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[A Capitol weekend in Wisconsin](#)

On February 26, several dozen librarians brought library-themed picket signs to the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to show solidarity with protesters entering their third week of demonstrations opposing Gov. Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill, which includes the permanent abolishment of most collective-bargaining rights for the state's public-sector employees. Organized by University of Wisconsin–Madison SLIS student Omar Poler, the group constituted a more visible library contingent than the individual information professionals who have joined the protesters for days....

AL: Inside Scoop, Feb. 28



[CES: The librarian's takeaway](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "While ALA Midwinter 2011 was starting in beautiful San Diego, I was on a plane to a different, but equally sunny destination—Las Vegas, Nevada—to attend the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show. The reason that I go is because the experiences that our patrons have with these gadgets and gizmos set their expectations for their interaction with information. The gadget emergence that I think might have the most effect on libraries is the rise of the tablet."...

American Libraries news, Feb. 28



[This old library](#)

Peter Gisolfi writes: "Sustainable building construction is the major issue facing the architectural profession in the United States and around the world. As a nation and as architects, we are constantly developing ways to reduce energy consumption in the new buildings we design and construct. In fact, we are looking for ways to create new buildings that will be energy neutral—that is, they will produce as much energy as they consume. However, if we focus only on new buildings, we will not reduce our consumption; we will only increase it at a slower rate. Thus, the critical problem is to



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Fully online
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programs

address the sustainable improvements we can make to existing buildings.”...

American Libraries feature

[Youth Matters: Hope springs eternal](#)

Jennifer Burek Pierce writes: “At this writing, the world outside my window resembles a snow globe. Despite lingering wintry conditions, I’m thinking of spring—because I’ve been talking with Keiko Kasza (right), and it will be a spring day in 2012 when her next book is released. Kasza is known internationally for books like *A Mother for Choco* and *The Wolf’s Chicken Stew*. As someone who immigrated to the United States from Japan, she is attuned to the way ideas and idioms translate—or may fail to translate—across cultures. Some of her plots derive from such differences.”...

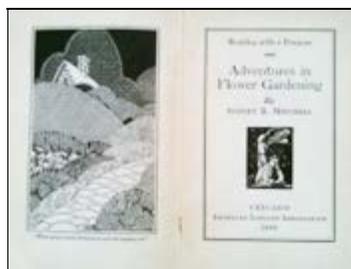
American Libraries column, Mar./Apr.



[Reader’s advisory](#)

Karen Muller writes: “This post isn’t prompted by just one question, but rather several that came in via email over the weekend. Can you suggest good books for my 8-year-old grandson? Where are the older lists of Best Books for Young Adults? Is there a set of biographies of all the presidents? So, even though the ALA Library is a special library, we get our share of reader’s advisory questions. Answering the first is easy: Please meet with your local librarian who can help you identify a range of materials.”...

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Mar. 2



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ALA News

[Roberta Stevens: Protect library funding](#)

As the U.S. Senate reconvenes this week, ALA President Roberta Stevens has issued this call to action through ALA’s Washington Office: “I am writing to you to enlist your participation in an Association-wide advocacy campaign to protect funding for the Library Services and Technology Act and the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program. This is the time to reach out to your U.S. senators by phone or email—and, importantly, to urge others in your communities to do so as well.”...

AL: Inside Scoop, Feb. 25

[ALA on collective bargaining legislation](#)

As thousands protest proposed collective bargaining legislation in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, ALA President Roberta Stevens released a statement in support of those standing up for workers’ rights: “We affirm the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively with their employers, without fear of reprisal.

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These are basic workers' rights that we defend for thousands of academic, public, and school library professionals."...

Public Information Office, Feb. 24

[Bookmobile Day resources](#)

Materials for National Bookmobile Day 2011 are now available for [downloading](#). These free and customizable resources will help libraries plan festivities for the second annual celebration of National Bookmobile Day on April 13. Materials include publicity templates, logos, and sticker templates, as well as flyers and bookmarks featuring National Bookmobile Day 2011 Honorary Chair Audrey Niffenegger....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, Feb. 25



[Submit a National Library Week idea and win \\$100](#)

The Campaign for America's Libraries is looking for stories about how librarians are planning to promote National Library Week (April 10–16) using the theme "Create your own story @ your library." Stories can be submitted by [email](#) or posted to the National Library Week [community](#) in ALA Connect. One library story will be selected at random to win a \$100 gift certificate to ALA Graphics. Stories must be submitted by March 21....

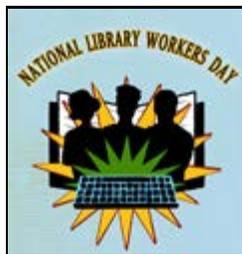
Public Information Office, Mar. 1



[Be a star on National Library Workers Day](#)

The ALA–Allied Professional Association invites you to celebrate National Library Workers Day on April 14. National Library Workers Day acknowledges the contributions of all library workers—including librarians, support staff, and others who make services possible. [Nominate](#) a "star" library worker or group for their creativity, enthusiasm, customer service, or that special something they add to the library....

ALA–Allied Professional Association, Feb. 25



[COSWL celebrates National Women's History Month](#)

Throughout the month of March, the ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship will recognize and celebrate women's historic achievements in [National Women's History Month](#). The observance also provides an opportunity to honor women within our families and communities. The celebration traces its origins back to March 8, 1857, when women from factories in New York City staged a protest over working conditions....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Mar. 1



[Participate in the 2011 Diversity and Outreach Fair](#)

The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services invites library professionals from all kinds of institutions to submit proposals to participate in the 2011 Diversity and Outreach Fair, to be held at the



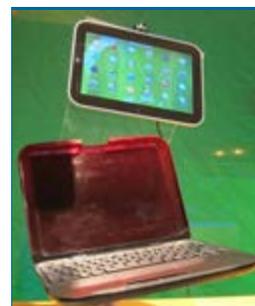
[ALA Annual Conference](#)

in New Orleans, June 23–28, 2011.

Booklist ONLINE

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New this week in American Libraries



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[Youth Matters](#)

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[Librarian's Library](#)

[Solutions and Services](#)

ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans on June 25. Sponsored by DEMCO, the fair is an opportunity for libraries and member groups to share their successful diversity and outreach initiatives with conference attendees. The [application](#) deadline is April 15....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, May 1

[American Library in Paris representative needed](#)

The International Relations Committee is calling for nominations for an ALA representative to the board of trustees of the American Library in Paris. This two-year appointment would begin in June 2011 with the appointee having to cover costs to attend two board meetings a year in Paris. ALA does not provide financial support for the representative. [Apply](#) by April 15....

International Relations Committee



[Top 10 reasons your Friends should go to Annual Conference](#)

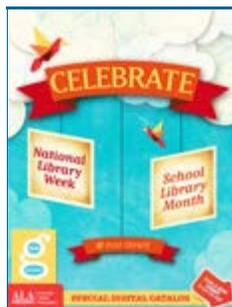
Marsha Bennett writes: "One of the most important things the Friends of the Johnson County (Kans.) Library does is to budget for Friends board members to attend the ALA Annual Conference. Two to three of them usually attend the conference each year and always come back with new energy, great ideas, and a realization that their Friends organization is doing a lot of things right. Here are the top 10 reasons your board members should attend."...

ALTAFF

[Find inspiration in the ALA Graphics digital catalog](#)

The ALA Graphics digital catalog is here, just in time for April's big celebrations—National Library Week and School Library Month. The new online format is convenient and environmentally friendly. It's also interactive: Click item numbers to begin filling your ALA Store shopping cart or watch a video tutorial demonstrating how to create customized READ posters. View the [new catalog](#) now and take advantage of the special discount available to digital catalog shoppers through April 10....

ALA Graphics



[Learn to use e-government resources](#)

ALA Editions is offering a new facilitated, four-week eCourse on "Finding and Using E-Government Tools and Resources." Diane Kovacs, a former government documents librarian and experienced online instructor, will serve as the instructor for the course, which starts April 4. Registration can be purchased at the [ALA Store](#)....

ALA Editions, Mar. 1



[Reflective teaching and effective learning](#)

Whether or not "instruction" appears in their job titles, librarians are often in the position of educating their users, colleagues, and peers to successfully locate and evaluate information. MLIS programs tend to offer less-than-comprehensive preparation in pedagogy and instructional design. [Reflective Teaching, Effective Learning: Instructional Literacy for Library Educators](#),



[AL Focus](#)

Great Libraries of the World



[ImaginOn: The Joe and Joan Martin Center](#), Charlotte, North Carolina. A collaboration of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library and the Children's Theater of Charlotte, this innovative learning center opened in 2005. It hosts the Spangler Children's Library, the Teen Loft for teen reading and activities, a computer center, a multimedia recording and animation studio, the Hugh McColl Family Theater, and the Wachovia Playhouse.



[Roy J. Bostock Library](#), Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Completed in 2005 as part of a [renovation](#) of the Collegiate Gothic William R. Perkins Library, Bostock was configured to create an environment conducive to study, learning, and research. Special features include the two-story

written by Char Booth and published by ALA Editions, fills in the gap....

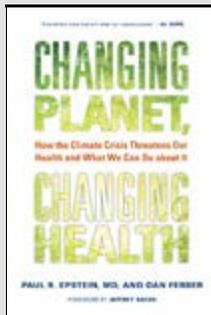
ALA Editions, Feb. 25

Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Health and medicine

Epstein, Paul R., and Dan Ferber. *Changing Planet, Changing Health: How the Climate Crisis Threatens Our Health and What We Can Do about It*. Apr. 2011. 368p. University of California, hardcover (978-0-520-26909-5).

If ever there was a book that ought to be on everybody's reading list, this is it. But read it now rather than later, since health and global environment expert Epstein and award-winning science journalist Ferber believe there is still time, albeit limited, to begin mitigating the effects of human actions on the changing climate. Epstein's slap-upside-the-head diagnosis is that climate change has already begun to cause an epidemic of epidemics. He has witnessed and chronicled them firsthand. The first to suffer ill-health effects are the poor and children. From malarial mosquitoes able to survive in more northerly locales to currently dormant cholera microbes traversing the globe on waves of warming oceanic tides, health threats are broadening....



How you can benefit from the coming environmental apocalypse



Will Manley writes: "I try in my own little way, I was saying to a fellow retired librarian the other day, to be a friend of the planet. I recycle, and I bicycle. I'm cutting back on beef, and I'm moving forward with solar. But my retired librarian surprised me when he said, 'Until you transition from physical books to an e-reader, you aren't really a true friend of the planet.' What do e-books have to do with the planet?"

According to my friend, physical books waste resources. Paper requires the sacrifice of millions of trees, which serve as our planetary oxygen tanks. But that's not all. Books require huge storage bins called libraries. These waste valuable resources to build and spew tons of carbon compounds into the air to keep them at just the right temperature. E-readers, he claims, are much more planet friendly. They only require a few massive data centers scattered strategically around the world."...

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

Division News

Carpenter Reading Room, the Center for Instructional Technology, an abundance of natural lighting, open space design, and the seamless integration of technological services. Integral to the relationship between Bostock and Perkins is the gateway that joins the two buildings on three different levels.

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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[ACRL 2011 to focus on value](#)

More than 3,000 librarians and staff from college and university libraries around the world will meet in Philadelphia, March 30–April 2, for the ACRL 2011 Conference to discuss a host of pressing issues affecting higher education, such as the future of academic libraries, top technology trends, open access publishing, distance learning, and information literacy. Themed “A Declaration of Interdependence,” ACRL 2011 will explore the interdependency that exists in academic and library communities and the changing nature and role of academic and research librarians....

ACRL, Mar. 1



[ALCTS webinars free to LIS students and faculty](#)

Current ALA student members can register for any ALCTS webinar free of charge. Students who wish to take advantage of the offer must register in advance for the webinars by filling out the [registration form](#) located on the ALCTS website. Faculty must contact [Julie Reese](#) at the ALCTS office in advance to make arrangements for the presentation....

ALCTS, Feb. 28

[Guy Gavriel Kay to speak at Literary Tastes breakfast](#)

Fantasy book lovers won't want to miss out on hearing Guy Gavriel Kay, the author of *Under Heaven*, speak at the RUSA Literary Tastes breakfast—a book lover's dream event—June 26 at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The breakfast is a ticketed event sponsored by RUSA CODES. *Under Heaven* was named the 2011 RUSA Reading List's top fantasy title....

RUSA, Mar. 1



[Find your dream job with this April 21 webinar](#)

Tackling the job search process can be a daunting task, so let YALSA help. Join Courtney Young at 2 p.m. Eastern time on April 21 for a discussion of practical job-hunting tips for new graduates and early career librarians. The webinar is free to YALSA members. Contact [Eve Gaus](#) to register....

YALSA, Mar. 1

[Teen space design webinar in May](#)

Looking for ways to spruce up your existing teen space? Or are you moving into a new building and need to redesign or plan something new? Join Kim Bolan Cullin as she discusses the latest in teen space planning and implementation in YALSA's May 19 webinar. Registration is now open [online](#)....

YALSA, Mar. 1

[Nuts and Bolts for Serving Teens preconference](#)

Teens are an essential part of any library's service, but gaining their attention and creating programs and services that meet their unique needs can be a challenge. New librarians and generalists alike can learn practical strategies for serving teens that can be implemented immediately during YALSA's Nuts and Bolts for Serving Teens preconference, scheduled for the afternoon of June 24 at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

YALSA, Mar. 1

manager for our new Brighton location—a beautiful 20,000-square-foot library that serves a vibrant community of 40,000 people. As an Anythink manager, you love people and are passionate about nurturing curious minds. When it comes to running an organization, you can do it all. If you've got everything it takes to manage people, projects, deadlines, events, and ideas with a winning style and assurance, this is the position for you....



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Digital Library of the Week



The [West Texas Digital Archives](#) is a digital repository project of the Abilene Library Consortium, which partners with Abilene Christian University Library, Abilene Public Library, Center for Contemporary Arts, Grace Museum, Hardin-Simmons

[New webinars-on-demand from YALSA](#)

YALSA debuts two new webinars-on-demand in March, previously recorded and ed by young adult services content experts. "Gear Up for Summer Reading" and "Tech4U: Technology Programs for Every User" are now available for purchase [online](#) for \$19 each. Webinars-on-demand are available for purchase two months after the webinar takes place....

YALSA, Mar. 1

Awards

[2011 Peggy Sullivan Award](#)

Sol M. Hirsch, director of the Alachua County (Fla.) Library District, will receive the 2011 Peggy Sullivan Award for Public Library Administrators Supporting Services to Children. The award is presented annually to a library administrator who has shown exceptional understanding and support of public library service to children. Hirsch received the award for his leadership in cultivating community relationships and encouraging innovative methods of delivering services to children and families....

Office of ALA Governance, Feb. 25



[Karen Coyle receives ALCTS Outstanding Publication Award](#)

Karen Coyle is the 2011 ALCTS Outstanding Publication Award recipient for her "Understanding the Semantic Web: Bibliographic Data and Metadata," published in the [January 2010 Library Technology Reports](#) by ALA TechSource. Coyle is a librarian and a consultant in the area of digital libraries. Her report is an insightful articulation about how library catalogs must transition to become part of the current information environment....

ALCTS, Feb. 28



[2011 Banks-Harris Award](#)

Roberta Pilette, chief preservation officer at Yale University Library, is the recipient of the 2011 ALCTS Paul Banks and Carolyn Harris Preservation Award. The award, consisting of \$1,500 and a citation, recognizes the contribution of a professional preservation specialist who has been active in the field of preservation or conservation for library and/or archival materials. Pilette's impact on the preservation field as an active leader, educator and mentor has spanned more than 25 years....

ALCTS, Mar. 1



[2011 Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award](#)

ALCTS has selected Eleanor Cook, assistant director for collections and technical services at East Carolina University, to receive the 2011 Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award. The award, sponsored by Harrassowitz, is given to a librarian to recognize contributions and outstanding leadership in the field of acquisitions and includes a \$1,500 monetary award. For the past 30 years, Cook has made continuing and lasting contributions to acquisitions librarianship....



University Library, Howard Payne University Library in Brownwood, McMurry University Library, Old Jail Art Center in Albany, and the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum. It is funded by the Dodge Jones Foundation and the Dian Graves Owen Foundation. The repository contains photographs, newspapers, yearbooks, letters, oral histories, periodicals, manuscripts, journals, documents, maps, and audio files. It also includes the newsletter of the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum.

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

"Locate two bookstores in a shopping mall and it is applauded as an example of the competitive marketplace at work. One presumes greater merchandise selection, better service, lower prices, etc. Locate two public libraries near each other, and howls about government waste would be on the six o'clock news. The inconsistency is

ALCTS, Mar. 1

[2011 IS Innovation Award](#)

Michelle Costello (left) and Kimberly Davies Hoffman (right), both at the State University of New York at Geneseo, have been selected to receive the 2011 ACRL Instruction Section's Innovation award. Hoffman and Costello received the award for developing LILAC (Library Instruction Leadership Academy), a collaborative professional development project designed, organized, and delivered by regional K-12, community college, and college/university librarians. A prize of \$3,000 and a certificate will be presented to them at ALA Annual Conference....



ACRL, Mar. 1

[2011 WGSS Career Achievement Award](#)

Kay Cassell, director of the Master of Library and Information Science program at Rutgers University, has been selected as the 2011 winner of the ACRL Women and Gender Studies Section's Career Achievement Award. The award, sponsored by ABC-CLIO Greenwood, honors significant long-standing contributions to women's studies in the field of librarianship over the course of a career....



ACRL, Mar. 1

[2011 Oberly Award](#)

William R. Shurtleff, soy information officer for the Soy Information Center, has been selected to receive the 2011 ACRL Science and Technology Section's Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural or Natural Sciences for his bibliography, *History of Soybeans and Soyfoods in Africa (1857-2009): Extensively Annotated Bibliography and Sourcebook* ([PDF file](#)). The publication is a freely available electronic bibliography....



ACRL, Mar. 1

[2011 Ilene F. Rockman Publication of the Year](#)

Megan Jane Oakleaf, assistant professor at the iSchool at Syracuse University, has been chosen as the winner of the ACRL Instruction Section's Ilene F. Rockman Publication of the Year Award, for her article "Information Literacy Instruction Assessment Cycle: A Guide for Increasing Student Learning and Improving Librarian Instructional Skills," in the *Journal of Documentation*, vol. 65, no. 4. The award recognizes an outstanding publication related to library instruction published within the past two years....



ACRL, Mar. 1

[Host the 2012 Arbuthnot Honor Lecture](#)

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2012 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture featuring well-known children's illustrator Peter Sís (right). Administered by ALSC, the annual lecture consists of an author, critic, librarian, historian, or teacher of children's literature presenting a paper that makes a significant contribution to the field. A library school, department

accepted."

—Jonathan Lewis, founder and CEO of Opportunity Collaboration, in "[Are Libraries Stacked Against the Free Market?](#)" *Huffington Post*, Feb. 28.

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of education in a college or university, or a children's library system may be considered. Applications are due May 1....

ALSC, Mar. 1

[ALA President's Award for Advocacy](#)

Applications for the ALA President's Award for Advocacy, sponsored by ALTAFF, are due March 15. The award honors and recognizes statewide advocacy for libraries with \$1,000 to be used for the development of a program or programs for Friends and trustees at the state library association conference. Applications are available online ([PDF file](#))....

ALTAFF, Mar. 1

[Three Bookapalooza winners](#)

ALSC has announced three winners of its 2011 Bookapalooza program: the Houston Elementary School in Spartanburg, South Carolina; the Meade County (Ky.) Public Library; and the Florence County (S.C.) Library System. The winners receive collections of books, videos, audiobooks, and recordings produced in 2010 and submitted by children's trade publishers for the division's 2011 award and media evaluation committees....

ALSC, Feb. 23

[Apply for a 2011 ASCLA Century Scholarship](#)

March 8 is the deadline to apply for the 2011 ASCLA Century Scholarship, a one-time award that funds necessary services or accommodations for an LIS student with access needs so that the winner can complete a master's or doctoral program. Interested students should complete the [online scholarship application](#)....

ASCLA, Mar. 1

[Municipal Heritage Award presented for Regina library](#)

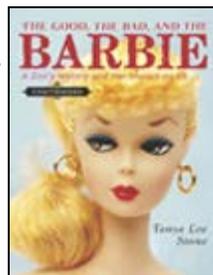
Designers and construction engineers received a 2011 Municipal Heritage Award February 28 for the interior restoration of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library in Regina. The award was presented to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Services, PSW Architecture and Interior Design, and Independent Construction Management of Regina....

Regina (Sask.) Leader-Post, Mar. 1



[2011 Golden Kite Awards](#)

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators has announced the winners and honorees of the 2011 Golden Kite Awards, presented annually to recognize excellence in children's literature published the previous year. The authors and illustrators, all members of the society, will receive \$2,500. The awards are in four categories: fiction, nonfiction, picture book text, and picture book illustration. A



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[#sea11](#)

Teen Tech Week, Mar. 6–12, at:

[#ttw11](#)

DrupalCon Chicago, Mar. 7–10, at:

[#drupalcon](#)

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Calendar

Mar. 11–13:
[Florida Antiquarian Book Fair](#), The Coliseum, St. Petersburg.

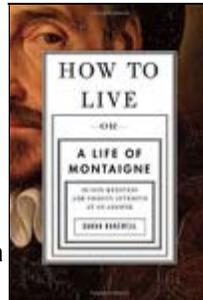
separate award, the Sid Fleischman Award for Humor, goes to an author in this often overlooked category....

Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Feb. 23

[Montaigne biography wins Duff Cooper Prize](#)

Sarah Bakewell's *How to Live: or, A Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer* (Chatto and Windus, 2010) has won the Duff Cooper Prize, awarded annually in the U.K. since 1956 for the best examples of nonfiction writing published in the past year. Bakewell was presented with the award at a February 23 ceremony at the French Ambassador's residence in London. The winner receives £5,000 (\$8,135 U.S.) and a first-edition copy of British diplomat Duff Cooper's autobiography, *Old Men Forget*....

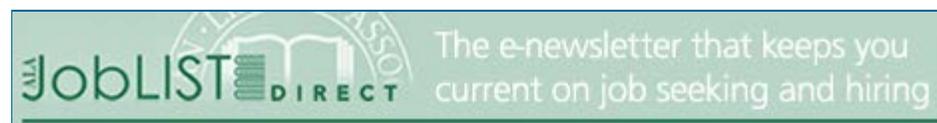
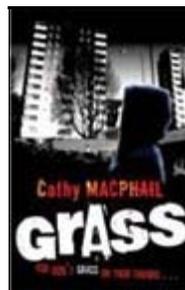
The Bookseller, Feb. 23



[2010 Royal Mail Awards for Scottish Children's Books](#)

The winners of the 2010 Royal Mail Awards for Scottish Children's Books were announced during a circus-themed ceremony in Glasgow attended by 500 young people from all over Scotland on February 22. The awards, managed by the Scottish Book Trust, are Scotland's largest youth literature awards, with each winner receiving £3,000 (\$4,880 U.S.). The award in the category of books for older readers (ages 12–16) went to Catherine MacPhail for *Grass* (Bloomsbury)....

Scottish Book Trust, Feb. 23



Seen Online

[Library building types](#)

Architectural Record has long produced in-depth analyses of a particular building type, with photos, drawings, specifications, descriptions, and design solutions. This month, it takes on libraries from New Jersey to Timbuktu. Its website enhances the analysis with full coverage of additional projects, including those that run in the magazine....

Architectural Record, Mar.



[Supreme Court: A win for FOIA](#)

On March 1, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled in favor of the Federal Communications Commission in the case of the *FCC v. AT&T*, deciding that corporations do not have the right of personal privacy to prevent the disclosure of documents under the Freedom of Information Act. At issue in the case was information gathered by the FCC during an investigation of AT&T's participation in the E-rate program, a federal telecommunications discount-based program for public libraries and schools....

Mar. 13–19:
[Sunshine Week](#). Host this [webinar](#) at your library on March 18.

**Mar. 31–
Apr. 3:**
[Tahrir Book Fair](#), hosted by the American University in Cairo Press, Cairo, Egypt.

Apr. 1–2:
[Albuquerque Antiquarian Book Fair](#), University of New Mexico Conference Center.

Apr. 8–10:
[New York Antiquarian Book Fair](#), Park Avenue Armory, New York City.

Apr. 27–30:
[Evergreen International Conference](#), Decatur Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Decatur, Georgia. "Growing Home."

**Apr. 29–
May 1:**
[Feria del Libro en Español de Los Angeles](#), Los Angeles Convention Center. A spinoff of the Guadalajara Book Fair.

May 9–11:
[New Approaches in Book and Paper Conservation / Restoration in Europe](#), Horn, Austria. Sponsored by the European Research Centre for Book and Paper Conservation / Restoration.

May 31–

District Dispatch, Mar. 2

[Update on Christchurch libraries](#)

Sue Sutherland, acting national librarian of New Zealand, writes: "The National Library School Services Centre staff in Christchurch are all safe, although some have severely damaged homes [from the February 22 earthquake] and may not be able to move back into them. Their offices on Manchester Street are badly damaged." LIANZA Executive Director Alli Smith reports that the Christchurch Central Library sustained some damage, but staff have not been allowed back to the area yet. The [National Preservation Office](#) is planning to collaborate with other heritage organizations across New Zealand, so that conservators and curators will be in a position to offer assistance....

LIANZA, Mar. 1-2; National Library of New Zealand, Feb. 25

[Detroit Public Library to cut 83 workers](#)

Facing what leaders call an unprecedented fiscal crisis, the 23-branch Detroit Public Library plans to reduce its staff by 20%, or 83 employees, at the end of March. Library officials also are weighing branch closures and fewer hours of operation. The crisis is caused by plummeting property values that are eroding dozens of government services across metropolitan Detroit....

Detroit Free Press, Feb. 28

[San Diego schools late on first public library payment](#)

Financial problems continue to mount at the city of San Diego's new central library, even though the \$185-million project broke ground in July. The San Diego Unified School District has not paid the city the \$5 million it owed when construction on the library began. The money now is seven months late. The district, whose \$20-million pledge two years ago reinvigorated the moribund proposal, plans to put a charter high school on two floors of the new library....

Voice of San Diego, Feb. 24

[Help with legal research, courtesy of the county](#)

Brian Huffman, law librarian for Washington County, Minnesota, said a unique program extending to the county's public libraries will begin putting more tools into the hands of people seeking legal help. Beginning in March, the Washington County Legal Library will present workshops to train the public in accessing and using legal forms and resources. The workshops will run for one year. Huffman believes the program is the first of its kind in Minnesota....

Woodbury (Minn.) Bulletin, Feb. 28

[Cosmos library lost in fire](#)

An early morning fire February 24 completely destroyed the Cosmos (Minn.) Public Library and all its holdings. The library held a collection of approximately 9,000 items, including some scrapbooks with old newspaper clippings and other items unique to the town.

With only about 1,500 square feet of interior space, it was one of the smallest in the Pioneerland consolidated regional public library system. The cause of the library fire was under investigation by the state fire marshal's office....

Willmar (Minn.) *West Central Tribune*, Feb. 25



June 3:

[American Institute for Conservation](#)

Annual Meeting, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. "Ethos, Logos, Pathos: Ethical Principles and Critical Thinking in Conservation."

June 1-3:

[Society for Scholarly Publishing](#)

Annual Meeting, Westin Copley Place, Boston. "It's What Counts: How Data Transforms Our World."

June 2-4:

[American Democracy Project \(American Association of State Colleges and Universities\)](#)

National Meeting, Renaissance Orlando Hotel at SeaWorld, Orlando, Florida.

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[Tennessee bill would ban talk of homosexuality in grade schools](#)

A proposed bill in the Tennessee legislature would prevent elementary and middle school teachers from discussing any sexual orientation other than heterosexuality in classes. Sponsored by state Sen. Stacey Campfield and Rep. Bill Dunn, both Republicans from Knoxville, House Bill 229 or Senate Bill 49 would prohibit talk about gay issues even with students who may be gay or have gay families....

WVLT-TV, Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 22

[Zoo Atlanta program spreads statewide](#)

Zoo Atlanta and the Georgia Public Library Service have formed a partnership that will allow library card holders statewide free access to the zoo. The launch of the program was announced February 23 on the steps of the state capitol. The program was initially launched in 2009 in branches of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, but public response was so strong that the initiative was expanded to Georgia's 400 public libraries....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Feb. 23



[U.K. library campaigners mount legal challenges](#)

Pressure is building on British Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt over library closures, with the mounting of two new legal challenges. [Campaign for the Book](#) has launched a judicial review case through solicitors, arguing that the culture secretary has failed to comply with his legal duty to supervise local authorities in their provision of proper library services to their residents. And two Lewisham residents have sent Hunt a formal request demanding that he intervene over the five libraries set for closure there on May 28. A court challenge was also [launched](#) in mid-February against two councils....

The Guardian (U.K.), Feb. 24, Mar. 1

[National Library of Peru looks for missing books](#)

The National Library of Peru in Lima has begun a campaign to recover more than 600 titles that are missing from its rare book collection. The titles include books and manuscripts printed between the 16th and 19th centuries. The library's new director, Ramon Mujica, announced February 22 ([PDF file](#)) that the rare books department would be closed for 90 days to carry out a thorough inventory, adding that he had already received calls from colleagues and collectors who have seen or bought books in various parts of Lima that were stamped with the National Library seal....

Peruvian Times, Feb. 26

[Vaclav Havel Presidential Library to open in 2013](#)

Former Czech President Vaclav Havel has announced plans to move his presidential library into a 16th-century palace in Prague. Inspired by presidential libraries in the United States, the collection is now housed in two different locations. Architects Ricardo Bofill from Spain and Czech Marek Tichy, who are preparing the palace's reconstruction, said the renovated building could open in two years. Havel, 74, said the aim of the library was not to build his personal memorial but to create "an epicenter of spiritual, social, and literary life in Prague."...

Czech News Agency, Mar. 2

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Tech Talk

The iPad 2

Vlad Savov writes: "Apple just made its second-generation iPad [official](#) during a March 2 rollout in San Francisco. It features a dual-core A5 chip and, finally, cameras, both front and rear. The new CPU is said to be up to twice as fast, with graphics performance up to nine times better than on the original iPad, while power requirements have been kept the same. Battery life is, consequently, unaltered, with Apple promising 10 hours. Pricing, too, has been left unaltered, starting at \$499. The iPad 2 is 33% thinner than its predecessor, at a mind-melting 8.8mm, and will ship in two variants: white and black."...

Engadget, Mar. 2



Facebook malware threatens campus web security

Students will click on just about anything posted to their Facebook walls—a social media habit that has brought a flood of malware to college campus networks. These deceitful Facebook links—posted by hackers who have stolen student login information—have become a primary concern among campus technology leaders, and some colleges and universities are using security programs that isolate student computers before they do damage to the entire campus network....

eCampus News, Feb. 22

New MacBook Pro family

Jason Griffey writes: "Apple announced updates to its [MacBook Pro](#) laptops February 14, and while some of the rumored upgrades didn't make it in this time around (where is my SSD boot partition?), the new systems are still an improvement from the previous models. All three sizes of MacBook Pro were carried forward (13-, 15-, and 17-inch) with processor upgrades on the 13- and 15-inch taking the total number of possible prices to five, ranging from \$1,199 at the low end to \$2,499 at the high."...

AL: Perpetual Beta, Feb. 24



Add social context to your email in-box

Rafe Needleman writes: "In our email in-boxes, we're deluged with messages from people we don't know, companies we're not familiar with. Even messages from friends and coworkers could be better handled if we had context with the message. To see what I mean, try at least one of the these three good tools: [Xobni](#), [Rapportive](#), and a new kid on the block, [WhoSent.It](#). These all give you dossiers on the people emailing you by using data gleaned from around the web, including Facebook profiles, Twitter postings, and, for business users, data from apps like Salesforce.com."...

CNET News: Rafe's Radar, Mar. 1



Ten Windows 7 business tips

Tip number 1: Expand the system tray area. "By default, Windows 7 hides most



icons in the system tray. Installed apps are often controllable from this area, though Microsoft would prefer them to use pinned taskbar icons instead of the system tray. One of the first things I do when I set up a new Windows 7 system is to click on the up-arrow icon at the left of the few tray icons that do display by default, and check the 'Always show all icons and notifications on the taskbar' check box at the bottom. "...

PC Magazine, Mar. 2

[Pelican cases](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "My favorite massively protective, these-cases-could-stop-bullets manufacturer is [Pelican Cases](#). If you need a case for any random electronic thing, from an iPod all the way up to audio gear for a major music tour, Pelican has the case for you. They are manufactured out of the toughest plastic you'll ever need, and the foam inserts are either premolded to the gear you specify or can be customized by you to fit what you need."...

AL: Perpetual Beta, Feb. 28

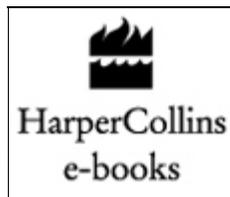


Publishing

[HarperCollins puts 26-loan cap on library e-books](#)

Josh Hadro writes: "In the first significant revision to lending terms for e-book circulation, HarperCollins has announced that new titles licensed from library e-book vendors will be able to circulate only 26 times before the license expires. Mention of the new terms was first made in a letter from OverDrive CEO Steve Potash to customers on February 24. HarperCollins President for Sales Josh Marwell said the number was chosen after considering the average lifespan of a print book and wear and tear." But OverDrive [responded](#) March 1 by removing HarperCollins titles from its Library Marketplace catalog, effective March 7. And HarperCollins belatedly explained its new policy in an [Open Letter to Librarians](#). You can follow the controversy on Twitter at [#hcod](#). Jamie LaRue looks at the [big picture](#), and Nicholas Schiller looks at [artificial scarcity](#)....

Library Journal, Feb. 25; Digital Library Blog, Mar. 1; Library Love Fest, Mar. 1; LaRue's Views, Mar. 10; information. games., Feb. 28



[The E-book User's Bill of Rights](#)

The E-book User's Bill of Rights is a statement of the basic freedoms that should be granted to all e-book users. It was developed by Sarah Houghton-Jan and Andy Woodworth in the wake of the HarperCollins controversy and has a Creative Commons CC0 license that waives all copyright and related or neighboring rights. Houghton-Jan comments: "I encourage ALA to consider the principles outlined in the originals, as well as all of the comments that have been posted all over the net. I'm now tracking hundreds of separate conversations on blogs, Twitter, email lists, podcasts, Facebook, and elsewhere."...

Librarian in Black, Feb. 28



[OverDrive, Bluefire, and the EPUBlic](#)

[library](#)

Michael E. Cohen writes: "My library, like many others, has struck a deal with [OverDrive](#) to handle the loaning and management of its e-book collection. The instructions the library provided said that I had to install the OverDrive Media Console on my iPad to read any of the EPUB offerings. What was *really* disappointing was the horrid reading experience in OverDrive on the iPad. Then I discovered the [Bluefire Reader app](#), which is already iPad friendly, handles Adobe Digital Editions, and can be used (going through minor extra hoops) with OverDrive-provided EPUBs."...

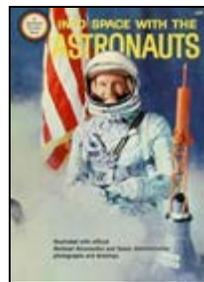
TidBITS, Feb. 18



[Internet Archive's e-book lending library launches](#)

A group of libraries led by the Internet Archive announced February 22 a new, cooperative 80,000+ [e-book lending collection](#) of mostly 20th-century books on OpenLibrary.org, a site where it's already possible to read over 1 million e-books without restriction. During a library visit, patrons with an account can borrow any of these lendable e-books using laptops, reading devices, or library computers. This new twist on the traditional lending model could increase e-book use and revenue for publishers....

Internet Archive, Feb. 22

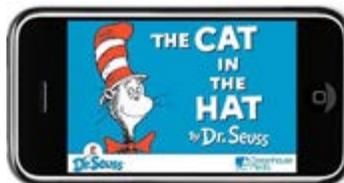


[Will you read Seuss in a book?](#)

[Will you read him on a Nook?](#)

Brian Heater writes (in Seussian verse):
"Today is the day. / It's March the second.
/ It's Dr. Seuss's Birthday, / And so we reckoned /
What better way to celebrate / Than to tell you how /
You can read all of his books / And you can read them all now."...

PC Magazine, Mar. 2



[Portico to preserve OUP e-book resources](#)

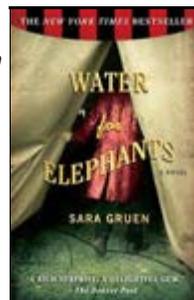
Portico, Ithaca's digital preservation service, has entered into an agreement with Oxford University Press to preserve the publisher's entire collection of e-books from its [Oxford Scholarship Online](#) resource and [Handbooks Online](#) resources....

Portico, Feb. 23

[Your 2011 books-into-film lineup](#)

Rachel Syme writes: "Ever since the days of *Gone With the Wind*, Hollywood producers have been optioning bestselling books and whipping them into celluloid hits. I've decided to focus on (and give you a little preview of) the bumper crop of upcoming films based on books coming out in 2011. Some of them are based on masterpieces (I never met a Brontë sister I didn't like), and some, well . . . some are based on *Something Borrowed*."...

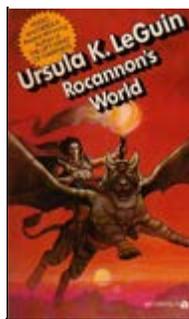
NPR: Monkey See, Feb. 24



[Science fiction book cover art: The good, the bad, the bizarre](#)

Nina MacLaughlin writes: "So we found ourselves clicking through images of romance novel covers the other day. They featured simple variations on location (pirate ships, beaches, meadows, cliffs), dress (kilts, negligees, satin sheets, birthday suits), hair color, and size of raised font. From romance covers we moved on to science fiction, wondering if sci-fi cover art might offer more. And holy moly, what we started seeing was bizarre, hilarious, campy, creepy, striking, surreal, sometimes sexy, and extremely cool."...

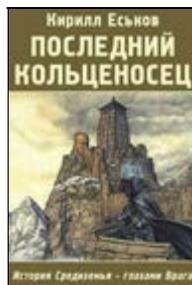
Flavorwire, Feb. 18



Middle-earth according to Mordor

Laura Miller writes: "As bad lots go, you can't get much worse than the hordes of Mordor from J. R. R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Well, history is written by the winners. That's the philosophy behind *The Last Ringbearer*, a novel set during and after the end of the War of the Ring and told from the point of view of the losers. The novel was written by Kirill Yeskov, a Russian paleontologist, and published to acclaim in his homeland in 1999. Now an English translation by Yisroel Markov is available as a [free download](#)."...

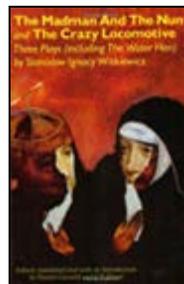
Salon, Feb. 15



Writers no one reads

Jason Boog writes: "Who is your favorite obscure author? Submit your beloved but unknown author to [Writers No One Reads](#), a Tumblr blog dedicated to lost writers. It's the perfect site for uncovering weekend reading material. Here's one of our favorite entries: "No one reads Polish avant-superman Stanisław Ignacy Witkiewicz, a.k.a. Witkacy (1885–1939)."...

Galleycat, Feb. 28



Fun with foldouts

L. D. Mitchell writes: "As the centuries have passed, and the average page has shrunk in size, printers and publishers occasionally have faced the problem of what to do when a book needs just a few pages that are larger than normal. Maps, for example, are difficult to read if printed too small. Certain types of illustrations (anatomical illustrations, for example) also sometimes need more space for everything to show up as clearly as possible. The solution usually is to print only a few pages on larger sizes of paper, then bind these larger pages into the rest of the book as foldouts."...

The Private Library, Mar. 1



Actions & Answers

Status of National Archives library in question

Greg Lambert writes: "Archivist of the United States David Ferriero announced that the National Archives and Records Administration is facing a funding situation where they are [doing more with less](#). An 8.2% decrease in funding for FY2012 means NARA must make some hard decisions," one of which

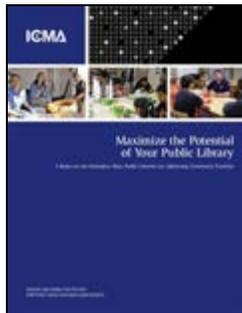


is to [downsize](#) its [Archives Library Information Center](#). GODORT founder Bernadine Abbott Hoduski notes that seven of the nine library staff positions will be eliminated, although NARA's David McMillen [says](#) they will be reassigned and "the library will remain open and staffed and public access will remain."...

3 Geeks and a Law Blog, Feb. 18; AOTUS: Collector in Chief, Feb. 17; National Archives, Feb. 18; ALA Connect, Feb. 17

[City managers: Maximize your library's potential](#)

Nancy Dowd writes: "I wanted to make sure all of you know about this new report, [Maximize the Potential of Your Public Library](#), published by the International City/County Management Association. This is an absolute gift for public libraries that are trying to retain funding and convince local officials that libraries are valuable to communities. This isn't us saying it, it's *their peers* not only saying it in case studies but also showing it with charts, quotes, and serious recommendations."...



The "M" Word: Marketing Libraries, Feb. 25; International City/County Management Association

[Research and education networks in the United States](#)

A new study commissioned by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation explores potential benefits of state research and education networks for libraries. Titled [Connections, Capacity, Community](#), the report was developed in response to national investments in state and regional fiber networks through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. Currently, there are 38 active state R&E networks, of which 22 serve at least some of the libraries in their respective states....



District Dispatch, Mar. 1

[Stop trashing my library](#)

Libby Post, president and CEO of Communication Services in Albany, New York, has launched a website that gives voice to people in New York and elsewhere who want to push back against antitax, antilibrary rhetoric. [Stop Trashing My Library](#) posts news about libraries that are facing tough ballot initiatives, as well as "links to articles and some of the actual comments people make," and "provides an opportunity for supporters to get the messaging they need to confront and correct the misconceptions." Visit the [Facebook Page](#)....

Stop Trashing My Library

[Working together: Tips for vendors](#)

Amy Fry writes: "One of the major reasons I never miss an ALA conference is because I feel it's essential for me to spend time on the exhibit floor touching base with vendors and publishers to learn what's new. I truly value my relationships with them. However, some vendors make my job easier—others don't. So I would like to offer some tips for vendors who want to partner with librarians and make our jobs easier, because making my job easier is the best way to ensure my long-term good will and a mutually beneficial relationship."...

ACRLog, Feb. 28

[What was the first countywide public](#)

[library?](#)

Larry Nix writes: "At a recent postcard show I came across a postcard (right) depicting the Brumback Library in Van Wert, Ohio. The caption on the back of the card indicated that it was 'the first county library in the United States' and that it was dedicated in 1901. I couldn't let a claim like that go without looking into it further." Other contenders are the Cincinnati (Ohio) Public Library and the Washington County (Md.) Free Library. However, "the Laramie County (Wyo.) Public Library in Cheyenne dates its founding as August 1886."...



Library History Buff Blog, Feb. 26

[Embedded librarians on Twitter answer class reference questions](#)

What if a reference librarian was assigned to a college course, to be on hand to suggest books, online links, or other resources based on class discussion? A media-studies course at Baylor University tried the idea last semester, with an "embedded librarian" following the class discussion via Twitter. During the hourlong class, librarian Ellen Hampton Filgo looked at the questions and comments posed by students, responding with suggestions of links or books, and anticipating what else might be helpful that students might not have known to ask....

Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, Feb. 25

[Czech and Slovak Library plans to move](#)

Nearly three years after disaster struck the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, plans have been finalized for relocating the 1,400-ton, flood-damaged building on April 26–27. "Live [webcams](#) will allow viewing around the clock for the many people across the world interested in viewing all the activity," said NCSML President Gail Naughton....



National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, Feb. 24

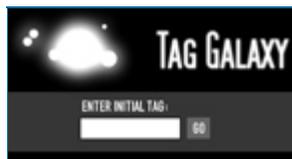
[The folklore of full-text search](#)

While full-text resources have become ubiquitous with book digitization projects, the ability to search full-text sources is not the magical tool some scholars, laypersons, and even some librarians would have us believe, according to University of Illinois GSLIS Professors Kathryn LaBarre and Carol L. Tilley. "It turns out that full-text search isn't always king, especially for something iterative like folklore literature," said LaBarre. Convenient search results are frequently too minimal to provide adequate access, and "typically don't reflect the complexity of the resources," Tilley said....

University of Illinois GSLIS, Feb. 24

[Top 5 search engines for finding Flickr photos](#)

Steven Campbell writes: "Back in September, Flickr announced that its 5 billionth photo was uploaded, which is no small feat. So what if you want to look at or locate some of that photographic treasure? There are some great Flickr search engines out there, and now I'm here to show you the best of the best. If you're looking for a high-quality photo for a project, article, or website, these services can help you



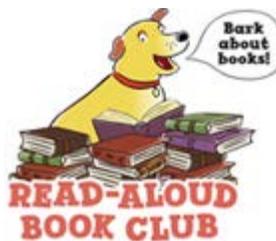
find what you want."...

MakeUseOf, Mar. 1

[Martha Speaks book club kits available](#)

Martha Speaks is an animated series based on the children's books by Susan Meddaugh on the PBS Kids block of programming. Aimed at viewers ages 4–7, the *Martha Speaks* Read Aloud Book Club introduces children to an engaging collection of dog-themed books and activities. A limited number of book club kits that include a DVD, 10 books, a leaders guide, stickers, and a "paws" stamp are available for distribution to public libraries. [Email](#) the book club to reserve one....

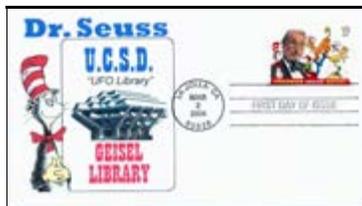
PBS Kids



[Dr. Seuss and the Geisel Library](#)

Larry Nix writes: "Today is the 107th birthday of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss. The librarianship artifact I have chosen to highlight on this occasion is a first-day cover for the March 2, 2004, Theodor Seuss Geisel postage stamp. It pays homage to Dr. Seuss and the Geisel Library at the University of California at San Diego, named in honor of Theodor and Audrey Geisel. UCSD is hosting a [birthday party](#) today for Geisel."...

Library History Buff Blog, Mar. 2



[I link, therefore I am](#)

Susan Ballard writes: "Some years ago, during a presentation I mentioned the Cartesian observation, *Cogito, ergo sum*, or 'I think, therefore I am.' When break time came, one of the attendees shared his version for the internet age: *Iungo, ergo sum*, or 'I link, therefore I am.' This really struck a chord with me. Upon arriving home, I printed up a sign and slapped it on the side of my trusty computer as a reminder of the power of connectivity."...

The Whole Child Blog, Feb. 24

[The library: Making you healthy, wealthy, and wise](#)

Fatima Perkins writes: "Can the library really make someone healthy, wealthy, and wise? We can give it a try. Call them what you may, baby boomers, silent generation, greatest generation, older adults (65+) now account for 13% of the United States population. Now more than ever, the public library as a community focal point offers an opportunity to engage communities and transform lives. Three areas include health, finances, and brain power."...

OLOS Columns, Feb. 25



[10 tips and tricks for Microsoft Word](#)

Seamus Bellamy, Paul Lily, and David Murphy write: "Microsoft Word. The name is practically synonymous with 'productivity app.' If you're reading this article at work, there's a pretty decent chance you've got a Word document open right now, and you probably think you've got a good handle on Microsoft's word processor. We'll bet you don't know as much as you think you do."...

Maximum PC, Feb. 18

[Google clamps down on content factories](#)

Ryan Singel writes: "Google updated its core ranking algorithm February 24 to decrease the prevalence of so-called content farms in top search results. The change comes after months of criticism in the tech community over what is perceived as an increased amount of cheap, low-quality content being rewarded by Google with top results. Though Google's head of web-spam prevention Matt Cutts [declined](#) to name names, the presumed targets of the change are sites like eHow, Associated Content, and Demand Media."...

Wired: Epicenter, Feb. 25; Official Google Blog, Feb. 24

[Google Recipe View serves up tasty search](#)

Jeff Bertolucci writes: "If you've ever used Google to search for recipes online, you know there's an awful lot of sifting and straining involved. Too often the top links aren't relevant to your culinary needs. Enter 'chili' in the Google search window and the first two matches are for Chili's Restaurant. But Google's new [Recipe View](#) makes it much easier to filter out the irrelevant links and gets exactly what you came for." Watch the [video](#) (2:01)....

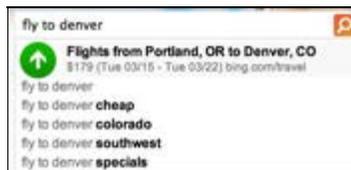
PC World, Feb. 24; YouTube, Feb. 23



[Go traveling with Bing](#)

Marshall Kirkpatrick writes: "Google does almost nothing interesting in travel search. Bing offers a much more compelling travel search experience and on February 25 added a [new feature](#) that makes me want to use it even more. Search on Bing for the phrase 'fly to' and the name of a destination city, and you will now see an automatic display of the best dates to fly from where you are to that place, with the lowest price for a round-trip ticket and advice about whether the price is likely to go up or down."...

ReadWriteWeb, Feb. 25; Bing Search Blog, Feb. 25



[Some objections to our use of library statistics](#)

Rory Litwin writes: "The use of certain library statistics, mainly related to circulation and its electronic semi-equivalents, has taken on a high degree of importance in library management since 1979, when Charlie Robinson introduced the 'give 'em what they want' philosophy of collection development at Baltimore County Public Library. But there are a number of problems in the way that we often use these statistics. I would like to talk briefly about some that I have observed in an academic library setting."...

Library Juice, Feb. 26

[Library will be a giant garden cube lined with potted plants](#)

Yuka Yoneda writes: "How cool would it be if you visited your local library to find that it had been revamped with tons of greenery-filled spots for you to sit down and enjoy a good read? That's the idea behind Mecanoo Architects' new design for the Kaohsiung Public Library in Taiwan. The state-of-the-art multimedia research, study, and entertainment space was conceived as a 60-by-60-meter cube lined with potted container plants creating a microclimate inside."...

Inhabitat, Feb. 25



[The art of organizing a bookcase](#)

One weekend, Lisa Blonder Ohlenkamp and Sean Ohlenkamp decided to reorder their bookcase, and it “got out of hand.”

Accompanied by Mexican duo Rodrigo y Gabriela’s 2006 song “Tamacun,” this brilliant stop-action [video](#) (2:19) is much more fun than watching your disk defragmenter in action. They even provide the titles for at least some of the books....

YouTube, Feb. 21



[Librarians on television](#)

Ashley McAllister writes: “What do *Community*, *Episodes*, and *Parks and Recreation* all have in common? Besides being popular TV sitcoms, these shows all have something to say about librarians.

Let’s take a look at the way that each of these shows has portrayed librarians and librarian stereotypes in recent episodes. First up is NBC’s *Community*. Take a look at the [opening scene](#) (above) of the show’s recent Valentine’s Day episode. How many librarian tropes can you find within the first 30 seconds?”...

Bitch Media, Feb. 25; Hulu, Feb. 10

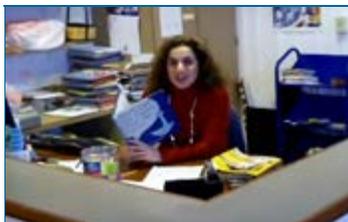


[The Fayetteville Free Library lipdub](#)

Watch as Fayetteville (N.Y.) Free Library staff lip-sync along to “Librarian” by Jonathan Rundman. Teen Services Librarian Pete Cioppa directed the [video](#) (3:54).

Cioppa said, “We want viewers to see that libraries are changing. They are fun, exciting community centers; they are technology centers. How better to get that point across than to shoot a music video inside a library? You can’t help but smile.”...

Fayetteville (N.Y.) Free Library

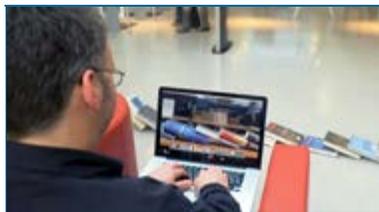


[Get ready for Library Ireland Week 2011](#)

Areaman Productions in Dublin created this books-falling-down-like-dominos [video](#) (1:37) in honor of [Library Ireland Week](#), March 7–13, an initiative of the Library Association of Ireland. Not only

are books emphasized as important, but computers and other new media as well. The theme, which the falling books help to spell out, is “Smart People Use Smart Libraries.”...

YouTube, Mar. 2



[What students like best about the RMIT Library](#)

The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology library in Melbourne, Australia, recently assembled student comments about the services and facilities of the library in a promotional [video](#) (2:01). It was filmed on orientation day during the last stop on the library scavenger hunt. The university has some 73,000 students, 40% of whom were born overseas—a diversity that Communications



and Marketing Manager Rowan Mangan has incorporated nicely...
YouTube, Feb. 20

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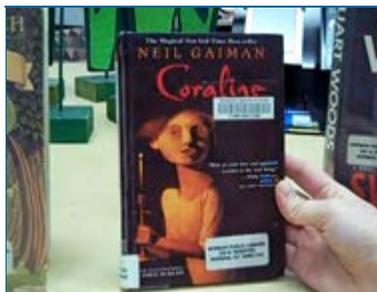
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[Singing the e-book blues](#)

Beverly Goldberg writes: "Over the past two weeks, the biblioblogosphere erupted as word spread that terms of service were about to shift for libraries' e-book lending rights. It began with a February 24 email ([PDF file](#)) from OverDrive CEO Steve Potash alerting customers that one firm (which turned out to be HarperCollins) had decided to establish 'a checkout limit for each e-book licensed.' The magic number turned out to be 26. The argument was, let's just say, poorly received by the library community." As an example, read the Norman, Oklahoma, Pioneer Library System's [open letter](#) to HarperCollins and watch the [video](#) (7:32) in which they demonstrate that printed books can withstand many more check-outs than a mere 26....



AL: Inside Scoop, Mar. 4; Pioneer Library System, Mar. 1; YouTube, Mar. 2

[Madison's mayor joins librarians' labor-rights rally](#)

Sharon McQueen writes: "Madison, Wisconsin, Mayor Dave Cieslewicz (center, in baseball cap) joined librarians March 6 as they again assembled to march to the State Capitol in opposition to Governor Scott Walker's Budget Repair Bill ([PDF file](#)), whose passage would dramatically curtail collective bargaining rights for public-sector employees. 'I was proud to join librarians to march to the Capitol and fight Scott Walker's divisive policies,' Cieslewicz remarked March 8. 'In Madison, we know how to work together with our workers and solve our problems together.'"



American Libraries news, Mar. 8

[On My Mind: I'm not your scapegoat](#)

Audrey Barbakoff writes: "Being a public employee in Wisconsin during one of the most contentious labor conflicts since the archetypal steelworker's heyday has forced me to reexamine

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my impression of unions. With thousands of union members and supporters rallying in Madison in protests reminiscent of the Vietnam-era antiwar movement, the face of today's union is plastered all over the media. That face is young, progressive, and diverse. It's teachers and librarians as well as firefighters, nurses, sanitation workers, college students, retirees, women, and men."...

American Libraries column



[The first Digital Public Library of America workshop](#)

ALA President-Elect Molly Raphael (right) writes: "On March 1, I had the opportunity to join about 50 other invitees and steering committee members to discuss the scope and content of what has been named (at least for now) the Digital Public Library of America. The planning effort is hosted by the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University, under the very able direction of John Palfrey, Berkman codirector. Here are some of the issues that generated the most passionate discussions."...

AL: Inside Scoop, May 9



[Next Steps: The little library that could](#)

Brian Mathews writes: "Inspiring libraries are often the ones with big budgets. They have impressive buildings, enormous collections, and large staffs. The Makiki Community Library (right) in Honolulu, Hawaii, has none of these things, but that doesn't make it any less remarkable. This small, donations-based, volunteer-driven organization effectively executes its deep-seated mission of engaging the community. It excels at outreach."...

American Libraries column, Mar./Apr.



[2011 Library Design Showcase preview](#)

Greg Landgraf writes: "This short [preview](#) (1:16) highlights the new and renovated library buildings in the *American Libraries* 2011 Library Design Showcase, which will be posted online starting March 18. Excerpts will appear in the March/April issue of *American Libraries* and the Spring Digital Supplement."...

AL Focus, Mar. 8



[Looking backward . . . and forward](#)

Emily Johnson writes: "As an LIS student at the University of Michigan School of Information, I had the unique opportunity to spend Spring Break working with the ALA Library in a sort of mini-internship. I was helping to catalog and document Publishing Department archives that contain everything that ALA has ever published. It was a fascinating task, with books dating back more than 100 years and the very face



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of librarianship changing dramatically since then. Two major themes struck me as I sorted through all the books, VHS tapes, drafts of documents, and workbooks.”...

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Mar. 7

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ALA News

[National Library Legislative Day: Now more than ever](#)

John Chrastka writes: “The threat to libraries in this Congress continues. Now more than ever, we need your participation May 9–10 at ALA’s [National Library Legislative Day](#) in Washington, D.C., where you will have the opportunity to meet with your members of Congress and explain to them why cutting library funding would be short-sighted. Studies have shown that the number-one way to influence members of Congress is by meeting them face-to-face.”...

ALA Membership Blog, Mar. 3



[ALA tackles new challenges in the e-environment](#)

Recent action from the publishing world in the e-book marketplace has reignited interest and sparked many questions from librarians, publishers, vendors, and readers. Two ALA member task forces—the presidential task force on Equitable Access to Electronic Content (EQUACC) and the E-book Task Force—were recently created to address these complex and evolving issues. EQUACC met March 7–8 in Washington, D.C., to provide ALA with guidance and recommendations for a coordinated ALA response....

District Dispatch, Mar. 8

[Short-term bill funds Improving Literacy Through School Libraries](#)

With time running out before the current funding bill for federal programs expired, Congress passed another short-term continuing resolution (H.J.Res. 44) this week—dodging a government shut-down. President Obama signed the bill March 2, which makes \$4 billion in cuts but will fund the government for another two weeks until March 18. Some literacy programs were eliminated, but Improving Literacy Through School Libraries was not cut....

District Dispatch, Mar. 3

[Why I Need My Library video contest](#)

ALA President Roberta Stevens recently launched the Why I Need My Library video contest, which offers teens ages 13–18 the opportunity to win up to \$3,000 for their public or school library. The contest seeks to engage young library advocates and asks them to create short, original videos on why they think libraries are needed now more than ever. Stevens recently answered a few quick questions about the contest and gave her thoughts on why it’s essential that



[ALA Annual Conference](#) in New Orleans, June 23–28, 2011. The **[preliminary program](#)** is now online. Follow **[@alaannual](#)** on Twitter and use the hashtag **[#ala11](#)**.



Because MLIS education tends to offer less-than-comprehensive preparation in pedagogy and instructional design, **[Reflective Teaching, Effective Learning: Instructional Literacy for Library Educators](#)** tackles the challenge of effective teaching and training head-on. Char Booth, an avid library education and technology advocate, introduces a series of concepts that will empower readers at any level of experience to become better presenters and build their confidence and satisfaction as library educators. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**

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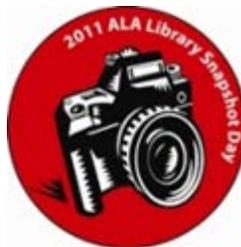
libraries engage teens in this kind of advocacy activity. (The deadline is April 18)....

I Love Libraries, Mar. 9

[Library Snapshot Day: A how-to webinar](#)

The Committee on Library Advocacy will present a free webinar about Library Snapshot Day, from 2–3 p.m. Central time on March 17. Library Snapshot Day is an event that provides library staff a simple means to show the value of the library by capturing what happens in a single day in all types of libraries, across a state, community, or even in a single library. Learn how to use photos, statistics, and stories to make the case to decision-makers. [Register](#) online....

Office for Library Advocacy, Mar. 8



[Broadband grant applications for rural communities](#)

The USDA Rural Utilities Service has announced it is accepting applications ([PDF file](#)) for grants to provide broadband access in rural communities currently without broadband service. Funding is provided through the Community Connect Grant program. RUS encourages schools and libraries to find a broadband provider to submit the application. The application deadline is May 3....

District Dispatch, Mar. 9

[Volunteer for Libraries Build Communities in New Orleans](#)

Register now through May 13 to participate in [Libraries Build Communities](#) at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. This day-long service effort on June 24 will help local libraries and the community in New Orleans.



The Libraries Build Communities project began in New Orleans during the 2006 ALA Annual Conference, when ALA volunteers helped with projects related to the damage inflicted by Hurricane Katrina....

ALA Student Membership Blog, Mar. 8

[ALA Research Series calls for panel, proposals](#)

The Office for Research and Statistics invites nominations for a peer review panel for its *ALA Research Series*. The series expands the knowledge base of library research by publishing research and analysis that addresses topics important to libraries, librarians, and education in the profession. Two positions, with three-year terms, will be filled through this nomination process. The deadline for [nominations](#) is April 29. ORS is also calling for manuscript, book, and article [proposals](#) for the series. All [submissions](#) must be received electronically by April 29....

Office for Research and Statistics, Mar. 8

[Emerging Leaders school library survey](#)

The 2011 ALA Emerging Leaders A Team has been hard at work with virtual meetings and hours of research to determine how to best expand the impact of standards in today's school libraries. Now the team needs some help from school librarians. Take a moment to complete a [survey](#) and tell the A Team how you incorporate Web 2.0 technologies in your school library and inspire your students to think, create, share, and grow....

AASL Blog, Mar. 9

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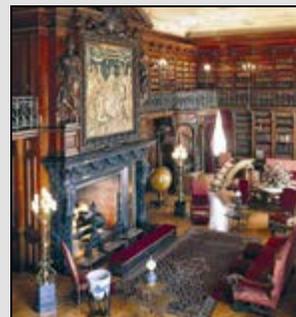
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Great Libraries of the World



[Vanderbilt Library.](#)

Biltmore Estate, Asheville, North Carolina. The two-story, walnut-paneled library at [Biltmore House](#) contains some 10,000 volumes and a fireplace surrounded by a carved, black-

[How to prepare an LSSC portfolio](#)

At 2 p.m. Central Time on March 15, the Library Support Staff Certification Program will offer an hour-long webinar explaining what it requires in a portfolio. The presentation will give you the chance to see examples of successful submissions and learn how your portfolio will be evaluated. You will also have the opportunity to have all of your questions answered by program staff members. Register [here](#)....
ALA–Allied Professional Association, Mar. 7

[Use online resources to help job seekers](#)

ALA Editions is offering a new facilitated eCourse on using jobs and employment reference tools on the web. Diane Kovacs, a former government documents librarian and experienced online instructor, will serve as the instructor for a facilitated eCourse starting on May 2. The course uses hands-on activities, discussion, and reading material to teach participants expert use of web resources. Registrations for the eCourse can be purchased at the [ALA Store](#)....

ALA Editions, Mar. 8



[Homework help from the library](#)

Children's and young adult librarians are crucial links to effective learning for students. [Homework Help from the Library: In Person and Online](#), published by ALA Editions, is a straightforward handbook filled with nuts-and-bolts advice on the best ways to help young people with their homework, no matter what the assignment. Carol F. Intner, a certified English teacher and experienced tutor, concentrates on practical methods....

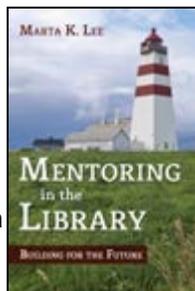
ALA Editions, Mar. 8



[Mentoring in the library](#)

Mentorship is essential to the health of any institution; sharing knowledge and experience transforms managers into stronger leaders and helps less senior employees improve their job skills. In [Mentoring in the Library: Building for the Future](#), published by ALA Editions, noted reference librarian and researcher Marta K. Lee offers librarians at all levels experienced-based ideas for establishing a formal mentoring process at the library. Readers will learn the kinds of skills the mentor should have, with techniques for successful development, education, and training....

ALA Editions, Mar. 7



Booklist ONLINE

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

Drummond, Allan. *Energy Island*.
Illustrated by Allan Drummond. Mar. 2011. 40p. Farrar/Frances Foster, hardcover (978-0-374-32184-0).

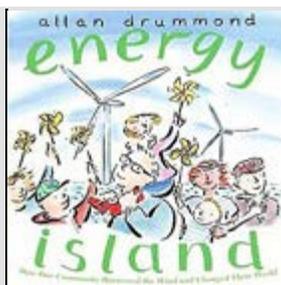
marble mantel. A private, unused library owned by the Vanderbilt family, most of the books are not particularly rare except for their provenance. Built between 1889 and 1895 by George Washington Vanderbilt II, the house ceased to be a residence in 1954.



[Duns Scotus Library.](#)

Lourdes College, Sylvania, Ohio. Completed in 1950, the library was named for the 13th-century Franciscan scholar, John Duns Scotus. The large stained glass window in its reading room features the seals of four European universities, and its walls are adorned with tapestries, paintings, mosaics, and maiolica medallions. The Franciscan Room houses a collection of rare books on the life and writings of St. Francis of Assisi.

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.



The small Danish island Samsø has received worldwide attention for its energy independence, achieved by shifting completely from fossil fuels to renewable resources, such as wind power, captured on its shores. The leader of the movement? A grade-school teacher who started his visionary campaign with his students. "Imagine if we really could make enough energy from the sun, and our crops, and even our own legs, to power up the whole island!" In this first title in a planned series of picture books about sustainable energy, Drummond combines winsome, kinetic, ink-and-wash illustrations with a succinct, simply phrased, smoothly flowing narrative that describes how Samsø transformed itself....

[Top 10 books on the environment for youth](#)

Gillian Engberg writes: "From bees to garbage to the water that covers most of the earth's surface, the fascinating topics covered in this year's top youth books about the environment will draw a wide range of young people into the crucial issues." Among them is [Here Comes the Garbage Barge](#), which is based on a 1987 incident in which 3,000 tons of trash were shipped from Long Island to North Carolina. Jonah Winter's cautionary tale is illustrated with unique photo images that underscore the story's message to reduce waste....



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[Head of the Tombros McWhirter Knowledge Commons.](#)

Pennsylvania State University, University Park. Reporting to the senior associate dean, the head will be responsible for the implementation of the Knowledge Commons at University Park Libraries, a federation of services and repurposed physical spaces designed to facilitate information discovery, collaborative learning, and knowledge building, focused mainly on undergraduate students. This exciting new venture will blend digital and multimedia technologies with the best of online and traditional library services to foster student learning and research....

New Orleans Update

[Make it official](#)

For those attending ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 23–28, pump up your excitement for the Crescent City by requesting an [Official Visitors Guide](#) that contains information on the city and its culture, maps, and coupons. You can order the free, 178-page, glossy guide by filling out the visitor guide request form. Can't wait? The guide is also [viewable online](#) in a page-turnable 3D Issue format....

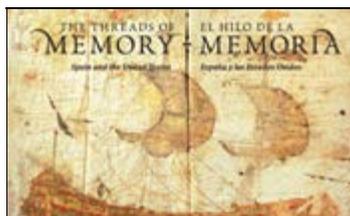
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[The Historic New Orleans Collection](#)

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.

General and Mrs. L. Kemper Williams, collectors of Louisiana



materials, established the institution in 1966 to keep their collection intact and available for research and exhibition to the public. During Annual Conference, the museum will have an exhibit on "[The Threads of Memory: Spain and the United States.](#)"...

Historic New Orleans Collection

[Free \(or nearly free\) things to do in New Orleans](#)

The real magic of New Orleans isn't for sale. It's absolutely free, in many instances. If you're counting your vacation dollars closely, you've come to the right spot. They don't call New Orleans "the Big Easy" for nothing. A National Historic Landmark, the French Quarter falls under the aegis of the [National Park Service.](#)

Really nice Park Rangers will lead a daily tour for exactly 25 people at 9:30 a.m. Get to 419 Decatur at 9 a.m. to ensure a place....

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Division News

[Apply for YALSA's mentoring program](#)

Starting March 7, YALSA will accept applications for its 2011–2012 mentoring program. The program will pair an experienced librarian (six years experience or more) with a new librarian (fewer than six years experience) or graduate student in a library science program. The program will encourage both the mentor and protégé to provide guidance and support for one another. [Applications](#) close April 15....

YALSA, Mar. 7

[Myracle headlines AASL Awards Luncheon](#)

New York Times bestselling author Lauren Myracle (right) will headline the annual AASL Awards Luncheon June 27, during the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The luncheon highlights the best of the best in the school library field and gives members a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of their colleagues. [Luncheon tickets](#) are \$55 and must be bought in advance as onsite tickets are not available....

AASL, Mar. 7



[Nathaniel Philbrick at Literary Tastes Breakfast](#)

Pulitzer Prize finalist and *New York Times* bestselling author Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the 2011 Notable Book *The Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of Little Bighorn*, *Mayflower*, and *In the Heart of the Sea*, will speak at the [2011 Literary Tastes Breakfast](#) in New Orleans. The breakfast, which will be held June 26, features authors from RUSA's 2011 literary book award selections....

RUSA, Mar. 8



[AASL: Create Your Own Story webinars](#)

In preparation for School Library Month and its theme "Create Your Own Story," AASL will offer a complimentary webinar series on crafting strategic



Digital Library of the Week



The [Carnival Collection](#) of Tulane University's Louisiana Research Collection preserves possibly the largest assemblage of New Orleans Carnival paper and ephemera, such as invitations, dance cards, call-out cards, printed float plates, and bulletins. Among the most notable items are the more than 5,000 original designs for Carnival floats and costumes. Many of these are from the "Golden Age" of Carnival and feature the work of noted designers such as Jennie Wilde, B. A. Wikstrom, and Charles Briton. LaRC also preserves the works of more contemporary designers, including Patricia Hardin, Olga Peters, and designer and noted Carnival historian Henri Schindler. Tulane is in the process of putting



stories. Presented by Nancy Dowd (right), "[How to Create Strategic Stories to Gain Support for Your Library](#)" is designed to help school librarians create stories to win support from parents, government officials, administrators, and other stakeholders. Webinars will be held at 6 p.m. Eastern time on March 15, 22, and 29....

AASL, Mar. 7

[RUSA Older Adults Services preconference](#)

RUSA's Reference Services Section has brought together an outstanding speaker lineup for a half-day preconference focused on library services for those in the 55+ demographic who use library resources to find employment and volunteer opportunities in their communities. To be held June 24 before the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, the preconference will describe various library programs to address the needs of older patrons....

RUSA, Mar. 4

[Group discounts available for RUSA preconferences](#)

RUSA is offering group registration discounts for its 2011 Annual preconferences in New Orleans. Libraries or systems registering three or more of their employees for any of RUSA's four preconferences will pay excellent per-participant rates. The group registration form can also be downloaded ([PDF file](#)) from the RUSA website....

RUSA, Mar. 8

[LITA offers three workshops in New Orleans](#)

LITA is offering three full-day educational workshops on June 24 before ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans: "Getting Started with Drupal," "User Experience Design for Websites," and "Virtualize IT." Visit the [Annual Conference page](#) to register....

LITA, Mar. 8

[Last chance to be a successful library consultant](#)

Experienced, unemployed, or retired librarians hoping to attend the ASCLA preconference, "Assembling a Consulting Toolkit: What You Need to Know to be a Successful Library Consultant," should make sure to register promptly for the final offering of this June 24 workshop at the upcoming ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The preconference is the fourth and final time this topic will be presented....

ASCLA, Mar. 7

[Teens to vote for next Teen Tech Week theme](#)

YALSA invites all teens to get out the vote for Teen Tech Week, March 6–12. Teens can [vote](#) for the 2012 Teen Tech Week theme (and answer a short survey about their use of technology), choosing from three potential themes: ESC @ your library, FYI @ your library, and Geek Out @ your library. The survey closes March 31....

YALSA, Mar. 7

[Draft: Standards for Libraries in Higher Education](#)

In 2009, ACRL President Lori Goetsch charged a Task Force to review and revise the 2004 [Standards for Libraries in Higher Education](#). The Standards Task Force has drawn up a new draft ([PDF file](#)) that provides a comprehensive framework using an outcomes-based

its entire Carnival design collection online and hopes to complete the project by the end of 2012. As of March 4, the online collection consisted of float designs from Comus and Proteus. Comus float designs range from 1901 to 1916, and Proteus designs include the years 1882 to 1891.



Another excellent Mardi Gras digital library is the [Judge John Minor Wisdom Collection](#) at the Earl K. Long Library, University of New Orleans, which houses more than 300 invitations, programs, and dance cards.

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

"Our state and city budgets are in desperate shape, we all know, but to save money by reducing library services and resources is like

approach, with evidence collected in ways that are appropriate for each library. Comments will be accepted on the [Task Force blog](#) through April 11....

ACRL Insider, Mar. 8

[Apply for ACRL Immersion Program tracks](#)

ACRL invites applications for its Immersion '11 Program. The Immersion Program Assessment and Intentional Teaching Tracks will be offered simultaneously November 16–20 in Nashville, Tennessee. Applications for both tracks are being accepted through May 6. Visit the ACRL [website](#) for complete details about the program, including curriculum, learning outcomes, and application instructions....

ACRL, Mar. 7

[Scholarly Communication 101 Road Show](#)

The ACRL Scholarly Communications Committee has selected five sites from 12 applications to host the "Scholarly Communication 101: Starting with the Basics" workshop this spring and summer. ACRL is underwriting the costs of delivering this proven content by sending expert presenters on the road to Ohio, New York, Hawaii, Minnesota, and Maryland....

ACRL, Mar. 7

[PLA accepting proposals for 2012 Annual Conference](#)

PLA is now accepting preconference and program proposals for the 2012 ALA Annual Conference, to be held June 21–26 in Anaheim, California. Proposals may be submitted through an [online form](#). The deadline for submitting proposals is May 15....

PLA, Mar. 8

Awards

[Why I'm a YALSA Member contest winner](#)

Kate Walker, head of Young Adult Services at the Anderson County (S.C.) Library System, won the 2011 Why I'm a YALSA Member contest. Walker wins a free year of YALSA membership and an e-reader for her essay. Jennifer Hopwood, who tweeted her answer, and Kathryn Bradley, who wrote an essay, each won a box of books as runners up. Members were invited to write a short essay, send out a tweet using the hashtag #whyalsa, or create a short video, all explaining why they were YALSA members....

YALSA, Mar. 8

[BWI Summer Reading Program Grant](#)

ALSC has awarded the West Palm Beach (Fla.) Public Library the 2011 BWI Summer Reading Program Grant. The \$3,000 grant, donated by Book Wholesalers Inc. (BWI), provides financial assistance to a public library for developing outstanding summer reading programs for children. WPBPL is creating two interactive rooms with age-appropriate games, science, and craft activities to support their theme "Storyopolis."...

ALSC, Mar. 8

[PR Xchange Best of Show](#)

It's time again to submit entries for the LLAMA PR Xchange Best of Show competition. Promotional materials produced between January and December of 2010 are eligible for this year's contest. Download

trying to save a bleeding man by cutting out his heart."

—Essayist and novelist Pico Iyer in an op-ed article, "[Sanctuary Amid the Stacks](#)," *Los Angeles Times*, Mar. 6.

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the Best of Show entry form and FAQ (includes category options and submission guidelines) on the [LLAMA website](#). Entries must be postmarked no later than March 25....

LLAMA, Mar. 8

[Apply for ALTAFF Baker & Taylor Awards](#)

ALTAFF is accepting applications for the Baker & Taylor Awards, given to Friends of the Library groups. Given annually since 2000, the Baker & Taylor Awards have recognized more than 40 Friends of the Library groups for outstanding efforts to support their library.

[Applications](#) are judged on planning, implementation, evaluation, innovation, and community involvement, and are due May 2....

ALTAFF, Mar. 8

[Apply for a travel grant to the 2011 Spectrum Leadership Institute](#)

The Office for Diversity offers a unique opportunity for LIS students and recent graduates to attend the upcoming Spectrum Leadership Institute, June 23–26 in New Orleans. A minimum of 20 travel scholarships for the institute will be awarded through the REACH 21: Preparing the Next Generation of Librarians for Leadership project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Applications will be accepted until all have been awarded, with preference given to those applications received by April 1....

Office for Diversity, Mar. 4



[UW-Milwaukee SOIS supports Spectrum](#)

The School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee has raised close to \$1,100 for the Spectrum Presidential Initiative through a recent fundraiser to support the Spectrum Scholarship Program. Students, faculty, alumni, and members of the community gathered on December 2 for a festive evening of musical performances....

Spectrum Initiative, Mar. 4



[School librarian wins \\$10,000 in national recipe contest](#)

A Rossville (Ga.) Elementary School librarian was surprised with a \$10,000 check after winning a national recipe contest. Debbie Shannon (right) won second place in the *Taste of Home* Teacher Recipe Challenge. The contest was sponsored by Books Are Fun, which presented Shannon and Rossville Elementary each with \$10,000 checks. Shannon had no idea her Chicken Marsala lasagna recipe received second place. Contest organizers [surprised her](#) during a March 1 pep rally at the school....

WDEF-TV, Chattanooga, Tenn., Mar. 1



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Calendar

Mar. 23–25:

[Tennessee Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites and Convention Center, Murfreesboro.

Mar. 24–28:

[Visual Resources Association and the Art Libraries Society of North America](#), Joint Conference,

[Submit a paper for the Miriam Braverman Prize](#)

Are you an LIS student interested in activism and the struggle for social justice? The Miriam Braverman Memorial Prize, a presentation of the Progressive Librarians Guild, is awarded each year for the best paper about some aspect of the social responsibilities of librarians, libraries, or librarianship. The winning paper will be published in the Summer 2011 issue of *Progressive Librarian*. [Submissions](#) are due by May 1....

Library Juice, Mar. 5

[2011 RWA Librarian of the Year](#)

Wendy Crutcher, materials evaluator for the Orange County (Calif.) Public Library, has been named 2011 RWA Librarian of the Year by the Romance Writers of America. Crutcher's book blog, [The Misadventures of Super Librarian](#), includes in-depth reviews of romance novels....

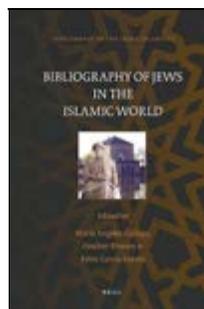
Romance Writers of America, Mar. 8



[2011 Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards](#)

The Research Libraries, Archives, and Special Collections Division of the Association of Jewish Libraries has announced the winners of its 2011 Judaica Reference and Bibliography Awards. In the reference category, the winner is *The Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World* (Brill), edited by Norman Stillman. In the bibliography category, the winner is *The Bibliography of Jews in the Islamic World* (Brill), edited by María Angeles Gallego, Heather Bleaney, and Pablo García Suárez....

Association of Jewish Libraries Blog, Mar. 7



[Help Bank Street pick the Best Picture Book for 2010](#)

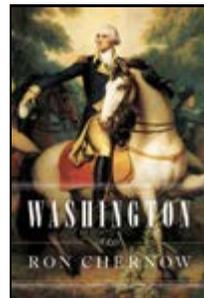
Rocco Staino writes: "Want a great way to teach young kids about the book award process? Then get involved in choosing this year's [Irma Simonton Black and James H. Black Award for Excellence in Children's Literature](#). The Bank Street College of Education, in partnership with *School Library Journal*, is asking any librarian or teacher of 1st and 2nd graders to read aloud and discuss the four finalists and to submit their children's votes for the best picture book of the year. The deadline is April 11."...

School Library Journal, Mar. 2

[Ron Chernow wins American History Book Prize](#)

Ron Chernow has been chosen to receive the New-York Historical Society's sixth annual American History Book Prize for his most recent work, *Washington: A Life* (Penguin, 2010). The society will present Chernow with an engraved medal, the title of American Historian Laureate, and a cash award of \$50,000 at the beginning of its annual [Weekend with History](#) event on April 8. The book was selected from a pool of 99 submissions made by a committee of historians and society leaders....

New-York Historical Society, Mar. 3



[2010 Story Prize](#)

Hilton Minneapolis.
"Collaboration: Building Bridges in the 21st Century."

Mar. 29–30: [Disaster Information Outreach](#),

a symposium for information professionals meeting disaster information needs, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland. Watch the videocast for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#).

Mar. 30– **Apr. 1:**

[Oklahoma Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Southern Hills Marriott, Tulsa.

Mar. 30– **Apr. 2:**

[Association of College and Research Libraries](#), ACRL 2011, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia.

Mar. 31– **Apr. 1:**

[American Society for Information Science and Technology](#), 2nd Research Data Access and Preservation Summit, Hyatt Regency Denver.

Apr. 2: [Maine Association of School Libraries](#),

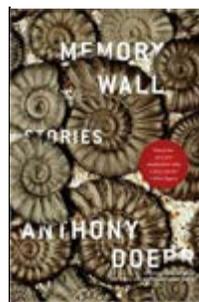
Spring Fling, Ellsworth Middle School. Workshop on Digital Citizenship.

Apr. 4–5: [Coalition for Networked Information](#),

Spring Membership Meeting, Westin Gaslamp

Anthony Doerr has won the Story Prize for his extraordinary collection of stories, *Memory Wall*, in which memory serves as a theme to connect six stories set in disparate times and places. Founder Julie Lindsey presented him with the \$20,000 award and an engraved silver bowl at an event that took place at the New School in New York City on March 2. The Story Prize was founded in 2004 to recognize excellence in short story collections written in English and published in the U.S. during a calendar year....

The Story Prize Blog, Mar. 3



Quarter, San Diego, California.

Apr. 6–8:
[Washington Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Red Lion Hotel, Yakima. "Libraries Take Flight."

Apr. 6–8:
[Kansas Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka. "Share the Vision!"

Apr. 6–8:
[Oregon Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Salem Conference Center, Salem. "Libraries Build Communities Build Libraries."

Apr. 6–9:
[Mountain Plains Library Association and Montana Library Association](#), Joint Conference, Billings, Montana. "Libraries: The Road to Everywhere."

Apr. 15:
[May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture](#), featuring Lois Lowry, St. Louis County Library Headquarters, St. Louis, Missouri.

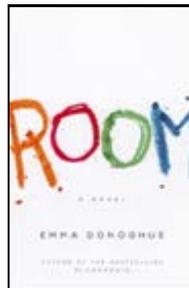
Apr. 17–19:
[Missouri Association of School Librarians](#), Spring Conference, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach. "Focus on the Future."

May 16–19:
[Society for Imaging Science and Technology](#), Archiving Conference, Salt Lake

[2011 Commonwealth Writers' Prizes](#)

The regional winners of the 2011 Commonwealth Writers' Prize were announced on March 4 by the Commonwealth Foundation. Now in its 25th year, the prize aims to recognize the best fiction by both new and established authors from British Commonwealth countries and to ensure that they reach a wider international audience outside their country of origin. The Best Book winner for the region of the Caribbean and Canada was Emma Donoghue's *Room* (HarperCollins)....

Commonwealth Foundation, Mar. 4



[Mystery tale wins Blue Peter Book award](#)

Dead Man's Cove (Orion Books), a tale by Lauren St. John about an orphaned 11-year-old who turns amateur sleuth, was named the Blue Peter Book of the Year on March 1. The first novel in a new series, it was inspired by the author's reading of Enid Blyton stories in her childhood in Zimbabwe. Named after a long-running children's TV show in the U.K., the Blue Peter Awards aim to inspire children to a life-long love of reading....

BBC News, Mar. 2



Seen Online

[Daley's legacy of libraries, culture, and literacy](#)

James Warren writes: "The lasts are piling up for departing Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. Last week, he announced the 20th selection from the One Book, One Chicago program, a multifaceted way to bring citizens together to discuss a book. The final pick of his final term is Neil Gaiman's *Neverwhere*, a much-acclaimed fictional tale of workers finding wonders and horrors in a fantasy world underneath London. In doing so, Daley reminded us, unintentionally, of his impressive legacy when it comes to culture and literacy."...

New York Times, Mar. 5



[Los Angeles voters approve Measure L for libraries](#)

Los Angeles voters approved Measure L by 63% in the March 8 election. The city ballot initiative increases dedicated spending for the Los Angeles Public Library system by \$50 million over the next few years without raising taxes. Eventually, the library system will have the appropriate funding to open the Richard J. Riordan Central Library downtown and 8 regional libraries seven days a week, with 64 branch libraries operating six days a week....

Los Angeles Weekly, Mar. 8

[Budget committee saves California library programs](#)

Mike Dillon and Christina DiCaro write: "The powerful 10-member Budget Conference Committee put its final mark on a massive reduction and revenues package March 3, addressing Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to close a whopping \$26-billion budget deficit. One of its final actions was approving a Conference Compromise to spare the three library programs—the Public Library Foundation, the California Library Services Act, and the state literacy program—from elimination."...

California Library Association, Mar. 3

[Supreme Court takes on landmark fair-use case](#)

Can foreign works that have passed into the public domain in the U.S. be withdrawn by Congress and put back under copyright protection? That question will be addressed by the U.S. Supreme Court, which this week granted a writ of certiorari in an appellate case, *Golan v. Holder* ([PDF file](#)), that questions the constitutionality of a federal statute that restored copyright protection to thousands of foreign works, including symphonies by Shostakovich and Stravinsky, books by Virginia Woolf, artwork by Picasso, and films by Fellini and Hitchcock. The [SCOTUSblog](#) calls it a "major test of copyright power," and the Internet Archive argues in an amicus brief ([PDF file](#)) that it poses "a significant threat to the ability of libraries and archives to promote access to knowledge."...

Publishers Weekly, Mar. 8; *SCOTUSblog*, Mar. 7

[Jewish texts lost in WWII surface in New York](#)

In 1932, as the Nazis rose to power in Germany, a Jewish librarian in Frankfurt published a catalog of 15,000 books he had painstakingly collected for decades. The University Library Frankfurt still houses the bulk of the collection, but experts there have determined over several decades that they were missing some 2,000 books listed in the catalog. Now, librarians have determined that most of the missing titles have been sitting for years on the crowded shelves of the Leo Baeck Institute, a Manhattan center dedicated to preserving German Jewish culture....

New York Times, Mar. 7



[One way to encourage checking-out at the library](#)

Outside of college campuses and romantic comedies, the library is not usually a place to pick up a date. But that didn't stop several dozen singles, mostly in their 20s and 30s, from showing up on a recent Tuesday night at the main branch of the San Francisco Public Library for its first speed-dating session. In a basement meeting room a boombox played love songs while daters were assigned numbers and had four minutes to chat, flirt, or wrinkle their noses at one another's

City, Utah.

June 19–22:

[Association of Jewish Libraries](#),

Annual Convention, Marriott Montréal Château Champlain, Montréal, Québec.

Aug. 13–18:

[International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions](#),

World Library and Information Congress, Puerto Rico Convention Center, San Juan. Early registration is May 6. Use ALA member code US-0002 to register at the IFLA member rate.

Sept. 8–11:

[Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#),

Annual Conference, Embassy Suites Dallas/Frisco Hotel and Conference Center, Frisco, Texas.

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literary tastes....
New York Times, Mar. 2

[I Love My Librarian winner tells it like it is](#)

At a March 2 public hearing on Maine Gov. Paul LePage's proposed budget in Augusta, Kelley McDaniel (right), part-time librarian at the Helen King Middle School in Portland and a [2010 I Love My Librarian Award winner](#), rose to speak at the microphone. If politics these days is all about "driving the message," McDaniel spent all her precious three minutes in the fast lane. Even though she donated her \$5,000 award to the school, she said she still expects to pay taxes on it. And that was only the beginning of a pointed critique on proposed tax cuts that brought a round of applause....



Portland (Maine) Press Herald, Mar. 4

[Another white supremacist rally planned in York](#)

A man who helped bring a white supremacist leader to York, Pennsylvania, in 2002 and sparked a riot outside the city's Martin Library is working to organize another rally at the library. Michael Cook, a state leader for the National Socialist American Labor Party, was also behind the recent distribution of fliers on cars and doorsteps about his group that sparked at least one complaint. If another rally takes place, York city police will consider providing security at the event....

York (Pa.) Daily Record, Mar. 3

[Negative book review vindicated in France](#)

A French court dismissed on March 3 a criminal-libel charge brought against a [journal editor](#) over a negative book review and ordered the plaintiff to pay punitive damages. The editor, Joseph H. H. Weiler, a professor at New York University's School of Law, said he had been awarded €8,000 (about \$11,000 U.S.) as a result of the action brought against him by Karin N. Calvo-Goller, a senior lecturer at the Academic Center of Law and Business, in Israel....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Mar. 2; *EJIL: Talk!*, Mar. 4

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Tech Talk

[Apple's iPad 2: 10 big questions](#)

Lance Ulanoff writes: "You have to hand it to Apple CEO Steve Jobs. No matter how ill he may be, his showmanship and stage presence remain undimmed. So much so that it took, as it often does, days for the euphoria of the Apple iPad 2 unveiling on March 2 to wear off. As that happened, though, I, like others, started to have these little 'Hey, wait a minute' moments, and the inevitable questions about the latest magical device from Apple started piling up. Here are the ones I've been considering or hearing from others. Fortunately, I think we have answers for virtually all of them."...



PC Magazine, Mar. 5



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[Storing your files inside the cloud](#)



When the hard drive on Melissa Grove's computer failed, she faced the possibility of losing 7,000 Word documents, 600 spreadsheets, hundreds of PowerPoint presentations, and 12 years of federal grant applications. You've probably had that feeling. But Grove's story had a happy ending because she had backed up her data on a remote computer "in the cloud." Backup has become entirely automated with the software that comes with a Windows PC (Backup and Restore) or on a Mac (Time Machine). A growing number of companies now offer cloud-based backup services....

New York Times: Personal Tech, Mar. 2

[9 web apps for gathering feedback](#)



Josh Catone writes: "Though the old adage that the customer is always right isn't *exactly* true, listening to feedback is important. It isn't always easy to swallow, but it can be extremely valuable. Your patrons are the ones who regularly use your products or services; their input and suggestions can help you make sound decisions. The following tools are designed to help you solicit feedback via the web and connect with people in more meaningful ways."...

Mashable, Mar. 6

[Speaking Image](#)

Joyce Valenza writes: "I discovered [Speaking Image](#) via my Diigo network this morning and the wheels are spinning. The application, an online tool for the interactive annotation of images, allows users to create and share their interactive images with individuals and groups and to manage permissions for collaborative work. Moving way beyond adding text annotation similar to Flickr's notes feature, Speaking Image offers paint tools, layers, a full-fledged wiki-based collaborative environment, and the ability to tag and embed."...



School Library Journal: NeverEndingSearch, Mar. 9

[Making technology more manageable](#)

In 2006, the Adrian (Mich.) Public School District passed a capital bond that included \$2.5 million for new technology, enough to add about 260 computers to the school's infrastructure. Director of Technology Randy Brandeberry was concerned about the added work to maintain those computers without additional staff. He opted for remote PC management to deploy more computers without adding staff. He installed thin computers from [Wyse](#) with their operating system and applications delivered by Wyse Streaming Manager....



AL: Solutions and Services, Mar. 9

[The DROID you were waiting for](#)

The U.K. National Archives has launched the fastest, most accurate version yet of its award-winning file-identification software. A new file-profiling tool DROID (Digital Record Object IDentification) takes the hard work out of managing digital data and is [downloadable](#) for free

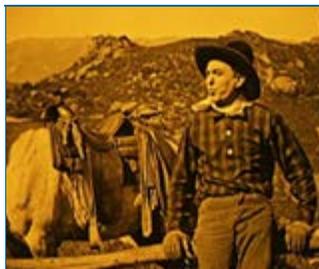
from the National Archives website. It can scan millions of files at a time and correctly identify hundreds of different file formats, including most document, audio, video, and image files in common use....

U.K. National Archives, Mar. 7

[Goodbye, DVD: Hello, future](#)

Dave Kehr writes: "The DVD isn't dead yet, but it's definitely looking a little peaked, at least in the eyes of the home-video industry. Sales continue to decline, the formerly ubiquitous neighborhood rental shops have all but vanished, and the major studios have drastically cut back on full-scale releases of titles. There are several new formats competing to replace it, each with benefits and drawbacks. As in comedy, watching movies nowadays is all about the delivery."...

New York Times, Mar. 4



[Upgrading through every version of Windows](#)

Andrew Tait, a Scottish computer buff, writes: "Here is a [video presentation](#) (9:49) covering an experiment I recently performed, in which I upgraded through every major version of Windows. My parents have had a PC since I was about 5, so I have many nostalgic memories about early versions of MS-DOS and Windows. This is probably why I chose this project, as it gave me a chance to relive some of those memories, and finally gave me something to do with my cupboard full of old computer software."...

Andy's Tech Experiments Blog, Mar. 4; YouTube, Mar. 2



Publishing

[Durability is a feature, not a bug](#)

Cory Doctorow writes: "Try to imagine what a newspaper looks like after it's been read by a busy library's patrons over the course of 30 days. No one tried to argue that the fact that newspapers disintegrated if you looked at them cross-eyed was a *feature* that had to be preserved as their content moved into microfilm format (right). And yet, that is just the case made in the e-book deal HarperCollins is offering to libraries. Whether a HarperCollins book has the circulatory vigor to cope with 26 checkouts or 200, it's bizarre to argue that this finite durability is a feature that we should carefully import into new media."...

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



[What have libraries done for us lately?](#) (satire)

Andy Woodworth writes: "*Stage notes:* The interior of HarperCollins Boardroom. A darkened room with a very long, shined, oaken table. Executives are seated on each side looking towards one end of the table with executives Bob, Steve, Josh, and Dave sitting closest. Josh stands at the one end, track lighting acting as a spotlight showing that he is standing in front of a white board with graphs marked E-books with the lines going up."...

Agnostic, Maybe, Mar. 7



[Documenting and sharing your e-reader program practices](#)

Buffy Hamilton writes: "When we began our Kindle program at Creekview High School Library in Canton, Georgia, in November 2010, I thought it was important to share our learning experiences, program implementation materials, and data in a public, transparent way. Hence, I created our [Kindles at The Unquiet Library](#) LibGuide information portal, a resource guide that is designed to share our Kindle program practices with others. Here is how I've organized the Kindle information portal."...

ALA Learning Round Table, Mar. 8

[Looking at print books from a writer's perspective](#)

Jessamyn West writes: "I wrote a book in 2009 and 2010. It's getting published this year sometime. Let me tell you about what it's like writing a print book for a large trade publisher during the long leisurely sunset of print. It was different from what I thought it would be. The larger issue turned out to be, no surprise, a copyright one. Even though my contract was crystal clear about my being responsible for any illegal thing my book did or suggested, I was still asked to get permissions for all of my screen shots."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Mar. 9



[New business models for scholarly publishing](#) (PDF file)

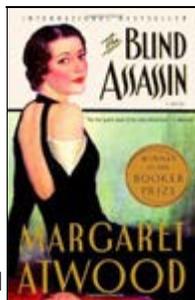
The Association of American University Presses issued on March 7 a report on "Sustaining Scholarly Publishing: New Business Models for University Presses" ([PDF file](#)). The report's recommendations include active and open sharing of lessons learned, open access as a principle to be embraced, and the support of libraries and foundations as crucial in providing funds to work towards the digital future. Joseph Esposito offers [some insight](#)....

Association of American University Presses, Mar. 7; The Scholarly Kitchen, Mar. 7

[10 literary novels for SF genre readers](#)

T. N. Tobias writes: "Every so often a debate breaks out across the blogosphere about the comparative merits of literary versus genre literature, usually sparked by some comment advocating one of the two with some supercilious tone. There need not be a chasm between movements, however, as genre and literary fiction can be quite complementary to one another. So, in the spirit of reconciliation, I've compiled this short list of books that fill the gap between speculative and so-called realistic fiction. It should serve as a decent introduction for genre readers to see how the other half lives."...

SF Signal, Feb. 18



[Harry Potter stamps launched by Royal Mail](#)

The U.K. Royal Mail has launched eight stamps celebrating British magical figures, including Dumbledore and Lord Voldemort from the *Harry Potter* books. Joining J. K. Rowling's creations on first-class stamps in the [Magical Realms series](#) are failed student Rincewind and witch Nanny Ogg,

from Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* books. Aslan the Lion and the White Witch, from C. S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia*, are featured on other



stamps in the series. The Royal Mail commissioned research from experts in British folklore and cultural history to determine the most appropriate characters from myth, legend, and literature....

BBC News, Mar. 8; Royal Mail

[Picture book timeline](#)

This timeline was created by Picturing Books, a company that runs the Picture Book Database, to showcase the history of children's picture books from 1658 to 2008. The illustration on the right is the cover of *Der Struwwelpeter* (Slovenly Peter), written by Heinrich Hoffmann in 1844. It comprises 10 illustrated and rhymed stories, mostly about children, each with a clear moral that demonstrates the disastrous consequences of misbehavior in an exaggerated way....

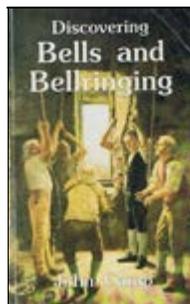
Picturing Books



[For whom the bells toll](#)

L. D. Mitchell writes: "People often get started as book collectors because of a vocation or avocation. The topic of today's post is campanology, which is usually an avocation in most of today's industrialized nations. Although more popularly known as bell ringing, campanology is concerned not only with the ringing of groups of bells, but also with the physical properties of *individual* types of bells—with how they are cast, how they are tuned, and ultimately how they sound. It is, if you will pardon the pun, the original heavy metal music."...

The Private Library, Mar. 7



Actions & Answers

[Give away some e-books](#)

David Lee King writes: "A couple weeks ago, I saw a pretty cool idea at the Denver International Airport, and thought it could be adapted to libraries. 1st Bank had some large advertisements up in the airport, giving away free e-books (right). All you needed was a smartphone with a QR code reader. Why not copy this idea? Give them a book (even if it's freely available online), and brand it as your business."...

David Lee King, Mar. 8



[10 free public library resources](#)

Hope Nardini writes: "Public libraries have more than just shelves of free books for loan. With my credit cards and debit cards taking up so much space in my wallet, it's nice to know that my library card actually *saves* me money. My public library has served as a money-saving substitute for Starbucks, Blockbuster, and Showcase Cinema, just to name a few. Here are 10 library freebies you should take advantage of."...

Money Crashers, Mar. 7

[Help rebuild Cairo's libraries](#)

Two public libraries in Cairo, Egypt, were senselessly [destroyed](#) this January by vandals who stole and burned the contents and left the buildings in ruins. Queens (N.Y.) Library has a formal partnership with the Integrated Care Society that operates the network of public



libraries in Cairo. Queens Library CEO Thomas W. Galante has issued this rallying cry to libraries and library lovers globally to help their Egyptian friends rebuild and reopen as soon as possible....

Queens (N.Y.) Library, Mar. 4

Scholarly communication: Can we have our name back?

Phil Davis writes: "There are some phrases that irritate us all. For Alan Singleton, editor of *Learned Publishing*, that phrase is 'scholarly communication.' In his January editorial, '[Scholarly Communication: Can We Have Our Name Back?](#)' Singleton takes issue with how such a broad phrase has been co-opted to stand for the promotion of open access. He thinks it's time to take the term back to its broad, encompassing meaning."...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Mar. 8

Recent Twitter changes might affect academic research

Twitter's recent announcement that it was no longer granting [whitelisting requests](#) and that it would no longer allow [redistribution of content](#) will have huge consequences on scholars' ability to conduct research, as they will no longer have the ability to collect or export datasets for analysis. That's the news that 140kit just had to break to its users. 140kit is an extension of the Web Ecology Project and one of the very first research efforts into the cultural and political influence as expressed via Twitter....

ReadWriteWeb, Mar. 3

Book challenges are underreported

Sarah Houghton-Jan writes: "On February 17, I posted a link to a [survey](#) that a library school student was doing about book challenges and removals in libraries. Here are the results, which I still find disturbing: Challenges and removals of library materials are grossly underreported to ALA (only 20%). Is this because libraries don't want the professional stigma associated with challenges (especially removals or book relocations)? Or is it simply bad record-keeping? Or apathy?"...

Librarian in Black, Mar. 8

10 cheap and easy ways to amplify your event

Marieke Guy writes: "In 2007, Lorcan Dempsey coined the phrase 'the amplified conference' to refer to how events (such as talks and presentations) were being amplified 'through a variety of network tools and collateral communications.' Amplifying events can be an effective way to be open and make good use of taxpayers' money. Many of us have fewer resources than we have had in the past, hence cheap-and-easy amplification is the way to go."...

Ariadne, no. 66 (Jan.)



The bookmobile is back

Jeff Greenwald writes: "Tom Corwin clearly recalls the day when, on a whim, he decided to buy and restore a classic bookmobile. Corwin, who lives just north of San Francisco, picked up the vehicle from the Warren-Newport Public Library District in Gurnee, Illinois. Made by Moroney—a family-owned company in Massachusetts, and America's last hand-builder of bookmobiles—the mobile library had just been retired after 15 years of travel. Its sturdy oak shelves had showcased more than 3,200 books. In late 2011, Corwin hopes, his bookmobile will hit the road with a library of 3,000 old-fashioned books—along with a few donated e-book readers."...

Smithsonian, Feb. 23



[How the public perceives community information systems](#)

Surveys in Philadelphia, San Jose, and Macon show that those who believe city hall is forthcoming are more likely than others to feel good about the overall quality of their community, the ability of the entire information environment of their community to give them the information that matters, the overall performance of their local government, and the performance of all manner of civic and journalistic institutions ranging from the fire department to the libraries to the local newspaper and TV stations. Read the [full report](#) online....

Pew Internet and American Life Project, Mar. 1

[Disaster information outreach symposium](#)

A free symposium offering practical advice for information professionals who disseminate information about disasters will be held March 29–30 at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. Although the symposium has reached its limit for on-site attendance, each day's proceedings will be videocast: [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#)....

Disaster Information Management Research Center

[10 time-saving web tools](#)

Jocelyn K. Gleib writes: "We now have tons of web apps at our fingertips that can minimize the amount of time we spend on the less glamorous details of making ideas happen. Here, we highlight 10 of our favorite web apps for streamlining crucial (but not particularly fun) day-to-day tasks, so you can get on with the important stuff." For example, [NudgeMail](#), which allows you to hit the snooze button on distracting emails....

The 99 Percent



[Whatever happened to the audiophile?](#)

Linton Weeks writes: "You may remember the type: Laid-back in a 1980s easy chair, soaking in Rachmaninoff, Reinhardt, or the Rolling Stones, enveloped by the very best, primo, top-of-the-line stereo equipment an aficionado could afford. Now it's 2011. And amid all the earbudded iPods, smartphones, and MP3 players, one can't help but wonder: Whatever happened to the audiophile?"...

NPR, Mar. 5



[Looking behind the picture](#)

David Lowe writes: "Today we most often encounter a photograph as a digital image—its only physical presence is the screen from which it shines. Not so the photographic print, which has two surfaces. The back side, or verso, can reveal just as much of a photograph's life story. One may find handwritten descriptions of the photo's subject, printed advertisements of the photographer's studio, ownership stamps, crop marks or printer's notations, an artist's signature or title, the faint trace of another image, another photograph."...

Huffington Post, Mar. 3



[LC acquires historic sports recordings](#)

John Miley's decades-long passion for sports led him to collect an extensive archive of historical moments in athletic competition. Miley and the Library of Congress announced March 9 that his vast collection of 6,000 radio and television broadcasts of pre-1972 professional and amateur sporting events will reside in the world's largest library. Every major sport is represented: baseball, hockey, football, basketball, racing, Olympic events, boxing, golf, and tennis....

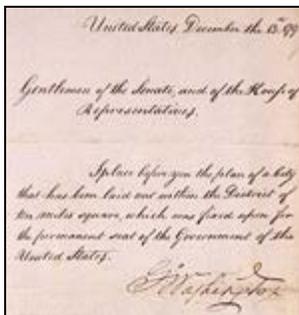
Library of Congress, Mar. 9



[Mr. Small goes to Washington](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "A single man's lifelong dedication to collecting materials about his hometown is about to benefit scholars everywhere. Albert H. Small, a prominent Washington, D.C., real estate developer, has just donated his extensive archives of Washington history to George Washington University. He's also kicked in a little money to renovate a historic home to house his collection, \$5 million to be exact. The collection is comprised of nearly 700 items, including a letter (right) written by George Washington to Congress in 1791 outlining the 10 square miles designated as the new capital city of the United States."...

Booktryst, Mar. 4



[Storybook gown made of Little Golden Books](#)

Designer Ryan Novelline of Boston created this gown composed entirely of illustrations from Little Golden Books sewn together with metallic gold thread. The bodice is made from the books' foil spines. His website documents the process he used to put it all together....

Ryan Novelline: Golden Book Gown



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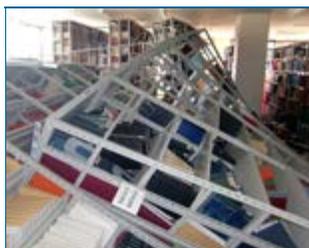
American Libraries Online

[Library damage in the Sendai earthquake](#)

ALA President Roberta Stevens and ALA Executive Keith Michael Fiels sent a letter to the Japan Library Association offering ALA's condolences and support in the aftermath of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Reports are still coming in on the loss of life and extent of the damage in the 9.0-magnitude quake that occurred off the northeast coast of Japan. [Togetter](#), a Japanese social media site, has some photos of libraries affected by the quake, many of them involving toppled shelves or fallen books. [Save the Library](#), a Japanese-language website, is compiling information on library damage nationwide, as are similar sites for [archives](#) and [museums](#). The University of Massachusetts at Amherst Libraries is maintaining a [news and information portal](#)....

AL: Inside Scoop, Mar. 14; Togetter, Earthquake Damage to Libraries; Save the Library



[Learning Terrace to embed library across Drexel campus](#)

A new library facility at Drexel University in Philadelphia is "the first step toward embedding the libraries across campus," according to Dean of Libraries Danuta Nitecki. The 3,000-square-foot Library Learning Terrace will be located on the ground floor of one of the campus's residence halls. The space is intended to facilitate learning, rather than just house information. It won't have any books or computers, but it will provide wireless internet access and electrical outlets for laptops and mobile devices....

American Libraries news, Mar. 15



[On My Mind: Must we abide?](#)

D. J. Hoek writes: "More and more, publishers, database providers, and other corporate content proprietors are taking steps to replace the traditional benefits of ownership with the rigorously controlled provisions of licensing.



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Known as terms of sale or end-user license agreements, these licenses uniformly stipulate who can (and can't) use a certain product and how that product can (and can't) be used. Such restrictions place alarming limitations on libraries' ability to develop meaningful collections. Even more alarming is the fact that we are doing nothing about it."...

American Libraries column, Mar./Apr.

[Newsmakers: Christine Wigfall Morris and Barbara Sorey](#)

Christine Wigfall Morris (right), affectionately known as Miss Chris, was hired by the City of Clearwater, Florida, in July 1949 as its first African-American librarian. Now at 88, she has recapped her lifelong Florida history and her 33-year career as a librarian in *Christine Wigfall Morris: Stories of Family, Community, and History* (PublishAmerica, 2010), cowritten with local author Barbara Sorey (left). Morris helped to spearhead the opening of the facility designated as the Negro Library in April 1950, located in a storefront....

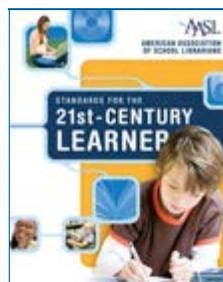
American Libraries column, Mar./Apr.



[Accurate sources](#)

Q. I'm in a public library and was assisting a local community college student who asked, "How accurate should my sources of information be?" I hardly know where to start! **A.** The issue of information literacy is huge—and important. Knowing how to recognize accurate information, whether in print or from the internet, and how to reference that material so that others will be able to assess its value are core skills for students at all levels....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Mar. 15



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ALA News

[ALA on restrictions to library e-book lending](#)

As libraries cope with stagnant or decreased budgets, the recent decision by publisher HarperCollins to restrict the lending of e-books to a limited number of circulations per copy threatens libraries' ability to provide their users with access to information. "The announcement, at a time when libraries are struggling to remain open and staffed, is of grave concern," said ALA President Roberta Stevens. "This new limitation means that fewer people will have access to an increasingly important format for delivering information."...

Public Information Office, Mar. 14

[Cast your vote for ALA president, officers](#)

Online polls opened March 16 for the [2011 ALA election](#) for 2012–2013 ALA President, governing

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Council members, and division and round-table officers. Over the next 48 hours, ALA members will receive ballots via email. Those with a disability or no internet access may request a paper ballot by contacting ALA customer service at 800-545-2433, ext. 5, by April 8. The polls will close at midnight Central time on April 22....



Public Information Office, Mar. 15

[An ALA Fireside Chat](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "After four and a half years at ALA, I think I finally have enough of a handle on the Association to help explain its inner workings and secret handshakes. But it's going to be a two-way street. I'll share what I know and help draw back the curtain, but it's up to you to read this ALA Marginalia blog, ask questions, and most important, do things with what you learn. Our first big project that we'll start tackling in a couple of weeks is an ALA Civics class. In the meantime, what do you want to know about ALA and how it works?" ...

ALA Marginalia, Mar. 16

[Engaging boomers, staff, and students as supporters](#)

Learn how to inspire the three segments of the population that inherently understand the value of the library at the "Boomers, Staff, and Students: Engaging the Many Voices of Advocacy" institute on June 24 at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The program will also highlight federal legislation and lobbying and how it affects libraries on a grassroots level. [Registration](#) is open...

Office for Library Advocacy, Mar. 15

[ALA login change](#)

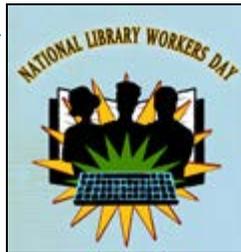
As the ALA website begins its migration to a new software platform, some exciting new features will be implemented later in the year, including the way you log in to the ALA and ALA Connect websites. After March 20, you will need to log in to both the ALA website and ALA Connect using only your username and password. Because this is only the first of many steps, you will still need to log in to each site separately until the migration process is complete....

ITTS News, Mar. 14

[National Library Workers Day, April 12](#)

Continuing the theme "Libraries Work Because We Do!" thousands will celebrate [National Library Workers Day](#) and [Equal Pay Day](#) on April 12. As library workers and libraries are being commended for their value to their communities, women in all professions will be strategizing about closing the wage gap. Library workers' salaries on average are improving, with the 2010 edition of the [ALA-APA Salary Survey](#) reporting average increases across all six position types....

ALA-Allied Professional Association, Mar. 15



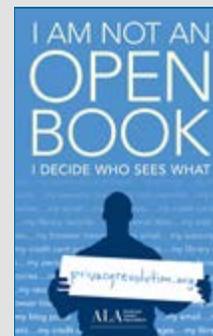
[Celebrate National Bookmobile Day 2011](#)



[ALA Annual Conference](#)
in New Orleans, June 23–28, 2011.



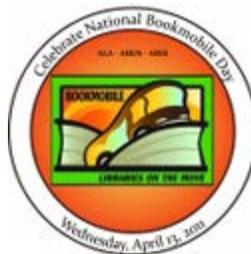
Journalist **Dan Savage**, author of *Savage Love*, *Skipping Towards Gomorrah*, and a new book tentatively titled *The Sex Life of Others* (Dutton, 2012), will be the [Opening General Session](#) speaker on Friday, June 24.



[Choose Privacy Week](#), May 1–7,

2011, is an initiative that invites library users into a national conversation about privacy rights in a digital age. The campaign gives libraries the tools they need to educate and engage users, and gives citizens the resources to think critically and make more informed choices about their privacy.

A bookmobile birthday party. An open house on wheels. Free book giveaways. These are some ways that libraries across America will celebrate the second National Bookmobile Day on April 13. Library staff can share their plans for National Bookmobile Day and learn about other communities' celebrations by visiting the National Bookmobile Day [Facebook page](#)....



Office for Literacy and Outreach, Mar. 14

[Pick up programming tips at Annual Conference](#)

Discussions on marketing and promotion, audience development, community partnerships, and a variety of programming formats that can be applied to all types and sizes of libraries will highlight six programs offered during the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 23–28. Among them are: "Science Programming 101," and "Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility, and Compassion in the Public Library." Details are available at the Public Programs Office [website](#)....

Public Programs Office, Mar. 15

[Privacy conference seeks proposals](#)

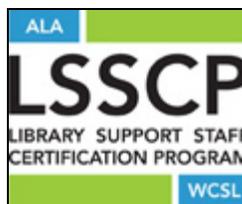
The 21st annual [Computers, Freedom, and Privacy](#) conference is accepting program and poster proposals for this year's conference, which will take place on June 14–16 in Washington, D.C. Past conferences have explored what computing technology means for freedom and privacy, including its usefulness as a surveillance tool. This year the focus will be on the present state of technology and its impact on human rights struggles around the world. The deadline for poster session proposals is April 3, and the deadline for program submissions is May 1....



OIF Blog, Mar. 15

[LSSC program needs evaluators](#)

The ALA-APA's Library Support Staff Certification Program currently needs the help of librarians with an MLIS and at least five years' experience in one of the areas of the LSSC competency sets. LSSC began accepting candidates in January 2010 and is now beginning to see portfolios submitted. Apply on the [LSSC website](#) and [submit](#) your résumé....



ALA–Allied Professional Association, Mar. 14

Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Graphic novels for youth](#)

Nicolle, Malachai. *Axe Cop*. Illustrated by Ethan Nicolle. Jan. 2011. 144p. Dark Horse, paperback (978-1-59582-681-7).

An experiment born of utter lunacy bears fruit in the hands of Eisner-nominee Ethan

The [ALA Store](#) offers buttons, bookmarks, posters, and a DVD to help you celebrate. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

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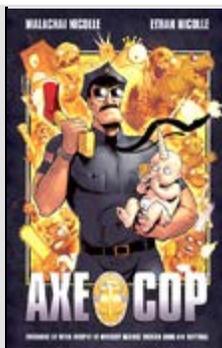
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Great Libraries of the World



[Timken Science Library](#). College of Wooster, Ohio. The oldest branch in the system, the library in Frick Hall served as the library for the



Nicolle (*Chumble Spuzz*), who collated and illustrated stories dictated by his 5-year-old brother Malachai. To say that *Axe Cop* is an axe-wielding policeman who sometimes chops off bad guys' heads and sometimes sneaks into their houses at night (dressed in a black cat suit) and punches them in their faces while they sleep, who rides a dinosaur with machine-gun arms, and who encounters the likes of Abraham Lincoln: Explosion God is merely to say that Ethan successfully channels the phantasmagoric surrealism and psychotic violence of a little boy's imagination into readable form. Although it works best in short, stupefying blasts (as in the "Ask Axe Cop" sections), there are moments of sublime hilarity unapproachable by the work of mature brains producing formally "understandable" narratives....

Using graphic novels in book clubs



Jesse Karp writes: "As graphic novels carry out their manifest destiny, swallowing up the real estate of library shelves and, more slowly, classroom curricula, the final frontier of acceptance may be the book group. The broad themes and splashy visuals often associated with comics might seem innately at odds with the intimate, personal discussions engendered in book clubs, so the challenge for the format is to prove it can fulfill the specific needs of the diversifying book-group market by promoting discussion and fostering social opportunity. How?"...

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

New Orleans Update

Southern Food and Beverage Museum

The Southern Food and Beverage Museum is a nonprofit living history organization dedicated to the discovery, understanding, and celebration of the food, drink, and the related culture of the South. The museum opened in 2008 and is located at the Julia Street entrance of the Riverwalk Marketplace, 500 Port of New Orleans Place, next to the New Orleans Convention Center. It also maintains a [special collection](#) of Southern cookbooks at the New Orleans Public Library and, in conjunction with the University of New Orleans, is collecting menus from every restaurant throughout the South....

Southern Food and Beverage Museum



The National World War II

college from 1900 to 1962. The building reopened in 1998 with substantial funding from the Timken Foundation of Canton, Ohio, and now primarily serves students in math and sciences. The facility includes new ground-level entrances north and south and a dramatic makeover of the high-ceilinged reading room.



[William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library](#), Ohio State University, Columbus. Named after the university's fifth president, the main library building, designed in Renaissance Revival style, opened in 1913. The grandeur of the building was diminished by two inelegant additions in 1966 and 1972, but an extensive renovation in 2006–2009 restored much of its splendor and maximized the space for both quiet study and interactive group learning. It houses several special libraries

Museum

During ALA Annual Conference, this outstanding museum will offer an exhibit on "Joe Beyrle: A Hero for Two Nations," which tells the story of an American Airborne soldier who fought in both the American and Russian forces during World War II. Launched on June 6, 2000, the National World War II Museum is located in New Orleans because it was here that Andrew Higgins built the amphibious landing craft that President Eisenhower believed won the war for the Allies....

National World War II Museum



Division News

Register your Día event with ALSC

2011 marks the 15-year anniversary of El día de los niños / El día de los libros, called Día, the celebration of children, books, reading, and culture. While Día doesn't happen until April 30, the time has come to start planning your Día event. Start now by [registering](#) so that you can add to the collective heritage of Día celebrations. School and public libraries can promote Día with these [free publicity tools](#). ALSC is also offering its first-ever Día-related webinar, "Día 101: Everything you need to know about celebrating El día de los niños/El día de los libros" on April 1. Sign up for the webinar [here](#)....

ALSC, Mar. 11, 15



Paula Poundstone to headline "The Laugh's on Us!"

Comedian, author, and ALTAFF spokesperson Paula Poundstone (right) will headline "The Laugh's on Us!" on June 26 at ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The popular event features a lineup of hilarious writers. Former participants include *Saturday Night Live* comedians, TV and radio personalities, and bestselling authors. Wine and cheese will be served, and a book signing will follow....

ALTAFF



The making of the Strozier Rap video

Steven Bell writes: "While I can't say enough about the importance of video as a communication and learning tool, I'm hardly enamored with most librarian videos—especially the ones that involve lip synching to pop tunes. That's why I was particularly impressed by the creativity and craftsmanship demonstrated by the now well-known video that won top prize in the ACRL 2011 Video Contest, the [Strozier Rap video](#) (2:14). The Florida State University Libraries Strozier Library team did a great job, and I wanted to learn more from them."...

ACRLLog, Mar. 15



Help determine YALSA's future

Anyone interested or involved in teen library services can offer their

covering the fields of [East Asian](#), [Eastern European](#), [Hebraic](#), [medieval Slavic](#), [Middle Eastern](#), [Latin American](#), [theatre research](#), and [American fiction studies](#). The [rare books department](#) contains special materials on *Don Quixote*, the English Renaissance, James Thurber, John Glenn, the Reformation, [polar regions](#), cookbooks, and science fiction.

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.



Career Leads from

JobLIST

[Cataloging and Metadata Librarian](#),
Santa Clara University,

insights about youth services by taking an [online survey](#) to help YALSA determine the goals and objectives of its next 3–5 year strategic plan. The survey will close on March 31....

YALSA, Mar. 15

[Keeping Teen Tech Week alive throughout the year](#)

Laura Peowski writes: "With Teen Tech Week winding down, many of us have already held our program(s) and we are packing up our supplies and putting all TTW-related thoughts and ideas on the back burner until next year. It really comes down to this: Teens don't just use technology during TTW, and we don't want teens to just use the library during TTW. Here are a few thoughts to keep with you throughout the year."...

YALSA Blog, Mar. 11

Round Table News

[Be part of the Human Library](#)

Volunteers are invited to serve as "human books" 1:30–2:30 p.m. on June 27 at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Each volunteer will be available for "check-out" to another attendee for a one-on-one, respectful conversation to further understanding about people of different backgrounds and cultures. An outgrowth of a Danish antiviolence campaign, the [Human Library](#) movement began in 2000. To volunteer, email [Julie Winkelstein](#)....

Social Responsibilities Round Table, Mar. 15

Awards

[Patrice McDermott wins 2011 James Madison Award](#)

ALA President Roberta Stevens awarded the 2011 James Madison Award to Patrice McDermott, director of OpenTheGovernment.org, on March 16 during the 13th annual National Freedom of Information Day Conference celebration at the Knight Conference Center at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. McDermott's commitment to vigilantly defending our freedoms has included working as the senior information policy analyst for OMB Watch and as deputy director of the ALA Office of Government Relations....

District Dispatch, Mar. 16



[Joan Giesecke wins ALA Equality Award](#)

Joan R. Giesecke, dean of libraries at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, is the 2011 recipient of the ALA Equality Award. The annual award is given to an individual or group for outstanding contributions toward promoting equality in the library profession. The numerous letters of support accompanying Giesecke's nomination emphasized her vision, leadership, energy, research, presentations, and mentoring to increase the gender and racial diversity among librarians at her university....

Office of ALA Governance, Mar. 11



Santa Clara, California. Seeking a creative, energetic librarian to fill the newly redefined position of Cataloging and Metadata Librarian. The successful candidate will play a significant role in the creation of new digital collections and the management of digitized and "born digital" content. Responsible for adapting national / international cataloging standards to the local environment; providing training and directing the work of paraprofessional staff and student employees; determining the best means for acquiring bibliographic records and/or metadata from vendors or other libraries / agencies and for monitoring contracted work of this type; working with other librarians to monitor evolving metadata standards for the creation of digital collections and a future institutional repository; and cataloging special materials such as archives and manuscript collections....



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Digital Library of the Week

[Award](#)

Wendy Newman, senior fellow on the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto and past president of the Canadian Library Association, has been selected as the 2011 winner of the Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship. The award honors an individual for contributing to the public recognition and appreciation of librarianship through professional performance, teaching, or writing. Newman was cited for her service on expert groups that provided guidance on critical information policies....

Office of ALA Governance, Mar. 11



[2011 Greenwood Publishing Group Award](#)

ALA has named *The Tech Set* the winner of the 2011 Greenwood Publishing Group Award for the Best Book in Library Literature. The book was envisioned, created, and edited by Ellyssa Kroski (right) and published by Neal-Schuman. *The Tech Set* uses a creative, innovative approach with both printed books and links to online resources that give readers the opportunity to interact with each other and the authors on current and ever-changing technology topics....

Office of ALA Governance, Mar. 14



[2011 ACRL STS Innovation Award](#)

The ACRL Science and Technology Section has selected [AgEcon Search](#), the agricultural repository of the University of Minnesota's Waite Library, for its 2011 Innovation Award. The \$3,000 cash award, donated by IEEE, will be presented on June 26 at the STS All Members Breakfast. AgEcon Search is coordinated by Louise Letnes (left), librarian in the University of Minnesota Department of Applied Economics, and Julie Kelly (right), science librarian at Magrath Library....

ACRL, Mar. 14



[Community College Learning Resources Leadership Award](#)

ACRL has chosen Melora Mirza, associate library director at Georgia Perimeter College's Dunwoody Campus, to receive the 2011 Community and Junior College Libraries Section EBSCO Community College Learning Resources Leadership Award. Mirza was instrumental in bringing a library technician program to GPC, working with college administrators and others to guide the new program through the organizational and implementation stages....

ACRL, Mar. 14



[Community College Library Program Achievement Award](#)

ACRL has chosen Leslie Bussert, head of instruction services at the University of Washington Bothell and Cascadia Community College Library, to receive the 2011 Community and Junior College Libraries Section EBSCO Community College Library Program Achievement Award. Bussert



[The Blues Archives](#)

at the University of Mississippi houses more than 20,000 blues-related photographs as part of a collection of materials that document the blues from the beginnings of its popularity in the 1920s through the present. Housing one of the largest collections of blues recordings, publications, and memorabilia in the world, holdings also include more than 60,000 sound recordings in most audio formats, over 1,000 videos, and more than 6,000 books, periodicals, and newsletters. Important collections include B.B. King's personal record 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 [Love Libraries](#) site.



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collaborated with UW English instructor Norm Pouliot to convert a grading rubric into an online self-assessment survey for students....
ACRL, Mar. 14

[2011 Marta Lange/CQ Press Award](#)

Stephen E. Atkins, former curator of the Dawson Collection and French studies at the Texas A&M University Cushing Library, has been posthumously awarded the 2011 ACRL Law and Political Science Section Marta Lange/CQ Press Award. The award honors an academic or law librarian who has made distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science....
ACRL, Mar. 14



[ASCLA Leadership and Professional Development Award](#)

Diane Walden, correctional libraries senior consultant for the Colorado State Library, is the recipient of the 2011 ASCLA Leadership and Professional Achievement Award for her for her efforts at the Colorado State Library and at the Florida Department of Corrections in delivering high quality consulting and statewide library services for offenders. Walden also created ALA's first statement about inmates' intellectual freedom, "Prisoners Right to Read: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights."...
ASCLA, Mar. 15



[LITA Library Hi Tech Award winner](#)

LITA has named John Wilkin the winner of the 2011 *Library Hi Tech* Award for Outstanding Communication in Library and Information Technology. The award recognizes individuals or institutions for their long-term contributions in the area of LIS technology and its application. Wilkin, associate university librarian for library information technology at the University of Michigan, was cited for his work in the fields of digital libraries, open source software, and multi-institution collaboration....
LITA, Mar. 14



[Mansfield Public Library designated a Literary Landmark](#)

ALTAFF has designated Mansfield (Tex.) Public Library a Literary Landmark in recognition of the contributions of author John Howard Griffin (1920–1980). Griffin's book *Black Like Me* chronicles his experiences in fall 1959, when he darkened his skin and lived as a black man for seven weeks while traveling through Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama. The February 27 Literary Landmark dedication featured former First Lady Laura Bush (right) as a special guest....
ALTAFF, Mar. 11



[LJ's Movers and Shakers 2011](#)

Francine Fialkoff writes: "Since 2002, *Library Journal* has been selecting some 50 individuals annually—mostly but not all librarians—from hundreds of nominations from the field for its Movers and Shakers issue. The [2011 cohort](#) brings the group to over 500 strong. Movers and Shakers gives us a chance to shout about the innovative

Perception

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"In early days, I tried not to give librarians any trouble, which was where I made my primary mistake. Librarians like to be given trouble; they exist for it, they are geared to it. For the location of a mislaid volume, an uncatalogued item, your good librarian has a ferret's nose. Give her a scent and she jumps the leash, her eye bright with battle."

—Catherine Drinker Bowen, in "Salute to Librarians," Chapter 9 of *Adventures of a Biographer* (Little, Brown, 1959).

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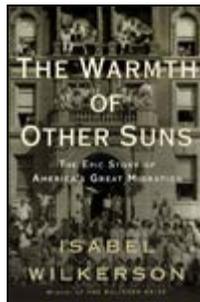
work being done in libraries and the people who are doing it, not just to the library world but outside it. It is one small way to acknowledge the work of librarians and to tell the world the big story of both libraries and librarians."...

Library Journal, Mar. 15

[2010 National Book Critics Circle Awards](#)

The National Book Critics Circle announced the winners of its 2010 book awards on March 10. The winner in nonfiction is Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* (Random House); the winner in fiction is Jennifer Egan, *A Visit from the Goon Squad* (Knopf); and the winner in biography is Sarah Bakewell, *How To Live: Or, A Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer* (Other Press)....

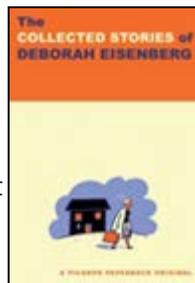
Critical Mass, Mar. 10



[2011 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction](#)

Deborah Eisenberg's *The Collected Stories of Deborah Eisenberg* (Picador) was selected March 15 as the winner of the 2011 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. Eisenberg's stories have long been admired for their exceptional language and nuanced evocation of thought and emotion. The award is America's largest peer-juried prize for fiction in the United States. As winner, Eisenberg receives \$15,000....

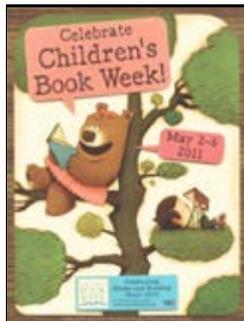
PEN/Faulkner Foundation, Mar. 15



[Give it up for Children's Book Week, May 2-8](#)

Betsy Bird writes: "If there's a holiday for children's literature out there, the closest possible equivalent would have to be [Children's Book Week](#). am I right? What's that? You have no idea what Children's Book Week is? You're probably not alone. In my time as a children's librarian I've been vaguely aware of it. The Children's Book Council is bringing together everyone in all the areas of children's literature for a celebration we can all partake of. Between March 14 and April 29, kids can go to the [website](#) and vote for their selections in the Children's Book Choice Awards."...

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



[Native Hawaiian Library Services grants](#)

One-year grants of varying amounts are available to nonprofit organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians for projects that may enhance existing library services or implement new library services. The [application](#) deadline is May 16....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Mar. 16



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Library Technology Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, Mar. 16-17, at: [#ltc2011](#)

Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo, Mar. 18-20, at: [#c2e2](#)

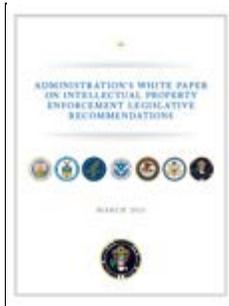
Computers in Libraries, Washington, D.C., Mar. 21-23, at: [#cil11](#)

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

[White House wants new copyright law crackdown](#)

The White House on March 15 proposed sweeping revisions to U.S. copyright law, including making "illegal streaming" of audio or video a federal felony and allowing FBI agents to wiretap suspected infringers. In a 20-page white paper ([PDF file](#)), the Obama administration called on the U.S. Congress to fix "deficiencies that could hinder enforcement" of intellectual property laws. Prepared by Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Espinel, the report does not mention "fair use" at all. Meanwhile, some members of Congress are willing to consider [radical measures](#) to rid the internet of "rogue" websites accused of piracy, including getting search engines like Google to tweak their search results....

CNET News: Privacy Inc., Mar. 15; paidContent.org, Mar. 14



[House panel blocks FCC's net neutrality rules](#)

Legislation to block the Federal Communications Commission from implementing rules to prohibit discriminatory treatment of internet traffic is headed for a vote in the U.S. House by mid-April, following its successful passage out of committee March 15. H.J. Res. 37 was reported out by the House Energy and Commerce Committee by a vote of 30–23 along straight party lines. Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) warned that successful passage of the resolution would "give big phone and cable companies control over what websites Americans can visit, what applications they can run, and what devices they can use."...

Law360, Mar. 16

[Senate makes progress on Patriot Act](#)

On a 10–7 vote March 10, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill, the USA PATRIOT Act Sunset Extension Act of 2011 (S. 193), to reauthorize three expiring provisions of the act and add important new safeguards for library and bookseller records. The bill imposes a heightened degree of protection for library patron and circulation records in intelligence investigations under Section 215....

District Dispatch, Mar. 11

[Wisconsin librarians join Tractorcade](#)

Sharon McQueen writes: "A third librarians' march took place March 12 during what has been a month of daily protests at Wisconsin's State Capitol. Library staff and supporters gathered at Madison Public Library's Central Library and marched to Capitol Square singing Woody Guthrie's 'This Land Is Your Land,' followed by chants of 'Librarians! United! Will never be divided!' Once at the Capitol, they merged with the [Farmer Labor Tractorcade](#) and paraded around the square." Madison police estimated the protest involved as many as 100,000 people, the largest of the recent pro-labor rallies and possibly the largest in the city's history....

Library Journal, Mar. 14; *Retiring Guy's Digest*, Mar. 12



[California hands out scores of pink slips](#)

Debra Lau Whelan writes: "Scores of California media specialists received preliminary pink slips March 15, paving the

Calendar

Mar. 18–20:
[Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo](#), West Building, McCormick Place, Chicago.

Apr. 10–16:
[National Library Week](#).

Apr. 12:
[National Library Workers Day](#).

Apr. 13:
[National Bookmobile Day](#).

Apr. 19–21:
[Customers of SirsiDynix User Group](#), Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.

Apr. 20:
[Eighth Annual Copyright Conference](#), Alumni Center, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. "Digital Trek 2: The Wrath of ©han."

Apr. 20–23:
[Popular Culture / American Culture Association](#), Joint Annual Conference, Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio.

Apr. 21–23:
[Library Association of Ireland / CILIP Ireland](#), Annual Joint Conference, Maldron Hotel, Dublin.

Apr. 24–30:
[Preservation Week](#).

Apr. 30:

way for several districts to be without librarians when the school year begins next fall. That was the state deadline to notify all certified teachers, librarians, and counselors that they could lose their jobs in September in an effort to reduce a \$26-billion budget deficit." Among those on the hit list are school districts in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Diego County, Orange County, Del Norte County, Fontana, Santa Clara, and Long Beach....

School Library Journal, Mar. 15; KGO-TV, San Francisco, Mar. 7



[Idaho House votes for library filters](#)

Saying pornography has "permeated our society," the Idaho House voted 63–7 March 14 to require the state's public libraries to filter internet access for adults. State Librarian Ann Joslin said at least one Idaho library district held a public hearing on the issue "and heard very clearly from their adult residents that they did not want filtered internet access on the adult computers." The bill (HB 205) would no longer let local library boards make that decision....

Spokane (Wash.) Spokesman-Review, Mar. 14

[Suicide at Salt Lake City Public Library](#)

A woman jumped to her death March 11 off an indoor 4th-floor pedestrian bridge at the main branch of the Salt Lake City Library—the third public suicide reported at the downtown site since 2006. Library Executive Director Beth Elder said the bridge is used to walk to bathrooms in a public area on the west side of the building. She added that the library may look into making some design changes....

Salt Lake Tribune, Mar. 12

[America's Most Wanted suspect found in library](#)

A man who had been featured on the Fox TV show *America's Most Wanted* for allegedly killing his girlfriend in Florida in 2008 was arrested March 12 at the Pleasant Hill branch of the Dakota County (Minn.) Library in Hastings. Abraham Mpaka was [featured](#) on the show three times, as recently as March 12. Acting on information supplied by six girlfriends, Mpaka was identified using a computer at the library after police officers found the van he was driving in the parking lot....

Hastings (Minn.) Star Bulletin, Mar. 14

[Fairbanks panel votes to keep *Betrayed*](#)

A Fairbanks (Alaska) North Star Borough School District committee has recommended that high school libraries retain *Betrayed*, the second YA vampire novel in the House of Night series by P. C. Cast and Kristin Cast. The book has been under evaluation for the past few months after a complaint by parent Ken Spiers that its theme was too sexual. Superintendent Pete Lewis will make a final decision by April 1....

Fairbanks (Alaska) News-Miner, Mar. 10



[Jefferson's bible gets rehabbed](#)

In 1820, Thomas Jefferson sat in his home at Monticello and cut New

[El día de los niños / El día de los libros.](#)

May 9–10:

[National Library Legislative Day 2011.](#)

Liaison Hotel, Washington, D.C.

May 15–20:

[IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section.](#)

Annual Conference, Queens Library, Jamaica, New York. "A Diverse Community."

May 16–19:

[Academic Library Advancement and Development Network.](#)

Annual Conference, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff. "Take a Road Trip through Academic Library Fundraising."

May 21–22:

[Connecticut Book Festival.](#)

University of Connecticut, Greater Hartford Campus.

May 24–27:

[3rd International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries.](#)

National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece.

June 13–17:

[Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum.](#)

Teacher Workshops, Hannibal, Missouri. Other sessions are July 11–15 and July 25–29. "The Wild West Comes to Hannibal."

Testament verses in four different languages from six books to create his own bible. Saying he was selecting his own "morsels of morality," Jefferson removed verses on any miracles, as well as the resurrection. This [Jefferson Bible](#) has been one of the iconic possessions of the Smithsonian Institution for 116 years. Now conservators have removed the 86 pages from the original binding and are examining every inch to stabilize its condition, study its words and craftsmanship, and guarantee that future generations can learn more about the artifact and the man....



Washington Post: ArtsPost, Mar. 10; O Say Can You See?, Mar. 10

[Law library offers dog for check-out](#)

Soon Yale Law School students may be able to check out a dog from the library in addition to books on constitutional law. In an email sent to students March 10, librarian Blair Kauffman announced that the law library will run a three-day pilot program in which students can check out the certified library therapy dog—Monty—for 30-minute periods. He wrote that he hopes the program, which will begin March 28, will reduce student stress. If students respond well to the program, the library may institute it permanently during stressful periods....



Yale Daily News, Mar. 11

[Burlingame's Paws for Tails decision criticized](#)

In the summer of 2010, Burlingame (Calif.) Public Library Director Patricia Harding decided to ban pit bulls from the library's Paws for Tails program, in which children read aloud to dogs in order to build self-confidence. Cris Cohen, a volunteer for the Oakland-based pit bull rescue organization BAD RAP, pointed out to city officials that California law prohibits discriminating against animals based on breed. In early March, a Burlingame attorney agreed to lift the ban, but the library opted to withdraw from the Paws for Tales program completely....



Parade, Mar. 14

[George Mason student arrested over study carrel](#)

Abdirashid Dahir, a senior at George Mason University in Fairfax County, Virginia, says he was arrested by campus police on a felony abduction charge after a bizarre altercation with a fellow student over a study room at the main research library. It started March 8, when Dahir settled on a study room at GMU's Fenwick Library after a long search. He realized he'd forgotten his laptop charger and went off to get it, then returned seven minutes later to find another student in his carrel....

Washington Post, Mar. 15

[Small electrical fire at Library of Congress](#)

An electrical line is being blamed for a fire in the sub-basement of the Library of Congress's Madison building March 11. Capitol Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kimberly Schneider said that D.C.-area electric provider Pepco was doing work at the building when a feeder line

[June 14–16: Computers, Freedom, and Privacy Conference.](#)

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery. "The Future Is Now."

[July 28–31: OverDrive](#)

[Digipalooza 2011.](#) Cleveland, Ohio. Includes a "Publisher Roundtable and Library Lending Dialogue."

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Greg Landgraf,

caught fire. Employees in the building reported the lights flickering and the internet going down. The building was evacuated for less than an hour....

The Hill, Mar. 11

[Taiwan opens airport library](#)

The Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport has opened an in-transit e-library, offering 400 e-book titles to ease terminal boredom while showcasing the island's high-tech capabilities. The library allows passengers to consult Chinese and English-language e-books, as well as some 2,000 printed books, in a special waiting area in the larger of the airport's two terminals. The e-books are stored on 30 devices, a mix of iPads and e-readers with e-ink screens. The duty-free shop manages the library, which was proposed by Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou....



Network World, Mar. 11; *Freesun News*, Mar. 11

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Tech Talk

[Internet Explorer 9 has arrived](#)

Peter Bright writes: "With the March 15 release of [Internet Explorer 9](#) at SXSW in Austin, Texas, Microsoft has created the most modern browser there is. The company set out to do four things with IE9. The browser had to be fast, it had to be standards-compliant, it had to be trustworthy, and it had to put the focus on sites and web content, rather than the browser." One warning: It won't work with Windows XP. *PC Magazine* gives it a [thorough review](#), and Steven J. Vaughan-Nichols offers [five reasons](#) not to upgrade yet....



Ars Technica, Mar. 15; *PC Magazine*, Mar. 14; *ZDNet: Networking*, Mar. 15

[28 iPad 2 tips and tricks](#)

Patrick Miller writes: "Your new iPad 2 might not be as full-featured (or as complicated) as a laptop or desktop PC, but a few neat tricks are still hidden beneath the surface. Read on to learn how to secure your iPad, sync your bookmarks, and more."...

PC World, Mar. 15

[DrupalCon 2011](#)

Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "Just a couple months after Drupal rolled out its seventh version, project lead Dries Buytaert kicked off the [2011 DrupalCon](#) in Chicago March 8 with a keynote talk on Drupal 8. Most of us haven't even planned for migrating our Drupal 6 sites to version 7, let alone 8, but the talk was less about specific features and more about the future of the content management system's ecosystem."...



AL: Perpetual Beta, Mar. 9

[Improve your smartphone signal with a drinking glass](#)

Whitson Gordon writes: "We've shared a few ways to [boost your cell phone signal](#) before, but technology weblog [The Next Web](#) shows us another way: just stick it in a glass. We

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used this trick to boost our smartphone's [volume](#) before, but TNW claims it actually works for signal as well. Of course, you probably can't make a *call* with your phone stuck in a glass, but you could probably manage to send a text message or two, or receive voicemails and jump outside if they're important."...

Lifehacker, Mar. 15; The Next Web, Mar. 15

[The truth about 4G](#)

Sascha Segan writes: "AT&T is lying about 4G. Shamelessly. The company's two 4G phones and its 4G modem don't deliver 4G even by AT&T's own wishy-washy standards. First of all, 4G is close to meaningless anyway. The International Telecommunications Union crumbled under pressure from various cell phone companies and now defines 4G as, basically, any cellular internet network that's faster than what was considered the fastest technology in 2009."...

PC Magazine, Mar. 14

[Eight simple ways to improve your YouTube channel](#)

Amy-Mae Elliott writes: "You don't have to be a YouTube personality to create a fantastic, customized YouTube channel. Everyone can take advantage of the options available. YouTube's product manager for consumer channels, A. J. Crane, says your personal channel is 'the best place to showcase your content.' If you want to give your channel a quick makeover, take a look through our gallery for some top tips, hints, and tricks."...

Mashable, Mar. 11

Publishing

[On e-reading Jane Austen via Google Ebook](#)

Joseph Esposito writes: "These thoughts are prompted by my installation of Google Ebooks, the much-awaited program that promises to revolutionize access to books. Rather than pay for the Penguin or any other edited version of Austen, I decided to be a cheapskate and searched for free Google versions. And that's when things began to go wrong. The Google editions were packed with errors. If I were not studying Google Ebooks for professional reasons, if I were not already familiar with the works of Austen, would I have gone on?"...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Mar. 14



[A librarian's take on e-book lending](#)

Kate Sheehan writes: "Our professional instincts drive us to share content, not limit access to it based on our interests. But this isn't just about library interests. Libraries are one of the last true commons in modern life, celebrating and championing the right to read and freedom of access to information. Stewardship of the written record is integral to our mission. Libraries don't have a financial stake in the publishing business so much as society has a cultural stake in the future of libraries. Publishers, it is not your responsibility to keep

libraries afloat. But should it be your mission to close them down?"...

Publishers Weekly, Mar. 14

[Card catalogs repurposed](#)

Linn McDonald writes: "Like most libraries, the Bloomington (Ill.) Junior High School Media Center has a couple unused card-catalog cabinets, left over from the days of having to type little cards for each book in the library. They just sat in our office, taking up space. When we purchased Nooks for our school, we needed a way to organize them in an area for charging and storing when not in use. Voila! The card catalog cabinet. The cabinet works equally well for Nooks and Kindles, including the covers."...

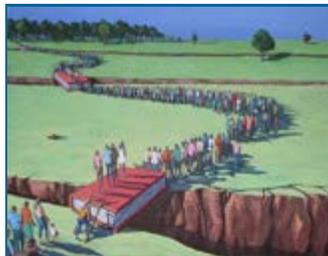
Bloomington (Ill.) Junior High School Media Center



[The surrealistic book paintings of Alireza Darvish](#)

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "Born in Rasht, Iran, in 1968, graphic designer, illustrator, and animator Alireza Darvish attended the Fine Arts Institute in Tehran, 1984–1988. In the early 2000s, he undertook a series of paintings, now numbering over 40, with books as thematic and metaphoric points of departure. Both playful and serious, light and dark, pensive and provocative, these [paintings](#) draw us into the world of books and readers within the subconscious in the surreal world."...

Booktryst, Mar. 14



[Hacking the academic press](#)

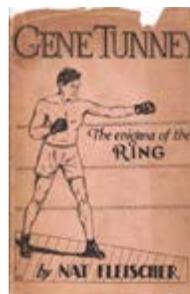
Barbara Fister writes: "The Association of American University Presses has just released a report, *Sustaining Scholarly Publishing: New Business Models for University Presses* ([PDF file](#)). It's an interesting document, because in many ways it's forward-looking. It bears a Creative Commons license, it is open for [comments](#) at MediaCommons, and it imagines a future that is open access. But at the same time, it is very much anchored in current-traditional publishing, and this gives the document a weird pushmi-pullyu anatomy."...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, Mar. 10

[Beautiful boxing books](#)

Julie Oreskovich writes: "Boxing, one of the oldest sports in existence, has been revisited many times by authors trying to make sense of the mayhem in the ring. Labeled the Sweet Science and loved by Ernest Hemingway, boxing has seen books about the rules, books about how to do it, books about the ethics and dangers, and much literature about the combatants themselves. This selection features many remarkable cover designs."...

AbeBooks, Mar. 11



Actions & Answers

[The best defense against badvocacy](#)

Steven Bell writes: "What do we create when we fail to deal effectively with complaints?"

Badvocates—that's the opposite of an advocate. A badvocate may be a chronic complainer who has nothing good to say about the library, but more likely the badvocate is a community member who just had a bad library experience that's going unresolved. But the best defense against badovacy is a great library user experience."...

Designing Better Libraries, Mar. 13



[Budget cuts threaten UNR special collections](#)

On March 7, the University of Nevada, Reno, proposed \$26 million in [budget cuts](#), reductions that would lead to closure of some programs and departments including the libraries' Special Collections Department. A university spokesperson confirmed on March 10 that if the budget proposal is approved, the department, as well as the university archives, would close in FY2012....

Fine Books Blog, Mar. 11

[LC preservation report issued](#)

After a decade of action working to develop a national strategy to collect, preserve, and make available significant digital content, especially information that is created in digital form only, for current and future generations, the Library of Congress has released *Preserving Our Digital Heritage: The National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program 2010 Report* ([PDF file](#)). It documents the achievements of LC and its NDIIPP partners to create sustainable long-term access to digital materials....

Library of Congress, Mar. 8



[The bare bones guide to Twitter](#)

Adam Werbach writes: "The culture of twittering now stands in a similar stage of development to web authoring in 1996. Some people are really good at it, many doubt it will stick, others think it's too frenetic to grasp. Using Twitter is nowhere near as technical as HTML coding, but the social rules are more complex. The nuances can easily befuddle unfamiliar users. Here is a bare bones guide to Twitter etiquette."...

The Atlantic, Mar. 10

[I confess: I dislike Facebook](#)

Michelle Boule writes: "I realize what I am about to admit will make me a curmudgeon to some, but so be it. I dislike Facebook. Hate is too strong a word because Facebook *is* good for finding people I've lost track of, but that is about the only thing for which I'm willing to give it credit. My reasons for this dislike boil down to a mix of a dislike of user agreements as well as the lack of intellectual property rights, lack of privacy, and my general annoyance that very few people know or care about these issues with Facebook."...

ALA TechSource Blog, Mar. 16

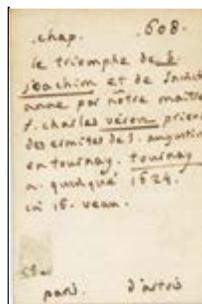


[The first catalog cards](#)

Larry Nix writes: "The first library catalog cards came about as the result of the repurposing of 18th-century French playing cards. In 1789, the French revolutionary government confiscated all religious

property, including library holdings. The books in these libraries were used to set up a system of public libraries. A step toward the creation of these public libraries was to inventory all books. The backs of playing cards were used to record bibliographic data."...

Library History Buff Blog, Mar. 15



[Woodrow Wilson Library postmark contest](#)

The Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum in Staunton, Virginia, is sponsoring a student art contest to design a new Woodrow Wilson postmark to honor the Staunton-born president. K-8 students in Virginia are eligible to submit an original drawing related to Woodrow Wilson by June 11 in order to participate. The winning entry will become the postmark for all mail at Staunton Post Offices from December 28 (Wilson's birthday) through January 31, 2012....

Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum, Mar. 7



[The hidden world of FOIA exemptions](#)

Jennifer LaFleur writes: "Anyone can request information from U.S. officials under the Freedom of Information Act, a law designed to allow people to know what their government is up to. When a government agency withholds information from a requester, it typically must invoke one of [nine FOIA exemptions](#) that cover everything from national security to personal privacy. But among that list is an exemption, known as b(3) for its section in the FOI Act, that allows an agency to apply other statutes when denying information requests—including the [Watermelon Research and Promotion Act](#)."...

Pro Publica, Mar. 14



[Masterpiece Book and Film Club](#)

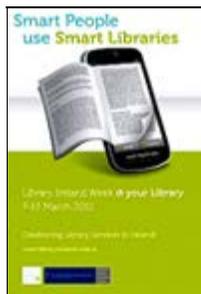
PBS *Masterpiece* has launched its 40th anniversary Book and Film Club. The website offers teachers' guides (discussion questions, resources, links, timelines) arranged by author. There are also tips on creating and running a book and film club, and a list of print and online book group resources....

PBS *Masterpiece*



[Emerald Isle celebrates Library Ireland Week](#)

The [Library Association of Ireland](#) celebrated the sixth annual Library Ireland Week, March 7-13, with the theme "Smart People Use Smart Libraries" to highlight technological developments in libraries and to demonstrate practical examples of interactions between technology and learning. Be sure to watch the [video](#) (1:37)....



Public Information Office, Mar. 15; Library Association of Ireland

[A library fit for a cat](#)

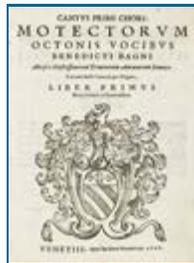
Nancy Mattoon writes: "On March 9, students, faculty, and staff at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, [mourned](#) (1:57) the loss of one of the college library's most popular visitors. Toff the Cat, who died of cancer at age 14, had been adopted by the entire campus, but was especially popular with the literary set. His April 1 birthday was celebrated with [book displays](#) in the Laurence McKinley Gould Library, and his recommended reading list was an annual feature both there and in the campus bookstore." Visit Toff's [Facebook page](#)....



Booktryst, Mar. 15; KARE-TV, Minneapolis, Mar. 9

[LC launches music consortium website](#)

The Library of Congress has launched a [Music Consortium Treasures](#) website that gives online access to some of the world's most valued music manuscript and print materials from six esteemed institutions. The aim of the site is to further music scholarship and research by providing access in one place to digital images of primary sources for performance and study of music. Items digitized include manuscript scores and first and early editions of works from such composers as Bach, Mozart, Wagner, and Debussy....



Library of Congress, Mar. 14

[White gloves: Functional or fashionable?](#)

Erica Olsen writes: "A few years ago, as Sotheby's sold J. K. Rowling's handmade book *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*, one of the auctioneers displayed the book for the gathered crowd while wearing white gloves. Gloved hands turn the mundane act of touching a book into a ritual—and a photo op for media coverage of bookish events. While wearing gloves may have been de rigueur for rare books at one time, more and more special collections librarians now favor clean, bare hands over cotton gloves."...



International League of Antiquarian Booksellers, Mar. 15

[12 modern bookcases](#)

From a U.S. map bookcase created by artist Ron Arad to bookshelves in the shape of a head, a polar bear, the letters R-E-A-D, and a see-saw, this collection of bibliophilic post-modernity by Gracie Murano will either make you scratch your head or give you ideas for weekend woodworking projects. See an [earlier collection](#) from 2009....



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[Library Design Showcase 2011](#)

Greg Landgraf writes: "While it's the contents of the library and the activities that take place there that support a community in times good and bad, the physical structure plays an important role in how—and how well—the library can fulfill its mission. The 2011 Library Design Showcase highlights the best in new and renovated library buildings, divided into sections that focus on a specific architectural aspect." ...

American Libraries feature



[Miami-Dade partnerships take root](#)

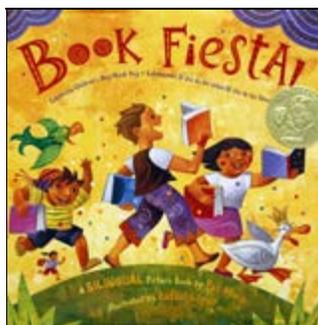
Victoria Galan writes: "At a time when resources are shrinking, funding is scarce, and businesses are folding, finding partners to help realize goals is not just an interesting concept but a necessity. To provide support services to formerly homeless individuals and families, many with special needs, the Miami-Dade (Fla.) Public Library System joined forces with the county's [Homeless Trust](#) and [Carrfour Supportive Housing](#), a nonprofit organization that provides permanent housing." ...

American Libraries feature



[Building a culture of literacy through Día](#)

Jeanette Larson writes: "A group of children gather in the children's area to listen to a story. At first glance, this could be a program occurring any day of the week in any library across the country. However, it is a special day, April 30, and the children are enjoying books like *Book Fiesta!* by Pat Mora and *Sip, Slurp, Soup, Soup Caldo, Caldo, Caldo* by Diane Gonzales Bertrand. On April 30, 1997, the first annual El día de



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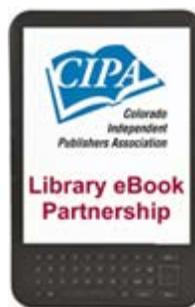
los niños / El día de los libros was celebrated in New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona.”...

American Libraries feature

[Two Colorado libraries break new e-book ground](#)

Officials of two Colorado libraries announced March 16 that they will be adding to their catalogs e-books that are published by members of the Colorado Independent Publishers Association. The Red Rocks Community College Library and Douglas County Library also revealed that by June they plan to launch click-through links so interested patrons can purchase an e-book title from its respective catalog record....

American Libraries news, Mar. 16



[Film legend Olivia de Havilland at American Library in Paris](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: “Film legend Olivia de Havilland attended a special screening of the film *I Remember Better When I Paint: Treating Alzheimer’s Through the Creative Arts* March 22 at the American Library in Paris. De Havilland narrated the documentary by Berna Huebner and Eric Ellena, and she introduced the film to the audience. De Havilland, who is a vibrant 94 years old, has lived in Paris since 1954.”...

AL: Global Reach, Mar. 23



[Dispatches from the Field: Mobile services](#)

Cody W. Hanson writes: “Mobile devices are ubiquitous in today’s society, and there’s no evidence that that is going to change. According to the Pew Internet and American Life Project, as of mid-2010, 82% of American adults own a mobile phone or a mobile computing device that works as a phone. It is crucial for librarians to understand mobile devices and provide services through them.”...

American Libraries column, Mar./Apr.

[Technology in Practice: Let’s not borrow trouble](#)

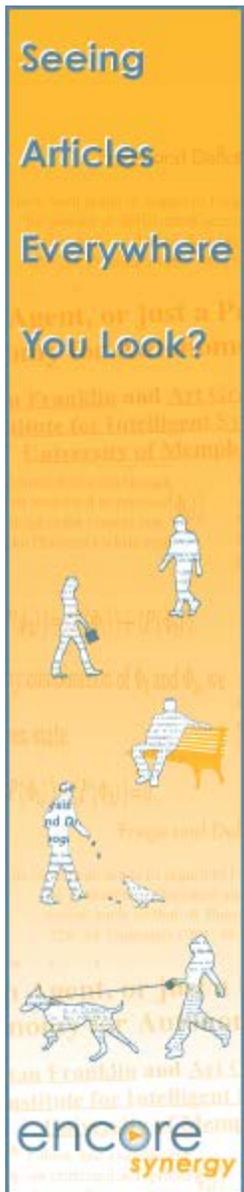
Meredith Farkas writes: “At my library, I’m in charge of collection development for our largest academic division. Sometimes I find the task daunting as I struggle to find a balance between buying things that will likely get used today and anticipating what might be needed in the future. The choices I make will influence the long-term health of our collection and I feel the weight of that—especially when I’m making decisions about e-books.”...

American Libraries column, Mar./Apr.

[Banned books](#)

Karen Muller writes: “With spring here, perennials are coming back to life, and so is the perennial question: Why was this book banned? We blogged an [answer](#) in 2010, but on March 21 alone we fielded a handful of questions from students preparing papers in response to this popular assignment. The single best resource is the [2010 Banned Books Week Resource Guide](#), edited by Robert P. Doyle for the Office for Intellectual Freedom....

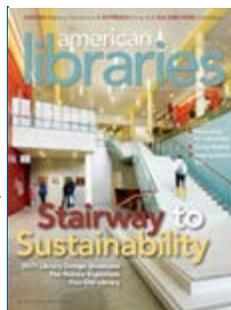
AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Mar. 21



The March/April issue is in the mail

ALA members will soon be receiving the latest print issue of *American Libraries*, the March/April issue, which includes the 2011 Library Design Showcase and the ALA presidential candidates campaign statements. You can always access the [current issue](#) of the print magazine online as well as a [full archive of recent issues](#). *American Libraries* offers you many easy ways to access useful library industry news and views. Are you taking advantage of all these channels?...

American Libraries news, Mar. 22



ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 23–28, 2011. Sign up for the **ALA/ProQuest Scholarship Bash** at the National World War II Museum, June 25.

TODAY'S LIBRARIES ARE MORE THAN BOOKS!
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ALA News

President's Message: Transforming libraries

ALA President Roberta Stevens writes: "A key goal of the 2011–2015 ALA strategic plan is to provide leadership in the transformation of libraries and library services for today's dynamic and increasingly global digital information environment. My mantra is: Libraries have been and continue to transform themselves to be responsive to the needs of the populations they serve."...

American Libraries column, Mar./Apr.

Reasons to enter the Why I Need My Library contest

In this [video](#) (1:07), teens from the Charlotte Mecklenburg (N.C.) Library tell us why they think other teens should enter the [Why I Need My Library video contest](#). To enter, upload a video to YouTube between now and April 18 and tag it with `alaneedmylibrary15` if your designated videographer is between the ages of 13–15, or `alaneedmylibrary18` if your designated videographer is between the ages of 16–18....

YouTube, Mar. 22



ALA's resolution on government information

ALA distributed its January 11 Resolution on Access to and Classification of Government Information ([PDF file](#)) to all members of the U.S. Congress and to the White House this week in recognition of Sunshine Week, March 13–19, a national initiative to promote dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information....

Office of Government Relations, Mar. 18

Celebrate National Bookmobile Day with Audrey Niffenegger

Audrey Niffenegger wants you to celebrate National Bookmobile Day on April 13. The



Booklist Online has a full schedule of [free webinars](#) this spring that will help you with collection-development and readers' advisory work. Register today. **NEW! From Booklist Online.**



New this week
in *American Libraries*

acclaimed author of *The Night Bookmobile* and *The Time Traveler's Wife* has lent her support to America's bookmobiles as the 2011 Honorary Chair of National Bookmobile Day. The event celebrates mobile library services and provides supporters with an opportunity to recognize bookmobiles' impact on communities....



Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, Mar. 21

[Introductory support-staff certification webinar](#)

The Library Support Staff Certification Program will offer an hour-long webinar April 5 at 3 p.m. Eastern time on LSSC and how it works. Open to all interested candidates, the presentation will explain the value of certification to library employees and managers who do not have an MLS degree. [Registration](#) is now open...

ALA-Allied Professional Association, Mar. 22

[ALA/ProQuest Scholarship Bash in New Orleans](#)

The ALA/ProQuest Scholarship Bash will be held on Saturday, June 25, 8–11 p.m. at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. This event will only be open to ALA ticket holders, not the general public. Tickets are \$35 and include food, entertainment, and admission....

Conference Services

[Library Snapshot Day: A free webinar](#)

The Committee on Library Advocacy will present a free webinar on Library Snapshot Day on March 30. Library Snapshot Day is an event that provides library staff a simple means to show the value of the library by capturing what happens in a single day in all types of libraries, across a state, community, or even in a single library. [Registration](#) is required....

Office for Library Advocacy, Mar. 22



[Epic librarians at C2E2](#)

Tina Coleman, coordinator for the ALA booth at the [Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo](#), March 18–20, writes: "How epic was our EPIC Librarian photo at C2E2? Epic! We had so many Library Superheroes show up for our own little 'Avengers Assemble' that we were blocking the aisle and had to shoot our pic quick. Check out the new [Graphic Novel MIG](#) for more ways to share your love for the genre in your library." Greg Baldino has a [summary](#) of Toby Greenwalt's "Heralds of Change: Comic Books, Libraries, and Innovation" panel at the expo. And there are Flickr photos of many of the library attendees at [ALA at C2E2](#)....



ALA Membership Blog, Mar. 21; Bleeding Cool, Mar. 18

[Traveling exhibits on Jewish artists](#)

The Public Programs Office has announced that [108 libraries](#) and other community centers will receive one of three new traveling exhibits focusing on Jewish artists who have contributed to the culture of America and the world through their lives and work. The selected libraries will host a traveling exhibition



[Library Design Showcase 2011](#)

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Great Libraries of the World



[Bizzell Memorial Library](#), University of Oklahoma, Norman. Built in 1929 in

for a six-week period between May 2011 and February 2012 and receive programming and technical support....

Public Programs Office, Mar. 22

[ALA student chapters make a difference](#)

Don Wood writes: "The [Student Chapter of ALA at UCLA](#) recently made a huge difference in helping its community pass Measure L in California, the proposal to dedicate more of the city's revenues to its public library system. Now they would like to provide tips to other ALA student chapters on why LIS students should be involved in library activism and what to do to keep a campaign going."...

ALA Student Membership Blog, Mar. 23



[Library Copyright Alliance critiques WIPO treaty](#)

The Library Copyright Alliance issued comments ([PDF file](#)) March 21 on the latest version of a draft treaty ([PDF file](#)) on traditional cultural expressions, a legal instrument by the World Intellectual Property Organization that seeks to protect and manage folklore and other cultural expression by Western copyright laws. The LCA finds the categorization of traditional cultural expressions overly broad, protecting works that are currently in the public domain (including mythology, the Old and New Testament, and legends) and works that have typically never been protected by copyright law such as words, games, and sports....

District Dispatch, Mar. 21



[Haiti Library Relief funds at work](#)

Thanks to many recent donations to the Haiti Library Relief fund, ALA has raised and distributed \$40,000 that has helped to build a temporary building for the Bibliothèque Haïtienne des Pères du Saint-Esprit. The new facility is only one-fourth the size of the old library, but it will allow it to begin reestablishing its collection and providing access to materials....

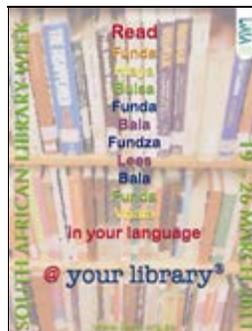
International Relations Office



[LIASA translates @ your library logo into 11 languages](#)

The Library and Information Association of South Africa is celebrating [South African Library Week](#), March 19–26, by translating the theme "Read in your own language @ your library" into the country's [11 national languages](#). LIASA chose the theme to highlight the key role libraries in South Africa play in developing a reading culture and in the preservation and promotion of all South African languages....

Public Information Office, Mar. 22; Library and Information Association of South Africa



Collegiate Gothic style, the library features special collections in [business history](#), [bibles](#), and [history of science](#). The beautifully decorated Evelyena D. Honeymon Ante Room serves as a spectacular entryway to the [Peggy V. Helmerich Great Reading Room](#), where the walls are lined with carved bookcases that hold theses and dissertations of university graduates, and the ceiling sports intricately carved angels.



[Amelia Givin Library](#)

Cumberland County Library System, Mount Holly Springs, Pennsylvania. Built in 1889 by architect James T. Steen in Richardsonian Romanesque style, the library features broad round arches, towers with conical roofs, rusticated ashlar masonry, battered foundation walls, deeply set windows and doors, and squat columns. The [interior woodwork](#) was crafted by Moses Y. Ransom, an Ohio artisan who reinterpreted Victorian ornamentation to create elaborate Moorish spiral fretwork.

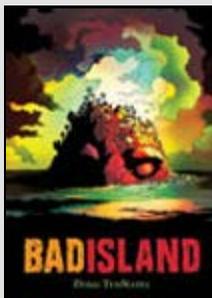
This AL Direct feature showcases 250 libraries around the world that are notable for their exquisite architecture, historic

Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Graphic novels for youth

TenNapel, Doug. *Bad Island*. Aug. 2011. 224p. Grades 6–10. Scholastic / Graphix, hardcover (978-0-545-31479-4).

If you thought *Lost* had cornered the market on fun stories that balance relationship dynamics with the adventure of being stranded on a mysterious island, please direct your attention to TenNapel's latest. Fresh off *Ghostopolis* (2010), the quirky cartoonist tells a story of a family that winds up stuck on a mysterious and deadly-creature-filled island that hides, quite literally, a huge secret. Families have been getting stuck in danger-infested environments since *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, but TenNapel grafts on a sci-fi element right out of *Transformers* to give it some zing, and his creatures, which harken back to his early work on *Creature Tech* (2002), have a cool biological ickiness to them....



Top 10 graphic novels for youth

Ian Chipman writes: "As the list of the best graphic novels for children and teens reviewed in the past 12 months in *Booklist* suggests, it was a good year for sweeping, seafaring adventures, but all of the books point to the remarkable versatility of the comics format to deliver thrills, laughs, and ideas to all kinds of readers."...



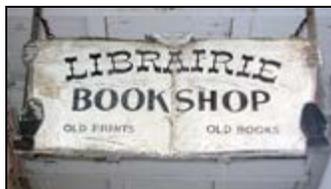
@ Visit [Booklist Online](#) for other reviews and much more....

New Orleans Update

New Orleans bookstores

Cookbooks, history books, gothic novels, children's bedtime stories, and poetry collections are just some of the bibliographic treasures you can find at at bookstores in New Orleans. The Librairie Bookshop, Beckham's, Arcadian Books and Prints, Crescent City Books, and Faulkner House Books are all in the French Quarter....

New Orleans Online



"I got the rain in my veins"

The poem "O Beautiful Storm" first came to Gian Smith while he was working on his parents' house. "I was sitting there on the floor trying to scrub away the Katrina residue," he said, "and I felt this connection to the whole happening." Smith's recitation of his poem will provide



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.



Career Leads
from
JobLIST

Director of Archives and Special Collections.

Gettysburg (Pa.) College. Responsible for providing leadership, vision, planning, and management for the department. Responsibilities include the development, organization, and preservation of collections and a commitment to their access for research and teaching; the cultivation of donor relations; the pursuit of grants to support program initiatives; and the creation of programs and

the spine of a new promo for the New Orleans–based HBO series [Treme](#), which begins its second season April 24. HBO discovered him when he was invited to perform a spoken-word piece at an October 2010 symposium about the series hosted by Tulane University....

New Orleans Times-Picayune, Mar. 23

Division News

[AASL statement on school library position cuts](#)

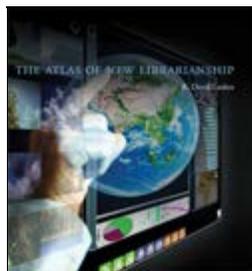
Coinciding with her visit to a state-recognized school library program, AASL President Nancy Everhart released a statement in response to the elimination of school librarian positions in schools facing budget shortfalls. Everhart was visiting Luther Elementary School in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, as part of her tour of school library programs across the country....

AASL, Mar. 18

[Chart a course with *The Atlas of New Librarianship*](#)

What is librarianship when it is unmoored from cataloging, books, buildings, and committees? R. David Lankes offers a guide to this new landscape in [The Atlas of New Librarianship](#), copublished by ACRL and MIT Press. Lankes suggests a new mission for librarians: to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities. To help librarians navigate this new terrain, he offers a map as a visual representation of the discipline....

ACRL, Mar. 22



[College and Research Libraries to go open access](#)

ACRL has announced that its scholarly research journal *College & Research Libraries* will become an open access publication beginning with the May issue. This change in access policy lifts the online version of the publication's current six-month embargo on new content and makes the complete contents of the journal from 1997 to the present freely available through the publication's [website](#)....

ACRL, Mar. 17



[Libby the Librarian goes to ACRL](#)

In this [video](#) (2:02) submitted by Yvonne Mery and Rebecca Blakiston for ACRL's recent video contest, Libby the Librarian finds she needs some professional inspiration to fuel her workplace enthusiasm. So she decides to attend the ACRL 2011 conference in Philadelphia and comes back with a wealth of ideas....

YouTube, Jan. 19



[Deadline extended to participate in PLDS](#)

Public libraries in the United States and Canada have until March 31 to be a part of the 2011 survey for the annual *Public Library Data Service Statistical Report*. Log in at the PLDS survey [website](#). Libraries that have not received a PLDS ID and password can email [Virgil](#)

exhibitions. The successful candidate will be a creative, experienced, and forward-looking librarian dedicated to undergraduate education and the active support of faculty and student research. The Gettysburg College Archives and Special Collections includes historical manuscripts, institutional records, college photographs and documents, personal papers, oral histories, over 11,000 rare books, and more than 2,000 Asian art objects....



@ More jobs...

Digital Library of the Week



The [Sacramento Room Digitization Project](#) was launched in October 2010 with the intention of showcasing choice images from the Sacramento Public Library's Sacramento

Varvel to request them....

PLA, Mar. 22

[Registration for PLA Symposium closes March 25](#)

The close of [registration](#) is quickly approaching for PLA's 2011 Virtual Spring Symposium on March 30. Due to technical preparations for the event, PLA will be unable to process any registrations after 4:30 p.m. Central time on March 25....

PLA, Mar. 22

[Free webinars during Preservation Week](#)

Take a few moments during [Preservation Week](#), April 24–30, to attend two free webinars. Sponsored by the HFGGroup, these webinars will enlighten you on two very important and timely topics: accidents and digital memories. The webinars are produced as part of Preservation Week by ALCTS and its partners the Library of Congress and the Institute of Museum and Library Services....

ALCTS, Mar. 21

[Advocates: Sign Up for "Turning the Page 2.0"](#)

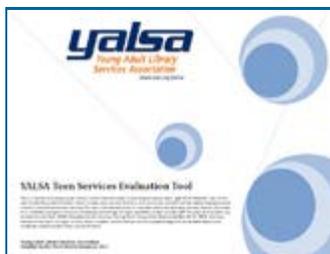


Registration has opened for "[Turning the Page 2.0](#)," a free advocacy-training program presented by PLA April 18–May 23 with generous support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The six-week program, which will be offered six times through 2011 and 2012, includes interactive units that cover such topics as creating and telling your library story, building relationships with key decision makers, project management, and making the all-important ask....

PLA, Mar. 22

[Evaluate your library's teen services](#)

YALSA released a new [evaluation tool](#) for libraries to determine the health of teen services at their institutions. The downloadable tool ([PDF file](#)), approved by YALSA's board of directors in February, derives its areas of evaluation from YALSA's *Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth: Young Adults Deserve the Best*. Potential users include library administrators, library trustees, teen services librarians and community members and job-seekers hoping to assess a library's commitment to teen services....



YALSA, Mar. 22

["School Libraries Count!" survey deadline extended](#)



The deadline to participate in the AASL "[School Libraries Count!](#)" longitudinal survey has been extended to March 25. The survey gathers basic data about the status of school library programs across the country. AASL will use this information to develop advocacy tools to support school library programs at the local, state and national levels. The survey may be accessed directly [online](#)....

AASL, Mar. 18

[The mysteries of mashups and APIs revealed](#)

LITA will offer "Creating Library Web Services: Mashups and APIs," a web course presented by Karen Coombs of the OCLC Developer Network and Jason Clark of Montana State University Libraries, April

Room: more than 3,000 photographs, postcards, and menus. The project mission is to provide an image-based window into the social, political, and economic history of the Greater Sacramento area from the 1840s to the present day. The project is also intended to be a dynamic venture, seeking growth through the addition of collections and improvement through staff scholarship and community input. Quick searches can be done by date or subject.

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



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"You can take the girl out of the library, but you can't take the neurotic, compulsively curious librarian out of the girl."

—Molly Harper, *Nice Girls Don't Have Fangs* (New York: Pocket Star, 2009), p. 118.

"To the librarian

18–22. Participants should be comfortable with HTML markup and have an interest in learning about web scripting and programming. [Registration](#) is now open....

LITA, Mar. 22

Round Table News

[Merritt Fund to cosponsor reception with NMRT](#)

The New Members Round Table and the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund are presenting a joint reception at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The groups will be combining the NMRT Awards Reception and the Merritt Fund "Reception for a Cause" into one event, June 26, at L'Entrepot Gallery at 527 Julia. The Intellectual Freedom Round Table is cosponsoring the event....

LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund, Mar. 18

Awards

[Marcum receives Melvil Dewey Medal](#)

Deanna B. Marcum, associate Librarian of Congress for library services, is the 2011 recipient of the Melvil Dewey Medal, given in recognition of creative leadership of a high order. Among her accomplishments, Marcum was cited for her transformational leadership in cataloging and classification, most notably the creation of the Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control. The award is sponsored by OCLC....

Office of ALA Governance, Mar. 22



[Orange County Library wins Library of the Future Award](#)

The Orange County (Fla.) Library system is the 2011 winner of the *Information Today* Library of the Future Award, presented annually to a library that demonstrates innovative planning and development of patron training programs about information technology in a library setting. The winning initiative was Orange County's Technology and Education Center, which offers 1,200 technology classes in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole each month at 15 locations....

Office of ALA Governance, Mar. 22



[John Ames Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award](#)

Sally Tseng has received the 2011 John Ames Humphry / OCLC / Forest Press Award, sponsored by the International Relations Office. The award is presented to an individual for significant contribution to international librarianship. Tseng was cited for being instrumental in implementing international standards in cataloging and electronic resources in libraries in many Asian countries, as well as presenting programs on cataloging, subject analysis, and new technology for Asian and U.S. libraries throughout her 40-year career....

International Relations Office, Mar. 22



[Lesley Farmer is Beta Phi Mu Award](#)

himself one may say: Be punctual; be attentive; help develop enthusiasm in your assistants; be neat and consistent in your manner. Be careful in your contracts; be square with your board; be concise and technical; be accurate; be courageous and self-reliant; be careful about acknowledgments; be not worshipful of your work; be careful of your health. Last of all, be yourself."

—John Cotton Dana, *The Library Primer* (New York: Library Bureau, 1899), p. 22.

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[The Diamond Was Her Best](#)

recipient

Lesley S. J. Farmer, professor of librarianship at California State University in Long Beach, is the recipient of ALA's 2011 Beta Phi Mu Award, donated by the Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honorary Society, to honor an individual for distinguished service to education in librarianship. Farmer was selected for her commitment to working with her students and preparing them to be exemplary teacher librarians....

Office of ALA Governance, Mar. 22



Mudge Award goes to Diane Zabel

Diane Zabel, the Louis and Virginia Benzak business librarian at Pennsylvania State University, has been selected the 2011 winner of the \$5,000 Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award. Supported by Gale Cengage Learning, the Mudge Award recognizes distinguished contributions to reference librarianship. Zabel was cited for her extensive publication credentials in hospitality management and tourism, her key role in revitalizing reference librarianship, and her mentoring on a local and national level, among other achievements....

RUSA, Mar. 22



NCPedia wins Gale Cengage Learning Award

An online encyclopedia of North Carolina history and culture is the winner of the RUSA 2011 Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Library Services, which is presented to a library or library system for developing an imaginative and unique resource to meet patrons' reference needs. [NCPedia](#) is managed by the digital projects manager in the Government and Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina. It was selected for showing how a library can present accessible local or regional information for researchers at all levels....

RUSA, Mar. 22



Sessions Award to Russell Library

The Russell Library in Middletown, Connecticut, has received RUSA's 2011 John Sessions Memorial Award for its Business and Career Programs. The library provides services of special interest to the labor community and connects with local organizations to publicize their services to job seekers. Supported by the Department for Professional Employees of the AFL-CIO, the award recognizes a library that works with the labor community to broaden awareness of the history and contribution of the labor movement to the development of this country....

RUSA, Mar. 22

Genealogical Publishing Company/History Section Award

Mary Mannix, Maryland Room manager at Frederick (Md.) County Public Libraries, is the 2011 recipient of the Genealogical Publishing Company Award for outstanding contributions to the History Section of RUSA. Mannix was selected for her extraordinary long-term leadership, which has kept the section strong and encouraged member participation....

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Visual Resources Association / Art Libraries Society of North America, Joint Conference, Minneapolis, Mar. 24–28, at: [#vra_arlis2011](#)

The 3 T's: Exploring New Frontiers in Teaching, Technology, and Transliteracy, Johnstown, New York, Mar. 25, at: [#3tconf](#)

American Libraries news stories, blog posts, tweets, and

RUSA, Mar. 22

[ALSC names Penguin Award winners](#)

ALSC has awarded the 2011 Penguin Young Readers Group Award to four children's librarians. The award consists of a \$600 grant, sponsored by Penguin Young Readers Group, for winners to attend their first ALA Annual Conference....

ALSC, Mar. 22

[2011 Best of LRTS Award](#)

Whitney Baker, conservator at the University of Kansas Libraries, and Liz Dube, conservator at the University of Notre Dame, have been awarded the 2011 Best of LRTS Award for their article, "Identifying Standard Practices in Research Library Book Conservation," published in *Library Resources and Technical Services* 54, no. 1 (January 2010): 21–39 ([PDF file](#)). The authors receive \$250 and a citation in recognition of their work....

ALCTS, Mar. 18

[Winner named in YALSA Thinking Big About Advocacy Contest](#)

Michele Gorman, teen services director for the Charlotte Mecklenburg (N.C.) Library, is the winner of YALSA's Thinking Big About Advocacy Contest for her [four-part teen video series](#) promoting the library. Gorman will receive \$500 for the submission, which was filmed at 20 branch libraries by teens armed with Flip video recorders. Four runners-up will receive \$100 apiece....

YALSA, Mar. 22



[Recognize library donors with Major Benefactor Citation](#)

Libraries can [apply](#) for an ALTAFF Major Benefactor Citation to recognize individuals, families, or corporations that have given them major tangible gifts. The citation comes with a plaque for the library, a plaque for the donor, a library celebration, and a library press release to let the community know that gifts to the library are truly appreciated and make a real difference....

ALTAFF, Mar. 22

[Apply for a Mora Award](#)

Reforma, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking, has opened the competition for the 2011 Estela and Raúl Mora Award. The award is presented annually to the most exemplary program celebrating El día de los niños / El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day). Libraries and schools that plan and implement Día programs in 2011 are eligible to submit an application ([PDF file](#)) by August 15....

Reforma, Mar. 21

[Julian Barnes wins David Cohen Prize](#)

Julian Barnes, author of *Flaubert's Parrot* (1984) and *Arthur and George* (2005), has been awarded the £40,000 (\$65,225 U.S.) David Cohen Prize for lifetime achievement in literature. Barnes was presented with the award by chair of judges Mark Lawson at a gala ceremony at the British Library March 17. The David Cohen Prize is in effect a U.K. version of the Nobel Prize for Literature, open to writers of both fiction and nonfiction....

The Bookseller, Mar. 18

videos, at:

[amlibraries](#)

Calendar

Mar. 25:

[University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science](#),

conference sponsored by LIS students, Iowa City Public Library. "Unpacking the 'Library': Exploring Works in Progress across the Field of LIS."

Apr. 7–8:

[WorldCat Mashathon](#),

held simultaneously in Washington, D.C.; Columbus, Ohio; and San Mateo, California. Developers will brainstorm and code mashups with web services and APIs.

Apr. 12:

[National Drop Everything and Read Day](#).

Apr. 19:

[Society for Scholarly Publishing](#), webinar.

"So, You Want to Get Out of Print: Strategies and Perspectives from Publishers and Librarians."

Apr. 26–28:

[Catholic Library Association](#), Annual Convention, Ernest Morial Convention Center, New Orleans.

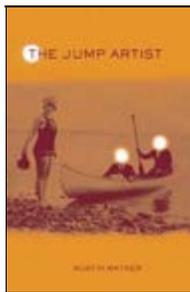
Apr. 29–**May 1:**

[Feria del Libro en Español de Los Angeles](#), Los Angeles Convention Center. A spinoff of the

[2011 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature](#)

Novelist Austin Ratner has won the Jewish Book Council's 2011 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature in fiction for his debut novel *The Jump Artist* (Bellevue Literary Press). Established in 2006, the \$100,000 prize honors the contribution of contemporary writers in the exploration and transmission of Jewish values. Joseph Skibell, author of *A Curable Romantic* (Algonquin Books), is the runner-up and recipient of the \$25,000 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature Choice Award....

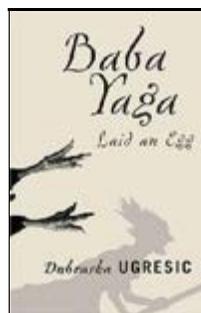
Jewish Book Council, Mar. 22



[Baba Yaga gets a Tiptree Award](#)

The James Tiptree Jr. Literary Award Council has given the 2010 Tiptree Award to *Baba Yaga Laid an Egg* by Dubravka Ugrešić (Canongate, 2010). Established in 1991, the Tiptree Award is an annual literary prize for science fiction or fantasy that expands or explores our understanding of gender. Tiptree juror Jessa Crispin notes that the book is a splendid representation of the fairy tale figure Baba Yaga as the inappropriate wild woman symbolizing wilderness and confusion....

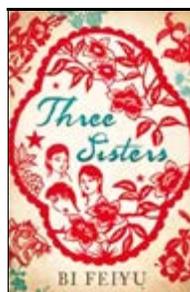
James Tiptree Jr. Literary Award Council, Mar. 21



[2010 Man Asian Literary Prize](#)

Chinese writer Bi Feiyu won the 2010 [Man Asian Literary Prize](#) for his novel *Three Sisters*, which tells the stories of three daughters of a lecherous Communist Party secretary as a vehicle for exploring the difficult lives of women in Communist China in the 1970s and 1980s. Bi was announced the winner and recipient of the \$30,000 cash prize at a March 16 ceremony in Hong Kong. He is the third Chinese writer to win the Prize in its four-year history....

Christian Science Monitor, Mar. 18



[No money for Russian Booker prize?](#)

Russia's most prestigious literary award has warned that it may vanish because of a lack of funding. Preparations for the 2011 Russian Booker Prize have been postponed indefinitely because no new sponsor has been found, the award's organizing committee said on its [website](#). The decision was made during a board meeting of the Russian Booker Foundation on March 16. Founded in 1991 and styled after Britain's Booker prize, the award boasts legendary Soviet poet Bulat Okudzhava and novelist Vasily Aksyonov among its winners....

Moscow Times, Mar. 18

Guadalajara Book Fair.

May 3:
[Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts](#), Newberry Library, Chicago.
"Preparing for the Unexpected: Disaster Planning for Cultural Collections."

May 9–11:
[New Approaches in Book and Paper Conservation / Restoration in Europe](#), Horn, Austria.
Sponsored by the European Research Centre for Book and Paper Conservation / Restoration.

May 31–June 3:
[American Institute for Conservation](#), Annual Meeting, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. "Ethos, Logos, Pathos: Ethical Principles and Critical Thinking in Conservation."

June 8–11:
[American Theological Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, Chicago.
"Theological Block Party."

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Seen Online

[Judge rejects Google Books Settlement](#)

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A federal judge has ruled against Google ([PDF file](#)) in its long-standing attempt to move ahead with a plan to distribute millions of books online. Google, along with the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers, had revised an initial settlement in Fall 2009 in response to objections from the Justice Department and competitors. U.S. Appeals Court Judge Denny Chin acknowledged that there would be big advantages to a universal digital library, but he said the settlement goes too far and would be too favorable to Google, which began its book-scanning project in 2004 without approval from publishers. The Library Copyright Alliance's legal consultant on copyright, Jonathan Band, devised a handy GBS March Madness chart ([PDF file](#)) in 2010 depicting the possible paths forward with the settlement. So now, [perhaps we've reached](#) the "Final Four."...
paidContent, Mar. 22; District Dispatch, Mar. 23

[Wisconsin budget cuts will impact public libraries](#)

If Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's proposed biennial budget is approved, public libraries in the state will be affected by several major changes. First, eliminating the [maintenance of effort](#) requirement would allow a city to set the library's budget without regard to previous years' level of service. The proposed budget also includes a 10% cut in state aid to public libraries, periodical and reference information databases, Newsline for the blind, and library service contracts....

Waukesha (Wis.) Patch, Mar. 17; Wisconsin Library Association

[Ohio governor proposes cuts in library funding](#)

With the release of his 2012–2013 state budget on March 15, Gov. John Kasich proposed a 5% reduction in the funding of Ohio's public libraries. Although somewhat relieved that the proposal does not call for deeper cuts in library funding, the Ohio Library Council believes that any reductions in the Public Library Fund will have an impact—especially on the 38% of the state's 251 public libraries that currently rely solely on the PLF to fund their operations....

Ohio Library Council, Mar. 17

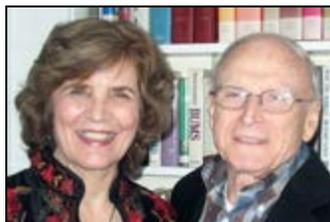
[Cornell takes a stand on journal prices](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "Librarians have long complained about the nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) that some publishers and vendors require them to sign, making it difficult to share information about how much they pay to subscribe to journal databases and other scholarly materials. Some state university libraries have been able to reveal licensing terms anyway because their institutions are subject to sunshine laws. Now one major private institution, Cornell University, has publicly declared it's had enough of confidentiality agreements."...

Chronicle of Higher Education, Mar. 21

[Couple's birthday wish: Help the Stamford library](#)

Ann and Joe Sexton decided to do something different for their birthdays this year. The Stamford, Connecticut, couple's birthdays are so close together on the calendar that they mark both during one celebration. They usually go out to dinner and see a show. This year, because of the economy, they held a birthday party and asked for money. But the money wasn't for them. It was for the city's Ferguson



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The Daily Stamford, Mar. 19

[Give Charlotte Mecklenburg Library more money, report recommends](#)

At least \$2 million more will be needed in 2012 to keep all current branches of the Charlotte Mecklenburg (N.C.) Library open, based on a task force proposal ([PDF file](#)) that would shift staff to the six better-equipped regional libraries. The citizen-led Future of the Library Task Force suggested the county consider shifting the library to a per-capita funding rate that would increase county spending from \$25.84 per resident to as much as \$28.66....

Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, Mar. 22

[Des Plaines changes Wi-Fi policy after bootleg incident](#)

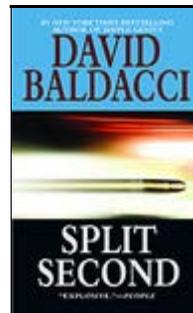
The Des Plaines (Ill.) Public Library is changing its Wi-Fi policy after being threatened with a federal lawsuit because a patron used its internet connection to bootleg the Academy Award-winning movie *The Hurt Locker*. The new policy hasn't been crafted yet, but those caught illegally downloading will most likely be banned from the library and from using its services for a certain amount of time, said Library Director Holly Sorenson....

Chicago Tribune, Mar. 17

[Connecticut prison system reviews library policy](#)

The Connecticut Department of Correction is reviewing books available to inmates in prison libraries following a report that an incarcerated Steven Hayes read novels containing graphic scenes of violence and murder before being released and, months later, killing a Cheshire mother and her two daughters. State lawmakers were considering a bill that would set new rules concerning what books would be available in prison libraries. At a legislative hearing March 21, however, Correction Commissioner Leo C. Arnone said the department is already establishing such a policy and should be finished by July 1....

Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Mar. 21



[Library director fired, removed by police](#)

Police removed the director of the East Chicago (Ind.) Public Library from the building March 16 after four board members voted to fire him due to alleged financial improprieties and convictions in 2010 on misdemeanor charges. Manuel Montalvo (right), who has been library director since 2005, told police that the dispute would be "straightened out in court" within a few days. But library employees taking inventory March 18 called city police after [discovering](#) hard drives missing from the main computer room and the desktop computer in the former director's office. Montalvo's personal assets were [frozen](#) March 22, pending the completion of a state investigation into library expenditures during his tenure....

Times of Northwest Indiana, Mar. 17, 19, 22



[Salt Lake City library morale is sinking, board told](#)

For the second consecutive public meeting, Salt Lake City Public Library Director Beth Elder was assailed by employees, who argued March 17 that her methods are tyrannical, managers are "miserable,"

and that morale is plummeting. Board members sat mostly silent during the onslaught. The dissension stems from a January staff shuffle—part of Elder’s new strategic plan—where veteran employees were forced to resign and then reapply for their positions....

Salt Lake Tribune, Mar. 18

Director charged with embezzlement

The director of the Pelham (N.H.) Public Library is facing a 21-felony-count indictment alleging that he stole more than \$200,000 from his previous job at the Revere (Mass.) Public Library. Though Robert Rice Jr. isn’t talking about the charges against him, Pelham trustees are standing by him, calling his work “exemplary.” Suffolk County prosecutors allege Rice used Revere city money to buy books, DVDs, software, and curios—such as elephant tusks and ornate chairs—and kept the items or auctioned them on eBay and pocketed the profits....

Lowell (Mass.) Sun, Mar. 18

A Kentucky library license plate

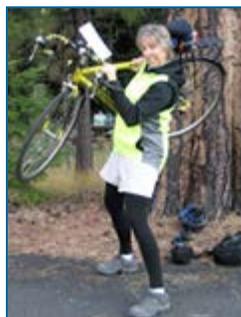
Linda Kompanik, director of the Logan County (Ky.) Public Library, is trying to get a specialty license plate with a Kentucky libraries theme. In order to produce the plate, the state must receive 900 applications and checks totaling \$22,500. Kompanik is collecting the applications and asking for a \$25 contribution to make the plate. The cost for the plate is the same as a standard one; however, you can donate an optional \$10 toward library science scholarships....



Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader, Mar. 21

Librarian goes Lewis and Clark-ing

Wilsonville (Oreg.) Public Library Youth Services Librarian Terri Wortman (right) is in search of the true Lewis and Clark experience—on her bicycle. And she’s sharing her plans, preparations, and passion on her [blog](#). Working in conjunction with Mike Danz’s 4th-grade class at Boones Ferry Primary School, Wortman keeps the students up-to-date with her training and learning as she prepares for her 400-mile trek on May 6–14 from the Lewis and Clark Trail State Park in Washington to Fort Clatsop near Astoria, Oregon....



Wilsonville (Oreg.) Spokesman, Mar. 17

Missouri university offers reference by Skype

Students at Southeast Missouri State University’s regional campuses in Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston now have access to assistance from librarians on the main Cape Girardeau campus through Skype. The new service is made possible by a \$330,000 Department of Education grant. The Skype reference librarian is available to students four days a week....

Kennett (Mo.) Daily Dunklin Democrat, Mar. 20

Woburn hosts fundraising FlashMob

More than 100 people filled Woburn (Mass.) Public Library on March 12 to show support for its Yes To Our Library expansion effort. At precisely 1:32 p.m. (because this year is the library’s 132nd anniversary), supporters of a proposal for the city to supply \$17 million for



an expansion poured into the library to show how crowded the study area can get when residents use it on the weekend. The library, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was designed by famous architect Henry Hobson Richardson....

Woburn (Mass.) Patch, Mar. 12

[Important New Zealand map back just in time](#)

A significant and impressive early geological map of the Otago region of New Zealand, once thought lost, has returned in time for its creator's birthday. In 1861, the Otago Provincial Council decided to commission a geological survey in the hope of finding minerals and hired Edinburgh-born geologist James Hector for the job. The Hocken Library at the University of Otago marked Hector's birthday on March 16 by unveiling a restored copy of one of his geological maps of Otago published in 1864....

Otago (N.Z.) Daily Times, Mar. 18



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Tech Talk

[SXSW 2011: The Year of the Librarian](#)

Phoebe Connelly writes: "Tech for tech's sake is over. In a year when social media is helping inform our coverage of everything from political upheaval in the Middle East to the unfolding nuclear disaster in Japan, your app better do something more than be cool. I kept coming back to the librarians as I talked to people at SXSWi because this microtrack mirrored what I saw tweeted and written about the conference as a whole. Interactive didn't feel blindly focused on discovering the killer app. Tech didn't feel like an end unto itself. Rather, it was about processing data with a purpose: data for a greater good."...

The Atlantic, Mar. 17



[Firefox 4 at the front of the pack](#)

Ryan Paul writes: "Mozilla has officially released [Firefox 4](#), a major update of the popular open-source web browser. The new version introduces a much-improved user interface, significant performance enhancements, strong support for the latest web standards, and noteworthy new features like built-in support for synchronizing bookmarks and other browser data. The 4.0 release catapults Firefox back to the front of the pack of web browsers, bringing parity in performance, features, and usability." With over [10 million downloads](#) since its March 22 release, Firefox 4 is [out of the gate](#) with strong momentum....

Ars Technica, Mar. 22; ReadWriteWeb, Mar. 23



[DIY usability testing on a shoestring budget](#)

Sean Fitzpatrick writes: "Site build projects often include many stakeholders—developers, designers, marketing staff, and managers make up the core of most teams—and they all



have different objectives and different personal stakes in the project. But the one aspect of the work that equalizes these differences is usability testing, according to Steven Krug, author of the groundbreaking work on usability, *Don't Make Me Think* (New Riders Press, 2005)."...

AL: Perpetual Beta, Mar. 17

[ION Audio book scanner](#)

ION Audio, a brand of DJ equipment company Numark, has announced a digital book scanner that captures images of both pages of an open book at the speed of one page-per-second and transfers it directly to an SD card, allowing simple uploading to a computer or e-reader. The Book Saver features an angled cradle where the book is placed during the scanning process. It debuted at the Consumer Electronics Show in January. Watch the [video](#) (1:02)....



ION Audio, Jan. 6

[What happens when computers stop shrinking?](#)

Michio Kaku writes: "The destiny of computers—as with other mass technologies like electricity, paper, and running water—is to become invisible and disappear into the fabric of our lives, silently and seamlessly carrying out our wishes. Today when we enter a room, we automatically look for the light switch, since we assume that the walls are electrified. In the future, the first thing we will do on entering a room is look for the internet portal, because we will assume the room is intelligent. But how long can this computer revolution last?"...

Salon, Mar. 19

[Behind the British Library's Web Archive](#)

Dale Vile writes: "The British Library's [Web Archive](#) program has been selectively preserving websites through a permissions-based process since 2004 and making them accessible through the UK Web Archive. The program acknowledges that a lot of UK history now plays out on the web. It also works on the premise that website content is very often transient in nature. So what goes on behind the scenes to drive a project of this scale and complexity?"...

Computer Weekly, Mar. 21



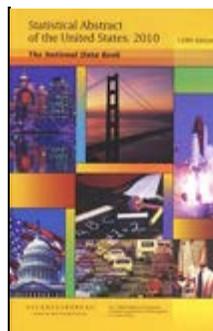
Publishing

[Statistical Abstract could be defunded](#)

Jennifer Wondracek writes: "In mid-March, there was

a flurry of activity on the [GovDoc-L](#) list when it came to light that the 2012 U.S. budget proposal does not provide any funding for the Statistical Compendia Branch of the Census Bureau. This means that the *Statistical Abstract*, *State and Metropolitan Area Data Book*, *County and City Data Book*, *USA Counties*, and *Quick Facts* publications will all cease to be published, both in print and digitally, at the end of this fiscal year." A group of RUSA members have started a Facebook group, "[Save the US Statistical Abstract](#)" (login required), to help publicize this issue. The ALA Office of Government Relations is [collecting examples](#) of how libraries use these publications; contact [Jessica McGilvray](#) if you'd like to contribute....

RIPS Law Librarian Blog, Mar. 22; District Dispatch, Mar. 21



[The impending New York Times paywall](#)

Ben Wieder writes: "The *New York Times* says its new paywall will affect some of its educational offerings, but not all. The paper's new [digital-subscription plan](#) will require online readers who access more than 20 articles a month to pay at least \$15 every four weeks to access more material. Print subscribers will get free online access under the plan, which will take effect March 28 in the United States. Campuses that participate in the college-readership program will get discounted access to the website." On March 22, the newspaper [asked Twitter](#) to disable its [@FreeNYTimes feed](#) because "it is a violation of our trademark." Cory Doctorow says the plan is at least [wishful thinking](#), and one Canadian coder says his [NYTClean](#) bookmarklet will bypass the paywall. And there is a possibility that [advertisers](#) will come to rescue reluctant subscribers....



Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, Mar. 17; Mashable, Mar. 22; Boing Boing, Mar. 17; Euri.ca Blog, Mar. 21; *Advertising Age*: MediaWorks, Mar. 18

[E-book sales have doubled since January 2010](#)

Audrey Watters writes: "The Association of American Publishers released its [figures](#) from January 2011 book sales, and the news is that e-book sales are up 115.8%, from \$32.4 million in January 2010 to \$69.9 million. But how does that affect the rest of the publishing industry? Do more e-book sales mean more books are being sold? Are e-readers and iPads engaging a new audience of readers? Or are consumers simply making the switch from print to digital?"...

ReadWriteWeb, Mar. 20; Association of American Publishers, Mar. 17

[Amazon pulls the plug on Lendle](#)

Jason Kincaid writes: "It was an idea as brilliant as it was shortlived: Let people swap their e-books with strangers free of charge for 14 days using Kindle's new lending feature. And now, after around two months in operation, Amazon has given [Lendle](#) the boot. According to its tweet stream, Lendle was told by Amazon that the service was shut down because it doesn't 'serve the principal purpose of driving sales of products and services on the Amazon site.'"...

TechCrunch, Mar. 21



[ABC-CLIO's Hunt for History contest](#)

Reference and database publisher ABC-CLIO is

challenging school librarians and teachers to enter its Hunt for History contest. By signing up for a free, 60-day preview of all 13 of the ABC-CLIO history databases, and then using them to answer 15 questions about historical events, people, issues, and dilemmas, contestants will be entered to win weekly prizes including Apple iPads and year-long subscriptions to the databases. The contest runs through April 30....

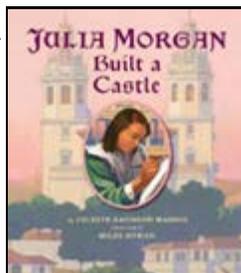
ABC-CLIO, Mar. 22



[Teaching about women in the sciences](#)

Keith Schoch writes: "I love picture books that chronicle the lives of women who, from childhood, proved themselves to be innovative, independent, and incredibly resolute. Additionally, I believe that picture book biographies serve a universal role in helping students realize that childhood dreams and interests in science and technology may determine the paths they follow as adults. Take, for example, Julia Morgan." This [blog](#) has been featuring a post every day in March tied into Women's History Month....

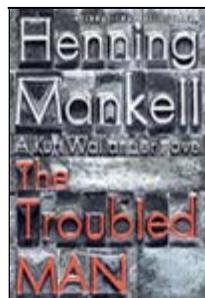
KidLit Celebrates Women's History Month 2011, Mar. 11



[Rousing Reads: Wallender's last stand](#)

Bill Ott writes: "Readers whose knowledge of Scandinavian crime fiction goes beyond Stieg Larsson know that it was Henning Mankell who jump-started what has developed into a nearly 20-year golden age. The very fact that Sweden could foster a new spin on the Chandlerian hard-boiled novel seemed puzzling initially. How could there be crime novels in such a pristine region, full of nice people, liberal to a fault, the very antithesis of America's mean streets?"...

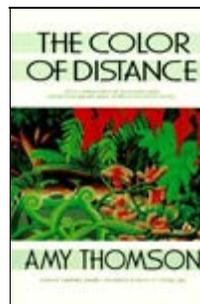
American Libraries column, Mar./Apr.



[10 works of fiction that might change the way you look at nature](#)

Annalee Newitz writes: "Science fiction and fantasy have tackled everything from environmentalist utopias, to horrific industrial disasters that create pollution zombies. Here are 10 speculative novels that explore environmental themes, from a variety of political perspectives, that could change the way you look at nature forever." For example, *The Color of Distance* (1995) by Amy Thomson....

io9, Mar. 21



[The best alternative histories in literature](#)

Richard Davies writes: "Our latest feature on AbeBooks is about alternative histories. What if the Roman Empire never collapsed? What if the Confederates won the American Civil War? What if the Germans won World War II? Authors of alternative history novels have addressed these subjects and many more. This feature includes books from literary figures like Sinclair Lewis, Kingsley Amis, Michael Chabon, and Philip Roth, as well as the



king of alternate histories—Harry Turtledove.”...

AbeBooks, Mar. 22

Actions & Answers

[Library social media survey](#)

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions is conducting a [survey](#) of librarians, library workers, library students, and staff of library organizations to find out more about how social networking is used around the world. IFLA hopes the results will help it communicate better with the worldwide library community. Please take a few minutes to answer the 20 questions....

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Mar. 17

[Four New Jersey libraries get SWAT Team makeovers](#)

Four New Jersey public libraries in dire need of a makeover have benefitted from the expertise of a group of librarians who addressed similar challenges at their own libraries. The “SWAT Team of Library Transformers” was created and funded by the New Jersey State Library. The selected libraries were Caldwell, Matawan-Aberdeen, Midland Park, and Gloucester County Library’s Glassboro branch. Each had to commit at least \$5,000 to the transformation, with projects completed by December 31, 2010....

New Jersey State Library, Mar. 17



[On information literacy](#)

Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: “A given librarian might spend hours every week teaching people how to be more information literate, but that doesn’t mean that any students spend hours a week with librarians learning from them. The time spent with librarians compared to time spent in class and studying is always going to be small, and thus it seems pretentious to think that librarians’ direct effect on information literacy teaching is going to be significant. However, this doesn’t mean that libraries and librarians aren’t essential to a good liberal education and to helping students become information literate.”...

Academic Librarian, Mar. 16

[New consumer product safety database](#)

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission launched a [Safer Products](#) database March 11 as part of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. Consumers can visit the database to submit reports of possible harm and search for safety information. CPSC will review all online reports and transmit qualifying reports to the manufacturer within five business days, where practicable. The database is an improvement over the [CPSC website](#), which lists product recalls but not safety complaints. Watch the [how-to video](#) (7:26)....

U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Mar. 11



[IMDB to MARC records](#)

Tracy Guza writes: “Have you ever seen this clever [Internet Movie Data Base to MARC converter](#)? Simply type in the IMDB movie number or title and a MARC record is generated. This is particularly useful for cataloging a DVD collection in a public library, but it

inspired me to think about how often times the information we seek already exists. This tool merely reformats the metadata already populating the IMDB record and translates it to MARC.”...

Mod Librarian, Mar. 21

[Library subject guides using Diigo](#)

Brian Herzog writes: “For a while now, I’ve been using the library’s Delicious account to create dynamic subject guides on the library’s website. However, now that Yahoo support of Delicious is uncertain, I thought I’d create a Plan B using a similar service, Diigo. I set up a Diigo account for the library, and tested how well their linkrolls worked, compared to what I was used to with Delicious. Here are the steps to do this, and the results.”...

Swiss Army Librarian, Mar. 17



[20 overlooked PC gaming classics](#)

Nathan Grayson writes: “One of the nice things about the PC as a gaming platform is that it pretty much has—in some form or another—every game ever. On the downside, that means heaps upon heaps of would-be classics get shoved off the assembly line and straight into the fiery furnace of history. We’ve done our best to give these underappreciated classics a second shot at fame and glory. Here are 20 great games you’ve probably never played for (mostly) low prices.”...

Maximum PC, Mar. 21



[Mother uses loss of her son to benefit library](#)

In 2007, the life of Columbia, South Carolina, resident Cynthia Byrd changed forever when her 20-year-old son, Brandon LaVar Byrd, was killed in a car accident. But she and her family have found comfort in raising money for the Richland County Public Library, an organization that her son and her other children have valued. Byrd has reached her goal of raising \$17,500 for RCPL, resulting in the meeting room at the St. Andrews regional branch and a tree in the Main Library’s children’s room being dedicated to Brandon....

Richland County (S.C.) Public Library, Mar. 17



[Norwegian students build library for Thai orphans](#)

A set of young, skilled students from Norway set out to change the future for a group of orphans in Thailand. TYIN Tegnestue, a nonprofit group run by students from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, built a beautiful new building for the Safe Haven Orphanage in Ban Tha Song Yang, Thailand, that would provide both a bath house and a library to help with the dire sanitary conditions and the lack of educational resources in the area....

Inhabitat, Mar. 17



[LC preservation videos](#)

On May 10, 2010, the Library of Congress held Personal Archiving Day in conjunction with ALA’s annual Preservation Week. LC invited members of the public to visit and

learn about preserving their personal information in both digital and nondigital forms. Library staff gave talks, which are now available through LC's Digital Preservation series, on how to archive [digital photos](#) (11:00) and [digital audio](#) (15:07) and how to preserve [personal web content](#) (8:07)....

YouTube



[Librarian fashion stereotypes](#)

Leanne Jernigan directed this [video essay](#) (6:41) that assesses the stereotypes about how librarians dress, from frumpy to sexy and "1970s librarian chic."

Certain styles and trends are associated with the librarian look: pencil skirts, white button-down shirts, cardigans, ascot bows, waist belts, and polka dots. All the stereotypes are illustrated. Accompanied by Röyskopp's "Happy Up Here."...

YouTube, Mar. 21



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[Libraries scan a bright digital horizon, despite Google setback](#)

"Libraries are not leaving the future of digital books to Google," the HathiTrust partnership said in a prepared statement March 23. The statement came the day after U.S. Appeals Court Judge Denny Chin rejected the Google Books Settlement following some seven years of litigation. Although Google has not yet indicated its next move, University of Michigan Dean of Libraries Paul Courant said the search-engine giant has "affirmed that it will continue to scan works from our library and other partner libraries." University of Virginia media scholar Siva Vaidhyanathan looks at some other [possible outcomes](#), and Harvard University Library Director Robert Darnton gives [six reasons](#) why Google Books failed....

American Libraries news, Mar. 29; *Technolog*, Mar. 28; *New York Review of Books* Blog, Mar. 28



[One book for every young child](#)

Michelle McIntyre writes: "In this struggling economy, the local library remains the community bedrock, even as libraries report that use of service is up while their budgets are shrinking. As a librarian in Pennsylvania, I'm proud to say that we are finding creative ways to do more with less. The One Book, Every Young Child program is foremost among them. Designed so that large and small libraries alike could easily implement it, the program is our state's first-ever collaborative project using the blueprint of One Book, One Community."...

American Libraries feature



[The first school library](#)

Q. When was the first school library established? **A.** The best answer may be from *Encyclopedia on Library and Information Science* (1st ed.) article on "School Libraries":

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"The birth of America's school libraries cannot be assigned a definite date. Rather, these first school libraries were born unheralded in the earliest colonial times when the teacher in the one-room placed the Bible, a chapbook, and the Bay Psalm Book on the corner of his desk."...

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Mar. 28

More aid for Haitian cultural heritage

A March 29 [press release](#) from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions announces a contract signed between IFLA and the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development to "enable joint action to save Haiti's still-vulnerable archives and important library collections." The effort, which will be made possible with a donation of €242,500 (\$341,662 U.S.), will establish a treatment center for important documents in Port-au-Prince....

AL: Global Reach, Mar. 29; IFLA, Mar. 29



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ALA News

New benchmarks coalition formed

A national coalition has formed to design and pilot a series of public access technology benchmarks for public libraries, with \$2.8 million in funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy and PLA—with other library and local government leaders—will provide leadership in developing guidelines that support continuous improvement of and local reinvestment in public technology access at libraries....

District Dispatch, Mar. 29

Have you cast your ALA ballot?

Polls are still open for the 2011 election, in which ALA members will choose a new president-elect and members of the governing Council. Although the election is conducted electronically, members with a disability can request a paper ballot by April 8 by calling ALA customer service at (800) 545-2433, ext. 5. The polls will close on April 22, and the Election Committee will meet to certify the results on April 29....

Public Information Office, Mar. 29



EQUACC establishes blog and forum

The ALA Presidential Task Force for Equitable Access to Electronic Content (EQUACC) has established a [blog](#) and [forum](#) to invite commentary on its work and to discuss libraries' role in providing free

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and confidential access to e-content for the public. The task force has divided its work into five categories: accessibility, public relations, model projects, environmental scan, and licensing....

ALA Washington Office, Mar. 28

[Tune in for Money Smart Week podcast](#)

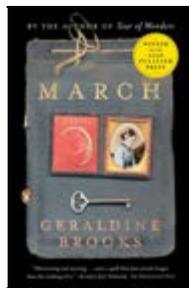
Chapter Relations Office Director Michael Dowling (right) discusses the first-ever [Money Smart Week @ your library](#). April 2–9, in a [podcast](#) (8:26). Money Smart Week was initiated by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 2001 to promote personal financial literacy. Wishing to broaden the initiative’s reach nationally, the bank partnered this year with ALA....



Campaign for America’s Libraries, Mar. 29; Visibility @ your library, Mar. 29

[“Let’s Talk About It: The Civil War” program grant](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities have announced an increase in funding for the [“Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War”](#) reading and discussion program grant. Following the application process, 50 public, academic, and community college libraries will be selected to receive a \$3,000 grant to support the reading and discussion series in their library, in addition to books, promotional materials and other programming support.



[Applications](#) must be completed by April 19....

Public Programs Office, Mar. 29

[Intellectual freedom in a changing world](#)

Registration is now open for “Intellectual Freedom in a Changing World,” a conference on international issues related to free access to information in libraries. The event will take place August 10–12 at the Newport Beachside Hotel and Resort in Miami Beach, Florida. It is jointly sponsored by IFLA’s Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression committee and the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom. Early bird [registration](#) is open until July 1....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Mar. 30

[New season for Step Up to the Plate @ your library](#)

There is still time for librarians to [register](#) for the 6th annual Step Up to the Plate program, offered by ALA and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, before the annual baseball trivia contest opens to the public March 31. Free tools, including program logos in English and Spanish, a flier and bookmarks, and a toolkit with sample press materials and programming ideas, are available to download. The first 100 librarians to register will receive a [Jackie Robinson “History Lives” poster](#) from ALA Graphics....



Public Information Office, Mar. 29

[Celebrate yourself on National Library Workers’ Day](#)

This year, April 12 is National Library Workers Day, a time for library staff, patrons, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize how library services depend on the important work done by every library staff member. Celebration ideas are on the [NLWD](#)



[ALA Annual Conference](#)

in New Orleans, June 23–28, 2011.



Actress Molly Shannon will be the [Closing General Session speaker](#).

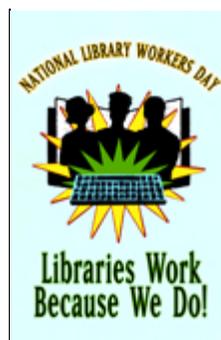
Tuesday morning, June 28. Shannon’s debut children’s book *Tilly the Trickster* will be published in September by Abrams Books for Young Readers.



There are plenty of products out there for making information accessible to all users, but how can administrators and managers determine which are the most practical and economical for their particular library? In [Assistive Technologies in the Library](#), Barbara Mates, former director of the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled,

[website](#). You can also take the opportunity to name library staff as [Stars](#), describing the impact they have on their colleagues, patrons, and communities, and to get your NLWD posters, T-shirts, and buttons at the [NLWD store](#)....

ALA–Allied Professional Association, Mar. 29



[Get in gear to celebrate mobile libraries](#)

April 13 is the second annual [National Bookmobile Day](#) celebration across America, honoring the more than 930 bookmobiles and dedicated staff who provide vital library services to their communities. Author Audrey Niffenegger is the 2011 Honorary Chair of National Bookmobile Day....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, Mar. 29

[RDA workshop back by popular demand](#)

ALA TechSource is offering the three-part workshop "[Using RDA: Moving into the Metadata Future](#)" in three synchronous 90-minute sessions on May 11, 18, and 25. Presenters Chris Oliver, Karen Coyle, and Diane Hillmann will offer their perspective on RDA from the context of AACR2, other metadata models, and possibilities for sharing library data in an updated version of the popular fall 2010 ALA TechSource workshop....

ALA Online Learning, Mar. 29



[The reference librarian as information consultant](#)

Library users' evolving information needs and their choice of search methods have changed reference work profoundly. Today's reference librarian must work in a whole new way—not only service-focused and businesslike, but even entrepreneurial. In [The Librarian as Information Consultant: Transforming Reference for the Information Age](#), published by ALA Editions, Sarah Anne Murphy rethinks in an innovative way the philosophy behind current library reference services....

ALA Editions, Mar. 29



strips away the technical jargon and introduces dozens of the latest options, including hardware, software, and peripherals. **NEW!**
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[One Book, Every Young Child](#)

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[Ask the ALA Librarian](#)

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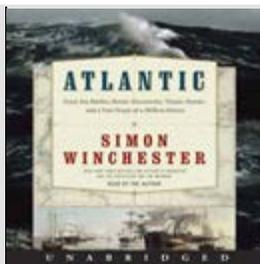
Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Science audiobook](#)

Winchester, Simon. *Atlantic: Great Sea Battles, Heroic Discoveries, Titanic Storms, and a Vast Ocean of a Million Stories*.

Read by the author. Dec. 2010. 14.5hr.

Books on Tape, CD (978-0-307-87652-2).

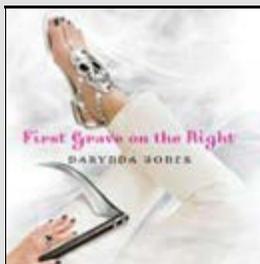


Historian Winchester has the rare ability to make the most arcane subjects fascinating, as evidenced in such earlier titles as *The Professor and the Madman* (1998), *Krakatoa* (available from Harper Audio and read by the author), *The Man Who Loved China* (available from Recorded Books and read by the author), and other best-sellers. His most recent, a history of the Atlantic Ocean, is structured as a biography. The account begins with geological events that resulted in the creation of the Atlantic Ocean (10 million years ago by a continental split between Africa and South America) and goes on to chronicle the biological, political, societal, meteorological, and military actions that have had an impact on humankind (immigration, travel, etc.) and the ecosystem....

[Featured review: Romantic suspense audiobook](#)

Jones, Darynda. *First Grave on the Right*. Read by Lorelei King. Jan. 2011. 9.5hr. AudioGO, CD (978-1-4272-1130-9).

Part-time private eye Charley Davidson gets lots of inside help with her investigations because of her special ability to see and talk to the dead victims. In this debut paranormal thriller, Davidson is confronted with the spirits of three murdered lawyers, all killed by the same person. They don't know the murderer's identity, but all have information to share. King (familiar to many as the recent reader of Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum novels) brings sassy fun to the role of Charley, who is spunky and sarcastic. Charley's got a lot on her plate as ghosts haunt her apartment, her policeman uncle prods her for details on the murders, and a mysterious being sporadically shows up to bring on "near-sex" experiences. King does a great job setting the characters through varying pitch and tone levels....



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

New Orleans Update

[New Orleans Museum of Art](#)

The New Orleans Museum of Art is located in City Park, near the terminus of the Canal Street streetcar line. Its permanent collection features over 40,000 objects, from the Italian Renaissance to the modern era. The museum also includes the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden, a five-acre landscaped area behind the main building. Founded in 1911, the museum is celebrating its [centennial](#). Special exhibits



[Solutions and Services](#)

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Great Libraries of the World



[Anne and Jerome Fisher Fine Arts Library](#), University of Pennsylvania,

Philadelphia. The university's first library building was designed by architect [Frank Furness](#), in consultation with librarians Melvil Dewey and Justin Winsor. Dedicated in 1891, the library was one of the first with a specialized [reading room](#) lit by skylights and clerestory windows, as well as detached bookstacks designed for fireproof storage. In 1962, it was turned over to the Graduate School of Fine Arts with collections focusing on contemporary and historical aspects of art, architecture, city and regional planning, historic preservation, landscape architecture, studio art, and urban design. Major restoration work was carried out in 1987–

during Annual Conference include “Bookmarks: The Artist’s Response to Text” and “Ancestors of Congo Square.”...

New Orleans Museum of Art

[Electronic devices on airplanes can be a problem](#)

Christine Negroni writes: “The problem of electromagnetic interference affecting commercial flights is much bigger than [previously suspected](#). A new confidential report from the International Air Transport Association’s safety data sharing program shows that over the past seven years, airlines around the world reported 75 events in which portable electronic devices are suspected of interfering with flight deck equipment. While phones were the source of interference in 40% of the reports, iPods, other MP3 players, laptops, and portable games were also implicated.”...

Seattle Post-Intelligencer: Flying Lessons, Jan. 18, Mar. 9



Division News

[Teen Tech Week contest winners](#)

YALSA and Figment.com have awarded two Nook e-readers to the winners of the 2011 Teen Tech Week contest. Becky O’Neil (right), teen librarian at the Westerville (Ohio) Public Library, won in the librarian category for her creative-writing prompt, and teen Anande Sjoden won in the teen category, with a [story](#) on steampunk, judged by National Book Award winner Kathryn Erskine. Teen Fiona Plunkett won a \$50 Amazon.com gift card for creating the Narrika, the steampunk apparatus that each of the contest entries had to feature....

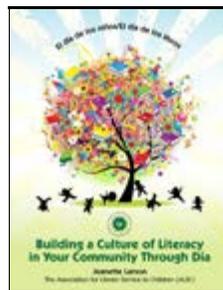
YALSA, Mar. 29



[Book discount for Día 101 participants](#)

ALSC is offering librarians a chance to double up on Día resources this year. Sign up for the ALSC webinar, “[Día 101: Everything you need to know about celebrating El día de los niños/El día de los libros](#)” by April 1, and receive a coupon for \$5 off Jeanette Larson’s new book, [El día de los niños/El día de los libros: Building a Culture of Literacy in Your Community through Día](#), available April 1....

ALSC, Mar. 29



[Reaching Reluctant Readers preconference](#)

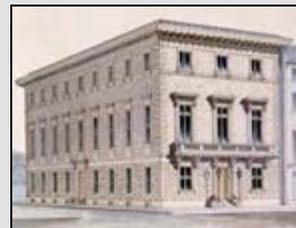
YA authors Jay Asher, Sarah Dessen, Chris Grabenstein, Julie Halpern, James Kennedy, Carolyn Mackler, and Walter Dean Myers will reflect on how their work speaks to today’s teens and offer insights on how to turn those teens into active readers at “Give Them What they Want: Reaching Reluctant Readers,” YALSA’s June 24 preconference during the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans....

YALSA, Mar. 29

[Book review websites](#)

Attention book lovers! RUSA is compiling a list of outstanding library and librarian book review websites to add to [literarytastes.com](#)—a RUSA website built around book love—and we want to know about the sites you visit when you’re looking for the best book reviews

1990, and in 1992 the library was renamed in honor of its principal donors.



[Athenæum of Philadelphia](#)

The Athenæum is a member-supported, not-for-profit, special collections library founded in 1814 to collect materials “connected with the history and antiquities of America, and the useful arts, and generally to disseminate useful knowledge” for the benefit of the public. Its [current building](#), designed in 1845 by John Notman, is widely hailed as a seminal American structure in the Italianate style and one of the first Philadelphia buildings made of brownstone.

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.

available. We are especially partial to RUSA member sites. Either email [Liz Markel](#), tweet, or comment on this blog post to add your recommendations....

RUSA Blog, Mar. 29

[Register for the Trustee Academy](#)

ALTAFF is offering a series of online courses to help library trustees become exceptionally proficient in their roles on behalf of their libraries. Taught by professionals in the field, the Trustee Academy courses are available for individual registration or as a full curriculum with discounted pricing per course. All courses are recorded webcasts. Certificates of completion are provided for each course....

ALTAFF, Mar. 28



Round Table News

[Libraries, library workers, and copyright](#)

Loida Garcia-Febo, chair of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table, talks to ALA Treasurer Jim Neal about libraries, library workers, and copyright matters in this [video](#) (12:58). Neal is vice president for information services and university librarian at Columbia University in New York City....

YouTube, Feb. 24



[NMRT and Merritt Fund reception](#)

The New Members Round Table and the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund are collaborating to present a joint reception at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The event will take place June 26 at L'Entrepot Gallery, 527 Julia (in the Gallery District). Everyone is welcome to attend; refreshments will be provided....

New Members Round Table, Mar. 30

Awards

[2011 Margaret Monroe Award](#)

Joyce Saricks, adjunct professor at the Dominican University GSLIS and well-known adult readers' advisory expert, is the winner of RUSA's 2011 Margaret Monroe Award. The award honors a researcher or educator who has made a significant contribution to library adult services. Saricks is best known for her groundbreaking work in adult readers' advisory while she was the coordinator of the Literature and Audio Services Department from 1983 to 2004 at the Downers Grove (Ill.) Public Library....

RUSA, Mar. 29



[Peter Jacso wins RUSA Emerald](#)

Career Leads from JobLIST

[Collection Development Librarian](#), Tacoma (Wash.) Public Library, specializing in Children's/Youth materials in all formats. Responsible for children's materials collection development through selective buying, thorough knowledge of children's and young adult literature trends, understanding of the role of classics in youth literature, and collection development philosophies and methods. Participate in the weeding of materials throughout our eight library locations, provide input for youth collection development policies, create booklists for use in print and on the web, perform outreach, and represent the library at selected meetings....



Research Grant

Peter Jacso, professor of library and information science at the University of Hawaii, has received a 2011 Emerald Research Grant. This is one of two grants, administered by the RUSA Business Reference and Services Section that provides \$5,000 to support research pertaining to business reference. Jacso will create an open access resource for dynamic comparison and analysis of peer ratings of prominent marketing and marketing-related journals....

RUSA, Mar. 29



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Campbell, Cook share Emerald Research Grant

Diane K. Campbell and Ronald G. Cook of Rider University are corecipients of one 2011 RUSA BRASS Emerald Research Grant for business reference. They will use the \$5,000 to interview entrepreneurs about their environmental scanning practices and report on how these entrepreneurs work with librarians and what information they consider most important....

RUSA, Mar. 29



Digital Library of the Week



The [Los Angeles County Museum of Art Image Library](#) offers a growing body of high-resolution images (between 10–40 MB) from its encyclopedic collection that are thought to be in the public domain and available without restriction, free of charge. The image library represents the museum’s commitment to making the breadth and depth of its collections accessible online and to the widest possible audience. Categories of material range from art of the ancient Near East to decorative arts, textiles, and photography.

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.

Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship

Nicolette Warisse Sosulski, business librarian at the Portage (Mich.) District Library, has received the 2011 Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship, administered by RUSA’s Business Reference and Services Section. Sosulski was honored for leveraging resources to meet a vast array of patron needs, including job hunters, small business concerns, youth financial education, and business librarian training in varied settings....

RUSA, Mar. 29



Banned Books Week Read-Out grants

The Freedom to Read Foundation, through its Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund, will provide at least four grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to four organizations to support Read-Outs that celebrate this year’s Banned Books Week, September 24–October 1. To apply, organizations must submit an event description, timeline, and budget with their application, and agree to provide a written report and video to FTRF following Banned Books Week. [Applications](#) will be accepted through May 13....

Freedom to Read Foundation, Mar. 29

3M/NMRT Professional Development Grants

Natalie Traylor Clewell of West Georgia Technical College, Jessica Nadine Hernandez of the U.S. FDA Biosciences Library, and Julie N. Kane of Sweet Briar College Library in Virginia are the 2011 recipients of 3M/NMRT Professional Development Grants. The grants will fund each recipient’s trip to the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans by providing transportation, hotel accommodations, conference registration fees, and daily expenses....

New Members Round Table, Mar. 29

2011 CLA Outstanding Service to

Librarianship Award

The Canadian Library Association has announced that its 2011 CLA Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award will be presented to Stephen Abram of Gale Cengage Learning May 28 during its National Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The citation credits his fostering of younger librarians as one of his greatest contributions....

Canadian Library Association, Mar. 25



Dana Whitmire wins 2011 Horizon Award

Dana Whitmire, e-resource and serials librarian at University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, has received the 2011 North American Serials Interest Group [Horizon Award](#). Sponsored by EBSCO, the award recognizes a promising new information professional and covers the cost of travel, registration, and lodging for three nights while attending the NASIG Annual Conference in St. Louis, June 2-5....

EBSCO, Mar. 29



2011 Talk Story Grant winners

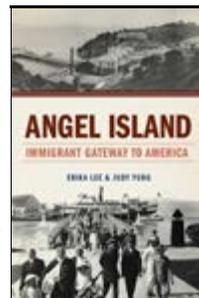
The American Indian Library Association and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association have awarded \$500 grants to the Greenwich branch of the Gloucester County (N.J.) Library System and the White Mesa Library of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc, Colorado. Each will use its \$500 grant to host a Talk Story program at their library. [Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture](#) is a literacy program that reaches out to Asian/Pacific American and American Indian/Alaska Native children and their families....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, Mar. 29

2010 Asian/Pacific American Awards for Literature

The Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association announced the winners of its 2010 Asian/Pacific American Awards for Literature on March 25. The prizes promote Asian/Pacific American culture and heritage and are awarded based on literary and artistic merit. The winner in the adult nonfiction category was Erika Lee and Judy Yung's *Angel Island: Immigration Gateway to America* (Oxford University, 2010)....

Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association, Mar. 25



Shaun Tan wins Lindgren Award

Australian author/illustrator Shaun Tan has won the 2011 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, the largest for children's and young adult literature with a prize of five million Swedish krona (\$786,500 U.S.). Tan is the creator of several books including *The Arrival*, *Tales from Outer Suburbia*, and most recently, *Lost & Found: Three by Shaun Tan*. The award is administered by the Swedish Arts Council and is given annually to authors, illustrators, storytellers, or those active in the promotion of reading....

Publishers Weekly, Mar. 29



Dictator dentistry wins odd title prize

A book advising dentists to manage their practices



Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"My favorite overdue story has to do with a little girl named Amy who loved to read but who never brought books back on time. This frustrated her mother no end, so she came to me and the circ supervisor to request that we take away Amy's borrowing privilege the next time she was 'delinquent.' It was a struggle, but after a series of pep talks we knew that we had gotten through to Amy when one day she came into the library, slammed three books down on the circ desk, and in her loudest voice yelled, 'These books are a day early; you owe me 15 cents.'"

—Will Manley, "[A Fine Mess We're In.](#)" Will Unwound, Mar. 22.

@ [More quotes...](#)

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[Library of Congress Selects 25 Films for Preservation](#)

according to the leadership techniques of a legendary Mongolian warlord has been voted the winner of the Diagram Prize for Oddest Book Title of 2011. *Managing a Dental Practice the Genghis Khan Way* by Michael R. Young (Radcliffe) is the go-to guide for building an empire within your dental office. The Diagram Prize, sponsored by *The Bookseller*, has been awarded for odd book titles since 1978....

The Bookseller, Mar. 25

[ISSR Library Awards](#)

The International Society for Science and Religion has completed an extensive peer review of more than 2,000 books on science and religion and selected [220 titles](#) that, together, offer a comprehensive overview of the field and its many related topics. ISSR will award complete sets of these books to institutions in the United States and around the world on a competitive basis. The deadline for [applications](#) is June 15....

International Society for Science and Religion, Mar. 24

[Irish Times Poetry Now Prize](#)

The winner of the 2011 *Irish Times* Poetry Now Award is Seamus Heaney for his 12th collection, *Human Chain*. The €5,000 (\$7,042 U.S.) prize has been presented annually for the past six years for the best single volume published in the previous 12 months. Heaney received the prize at the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Poetry Now Festival in Dublin on March 26. The festival, now in its 16th year, is Ireland's biggest and best-loved poetry festival, attracting poets from around the world....

Irish Times, Mar. 26

[2011 Doncaster Book Award](#)

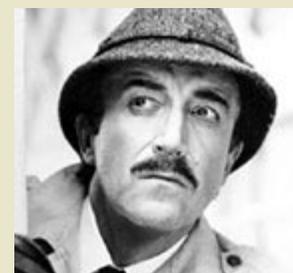
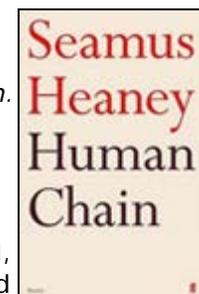
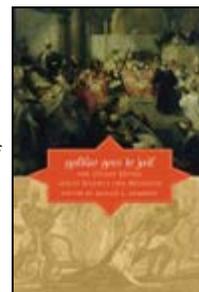
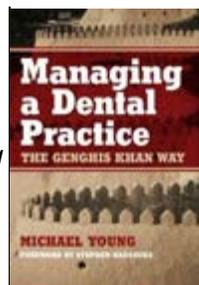
The Thornthwaite Inheritance by Gareth P. Jones, an engrossing mystery for children ages 10–13, was announced as the winner of the 2011 Doncaster Book Award at a special event held March 25 at Doncaster Racecourse in the U.K. The award, now in its seventh year, is one of Yorkshire's and Northern England's leading annual children's book prizes. The winning title is a mystery story about twins "who have been trying to kill each other for so long that neither can remember which act of attempted murder came first."...

Doncaster Book Award, Mar. 25

[2011 Warwickshire Book Award](#)

Mortlock by Jon Mayhew was announced as the winner of the 2011 Warwickshire Book Award for Secondary School pupils at a March 22 awards ceremony attended by more than 300 students, teachers, and librarians. This award for children ages 11–14 is now in its seventh year and is one of the major annual children's book awards in the Midlands region of England....

Schools Library Service Warwickshire, Mar. 23



[Have You Filed Your 2010 Federal Individual Income Tax Return? by Carlton B. Walker](#)

[Libraries of the Future](#)

[Great Songs and the Artists Who Created Them: Laura Nyro's And When I Die](#)

[Andre Dubus III: The Worst Time for Budget Cuts \(video\)](#)

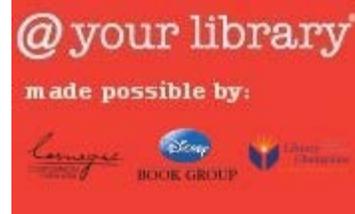
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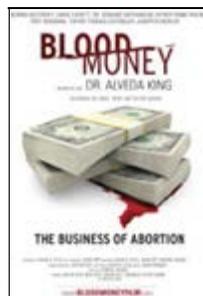
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Oklahoma Library Association, Annual Conference, Tulsa, Mar. 30–Apr. 1, at: [#ola2011](#)

Seen Online

[Library cancels screening of anti-abortion documentary](#)

Attorneys from the pro-life Thomas More Society issued a [letter](#) March 24 to Marathon County (Wis.) Public Library officials demanding that the library rescind its cancellation of a showing of the 2010 anti-abortion documentary, *BloodMoney*. The letter claims that the First Amendment rights of the sponsoring group, Wausau 40 Days for Life, were violated. Library Director Ralph Illick had [canceled](#) the screening, scheduled for April 3 in a library meeting room, citing policy ([PDF file](#)) that the controversial topic would interfere with normal use of the library....
Wausau (Wis.) Daily Herald, Mar. 29; *LifeNews.com*, Mar. 25



[ACLU to schools: Stop filtering LGBT content](#)

The American Civil Liberties Union sent letters ([PDF file](#)) March 28 to schools in Missouri and Michigan, telling them to stop blocking students' access to educational websites about gay, lesbian, and transgender issues. Besides letters to the North Kansas City (Mo.) School District and Rochester (Mich.) Community Schools, the ACLU is sending requests for information about web filtering programs to school districts in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Wisconsin, and Washington. The Missouri district blamed a technical problem for blocked sites, and the Michigan district said it is looking into the matter....

Associated Press, Mar. 28

[Google settles FTC privacy charges over Buzz](#)

Google has [agreed](#) to establish a comprehensive privacy program to settle allegations that last year's launch of Google Buzz, a foray by the web giant into social networking, initially shared more information than users reasonably expected. The settlement agreement with the Federal Trade Commission does not admit any wrongdoing but includes regular reports on Google's privacy practices for the next 20 years that will be prepared by an independent professional. Read the [FTC's Q&A](#) on Twitter about implementation....

CNET News: Privacy Inc., Mar. 30; *Federal Trade Commission*, Mar. 30



[Decision on Mom's Having a Baby](#)

After weeks of a review process, the Hillsborough County (Fla.) Public Library System has ruled that a controversial children's book will stay on public library shelves. The book is called *My Mom's Having a Baby* by Dori Butler. Because of parent complaints, the library reviewed the book to see whether it was appropriate. Manager of Materials and Circulation Marcee Challencer said the book will stay in its collection and continue to be cataloged in the juvenile section....

WFTS-TV, Tampa, Fla., Mar. 29



Association of College and Research Libraries, ACRL 2011, Philadelphia, Mar. 30–Apr. 2, at: [#acrl2011](#)

Coalition for Networked Information, Spring Membership Meeting, San Diego, Apr. 4–5, at: [#cni11s](#)

Kansas Library Association, Annual Conference, Topeka, Apr. 6–8, at: [#kla2011](#)

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

Calendar

Apr. 2:
[23rd Colorado Teen Literature Conference](#), the Tivoli, Auraria Campus, Denver.

Apr. 2–9:
[Money Smart Week @ your library.](#)

Apr. 4:
["The King James Bible: The Book and Its Language,"](#) lecture by Renaissance Literature Professor Gordon Campbell, Strozier Library, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

Apr. 9–12:
[American Association of Community Colleges](#), Annual

[Santa Clarita can privatize](#)

The city of Santa Clarita, California's controversial plan to privatize its public libraries has cleared a big legal hurdle with the dismissal of a lawsuit filed by residents trying to hold up the transfer. Officials said the city intends to kick off its municipal library system on July 1. In mid-March, Superior Court Judge Barbara Scheper dismissed a lawsuit claiming the city had violated the state Education Code when the council voted to secede from the county library system. The city has contracted with LSSI to operate its libraries in Valencia, Canyon Country, and Newhall....

Los Angeles Daily News, Mar. 23

[Newport Beach ponders a bookless branch](#)

The Newport Beach (Calif.) Public Library is considering closing its [Balboa branch](#) and replacing it with a community center that would offer all the same features, except for the books. Instead of a reference librarian, patrons would be greeted by a kiosk equipped with video-calling software that allows them to speak with employees elsewhere. And books, when ordered, would be dropped off at a locker for pickup. The transition toward an all-electronic library has been nudged along by budget cuts....

Los Angeles Times, Mar. 29; Newport Beach (Calif.) Daily Pilot, Mar. 24



[Budget cuts have school librarian packing for Nepal](#)

Jennifer Alevy was tired of feeling underappreciated and always looking over her shoulder for a pink slip, so she decided this year to trade her life and job in America for someplace that truly wanted her. So long, USA and the Adams County (Colo.) School District 12; hello, Nepal. Alevy, 44, begins work as a librarian at the K-12 Lincoln School in Kathmandu in August. She's part of a growing number of disenchanting American teachers who are being dumped by school districts in the throes of budget cuts....

Denver Post, Mar. 28

[12-year-old saves DeKalb County library branch](#)

DeKalb County (Ga.) Public Library's Scott Candler branch in Decatur will temporarily remain open four days a week, thanks to 12-year-old Sekondi Landry. The branch had been scheduled to close April 1 because of budget cuts. After complaints from residents and a petition with 100 signatures collected by Landry, trustees decided to keep the library open. The library will monitor funding and decide June 30 if the library needs to close....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Mar. 24



[Fresno County librarians face layoffs](#)

Fresno County, California, supervisors voted unanimously to lay off librarians in their efforts to save money. A total of 32 positions will be eliminated; 12 are currently vacant and will not be filled. The remaining 20 will consist of layoffs and retirements. The cuts mean supervising librarians will have more responsibilities, but the



Convention, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans.

Apr. 11-13:
[Kentucky Public Library Association](#), Spring Conference, Griffin Gate Marriott, Lexington. "Kentucky Public Libraries: Making Connections."

Apr. 13-15:
[Kentucky Library Association Academic and Special Library Sections / Special Libraries Association Kentucky Chapter](#), Joint Spring Conference, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg. "Kickin' It Up a Notch: Improving Our Professional Image."

May 2:
[National Forum on Information Literacy](#), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

May 6:
[Cataloging Efficiencies That Make a Difference](#), OCLC member event, LBJ Student Center, Texas State University-San Marcos.

June 1-3:
[Workshop for Instruction in Library Use](#), University of Regina, Saskatchewan. "Learning under Living Skies."

July 23-26:
[American Association of Law Libraries](#), Annual Meeting, Pennsylvania Convention Center,

hope is that the impact on public services will be minimal. "It's awful. It's the last thing I want to do," said Fresno County Librarian Laurel Prysiazny (above)....

KGPE-TV, Fresno, Calif., Mar. 22

[Funding cuts may mean the end of Scripps Library](#)

For the students, scientists, and public that frequent the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library at the University of California, San Diego, Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed cuts could mean the end of an era:



The largest library in the world dedicated to marine science will likely close this summer. The library, which was established in 1903 and moved to its current location in 1915, houses some of the world's oldest and rarest archives of oceanographic history. Some faculty members have voiced opposition in a letter that was sent out on March 21....

La Jolla (Calif.) Village News, Mar. 25

[Odds stacked against Detroit-area libraries](#)

The May 1 closing of the 40,000-square-foot, 49-year-old Troy (Mich.) Public Library, one of the busiest statewide with a circulation of 1.36 million items and 700,000 annual visits, is a stark reminder of painful budget choices facing communities across metropolitan Detroit. In Wayne County, the Romulus city library closes the same day, after a February millage vote to save it failed. Throughout the region, many other public libraries have reduced hours and services....

Detroit News, Mar. 26

[Shirley believes in books behind bars](#)

Glennor Shirley (right), head librarian for Maryland prisons, is responsible for the rows of books behind the barbed-wire fences at Western Correctional Institution in Cumberland and 16 other state prison



libraries. The inmate behind the reference desk, a convicted murderer, asks her, "Remember when you locked me in a room until I learned how to use that computer [a Commodore 64]?" Murderers, rapists, thieves, and drug dealers have been relying on Miss Shirley, as she is always called by library visitors, for more than two decades to get them novels, magazines, and textbooks. Watch the [photo slideshow](#) and [video](#) (1:00)....

Washington Post, Mar. 25

[Grand jury joins East Chicago library inquiry](#)

A federal grand jury has joined the investigation into reports that computerized records of the East Chicago (Ind.) Public Library turned up missing after trustees fired Library Director Manuel Montalvo March 16. Library officials received a subpoena March 24 from U.S. Attorney David Capp ordering testimony before the specially convened grand jury in Hammond on April 6. Specifically sought through the subpoena are copies of video surveillance recordings. Montalvo and former library board member Ricardo Garcia [filed a lawsuit](#) March 29 seeking to get their positions back....

Times of Northwest Indiana, Mar. 25, 29

[It's tracking your every move](#)

Philadelphia.

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A favorite pastime of internet users is to share their location: Services like Google Latitude can inform friends when you are nearby; another, Foursquare, has turned reporting these updates into a game. But as German Green party politician Malte Spitz recently learned, we are already continually being tracked whether we volunteer to be or not....

New York Times, Mar. 26

Skokie's bookmobile a huge hit

If readers in Skokie, Illinois, can't get to their nationally renowned public library during their busy week, they have no fear. The library comes to them. That's been the case for more than 50 years, but the Skokie bookmobile has never been more popular than it is right now.



It's an often forgotten part of what makes this library so special and has earned it accolades throughout the state and beyond....

Skokie (Ill.) Review, Mar. 28

Belleville cancels homeless man's library card

A homeless man whose story was told in the local newspaper says library staff confiscated his library card because they found out from the [article](#) that he doesn't have an address. Steven J. Johnson lost his job and apartment last summer, so he now spends his days at the Belleville (Ill.) Public Library's main branch before sleeping in his car each night. When he handed over his card to to use a computer March 21, library staff told him it was invalid because he no longer has a current address. Nearly a dozen people have [contacted](#) the paper, offering to pay for his card. Trustees will revisit the policy April 14....

Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat, Mar. 21, 26, 28

High school student wins library card design contest

West Salem High School student Morgan Spangrud's design was the first-place selection for the Teen Library Card contest sponsored by Salem (Oreg.) Public Library and Chemeketa Community College. The design will be used on new teen library cards. It was officially unveiled March 18 during the grand opening of the library's new teen space....



Salem (Oreg.) Statesman Journal, Mar. 25

A man, a library, and Maury Povich

Police say Dallas W. Manners, 23, of Harrison, Michigan, became desperate after an appearance on *The Maury Povich Show*, during which he revealed to his online mistress from Midland that he had been participating in another ongoing relationship. His attempts to rekindle the cyber-love affair—which fizzled after the show appearance—led him on March 12 to steal from the Harrison District Library several computers (and some cash, books, and DVDs) with which he intended to message his online girlfriend. After he was released on bond March 15, he broke into the library again for another computer and this time he was caught on surveillance camera (above)....



Saginaw (Mich.) News, Mar. 23; WNEM-TV, Flint, Mich., Mar. 25

Trenton Central High School in

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How would you like it if your child sat in classrooms where the ceilings literally collapse from water damage and buckets dot the floor to catch the leaks? That's how bad conditions are at Trenton (N.J.)



Central High School. In the library, where it also leaks when it rains, the librarian keeps a mousetrap on her desk. "The mice have run across the kids as they're sitting in here, they've run across the desks. So we catch the mice and get rid of them," librarian Nancy Lee said....

WPVI-TV, Philadelphia, Mar. 23

[Not every cat can be a Dewey](#)

Free to a good home: a long-haired library cat that didn't quite work out the way its literary counterpart, Dewey, did. Pam Collins, director of Musser Public Library in Muscatine, Iowa, thought she'd hit upon her own library cat superstar, a blonde feline that library staff call Kitty. The problem isn't that Kitty is not well-loved or well-behaved; it's the gang of fleas that Kitty transported to her new home. Kitty and company sent Collins into an allergic tailspin, a condition she did not know she had, even with two cats at home....



Muscatine (Iowa) Journal, Mar. 25

[Maybe if they had a Cat-Library](#)

Created by Belgian designer [Corentin Dombrecht](#), the Cat-Library bookshelf is designed as much for cats as it is for human users, with a built-in sitting basket at the top and shelves that accommodate a cat-sized staircase. Made of birch, the shelf is intentionally unpainted and is not oiled, because Dombrecht observed that these finishes tend to make the staircase slippery for cat paws. The Cat-Library is not available for purchase yet, but it is making the rounds of design shows, including Milan Design Week in April. Watch the [video](#) (0:51)....



Designboom, Mar. 25; Corentin Dombrecht, Feb. 6

[Vancouver to build a branch with single-mother housing](#)

The neediest neighborhood in Vancouver, British Columbia, is getting a new library with housing attached for single mothers and children. Like its predecessor, which was built with the assistance of philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1903, the new Vancouver Public Library Strathcona branch has been funded with the help of others. In this case, the YWCA and several nonprofit groups are behind a plan to add up to 20 units of housing for single mothers and their children....

Vancouver (B.C.) Sun, Mar. 23

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Tech Talk

[U.S. products help censor Middle East websites](#)

As Middle East regimes try to stifle dissent by censoring the internet, the U.S. faces an

uncomfortable reality: American companies provide much of the technology used to block websites. McAfee has provided content-filtering software used by internet-service providers in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. Blue Coat Systems of Sunnyvale, California, has sold web-filtering technology in Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar. And Websense of San Diego has sold its web-filtering technology in Yemen, where it has been used to block online tools that let people disguise their identities from government monitors....

Wall Street Journal, Mar. 28



[Amazon Cloud Drive](#)

J. R. Raphael writes: "Amazon.com announced a new service March 29 called [Cloud Drive](#). The service gives you a free 5GB of online storage for your music, then lets you stream your songs on-demand from the web or any Android device. You can get additional storage for a dollar per year per gig. The service couldn't be simpler: You use Amazon's PC-based tool to find all the music on your computer and dump it onto Amazon's servers. You install [Amazon's Cloud Player](#) app onto your Android phone or tablet. Then, wherever you are, you can pull up and play your tunes." Read a [review](#) in CNET News....



PC World, Mar. 29; CNET News: The Download Blog, Mar. 29

[Amazon Tablet rumors](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "While there's no hard evidence, I've seen rumors around the net that make me think this worth betting on. Amazon has all the infrastructure in place to support a tablet, especially after the launch of its very own [Android Appstore](#) in mid-May. Amazon is one of the few companies that has the content deals in place to feed a tablet, and with the cost of their Kindle e-reader [going down](#), it makes sense for Amazon to think about the next stage of content on portable devices."...

AL: Perpetual Beta, May 28; The Technium, Feb. 25

[The top 10 laptops](#)

Laarni Almendrala writes: "Shopping for a laptop these days is a pretty daunting task. The sheer number of laptops available online or in a store's electronics section is enough to make your mind spin. Most people have a general idea of what their laptop should look like and what they want in terms of features, but are often intimidated by the choices available. That's where we come in. In this story, we help you narrow your choices by collecting the top 10 laptops on the market today."...

PC Magazine, Mar. 30



[Livestreaming is easy](#)

David Lee King writes: "I was just at Computers in Libraries 2011, a great conference that happens every spring in Washington, D.C. Besides giving and attending some cool presentations, I was able to help out by livestreaming parts of the event. Guess what? Livestreaming is really easy these



days. Here's how I did it."...

David Lee King, Mar. 28

[Five apps for spicing up your online chat with symbols](#)

Saikat Basu writes: "Sometimes nothing expresses an emotion better than an emoticon or a symbol. Lots of online places do not support graphic symbols or picture emoticons. But that shouldn't keep you away from communicating more warmheartedly. These five simple online apps save you from rummaging through the Character Map on your system and give you one-click access to communicate more animatedly. For example, [TwitterKeys](#): Twitter may be just about 140 characters, but even in that brief space, a symbol or two can brighten up a tweet."...

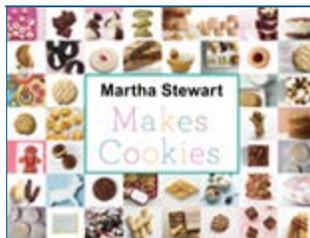
MakeUseOf, Mar. 30



[Gadgets you should get rid of—or not](#)

Sam Grobart writes: "The nature of technology is changing. Fewer products are doing more tasks—all accomplished by countless lines of massless software code. So which products can be replaced and which are fine, or even preferable, to keep? Here is a list of common consumer technologies and products and a somewhat opinionated judgment on whether to keep or pitch it. Books? Keep them (except for cookbooks with apps that offer a better version of everything that came before it)."...

New York Times, Mar. 23



[Augmented reality app for shelf-reading](#)

Audrey Watters writes: "Miami University's Augmented Reality Research Group, led by Bo Brinkman, has developed an Android app that could save librarians a lot of time and hassle.



Using the Android's camera, the app reads a bookshelf and with an AR overlay, quickly flags those books that are misplaced. It will also point to the correct place on the bookshelf so the book can easily be reshelfed correctly. There are a few drawbacks. Thin books, such as those found in the children's section, would be difficult to tag." The app will debut at the ACRL 2011 Conference. Watch the [video](#) (4:05)....

ReadWriteWeb, Mar. 27; YouTube, Mar. 22

[20 online resources for finding new music](#)

Brenna Ehrlich writes: "Luckily for tune consumers, there are scads of music discovery services out there, just waiting to help you make adventurous decisions. In fact, according to a new [survey](#) from Orpheus Media Research, 54% of music lovers surveyed have used such a service. Mashable has gone ahead and assembled an impressive menu below of such services, one that's sure to satisfy both casual diners and gluttons alike."...

Mashable, Mar. 28

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Publishing

[New Project MUSE venture](#)

Project MUSE, the online journals collection managed by the Johns Hopkins University Press, recently announced a partnership with the [University Press e-book Consortium](#) to create an extensive online collection of scholarly book content. The University Press Content Consortium will launch January 1, 2012, and initially will allow as many as 30,000 e-books—both new and backlisted titles—from an anticipated 60 to 70 university and nonprofit scholarly presses to be searched and used in an integrated environment with content from the nearly 500 journals currently on MUSE....

Johns Hopkins University Gazette, Mar. 28; Project MUSE



[2011 Tower Hamlets YA book list](#)

The Tower Hamlets Schools (London) Library Service has issued the 2011 edition ([PDF file](#)) of its annotated book list, showcasing 40 of the best books for teens published in paperback in the past year. The books were selected and evaluated by the district's library service staff and secondary school librarians. The list covers as diverse a range of subjects, genres, authors, and interests as possible....

Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service, Mar. 29



[A comic book lover's guide to going digital](#)

Whitson Gordon writes: "Digital movies and music have become almost the norm these days, but digital comics are a bit rarer to come across. It isn't as easy to find a good source of digital comics, a reader for your favorite platform, or an easy way to keep it all organized. We will lay out some of the best ways to get started going digital with your collection, so you don't have to spend hours scouring Google."...

io9, Mar. 25



[Sign up for a poem a day in April](#)

Publishers and booksellers have traditionally set aside April as the official month to focus attention on poetry and its contribution to our culture. For the past 10 years, Knopf has sent out a free poem from one of its distinguished poets each day during the month of April in celebration of poetry month. Visit the [Knopf Doubleday Poem-a-Day website](#) to learn more about the poems and poets and to sign up for this year's poem-a-day email. Watch the [video](#) (0:37)....

YouTube, Mar. 22

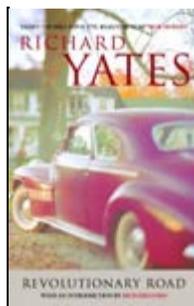


[What books would you pass on to the next generation?](#)

Author Kate Mosse writes: "Word of mouth is still one

of the most effective ways of promoting good writing, even in these days of e-books and downloads. To honor that, the Orange Prize for Fiction has [joined forces](#) with Vintage Classics to ask 100 people to name the one book they would pass on to the next generation—their so-called inheritance classic. The choices are fascinating.”...

The Guardian (U.K.), Mar. 28



[Betsy Bird at Bologna](#)

Betsy Bird writes: “After just a single hour of experiencing the Bologna Book Fair up close and personal, I couldn’t help but come to the unavoidable conclusion that should I find myself with millions of dollars burning holes in my pockets, I would personally make it my mission to send every willing children’s librarian to Bologna to experience what I just went through. People who are truly passionate about children’s literature and yet lack any and all buying and selling power will have an entirely different experience from their publishing brethren. In short: We can have more fun.”...

School Library Journal: A Fuse #8 Production, Mar. 29



[The future of books](#) (satire)

James Warner writes: “In 2060, physical books will make a comeback in annoying contexts. As printed matter gets harder to obtain, *Antiquarian Archipelago* will become a popular infotainment show, starring heavily armed archivists who teleport from island to island in search of rare gems. Meanwhile, new printed works will continue to be released—in the form of dust jackets made from edible fungi—as faux-antique treasures at Renaissance Fairs and related nostalgic historical reenactments.”...

McSweeney’s Internet Tendency, Mar.

[28 vintage book club mailers](#)

Hillary Buckholtz writes: “Remember book fairs in elementary school, when the cafeteria was transformed into a magical young-adult Barnes and Noble? Those were the days. But how did you get your lit fix in between book fairs? Book flyers and newsletters from Teach, of course, from Scholastic and Troll, advertising the latest offerings from *The Baby-Sitters Club* or *Choose Your Own Adventure*. Admit it, you hoarded these flyers in your room, painstakingly circling and starring the ones you wanted.”...

URLesque, Mar. 23



Actions & Answers

[Earthquake damage at Tohoku University](#)

Steven Bell writes: “Tomoe Hanzawa is the librarian at the Science and Engineering Library at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan. She reported that she and her colleagues had survived the March 11 earthquake and were safe. While Tohoku University was spared the



complete destruction that occurred in other cities owing to its more northern location, there was still extensive damage to the campus. Tomoe shared a few photos with me so I could get a sense of the damage at her library." Ryuichiro Takahashi of Tokyo Gakugei University Library offers information from [other sources](#)....

ACRLog, Mar. 29: 29-Day Giving Challenge, Mar. 28

Privacy: Facebook's Achilles' heel

Dennis O'Reilly writes: "The folks who run Facebook are making money hand over fist, and all they have to do is sit back and watch as the people who comprise their product volunteer tons of incredibly personal information. Then they sell access to that information to any advertiser or other business who wants it. Facebook claims the information they surrender to these companies is anonymous, but it's not. Companies can combine the 'anonymized' information from your profile with personal data gleaned from tracking cookies and other online traces to create dossiers about you that offer a level of personal detail the National Security Agency would envy."...

CNET News: Workers' Edge, Mar. 28

Filter this: Point / counterpoint

Audrey Barbakoff writes: "Libraries are complicit in one of the most extensive censorship campaigns in history. Every single day, we prevent people from accessing content that makes us uncomfortable . . . online. We take the single greatest advance in the open dissemination of ideas since the printing press and slap filters on it. I just don't understand how librarians can allow and encourage patrons to read books full of graphic sex and violence while simultaneously denying them the opportunity to access the same content online." Ahniwa Ferrari begs to differ....

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Mar. 25



Reforma launches new website

Reforma, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking, has launched a redesigned website along with new association-management software from Timberlake. The project was spearheaded by J. Carlos Rodriguez, associate dean of technology and information services at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan....

Reforma, Mar. 25

The secret CIA office at the Library of Congress

Glenna Hall writes: "During my five-year stint at the Library of Congress, I worked for several obscure non-library-service outfits, one of which was funded by the CIA. At that time, in the late 1960s and early 1970s, there were numerous peculiar units stuck around LC—in basements, in the stacks, in odd corners. (For almost a year, another group I worked for was tucked away beneath the gorgeous ceiling of the Great Hall during a major overhaul of the Reading Room.) Why was all this stuff located there? Well, that's where the books were."...

The Atlantic, Mar. 23



Global library statistics

Stephen Abram writes: "Larry Olszewski, director of the OCLC Library, created the

[Global Library Statistics](#) page for the use of the entire library community. The service was originally a joint project of OCLC Research and the OCLC Library, and Research has contributed to its development. They've covered statistics for the total number of libraries, librarians, volumes, expenditures, and users for every country and territory in the world broken down into the major library types."...

Stephen's Lighthouse, Mar. 27



[What kind of school bond measures win?](#)

Sean Cavanagh writes: "Every year, in cities and towns across the country, local governments ask voters to approve special bond measures for schools to provide cash infusions for projects that officials argue are beyond the scope of their normal budgets. But what kinds of school bond measures win voters' approval most often? And what items tend to go down to defeat?"...

Education Week, Mar. 29

[Love in the library](#)

English teacher Tressie Norton and University of Tennessee Knoxville Associate Professor of Adolescent Literacy Sterg Botzakis received the most votes for their engagement session concept, "Love in the Library," earning them a win in the Alex Bee Studio's photo idea contest. Much of the session took place at the John C. Hodges Library on the UTK campus....

Alex Bee Studio, Mar. 27



[Library of the Living Dead](#) (PDF file)

The Miller Library at McPherson (Kans.) College has released a guide to its resources in a graphic novel format "in an effort to connect with its students in an interesting and unique way." Created by writer, artist, and Assistant Librarian C. Michael Hall, and writer and Director of Library Services Matt Upson, the *Library of the Living Dead* shows how Miller Library has everything students need to survive a zombie apocalypse....

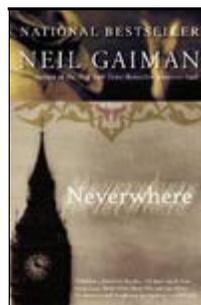
Miller Library, McPherson College



[One Book, One Chicago](#)

Angela Hanshaw writes: "I had to highlight my local library system for choosing a novel by Neil Gaiman for its [2011 One Book, One Chicago](#) citywide reading program. (It also helps that they're offering a wide variety of interesting programming to go with the usual book discussions.) *Neverwhere* tells the story of Richard Mayhew, a London office worker whose decision to help a young girl forces him on a quest in her world, London Below. Chicago Public Library has teamed up with a number of partners to bring something of interest to everyone."...

Programming Librarian, Mar. 29



[Seven words or phrases never to say or](#)

[write again](#)

Roy Tennant writes: "We all have our pet peeves, so here are some of mine, many of which were sparked by ideas from the Twitterverse. These are words that in our opinion long ago outlived their usefulness, especially in a digital library realm, but that we still can't seem to shake. So say it with me, 'We solemnly swear to never let these words or phrases escape our lips or typing fingers for as long as we shall live.' There. Now it wasn't all that difficult, was it?"...

Library Journal: Digital Libraries, Mar. 17



[Get caught listening, and win](#)

Mary Burkey writes: "Need an audiobook promotion for your library? Why not piggyback with the Audio Publishers



Association's Get Caught Listening contest? The [application](#) deadline is May 15. Participants create a fun and engaging three-minute-or-less video promoting audiobooks to try for a batch of great prizes, from Audible.com subscriptions to a \$5,000 grand prize, with \$1,000 and \$2,000 prizes as well."...

Booklist Online: Audiobooker, Mar. 16

[Purported law student slams Wake Forest law librarians](#)

Elie Mystal writes: "Someone who claimed to be a Wake Forest law student and called himself or herself 'Wes Law' apparently woke up this morning with a bug up the ass. The object of pain was apparently the law librarians at Wake Law. And so the supposed student asked a rhetorical question: 'Is there someone who can please explain why do we even have librarians at this law school anymore, and to what purpose they serve?'" The email went viral and has prompted some responses....

Above the Law, Mar. 24

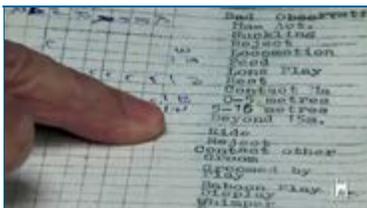
[Three New York research libraries join forces](#)

The New York Public Library and the libraries of Columbia University and New York University have launched an initiative to expand collections and better serve their users. The collaboration, dubbed the Manhattan Research Library Initiative (MaRLI), will help the institutions increase access to research collections, increase use of specialized collections, and stretch collection dollars for research resources....

New York Public Library, Mar. 17

[Jane Goodall archive comes to Duke University](#)

Begun by Jane Goodall and carried forward by generations of the world's leading primatologists, an irreplaceable collection of data from 50 years of observations of chimpanzees in Tanzania



is now being curated and digitized by researchers at Duke University so that it can become even more useful to science. Duke has established a new research center to house and manage the archive, which is owned by the Jane Goodall Institute. Anne Pusey, chair of evolutionary anthropology at the university, will run the project, which will be known as the Jane Goodall Institute Research Center. Watch the [video](#) (4:57)....

Duke University, Mar. 27; YouTube, Mar. 25

[Cornell rescues early American trial pamphlets](#)

A fascinating bit of legal history involving Lizzie Borden, John Brown, and Lincoln's assassins will soon be preserved and digitized, thanks to a recent grant awarded to Cornell University Library. With \$155,700 from the Save America's Treasures grant program, the library will restore a collection of mass-produced pamphlets from the late 17th century to the late 19th century. Cornell Law Library purchased the Trials Pamphlet Collection in 1927, when the 321 pamphlets were bound together before knowledge about proper preservation techniques....

Cornell University Library, Mar. 29

[Images of law libraries](#)

Mike Widener writes: "The Law Librarians of New England are meeting March 17 at the Yale Law School. In honor of their visit, I've posted a new gallery in our Flickr site, [Law Libraries](#), with images of both real and imaginary law libraries. On the right is one of my favorites, the frontispiece for the 1743 edition of a popular legal bibliography, *Bibliotheca iuris selecta* by Burkhard Gotthelf von Struve (1671–1738). It's interesting to note that a direct descendent of the author, Henry Clay von Struve (1874–1933), became the first full-time law librarian of the University of Texas Law Library, in 1895."...

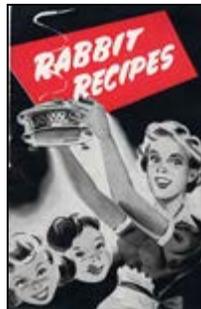
Yale Law Library Rare Books Blog, Mar. 17



[Rare cookbooks from Monash University](#)

Nancy Mattoon writes: "A new [exhibit](#) at Monash University Library in Melbourne, Australia, consists of a stellar collection of rare books that provide access to an essential aspect of the homemaker's secret world: food preparation. As Alexandra Michell's introduction to the show notes, 'Because we must eat to live, food is therefore an absolute daily necessity, as well as the way in which we celebrate friendships, gatherings, and all sorts of special events . . . cookbooks document the history of food, giving us an insight into its availability and popularity at different times and in different cultures.'"...

Booktryst, Mar. 29



[Emory's new Digital Humanities Center](#)

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded a two-year \$695,000 grant to the Emory University Libraries in Atlanta to establish a cutting-edge, collaborative digital humanities center. The plan calls for a Digital Scholarship Commons that will establish a site for transdisciplinary collaboration, drawing faculty members and graduate students into new collaborative working relationships with librarians, and launching four projects that will draw on the library's collections and services....

Emory University, Mar. 28

[Inside Prague's Strahov Monastery Library](#)

Evan Rail writes: "On a brisk but beautiful February afternoon, Jeffrey Martin and his robotic camera stand inside one of the Czech capital's most gawk-worthy attractions: the gloriously decorated Philosophical Hall, a Baroque reading room in the city's 868-year-old [Strahov Monastery library](#). Later he'll merge a few



thousand of these pictures into what he's calling the world's largest indoor photograph: a 40-gigapixel, 360-degree image of the hall that weighs in at 283 GB. His [panorama](#), released March 29, is a zoomable, high-resolution peek inside a repository of rare books that is usually off-limits to tourists."...

Wired: Underwire, Mar. 29

MARC printed documentation

The Network Development and MARC Standards Office is considering some changes in the publication of the MARC 21 Format documentation. It is ready to act and is proposing not to print any of the full-format documents (Bibliographic, Authority, Holdings, Classification, Community Information) but it would like the community to have an opportunity to voice any concerns....

Catalogablog, Mar. 25

Carnegie's first academic library

Larry Nix writes: "Although Andrew Carnegie is most noted for his philanthropy as it relates to public library buildings, he also provided funding for the construction of 108 academic libraries in the United States. I was reminded of this by the postcard shown on the right, which has the caption: 'First Carnegie Library built west of Mississippi River and first one built on any college campus.' Although the postcard doesn't identify the college where the library is located, with some research I was able to place the library in Emporia, Kansas. The date given on the postcard for its construction is 1901."...



Library History Buff Blog, Mar. 29

Edible Book Festivals nourish creativity

The International Edible Book Festival is an annual global event usually held on or around April 1. Initiated by Judith A. Hoffberg and Béatrice Coron in 2000, the event allows culinary artists to interpret popular book titles and characters in edible form. Libraries participating this year include [Duke University](#), the [University of Texas School of Information](#), the [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#), [Santa Barbara City College](#), and the [Topeka and Shawnee County \(Kans.\) Public Library](#)....



The Independent (U.K.), Mar. 25

Information literacy in Colombia

The Information Literacy Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions has published a "State of the Art" report ([PDF file](#)) on information literacy developments in Colombian libraries and universities. The report identifies information literacy as an emerging trend in the country's institutions of higher education over the past five years....

IFLA Information Literacy Section, Mar. 23

[Six places to read old newspapers online](#)

Saikat Basu writes: "It might be old and stale, but dated news still has its uses. It's not only about history (say, how did the Great Depression happen and how does it relate to the recent recession?) but it also has practical applications for genealogists. Thanks to digitization, we no longer have to search haphazardly through reams of newsprint. All we need is a search engine and of course, a site that lets you read old newspapers. Here are six."...

MakeUseOf, Mar. 30



[Superstar librarian in "Readers' Advisory"](#)

LIS students at the University of Toronto demonstrate the art and science of readers' advisory in this [video](#) (4:57) produced for an "Introduction to Reference" course. The actors and crew are Jackie Flowers, Christina Flagiello, Kristin Sztuka, and Michelle Lovegrove Thomson. Remember, "one of the best things about being a superstar children's librarian is being able to offer kick-butt readers' advisory services to children and their parents."...

YouTube, Mar. 26



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