because, unlike me, she or someone like her may someday soon be in a position to hire you. But here are my opinions on résumés and cover letters. I found that using these strategies pretty reliably got me at least a phone interview."...

Across Divided Networks, June 14; Attempting Elegance, June 10

### **Work only your "good hours"**

Melanie Pinola writes: "There are peak times when each of us is more productive than other times, more creative and focused. Working on major projects outside of those peak times can be a waste of time. Even if you have a set number of hours you have to put in at work, shifting more menial or boring tasks to your less productive hours can help you accomplish more overall."...

Lifehacker, June 9

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### [New report: Technology demands are up, budgets are down](#)

A pervasive “new normal” of increased demand for library technology resources, paired with decreased funding at state and local levels, is affecting service to millions of Americans, according to a report released June 21 by the Office for Research and Statistics. The 2011 [Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study](#) reports that more than 87% of U.S. libraries provide technology training for patrons, but 55% of urban libraries are reporting operating budget decreases during the current fiscal year, followed by suburban (36%) and rural (26%) libraries. The report appears as *American Libraries'* Summer 2011 Digital Supplement....

Office for Research and Statistics, June 21



### Electronic Book & Journal Collections *In the Humanities & Social Sciences*



### [ICANN approves custom Top Level Domains](#)

Jason Griffey writes: “ICANN, the international organization responsible for coordinating the domain structure of the internet, [voted](#) (right) in Singapore June 20 to allow generic Top Level Domains ([PDF file](#)). This means that instead of being stuck with .com, .net, .org, and so on, organizations can request and be granted the ability to oversee their own TLD. It will cost \$185,000 to apply for a new gTLD, but even with that, I think that serious thought should be given by ALA and IFLA to a joint application for a top level domain of .lib or .library.” However, having a special top-level domain isn’t likely to boost search rankings, according to [Search Engine Land](#)....



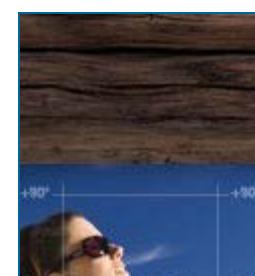
AL: Perpetual Beta, June 20; ICANN, June 20; Search Engine Land, June 20

### Among the Best Master's LIS Programs Online



### [Filtering companies respond to ACLU campaign](#)

Web-filtering software companies have responded swiftly to the American Civil Liberties Union’s [“Don’t Filter Me”](#) campaign,





which calls on schools to stop blocking students' access to websites supportive of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities. The ACLU identified six leading filtering companies: Lightspeed Systems, Blue Coat Systems, M86 Solutions, Fortiguard, URL Blacklist, and Websense. In response, Lightspeed removed its "education.lifestyles" filter, which blocked access to educational LGBT-related information....  
AL: Censorship Watch, June 21; ACLU, Feb. 15; eSchool News, June 16

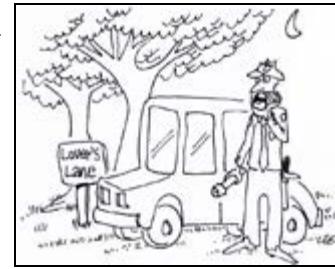


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## Will's World: Dead trees we have known

Will Manley writes: "One of my biggest mistakes as a library administrator was getting rid of the card catalog. No, I'm not talking about replacing it with a digital version. Everyone did that back in the '80s. What I mean is that after we installed the OPAC, I sent the physical card catalog into the oblivion of Waste Management instead of sending representative parts of it to the local history museum. What landfill it resides in now only future archeologists will know. It strikes me that for a whole generation of digital natives, the term 'card catalog' is as obscure as the term '8-track tape.'..."

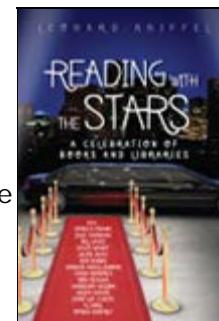
*American Libraries* column, July/Aug.



## Appointments

On June 1 Lace Keaton (right) became director of the Newton County (Ga.) Public Library System. Effective July 1, Anne Liebst will become director of technical services and technology at the Ottenheimer Library of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Anna Gold will become university librarian at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo July 15. On July 31 Brad Eden will become director of library services and professor of library science at Valparaiso (Ind.) University....

*American Libraries* column, June



## A few free copies of *Reading with the Stars*

*American Libraries* is giving away free copies of *Reading with the Stars: A Celebration of Books and Libraries*, a new book published by Skyhorse Publishing and ALA Editions. To get your copy, be one of the first 20 ALA Annual Conference attendees to stop by the *American Libraries* booth from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, June 27, to meet the book's editor, former *American Libraries* editor Leonard Kniffel....

## **No AL Direct next week**

The next one will be the Post-Conference Wrap-up issue that will be emailed on July 6. Regular news reporting will resume with the July 13 *AL Direct*.



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## ALA News

### What's happening at Annual Conference

ALA Senior Associate Executive Director Mary Ghikas has compiled a handy, informal guide to the most important tips, facts, events, and activities at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

ALA Connect, June 20

### Annual Conference Photo Scavenger Hunt

Jenny Levine writes: "Have you always wondered how ALA Annual Conference could be even more fun? Hold on to your hat, because we've found the answer. Throughout the conference (June 23–28) you can score points by snapping a photo of all the fun people, places, and things going on around you. Programs, New Orleans, authors, artists, and even fellow ALA-ers are on our tailor-made daily photo lists. Score the most points and you can win Amazon gift certificates. Here's how to play."...

ALA Connect, June 20

### Many Voices, One Nation features

#### Flaherty, Morales, Soetoro-Ng

Jordan Flaherty, Yuyi Morales, Maya Soetoro-Ng (right), and members of the New Orleans Neighborhood Story Project will participate in Many Voices, One Nation: New Orleans, during the 2011 ALA Annual Conference on June 25. The program, an evening of literature and performance, brings together writers and artists from different perspectives....

Office for Diversity, June 21



### Visit the ALA Store

Find the ALA Conference Store at Booth #2531 on the main aisle near the center of the exhibition hall, across from the Membership Pavilion—an ideal location for easy access and convenient browsing. Stop by and pick up this year's conference t-shirt and magnet, as well as gifts for friends, colleagues, and family....

ALA Publishing, June 20

### Sneak preview of Not in Our Town

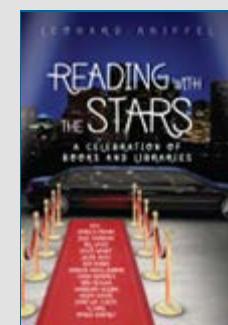
The one-hour PBS documentary special *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness* profiles a town standing together to take action after anti-immigrant violence devastates their community and thrusts them into the international media spotlight. In conjunction with the September 21 broadcast of the film, all libraries are invited to use the film and accompanying resources for free public programs events in September and beyond. ALA Annual Conference attendees can enjoy a sneak preview. Stop by Auditorium C on Monday, June 27, at 9 a.m. to catch this new film....

Programming Librarian, June 21



### ALA Annual Conference

in New Orleans, June 23–28, 2011. Follow all things Annual Conference on the [American Libraries #ala11 web page.](#)



Former American Libraries Editor in Chief Leonard Kniffel offers a compelling collection of interviews with prominent figures in *Reading with the Stars*—all of whom have special connections to libraries. From President Barack Obama to actress Julie Andrews, from basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to former First Lady and librarian

### New "Our Authors, Our Advocates" PSAs

Three new author public service announcements will be available to

library advocates on June 24, through the "Our Authors, Our Advocates" initiative. The new PSAs by Judy Blume, David Baldacci, and Mo Willems will focus on the value of public and school libraries. Video PSAs from Jerry Pinkney also will be available at a later date. All will be available for [viewing and downloading](#) online....

Public Information Office, June 21

## **Annual Conference tech wrap-up**

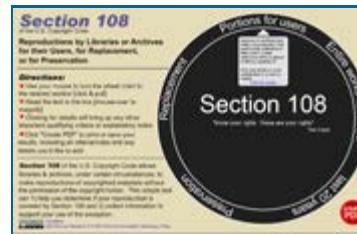
ALA TechSource will be wrapping up the Annual Conference with a free tech webinar. A panel of experts will discuss what they learned and what stood out. From e-books to tablets to RFID and library systems, you will get insightful perspective on the technology buzz in New Orleans. [Register](#) for the webinar, which will take place July 8 at 2 p.m. Central time....

ALA TechSource Blog, June 21

## **Section 108 spinner 2.0**

Do you or your staff ever have trouble determining when Section 108 (copying a copyrighted work without express permission) applies? Would you like a more programmatic and organized way of documenting when your library does make copies under Section 108? If so, help has arrived. First made available under a Creative Commons license by Michael Brewer and the Office for Information Technology Policy in 2007, the online [Section 108 Spinner](#) has been completely reprogrammed in 2011 with significantly more interactive functionality....

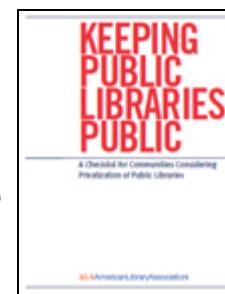
District Dispatch, June 22



## **A checklist for libraries considering privatization**

ALA has created a new publication addressing the privatization issue. *Keeping Public Libraries Public: A Checklist for Libraries Considering Privatization of Public Libraries* ([PDF file](#)) was created in response to the increasing number of libraries faced with the threat of privatization in their communities. The checklist contains key messages and talking points, checklists for community leaders to consider, and checklists to ensure that contract provisions are being met....

Office for Library Advocacy, June 21



## **ALA comments on Workforce Investment Act**

ALA submitted comments ([PDF file](#)) to the leaders of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee June 17, urging it to consider library priorities for the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act. The comments outline seven priorities for reauthorization. Foremost, the ALA asks the committee to ensure the bill makes public libraries eligible for funds for employment and training activities....

Office of Government Relations, June 20

## **ALA files comments on service to native nations**

ALA submitted a filing ([PDF file](#)) to the Federal Communications Commission June 20 in response to its call for comments ([PDF file](#)) regarding improving communications services for native nations. The filing was submitted in consultation with the American Indian Library Association. ALA stressed that in the case of broadband and native nations, it is vitally important to aggressively address the vast digital

Laura Bush and many others, stars of literature, politics, entertainment, and the public arena speak about the ways libraries have been critical in their lives.

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## **New this week**

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## **Great Libraries of the World**

divide that exists between native nations and the rest of the country....

Office for Information Technology Policy, June 21

## [A strategic vision for 21st-century libraries](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy's latest policy brief breaks down the formidable challenges in store for libraries during the next few decades. The brief, *Confronting the Future: Strategic Visions for the 21st Century Public Library* ([PDF file](#)) explores how emerging technologies combined with challenges, such as financial constraints, require libraries to evolve rapidly and make strategic decisions today that will influence their future for decades to come....

Office for Information Technology Policy, June 20



## [Program grants will support civic engagement](#)

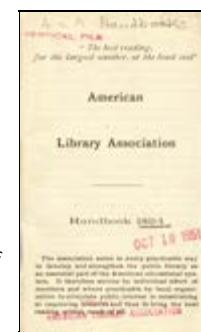
The ALA Public Programs Office and the Fetzer Institute have announced their collaboration on "Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion," a multiformat discussion program for public audiences. By bringing adults together in the library for programs and events that include reading, viewing, reflection, discussion, and civic engagement, this initiative will support libraries as they strive to enhance the quality of life and learning in their communities. Applications will be available in late August....

Public Programs Office, June 21

## [The ALA Handbook of Organization, 1894](#)

Larry Nix writes: "Starting in 2009 the *ALA Handbook of Organization* has only been [available online](#). The information it contains tells you everything you ever wanted to know about the organizational structure of one of the world's most complex library organizations. A far cry from today's electronic version is my copy of the 1894 edition of the handbook shown on the right. It is a handy 3-by-5-inch pocket-size publication consisting of 62 pages. Thirty of those pages list the entire membership of ALA at that time."...

Library History Buff Blog, June 21



## [Michael Gorman recounts his library life](#)

From his earliest reading memories in wartime Britain through five decades of librarianship, eminent librarian and former ALA President Michael Gorman offers insights from his extraordinary career in *Broken Pieces: A Library Life, 1941–1978*, published by ALA Editions. Gorman relates his journey in prose that is by turns charming, opinioned, and revealing. He made perhaps his most significant contribution to librarianship as editor of the 1978 *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules*....

ALA Editions, June 17



**Biblioteca Francisco de Burgoa.** Centro Cultural de Santo Domingo, Oaxaca, Mexico. Named after 17th-century Dominican historian Francisco de Burgoa and now a part of the Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca, this library collection includes some 23,000 books (including 11 incunabula and early Mexican printed works) originally held by monasteries in Oaxaca state.



**Biblioteca Palafoxiana.** Puebla, Mexico. The library was established in 1646 by Juan de Palafox y Mendoza for the Puebla seminary, making it the first library in New Spain. He donated his own collection of books as the library's starter collection. The main reading room was constructed in 1773 by Bishop Francisco Fabian y Fuero, who named the institution after Palafox.

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# Booklist ONLINE

## **Featured review: Social sciences**

Mezrich, Ben. *Sex on the Moon: The Amazing Story behind the Most Audacious Heist in History*. July 2011. 420p. Doubleday, hardcover (978-0-385-53392-8).

Here's more narrative nonfiction by the author of *Bringing Down the House* (2002) and *The Accidental Billionaires* (2009), which were turned into the successful movies *21* and *The Social Network*, respectively. This opus is pretty much guaranteed to get the same treatment, for it's a fascinating story. Thad Roberts emerges from a sheltered life (his parents, strict Mormons, disowned him when he was barely 21 years old), gets accepted by a prestigious NASA astronaut program, falls in love with a girl, and decides a cool way to express his feelings would be to steal some actual moon rocks—thus giving her, literally, a piece of the moon....

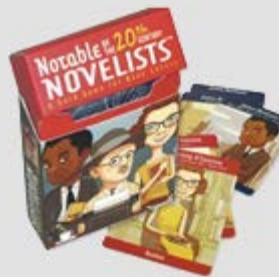


## **New Booklist e-newsletter: Corner Shelf**

Booklist Online and Baker & Taylor are teaming up this month to launch the newest Booklist Online e-newsletter, *Corner Shelf*. With the tagline, "Where readers' advisory meets collection development," the free bimonthly periodical will address trends, ideas, and issues in the two areas, helping librarians find the common ground between them. [Sign up](#) for free and look forward to your six issues in the coming year....

## **Booklist battle of the 20th-century novelists**

Ilene Cooper writes: "A sextet of *Booklist* editors retired to a local eatery to try out the book-themed card game, *Notable Novelists of the 20th Century*. It was a handsome deck indeed, the *pièce de résistance*, the jaunty author cards, each with a caricature of a dead writer."



Before playing, Dan Kraus explained the rules of the game, and it was here that hearts sank and smiles turned upside down: It seemed NA20 was simply a highbrow version of Go Fish. The object of the game, to collect the highest number of literary sets (18 sets in a deck, each set comprised of three cards) was accomplished by asking one of the other players if they had either an author card (said caricature), a bio card (offering some information about the person) or a library card (listing three of his/her titles). 'For instance, you might say, "Sara, do you have a Virginia Woolf Library Card?"' explained the directions helpfully. This was clearly for the age range of 12 and up. What to do? In short order, it was decided that we

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 later this year by ALA Editions.

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would devise a more difficult game using our prepackaged cards."...

Booklist Online: Likely Stories, June 21

### **Poor little rich boy**

Will Manley writes: "The thing about most rich people is that they generally subscribe to the theory (or mythology) that anyone in this country can become rich. All it takes is hard work, the willingness to take risks, patience, perseverance, and the ability to overcome the wide variety of potholes and bumps that litter the road to riches. If you follow that formula and don't become rich, well, it's your fault, not the fault of our capitalistic system. In my working days as a reference librarian (the 1970s), I noticed that a good number of people whom an economist might call poor or lower middle class also subscribed to the 'in America, everyone can become rich' theory. These were the guys who slept God knows where and were lined up at the door of the library like flies on a screen door. When the door opened, they rushed in and fought for the *Wall Street Journal*..."



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### **Digital Library of the Week**



## **New Orleans Update**

### **New Orleans music**

The Crescent City is best known as the birthplace of traditional jazz, but it is also known for its brass marching bands, distinctive rhythm and blues, funk, bounce, hip hop, and sludge metal music. You can see who or what is playing at any venue in town by consulting WWOZ-FM's [list of music venues](#). Jazz buffs will want to visit [Preservation Hall](#) at 726 St. Peters Street, while fans of the HBO *Treme* series might want to stop in at the [Spotted Cat Music Club](#) at 623 Frenchmen Street or the [Blue Nile](#) (above) at 532 Frenchmen. The Rebirth Brass Band is scheduled to play at the [Maple Leaf Bar](#) at 8316 Oak Street on June 28. On Thursdays, [One Eyed Jacks](#) at 615 Toulouse offers the "hottest 80s dance night in New Orleans." The [Famous Door](#) at 339 Bourbon Street is the strip's oldest live music club still in business. It's a bit distant, but [Rock 'N' Bowl](#) at 3000 S. Carrollton Avenue offers [Zydeco-Cajun dance lessons](#) on Tuesdays....  
NewOrleansOnline; WWOZ-FM; *Gambit*, June 7



### **Eating around New Orleans**

"Food Show" radio host Tom Fitzmorris has published *The New Orleans Menu* since 1977, first as a print newsletter and now as a web-based daily newsletter with new reviews, recipes, and other articles every weekday. It is the best source for New Orleans dining, cooking, and drinking, and covers all of the 1,205 restaurants open around the city. It features restaurant lists, recipe lists, and write-ups that are both entertaining and informative....  
The New Orleans Menu



[Waging Peace: Darfuri Children's Drawings](#) are now available digitally through the University of South Florida's Special Collections Coral System. In 2007, [Waging Peace](#) travelled to the refugee camps of eastern Chad to interview displaced Chadian and Darfuri refugees who had escaped the war in Sudan's Darfur region. While there, the Waging Peace representatives gave paper, crayons, and pens to the children in the camps aged 6 to 18 years old. The children were then asked to draw their hopes for the future and their memories of the war. This collection includes 500 drawings, most of which depict

## [I can't believe it's praline bacon](#)

The thing to love about [Elizabeth's Restaurant](#) at 601 Gallier Street in the Bywater district is that somebody there in 1998 tried to make bacon better. The result was praline bacon—a combination of pecan candy and salty pork. [Cochon Butcher](#) at 930 Tchoupitoulas (part of Cochon Restuarant) sells Bacon Praline, but it's not like Elizabeth's—it's an "actual praline with chunks of the house-made Kurobuta bacon inside of it in place of the traditional pecans." Here is a [recipe](#) in case you want to try to make the real thing yourself, but if you'd rather watch Alton Brown do it, here's the [video](#) (2:40)....

New York Times, Dec. 16, 2007; Nola Cuisine, Mar. 13, 2009, July 20, 2010; Good Eats, Mar. 8, 2010



## [A five-course culinary bike tour](#)

Tour the city and taste all it has to offer on a bike tour of New Orleans: Think of it as a progressive dinner on wheels. The route and menu follow the season's best foods, but expect a sampling of NOLA classics (gumbo, po'boys, jambalaya) as well as a few ethnic surprises. This culinary tour through [Confederacy of Cruisers](#) includes bike, helmet (optional), and all food and tips (except your guide's). Or, tour the city on your own and rent a bike for the day through [Joy Ride Bike Rentals](#). Watch a [video](#) (4:01)....

Southern Living, May; YouTube, Apr. 21, 2010



## [Faubourg Marigny Art and Books](#)

This well-stocked [gay and lesbian bookstore](#) (right) at 600 Frenchmen Street also carries some local titles. It has a used section, CDs, posters, cards, and gifts (all with a more or less gay or lesbian slant) and holds regular readings and signings. The staff makes this a fine resource center—you can call them for local gay and lesbian info. They also have a selection of gay- and lesbian-themed figurative art on display and available for sale. Other unique bookshops are the [Iron Rail Collective](#), [Kitchen Witch Cookbooks](#), and [Beth's Books](#) (as seen on *Treme*)....

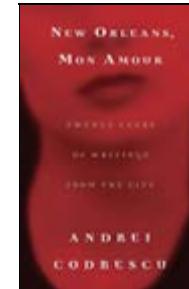
New York Times



## [A reading list for New Orleans](#)

Karen Rose Cedar writes: "To prepare for the conference, I am reading books and articles with New Orleans as a theme. I will just be a tourist (a terrible thing for most New Yorkers) in New Orleans, but at least I will be a well-read tourist. As for the list here, I have included things that I have already read or seen, along with things that I am currently reading (and will be reading when I get back)."....

New York Public Library Blogs, June 17



## [Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden](#)

It's in an urban oasis that New Orleanians have known about and enjoyed for well over a century and a half. [City Park](#) is one of the coolest urban parks in both the aesthetic sense and the literal sense. Shaded by

what the children saw when their villages and home were attacked and destroyed by militia groups. In November 2007, the drawings were taken to the International Criminal Court in the Hague and were accepted by the court as contextual evidence of the crimes committed in Darfur by the government of Sudan and the Janjaweed militia group.

**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 were, by design, intended to be funded by public taxation. They are not free but rather a collective public investment in organized accessible knowledge—no matter the format. So, yes, the 'free' library model as it exists can and should survive. There is plenty of taxpayer money for core services, including libraries, if elected officials and

centuries-old live oak trees and palms, it is a great place to cool off during the hot summer days New Orleans is noted for. Next to the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Besthoff Sculpture Garden is free and open to the public and home to more than 60 sculptures by artists from all over the world....

New Orleans Museum of Art; NewOrleansOnline



### [\*\*TSA travel checklist\*\*](#)

Every summer travel season the U.S. Transportation Security Administration prepares its workforce of 50,000 Transportation Security Officers to ensure a smooth experience for travelers. TSA wants to remind passengers of the security procedures in place and help travelers be prepared for security before they leave home....

U.S. Transportation Security Administration

## **Division News**

### [\*\*ALTAFF's "Isn't It Romantic?" event\*\*](#)

ALTAFF will host "Isn't it Romantic?" on June 27 at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Featured memoirists include Stephanie Laurens (right), Robyn Carr, Julie James, Brenda Jackson, and Adrienne McDonnell. The event will be moderated by Prepub Alert Editor Barbara Hoffert and is free for conference attendees....

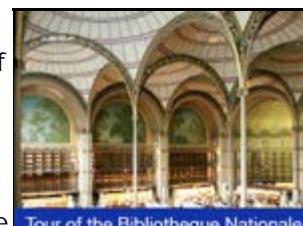
ALTAFF, June 17



### [\*\*ASCLA in Paris\*\*](#)

Join ASCLA President Norma Blake for a tour of the Bibliothèque Nationale, the American Library in Paris, and other attractions, April 29–May 6, 2012. This trip package is an excellent opportunity to see the City of Lights in springtime, and support ASCLA. The package includes six nights at the Westminster Hotel, breakfasts, dinners, and various tours. A deposit is due by August 1 to reserve a spot....

ASCLA Blog, June 13



Tour of the Bibliothèque Nationale

### [\*\*Excellence in university press books\*\*](#)

The 21st edition of [University Press Books for Public and Secondary School Libraries](#) is now available online. This university press bibliography is the product of a longstanding and successful collaboration between the Association of American University Presses, AASL, and PLA. School and public librarians have selected, reviewed, and rated more than 350 books published by members of the AAUP, providing librarians with valuable scholarship to match any interest....

AASL, June 21

### [\*\*Network for Research on Libraries and Teens\*\*](#)

YALSA has launched an online [Network for Research on Libraries and Teens](#). The resource is freely accessible to any interested individuals or organizations. The network is meant to be an online gathering

**bureaucrats stop confusing voters by shuffling their money around and diverting it to pet projects. . . . If every tax dollar I generate were spent on funding public libraries, I would be the happiest taxpayer in the United States."**

—Escondido (Calif.) City Councilwoman Olga Diaz, who opposed closing the East Valley branch, a move that left the city with only one library, in "[A Core Service Taxpayers Demand](#)" San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, June 19.

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space for anyone interested in research related to libraries and teens. Individuals can log on to find fellow researchers, get news from the field or share information....

YALSA, June 17

### **Add some harmony to your fundraising melody**

This year, LLAMA's Fund Fare on June 27 is all about "Making Beautiful Music Together: 360 Degree Fundraising." This Fundraising 101 session provides practical fundraising and fund-development information for development professionals at all levels as well as lay library supporters such as Friends' members, foundation staff, and donors and library staff....

LLAMA, June 21

### **PR Xchange offers public relations ideas**

Formerly known as Swap'n'Shop, the PR Xchange is your chance to collect samples of promotional materials, to network with others, and to get inspired about promoting your library services. You'll get to view some innovative YouTube videos and other web-based promotions, followed by the Best of Show awards ceremony, June 26 at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

LLAMA, June 20

### **Zotero for librarians**

ACRL has published [Zotero: A Guide for Librarians, Researchers, and Educators](#), written by Jason Puckett of Georgia State University, the first book-length treatment of this powerful research tool developed by the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University. The guidebook introduces Zotero and presents it in the context of bibliography managers and open source software, providing detailed instructions on using the software in research and writing....

ACRL, June 21



### **ACRL summer e-learning**

ACRL is offering a wide variety of online learning opportunities this summer. Online seminars scheduled are on instructional design and winning library grants. Complete details and registration information for all summer 2011 e-Learning opportunities are available [online](#)....

ACRL, June 20

## **Awards**

### **AASL Information Technology Pathfinder Award**

School librarians Glovis South and Stephanie Rosalia are the recipients of the 2011 AASL Information Technology Pathfinder Award. Sponsored by Follett Software Company, the \$1,500 award recognizes two school librarians, one elementary and one secondary, who have demonstrated vision and leadership through the use of information technology to build lifelong learners....

AASL, June 21

### **2011 Spectrum Scholarships announced**

The Office for Diversity has announced a new round of 55 Spectrum Scholarships. The program's mission is to improve service at the local level through the development of a representative workforce that reflects the communities served by all libraries. Since 1997, the ALA has awarded more than 730 Spectrum Scholarships....

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[#rbms11](#)

American Library Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, June 23–28, at:  
[#ala11](#)

International Society for Technology in Education, 2011 Conference, Philadelphia, June 26–29, at:  
[#iste2011](#)

Office for Diversity, June 17

## [ALA scholarship recipients](#)

The ALA Scholarship Program has announced scholarship recipients for 2011–2012. Recipients were selected in the following categories: general; support staff; and specialty or practice area (children's services, new media, and federal librarianship)....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 21

## [More great websites for kids](#)

ALSC has added 16 more recommended websites to [Great Web Sites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children. The site features links to websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings....

ALSC, June 20



## [Descriptions of cutting-edge services](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy and its Program on America's Libraries for the 21st Century Subcommittee have released detailed descriptions of this year's "Cutting-edge Services" winners ([PDF file](#)). "The Future of Libraries: Cutting-edge Services" will be held June 25 and will feature presentations from the four libraries selected from those nominated....

Office for Information Technology Policy, June 17

## [Laura Bush 21st-Century Librarian grants](#)

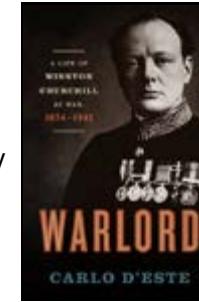
The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced 24 awards totaling \$11.2 million, matched with \$25.4 million in nonfederal funds, for Laura Bush 21st-Century Librarian Program Grants. IMLS received 119 applications. View the full list of funded projects [here](#)....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 21

## [Carlo D'Este wins Pritzker Military Library Literature Award](#)

World War II historian Carlo D'Este has won the 2011 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. At the library's Liberty Gala on October 22, the historian will receive a \$100,000 honorarium, citation, and medallion. The annual prize celebrates "a body of work that has profoundly enriched the public understanding of American military history." His most recent book is *Warlord: A Life of Winston Churchill at War, 1874–1945* (2008)....

Mediabistro: GalleyCat, June 21



## [2010 Bram Stoker Awards](#)

The winners of the Horror Writers Association's 2010 Bram Stoker Awards for superior achievement in horror writing were announced June 19 at the Long Island Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Uniondale, New York. *A Dark Matter* by Peter Straub was named the best novel in 2010, *Invisible Fences* by Norman Prentiss won for long fiction, and *Full Dark, No Stars* by Stephen King was given the award for best collection....

Nick Kaufman, June 19



## [Colum McCann wins IMPAC Award](#)

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## [Calendar](#)

### [July 13–16: National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators / Council of State Archivists](#)

[Archivists](#), Joint Annual Meeting, Sheraton-Nashville Downtown, Nashville, Tennessee.

### [July 19–22: Church and Synagogue Library Association](#)

[Annual Conference](#), Hilton Embassy Row Hotel, Washington, D.C. "Library Resources . . . A Capital Idea!"

### [July 20–22: 23rd Annual Scientific and Statistical Database Management Conference](#)

University Place Hotel and Conference Center, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon.

### [July 23–26: American Association of Law Libraries](#)

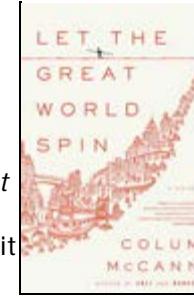
[Annual Conference](#), Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia.

### [July 31–Aug. 2: Ohio Library Support Staff Institute](#)

[Ohio University, Athens](#).

Irish author Colum McCann won the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, the largest prize for a single work of fiction published in English, on June 15. McCann, who lives in New York, won the €100,000 (\$143,045 U.S.) prize for his sixth novel, *Let the Great World Spin*. Set in Manhattan in 1974 as Philippe Petit tightrope walks between the newly built Twin Towers, it tells of interlocking lives in the world below, from a radical Irish monk in the Bronx to an Upper East Side housewife....

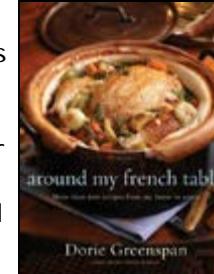
*The Guardian* (U.K.), June 16



## **2011 Cookbook of the Year**

The International Association of Culinary Professionals named *Around My French Table: More Than 300 Recipes from My Home to Yours* by Dorie Greenspan (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) the Cookbook of the Year at its annual conference June 1–4. Other books were chosen as winners by independent panels of food and beverage experts in 17 specific cuisine categories....

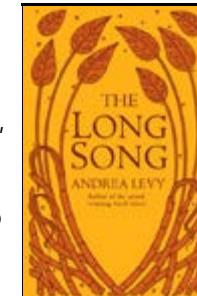
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## **Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction**

The second Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction has been won by Andrea Levy for her novel about the end of slavery, *The Long Song*. At £25,000 (\$40,555 U.S.), the prize is one of the U.K.'s richest literary awards. The announcement was made June 18 at the four-day Borders Book Festival in Melrose, one of Scotland's top literary events. The prize honors historical novels first published in the U.K. or Ireland....

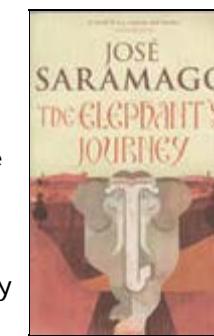
*The Guardian* (U.K.), June 20



## **Oxford-Weidenfeld Translation Prize**

Margaret Jull Costa was announced June 8 as the winner of this year's Oxford-Weidenfeld Translation Prize for her translation of *The Elephant's Journey* by José Saramago into English from the Portuguese. The £2,000 (\$3,240 U.S.) award has been given since 1999 for an outstanding book-length literary translation into English from any European language. The story, set in the 16th century, relates the journey of an Indian elephant from Lisbon to Vienna to be given as a wedding present for an emperor....

St. Anne's College, University of Oxford



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## **Seen Online**

### **Deadline looms for New York library funding**

Queens residents of all ages and many ethnicities gathered at the Jackson Heights branch June 9 to protest Mayor Michael

**Aug. 1–12:**  
**California Rare Book School**, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, University of California, Los Angeles.

**Aug. 11:**  
**MidSouth eResource Symposium**, Mitchell Memorial Library, Mississippi State University.

**Aug. 12:**  
**Emerging Technologies Summit**, Mitchell Memorial Library, Mississippi State University.

**Aug. 22–27:**  
**Society of American Archivists**, Hyatt Regency, Chicago. "Archives 360°."

**Oct. 24–26:**  
**Chief Officers of State Library Agencies**, Fall Meeting, Inn and Spa at Loretto, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Bloomberg's proposed budget cuts to New York City's libraries. The Queens Library alone is preparing for a [funding reduction](#) of \$25 million. If the Bloomberg administration and the city council fail to restore most of the money during budget negotiations, 471 staff will be laid off, 14 branches will be closed, 17 branches will be open only three days a week, and another 17 will be open two days a week. A new budget for fiscal year 2012 is due by the end of June....

YourNabe.com, June 16; *New York Daily News*, June 16



### **What big media can learn from NYPL**

Alexis Madrigal writes: "This library isn't floundering. Rather, it's flourishing, putting out some of the most innovative online projects in the country. On the stuff you can measure—library visitors, website visitors, digital gallery images viewed—the numbers are up across the board compared with five years ago. On the stuff you can't, like conceptual leadership, the New York Public Library is killing it. The library clearly has reevaluated its role within the internet information ecosystem and found a set of new identities."...

*The Atlantic*, June 20

### **Oakland library supporters stage read-in**

Oakland (Calif.) Public Library lovers braved the sun and heat in an uninterrupted 14-hour read-in on City Hall's front steps June 20. It was the latest tactic library advocates are using to protest the potential closure of 14 of the city's 18 libraries. On June 21, the Oakland City Council was considering a plan that could help close the city's \$56-million budget deficit. If an "all-cuts" budget plan is recommended, then the library budget would be slashed by 85%....

*Oakland (Calif.) North*, June 21

### **Cutting library funding has consequences**

Debra Kachel writes: "Let me use a metaphor that should resonate in a state where agriculture and agribusiness is a leading economic driver: By cutting funds for school libraries, Pennsylvania is eating its seed corn. It is a mistaken article of faith among many critics of public schools that there is no correlation between spending and learning outcomes. When resources and support for school libraries increase, reading scores go up and learning by other measures improves. Short-sighted cuts to school library funds and positions will harm Pennsylvania students who will not test as well or learn as much."...

*Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News*, June 17

### **Enlightening lives in Detroit, one book stop at a time**

The Detroit Public Library has operated a bookmobile since 1940. The program, based at the Douglass Branch for Specialized Services, operates two vehicles, one full of children's material that makes stops at public schools where the libraries have been closed or aren't staffed by a librarian anymore, another that visits far-flung homes, densely packed senior apartment complexes, and riverfront retirement communities. Despite the library's budget woes, Coordinator of Specialized Services



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Carolyn McCormick says the program is safe....  
*Detroit MetroTimes*, June 15

### **Bangor gets its war posters digitized**

The Bangor (Maine) Public Library owns some 800 World War I and II posters. The collection was compiled by L. Felix Ranlett, a WWI veteran and military history buff who was the librarian during WWI, said Special Collections Librarian Bill Cook. The collection is believed to be one of the largest of its kind in the country. Since this winter, local photographer James Daigle has been collaborating with the University of Maine's Fogler Library to digitize most of them. The library plans to unveil his collection of digital images of these posters on Veterans Day, November 11....

*Bangor (Maine) Daily News*, June 21



### **Wheaton mayor to replace two library trustees**

Two Wheaton (Ill.) Public Library board members who battled it out with city officials last summer over a decision to close the library on Fridays will likely be replaced at the June 27 city council meeting. Mayor Michael Gesk said the seats of Library Board President Colleen McLaughlin and Trustee Carol Honeywell will be filled by two local residents. He also said McLaughlin will not be reappointed because of the unacceptable and confrontational manner in which she handled herself during meetings with the city....

*Wheaton (Ill.) TribLocal*, June 20

### **Jail repurposed as county library**

While strains of "Jailhouse Rock" played on a boom box outside, the Morgan County Library in Madison, Georgia, threw open the doors of the old county detention center June 12 in an effort to nab new patrons. Library workers and a host of volunteers were on guard in the afternoon during an open house of the library's new temporary home. The children's section is organized where the trustees' cell once stood, and one side of the reference room is flanked by a bank of phones and thick glass where inmates securely talked to visitors....

*Morgan County (Ga.) Citizen*, June 17



### **Reference librarian helps WWII vet return home**

A Westlake (Ohio) Porter Public Library reference librarian's interest in solving puzzles led to a Cleveland World War II soldier getting a full military funeral in a national cemetery more than 65 years after he died in a tank battle in France. Sue Bennis (right) was able to locate the nearest relative of 19-year-old Donald D. Owens, whose dog tags turned up in a forest near Lunéville, France, in 2003. Bennis and Rhodes High School Librarian Myra Stone began a lengthy search through a maze of school and city records, marriage certificates, newspaper articles, and other documents....

*Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer*, June 18



### **Library director makes citrus documentary**

Jeff Thompson, director of Merritt Island branch of the Brevard County (Fla.) Libraries and an amateur filmmaker, wanted to record for posterity the magnificent organic orange grove in Scottsmoor

established by his father, Andrew Graham. After more than two years of planning, Thompson began filming in January and recently wrapped up the last shot of *The Florida Suite*. He hopes to enter the documentary, which is set to the music of Frederick Delius's largely forgotten *Florida Suite*, at the Florida Film Festival....

Melbourne *Florida Today*, June 13

### College student uncovers Lincoln documents

Abe Lincoln made a couple of lists back in 1844. David Spiegel found them in May. Spiegel, a history major at Saint Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota, was in the second week of a summer internship in the Manuscripts Department of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. He was sorting a stack of old papers when he noticed a tiny notation that read: "The above memorandum is in the handwriting of Abraham Lincoln." Experts determined they were lists made by Lincoln in March 1844 as he prepared a petition for an upcoming legal case....

Winona (Minn.) *Daily News*, June 18

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### Scrap dealers offer to help replace stolen library sculpture

A beloved statue that was stolen from in front of the Revere (Mass.) Public



Library and destroyed may be replaced in part thanks to money donated by scrap-metal buyers. City Librarian Mark Ferrante said some businessmen who run metal yards contacted him after learning of the statue's fate. The 3-foot-long, 60-pound bronze figure of a small girl reading a book was stolen the weekend of April 22–25 from its marble pedestal in front of the library steps. A 46-year-old man has been charged with the theft and vandalism....

Lynn (Mass.) *Daily Item*, June 15

### LC gets rare flat-earth map

The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., has 5 million maps in its collections, but not the one belonging to Don Homuth, a former North Dakota state senator.

Printed in 1893, the "[Map of the Square and Stationary Earth](#)" was created by

Orlando Ferguson of Hot Springs, South

Dakota. Robert Morris, senior technical information specialist in LC's Geography and Map Division, said they searched through nearly 100 similar maps before confirming they didn't have a match. Homuth is donating his copy to the library in late June....

Fargo (N.Dak.) *Forum*, June 18; Strange Maps, Jan. 16, 2010



### The sailing librarian

Carol Stitson, children's librarian for Oxfordshire County Council, won the Vice-Commodore's Cup sailing a laser-class dinghy at the June 5 Henley Sailing Cup open meeting at Henley-on-Thames in the United Kingdom. Veteran sailor Stitson set her own record of [seven cups](#) for the club in 2008 and was named most successful club member that year....

Henley (U.K.) *Standard*, Feb. 16, 2009; June 15



## **Oxfam: Volunteers no substitute for librarians**

Firing staff in public libraries and replacing them with volunteers is not the right approach to government cuts, according to Oxfam Trading Director David McCullough. He said the charity had been asked to consult on staffing libraries with volunteers, but he said that local councils needed to invest in infrastructure with skilled workers. Oxfordshire County Council announced its plans to close 20 libraries in November unless volunteers stepped forward to run them. "That's a really bad plan," McCullough said....

BBC News, June 19

## **Malta to have a national librarian**

Malta will soon have a national librarian who will ensure that books, documents, and manuscripts are collected and preserved for posterity. Education Minister Dolores Cristina said June 14 that a call for applications would soon be issued for the position now that the new Malta Libraries Act was published in May. The law sets up Malta Libraries as a legal entity that can enter into contracts, acquire books, and manage resources. Though most of the National Library of Malta's 750,000 books are in good shape, there are hundreds of others from the 16th to 18th centuries that are literally turning into dust....

Times of Malta, June 15



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## **Tech Talk**

### **Eight tech trends for school librarians**

Dave Saltman writes: "Today, a major mission of the librarian or media specialist is to teach students digital literacy by showing them how to use the internet to efficiently find, organize, and share information with peers. Here are some of the tools librarians are using to make their jobs easier and more relevant to students as they address this expansion of their role."....

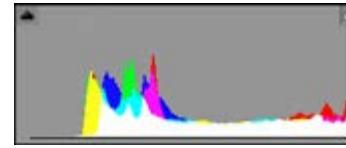
Harvard Education Letter 27, no. 3 (May/June)



### **How to use histograms to improve your photos**

Eric Z. Goodnight writes: "What's with that weird graph with all the peaks and valleys? You've seen it when you open Photoshop or go to edit a camera raw file. But what is a histogram, and what does it mean? The histogram is one of the most important and powerful tools for the digital imagemaker. And with a few moments reading, you'll understand a few simple rules that can make you a much more powerful image editor and help you shoot better photographs. So what are you waiting for? Read on."....

How-To Geek, June 22



### **Eight simple ways to share data online**

David Strom writes: "If you have to jointly author a spreadsheet with a colleague, what is the first thing that you



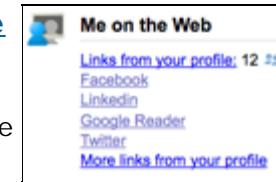
do? Email it back and forth. This can be painful, particularly as you try to keep track of your partner's changes and hope the emails transit back and forth across the internet. Add a third or fourth person, and things get worse. Luckily, there are a number of web-based service providers that have stepped up with tools to make spreadsheet sharing a lot easier than sending attachments."...

ReadWriteWeb, June 17

## [Me on the Web monitors your online reputation](#)

Keir Thomas writes: "If you have ever Googled yourself, you know that the search results can be surprising. Google's latest tool, [Me on the Web](#), lets users set up alerts based on their name, email addresses, phone numbers, and other personal information in order to help monitor what others post about them online. The new tool is identical to Google Alerts, but this one is embedded in the Google dashboard, making it easier to access and remove personal information from the search engine."...

PC World, June 16; Google Public Policy Blog, June 15



## [The best notebooks of the year so far](#)



Typically these 'best of' lists come with a caveat. Something like 'Best notebooks under \$500,' or 'Best notebooks for gaming,' but this is just an all-around best-of list, courtesy of Mark Spoonauer, editor-in-chief of *Laptop Magazine*, where he oversees more than 140 netbook and notebook reviews every year....

Gizmodo, June 17

## [15 sexy printers](#)



David Carnoy writes: "Most people have figured out that like the shaving industry, the money is in razor blades (ink), not the razor (printer), so manufacturers tend to make their printers as cost effectively as possible because they have to sell them relatively inexpensively. Gradually, however, that is changing, and companies are giving more thought to the design of their printers as they also add new features, including built-in LCD displays and web connectivity. With that in mind, here's a look at 15 models that are design standouts."...

CNET News: Crave, June 22

## [Three social publishing apps that empower humans](#)



Steve Rosenbaum writes: "The mantra of a lot of web software is: Use technology to take the human agents out of the equation. Along the way, the web aggregated everything: airfares, hotel rooms, auctions, stock market data, weather information—you name it. But the software that made everything comparable has also made things increasingly unfindable. This is why the new software frontier isn't about removing humans, but empowering them. Here are three examples of software products built *for* humans, rather than as a means to replace them."...

Mashable, June 16

## Publishing

### Testing e-book ownership

The state librarian of Kansas is planning to terminate the Kansas Digital Library Consortium's contract with e-book vendor OverDrive and is asserting the bold argument that the consortium has purchased, not licensed, its e-book content from OverDrive and thus has the right to transfer the content to a new service provider. Jo Budler said she is in negotiations with other platform providers and that the state consortium will become a beta tester of 3M's new [Cloud Library eBook lending service](#), which will debut this week at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

*Library Journal*, June 20; Library Technology Guides, May 19

### Google launches affiliate program for e-books

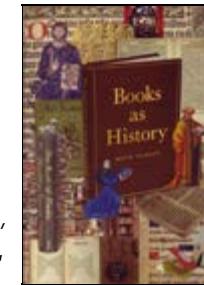
Juan Carlos Perez writes: "Google has launched an [affiliate program](#) for its eBooks service, pushing the company further into the digital books marketplace despite its recent Google Books Settlement setback. The program will pay commissions to web publishers who promote titles on their sites and send buyers to Google's online bookstore of about 3 million free titles and hundreds of thousands for sale. They can hook up their sites to the program's main product feed, which gives them access to all books for sale, or customize what's available through [Google Books APIs](#)."...

*PC World*, June 16

### Why books are more than simply text

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "That books have value beyond their text is not news to bibliophiles. But the argument for their essential worth as objects and historical artifacts has never been presented as comprehensively as David Pearson has in *Books as History: The Importance of Books Beyond Their Texts*, his 2008 book now issued in its first softcover edition, revised, updated, and enlarged (British Library/Oak Knoll Press, 2011). What he does, in eight lavishly illustrated chapters, is demolish the idea that physical books are passé, that they have been merely text all dressed up with no place to go."...

*Booktryst*, June 21



### Top 10 funny teen boy books

Don Calame, author of *Swim the Fly*, writes: "When I'm on tour I'm regularly asked for the titles of funny books that might appeal to teenage boys. It's not an easy question to answer because the pickings tend to be slim. Still, there are some very funny teen boy books out there (that also appeal to girls). The best ones I've read so far appear on the list here. I've rounded it out with a few books that aren't specifically YA, but I'm of the opinion that a good read is a good read no matter where someone decides it should be shelved."...

*The Guardian* (U.K.), June 14



### Unusual bindings

As if books weren't interesting enough already, these [unusual bindings](#) skip leather and cloth in favor of extraordinary methods and materials. Creative bookbinders have explored some unlikely media. From intricate embroidered silk to dazzling copper, these books go beyond the conventional. Many of the copies



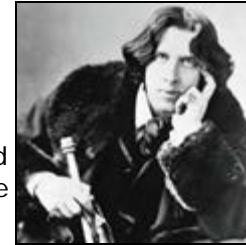
on display were snapped up quickly, but it's still a treat to see the photos and the variety of materials used to bind books....

Reading Copy Book Blog, June 21

### The 30 harshest author-on-author insults in history

Emily Temple writes: "Oscar Wilde (right) on Alexander Pope: 'There are two ways of disliking poetry; one way is to dislike it, the other is to read Pope.' Sigh. Authors just don't insult each other like they used to. It stands to reason, of course, that writers would be able to come up with some of the best insults around, given their natural affinity for a certain turn of phrase and all. Click through for our countdown of the 30 harshest author-on-author burns in history."...

FlavorWire, June 19



### The 100 greatest nonfiction books

After keen debate at *The Guardian's* books desk, a list has emerged of what the British newspaper's critics consider the very best factual writing in history, organized by category, and then by date. Subject matter ranges from art (John Berger's *Ways of Seeing*, 1972) to mind (Sigmund Freud's *The Interpretation of Dreams*, 1899), philosophy (Robert Burton's *The Anatomy of Melancholy*, 1621), politics (Clay Shirky's *Here Comes Everybody*, 2008), society (Max Weber's *Economy and Society*, 1922), and travel (Jonathan Raban's *Passage to Juneau*, 2000)....

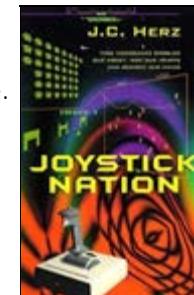
*The Guardian* (U.K.), June 14



### Collecting video gaming books

L. D. Mitchell writes: "Anyone attempting to collect the literature of video gaming faces an enormous challenge. Some histories cover video gaming in considerable detail, examining everything from video game precursors to the first home video game. Others pick up the story when video games first came into commercial use in November 1971 (with Nutting Associates' release of *Computer Space*). Some choose instead to focus only on the vast literature that has been devoted to programming various types of video games or the equally vast literature that is devoted to how specific video games might best be played."...

The Private Library, June 16



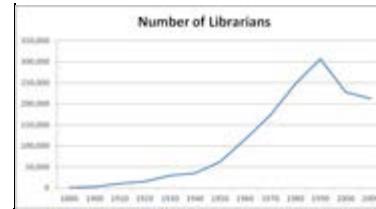
## Actions & Answers

### Librarians in the United States, 1880–2009

The U.S. Census first collected data on librarians in 1880, four years after ALA's

founding. They only counted 636 librarians nationwide. Indeed, one respondent reported on his census form that he was the "Librarian of Congress." The U.S. Census, which became organized as a permanent Bureau in 1902, can be used to track the growth of the library profession. The number of librarians grew over the next 100 years, peaking at 307,273 in 1990....

OUPblog, June 20



### **Social networking sites and human behavior**

The Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project decided to examine social networking sites in a survey that explored how the use of Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace, and Twitter is related to trust, tolerance, social support, and community and political engagement. It found, among other things, that Facebook users are more trusting than others, and that MySpace users are more likely to be open to opposing points of view. Read the [full report](#)....

Pew Research Center, June 16

### **COSLA calls for digital library name change** (PDF file)

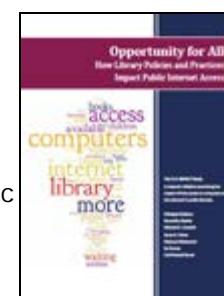
At its May 11 meeting in Washington, D.C., the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies passed a resolution asking the Steering Committee of the Digital Public Library of America Project, based at Harvard University, to reconsider the name of the project. State librarians are concerned that calling the project the "Digital Public Library of America" might have the unintended consequence of undermining support for public libraries in their states....

Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, May 31

### **Library policies and public access**

A new report, *Opportunity for All: How Library Policies and Practices Impact Public Internet Access* ([PDF file](#)), offers an analysis of the service in four public library systems and makes recommendations for strategies that help to sustain and improve public access service. The report was funded through a partnership between the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services and was produced by the University of Washington Information School....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 17



### **Facebook privacy: A how-to guide for taking back control**

Fahmida Y. Rashid writes: "Facebook regularly adds new features and turns them on without notifying users or giving them a chance to opt out beforehand. Many privacy groups are up in arms about the latest new trick, [facial recognition technology](#) that scans photos uploaded by the user and offers to auto-tag the friends. Paul Laudanski, director of the Cyber-Threat Analysis Center at antimalware technology producer ESET, offers these tips for Facebook users to find the balance they are comfortable with."....

eWeek.com, June 17; Network World, June 17



### **Programming on the cheap**

Carey Vance writes: "The Burbank (Calif.)

Public Library recently started a Lego Club and it was a huge success. Our monthly meetings regularly attract crowds of up to 200 people on what would normally be quiet Saturday mornings. The club is most popular with school-age kids although it is open to children from 2–14 years. For safety reasons, kids under 4 are directed to the Toddlers' Area which I create in the corner using our storytime rug and a wall of chairs for the parents. Here we have age-appropriate Duplo blocks."...

ALSC Blog, June 18



### **Six common misperceptions about teamwork**

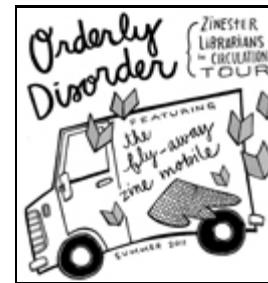
J. Richard Hackman writes: "Teamwork and collaboration are critical to mission achievement in any organization that has to respond quickly to changing circumstances. My research in the U.S. intelligence community has not only affirmed that idea but also surfaced a number of mistaken beliefs about teamwork that can sidetrack productive collaboration. Here are six of them."...

Harvard Business Review Blog Network, June 7

### **Orderly Disorder: A national zine tour**

The "Orderly Disorder: Librarian Zinesters in Circulation Tour" will be making nine stops between New Orleans and Milwaukee, beginning with ALA Annual Conference on June 26 and ending with the Zine Librarian Unconference on July 7. Four [librarian zinesters](#) (Jenna Freedman, Celia Perez, Debbie Rasmussen, and John Stevens) will read from their zines as part of the event. The tour also features Rasmussen's Fly Away Zine Mobile, a travelling zine library that offers information about zines and other forms of DIY publishing....

Fly Away Zine Mobile; *Murfreesboro (Tenn.) Post*, June 15



### **Agatha Christie resources from PBS**

Dying to talk about the latest Christie mysteries? Check out discussion questions, activities, and even a "Delicious Death" recipe from the folks at PBS Masterpiece. Access the [Agatha Christie Book and Film Club](#) to watch *Poirot* and *Marple* episodes online and get a rare close-up perspective on Agatha Christie from her grandson, Matthew Prichard. New *Poirots* and *Marples* air on PBS Sunday nights from June 19 through July 10....

PLA Blog, June 20

### **NYPL buys Timothy Leary's papers**

The New York Public Library's Manuscripts and Archives Division has acquired some 335 boxes of material belonging to psychologist and author Timothy Leary, whose advocacy of the use of psychedelic substances to promote psychological well-being, increased creativity, and spiritual renewal made him a key figure in the counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s. The collection contains extensive materials connected to his work as a clinical psychologist, including his time at Harvard University and at the Millbrook Estate in New York, as well as his spiritual and promotional activities....

New York Public Library, June 16

### **A wall-to-wall weekend of wow**

Jennifer Gavin writes: "The lineup for the 2011

National Book Festival—going to two days this year for the first time, September 24–25—continues to grow, with information on scores of authors, video clips of authors and book-lovers, and a countdown clock among the features of the festival [website](#). Historian David McCullough, authors Russell Banks, Dave Eggers, Terry McMillan, Siddhartha Mukherjee, Jennifer Egan, Eric Foner, Garrison Keillor, Amy Chua, and Toni Morrison are among the more than 80 writers slated to attend."...

Library of Congress Blog, June 16



## [\*\*How to set up a Facebook page without a profile\*\*](#)

Although the total number of Facebook users continues to climb, many people simply don't want to have a profile on the site, whether because of concerns over privacy, information overload, or their marriage-crippling Farmville addiction. Fortunately, there is a way to set up a page for your library without needing a personal profile....

ReadWrite Biz, June 17

## [\*\*Tagging the National Archives\*\*](#)

Meredith D. writes: "The National Archives [Online Public Access prototype](#) just got an exciting new feature—tagging. As you search the catalog, we now invite you to tag any archival description, as well as person and organization name records, with the keywords or labels that are meaningful to you. Our hope is that crowdsourcing tags will enhance the content of our online catalog and help you find the information you seek more quickly. Ready to give it a try?"...

NARAtions, June 20



## [\*\*Google to digitize British Library books\*\*](#)

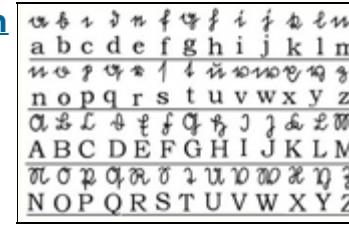
The British Library and Google announced a partnership June 20 to digitize 250,000 out-of-copyright books from the library's collections. Both organizations will deliver the content free through Google Books, the British Library's website, and the European Digital Library. Google will perform the scanning and cover all digitization costs. The project will focus on books, pamphlets, and periodicals dated 1700 to 1870 that are not yet freely available in digital form. Watch the [video](#) (1:36)....

British Library, June 20; Reuters, June 20



## [\*\*How to transliterate old German handwriting\*\*](#)

Nancy Messier writes: "A year or two ago I requested and received some church records written in the late 1800s in German. The handwriting was completely indecipherable. One of the resources that helped out was a lecture handout by Sabine Schleichert called 'How to Cope With That Old German Script' ([PDF file](#)). The image at the right is Sütterlin script from another helpful website called [Suetterlinschrift](#). You can see that some of the letters are similar to their English or modern German counterparts, but others look nothing like our modern letters."...



My Ancestors and Me, June 16

## The knowledge taxis of Egypt

Michael Lieberman writes: "In 2010, the [Alef Bookstores](#) in Cairo came up with a brilliant idea. Since the streets of Cairo are in an almost continuous state of gridlock why not put books in the back of taxis so people can pass the time reading? The initiative, called Taxi of Knowledge, launched with 50 cabs, each carrying five books. Alef places review cards in each taxi that allows the passengers to comment on the book selection and the driver's knowledge of them."...

Book Patrol, June 17



## Martin and Lewis at the Librarians' Convention

The *Colgate Comedy Hour*, April 27, 1952, featured a skit by hosts Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis in which they attempted to entertain a group of shushing librarians at the "Annual Convention of Librarians." It's pretty awful, but at least it's timely....

YouTube, Jan. 3, 2009



## A feel-good video from London Public Library

London (Ontario) Public Library is the Heart of the City, with 16 branches, 3.2-million visits annually, and an excellent sense of what library promotional [videos](#) (3:19) should look like. Written and directed by Alex Schmoll, and encouraged and supported by Library Director Susanna Hubbard Krimmer....

YouTube, June 21



## MIT Library mythbusters: Episode one

*Library Myths* sets the record straight, debunking common misconceptions about libraries. The premiere episode (1:30) reveals things you never knew you could check out of the MIT Libraries. "Myth #1: The MIT Libraries only have academic stuff. True or false?" Busted! And who knew that MIT offers kazoos and rubber ducks to check out? ....

MIT TechTV, June 7



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