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## American Libraries Online

### [American Libraries launches E-Content blog](#)

Keeping up with the many varieties of digital content—and how libraries can offer them to their patrons—just got easier. *American Libraries* has launched an “[E-Content](#)” blog that provides information on ebooks, e-readers, e-journals, databases, digital libraries, digital repositories, and other e-content issues. E-Content is administered by Christopher Harris (above), director of the School Library System for the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership in New York State. The blog complements the new [section on E-Content](#) that appears in the weekly e-newsletter *American Libraries Direct* and focuses on similar issues....

*American Libraries*, Oct. 3



### [National Book Festival stacks up as record-breaker](#)

Mark Hartsell writes: “Like a good book, the 11th annual National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., September 24–25, took readers to places they had never been before. The new expanded two-day schedule of events, record roster of writers, and new pavilions reflected recent literary trends. With the theme ‘Celebrate the Joys of Reading Aloud,’ the festival drew a record 200,000 fans to the National Mall for a weekend of discussion, music, laughter, humidity, and talks by 112 authors—also a record.”...

*American Libraries* feature



### [Dispatches from the Field: Using web analytics well](#)

Kate Marek writes: “Are your website visitors doing what you expect them to do or what you want them to do? Are they following the path you thought they would follow when you designed your menu system? Are visitors to your digital-library page finding the link to historical photos of your city or the university’s archival images? These are some of the questions you should be able to answer by using a web analytics program.”...



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American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.

## Happy 135th, ALA!

**Q.** What were the forces behind the founding conference of the American Library Association? **A.** Then, as now, the impetus to get together was to improve library services, or to use the language of the time, to promote “efficiency and economy in library work.” After much correspondence (and telegrams) a printed call was sent to about 1,000 libraries and librarians. Meeting in conjunction with the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876 made sense, and a “Convention of Librarians” was held October 4–6 at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Oct. 5



## Bulgarian librarians grapple with modernization

Leonard Kniffel writes: “Some 80 librarians from every region of Bulgaria gathered September 29–30 in the city of Shumen to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the birth of Stoyan Chilingirov, a prominent Bulgarian author of books about history, ethnography, and folklore and an early library advocate. Sponsored by the Shumen Regional Library, Shumen University, and the municipality itself, the conference also highlighted the latest efforts of Bulgarian librarians to modernize library service.”...

AL: Global Reach, Oct. 3



## Currents

In September, **Elsworth Rockefeller** (right) was named adult and teen services manager at Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library. **Margaret Jane Bruff Lord**, 92, a teacher and librarian for 35 years in Washington state schools, died July 18. In October, **Stephen Day** is retiring as director of the New Albany–Floyd County (Ind.) Public Library....



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## ALA News

### Midwinter housing and registration now open

[Registration](#) and housing for the [ALA Midwinter Meeting](#), held January 20–24, 2012, in Dallas, Texas, opened October 3. The 2012 Midwinter Meeting promises key conversations about the transformation and future of libraries, as well as events, exhibits, and sessions offering immediately applicable information that will benefit attendees’ careers and libraries....

Conference Services, Oct. 4



### Beekman 1802 Heirloom Recipe Contest

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**MIDWEST TAPE**  
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[Kindergarten Magic:](#)

ALA, through a new relationship with Sterling Epicure, publishers of *The Beekman 1802 Heirloom Cookbook*, is supporting the [Beekman 1802 Heirloom Recipe Contest](#) held in honor of the book's release. The contest will offer library patrons a chance to win an all-expense-paid trip to meet the book's authors, Planet Green reality-TV stars Josh Kilmer-Purcell and Brent Ridge. All entries ([PDF file](#)) must be received by November 1....

Public Information Office, Oct. 4



### [Win a gaming gear package from DEMCO](#)

DEMCO is again giving away a gaming gear package to one lucky library that participates in National Gaming Day 2011. To qualify, [register](#) for National Gaming Day, download the contest entry form ([PDF file](#)), participate in gaming events on November 12, and send in the form by December 14. The gaming gear package is worth more than \$3,000, and includes a DEMCO Triple Play Kiosk, a 42-inch LCD TV, and an Xbox 360 Kinect Bundle....

National Gaming Day @ your library, Oct. 5



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

Twelve-year-old Kelsey Willems will soon be on her way to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, thanks to the resources at her school library and some quality family time with her father. In the grand prize drawing for the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program, Baseball Hall of Fame Library Director Jim Gates pulled Willems's entry from the 1,000 eligible entries that baseball fans nationwide sent in over the spring and summer....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Oct. 4

### [Some final thoughts on Banned Books Week](#)

Will Manley writes: "Banned Books Week ended October 1. I will miss it. Over the years, it has become an effective catalyst for creating a conversation about precisely why libraries are important. What Banned Books Week teaches us is that libraries are important because books are important. Books contain ideas, and ideas can be very powerful. That is why some people want certain books banned."...

Will Unwound, Oct. 1

### [Call for proposals for the ALA Research Series](#)

The ALA Office for Research and Statistics invites book proposals for the peer-reviewed ALA Research Series. The series expands the knowledge base of library research by publishing accessible and practical analysis that addresses topics of importance to libraries, librarians, and professional educators. Proposals for complete monographs and articles toward an edited volume are both welcome. All [submissions](#) must be received electronically by November 28....

Office for Research and Statistics, Oct. 4

### [Free webinar on library job hunting tactics](#)

Hone your job-hunting skills in a free interactive

### [Theme-Based Lessons for Building Literacy and Library Skills](#)

by Kathy MacMillan and Christine Kirker, is a time-saving program planner for librarians and classroom teachers alike that includes everything you need to get started—reading lists, flannelboard patterns, poems, songs, easy crafts, even take-home activities to extend the learning process. Both veterans and novices will find plenty to help make kindergarten days richer, more rewarding, and more fun. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

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



#### [National Book Festival](#)

#### [Dispatches from the Field](#)

#### [Rousing Reads](#)

#### [E-Content](#)

#### [Censorship Watch](#)

#### [Currents](#)

#### [Perpetual Beta](#)

#### [Inside Scoop](#)

webinar with Jeannette Woodward, author of [A Librarian's Guide to an Uncertain Job Market](#) (ALA Editions, 2011). As a seasoned administrator with experience in both academic and public libraries, Woodward will focus on the application package, the interviewing process and the distinguishing features of how libraries recruit. The webinar will take place October 10 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Register [here](#)....

ALA Editions, Oct. 3



[Ask the ALA Librarian](#)

[Solutions and Services](#)

[AL Focus](#)

### [RDA Toolkit virtual events](#)

ALA Publishing's Digital Reference is introducing two new ways to learn about the *RDA Toolkit* and prepare for implementation of RDA: Resource Description and Access. These free and open virtual events are designed to help introduce users to the *RDA Toolkit*, keep up-to-date with changes and enhancements, and share ideas and best practices as they get up and running....

ALA Publishing, Oct. 4

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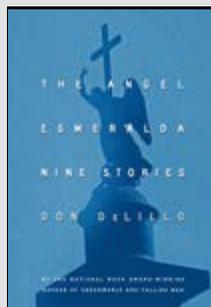


## Booklist ONLINE

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

DeLillo, Don. *The Angel Esmerelda: Nine Stories*. Nov. 2011. 224p. Scribner, hardcover (978-1-4516-5584-1).

After 15 reverberating novels, DeLillo, winner of the National Book Award and the PEN/Saul Bellow Prize, to name but two of his honors, assembles his first short story collection. In tales dating from 1979 to 2011, DeLillo is prescient and timeless, commanding and sensitive. A recurring motif involves individuals ensnared in mysterious dialectics. In each trenchant tale, DeLillo shows us that we are made of stories and that our quest for anchorage in safe harbors is a grand illusion. This towering collection builds in the mind like a mighty cumulonimbus lit by lightning flashes and scored with thunder....



### [Following series fiction](#)

Joyce Saricks writes: "No one knows more about series than readers'-advisory librarians who

work with adult fiction readers. Only literary fiction authors seem to shun series. But name a genre, and you can almost guarantee readers that there will be a wealth of series for fans to enjoy. While I'm certain this is really a publishing stratagem to create an audience for each year's new title, I know as a



## Great Libraries of the World



### [Strahov Monastery Library](#)

Prague, Czech Republic. This library dates back to the establishment of the Premonstratensian abbey in 1143, although most of its collections were plundered by the Swedish army in 1648 at the end of the Thirty Years' War. After the Peace of Westphalia, the monastery's books were housed in the [Theological Hall](#) built in 1671–1679, a splendid Baroque room with a beautifully ornate ceiling painted by Siard Nosecký; the room is now lined with astronomical globes and displays a facsimile of the 9th-century Strahov New Testament with its bejeweled 17th-century binding. The expanding collections required the construction of additional space, completed in 1783–

reader that it works. Far too well—it's almost impossible to stop reading a series, because we want to know what happens to the characters. Some of us have been known to rail against authors who kill off characters we love or, even worse, end the series. Only the death of the author is an adequate excuse to stop. Almost no series continued by another author really works, not even among authors who write from the grave."...

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

## Division News

### [AASL to present briefing on SKILLS Act](#)

On October 17, representatives of AASL will present a congressional briefing to advocate for the inclusion of the Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLS) Act in the upcoming Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization hearings. Presented in conjunction with Rep. Rush Holt (D-N.J.), the briefing's presenters include Carl Harvey, Donna L. Haye, William A. Mayer, Kathy Mortimer, and Connie Williams. School librarians and school library stakeholders are encouraged to support the work of the congressional briefing by contacting their members of Congress and urging them to attend....

AASL, Oct. 4

### [Banned Websites Awareness Day activities](#)

Students at Silver Creek High School in Longmont, Colorado, held a "graffiti debate" on censorship September 28: Should schools block websites? On sheets of white butcher paper hanging in the library, they wrote lists of the pros and cons of online access. New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois, surveyed students about blocked websites after loosening its own internet filters this year. These and other efforts marked AASL's first [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#)....

*New York Times*, Sept. 28

### [ACRL e-Learning call for proposals](#)

ACRL is now accepting proposal submissions for the ACRL e-Learning program. Submissions are being accepted for live webcasts and asynchronous online courses. Proposals must be submitted via the online submission form by November 1. The full [call for proposals](#), including a link to the submission form, is online....

ACRL, Oct. 4

### [Get the scoop on STEM this week](#)

YALSA is featuring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education in its monthly YA Forum discussion, held for members this month in [ALA Connect](#). Through October 7, YALSA members are encouraged to check in to the discussion forum and ask questions and contribute to the ongoing discussion....

YALSA, Oct. 3

### [Make QR Codes work at your library](#)

To learn how you can effectively use QR Codes at your library, join YALSA for its October 20 webinar, "What Is That Thing? Making QR Codes Work at Your Library." Jennifer Velasquez, teen services librarian at the San Antonio Public Library, will lead the discussion. [Registration](#) is now open....

1797 and known as the [Philosophical Hall](#), where Franz Anton Maulbertsch painted a ceiling fresco in six months in 1794 with the help of just one assistant. The richly gilded and carved walnut bookcases are the work of carpenter Jan Lahofer. The highest rows of books are only accessible from a gallery; hidden spiral staircases, masked with false book spines, lead up to the corners of the gallery. An adjacent [Cabinet of Curiosities](#) features the preserved remains of an extinct dodo bird, sea fauna, insects, minerals, handcuffs, and Hussite peasant weapons. In 1953, the library was nationalized as a Museum of National Literature, and the monastic archives, music collection, picture gallery, and exhibits were dispersed to other state institutions. Soon after 1989, following the collapse of state communism, the library was returned to the monks.



### [Vyšší Brod Monastery Library](#)

Vyšší Brod, Czech Republic. Established in 1750, the collection in this Rococo Cistercian library contains parchment manuscripts going back to the 8th

YALSA, Oct. 4

### [Free ALCTS webinars for LIS students and faculty](#)

ALCTS has announced that LIS students who are student members of ALA may again register this year for any ALCTS webinar free of charge. Students who wish to take advantage of this offer need to be current student members of ALA and [register in advance](#) for the webinars in which they are interested. Faculty must contact the ALCTS office in advance to make arrangements....

ALCTS, Oct. 4

### [Complimentary Knowledge Quest webinar](#)

To mark the launch of the expanded *Knowledge Quest* website, AASL will present the first of its [Knowledge Quest webinar](#) series complimentary to all attendees on October 11. This new series of webinars will explore topics related to the editorial theme of the most recent *Knowledge Quest* and be presented by the authors featured in the issue....

AASL, Oct. 4

### [PLDS switches to PLAmetrics](#)

The online Public Library Data Service provider has changed. The PLDS database is now hosted at [PLAmetrics](#). Current subscribers to the online database will receive an email containing new information about access to PLAmetrics. Contact PLA at (800) 545-2433, ext. 5752, if you have questions regarding access to PLAmetrics....

PLA Blog, Oct. 3

## Awards & Grants

### [2012 ALA scholarship application now online](#)

ALA has more than \$300,000 for students who are studying library science or school library media at the master's degree level. Scholarships typically range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. The [application](#) and [instructions](#) are available online. The application deadline is March 1, 2012....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Oct. 4

### [LITA scholarships](#)

Applications are being accepted for three LITA scholarships: Christian Larew Memorial Scholarship, LSSI Minority Scholarship, and OCLC Minority Scholarship. The scholarships are designed to encourage the entry of qualified persons into the library technology field. The deadline is March 1, 2012. Application forms and instructions are available [online](#)....

LITA, Oct. 5

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

To recognize individuals, families, or corporations that have made major gifts to libraries, ALTAFF awards the [Major Benefactor Citation](#). The Major Benefactor Citation comes with a plaque for the library and a plaque for the donor. Libraries may apply for the citation at any time....

ALTAFF, Oct. 4

### [Deadline extended for National Library Week grant](#)

This National Library Week, celebrate the ways your library provides a place where everyone belongs. U.S. libraries of all types are encouraged to [apply](#) for \$3,000 to support their National Library

century. The reading room is decorated with frescos and topped with a ceiling adorned with gold leaf.

**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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### [Head of Acquisitions.](#)

Sims Memorial Library, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond. The head of acquisitions is responsible for planning and administration of monograph acquisitions; supervises and participates in pre-order verification, ordering, claiming, receiving, and paying of invoices; oversees approval plans;

Week activities. The deadline for the 2012 grant has been extended to October 28....

Public Information Office, Oct. 4

### [Chicago's YOUmedia program: A Boeing Game Changer](#)

Chicago Public Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey (right) accepted the 2011 Boeing Game Changer Award September 28 for the library's YOUmedia program in a brief ceremony at the Harold Washington Library Center. Established by Boeing in 2007, the award recognizes innovative leaders and community programs that are making a significant impact on Chicago's diverse communities. The YOUmedia program is a unique learning space for high school students that connects young adults, books, media, adult mentors, and institutions throughout Chicago....

Chicago Public Library, Sept. 28



### [Kalamazoo wins state history award](#)

Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Library has won a State History Award in the Communications: Newsletters and Websites category for the [All About Kalamazoo History](#) section of its Local History website. The section features nearly 600 interconnected web pages and covers more than 20 categories. The Historical Society of Michigan presented its 2011 State History Awards at its conference, September 23–25, in Traverse City....

Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Library, Oct. 5



### [Library helper named San Diego's Outstanding Youth Volunteer](#)

Armando Herrera (right), 15, a dedicated volunteer and youth leader at the Logan Heights branch of the San Diego (Calif.) Public Library, has been named the city's 2011 Outstanding Youth Volunteer by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Herrera will be honored for his broad community impact at a special awards ceremony on November 1 for National Philanthropy Day....

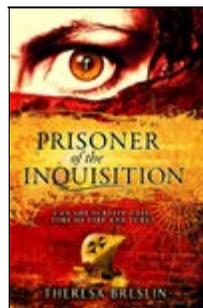
San Diego Public Library Foundation, Aug. 16



### [Young Quills Awards for Historical Fiction](#)

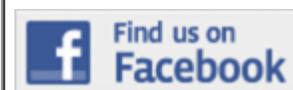
The UK Historical Association announced the 2011 winners of its Young Quills Awards for Historical Fiction on September 28: *The Sacred Scarab* by Gill Harvey (Bloomsbury), a novel set in ancient Egypt; and *Prisoner of the Inquisition* by Theresa Breslin (Doubleday), set in 15th-century Spain. The awards were introduced two years ago in recognition of the important role that fiction can play in introducing children and young people to history....

Historical Association, Sept. 28



### [Fugitive writer wins Basque literary award](#)

develops business relationships with vendors and publishers; monitors and evaluates vendor performance; manages gifts and donations; works closely with library administration in monitoring the library's budget, and formulates acquisitions policies and procedures. Supervises the work of two library specialists and student workers in the acquisitions area and promotes staff development....



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



#### The [Pasadena Digital History Collaboration](#)

is a consortium of cultural institutions in Pasadena, California. Its unites efforts to bring Pasadena history to life by preserving, documenting, and providing access to digitized historical materials through a single, open-access point for the public.

Joseba Sarrionandia, a convicted member of the armed Basque separatists group ETA who has been on the run since 1985, was awarded the Euskadi Literatura 2011 Award for his book of essays in the Basque language, *Moroak gara behelaino artean?*, on October 3. The Basque regional government is [withholding](#) his €18,000 (\$23,900 U.S.) prize until he turns himself in....

Euskal Irrati Telebista, Oct. 3; CBC News, Oct. 4



## 2011 Ig Nobel Prize in Literature

The annual Ig Nobel Prizes honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think. The prizes were announced September 29 and are intended to celebrate the unusual and honor the imaginative. The winner in the Literature category was Professor of Philosophy John Perry of Stanford University for his Theory of Structured Procrastination, which says: "To be a high achiever, always work on something important, using it as a way to avoid doing something that's even more important." It was first published in "[How to Procrastinate and Still Get Things Done](#)" in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 23, 1996....

Improbable Research, Sept. 29



## Seen Online

### [The Occupy Wall Street Library](#)

Alexia Nader writes: "On the morning of Day 12 of the [Occupy Wall Street](#) protest, a few people are waving signs and shouting slogans. Mostly, though, everyone is just hanging out. They take naps, play board games, and pick up books from the haphazardly organized library that occupies a



bench on the side of Zuccotti Park in Lower Manhattan. The library was organized by poet and LIS graduate Betsy Fagin, a Brooklyn resident who felt the ongoing protest needed a proper library. Protesters, bystanders, and even Wall Streeters have been stopping by the park with stacks of books to donate." The [library](#), open around the clock, now has a [blog](#) and is accepting [book donations](#)....

*New Yorker*: The Book Bench, Sept. 29; Book Patrol, Sept. 28, 30; Occupy Wall Street Library; GalleyCat, Oct. 4

### [Former Archives employee admits stealing recordings](#)

A former long-time National Archives employee admitted in federal court October 4 that he stole nearly 1,000 audio recordings that he stashed at his Rockville, Maryland, home, selling some of them on eBay under the user name "hi-fi\_gal." Leslie C. Waffin, 66, who was chief of the Archives' audiovisual holdings, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Greenbelt to embezzlement of government property. Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero issued a [statement](#) on

The Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena Museum of History, Pasadena City College, and Huntington Library so far have placed more than 4,000 photographs and documents in the collection. In addition to a searchable database, the site features special collections on topics such as the Tournament of Roses and Busch Gardens, the sprawling former winter estate of brewing magnate Adolphus Busch. The group also uses Flickr to maintain [a gallery of mystery photos](#), inviting the public to help date and identify them.

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



## Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

**"The librarians [at Southwest Harbor (Maine) Public Library] knew who he was. As I would learn, over the year that he was missing, they were his**

the case....

*Washington Post*, Oct. 4; National Archives, Oct. 4

### [Major copyright case against UCLA dismissed](#)

Michael Kelley writes: "A federal judge in Los Angeles on October 1 dismissed a closely watched copyright case against the University of California, Los Angeles, ruling that the plaintiffs lacked standing to sue and that sovereign immunity and the university's explicit licensing agreement afforded the defendants protection from charges. The ruling in *AIME v. Regents of UCLA* ([PDF file](#)), while clearly a win for the University of California and university officials (including Sharon Farb, UCLA's associate university librarian for collection management and scholarly communication), was seen as less than a robust victory for fair use."...

*Library Journal*, Oct. 4

### [New West Hollywood branch gets high marks](#)

Critics are calling the new West Hollywood branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library one of the most impressive works of public architecture in the region in the past decade. The 32,000-square foot branch, six times larger than the old one, [opened](#) October 2, the result of a partnership between the county system that operates it and the city, which paid for its construction. It includes long expanses of floor-to-ceiling glass, bands of marble, rooftop tennis courts, a bookstore, murals by street artists, and the [WeHo city council chambers](#)....

*Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 28, Oct. 1; *LA Observed*, Oct. 3



### [San Francisco libraries are thriving](#)

Book lovers say it's nothing to keep quiet about: San Francisco's libraries are thriving. In the past six years, nearly two dozen new and renovated branch libraries throughout the city have opened their doors. With three more to go, the largest capital improvement project in the library's history is coming to an end. And a happy ending seems assured: Checked-out materials and visits, already in the millions, are on the rise....

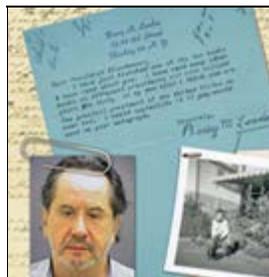
*San Francisco Chronicle*, Oct. 3



### [The case of the disappearing documents](#)

Ellen Gamerman writes: "At age 10, Barry Landau wrote a letter to Dwight D. Eisenhower, admiring his 'very beautiful' wife and offering his assessment of where the general stood in the country's pantheon of great leaders. The boy got a card back from the White House, triggering a lifelong love of historical documents and a passion for accumulating them. He has since built what his lawyer calls the world's largest private collection of American presidential memorabilia. Now he's under house arrest, and items from his prized collection have been seized by federal agents in a case that has rocked the tight-knit world of historical-document collectors."...

*Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 30



**watchers. They helped him pay bills; they talked and joked with him; they gave him a home away from home. When he went missing, they sounded the alarm, put up flyers, and placed a candle in his reading nook."**

—Blogger Cherie, in a tribute to [Pete Peterson](#), a 61-year-old man with developmental disabilities in Southwest Harbor, Maine, who went missing for a year and whose remains were discovered in late September, [Beyond the Dooryard](#), Sept. 29.

@ [More quotes...](#)

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## [Probe finds documents missing from University of Vermont](#)

Several dozen historical documents, including papers signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and other presidents, went missing from the University of Vermont library in Burlington. Their disappearance came to light during an investigation of a rash of manuscript thefts along the East Coast. Jeffrey Marshall (above), head of special collections, said librarians received a call August 19 from an investigator for the National Archives asking them to examine several collections for items believed to have been targeted for theft. 67 documents were identified after investigators recovered hundreds of items from accused thief Barry Landau (see story above). Watch the [newscast](#) (2:10)....

*Burlington (Vt.) Free Press*, Oct. 4; WPTZ-TV, Plattsburgh, N.Y., Oct. 4



## [Yale University Library restructures staff](#)

Library staff knew Yale would bring a new university librarian to campus this academic year, but some were surprised to find their own roles in the library changed. For the first time in over 10 years, the library is undergoing a major reorganization of personnel in an effort to centralize library services. Since August, the responsibilities of about a dozen librarians have increased, while another dozen now report to different managers, University Librarian Susan Gibbons said....

*Yale Daily News*, Sept. 30

## [Longmont library wants funds for anti-bedbug furniture](#)

The Longmont (Colo.) Public Library is asking the city council for special funds to replace upholstered chairs with wooden seating, so it can steer clear of the bedbugs that hid out there in the summer. Replacing all the upholstered furniture would run about \$53,000, so Library Director Judith Anderson is only asking for \$5,174 for 12 wooden benches; the rest can be spread out over a three-year period....

*Boulder (Colo.) Daily Camera*, Oct. 3

## [Queens librarian sets the fashion in New York City](#)

From hip sneakers to designer dresses, four New Yorkers share their personal style mantras. One is Loida Garcia-Febo, coordinator of the New Americans program at Queens Library, who needs to maintain a professional appearance at work. She opts for comfortable dresses from big-name designers like Donna Karan and affordable retailers like Ann Taylor....

*New York Daily News*, Sept. 29

## [Books for Kids library established in Phoenix](#)

What once was a cramped, dilapidated house will serve as a lending library for nearly 200 low-income children in Phoenix, Arizona. Phoenix was chosen in May as the newest site for a library created and furnished by the Books for Kids Foundation, a national nonprofit organization that promotes literacy among low-income and at-risk preschool-age children by establishing libraries and donating books. The library opened at the Booker T. Washington Child Development Center on September 20. Other Books for Kids Foundation libraries [opened](#) in Wilmington, Delaware, and San Francisco in September....

*Phoenix Arizona Republic*, Sept. 28; Books for Kids, Sept. 12

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## [New York bookstore owner busts library thief](#)

A serial thief who repeatedly stole books from the New York Public Library and sold them to unwitting downtown stores was apprehended September 26 after a furious bookseller laid a trap for him. [Donald Davis](#) (right), owner of East Village Books at 99 St. Marks Place, said he had been fooled by Andrew Hansen, 27, before and was prepared this time around. Davis used some wrestling moves to prevent Hansen from leaving after he attempted to unoad some stolen property....



*New York Post*, Sept. 30; WCBS-TV, New York, Sept. 30

## [Court reinstates pension of convicted library official](#)

A Beverly (Mass.) Public Library employee who pled guilty to child pornography possession in 2009 is entitled to have his retirement allowance reinstated, a three-judge Appeals Court panel ruled September 30, overturning the judgment of lower courts on the grounds that his crimes were not directly related to his job. The ruling reinstates the pension of Thomas Scully, the library's former director of community service, who resigned in 2005 after police raided his home and discovered seven images of child pornography on his computer....

*Boston Herald*, Sept. 30

## [Rhode Island library refuses to go quietly](#)

In a losing battle to avoid bankruptcy this year, parts of the square-mile city of Central Falls, Rhode Island, became expendable, including the Adams Memorial Library. But some residents refused to give it up. On August 1, the library reopened with limited hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and its reference and checkout desks were staffed by a rotating band of volunteers....

*New York Times*, Sept. 30

## ["This is not volunteering, it is blackmail"](#)

Surrey County Council in the UK [announced](#) September 27 that it would keep all of its 52 libraries open, but that 10 would be run by volunteers as community enterprises. The Surrey Libraries Action Movement, an umbrella organization for 10 of the Surrey library Friends groups, called the decision coercive. SLAM Press Officer Lee Godfrey charged, "This is not volunteering, it is blackmail: taking advantage of people's desire to nurture and protect their local community."...

i-volunteer, Sept. 28-29

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## Tech Talk

### [A new iPhone, with a personal assistant](#)

For its next act, Apple is turning the iPhone into a personal assistant. On October 4, the company unveiled a new version of the device, the [iPhone 4S](#), which comes with a "virtual assistant," Siri, that recognizes voice commands by users to schedule appointments, dictate text messages, and conduct web searches. Although the new phone is virtually indistinguishable on the outside from its predecessor,

Great Lakes E-Summit, Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 10-11, at:

[#glbs2011](#)

Minnesota Library Association, Annual Conference, Duluth, Oct. 12-14, at:

[#mnlib11](#)

Association of Internet Researchers, Annual Conference, Seattle, Oct. 10-13, at:

[#ir12](#)

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

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## Calendar

**Oct. 17-18:**

[Internet @ Schools West](#), Monterey (Calif.) Conference Center.

**Oct. 19-22:**

[XIII All-Russian Scientific Conference](#), Voronezh. "Digital Libraries: Advanced Methods and Technologies, Digital Collections."

**Oct. 20-22:**

[Academy of American Poets](#), Poets Forum, New York City. Discussions, readings, lectures, and literary walking tours of Manhattan. Ticket information for the various events is available on the website.

**Oct. 22-26:**

[American Medical Informatics](#)



the iPhone 4, the company says it is packed with better technical innards, including a more advanced camera....

*New York Times*, Oct. 4

### [How to buy the best tablet](#)

Wendy Sheehan Donnell writes: "It's difficult to remember a time before tablets, but it's been a mere 18 months since the first Apple iPad was released, and the current tablet market was born. Since then, we've seen scores of manufacturers trying to snag a slice of the tablet pie, which so far, has been dominated by Apple, which is now on its second iPad iteration. So which of the plethora of deceptively similar-looking tablets is worth your money? Let's look at the key factors you need to consider when shopping for a tablet."...



*PC Magazine*, Sept. 28

### [Introducing Amazon Silk](#)

On September 28 in New York, Amazon introduced Silk, an all-new web browser powered by Amazon Web Services (AWS) and available exclusively on the just announced [Kindle Fire](#). Amazon sought from the start to tap into the power and capabilities of the AWS infrastructure to overcome the limitations of typical mobile browsers. Instead of a device-siloed software application, Amazon Silk deploys a split architecture. All of the browser subsystems are present on your Kindle Fire as well as on the AWS cloud computing platform. Watch the [video](#) (5:45)....



Amazon Silk blog, Sept. 28; YouTube, Sept. 28

### [Best iPad music apps](#)

The iPad's large display and responsive swipe technology have made it very popular with musicians. The most recent Gorillaz album was recorded entirely on the iPad, proving that professional musicians can get in on the act, too. Here is a summary of the best musicians' tools on the iPad. Be sure to check out [part 2](#)....



iPad-site.net, Oct. 2-3

### [Inbook charging stations](#)

Caroline Stanley writes: "One of the main reasons that we've yet to make the big switch over to an iPad or Kindle yet is that we happen to adore the way books look sitting on our shelves after we're done reading them. The [inbook charging station](#) offers an interesting answer to our design



[Association](#), Annual Symposium, Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C. "Improving Health: Informatics and IT Changing the World."

**Oct. 23-27:** [5th Association for Computing Machinery Conference on Recommender Systems](#), Palmer House Hilton, Chicago.

**Oct. 25-26:** [Open Access Africa 2011](#), Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.

**Oct. 26:** [Dominican University McKusker Lecture](#), Graduate School of Library and Information Science, River Forest, Illinois, featuring Clifford Lynch, "Names and Lives in the Cultural Record."

**Oct. 27-30:** [American Association of School Librarians](#), National Conference, Minneapolis Convention Center. "Turning the Page."

**Oct. 31-Nov. 2:** [StoryWorld 2011 Conference and Expo](#), Parc 55 Wyndham Hotel, Union Square, San Francisco.

crisis; the docking stations, which are compatible with iPods and iPhones, are made using one-of-a-kind vintage books. Click through to take a look at just a few of the options."...

Flavorwire, Oct. 3

### [This is the Wi-Fi router you want](#)

Brian X. Chen writes: "Computer maker Asus has engineered a gem of a Wi-Fi router that outshines wireless king Cisco. Asus's RT-N56U router has won the heart of every technology reviewer who's touched it. It sports a peculiar but intriguing 'diamond black' aesthetic in a very slim body, and benchmark tests show that this box turns in impressive speeds. Add to that an easy installation process and two USB ports for connecting accessories such as hard drives, and you have a resounding winner."...

The Wirecutter, Sept. 26



### [Seven good screen-capture tools for teachers](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "Introducing new technology tools to your students or to your colleagues can become a frustrating exercise if you end up repeating the same step-by-step directions over and over again. You can avoid that by creating annotated screen captures of the tools you are introducing or screencast videos in which you explain each step of the process. Here are seven tools that will help."...

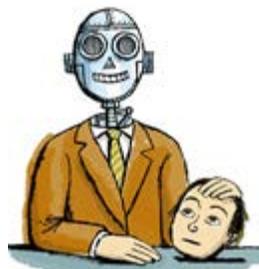
Free Technology for Teachers, Sept. 28



### [Librarian, robot](#)

Kate Sheehan writes: "I've got robots on the brain lately. Slate ran an [interesting series](#) about robots replacing even highly educated knowledge workers. No sooner did I finish the last piece (about robots replacing scientists) than I picked up the September 15 issue of *Library Journal*, featuring a [library robot](#) on the cover. Clearly, the robots are coming. Lest you think I've been overtaken by robot paranoia, let me tell you about another thing I did this week."...

ALA Tech Source Blog, Oct. 4; Slate, Sept. 26; *Library Journal*, Sept. 15



## E-Content

### [Pick a Kindle, any Kindle](#)

Michael DeGusta writes: "Four years ago Amazon introduced the original Kindle. Two years ago, there were just two models: the Kindle 2 and the large screen Kindle DX. After last week's announcements, Amazon is now selling 14 different models under the Kindle brand. The current Kindle lineup varies on no fewer than 11 different features by my count, with 2 to 5 possible variants for each of the 11 features. Here is the [Kindle product tree](#), rendered as concisely as humanly possible, and another one for iPads."...

theunderstatement, Sept. 29



### [Lightning-fast ILL with e-readers](#)

Joyce Neujahr writes: "Traditionally, interlibrary loan requests can be

### **Nov. 2–4:**

#### [DataContent 2011](#)

Loews Philadelphia.  
"Cloud, Crowd, and Curation."

### **Nov. 8:**

#### [RFID in Libraries Conference](#)

Bloomsbury Hotel,  
London, U.K.

### **Nov. 8–9:**

#### [Society for Scholarly Publishing](#)

Fall Seminar Series,  
American Geophysical Union, Washington, D.C. "Content and Apps for Mobile Devices: Engaging Users in the Mobile Experience" and "Moving to the Online-Only Journal: Breaking Free of Print Constraints."

### **Nov. 11–13:**

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

Annual Conference and Exposition, Pasadena Convention Center.

### **Nov. 14–16:**

#### [Indiana Library Federation](#)

Annual Conference, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne. "2011: A Library Odyssey: Journey to the Future."

### **Nov. 28–30:**

#### [Semantic Web in Libraries Conference](#)

Hamburg, Germany. "Scholarly Communication in the Web of Data."

### **Jan. 4–7, 2012:**

#### [Hawai'i International Conference on](#)

filled in only two of the following three ways—fast, cheap, or easy. It could be fast and cheap, but not easy; could be fast and easy, but not cheap; could be cheap and easy, but not fast. With the arrival of e-readers and ebooks, it is possible to have it all—fast, cheap, and easy. In December 2007, University of Nebraska–Omaha Dean of Libraries Stephen Shorb purchased three Kindles to experiment how, or if, they might be used in the library. Shorb suggested ILL as an ideal place to explore.”...

*College & Research Libraries News* 72, no. 9 (Oct.): 531–33, 541

### [A note on OverDrive privacy](#)

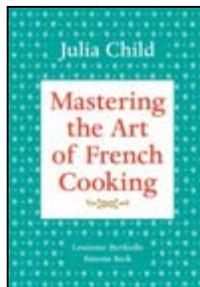
Ebook provider OverDrive posted a [note](#) October 4 on library patron privacy for those who visit or interact with the hosted websites of its library and school partners. However, Gary Price writes: “While it’s good to see OverDrive reaffirming its commitment to privacy, the new OD post makes no mention about what happens when a user clicks to Amazon.com to initiate a download of a book(s) to a Kindle device.” He asks seven questions that remain unanswered in the OverDrive blog post....

INFOdocket, Oct. 4; OverDrive Digital Library Blog, Oct. 4

### [Adapting Julia Child for e-readers](#)

Clumsily splattering a cookbook with bacon grease is one thing. Doing it to an iPad is quite another. That may explain why cookbooks have been late bloomers in the ebook revolution, lagging behind other categories, like fiction, that have been widely embraced in digital form. Yet cookbooks have recently begun to show signs of strength. On October 5, Alfred A. Knopf released the ebook edition of one of the most famous, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* by Julia Child....

*New York Times*, Oct. 4



### [Texas mom finds erotica in Nook freebies](#)

An Allen, Texas, woman says she wants a major book retailer to remove adult selections from its free ebooks section.

Carole Hayes said she noticed this summer that the Free Nook Books section on Barnes & Noble’s website includes an erotic title, *The Princess and the Penis*. Hayes, the mother of three children, said she was going to let her children download free books for themselves until she saw the titles included when she clicked “see all.” That ebook since has been taken down from the the website....

KXAS-TV, Dallas–Fort Worth, Oct. 4



### [Bill Davison is new SirsiDynix CEO](#) (PDF file)

Library technology provider SirsiDynix announced that its chief operating officer, Bill Davison (right), has been appointed chief executive officer, effective October 3. Davison told *American Libraries* that he hopes to expand the company’s e-library resources, “making the use of e-books seamless for both students and patrons.” He also expects that customer services will continue to improve with the recent centralization of its Customer Support Center....

SirsiDynix, Oct. 3



### [Digitizing community](#)

Peter Brantley writes: “In *Library Journal*, I read an excellent series of interviews with publishing executives about their perspectives on

[System Sciences](#),  
Grand Wailea, Maui.

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[library-publisher relations](#), but I was concerned with how frequently the publishers associated the public library with the physical, printed book. Random House's Madeline McIntosh made the association explicit: 'What makes a library important is defined by physical books, in a physical space.' Frankly, I find that perspective offensive."...

*Publishers Weekly*: PWxyz, Oct. 4; *Library Journal*, Oct. 1

### [Take a web archiving survey](#)

The National Digital Stewardship Alliance Content Working Group at the Library of Congress is sponsoring a [survey](#) of organizations in the United States that are actively involved in or planning to archive content from the web. Goals of the survey include gaining a better understanding of what types of web content are being preserved, the tools and services being used, and what type of access is being provided for researchers. The survey will close October 31....

The Signal: Digital Preservation, Oct. 4



### [Typos and worse: When ebooks need correcting](#)

Carol Saller writes: "What happens when a typo occurs in a book that is published digitally? If the digital version is prepared from the printed version, the impression line is typically the same in both, changing accordingly with new print runs, although Russell David Harper, who worked on the electronic version of *The Chicago Manual of Style*, points out that the conversion process can introduce a host of errors. Thus, the odds are high that a digital book prepared from the printed book's electronic files will not match exactly—especially for Kindle and other formats with reflowable text."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education*: Lingua Franca, Sept. 29

### [New service for ebook authors](#)

The Perseus Books Group has created a distribution and marketing service that will allow authors to self-publish their own ebooks, the company said on October 2. The new service will give authors an alternative to other self-publishing services and a favorable revenue split that is unusual in the industry: 70% to the author and 30% to the distributor. The new Perseus unit, called [Argo Navis Author Services](#), will be available only to authors who are represented by an agency that has signed an agreement with Perseus....

*New York Times*, Oct. 2

### [Gale launches Librereo for LIS students](#)

Reference publisher Gale on October 3 launched [Librereo](#), a web-based community that supports the future of librarianship by providing LIS students with free access to the professional resources they will use after graduation. LIS students in the United States and Canada who sign up for Librereo will get free, unlimited access to such online Gale resources as *Academic OneFile* and *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, as well as access to 115 ebooks commonly used in libraries today....

Cengage Learning, Oct. 3



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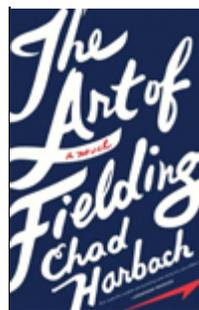
## Books and Reading

### [Rousing Reads: The problem with sports novels](#)

Bill Ott writes: "Most sports novels, especially the kind that follow a team or an individual through a season

of play, face a built-in problem: The drama and suspense usually rides on the team's success or failure as it moves through the season and plays the inevitable Big Game. Thus, there can only be one of two endings. Either the team overcomes adversity and wins, or it loses—the more literarily resonant alternative, to be sure, but necessarily unsatisfying if readers have become fans along the way.”...

*American Libraries* column, Sept./Oct.



### **31 days of authors at *The Hub***

Teen Read Week is officially October 16–22, but *The Hub* is celebrating all month long with 31 Days of Authors. On each day in October, YALSA's literature blog will feature author interviews, profiles, and personal reflections on what YALSA-recognized books have meant to YA librarians....

*YALSA The Hub*, Oct. 1

### **Romance novels and hairless chests**

Linda Holmes writes: “Sarah Wendell of [Smart Bitches, Trashy Books](#) undoubtedly knows *exactly* what you're thinking when you hear the title of her new book, *Everything I Know About Love I Learned From Romance Novels*. Collecting comments from her readers and from authors, as well as drawing on her own experience as a reader and a blogger, she explores the relationship between what romance readers get from novels and what they experience in their own lives. In genre entertainment in general, when there are elements of formula, identifying which versions of that formula appeal to you is surprisingly enlightening.”...

National Public Radio: Monkey See, Oct. 3



## **Actions & Answers**

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### **Honor your campus library**

Maria Shine Stewart writes: “Academic librarians—and libraries—don't need me to defend them. In fact, they don't need to be defended at all. But I think they sometimes might be more clearly celebrated on our campuses. Yes: celebrated. And I'll bring the party favors, including several armloads of questions (from the profound to the basic) and dozens of looks (from the puzzled to the angry to the restless). Above all, I'll bring my gratitude and respect.”...

*Inside Higher Ed*, Sept. 30

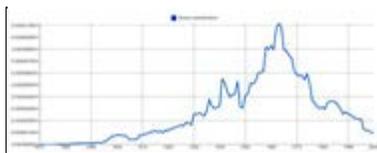
### **Access to scientific lit should be a fundamental right**

Peter Murray-Rust writes: “The lack of access to scientific literature is now a global shame. Think of all the people (in all countries, not just the rich West) who cannot read the literature. And, starkly, people die because of lack of access to scientific information. That sounds sensationalist, but it's self-evidently true. If a patient group cannot read the medical literature, it cannot make informed decisions. The conventional wisdom that patients are incapable of understanding the literature is no longer true in this century.”...

petermr's blog, Sept. 30

## [Organizing knowledge](#)

Karen Coyle writes: "At the LITA Forum on October 1, I stated that classification and knowledge organization seem to have fallen off the library profession's radar. We have spent considerable amounts of time and money on making modifications to our cataloging rules (four times in about 50 years), but the discussion of how we organize information for our users has waned. I can illustrate what is at least my impression of this through some searches done against Google Books using its [nGram](#) service."...



Coyle's InFormation, Oct. 3

## [Should libraries expose bib data as linked data?](#)

Laura Smart writes: "There are many calls for the library world to get their act together and expose the bibliographic data in their catalogs as linked data. But should they? It only makes sense if your catalog has a lot of data about your unique local holdings that are not represented in WorldCat. If you're in that boat, this blog post doesn't apply. Of course, there are problems in simply waiting for OCLC to do it."...

Managing Metadata, Sept. 27

## [Understanding rare book catalogs](#)

Laura Massey writes: "Our website now features a [full glossary of rare book terms](#), a great resource if you're ever puzzled by a word we use when describing a book. To compliment this, I've also written a short explanation of our catalog entries. These are used to describe books on our website, on secondary sites such as ABE, and in our printed catalogs. They are standardized across all formats and for all types of books, and should tell you everything you need to know when considering a purchase. As an introduction, we'll look at a simple catalog entry for a modern book."...

The Cataloguer's Desk, Sept. 29; Peter Harrington, bookseller

## [The legacy of Civil War portraits](#)

Shannon Perich writes: "We are just at the beginning of several years of marking the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. As it turns out, there is a lot to say about how photographs shaped the public's knowledge and experience of the war. We can also reverse that and look at how people shaped photographs to leave a legacy of how they personally experienced and understood the war. This summer, the National Museum of American History started a collaboration with film-making students from American University's School of Communication."...



O Say Can You See?, Oct. 3

## [Truth, lies, and the internet](#)

British think tank Demos has issued a report that examines the ability of young people in Britain to critically evaluate information they consume online. *Truth, Lies, and the Internet* ([PDF file](#)) finds that the web is fundamental to students' lives, but many are not careful or discerning users. They cannot find the information they are looking for or trust the first thing they see. Joyce Valenza [wonders](#) how the study can make such a strong case for teaching information literacy without once mentioning school librarians....

Demos, Sept.; *School Library Journal*: NeverEndingSearch, Oct. 4



## [Subpoena for library records](#)

Eugene Volokh writes: "There has been a lot of controversy in the past about whether the government should be free to subpoena library records or bookstore records, or execute search warrants for such records. I just ran across a case that dealt with this question in an unusual context—where the defendant's alibi involved his supposedly returning a certain book to the library, [State v. Hilton](#) (Wash. Ct. App., Sept. 27, 2011). This is an unusual situation, and one could argue that the rule should be different if the government were seeking library records in other contexts."...

The Volokh Conspiracy, Oct. 3

## [Get a helicopter view of your driving directions](#)

Paul Yang writes: "Getting directions is one of the most popular features on Google Maps, whether for driving, walking, biking, or transit. On September 30, Google launched a new feature that allows you to bring your upcoming trip to life, by allowing you to preview your route in 3D. (You must have the Google Earth plug-in installed.) Select a route, click on the 3D button (next to the Driving Directions headline), and you will start flying along your recommended route."...

Google LatLong Blog, Sept. 30



## [ACLU report on LGBT censorship in schools](#)

Public schools across the country are largely receptive to removing web filters that block educational content related to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, according to a [report](#) released September 28 by the American Civil Liberties Union LGBT Project. The report summarizes the results of the ACLU's "Don't Filter Me" initiative to combat censorship of LGBT web content in public schools. The campaign, in which students contacted the ACLU when they encountered LGBT censorship on school browsers, resulted in 96 schools changing their filter configurations....

American Civil Liberties Union, Sept. 28



## [New National Personnel Records Center opens](#)

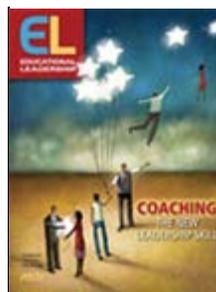
The National Archives and Records Administration's National Personnel Records Center has moved into a new 474,000-square-foot facility at 1 Archives Drive in north St. Louis County. With a current workforce of nearly 800 employees, the new facility represents the largest group of NARA personnel outside of the greater Washington, D.C., area. The Archivist of the United States, David S. Ferriero, will formally open the building in a dedication ceremony on October 15....

NARAtions, Sept. 29



## [The coach in the library](#)

Carl A. Harvey writes: "In most schools, the word *coach* is used to describe a teacher with special expertise that he or she uses to help teachers improve instructional skills. Although educators rarely think of school librarians as coaches, the help



librarians provide is similar to what a coach offers. A coach gives teachers guidance and support, which school librarians have been doing for many years. Like coaches, an effective librarian gives teachers ideas and resources for instruction, models lessons, and provides information when educators have questions."...

*Educational Leadership* 69, no. 2 (Oct.)

### [Book tasting in the library](#)

Buffy J. Hamilton writes: "By popular demand, I'd like to flesh out the details of an activity I've done in the past that I call 'book tasting.' I'm sure I am not the first to do it, but the term seems to be that appeals to our teens. Teacher Susan Lester and I developed a collection of book sets (fiction and nonfiction) on social issues related to countries in Africa and elsewhere. I explained to the students that we were going to use class periods for two days to 'taste' and immerse ourselves in the books."...



*The Unquiet Librarian*, Sept. 29

### [My professional advice](#)

Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: "If I could reduce my professional advice to one sentence it would be: Always act as if you're on the market. An additional sentence might be: Graduation from library school is the beginning of your library education, not the end. Here are my 13 suggestions for finding time and using that time wisely to keep up and keep learning. They aren't especially profound or new; just the way I manage my time to do what I do."...

*Academic Librarian*, Sept. 29

### [So you're going to library school](#)

Laura Krier writes: "I meet a lot of prospective and matriculating library school students, and though this may sound harsh, I can usually tell pretty quickly whether they'll be successful in the post-schooling job market or not. A lot of it boils down to whether they're in it for the right reasons. Don't get me wrong: A lot of people go into librarianship without a super-clear idea of what they want to do, myself included. But there's an overall motivation and passion that a good librarian has for information, for learning, and yes, for technology."...

*The Desk Set*, Sept. 28

### [How to become an international school librarian](#)

Laura Sanders writes: "Many library school students experience considerable anxiety about their job prospects upon graduation. We all know how tight the job market in North America is. That's why, whenever a classmate expresses an interest in school librarianship or working abroad, I ask if they have considered international schools. Nobody ever told me about this; in fact, I stumbled across it quite by accident. So I'd like to share information with you about how to get in the loop."...



Hack Library School, Oct. 3

### [An international focus on school libraries](#) (PDF file)

Marlene Asselin writes: "The International Association of School Librarianship is a leading source of school library research. This article examines how IASL-published research accords with a wider academic mandate of internationalism. Moving toward an international focus that recognizes the scholars and contexts of developing countries requires rethinking roles and responsibilities of researchers and challenging assumptions about emerging nations."...

*School Libraries Worldwide* 17, no. 2 (July): 13–24

### [October is Canadian Library Month](#)

Canadian Library Month provides Canadians with an opportunity to celebrate libraries, their staffs, and their patrons. The theme, "Your Library, A Place Unbound," suggests that, as part of a changing world, libraries are growing and expanding their resources as they connect people to information and reading. Public, academic, school, and special libraries are all participating in the celebrations, organized by the Canadian Library Association....

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### [The school libraries crisis: All hands on deck](#)

"All hands on deck" is the message ALA President Molly Raphael (right) is sending about funding for school library programs. Her Presidential Task Force on School Libraries is made up of members from all facets of the library profession, and in that spirit she's calling on library practitioners to get involved in the crisis affecting school libraries. Here is the text of her message, which is being emailed to all ALA members this week....

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 11



### [Internet Librarian: Steve Jobs, 1955–2011](#)

Joseph Janes writes: "Steve Jobs was a fascinating and multifaceted personality: design guru, lifestyle icon, movie mogul, technological soothsayer. I have to admit that the depth and emotion that have characterized the response to his death surprised me; people are leaving flowers, notes, and in a charmingly wistful vein, apples minus single bites at Apple stores. He would have appreciated the simple, even stark memorial front page on the Apple website (right); for that matter, he might well have approved it." The *Chicago Tribune* has a gallery of best [Steve Jobs quotes](#). Ryan Tate points out a few things that others are [too polite to say](#) about Jobs, and Stanford University has a [video](#) (2:33) about its Apple archives....

*American Libraries* column; *Chicago Tribune*, Oct. 6; Gawker, Oct. 7; YouTube, Aug. 25



### [Talk to teens: They are still listening](#)

Elaine Meyers and Virginia A. Walter write: "In 1999, teens were asking libraries to provide the latest technologies. No one anticipated the future described by the Kaiser Family Foundation's January 2010 *Generation M2: Media in the Lives of 8–18 Year-Olds* ([PDF file](#)).



[Join your colleagues](#) in Dallas for the ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 20–24, in the Dallas Convention Center at 650 S. Griffin Street, as well as several nearby hotels. A map of the area is available ([PDF file](#)).

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The report confirmed librarians' suspicions that teens spend a relatively small amount of time with print media (about 38 minutes a day), and are even able to cram 10 hours and 45 minutes worth of media into their nearly eight hours of daily media time."...

*American Libraries* feature

### What's new (and old) at Amazon

Christopher Harris writes: "Amazon has been making headlines in the ebook world recently with its Kindle Fire launch. Now it is back in the spotlight with a new kerfuffle over exclusive content deals. [Kindle lending on OverDrive](#) was supposed to be the answer for many of the woes libraries face regarding lending ebooks. Was this a sign that Amazon was finally going to embrace EPUB like the rest of the ebook world? Was OverDrive going to become a more open and easily accessed platform? Maybe not so much."...

AL: E-Content, Oct. 11



### The Bibliotheca Alexandrina and the Egyptian Revolution

Amany Zakaria el-Ramady writes: "In light of the tremendous societal, economic, and political changes brought about by Egypt's 2011 revolution, I think that Egyptian libraries should be the mind and soul of the new Egyptian community. Fortunately, one of the libraries that has taken that initiative is the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, which has held numerous activities in support of the revolution following the popular uprising that began on January 25."...

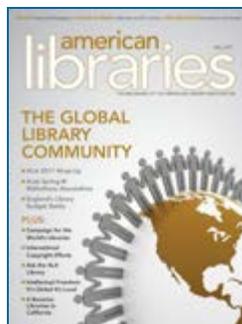
AL: Global Reach, Oct. 11



### AL International Digital Supplement available

The latest *American Libraries* Digital Supplement is now available online. It includes all the information that appeared in the limited-edition issue provided to attendees of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions conference in Puerto Rico in August, as well as coverage of the IFLA conference and three special features on international issues....

*American Libraries*, Oct. 12





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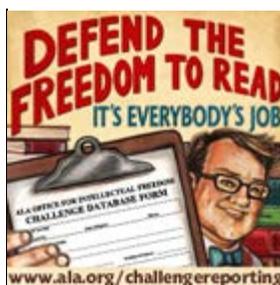
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On the heels of Banned Books Week, the Office for Intellectual Freedom is kicking off a new awareness campaign to increase the reporting of challenges to library materials. "Defend the Freedom to Read: It's Everybody's Job" is an awareness campaign conceived by librarian and library activist Andy Woodworth. OIF has commissioned the creation of original [downloadable art](#) to help spread the word. Challenges or removals can be reported either [online](#) or by paper form ([PDF file](#)). [Woodworth says](#) the campaign was "born out of learning about the dismal estimate that only one in four book challenges or removals are reported to the OIF." Watch the [video](#) (1:09)....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Oct. 6; Agnostic, Maybe, Oct. 6; YouTube, Oct. 6



### [Know any cutting-edge technologists?](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy and LITA are soliciting [nominations](#) for best library practices using cutting-edge technology. A joint committee of members from the Subcommittee on America's Libraries for the 21st Century and LITA will review all nominations and may conduct selected interviews or site visits to identify those libraries that are truly offering a best practice or most innovative service....

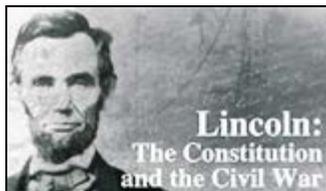
Office for Information Technology Policy, Oct. 6



### [Sites and itineraries announced for Lincoln traveling exhibition](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office, in partnership with the National Constitution Center and the National Endowment for the Humanities, has announced the itineraries and site libraries for the traveling exhibition "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War." Some 200 sites—including libraries, museums, community centers, heritage organizations, and institutions of higher learning—will host the exhibition for a period of six weeks each from August 2011 through December 2015....

Public Programs Office, Oct. 11



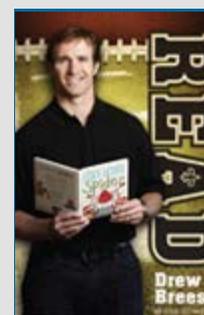
### [Engage a new base of volunteers](#)

Find out how you can engage skill-based library-community volunteers in your public library at a free October 19 WebJunction webinar, "Innovative Use of Skill-based Volunteers in Public Libraries," cosponsored by ALA TechSource. Eileen Dumas and Preston Driggers, coauthors of the ALA Editions book *Managing Library Volunteers*, will moderate the webinar. Panelists are Gail Zachariah and Sonja Plummer-Morgan. Visit WebJunction to [register](#)....

ALA TechSource, Oct. 11

### [Free webinar on PLFTAS](#)

ALA TechSource and the Office for Research and Statistics will cosponsor with WebJunction the November 1 webinar "2011 Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study: Results, Trends, and Resources." PLFTAS is a multiyear project that assesses the public's access to computers, the internet, and internet-related services in U.S. public libraries, as well as the impact of library funding changes on connectivity, technology deployment,



Quarterback for the New Orleans Saints, [Drew Brees](#) has a history of success on the gridiron. But his success goes far beyond football. In 2003 he established the Brees Dream Foundation, which advances research in the fight against cancer and provides care, education, and opportunities for children in need. In this [Celebrity READ poster](#), he is reading *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

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## Featured review: Graphic novel

Spiegelman, Art. *Metamaus*. Illustrated by Art Spiegelman. Oct. 2011. 300p. Pantheon, hardcover (978-0-375-42394-9).

In this apologia and casebook on his graphic-novel masterpiece *Maus* (1986), Spiegelman says he once regarded James Joyce as a model. He explains why well enough but seems unaware that, whereas the great Irish modernist led the novel to a dead end of unreadable complexity, he did the reverse for comics, demonstrating with *Maus*—the intertwined stories of how his parents survived the Holocaust and how he made the book out of interviews with his prickly father, Vladek—that the medium was equal to the most momentarily serious real-life subjects (*Maus* is the *War and Peace*, not the *Ulysses*, of comics). The immense series of interviews that occupy most of this volume address the most-asked questions about *Maus*: Why the Holocaust? Why mice? Why comics? Spiegelman answers intelligently, articulately, and with a high degree of psychological and aesthetic penetration....



## Top 10 first novels

Donna Seaman writes: "We celebrate first novels for their artistry and spirit, inventiveness, and incisive retooling of tradition. In the best debuts of the past 12 months, readers will discover new insights into family, nature, ambition, fear, prejudice, and the grace of baseball, including *The Art of Fielding*, *The Language of Flowers*, *The Family Fang*, and *When God Was a Rabbit*..."



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## Great Libraries of the World



### Royal Danish

[Library](#). Copenhagen, Denmark. The library was founded in 1648 by King Frederick III, opened to the public in 1793, and became part of the University of Copenhagen system in 1993. The central library consists of two buildings, a neoclassical one completed in 1906 by architect Hans Jørgen Holm, and a new building, linked to the

Dallas, Texas, the site of ALA's 2012 Midwinter Meeting, January 20–24, is the fourth-largest metropolitan area in the United States, with the nation's largest urban arts district, a battalion of celebrity chefs, the Southwest's best shopping, and a year-round national sports spotlight. The Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau has developed a special [ALA website](#) with all the local information. You can request (or view online) a free *Visit Dallas* magazine that will steer you to the best area dining, shopping, and events....  
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### [Travel apps that really help](#)

Brett Snyder writes: "There are seemingly millions of smartphone apps out there designed to make traveling easier, but not all of them are very good. Every company seems to think that it needs an app to be cool, but not every app is worth the effort. Here are some of the apps that I find to be most helpful while on the road."...

CNN, Oct. 3

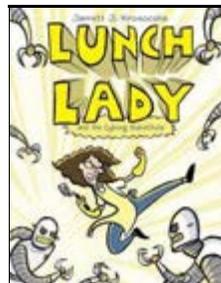


## Division News

### [ALSC releases Children's Graphic Novel Core Collection](#)

In recognition of the importance of graphic novels for children, ALSC directed its Quicklists Consulting Committee to create a list of titles for public librarians serving elementary school-age children (K–8). The result is the [Children's Graphic Novel Core Collection](#). The list includes classics as well as new titles that have been widely recommended and well-reviewed and books that have popular appeal as well as critical acclaim....

ALSC, Oct. 10



### [Just launched: The AASL11 mobile app](#)

Build your own personalized schedule to help you plan your conference experience. The new [AASL11 Mobile App](#) and [AASL11 Mobile Website](#) provide attendees access and updates to the conference agenda, session descriptions, exhibitor directory, local area info, and latest AASL11 news. For more information, see the [AASL11 website](#)....

AASL, Oct. 11



### [ACRL signs Berlin Open Access Declaration](#)

ACRL has joined the growing ranks of signatories to the [Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and the Humanities](#) and encourages college and research libraries, as well as other campus groups, to do likewise. The declaration builds on the significant progress of the Budapest Open Access Initiative, calling for open access to knowledge in the humanities as well as in the sciences....

ACRL Insider, Oct. 7

### [Wanted: A few good ACRLog bloggers](#)

[ACRLog](#) is looking for new bloggers to join its team. If you're an

older one by three passageways, and completed in 1999 by the firm of Schmidt Hammer Lassen. Its angular glass-and-black-granite exterior has earned it the nickname "Black Diamond." An electroacoustic sound ornament titled *Katalog* by the Danish composer Fuzzy plays for three minutes every day, changing each week with different selections inspired by one of the library's treasures.



### [National Library](#)

Helsinki, Finland. The library is the oldest and largest research library in the country. Established in 1640 as the collection of the Royal Academy in Turku, the library was destroyed by fire in 1827. The 800 books that remained were moved to Helsinki, where a new neoclassical university library, designed by German architect Carl Ludvig Engel with lavish interior Corinthian columns, opened in 1845. Still a part of the University of Helsinki, it also served as the main university library until 2006. The bulk of its collection is stored in a 57,600-cubic-meter underground bunker drilled into solid rock,

academic librarian with a knack for blogging who is willing to write a few posts per month on topics of interest to your fellow academic librarians, send a short note to [Maura Smale](#)....

ACRL Insider, Oct. 11

### [Libraries, linked data, and the Semantic Web](#)

ALCTS is presenting a symposium on "Libraries, Linked Data, and the Semantic Web: Positioning Our Catalogs to Participate in the 21st Century Global Information Marketplace" on January 20 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas. Speakers include Peter Brantley, Karen Coyle, Corey A. Harper, Eric Miller, and Ross Singer. You can register for this important symposium through the ALA Midwinter Meeting [registration site](#)....

ALCTS, Oct. 10

### [ALCTS virtual symposium](#)

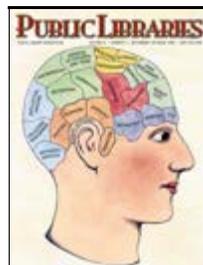
"Launching Your Star Potential: Leadership for Today's Libraries," an ALCTS virtual symposium, launches January 9 and continues throughout that week with five thought-provoking presentations from outstanding content leaders. Registration is open. Discounted registration for all five and group rates are available. Current student members of ALA can sign up for free....

ALCTS, Oct. 11

### [Public Libraries needs columnists and articles](#)

Public librarians have a unique opportunity to shine professionally when they contribute to *Public Libraries*, PLA's peer-written, peer-reviewed bimonthly journal. PLA is currently looking to fill vacancies for two columns and find contributing writers to a feature issue on ebooks. The columns with openings are "Passing Notes," a column that explores young adult service, and "The Wired Library," a column that explores web topics relevant to public librarians. Potential columnists should send a note to *Public Libraries* Editor [Kathleen Hughes](#) by November 21. Features can be submitted through the [website](#)....

PLA, Oct. 11



### [PLA's "Turning the Page 2.0" advocacy training](#)

[Registration](#) closes October 18 for the fall session of "Turning the Page 2.0." This free online course provides public library advocacy training in a uniquely interactive and personal format. The six-week program runs from the week of October 31 through the week of December 12....

PLA, Oct. 11



### [Call for presentations: Reference Research Forum](#)

The RUSA Research and Statistics Committee invites the submission of research projects for presentation at the 18th Reference Research Forum at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. All researchers, including reference practitioners from all types of libraries, library school faculty and students, and other interested individuals are encouraged to submit a proposal. The deadline for submissions to [Qiana Johnson](#) is January 2....

RUSA Blog, Oct. 10

### [ASCLA seeks proposals for 2012 webinars](#)

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### [Library Director](#)

Lincolnwood Public Library, Lincolnwood, Illinois. The Lincolnwood Public Library District seeks a dynamic, outgoing, and creative library director to provide the strategic vision and leadership to successfully implement both traditional and innovative services and technologies. We are looking for a leader who excels at building partnerships, empowering staff, and collaborating with other community agencies in

ASCLA is seeking proposals for webinar presentations to be held from January 2012 through August 2012. These online learning events will be open to all interested librarians, staff, and library supporters and will cover topics relevant to a similarly broad group of professionals. Proposals may be submitted [online](#)....

ASCLA, Oct. 11

### **[New Library Consultant Interest Group](#)**

ASCLA welcomes the [Library Consultant Interest Group](#) to its list of active member interest groups. LCIG replaces the former Independent Librarians Exchange (ILEX) special interest section of ASCLA. Membership is open to all ALA members. The group will offer programs and other opportunities for independent librarians, library consultants and others who want to push the boundaries of librarianship....

ASCLA, Oct. 11

## **Awards & Grants**

### **[Patterson Copyright Award: Call for nominations](#)**

Nominations for the L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award, which honors particular individuals or groups who "embody the spirit of the U.S. Copyright law," are now open. Persons or groups who have made significant contributions in the areas of academia, law, politics, public policy, libraries, or library education in the pursuit of copyright principles are eligible. Send letters of nomination to [Carrie Russell](#) by February 15....

District Dispatch, Oct. 11

### **[LIS student authors wanted](#)**

LITA is offering an award for the best unpublished manuscript submitted by a student or students enrolled in an ALA-accredited graduate program. Sponsored by Ex Libris, the LITA/Ex Libris Student Writing Award consists of \$1,000, publication in LITA's refereed journal *Information Technology and Libraries (ITAL)*, and a certificate. The deadline for [submissions](#) is February 28....

LITA, Oct. 10

### **[Loleta D. Fyan Grant call for proposals](#)**

The Office for Research and Statistics is now accepting applications for the Loleta D. Fyan Grant. The grant of up to \$5,000 is to be used for the development and improvement of public libraries and the services they provide. The deadline for [submissions](#) is December 12....

ALA Office for Research and Statistics, Oct. 10

### **[Baber Research Grant call for proposals](#)**

The Office for Research and Statistics is now accepting applications for the Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant. The grant of up to \$3,000 is given to one or more librarians or library educators who will conduct innovative research that could lead to an improvement in services to any specified group of people. The deadline for [submissions](#) is December 12....

ALA Office for Research and Statistics, Oct. 10

### **[National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#)**

Supporters of outstanding museums and libraries are encouraged to nominate these institutions for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for exemplary museum and library community service. The National Medal honors museums

a politically savvy environment; a librarian who can articulate, support, and promote the library's mission to create and sustain a sense of place for residents, bring the community together in order to celebrate its diversity, offer individuals a welcoming gateway to knowledge and discovery, and fulfill residents' desire for cultural and recreational activities....



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## **Digital Library of the Week**



The [Lincoln Highway Digital Image Collection](#) is part of the University of Michigan Library's Transportation History Collection and consists of the archive of the original Lincoln Highway Association (1910–1927). The association was made up of representatives from the automobile, tire, and cement industries, with the goal of planning, funding, constructing, and promoting the

and libraries that make extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions. Medal winners receive \$10,000 and are honored at a National Medal award ceremony held in Washington, D.C. The deadline for [nominations](#) is December 15....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 6

### [Vancouver librarian named Washington Teacher of the Year](#)

Mark Ray (right), a teacher-librarian at Skyview High School in Vancouver, Washington, was named the 2012 Washington Teacher of the Year on October 3, besting eight more traditional teachers from across the state. He said he plans to use the award to advocate for the importance of school libraries. Ray won the honor, given annually by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, because of his enthusiasm and creativity....

*Seattle Times*, Oct. 3



### [2011 Nobel Prize for Literature](#)

Swedish poet Tomas Tranströmer (right), 80, joined a long list of lesser-known writers who have won the \$1.45-million prize since the Nobel committee began handing it out in 1901. Tranströmer may be unfamiliar to many American readers, but he was the subject of a *Washington Post* [profile](#) in 1986, his work has been translated into more than 60 languages, and his name has been kicked around among the Nobel-selecting crowd for years....

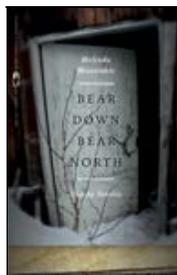
*Washington Post*, Oct. 6; Apr. 2, 1986



### [5 Under 35 honorees](#)

The National Book Foundation will recognize the 2011 honorees of 5 Under 35, five young fiction writers selected by National Book Award winners and finalists, on November 14 in Brooklyn. This year's celebration will be hosted by filmmaker John Waters and poet Patricia Smith. The honorees are Shani Boianjiu, Danielle Evans, Mary Beth Keane, Melinda Moustakis, and John Corey Whaley....

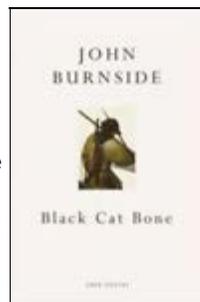
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### [John Burnside wins Forward Poetry Prize](#)

After being shortlisted in 2000, 2005, and 2007, there was a pleasing sense of "about time" to the news that John Burnside had finally won the Forward Poetry Prize for Best Collection for *Black Cat Bone*. The Scottish poet was handed the £10,000 (\$15,675 U.S.) award at a ceremony in London on October 5. Rachael Boast was the winner in the Best First Collection category for *Sidereal*....

*The Guardian* (U.K.), Oct. 5



### [Dagger Awards](#)

The final three Crime Writers' Association Dagger Awards of the 2011 season were announced at the Specsavers Crime Thriller Awards ceremony held in London on October 7. Tom Franklin's *Crooked Letter*, *Crooked Letter* (Macmillan) won the Gold Dagger Award, while the Ian Fleming Steel Dagger went to

first transcontinental highway in North America. The route, consisting of both existing and newly built roads following the most direct route possible, ran from New York to San Francisco, covering approximately 3,400 miles. The digital collection consists of approximately 3,000 images, including views of construction underway, towns and cities, markers, bridges, cars, camp sites, scenic views, and snapshots of association directors and field secretaries traveling the route. The photographs were digitized from 1999 to 2007.

**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.



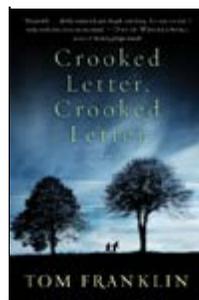
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**"I've caught stupidity. And he cured me."**

—16-year-old Matthew Whittington, a junior at Skyview High School in Vancouver, Washington, referring to teacher-librarian Mark Ray, in a news story by Kristine Guerra, "[Skyview](#)

*The Lock Artist* (Orion) by Steve Hamilton, with *Before I Go to Sleep* (Doubleday) by S. J. Watson taking the John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger....

Crime Writers' Association, Oct. 7



### [2011 German Book Prize](#)

The winner of the German Book Prize 2011 is Eugen Ruge for his novel *In Zeiten des abnehmenden Lichts* (Rowohlt). "Eugen Ruge's family saga is a reflection of East German history. . . . His book tells the story of the socialist utopia, the price demanded of the individual, and its gradual extinction," said the seven-member jury in explaining its decision. The prize honors the best German-language novel of the year to coincide with the start of the Frankfurt Book Fair....

Deutscher Buchpreis 2011



[High Teacher-Librarian Is 'Slayer of Ignorance.'](#)  
*Portland Oregonian*, Oct. 7.

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## Seen Online

### [FCC announces massive broadband initiative](#)

On October 12, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski announced a national public-private partnership program designed to increase broadband adoption, elevate digital literacy, and assist Americans in searching and training for jobs. [Connect2Compete](#), launched in partnership with the [Knight Foundation](#) and other nonprofit and business leaders, intends to reduce service costs, expand digital literacy training, and make the internet more relevant to people's lives. Genachowski did mention libraries and librarians in his remarks ([PDF file](#)), as Bobbi Newman [points out](#)....

FCC, Oct. 12; Knight Blog, Oct. 12; Librarian by Day, Oct. 12



### [Citing New York, Chicago mayor eyes library cuts](#)

Chicago's public libraries will reduce their hours in 2012, even as the city continues to build new libraries, Mayor Rahm Emanuel acknowledged October 11. Emanuel defended the library cuts built into his 2012 budget, saying they're a small price to pay at a time when other major cities, like New York, are closing libraries. Sources said the reduced hours will be concentrated on two days, including Mondays, when library usage is the lowest....

*Chicago Sun-Times*, Oct. 11

### [Alec Baldwin offers \\$10K to Central Falls library](#)

Actor Alec Baldwin has a soft spot for the

[Libraries Promote Environmental Awareness Through National Costume Swap Day](#)



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struggling Adams Memorial Library in Central Falls, Rhode Island. On October 3, Jerauld Adams (right), chairman of the library's board of trustees, was working the front desk when he took a call from Baldwin, who said: "I'd like to give you \$10,000." Baldwin told Adams he was moved by a feature in the October 1 *New York Times* that talked about the city's problems and how the state-appointed receiver was forced to fire six of the library's staff to pare a projected deficit of \$5.6 million this year. This donation brings the [total amount](#) of money raised to \$40,000....



*Providence (R.I.) Journal*, Oct. 6; WPRI-TV, Providence, Oct. 7

### [Photos from the Occupy Wall Street Library](#)

Hungarian artist Gabriella Csozó has posted [a series of photographs](#) of the People's Library on her blog Public Image. The photos reveal often overlooked layers of the processing of the books, the architecture of the spaces built to hold them, and the ways the labels and systems are edited and reedited as the collection changes and grows....



Occupy Wall Street Library blog, Oct. 10; Public Image, Oct. 9

### [Ad firm helped fund Troy book-burning campaign](#)

A secretive political action committee that incensed Troy, Michigan, residents by calling for a "book-burning party" before the city's August 2 library millage vote submitted documents to county election officials showing a major Detroit advertising agency had funded the group. Leo Burnett Detroit in Troy provided \$3,476 in cash and \$69,120 in advertising materials to Safeguarding American Families, according to an October 3 Oakland County document....

*Detroit Free Press*, Oct. 10

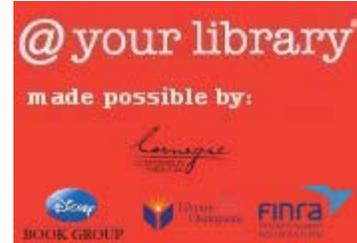
### [Court to reexamine Washington library web filters](#)

Central Washington's library system will head back to federal court October 25 to further argue its filtering of public internet access. The hearing in Richland before U.S. District Court Judge Edward F. Shea will consider motions left dangling after the Washington Supreme Court in 2010 upheld the North Central Regional Library district practice of narrowly filtering internet pages related to pornography and gambling. Some federal questions remain to be decided, including the plaintiffs' claim that the state ruling abridges free speech under the U.S. Constitution....

*Wenatchee (Wash.) World*, Oct. 6

### [New Hampshire ILL system in jeopardy](#)

New Hampshire State Rep. Steve Vaillancourt (R-Manchester) has put the wheels in motion to eliminate three of the state's four federally-funded vans (right) that make its Inter Library Lending system possible. In an amendment to the state budget, buried in HB 2, is a three-sentence paragraph introduced by Vaillancourt requiring the state Department of Cultural Resources to review the federal guidelines by which the library vans are funded, then submit a report to the house



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finance committee by November 30 that identifies other ways to use the \$280,000 in federal money within the library system....

*Nashua (N.H.) Patch, Oct. 8*

### **[Gov. Brown signs library privatization bill](#)**

Under a bill signed by California Gov. Jerry Brown, private companies will be required to prove that they would save taxpayers money should they take over a public library. AB438, sponsored by Assemblyman Das Williams (D-Santa Barbara), is designed to restrict the privatization of public libraries. Brown's office announced the signing October 8. [Marci Merola](#), director of the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, said, "California has spoken loudly and clearly about the need for public libraries to remain in the control of the public. It sets a precedent that many states can emulate."...

*Associated Press, Oct. 8; Library Journal, Oct. 10*

### **[Lisle library noticed when unusual title was missing](#)**

One title caught the eye of the Lisle (Ill.) Library staff on a list of "ex library" books for sale over the internet. That book, a history of DuPage County that was suspiciously missing from the small library's stacks, stood out as administrators pored over the list found on a book cart in the library. Four months later, James F. Jackson was charged with three counts of felony theft and accused of removing thousands of dollars worth of reference books, DVDs, and other materials from the library....

*Lisle (Ill.) TribLocal, Oct. 4*

### **[Ex-student gets probation for documents theft](#)**

A former Drew University student who swiped 31 valuable historical documents from the university's United Methodist Archives Center in Madison, New Jersey, was sentenced October 7 to three years' probation and 300 hours of community service. William Scott was ordered by U.S. District Court Judge Renee Marie Bumb in Camden, New Jersey, to fulfill the community service by working with underprivileged people....

*Morristown (N.J.) Daily Record, Oct. 7*

### **[Manitowoc librarian dies at 108](#)**

Merle Pickett died October 7, less than a month shy of her 109th birthday. Born on October 23, 1902, the Spencer, Wisconsin, native had been a resident at St. Mary's at Felician Village in Manitowoc. For 43 years, she served the Manitowoc School District, retiring in 1968 after serving as a teacher, librarian, and assistant principal of Washington Junior High. She earned a bachelor's degree in library science from the University of Minnesota in 1946....

*Manitowoc (Wis.) Herald Times Reporter, Oct. 8*

### **[Library aided Tuscaloosa residents after tornado](#)**

After a tornado tore a 5.9-mile gash across Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on April 27, the library was one of the few public places to still have electricity and internet access. For days, the library became a key part of what Library Director Mary Elizabeth Harper described as "the entire community response to the disaster," and it was a role she and other members of the library staff happily provided....

*Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News, Oct. 10*

### **[Pace University library treated for bedbugs](#)**

Bedbugs discovered in the Henry Birnbaum Library at Pace University in New York City forced a one-day closure on October 10. The school notified students and staff that the pests were found by workers

## **Calendar**

**Oct. 17–20:**

**[Federal Depository Library Council Meeting](#)**, Doubletree Hotel, Arlington, Virginia.

**Nov. 16–19:**

**[Museum Computer Network](#)**, Annual Conference, Atlanta. "Hacking the Museum: Innovation, Agility, and Collaboration."

**Nov. 28–30:**

**[Arizona Library Association](#)**, Annual Conference, Westin LaPaloma, Tucson. "Imagine the Future."

**Nov. 29–**

**Dec. 2:** **[International Conference on Education, Informatics, and Cybernetics](#)**, Orlando, Florida.

**Dec. 2:**

**[Association of College and Research Libraries, Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter](#)**, Annual Symposium, Baruch College, Vertical Campus Conference Center, New York City. "The Global Librarian: Information Without Borders."

**Dec. 5:**

**[Hawaii Library Association](#)**, Annual Conference, Moana Surfriider, Oahu. "The Future of Reading."

**Dec. 7–9:**

rearranging computers in a back room. After it was confirmed the bugs were bedbugs, the library closed and exterminators were brought in who treated one small infested area. *Gothamist* first [reported](#) the story....

WNBC-TV, New York, Oct. 11; *Gothamist*, Oct. 11

### [Salvaged books return to Lancaster Public Library](#)

On May 17, a furious downpour overwhelmed a rooftop drain at the Lancaster (Pa.) Public Library and funneled water through the second-floor Teen Reading Room and down into the Gerald Lestz Reading Room below. About 500 books—about a quarter of the library's Lancaster Collection—were soaked in the flood. Now, after freeze-drying and conservation, all of the books (except for an 1812 English-German dictionary by Henry Muhlenberg) are back on the shelves and available to readers....

*Lancaster (Pa.) Intelligencer Journal*, Oct. 5

### [Farewell, Statistical Abstract](#)

Robert J. Samuelson writes: "The Census Bureau has just published the [2012 edition](#) of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, which, barring a minor miracle, will be the last. Census didn't include the *Stat Abstract* (as it's known to its many fans) in the 2012 budget, and Congress hasn't seen fit to overrule the agency. So it's curtains. I've been covering government for more than four decades, and this is one of the worst decisions I've seen. That's why I devoted a [column](#) to it six weeks ago and why I'm returning to it now."...

*Washington Post: PostPartisan*, Aug. 21, Oct. 4



### [Chicago's YOUmedia expands teens' media literacy](#)

On the ground floor of Chicago's Harold Washington Library Center, an odd experiment is taking place, one that could determine what your neighborhood library looks like in 10 years. Once a storage room at the downtown library, the high-ceiling, 5,500-square-foot space, dubbed "YOUmedia—a Digital Library Space for Teens," has become a magnet for young people citywide, so popular and influential that the library plans to replicate it citywide....

*USA Today*, Oct. 9



### [New York public architecture gets a facelift](#)

Michael Kimmelman writes: "Designed by 1100 Architect with an interior by Lee H. Skolnick Architecture and Design Partnership, the [Children's Library Discovery Center](#) at Queens Library is part of a quiet revolution reshaping the city's public architecture. Piecemeal across the five boroughs, New York is gradually being remade. Under David J. Burney, commissioner for the Department of Design and Construction, fresh architectural standards have been added to the city's infrastructure and, often, to poor, middle-, and working-class neighborhoods that have long been overlooked."...

*New York Times*, Oct. 10



### [Yakima library voyeur sentenced](#)

A man caught spying on women in a bathroom at the Yakima (Wash.)

### [Specialized Information Publishers Association](#)

Annual Marketing Conference, Eden Roc Renaissance Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

### **Jan. 20–24:**

#### [American Library Association](#)

Midwinter Meeting, Dallas.

### **Jan. 23–25:**

#### [BOBCATSSS 2012](#)

international conference on information management, Amsterdam. "Information in E-Motion."

### **Jan. 24–25:**

#### [Software and Information Industry Association](#)

Industry Summit, Pier Sixty, New York City.

### **Jan. 28–30:**

#### [Association for Computing Machinery, Special Interest Group on Health Informatics](#)

International Health Informatics Symposium, Miami Beach Resort and Spa.

### **Feb. 1–3:**

#### [Association of American Publishers, Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division](#)

Annual Conference, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. "Prospering with Digital: Making Investments Pay."

### **Feb. 6–9:**

#### [VALA2012](#)

Conference, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre,

Central Library was sentenced October 6 to 45 days in jail. The case raised eyebrows within the Yakima Police Department, where detectives complained that Yakima Valley Regional Library Director Kim Hixson seemed reluctant to assist in the investigation. Hixson acknowledged that she had been initially hesitant to assist the investigation for patron privacy reasons but once she better understood the complaint, she told other library staff that patron safety was a paramount interest....

*Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic, Oct. 6*

### [Baryshnikov archives to the Performing Arts Library](#)

Russian-American dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov has donated a cache of personal recordings, photographs, documents, letters, and scrapbooks to the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts. Jan Schmidt, curator of the library's Jerome Robbins Dance Division, said Baryshnikov's superstar status would draw scholars, students, and the general public to the collection. She estimated it would take three years for the library to copy the videotapes into a digital format and to catalog all the material....

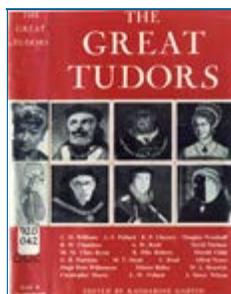
*New York Times, Oct. 5*



### [Library books defaced by prankster playwright Joe Orton](#)

Mark Brown writes: "As crimes go, it was not the most heinous of offenses, but UK law clerk Sidney Porrett made it his mission to nab the perpetrators. They were the playwright Joe Orton and his boyfriend and later murderer Kenneth Halliwell, and the crimes [were taking library books](#) and returning them with comedy collages on the dust jackets. After a fruitless investigation that involved undercover librarians, Porrett eventually caught the pair in an elaborate sting operation and they went down for six months each in 1962."...

*The Guardian (U.K.), Oct. 11; Joe Orton Online*



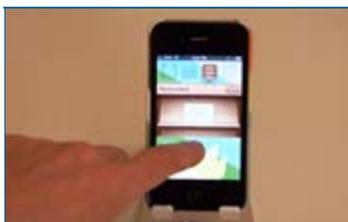
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## Tech Talk

### [Everything you need to know about iOS 5 in seven minutes](#)

Adam Dachis writes: "Apple has finalized the next version of its operating system, iOS 5, and it's a pretty big upgrade. Here's a look at all the new stuff you can expect when you install it on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch. Be sure to watch the [video](#) (7:13) for a demonstration of practically everything mentioned here."...

*Lifehacker, Oct. 12; YouTube, Oct. 3*



### [Why iOS 5 is a big deal](#)

Josh Lowensohn writes: "iOS 5, which made its debut at Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference in June, marks a turning point for the company's mobile software. For the first time, the software breaks iOS devices apart from computers running Apple's iTunes software and goes further to try to unify the devices into the same family. For

Australia. "eM-powering eFutures."

**Mar. 13–17:**  
[Public Library Association](#), National Conference, Philadelphia.

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the last four major versions of iOS, Apple has demanded that users plug into a computer—be it a Mac or PC—to sync music, ferry over data, and grab software updates. Now those features are built into iOS itself.”...

CNET News: Apple Talk, Oct. 11

### [Counting retweets](#)

Phil Bradley writes: “I got asked, ‘How can I count the number of retweets that I get?’ There are a number of options available. First of all, Twitter tells you when you’ve been retweeted by email. Login to Twitter, go to your Settings option (top right), choose Notifications and make sure that the Activity/My tweets are retweeted box is checked. Other options are [Tweetreach](#) and [Retweetrank](#).”...

Phil Bradley’s Weblog, Oct. 11



### [How to clean your screen](#)

Rick Broida writes: “Recently someone asked me if it was okay to spray Windex on her monitor. I think my shriek of horror startled her. It is *not* okay to spray Windex (or anything else) on a monitor. In fact, when it comes to cleaning an LCD screen, there’s a right way and a wrong way. Let’s focus on the right way. For starters, turn your monitor off.”...

PC World, Oct. 11



### [How to share Google Reader stories to Google+](#)

Jon Mitchell writes: “Those of us who are still playing with Google+ are eagerly awaiting its further integration into other Google services (in ways other than the red box in the top right corner). But Google+ is built around sharing, and one of Google’s best sharing services is missing: Google Reader. There is no built-in way to share articles from Google Reader with your circles on Plus. Fortunately, you can make one pretty easily. Here’s how.”...

ReadWriteWeb, Oct. 11

### [Speed up your web browsing in a few clicks](#)

Whitson Gordon writes: “Every millisecond counts when you’re browsing the web, and if you’d like to eke a bit more speed out of your internet connection, you can change your DNS server to make those pages load a bit faster. Here’s a brief introduction to what DNS is, how it affects your connection speed, and how you can easily change your computer’s settings to use the fastest DNS possible.”...

Lifehacker, Oct. 11

### [Create and send a real postcard with your phone](#)

Steve Campbell writes: “What if you really want to send a meaningful message to someone who isn’t with you? How about a postcard? In this article, I’m going to show you how you can send someone a personalized cellphone postcard, so whenever you’re in a situation where a text or picture message simply won’t cut it, you’ll still be in good shape. [Postcard On The Run](#) is a mobile app for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) 2.1+ devices that allows you to instantly create and mail photo postcards directly from your phone for 99 cents and up.”...

MakeUseOf, Oct. 11



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## [Forgotten web browsers of the early 1990s](#)

Matthew Lasar writes: "On August 6, 1991, Tim Berners-Lee published an explanation of WWW on the alt.hypertext usegroup. He also released a code library, libWWW, which he wrote with his assistant Jean-François Groff. The library allowed participants to create their own web browsers. The best known early browser was Mosaic, but it was not the first. Here is a tour of World Wide Web viewing applications, before they became famous."...

Ars Technica, Oct. 11



## E-Content

### [Digital Public Library of America conference](#)

On October 21, the first Digital Public Library of America conference will bring together government leaders, librarians, technologists, students, and others interested in building a national digital library at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Conference participants will share their visions for the DPLA effort and explore multiple points of entry for public participation in the initiative's work. [Registration](#) is free and open to the public. A full list of submissions, including interactive demos, is available on the new [DPLA website](#)....

Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Oct. 5



### [Bowker launches global ebook study](#)

Publisher support company Bowker will launch a major study to assess and track device adoption, attitudes, and purchasing habits of ebook consumers in Europe, Asia, Australia, and North and South America. The study, commencing in January 2012 and repeating annually, will enable comparisons between ebook markets in countries experiencing different growth patterns and arm the publishing industry with a comprehensive range of qualitative and quantitative data. The project will be supported by the Book Industry Study Group (BISG), Pearson, A. T. Kearney, and other groups....

Bowker, Oct. 12

### [Kindle check-outs: Clunky but awesome](#)

Nate Anderson writes: "11,000 U.S. libraries can now lend books to Kindle through OverDrive, an electronic media company that has long provided ebook and audiobook downloads to libraries across the country. The work of providing Kindle access happens on OverDrive's end, rather than requiring something new of library IT staffers, making the whole process less painful for libraries and patrons alike. Selection remains modest—my own library offers only 4,032 books through eMediaLibrary—and the system adheres to a bookish conception of lending."...

Ars Technica, Oct. 10



### [Authors Guild files amended complaint](#)

The Authors Guild filed an [amended complaint](#) October 6 that expands its suit against university libraries over a book-scanning collaborative

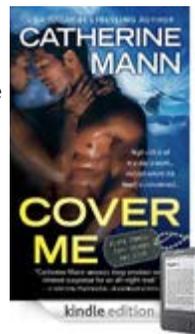
known as HathiTrust. In a release, the Authors Guild said its suit would be joined by a host of international author groups, as well as individual authors, including Norwegian academic Helge Rønning, Swedish novelist Erik Grundström, and American novelist J. R. Salamanca. In the statement, the new plaintiffs joined in harshly criticizing the libraries....

*Publishers Weekly*, Oct. 7; Authors Guild, Oct. 6

### **Romantic fiction's passion for ebooks**

Alison Flood writes: "Nobody knew what to make of the slim, unprepossessing e-reader when he first came to town, all cables and corners. But as the crescendo in ebook sales swells towards a mighty roar, this electronic wizard has cast a spell over romantic fiction, and swept her off her feet. No longer are romance fans forced to conceal the covers of their latest purchases (right) from fellow commuters. Instead, they can follow their heroine's romantic adventures with impunity, safely protected by the anonymity of their e-readers."...

*The Guardian* (U.K.), Oct. 10



### **Kansas makes progress on ebook platform switch**

Michael Kelley writes: "Kansas State Librarian Jo Budler is making steady gains in her unprecedented year-long battle to wrest the state consortium's ebook collection from OverDrive's platform and make it accessible, at no extra charge, on the new platform being offered by 3M. To sweeten its offering, 3M has been negotiating with Amazon to make the 3M Cloud Library compatible with the Kindle e-reader and is taking a position diametrically opposed to OverDrive's."...

*Library Journal*, Oct. 10

### **Enhanced ebooks**

Peter Brantley writes: "The release of Amazon's Kindle Fire has ignited a great deal of discussion about the emergence of a mass market in enhanced ebooks. A notable aspect of these enhanced books, which provide audio and video content as a central and integral component of the storytelling, is that they demonstrate production quality that matches or exceeds the best of what academic scholarly initiatives have delivered. What the consequence of this will be for libraries is extremely difficult to fathom."...

*Publishers Weekly*: PWxyz, Oct. 11

### **EPUB 3 becomes final IDPF specification**

The International Digital Publishing Forum on October 11 announced the completion of a major revision to EPUB, the global standard interchange and delivery format for ebooks. The IDPF membership unanimously voted to elevate EPUB 3.0 to a final IDPF Recommended Specification, publicly available [online](#). Based on HTML5, EPUB 3 adds support for rich media, interactivity, global language support, styling and layout enhancements, SVG, embedded fonts, expanded metadata facilities, MathML, and synchronization of audio with text....

International Digital Publishing Forum, Oct. 11

### **Will the ebook kill the footnote?**

Alexandra Horowitz writes: "The ebook hasn't killed the book; instead, it's killing the page. Today's e-readers scroll text continuously, eliminating the single preformed page, along with any text defined by being on its bottom. A spokesman for the Kindle assured me that it is at the discretion of the publisher how to treat footnotes. Most are demoted to hyperlinked endnotes or, worst of all, unlinked endnotes

that require scrolling through the e-reader to access. Few of these will be read, to be sure. I admit to being somewhat mystified that technological innovation is imperiling footnotes.”...

*New York Times Sunday Book Review*, Oct. 7

### [Europe is set to embrace the ebook](#)

European publishers are becoming less resistant to the “digitization tsunami” as local distribution networks are built and publishers await the arrival of global players such as Amazon, Apple, and Google in their territories. According to a [new report](#) looking into the global ebook market published by O’Reilly Media ahead of its Tools of Change for Publishing conference in Frankfurt on October 11, “significant momentum” is building....

*The Bookseller*, Oct. 10



### [Google launches UK eBookstore](#)

Google eBooks has opened its [eBookstore](#) for customers in the UK. Google said it has hundreds of thousands of commercially available books to buy at launch, in addition to two million public-domain ebooks. Google eBooks are stored in an online library and are accessible across devices including laptops, netbooks, tablets, smartphones, and e-readers. The development comes almost a year after its [U.S. eBookstore](#) went live, with Google now promising launches in other English-language markets such as Australia and Canada to follow soon, and European expansion slated for next year....

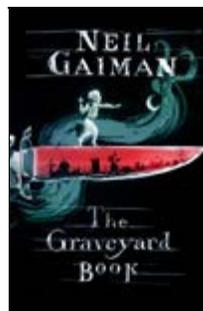
*The Bookseller*, Oct. 10

## Books and Reading

### [Darkness redux](#)

Betsy Bird writes: “It seems a recent article in the *New York Times* has everybody buzzing like a little hive o’ bees. The piece is ‘[No More Adventures in Wonderland](#)’ by Harvard folklore professor Maria Tatar, and in it she discusses darkness in contemporary children’s books versus books for kids in the past. I haven’t read all the responses yet, but I have heard a couple discussions of it. To my mind the piece suffers, in part, because its author is lumping YA literature in with children’s literature. But let’s unpack this a little.”...

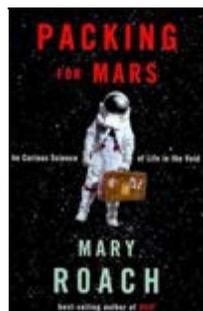
*School Library Journal: A Fuse #8 Production*, Oct. 11; *New York Times*, Oct. 9



### [Adventures in nonfiction](#)

Amy Pelman writes: “As someone who has been devoted to reading novels for most of my life, I used to think of nonfiction books as something to be used for school or for personal reference like a cookbook—not something I read from cover to cover. Turns out, I was way wrong. Recently I’ve read some nonfiction books that have stuck with me in the way only the best novels do. Here is a sampling of some recent reads, broken down in my own newly made-up categorization scheme.”...

YALSA The Hub, Oct. 11

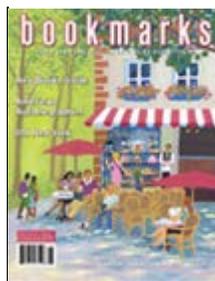


### [Bookmarks to bookmark](#)

Neil Hollands writes: “Only published every other month, [Bookmarks](#) magazine will never rival *Booklist*

or other major review journals for the number of books that it reviews, but for years now, without much fanfare, this magazine has been quietly doing one thing very well: aggregating reviews. On their website, *Bookmarks* features a list of recent reviews and a list of the books that have been reviewed most often in the last few months. Consider adding *Bookmarks* to your box of tools in preparing for book group."...

Booklist Online: Book Group Buzz, Oct. 12



### [With a Little Help: Now at your library](#)

Cory Doctorow writes: "It's been nine months since the launch of *With a Little Help*, and, as with most trade books, the action has slowed down. For some months, my *PW* editor, Andrew Albanese, has been telling me that I'm crazy not to pitch the book to libraries. He's right. Libraries love me, and it's mutual. I spend a lot of time touring libraries, I speak at ALA and several regional libraries, I lobby alongside professional librarian associations, and I worked at libraries through high school. So, yeah, I should be selling to libraries. But how?"...

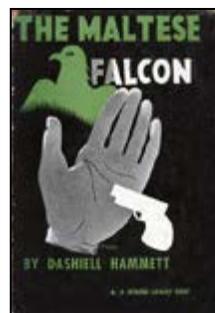
*Publishers Weekly*, Oct. 7



### [The Picasso of dust jacket design](#)

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "He brought poster, advertising, and dust jacket design out of the 19th century and into the 20th, integrating the aesthetic and forms of modern art into his work. It was welcomed in England. It was rejected in the United States. In his time he was, ultimately, the most significant graphic designer in the English-speaking world. Born in Montana, Edward McKnight Kauffer (1890–1954) was one of Europe's most prolific and influential advertising poster artists during the 1920s and 1930s."...

Booktryst, Oct. 10



## Actions & Answers

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### [Digital badges could measure 21st-century skills](#)

How can schools accurately measure and categorize a student's 21st-century skills? The MacArthur Foundation hopes to solve this problem with a new [competition](#) that calls on participants to create what is known as a "digital badge." Digital badges and the digital badge system would, advocates say, help define the skills and knowledge students pick up in an informal way, such as through internships, online courses, open courseware, competitions, and much more....

*eSchool News*, Oct. 11



### [ARL asks GPO to reverse depository library decisions](#)

The Association of Research Libraries has released a statement calling upon the U.S. Government Printing Office to reverse its recent, troubling decisions concerning the Federal Depository Library Program. Decisions by the leadership of GPO over the last nine

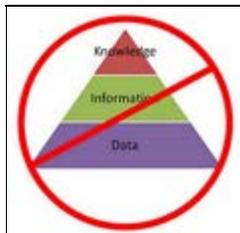
months call for costly changes in practice by federal depository libraries that are not supported by provisions in Title 44, the governing statute of the program....

Association of Research Libraries, Oct. 12

### [Where does knowledge come from?](#)

Nick Milton writes: "In most of the training courses I run, I ask the question, 'Where does knowledge come from?' Every time, I get the answer, 'Knowledge comes from experience.' Never does anyone answer, 'Knowledge comes from information.' Never. So why do we persevere with the Data / Information / Knowledge pyramid? It's misleading, and it does not represent what people think."...

Knoco Stories, Oct. 10



### [A librarian's guide to the elevator pitch](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Let's face it, as librarians (or soon-to-be librarians) we aren't the best at tooting our own horns. The elevator pitch is one of the most important tools for personal branding and can be an excellent opportunity for you to promote yourself at conferences, events, job interviews, and online. I would recommend that you not only create a written bio, but a more informal version of that bio as your elevator pitch that you can use whenever needed. Here are some resources to help you do that."...

iLibrarian, Oct. 10

### [Advocacy and lobbying: What's the difference?](#)

Linda W. Braun writes: "Frequently I talk with librarians about advocacy in teen services. We talk about a lot more related to speaking up and out about teen services to a variety of audiences including colleagues, community members, and government officials. I recently realized that for some librarians there is a concern that if they talk with legislators in order to advocate for teen services, that they might actually be lobbying. And, for some, lobbying is not allowed within their job description. This got me thinking, what is the difference between advocacy and lobbying?"...

YALSA Blog, Oct. 4

### [Boston renovates Leventhal Map Center](#)

The Boston Public Library will open a new space in the McKim Building on Copley Square for the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center on October 22. The renovated space, under construction since April, features a new exhibition gallery, a public learning center, and a reading room for rare map research. Other elements include a custom stained-glass reproduction of a 1775 map of Boston, exploration areas designed for children, and a world globe three feet in diameter....



Boston Public Library, Oct. 6

### [OCLC and Rutgers to study Virtual Reference Services](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded a \$250,000 National Leadership Grant for a collaborative research project between OCLC Research and the Rutgers University School of Communication and Information to investigate library-based Virtual Reference Services. The two-year project includes the investigation of VRS models that rely upon more extensive collaboration among

librarians and subject experts....

OCLC, Oct. 7

### [Celebrate autumn @ your library](#)

Between school breaks, Halloween, and Thanksgiving, fall is a busy time of year for everyone. Here are just a few examples of how libraries are celebrating autumn. The Burbank (Calif.) Public Library will host "[Fall Cool Crafts @ your library.](#)" Children in grades 1–8 are invited to visit the library and begin preparing their Halloween costumes by making masks (above)....



ALA Campaign for America's Libraries, Oct. 11

### [American Archives Month](#)

October is American Archives Month—an opportunity to raise awareness about the value of archives and archivists. Since 2006, the Society of American Archivists has provided public relations kits ([PDF file](#)) that offer practical information and great ideas to help make your archives program more visible year-round. For 2010–2013, SAA is focusing on the "I Found It In the Archives!" campaign, which reaches out to users nationwide to share stories about what they found in the archives that has made a difference in their lives....



Society of American Archivists

### [What artifacts can teach us about genealogy](#)

Karen DePauw writes: "What can the fabric from six dresses and a curtain tell us about 150 years of one family's history? As it turns out, quite a lot. Within the Connecticut Historical Society archives lives a clue to six generations and 150 years of a family's past: a small board with seven swatches of fabric lovingly attached. Six of the fabrics are from wedding dresses and the seventh is a curtain fragment. Each piece was labeled with the name of a bride, her groom, and their wedding date. The swatches of fabric were handed down and finally assembled as a unique family record."...



Your Public Media, Oct. 6

### [Hard choices: Do libraries really destroy books?](#)

Linda Holmes writes: "Libraries have a certain amount of space and a certain amount of money. The careful culling of books is painstaking work. I spoke to Betsy Simpson, the president of ALCTS. She told me that while there are always choices to be made because it's simply not possible for every library to collect and retain every book, it's not as if they're throwing books in the shredder because they don't care. 'Libraries really take seriously their mission to preserve the cultural record,' she says."...

National Public Radio: Monkey See, Oct. 12

### [A visit to the Law Library of Congress](#)

Stephanie Rocio Miles writes: "In early October I had a great visit at the Law Library of Congress. My visit began with an introduction by David Mao, deputy law librarian of Congress, who provided information on the library's history, the scope of its collection, and the type of services it provides.



Afterwards I met Janice Hyde, director of GLIN (Global Legal Information Network) Central, who shared all her tricks about this great database.”...

Bilingual Librarian, Oct. 8

### [Scott Spicer’s Digital Image Collections Guide](#)

Scott Spicer writes: “This resource is a curated bibliography of quality digital-image collections spanning about 85 subjects and including some 950 digital collections that have been culled primarily from the LibGuides Community. Several subject areas have been further refined by 20 subject liaison librarians at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities. The goal of the site is to share this work with the visual resources community, hopefully making the resource stronger through participation for others to repurpose.”...

ALA Connect

### [Misinformation in TV drama conveys credibility](#)

Our beliefs about the world are shaped by many factors. A new research study suggests that nuggets of misinformation embedded in a fictional television program can seep into our brains and lodge there as perceived facts. What’s more, this troubling dynamic seems to occur even when our initial response is skepticism. But this all-important skepticism diminishes over time as our memory of where we heard the fact or falsehood in question dims. That’s the conclusion of a [study](#) published in the journal *Human Communication Research*...

Miller-McCune, Oct. 10



### [Get It Loud in Libraries](#)

Get It Loud In Libraries focuses on playing noisy, energetic, contemporary music in libraries: places that are relaxed, traditional, and very quiet. Does not sound very promising, does it? If we were to list the public places to host a gig, the library would be down near the bottom, alongside the local police station. Yet this project has been a runaway success in the UK, hosting gigs across the country and boasting an impressive catalog of acts including singer Adele and rapper Chipmunk....

The Phonograph, Oct. 10

### [Mistakes and misprints in the King James Bible](#)

The Folger Shakespeare Library is celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. In this [video](#) (2:07) “Manifold Greatness” curators Hannibal Hamlin and Steven Galbraith share some of the more well-known printing errors from early editions of the bible, including the accidental substitution of Judas for Jesus (in the “Judas Bible”), the omission of an important word from the seventh commandment on adultery, and even some gender confusion in the 1611 edition....

YouTube, Sept. 29



### [The Librarians on Hulu](#)

All three seasons (2007–2010) of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's hit comedy, *The Librarians*, are now available on Hulu. Despite the description ("Frances O'Brien is the highly-strung head librarian of the Middleton Interactive Learning Centre, and is completely insensitive to the needs of her eclectic group of employees and the public in general"), the show is amusing and has been popular with Australian librarians....



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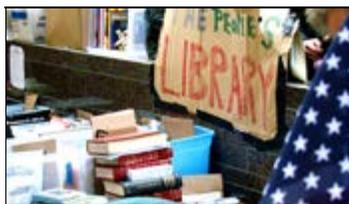
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## American Libraries Online

### [A library occupies the heart of the Occupy movement](#)

Christian Zabriskie writes: "The People's Library at Occupy Wall Street in New York City started spontaneously [shortly after](#) the protest began on September 17, when a pile of books was left in a cardboard box at Zuccotti Park on Wall Street. The books were passed around and organized, and more were soon added. Several weeks later, Betsy Fagin brought the idea of a people's library before the General Assembly of the occupation and was appointed librarian of Occupy Wall Street. Since then the library has been growing and expanding exponentially."...

*American Libraries* news, Oct. 18; Occupy Wall Street Library



### [Library outreach specialists reach out and up in Cleveland](#)

John Amundsen writes: "Satia Orange (on the left, with novelist Audrey Niffenegger), retired director of ALA's Office for Literacy and Outreach Services and opening keynote speaker at the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services 2011 Annual Conference, October 13–15, in Cleveland, Ohio, said: 'I want you to live your best life so you can affect the lives of the people you work with and for.' Orange set the tone for the conference, which, for many attendees, is an opportunity to meet, reflect, and exchange ideas with a focus on empowering professionals to better serve their communities."...

*AL: Inside Scoop*, Oct. 18



### [Currents](#)

**Jan Merrill-Oldham** (right), 64, Malloy-Rabinowitz preservation librarian at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, from 1995 to 2010, died October 5. On October 1, **Ann Okerson** was appointed senior advisor on electronic strategies at the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago. On September 30, **Glennor Shirley** retired as head librarian of 17 state prison libraries



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## ALA News

### [Congressional briefing supports the SKILLS Act](#)

On October 17, representatives of AASL presented a [congressional briefing](#) to advocate for the inclusion of the Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLS) Act in the upcoming Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization. The briefing, "Education Reform and the SKILLS Act: An Analysis of 21st-Century School Libraries and Their Impact on Career and College Preparedness," covered how the SKILLS Act supports and sustains 21st-century school libraries. Carl Harvey (above) offers some [insider perspective](#), and the ALA Washington Office has a [video wrap-up](#) (8:21). The [AASL website](#) has all the videos and background materials....



AASL, Oct. 19; AASL Blog, Oct. 19; Vimeo, Oct. 18

### [Volunteer to serve on a committee](#)

ALA President-Elect Maureen Sullivan is encouraging members to volunteer for ALA and Council committees during the 2012–2013 appointment process. Sullivan is chairing both the Committee on Appointments and Committee on Committees. Serving on a committee provides members with leadership training, networking opportunities, and experience in working on specific Association topics. The deadline for completing the ALA committee [volunteer form](#) is November 4....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 17

### [The ALA Fun Run is back](#)

Following an eight-year hiatus, health-conscious members have encouraged ALA to reinstate the Fun Run. Open to all Midwinter Meeting attendees, the Fun Run 5K and Walk will take place at 7 a.m. Central Time on Saturday, January 21, in Dallas, where it debuted in 1984. The event introduces a "Think Fit @ ALA" focus, which encourages both personal and environmental health. The cost is \$25 before January 17 and \$30 per person after....

Conference Services, Oct. 17



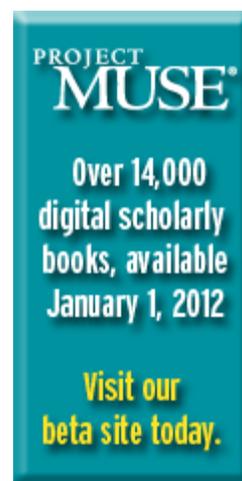
### [750 videos posted for Banned Books Read-Out](#)

More than 750 people read from their favorite banned books during the [virtual read-out](#) that took place on YouTube as part of the recently concluded Banned Books Week. People of all ages were filmed in bookstores, libraries, and their own homes throughout the United States. They were joined by Whoopi



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Goldberg and many authors whose books have been challenged, including Judy Blume, Lauren Myracle, Jay Asher, and Chris Crutcher. The virtual read-out was the centerpiece of an expanded Banned Books Week. *American Libraries* has posted a [photo essay](#) on Banned Book activities in libraries....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Oct. 13; *American Libraries*, Oct. 12

### [Accreditation statuses explained](#)

Laura Dare writes: "Many of the inquiries we receive in the Office for Accreditation have to do with the accreditation status of an MLIS program. There are currently 63 ALA-accredited programs, of which 59 have continued accreditation, one has initial accreditation, and three have conditional accreditation status. There are three programs on the path toward initial accreditation: one program with candidacy status, and two programs with precandidacy status. Each status has reporting and review requirements."...

*Prism* 19, no. 2 (Fall)

### [100 Days for Haiti](#)

Since the January 2010 Haiti earthquake, ALA has been committed to helping rebuild libraries on the island. Now, with the generous support of one of its members, ALA is doubling down with this effort—in the form of a matching gift challenge, "100 Days for Haiti." Deborah Lazar, librarian at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois, has pledged to match any gift to the ALA Haiti Library Relief Fund (for a maximum of \$5,000) from now through January 2012. You can make a [qualifying donation](#) on the ALA website now, or send your contribution to the ALA International Relations Office....



International Relations Office, Oct. 17

### [FTRF announces nominating committee for 2012 election](#)

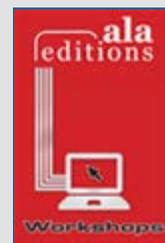
The Freedom to Read Foundation has announced the nominating committee for its April 2012 election. Committee members are: James G. Neal, New York (chair); Chris Finan, New York; and Judy Platt, Washington, D.C. Five positions on the FTRF board of trustees will be filled in the election to be held April 1–May 1....

Freedom to Read Foundation, Oct. 18

### [Many ways to access ALA Editions ebooks](#)

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ALA Editions, Oct. 13



### [Collaborating with Teens to Build Better Library Programs](#)

is a new workshop from ALA Editions, November 10 and 17. Learn practical strategies for giving teens the lead in developing high-appeal collections and services. **NEW! From ALA Publishing.**



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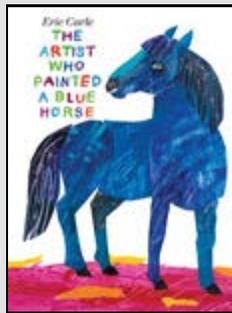


# Booklist ONLINE

## Featured review: Fiction for youth

Carle, Eric. *The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse*. Illustrated by Eric Carle. Oct. 2011. PreSchool–Grade 2. 32p. Philomel, hardcover (978-0-399-25713-1).

Brushing broad strokes onto a canvas, a mop-top boy proclaims, "I am an artist / and I paint. . . ." Paint he does, larger-than-life animals that run, crawl, and hop across clean, two-page spreads. But his subjects are quite subjective as well: a galloping horse is blue; an alligator, teeth bared, is crimson; and a hopping rabbit is pink. The text is almost nonexistent. Each spread simply labels the animal ("a green lion") while the word "and . . ." moves the reader to the next page. The artwork alone is invigorating, but this book is also an homage to the Expressionist artist Franz Marc, who died as a soldier during World War I...



## Top 10 first novels for youth

Ilene Cooper writes: "First novels tend to be hard-hitting, and there's no exception here. Relocation camps, rape, gender issues, and illegal immigration are just some of the issues these first novels take on. The titles were chosen from books that were reviewed in *Booklist* over the last 12 months."...



## Books by Booklist authors

Ilene Cooper writes: "Suspected terrorists, recovering meth addicts, bumbling psychos—Booklist Online Editor Keir Graff has written about them all in his four adult crime novels. So what's next? A delightful children's book, of course. *The Other Felix*, which is published by Roaring Brook this month, may seem to be far afield for Graff, but the inspiration for the story was pretty close to home. As he recalls, 'My son Felix was having nightmares about monsters until one night he dreamed about a boy who looked just like him, had the same name, and knew how to fight the monsters.' That sparked the idea for a book, but what made Graff think that he could write for children after all the blood and gore he'd been dispensing in his adult books? Well, at first he didn't."...



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## Great Libraries of the World



### Bibliothèque Condé,

Château de Chantilly, France. The library was built in 1876–1877 by Honoré Daumet, the architect for the rebuilding of the entire castle, to house the rare collection of bibliophile

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## Dallas Update

### [The Sixth Floor Museum](#)

Only a short walk away from the Convention Center, the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza is located on the sixth and seventh floors of the Dallas County Administration Building (formerly the Texas School Book Depository) at 411 Elm Street. The museum examines the life, times, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. It is located at the very spot from which Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot and killed Kennedy. In addition to permanent and temporary exhibits, the museum has a [Reading Room](#) (above) with more than 4,000 books, magazines, newspapers, and videos on JFK, the assassination, and 1960s pop culture....

Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza



### [A good new site for calculating bag fees](#)

Brett Snyder writes: "One of the big complaints people have about airline fees is the inability to figure out exactly what's being charged. Most of the sites that try to aggregate fees seem to only give you long lists that don't really help that much. There is a new website, [iflybags.com](#), that takes the next step toward calculating fees for you. It's better than most of what's out there today, but it still has a way to go before it's truly a great option. The site lets you enter your flight information and it spits out what bag fees will be."...

The Cranky Flier, Oct. 18



### [Fine-tuning your flight search](#)

In September, Google introduced the first version of its new [flight search feature](#) and the response has mostly focused on what it does not offer. Though Google's debut may have been premature, it has shaken up the competitive landscape, which is good news for travelers. One notable change is that travel search engines are finally moving away from the one-size-fits-all approach to booking a flight, and are building tools that answer specific questions about different types of trips. Here are some of the most pertinent queries that search engines are currently taking on....



Henri d'Orléans, duc d'Aumale. Maps, folded down in front of the shelves, were used as blinds to protect the books from light. The library contains more than 12,500 printed volumes and some 200 medieval manuscripts, with a collection of the letters of Pope Gregory from 983; the famous *Les Très Riches Heures* of Jean, duc de Berry, from 1410; and 40 miniatures from Jean Fouquet's 1461 *Book of Hours of Étienne Chevalier* taking pride of place. Daumet built a second library in 1880 in the former castle theater to house the duke's working collection of recent books.



### [Bibliothèque Humaniste](#), Sélestat, France.

The library consists of two collections that were acquired by the city in 1547: the humanist Latin School Library founded in Sélestat in 1452, and the collection of the 16th-century Alsatian scholar, [Beatus Rhenanus](#), the only Renaissance humanist library remaining virtually intact. In 1888, the two libraries moved into a former corn exchange building along with the municipal archives. Its

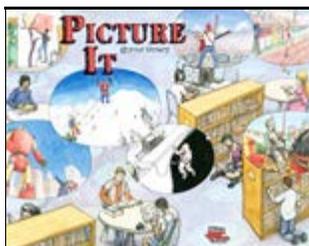
*New York Times*, Oct. 12

## Division News

### Picture It @ your library

Nearly 5,000 libraries are celebrating Teen Read Week October 16–22 with special events and activities encouraging teens to read for the fun of it. The 2011 Teen Read Week theme is *Picture It @ your library*, which encourages teens to read graphic novels and other illustrated materials, seek out creative books, or imagine the world through literature. Teens can vote for next year's Teen Read Week theme and read the winners of this year's Teens' Top Ten....

YALSA, Oct. 17



### Teens choose Teens' Top Ten

Teen readers across the country chose *Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare as their favorite book in the annual Teens' Top Ten vote, sponsored by YALSA. Teens cast nearly 10,000 votes online between August 15 and September 15, with the official list announced during Teen Read Week, October 16–22. Simmons College graduate students Amy Fiske, Mairead Duffy, and Emily Meyer created a [video announcement](#) (1:44) of the list and Clare put together an [acceptance video](#) (1:02)....

YALSA, Oct. 17; Animoto, Oct. 12; YouTube, Oct. 17



### Wrestlemania puts a headlock on teen reading

A diabolical plot is unfolding at the Cockeysville branch of the Baltimore County (Md.) Public Library, and it's all because YALSA has declared October 16–22 to be Teen Read Week. The library's plot is called the Wrestlemania Reading Challenge, and it's designed to get teens and tweens to flex their mind muscles. The program was created to lure young people—including those who might normally seldom crack a book open outside school—into reading....

*Baltimore Sun*, Oct. 17

### AASL 2011 Learning Commons

Buffy Hamilton writes: "The AASL Learning Commons 2011 in Minneapolis (formerly the Bloggers' Café in Charlotte 2009) will be a space for starting, continuing, and sharing conversations for learning. Whether you are attending the October 27–30 national conference in person or participating from afar, everyone is invited to connect and contribute to these conversations for learning about a diverse range of topics and issues in librarianship. The Learning Commons is a physical and [virtual space](#) not only to share and celebrate your passions but also for discovering new ones."....

AASL Blog, Oct. 18; AASL Learning Commons wiki



### Webinar: Online tools for Spanish speakers

Registration closes October 24 for the hour-long webinar, "[Building Community: Online Tools for Spanish Speakers](#)." Hosted by PLA, the live webinar will be presented at 1 p.m. Central Time on October 26. Participants will learn how to create a library community that

treasures include a 7th-century Merovingian reader, a 12th-century prayer book in Carolingian miniscule, and a manuscript copy of Otto of Passau's *The 24 Elders* from 1430.

**This AL Direct feature** showcases 250 libraries around the world that are notable for their exquisite architecture, historic collections, and innovative services. If you find yourself on vacation near one of them, be sure to stop by for a visit. The entire list will be available in [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart, which is scheduled for publication in 2013 by ALA Editions.



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### Digital Initiatives Librarian.

Montana State University, Bozeman, seeks a digital initiatives librarian to explore, test, implement, build, and support our library's digital and mobile software applications. We are looking for a promising professional who seeks an environment that

welcomes and assists Spanish speakers by blending emerging technologies and social media with in-person services such as programming and reference....

PLA, Oct. 18

### [ASCLA issues RFP for online education consultant](#)

ASCLA seeks a consultant for a soup-to-nuts development and launch of a comprehensive package of online learning opportunities. The desired outcome of the project is to develop the framework (including policies, procedures, and templates) to support a long-term online continuing education program for ASCLA. Applicants may submit their proposal in one of two ways by October 31....

ASCLA, Oct. 18

### [ACRL seeks proposals for its Spring Virtual Institute](#)

ACRL is accepting proposals for the division's [2012 Spring Virtual Institute](#). "Extending Reach, Proving Value: Collaborations Strengthen Communities." [Submissions](#) will be accepted through December 15. On April 18–19, the institute will explore how libraries are capitalizing on community collaborations in order to facilitate connectedness and demonstrate value. The institute will offer both synchronous and asynchronous sessions, which will be archived after the institute for viewing on-demand....

ACRL, Oct. 17

### [ACRL plans two national summits](#)

ACRL is partnering with the Association for Institutional Research, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and the Council of Independent Colleges to convene two national summits. In the first, a wide range of participants from the higher education sector will discuss the data campus administrators would like libraries to provide and what collaborative assistance is available through institutional research offices. In the second, librarian participants will address strategies to prepare the library community to document and communicate the library's value in advancing the missions and goals of their colleges and universities....

ACRL Insider, Oct. 18

### [The ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee](#)

Betsy Bird writes: "We're all friends here, right? I can confess things to you, yes? Okay. Here goes. <deep breath> I've been a children's librarian for going on seven years here and I had no idea that there was an [ALSC committee](#) out there charged with the single, solitary duty of making lists. I endeavor to explain."...

*School Library Journal*: A Fuse #8 Production, Oct. 18

## Awards & Grants

### [Deadline for Carnegie-Whitney grants](#)

The ALA Publishing Committee is offering a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library. Applications for [Carnegie-Whitney grants](#) must be received by November 4. Recipients will be notified by the end of February....

ALA Publishing, Oct. 18

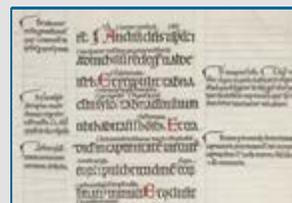
### [Norman Horrocks–Scarecrow Press Annual Conference grant](#)

complements her/his career goals and interests. Technical responsibilities include significant web programming and database work. Design and accessibility responsibilities include: web application design, troubleshooting, and maintenance as well as ongoing application development and evaluation. The position also has a variety of project management responsibilities including coordinating and facilitating communication between library teams and university departments, developing project specifications and documentation, and conducting project evaluations....



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## Digital Library of the Week



### [Penn in Hand: Selected Manuscripts](#)

is the University of Pennsylvania's collection of more than 1,400 online facsimiles of rare manuscripts from the 9th to the

Applications are being accepted for the new Norman Horrocks-Scarecrow Press Annual Conference grant, administered by the Retired Members Round Table with funds provided by Scarecrow Press. The \$1,000 grant supports attendance at the ALA Annual Conference and is named in honor of the late ALA Honorary Member Norman Horrocks. The deadline for applications is December 1. Eligible candidates must be a RMRT member and retired from full-time paid employment. Submit applications to [Danielle M. Alderson](#)...

Retired Members Round Table, Oct. 17

### [Mortenson Center wins humanitarian award](#)

The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library was selected to receive a 2011 Champaign-Urbana International Humanitarian Award for its efforts to facilitate international cooperation through research and education. The center works to strengthen international ties among libraries and librarians worldwide for the promotion of international education, understanding, and peace. It was nominated for the award by the Champaign (Ill.) Public Library....

University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana Library, Oct. 13



### [Librarian a 2011 Rising Star Award winner](#)

Jessica Nadine Hernández, librarian at the Food and Drug Administration's Biosciences Library, was the only librarian among 25 winners of the 2011 Rising Star in Government Information Technology awards given by *Federal Computer Week*. Hernández was nominated for recruiting a team of creative and energetic federal employees ("NewFeds") who are interested in modernizing federal libraries....

*Federal Computer Week*, Oct. 10



### [Lauren Myracle withdraws from National Book Award](#)

A month before the winners are to be announced, this year's National Book Awards have become a story of embarrassment. Within just a few days, children's author Lauren Myracle has been a nominee, a non-nominee, a nominee again, and finally a non-nominee, asked to withdraw over mistakes not her own. Myracle's *Shine* was on the original list of five finalists in YA literature announced October 12. But the National Book Foundation cited a "miscommunication" with the judges and quickly said that her book had been confused with Franny Billingsley's *Chime*. Emily Calkins has [more on the subject](#), and *Vanity Fair* [interviews Myracle](#) about what happened....

Associated Press, Oct. 17; YALSA The Hub, Oct. 18; *Vanity Fair*, Oct. 18



### [2011 Man Booker Prize](#)

English writer Julian Barnes has been awarded the 2011 Man Booker Prize for his 150-page novel *The Sense of an Ending*. The chair of this year's judging panel, former MI5 Director General Stella Rimington, said it had "the markings of a classic of English literature. It is exquisitely written, subtly plotted and reveals new depths with each reading." The £50,000 (\$78,540 U.S.) prize is awarded each year for the best

19th century held in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library. A two-year grant funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities has allowed Penn to finish digitizing manuscripts produced prior to 1601; a second grant was secured in March to digitize manuscripts from 1601 to 1800. The collection also includes more than 100 facsimiles of the Lawrence J. Schoenberg Collection, a collection of late medieval and early modern manuscripts donated in April by 1953 College graduate and Wharton MBA recipient Lawrence Schoenberg.

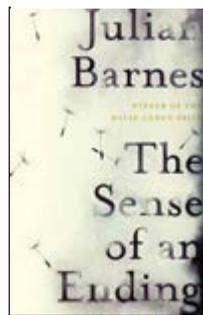
**Do you know** of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it](#). Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the [Love Libraries](#) site.



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**"I formally declare this reading-room open, and I think that the legislature should not compel a community to provide itself with intelligent food, but give it the privilege of providing it if the**



original full-length novel, written in the English language, by a citizen of the Commonwealth of Nations, Ireland, or Zimbabwe....

*The Guardian* (U.K.), Oct. 18

### 2011 Planeta Prize

Spanish writer Javier Moro (right) has won Spain's Planeta Prize for his novel *El imperio eres tú*, written under the pseudonym of [Agustín San José](#) and based on the life of Brazilian Emperor Pedro I, who ruled in the first half of the 19th century. The Madrid native's work was selected from the 484 novels competing for the prestigious prize, which carries a cash award of €601,000 (\$833,887 U.S.). Moro was honored at an October 15 awards ceremony in Barcelona, home of publishing giant Grupo Planeta....



*Latin American Herald Tribune*, Oct. 17; *ABC* (Madrid), Oct. 17

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## Seen Online

### [Clampdown on free speech at Salt Lake City library?](#)

Salt Lake City Public Library employees say the latest chapter on staff turmoil is rich with irony: a clampdown on free speech inside the very institution that celebrates the principle. A just-launched crackdown on opinionated all-staff emails and on criticism of management expressed via social media has some veteran librarians fearing for their jobs and others crying censorship. Now, for the first time since controversy enveloped Director Beth Elder in 2010, the Friends of the Library is openly questioning the library's direction and its "chronic problems."...

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Oct. 18

### [Brooklyn Public Library looks for ways to sell property](#)

Linda E. Johnson, president and CEO of the Brooklyn Public Library, is looking for a way to cash in on the library's crumbling real estate. She is pushing for a deal that would let library reap proceeds from selling property or development rights and use the money to make much-needed repairs. The main obstacle is that the city owns the branch buildings—and under current rules, any money gained from selling them would go to the city's general fund, and the library wouldn't see a dime....

*New York Daily News*, Oct. 16

**community so desires."**

—Author Mark Twain, at the [dedication](#) of the Kensal Rise Library in Brent, London, Oct. 13, 1900; the library was shuttered by Brent Council exactly 111 years later.

**"We have the internet. We don't need a library at all."**

—Comedian and political commentator Bill Maher, on his *Real Time with Bill Maher* show, HBO, Oct. 14.

**"I love libraries. I spent a lot of time in the Greenfield [Mass.] Public Library when I was a child. I would give money to build a library, but if for some reason you were crazy enough to think you had a better idea for your money than building my library, I wouldn't pull a gun on you. I wouldn't use a gun to build an art museum, to look at the wonders of the universe through a big telescope, or even to find a cure for cancer."**

—Magician, comedian, and libertarian Penn Jillette, *God, No! Signs You May Already Be an Atheist and Other Magical Tales* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2011), p. 150.

@ [More quotes...](#)

## [Chavez Library expansion marks turnaround for Salinas](#)

Six years ago, the city of Salinas, California, faced closing its three libraries because of money shortages—a potentially huge civic embarrassment for the home of acclaimed author John Steinbeck. Now Salinas is embarking on a \$2.9-million construction project, partially paid for by sales taxes approved by city voters in November 2005 to save libraries and other public services, to greatly expand Cesar Chavez Library, the city's most heavily used branch. The [groundbreaking ceremony](#) was October 19....

*Monterey County (Calif.) Herald*, Oct. 14; YouTube, Oct. 5



## [Checking out](#)

Shannon O'Neill writes: "One of my duties as an archivist at the Atlantic City (N.J.) Free Public Library is to document history. Given this, I cannot help but preserve the library artifacts that I find. On [this page](#) are images of a few items that I have pulled from the trash cans of various libraries. I have chosen these items not only because I am already a little nostalgic for them, but also because I know that their passing marks an important shift in the role and functions of the library. Who knows? One day, the shiny new scanner that sits on my desk may join their ranks."...

*New York Times*, Oct. 15



## [Pediatricians: No TV for children under 2](#)

Parents of infants and toddlers should limit the time their children spend in front of televisions, computers, self-described educational games, and even grown-up shows playing in the background, the American Academy of Pediatrics warned October 18. Video screen time provides no educational benefits for children under age 2 and leaves less room for activities that do, like interacting with other people and playing, the group said....

*New York Times*, Oct. 18

## [Stanford researcher finds many leaky websites](#)

Somini Sengupta writes: "The web is porous. Remarkable information trickles in from everywhere. It also sometimes spills out without its users knowing exactly where or how. Take these findings, [released](#) October 11 by Jonathan Mayer at Stanford Law School's Center for Internet and Society. If you type a wrong password into the website of the *Wall Street Journal*, it turns out that your email address quietly slips out to seven unrelated websites. Sign on to NBC and, likewise, seven other companies can capture your email address. Click on an ad on HomeDepot.com and your first name and user ID are instantly revealed to 13 other companies."...

*New York Times*: Bits, Oct. 11; Center for Internet and Society, Oct. 11

## [Library seeks photos from 1937 flood](#)

To commemorate next year's 75th anniversary of the worst flood in Cincinnati's history, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is asking people to lend the library their photographs, letters, and diaries pertaining to the 1937 Ohio River flood so that the best ones can be preserved in digital form and shared on its website. This digital exhibit



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Teen Read Week, Oct.

will augment the library's display of its own 1937 flood memorabilia that will be unveiled at the main branch in January....

*Cincinnati Enquirer*, Oct. 16

### [Racetrack library holds 117 years of the \*Daily Racing Form\*](#)

Many horse racing fans swear by—and sometimes possibly at—the *Daily Racing Form*. It's the newspaper of the thoroughbred industry. The Keeneland racetrack in Lexington, Kentucky, holds a vast collection in its library (nearly every issue since 1894), and efforts are underway to [preserve each issue](#) and establish a comprehensive [digital archive](#). In April 2000, *Daily Racing Form* contributed its entire archival collection to the Keeneland Library, which was established in 1939....

National Public Radio: *Weekend Edition*, Oct. 15



### [University of Missouri still clearing fire damage](#)

A popular Halloween event has been canceled this year because of damage from fires intentionally set in September at Ellis Library on the University of Missouri campus. The State Historical Society of Missouri, located within Ellis, had to forgo its popular "Trick or Treat through Missouri History." The smoke and water damage left behind from the September 10 fire are still causing headaches for library and historical society workers. Damage has been estimated between \$600,000 and \$1 million, most of which will be covered by insurance....

*Columbia (Mo.) Daily Tribune*, Oct. 12

### [Taylor Swift donates 6,000 books to Reading library](#)

Country musician Taylor Swift donated 6,000 books to her hometown library, the Reading (Pa.) Public Library, which has divided them equally among its main, northeast, northwest, and southeast branches. Reading was one of three struggling libraries that Swift decided to help. Library officials learned of the donation in March during a call from Scholastic Books. They picked the books they wanted from the publisher: five copies each of 500 titles, including fiction and nonfiction for children and teens and picture books for younger patrons. Watch the [video](#) (0:48)....

*Reading (Pa.) Eagle*, Oct. 14



### [Judge fast-tracks appeal of test case on UK library closures](#)

Lawyers acting for library advocates were granted an injunction October 19 to prevent further dismantling of six libraries in the London Borough of Brent that were slated for closure, and a court of appeals will review the case in November.

Residents, backed by some of Britain's biggest authors, sought a judicial review after Brent Council announced plans to shut half of the borough's libraries in April. In what was viewed as a test case for closures across the UK, High Court Justice Ouseley [ruled](#) October 13 that the Council's decision was lawful. Council members [padlocked](#) the doors of the Kensal Rise Library, an institution dedicated by American writer Mark Twain in 1900, a few hours after the decision. Parents



16–22, at:

[#trw11](#)

Internet Librarian 2011, Monterey, California, Oct. 17–19, at:

[#il2011](#)

Illinois Library Association, Annual Conference, Rosemont, Oct. 18–20, at:

[#ila2011](#)

Educause, Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Oct. 18–21, at:

[#edu11](#)

South Carolina Library Association, Annual Conference, Charleston, Oct. 19–21, at:

[#scla2011](#)

Access 2011, Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 19–22, at:

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American Medical Informatics Association, Annual Symposium, Washington, D.C., Oct. 22–26, at:

[#amia2011](#)

Internet Librarian International 2011, London, Oct. 26–28, at:

[#ili2011](#)

AASL National Conference, Minneapolis, Oct. 27–30, at:

[#aas11](#)

ALA Midwinter Meeting, Dallas, Jan. 20–24, at:

[#alamw12](#)

*American Libraries* news stories, blog

and children have been [maintaining a vigil](#) outside the historic library....

*The Guardian* (U.K.), Oct. 19; *The Telegraph* (U.K.), Oct. 13; BBC News, Oct. 16; Save Kensal Rise Library!

### [Finding the Archimedes Palimpsest](#)

An exhibition at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore is featuring the Archimedes Palimpsest, a reused copy of an unknown work by the ancient Greek mathematician Archimedes. At the exhibition's start, you come face to face with two leaves from the Palimpsest; all you see is a fragment of a ruined manuscript, charred, stained, and inscribed with prayers. But lines of reddish text, scarcely visible, run perpendicular to those prayers. The juxtaposition neatly demonstrates the challenge posed by the Palimpsest and the technology used to explore it....

*New York Times*, Oct. 16



### [British Library reinstates Amazon link](#)

The British Library is reinstating its link to Amazon on online catalog records, after briefly removing the feature last week in response to criticism from leading booksellers. The link takes readers of the library's catalog records directly to the sales page for each title on the Amazon.co.uk website. Waterstone's James Daunt heavily [criticized](#) the link on October 14. In a statement issued October 18, the library said the link was being restored "because of its usefulness for library users seeking further information about collection items."...

*The Bookseller*, Oct. 14, 18



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## Tech Talk

### [Battle of the smartphone operating systems](#)

Jeffrey L. Wilson and William Fenton write: "Apple iOS 5 is here. Cupertino's mobile operating system brings advanced, centralized notifications, cable-free setup, wireless iTunes syncing, and other enticing features to the iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch. It's certainly attractive software, but it isn't the only new smartphone OS packing a wealth of goodies: Android 2.3 Gingerbread, Windows Phone 7.5 Mango, and BlackBerry 7 OS are also very competent competitors. Here we've highlighted several of the iOS 5's most exciting features and compared them to its rivals."...

*PC Magazine*, Oct. 19



### [First look at Android's Ice Cream Sandwich](#)

Whitson Gordon writes: "Google just unveiled its new [Galaxy Nexus](#) phone, along with a preview of Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich, coming to phones next year. Here's a look at the creamy new update to the Android operating system. Most of what's gone into Ice Cream Sandwich is polish, making Android slicker, easier to use, and (finally) more consistent across the

posts, tweets, and videos, at: [amlibraries](#)

## Calendar

**Oct. 27:**  
[Developing a Sound eBook Strategy.](#)  
webinar hosted by Swets, 1 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Oct. 27–28:**  
[Long Island Library Resources Council.](#)  
Annual Conference on Libraries and the Future, Dowling College, Oakdale, New York. "Extinction is Not an Option: Ensuring Our Future."

**Oct. 27–30:**  
[American Association of School Librarians.](#)  
National Conference, Minneapolis Convention Center. "Turning the Page."

**Nov. 2–3:**  
[Exploring Maps: History, Fabrication, and Preservation.](#)  
The Athenaeum of Philadelphia. Workshop sponsored by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts. Register by October 21.

**Nov. 10:**  
[The Eroding of the Subscription Model and Emerging Alternatives.](#) The Hub Circa Centre, Philadelphia. Workshop sponsored by the National Federation of Advanced Information Services.

**Nov. 13–16:**

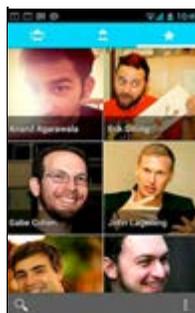
board. This isn't a comprehensive list; this is just what Google demoed at the October 18 event—so there's probably even more to come."...

Lifehacker, Oct. 18; Gizmodo, Oct. 18

### [Google releases updated Translate app](#)

Google has just released a new version of its Google Translate application for Android. In January, Google launched Conversation Mode in the app, which allowed speech-to-speech, direct translations, and supported English and Spanish. Today, Google is chipping away at the language barrier further by expanding that feature to cover 14 languages. Google also allows you to correct your speech before translating it in the event that the app mishears you, and to add unrecognized or custom words to a personal dictionary. Watch the [video](#) (1:13)...

This Is My Next..., Oct. 13; YouTube, Oct. 13



### [The best damn point-and-shoot, period](#)

Kyle VanHemert writes: "Though many point-and-shoot cameras are the province of the girl-who-obsessively-documented-every-party-in-college demographic, every so often there's one that makes self-styled serious photographers stop and say 'whoa.' The Canon S90 was one of them, and its successor, the S95, is even better. It's slim enough to actually fit in your pants pocket, but its bigger-than-usual image sensor makes for beautiful snapshots, even in low light."...

The Wirecutter, Sept. 26



### [Number of Facebook friends linked to brain growth](#)

Scientists funded by the Wellcome Trust have found a direct link between the number of Facebook friends a person has and the size of particular brain regions. In a study published October 18, researchers at University College London also showed that the more Facebook friends a person has, the more real-world friends they are likely to have. However, the researchers stress that they have found a correlation and not a cause; it is not possible to say whether having more Facebook friends makes the regions of the brain larger or whether some people are hard-wired to have more friends....

Wellcome Trust, Oct. 18



### [Toggl helps you discover where your time goes](#)

Justin Pot writes: "If you're like most people, your job requires that you focus on more than one task every day. It's easy, under such circumstances, to have no

### [Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences](#)

Annual Meeting, Charlotte Convention Center, North Carolina.

"Transformation: A Thorough or Dramatic Change."

### **Nov. 15:**

#### [All About Mobile](#)

Conference, Mission Bay Conference Center, San Francisco.

"Cloud on the Go." Sponsored by the Software and Information Industry Association.

### **Nov. 26–**

### **Dec. 4:**

[Guadalajara International Book Fair](#), Guadalajara, Mexico.

### **Dec. 4–9:**

[Military Libraries Workshop](#), Marriott Waterside, Norfolk, Virginia. "Riding the Information Wave." Sponsored by the Special Libraries Association Military Libraries Division.

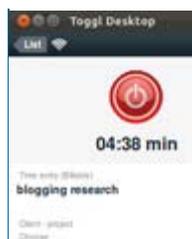
### **Dec. 12–13:**

[Coalition for Networked Information](#), Fall Membership Meeting, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Virginia.

### **Jan. 25–28:**

idea which tasks are taking up most of your time—or, for that matter, which tasks are wasting your time. With a full-featured web client plus apps for Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, and Android, [Toggl](#) can help you track your time anywhere you might be.”...

Mashable, Oct. 19



### [Bogus battery upgrade warnings on Android devices](#)

Tom Spring writes: “Scareware has gone mobile: Users of Android devices are starting to see sleazy ads warning that they need to upgrade their device’s battery. The supposed battery-saver apps that those ads prod you to download, however, could endanger your privacy or siphon money from your wallet—and generally they’ll do nothing to [improve your gadget’s battery life](#), security experts say.”...

PC World, June 5, Oct. 16



## E-Content

### [Librarians weigh Kindle ebook lending against reader privacy](#)

Beverly Goldberg writes: “The library world was thrilled at the September 21 announcement that library vendor OverDrive had enabled its library customers to loan the ebooks they’d licensed from OverDrive to patrons with Kindle e-readers—provided that the ebooks were in Kindle-maker Amazon’s sales inventory. Since then, examination of the fine print between OverDrive and Amazon has caused ethical concerns to be raised in several arenas, including a YouTube [video](#) (9:50) by Librarian in Black blogger Sarah Houghton (above). Among those concerns is a perceived incursion on patron confidentiality because Kindle ebook borrowers must sync their e-readers to their Amazon accounts in order to receive the borrowed item.”...

AL: E-Content, Oct. 19; YouTube, Oct. 18



### [Warner sets restrictions on DVD sales to libraries](#)

Brian Herzog writes: “The cataloger at my library found out last week that Warner Home Video has initiated a new policy that puts a serious crimp in the way libraries can buy DVDs—and I’m surprised it hasn’t met the same uproar as the [HarperCollins ebook policy](#). Warner is forcing DVD distributors to place a 28-day embargo on sales of Warner feature titles to libraries and discontinue providing libraries with DVDs that contain all the bonus features. I see this policy as horribly misguided.”...

Swiss Army Librarian, Oct. 18



### [Paged Media brings book smarts to the web](#)

### [Special Libraries Association,](#)

Leadership Summit, InterContinental Buckhead Hotel, Atlanta. “Future Now: Operation Agility.”

### **Feb. 23–26:**

[Alaska Library Association,](#) Annual Conference, Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Conference Center. “Alaska’s Libraries: Heart of the Community.”

### **Mar. 21–23:**

[Computers in Libraries,](#) Conference, Hilton Washington D.C. “Creating Innovative Libraries.”

### **Mar. 29–**

**Apr. 2:** [Art Libraries Society of North America,](#) Annual Conference, Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ontario. “Colouring Outside the Lines.”

### **May 22–25:**

[International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Librarianship,](#) Absolute Hotel, Limerick, Ireland.

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Scott Gilbertson writes: "Håkon Wium Lie, Opera Software's CTO and creator of cascading stylesheets, has proposed a new set of CSS tools that transform longer web pages into a more book-like experience, where the reader flips from page to page instead of scrolling down one long screen. What if you could flip through a regular news website like a magazine? Lie's proposal, the [Generated Content for Paged Media](#) standard, is a mouthful. But behind the awkward name lies an intriguing idea."...



### [How to digitize a book](#)

Carl Fleischhauer writes: "How do you reproduce a book in digital form? This may seem like a simple question until you pick up a book and page through it. You may be struck by 'how' in the methodological sense, knowing you need to scan the, say, 200 pages and, often, not wishing to cut the book into pieces to do so. This has led to the development of a number of marvelous mechanical devices including the book scanner known as [SCRIBE](#) from the Internet Archive, and a [scanner that turns the pages](#) as it makes the pictures." Be sure to read [Part 2](#)....



The Signal: Digital Preservation, Oct. 17-18

### [Digital humanities project wins IMLS grant](#)



TEI Archiving, Publishing, and Access Service (TAPAS), a digital humanities collaboration between the libraries of Brown University and Wheaton College, has been awarded a \$250,000 National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, to begin on December 1 and run for three years. The goal of TAPAS is to create a shared repository and a suite of publishing and preservation services for humanities scholars who are creating digital research materials using the Text Encoding Initiative guidelines....

Brown University Library News, Oct. 12

### [The revolution will not be subscription-based](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "Another fascinating report ([PDF file](#)) has just come out from Project Information Literacy. This one focuses on how students use technology during the busiest time of the semester. Take ebooks. Librarians currently seem to think we should be investing in massive numbers of ebooks, and the rationale often given is 'students live on the internet.' But if you point out that the students you talk to don't like to read anything on the screen, you'll probably hear, 'We just need a better marketing campaign.'"...

*Inside Higher Ed*: Library Babel Fish, Oct. 13

### [Kansas leads the fight for fair ebook access in libraries](#)

Nancy K. Herther writes: "The Kansas State Library negotiated its first ebook statewide contract 6 years ago and it became a popular service. That original contract—which included the provision of audiobooks—was signed with OverDrive in December 2005. What happened next is the stuff of heroes and legends—



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what some reporters have called ‘unprecedented,’ and whose efforts are intended to wrest the budding ebook investment from the grip of today’s arcane (or even repressive) publisher-defined structure. And it happened in Kansas, with the starring role played by State Librarian Jo Budler (right).”...

*Information Today NewsBreaks*, Oct. 17

### [Four librarians, four e-readers, one month](#)

Evviva Weinraub Lajoie, Jane Nichols, Uta Hussong-Christian, and Laurie Bridges write: “Is it enough to borrow an e-reader? Or should librarians own an e-reader to truly understand its place in the library, its functionality, and its future? To explore this question, we designed a year-long longitudinal study, now underway, on the innovation adoption process as it relates to e-readers and our colleagues. Part of the research process has been immersing ourselves, as the principal investigators, in the e-reader experience. Here is a brief rundown of our first-month experiences using our e-readers: the Kobo, the Nook, the Kindle, and the Sony Reader.”...

*Library Journal: The Digital Shift*, Oct. 11

### [How Amazon makes money from the Kindle](#)

Pascal-Emmanuel Gobry writes: “Amazon’s Kindle is no longer just a product: It’s a whole ecosystem. Specifically, it’s not just an ebook reader but a tablet, a media store, a platform for digital media sales, and even a publishing imprint. The Kindle ecosystem is also Amazon’s fastest-growing product and could account for more than 10% of the company’s revenue next year. So Amazon observers are understandably curious: How does Amazon generate revenue from the Kindle ecosystem?”...

*Business Insider*, Oct. 18

### [Curious contents of the digital library](#)

Perhaps you haven’t read Mary Louisa Stewart Molesworth’s [Uncanny Tales](#) or C. Schweigger’s [Clinical Investigations on Squint](#). Perhaps you missed Edward John Hardy’s [How to Be Happy Though Married](#) or the October 1917 *Farmers’ Bulletin* devoted to “[House Rats and Mice](#).” No worries. They are available in 24 digital formats, including versions to suit just about any ebook reader you own. These titles, and millions more, are all out of copyright and part of the accelerating effort to digitize the public domain contents of the world’s libraries....

*New York Times*, Oct. 12



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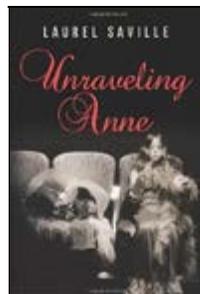
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## **Books and Reading**

### [Amazon signs up authors directly](#)

Amazon.com has taught readers that they do not need bookstores. Now it is encouraging writers to cast aside their publishers. Amazon will publish 122 books this fall in an array of genres, in both physical and ebook form. It is a striking acceleration of the retailer’s fledging [publishing program](#) that will place Amazon squarely in competition with the New York houses that are also its most prominent suppliers. Publishers say Amazon is aggressively wooing some of their top authors....

*New York Times*, Oct. 16



## [The economics of open access](#)

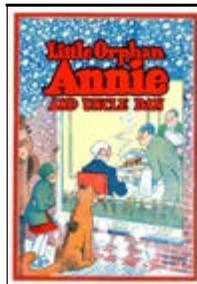
T. Scott Plutchak writes: "Librarians have supported the open access movement for a variety of reasons, some of them more rational than others. The emotional motivators come from the frustration of feeling economically powerless in the face of ever-escalating subscription and licensing prices. But as David Crotty [reports](#) in The Scholarly Kitchen, PLoS achieved a 20% margin in 2010, and if the trends continue, could conceivably surpass Elsevier's margin for 2011. Springer claims double-digit profits from BioMed Central."...

T. Scott, Oct. 14; The Scholarly Kitchen, Sept. 28

## [The shrinking orphan works problem](#)

Joseph Esposito writes: "There are thousands or tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands or millions of orphan works; no one really knows the number. But it's getting smaller all the time. The number of orphan works is shrinking because books that could have been orphans are being researched and their copyright owners identified—or they are being found to be in the public domain. And the number of new books being sent to the orphanage is not growing and won't grow, despite the fact that more books are being published than ever."...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Oct. 18



## [Two authors, double the fun](#)

Donna Seaman writes: "Step one, read Saul Bellow's lengthy masterpiece, *The Adventures of Augie March*. That is this fall's selection for [One Book, One Chicago](#), the 10th anniversary of the Chicago Public Library program. The library invited two powerhouse YA writers, John Green and Benjamin Alire Sáenz, to talk with me about *Augie March* and their young adult characters and the entire endeavor of becoming who we are. I can't rave enough about Ben Sáenz and John Green and their work. Invite them to your library. Recommend their books."...

Booklist Online: Likely Stories, Oct. 18



## [The author school visit](#)

YA author Jay Asher writes: "There was one aspect of being a YA author I was most nervous about: The School Visits. A lot of people think that in order to write a book like *Thirteen Reasons Why*, I must've had a horrible high school experience. While I was glad to leave my years of public education behind, I got through relatively unscarred. But, like many people, I was terrified of public speaking. Knowing about my fear, and of the importance in spreading the word about my debut novel, my agent arranged for me to speak at a school near where she worked."...

YALSA The Hub, Oct. 17

## [33 scary stories you can read right now](#)

Matthew Jackson writes: "A horror short story is a tight bullet of creepiness you can read in half an hour and then stay up all night thinking about. So it's no coincidence that many of the greatest horror writers of all time are as famous for their short fiction as for their longer work. Few genres are better suited to the structure and pace of the short story than horror. Here are 33 stories from classic horror writers."...

Blastr, Oct. 8



### [Bram Stoker's notebook discovered](#)

The private notebook of Bram Stoker (right) has been discovered in an attic on the Isle of Wight in the UK, offering cryptic clues into the origins of the author's most famous work, *Dracula*. Providing a snapshot of Dublin between 1871 and 1881, as well as a window on the life of the very private Stoker, the notebook was found by the author's great-grandson, Noel Dobbs. *The Lost Journals of Bram Stoker*, complete with annotations, is now lined up for publication by Robson Press next year, marking the centenary of Bram Stoker's death in 1912....



*The Guardian* (U.K.), Oct. 18

### [Epic fantasy turns to gritty realism](#)

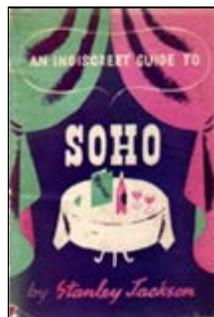
Kelly Faircloth writes: "With the runaway success of George R. R. Martin's A Song of Fire and Ice series, even epic fantasy has toned down the sword-and-sorcery, and ramped up the gritty realism. At New York Comic Con's 'Winter is Here' panel, Brandon Sanderson, Peter V. Brett, and other authors offered their theories."...



io9, Oct. 18

### [Bohemian books](#)

Richard Davies writes: "Our latest feature is [Bohemian books](#). We have selected books that reflect the Bohemian lifestyle that still resonates with creative types today. There is Bohemian-themed fiction, books written by über-Bohemians like Henry Miller and Robert Service, and nonfiction about Bohemianism itself. Many of our choices are vintage editions and we have not strayed into the Beat Generation or the Counterculture writing of the 1960s, even though both of these subgenres are linked to Bohemianism."...



Reading Copy Book Blog, Oct. 17

### [Collecting celebrity yearbooks](#)

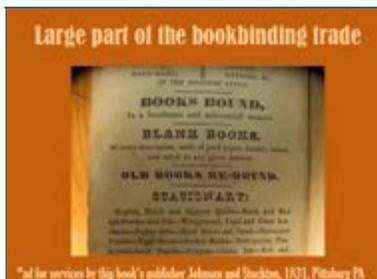
Steven J. Gertz writes: "The celebrity school yearbook has always had a place in the rare book world. Whether acquiring volumes to complete collections of particular literary, Hollywood, sports, political, or other cultural icons, or collecting them as a genre, it's a fascinating pastime for the fan and guilty pleasure for the jaded. I love going through celebrity high school and college yearbooks. They bring back such golden memories. Marilyn Monroe (above) and I went to the same high school in Los Angeles."...



Booktryst, Oct. 17

### [The blank history of the blank book](#)

Chela Metzger writes: "Blank books, or bound record-keeping structures, have always had separate traditions within the bookbinding craft. These traditions are not always well documented in histories of the book or in manuals of bookbinding. Examining the material culture of blank book bindings can reveal how manuscript traditions carried on far beyond the advent of print. Scholars have begun to



look at how record-keeping traditions helped shape ways of thinking.” This [video presentation](#) (14:59) introduces the bibliography of the blank book and describes the sorts of questions blank books can answer....

YouTube, Oct. 14

## Actions & Answers

### Occupying librarians

In the metro Atlanta area, a group of activists have symbolically occupied Woodruff Park in the very heart of the city, at Five Points. Christine Fraser, a librarian and writer, gives her perspective on the Occupy Atlanta demonstrations in this [video](#) (3:11). She is an underemployed part-time library worker and she is “terrified” of her student loan payments, which will begin soon and require her to pay \$600–\$700 a month, and she wants politicians to care about people like her. Occupy Worcester’s [Elizabeth Westie](#) said she lost her full-time job as a middle school librarian four or five years ago. Westie is also worried that the next generation is saddled with school debt, can’t find high-paying jobs, and will never kick off that debt saddle....

YouTube, Oct. 16; *Worcester (Mass.) Telegram and Gazette*, Oct. 17



### Libraries and open government

In recent years, government has increasingly embraced the proactive disclosure of information and created online tools to increase transparency. But how do Americans discover that information? Who helps them learn how to use complex government databases and tools? The answer may be a surprisingly familiar one: libraries....

OMB Watch, Oct. 12

### Shutting down open resources

Libby A. Nelson writes: “It’s been less than a month since the U.S. Labor Department announced [\\$500 million in grants](#) for community colleges to develop job-training programs and make them free for other institutions to use, but the program is already facing a threat to its existence. A provision in the proposed [House budget](#) for fiscal year 2012 would stop the federal government from using grant programs to develop new courses, learning materials, or related projects unless the labor secretary verifies that similar programs are not already available for purchase or ‘under development.’ The move is a boon to publishers.”...

*Inside Higher Ed*, Sept. 27, 30, Oct. 18

### New monthly newsletter for federal librarians

In August, the U.S. Government Printing Office published the first issue of a new newsletter, [FDLP Connection](#), which highlights the goals, achievements, activities, and stories from throughout the Federal Depository Library Program. Help make *FDLP Connection* a success by contributing content and submitting suggestions on how to improve the service through [askGPO](#). Back issues are viewable on the [FDLP Desktop](#)....

FDLP Desktop, Aug. 1



### The power of blogs

John Dupuis writes: "I've long been a believer in the power of blogs to drive and aggregate conversations at every level. Frivolous, for sure. But also serious and scholarly. In librarianship, blogs are a powerful source of comment, theory, and practical advice. I've always thought that the practical side of the library world was ripe to be the first field to truly leave journals behind and embrace blogging as a kind of replacement. The kinds of discussions we see in the best of the library blogosphere are as good as anything we see in the formal literature."...

Confessions of a Science Librarian, Oct. 19

### [How to fill in your Facebook Timeline](#)

Amy-Mae Elliott writes: "After about one-third of Mashable readers expressed an interest in filling in at least a portion of their Facebook Timelines, we thought we'd demonstrate how to populate your Facebook history with content. Facebook has made adding events to your new Timeline quite easy, but there are a few different methods, and a few privacy-related points to note."...

Mashable, Oct. 11



### [Is Google+ dying?](#)

Chad Vander Veen writes: "Initially launched as invite-only, Google+ saw a meteoric rise in traffic, claiming nearly 120 million unique visitors. But since the invite-only period closed, traffic has plunged 60%, according to [numbers](#) released by data analytics firm Chitika. Chitika cites two reasons for Google+'s sudden descent. First, 'the supply of users for social media sites is limited. To survive you must stand out and provide a service that others do not.' Second, 'features unique to your site must be just that—unique and difficult to duplicate—if they are not, the competitive advantage quickly disappears.'"...

Government Technology, Oct. 18; Chitika Insights, Oct. 7

### [Making search more secure](#)

Evelyn Kao writes: "As search becomes an increasingly customized experience, we recognize the growing importance of protecting the [personalized search results](#) we deliver. As a result, we're enhancing our default search experience for signed-in users. Over the next few weeks, many of you will find yourselves redirected to <https://www.google.com> (note the extra 's') when you're signed in to your Google Account. This change [encrypts your search queries](#) and Google's results page."...

Official Google Blog, Oct. 18

### [How libraries are doing more with less](#)

Cat Johnson writes: "Do more with less. It's a popular refrain these days, and one that libraries are all too familiar with. Retooling the ways that they share information and resources while simultaneously juggling financial issues, the challenges before libraries are significant. But with the support of their communities, libraries are moving into the future."...

Shareable: Cities, Oct. 17

### [Are we in the DIY era?](#)

Brian Mathews writes: "A core theme I see in LibQUAL+ data is that most libraries do pretty well in the service dimension, but when it comes to enabling users to help themselves, their perceptions are typically much lower. But is this changing? Over the past several months (years?) a common theme seems to popping up everywhere:

self-service. Our challenge, as a profession, is going to be allowing ourselves to let users have more control over their library experiences.”...

*Chronicle of Higher Education: The Ubiquitous Librarian*, Oct. 13

## [Appalachian Prison Book Project seeks donations](#)



The [Appalachian Prison Book Project](#), a program that aims to rehabilitate inmates by giving them free books to read, has lost their funding and is looking for book donations. The most sought-after books from the program are dictionaries, auto repair manuals, psychology textbooks, and fiction. And for security purposes, all donations must be paperback. You can donate [online](#)....  
GalleyCat, Oct. 18

## [A library is not . . .](#)

Phil Bradley writes: “A library is not a building. Nor is it a collection of books or resources. Problems arise when the library and librarians are not seen as part of the backbone of a community. Once this happens, it becomes logical to think of cutting it. The decisions of councils and mayors with little brain are a total puzzlement, when viewed in the light of how we see libraries. They see them as a resource that isn't part of a community. We have an [insane situation](#) where a community is apparently forced to choose between having a library and caring for its elderly and deprived.”...

Phil Bradley's Weblog, Oct. 13; *The Guardian: Patrick Butler's Cuts Blog*, Oct. 5

## [Seven more strategies for library job seekers](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: “In September I wrote a post about ‘[13 Resources and Tips for Library Job Seekers](#)’ that was very popular with iLibrarian readers, so as a follow-up I thought I'd post some more tips and strategies that I've found helpful in the past. If you're looking to land a library job in today's competitive market, here are some recommendations to get you started.”...

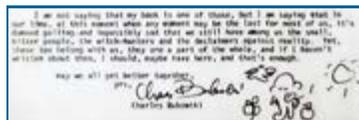
iLibrarian, Sept. 30, Oct. 17

## [Five things you might not know about being a branch manager](#)

An anonymous public librarian writes: “Three weeks ago I started a new job as a Librarian II at a branch of a big city library system in Texas. Since my branch's manager position is currently vacant, I quickly found out that I'm in charge when our interim manager from another branch isn't around, which is pretty much all the time. These are some things I have learned about managing in that time.”...

Letters to a Young Librarian, Oct. 14

## [Charles Bukowski on censorship](#)



In 1985, following a complaint from a local reader, staff at the Public Library in Nijmegen, Netherlands, decided to remove Charles Bukowski's book *Tales of Ordinary Madness* from the shelves while declaring it “very sadistic, occasionally fascist, and discriminatory against certain groups (including homosexuals).” In the following weeks, a local journalist by the name of Hans van den Broek wrote to Bukowski and asked for his opinion. His brilliant response can be read [here](#)....

Letters of Note, Oct. 18

## [Coworking at the public library](#)

Phil Shapiro writes: “Coworking is a modern work innovation where people in various creative professions share a common work space,

synergizing their talents and making best use of fixed-cost resources. Here is a portrait of how coworking might develop in public library spaces. Do you work as a computer programmer, writer, editor, animator, or graphic designer? Would you like a free desk to do work at your public library? What's the catch? The catch is that you need to contribute 10% or 20% of your time to serving the public in some way."...

*PC World*, Oct. 13

### [Invisible goalposts, support, and having a plan](#)

Meredith Farkas writes: "Over the past five years or so, the requirements for librarians to get tenure at my institution have increased. One colleague told me that back in the day, if you got one peer-reviewed article published, you'd be fine. That is far from the reality now. We've been having conversations at the library about how to support people on the tenure track, because right now, the only benefit in terms of time that we have are five research days per year. Not exactly enough for the kind of scholarly productivity we're expected to have."...

*Information Wants To Be Free*, Oct. 17

### [The risks and rewards of collaboration](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "Big-scale collaborations and digital-era collection strategies took center stage at the Association of Research Libraries' membership meeting, held in Washington, D.C., October 11–13. Those who attended heard from librarians about how they operate in a hybrid research environment that's partly but not entirely digital. The meeting was followed by a forum—organized by ARL and the Coalition for Networked Information—that took up the theme of '21st-Century Collections and the Urgency of Collaborative Action.' Think big but don't overextend yourselves, and work together whenever you can: Those were the takeaways."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus*, Oct. 16

### [How librarians networked in the 1600s](#)

Intense intellectual exchanges and joint work on projects over large distances happened as early as Habsburg times. The manuscripts of Court Librarian Peter Lambeck (1628–1680, right), head of Vienna's Hofbibliothek (Imperial Library), show he was an expert in content management and social networking.



Lambeck is considered one of the most significant, ambitious, and best-connected players in Austrian library history because he was a passionate correspondent and made use of his connections to Europe's scientific network....

*Science 2.0*, Oct. 17

### [Bring Your Own Device: An ethical dilemma](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "Long before the term BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) became popular, our school district permitted personally owned student devices on our wireless networks to give students internet access. We've never had a district-level policy banning phones, laptops, or other student technologies. And while our buildings and individual teachers certainly have rules guiding their use, students can use their own equipment on all our campuses. So an interesting thing happened on Tuesday that was at least partially enabled by this open-access policy."...

*The Blue Skunk Blog*, Oct. 14

### [A closer look at subject access](#)

Karen Coyle writes: "What I find odd today in libraries (mainly public

libraries) is that we do not have an entry vocabulary for the Dewey classification. Libraries in the U.S. use the *Library of Congress Subject Headings* even when their classification scheme is Dewey. While LC subject headings will lead you to a catalog entry that has a classification number, they aren't an index to that classification scheme. Another oddity is that we never explain these classification numbers to the users. It seems truly odd that we order the books on the shelf but do not tell users what the order means."...

Coyle's InFormation, Oct. 17

### **Bad boss behaviors**

Will Manley writes: "While many aspiring supervisors learn their supervisory behaviors from bad bosses, a few insightful staffers watch the bad boss and learn the don'ts. Here is where, with your help, this blog can be a great resource for the library profession. Off the top of my head I am going to list some of the bad boss behaviors I witnessed in my working days. Hopefully this list will make the rounds and maybe we can change some bad behaviors. Although, I have to ironically admit that one of the defining characteristics of a bad boss is an unwillingness to admit faults. Oh well, let's try it anyway."...

Will Unwound, Oct. 18



### **Five challenges every librarian must face**

Steve Matthews writes: "Nowhere is change more evident than in the library profession. We are seeing commercial competition for information access and delivery services arise routinely, making ineffective our attempts to serve young library customers whose needs we don't understand. There are at least five major challenges that every librarian will face. Whether you overcome these challenges will determine whether you become a 21st-century librarian, and ultimately whether you, your library, and your profession survive."...

21st Century Library Blog, Oct. 12

### **Monmouth University gets Bruce Springsteen**

Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, will be the new home for the [Bruce Springsteen Special Collection](#), formerly housed at the Asbury Park Public Library, effective November 1. The collection, the most extensive of its kind, is comprised of books, concert programs, magazine and newspaper articles, and other printed ephemera dedicated to the careers of Jersey Shore rock legend Bruce Springsteen and members of his bands....

Monmouth University, Oct. 17



### **Stay healthy @ your library**

Now is the time—with the onset of cold and flu season, as well as the commemoration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October—to remind your library users of all the healthy-living resources available at your library this fall, winter, and throughout their lives. Here are just a few examples of what libraries are doing to keep users healthy....

ALA Public Information Office, Oct. 18

### **Talk to your teens**

Linda W. Braun writes: "One of the assignments I include in a library school class I teach is called *Talk To Teens*. Students can only

complete (and succeed in) the assignment if they talk with teens about books, technology, libraries, and more. Sometimes students talk with teens face-to-face. Sometimes students talk using technology. And sometimes it's a mixture of methods in which the conversations take place. Promoting technology in libraries doesn't negate the power and necessity of talking with teens on a regular basis." ...

YALSA Blog, Oct. 15

### [Take time for teens](#)

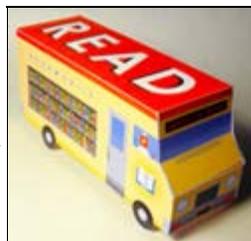
RoseMary Honnold writes: "Teens can be a bit leery of adults, sporting a well-earned paranoia that the adults are suspicious and watching them for misdeeds. So, finding ways that make it easy and comfortable for teens to talk with you is a big step to building relationships with them and making the library a more welcoming place. At the Coshocton (Ohio) Public Library, I posted a sign in the YA room that said, 'Take Time to Talk to Your Librarian: This is no trick, you are in for a treat if you go say hello to RoseMary this week!'" ...

YALSA Blog, Oct. 17

### [Build your own paper bookmobile](#)

Illustrator Bob Staake created this print-and-cut-out paper bookmobile for schools, librarians, kids, adults, and bibliophiles—"because you can't make this on an iPad or a Kindle." He bills it as a relic of a bygone era, when "books were made of paper and libraries came with wheels." ...

Bob Staake, Oct. 18



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### [Privatization showdown moves to Osceola County](#)

After several months of rumors about the future of the Osceola Library System that serves Kissimmee, Florida, a series of public hearings that began October 25 are seeking to explain why county officials are considering the outsourcing of library services to Germantown, Maryland-based privatization firm Library Systems and Services, Inc., and how LSSI plans to deliver the services sought. Officials seem to have an uphill battle on their hands to sway their constituents, however: The prospect of privatization has already pitted library supporters and the Florida Library Association against the county commission....

*American Libraries* news, Oct. 26



### [Sanhita SinhaRoy appointed associate editor](#)

Sanhita SinhaRoy joined the ALA staff October 24 as associate editor of *American Libraries* magazine. She will be responsible for writing news stories and blog posts, copyediting and fact-checking feature articles and columns, and assisting with the preparation and production of the weekly e-newsletter *American Libraries Direct*. SinhaRoy will also work directly with selected authors and columnists in preparing content for the magazine and the *American Libraries* website....

*AL*: Inside Scoop, Oct. 24



### [Grassroots advocacy: Putting yourself out there](#)

Lauren Comito, Aliqae Geraci, and Christian Zabriskie write: "Librarians shouting about funding is fast becoming old news. We need to find new ways to take a stand against library budget cuts. A grassroots push is a terrific advertising tool, and it can be really fun to pull off. It's a wonderful motivator to get people out and keep them coming back to do more. An event can score press



*American Libraries'* new [Midwinter page](#) aggregates all of the Midwinter-related stories on the *AL* site and displays tweets tagged with the official Midwinter hashtag, [#alamw12](#).



Jamal Joseph, author of *Panther Baby: A Life of Rebellion and Reinvention* (2012) will give the [Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture](#), Saturday, January 21, 4–5 p.m.

coverage, and it will allow you to frame the debate the way you want it to be seen.”...

*American Libraries* feature

### [Will's World: No more kidding around](#)

Will Manley writes: “How often have you heard people complain in the last few months that our elected leaders are behaving like little children—pointing fingers, making funny faces at the camera, and attacking each other petulantly? This is precisely why I believe that children’s librarians are our profession’s best hope for strong leaders. By understanding how to handle children, they are gaining an understanding of how to handle politicians.”...

*American Libraries* column, Nov./Dec.



### [Training and development of Romanian librarians](#)

Hermina Anghelescu, associate professor of library and information science at Wayne State University in Detroit, explains her ongoing involvement with the education and training of librarians in Romania in an interview with ALA’s Leonard Kniffel in Brasov. Anghelescu organized the U.S. contingent at the international “The Book. Romania. Europe” symposium in Sinaia, Romania, September 20–23....

AL Focus, Oct. 20



### [Currents](#)

Effective January 1, Robert Hulshof-Schmidt (right) will become Oregon State Librarian. Richard Landon, 68, who held numerous positions at the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada, died October 5; during his career, he was the director of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book library, professor in the Graduate Department of English, and adjunct professor of the Faculty of Information. Effective in December, Ken Frazier will retire as director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison General Library System....

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## **ALA News**

### [Budget message from the Executive Director](#)

ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels shared the following message on October 24 with members and the Association’s governing Council: “I am pleased to report that ALA ended the 2011 fiscal year with a small net operating loss of about \$250,000 on an

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overall budget of \$46 million. This total ALA budget includes the general fund units, divisions, round tables, grants, and endowment earnings. This \$250,000 is actually more than \$1 million better than planned, as 2011 was a 'spend down' year for AASL and PLA in anticipation of their conferences in 2012."...

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 24

### [Susan Cain and John Green to speak at Midwinter](#)

Susan Cain and John Green, authors and speakers with huge followings, join the roster of memorable ALA Midwinter Meeting Auditorium Speakers. They are scheduled to appear at the Dallas meeting January 21 and 22,



respectively. Cain, author of the forthcoming *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* will talk about how dramatically our culture misunderstands and undervalues introverts. Green will address how social networking relates to literature and how librarians can reach patrons through fun and inventive social networking....

Conference Services, Oct. 26

### [The largest family game day in history: November 12](#)

On November 12, more than 20,000 people in communities across the United States will come together in the spirit of play for ALA's fourth annual National Gaming Day @ your library. Sponsored by [Family and Party Games](#), the event aims to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. For more information about National Gaming Day @ your library, visit the [National Gaming Day website](#)....

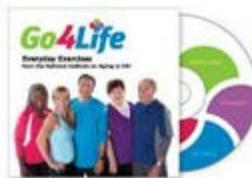


ALA Public Information Office, Oct. 24

### [ALA joins national Go4Life campaign](#)

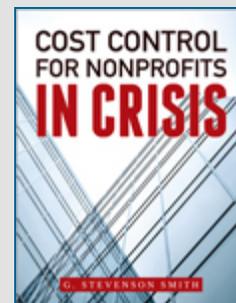
ALA has joined the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health in [Go4Life](#), a new national exercise and physical activity campaign for people aged 50+. The goal of Go4Life is to provide resources to older adults that they can use to incorporate physical activity into their everyday lives. This federal campaign is based on research showing that exercise can help people stay healthy and independent and prevent some of the chronic conditions associated with aging. ALA will offer Go4Life resources, such as free guides and DVDs, to attendees at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas and the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

ALA Development Office, Oct. 19



### ["Intellectual Freedom across the Globe" webinar series](#)

Registration is now open for "Intellectual Freedom across the Globe," a series of three webinars on international issues related to free speech, censorship, and access to information in libraries and beyond. The webinars will be held November 9, 15, and 22, and will feature speakers from several countries. Attendees can [register](#) for individual webinars or, for a discounted rate, the entire series....



Libraries, like many other cultural institutions such as museums, art councils, and theater groups, are looking for answers to the pressing problem of financial stability, and ultimately survival. [Cost Control for Nonprofits in Crisis](#), by G. Stevenson Smith, helps managers and directors tackle the harsh realities before them. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Oct. 21

### [Find the key to adventure with \*Hugo\*](#)

This fall, ALA Graphics celebrates the magical world of Hugo Cabret. Discover the key to adventure with the new [poster](#) and [bookmark](#) inspired by the upcoming film *Hugo*, presented by Paramount Pictures and GK Films, in theaters November 23. Legendary storyteller Martin Scorsese invites you to join him on a thrilling journey to a magical world with his first-ever 3-D film, from a screenplay by John Logan, based on Brian Selznick's award-winning, imaginative *New York Times* bestseller, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*....

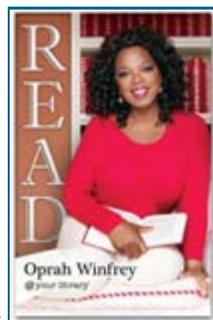
ALA Graphics, Oct. 24



### [A star-studded new graphics catalog](#)

The bright stars of movies and television join the Celebrity READ® campaign, and imaginative stories from a variety of genres take shape in new products that inspire reading, all featured in the new ALA Graphics winter catalog ([PDF file](#)). [Oprah Winfrey](#) rejoins Celebrity READ for a record third poster, and actor [Jackson Rathbone](#) makes his READ debut as he continues his role as Jasper Hale in November's hotly anticipated Twilight Saga conclusion, *Breaking Dawn—Part 1*....

ALA Graphics, Oct. 24



### [Ten libraries to host "Discover Earth" exhibition](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office, in partnership with the National Center for Interactive Learning at Space Science Institute, the Lunar and Planetary Institute, and the National Girls Collaborative Project, announced that 10 public libraries will host an interactive traveling exhibition called "Discover Earth: A Century of Change" from January 2012 to December 2013. The exhibition and its educational support materials are part of the STAR Library Education Network, a hands-on learning program for libraries and their communities....

Public Programs Office, Oct. 21

### [Your help needed in public library internet use study](#)

The November 11 deadline is quickly approaching for public libraries to participate in the 2011–2012 Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study [online survey](#). The survey provides an important opportunity for libraries to share information on computer and internet resources and infrastructure, as well as funding, technology training, and other uses of public libraries....

Office for Research and Statistics, Oct. 25



### [Preconference: Community building through civic dialogue](#)

The Public Programs Office and the Public and Cultural Programs Advisory Committee will present a day-and-a-half-long preconference March 13–14 during the PLA 2012 National Conference in Philadelphia. The preconference, titled "Make Your Library a Community Leader: Community Building through Civic Dialogue," will train participants in dialogue facilitation skills. For more information, visit the [PLA conference website](#)....

Public Programs Office, Oct. 21

### **New this week** in *American Libraries*

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### **Great Libraries of the World**



[Bibliothèque Mazarin](#), Paris, France. Initially the personal collection of Cardinal Mazarin, the library has been open to scholars since 1643. Upon his death, Mazarin bequeathed the collection to the Collège des Quatre-

### [Call for international papers and projects](#)

ALA's International Papers Committee invites proposals for presentations to be made at the next ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. Presentations will be delivered at the International Papers Session scheduled for June 23, 2012. The International Papers Program theme is "Expecting the Unexpected: Libraries Respond to Profound Change." The deadline for submitting proposals is December 23....

International Relations Office, Oct. 25

### [Financial assistance for support staff certification](#)

The Library Support Staff Interests Round Table is offering another opportunity for financial assistance to library support staff applying for certification in the ALA-APA Library Support Staff Certification program. The program offers library support staff the opportunity to achieve recognition for their existing skills and knowledge, and to gain new skills. Seven states are also participating. [Applications](#) will be accepted through November 15 at both the national and state levels....

Library Support Staff Interests Round Table, Oct. 21

### [Sarah Houghton workshop on ebooks](#)

ALA TechSource will host a workshop on "[Ebooks and Access: Upholding Library Values](#)" with Sarah Houghton, December 7 and 14. In this two-part workshop, Houghton will help you navigate through ebook acquisition and collection development with library values as your compass. Registration is available at the [ALA Store](#)....

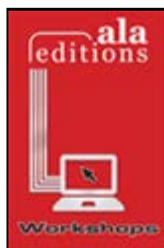
ALA TechSource, Oct. 24



### [Open your library to independent workers](#)

ALA Editions is offering an exciting new workshop, "[Making Space for Entrepreneurs and Independent Workers](#)," on December 1. Public librarian Meg Gerritsen Knodl, who moonlights as a coworking center librarian, will share her firsthand insights on how to adapt the concepts of the coworking movement for your library. Four pillars of coworking—community, collaboration, openness, and sustainability—are all ingredients that libraries can offer. Registration is available at the [ALA Store](#)....

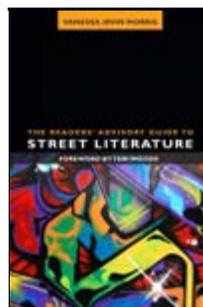
ALA Editions, Oct. 24



### [A readers' advisory guide to street literature](#)

Street lit, also known as urban fiction, addresses with unflinching grit the concerns and problems of city living. Controversial in some quarters, it is also wildly popular. [The Readers' Advisory Guide to Street Literature](#), written by Vanessa Irvin Morris and published by ALA Editions, emphasizes an appreciation for street lit as a way to promote reading and library use....

ALA Editions, Oct. 25



Nations, which became the Institut de France in 1805. Among its collections is a copy of the Gutenberg Bible known as the [Bible Mazarine](#). The ornate reading room, with its [bust of Mazarin](#) by Louis Lerambert, was restored in 1968–1974.



### [Bibliothèque nationale de France](#)

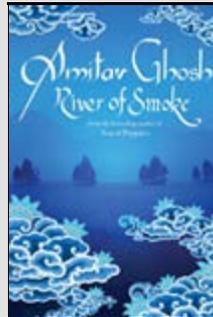
Paris. The library has its origins in the royal library of King Charles V, founded at the Louvre palace in 1368. It opened its doors to scholars in 1692. After the government seized the private collections of aristocrats during the French Revolution, the library became known as the Bibliothèque nationale in 1792. It is currently housed in two building complexes—one on the [Rue de Richelieu](#) with an elaborate oval reading room constructed in the 1860s by architect Henri Labrousse, and the other on the east side of the city that opened in 1995 as the [Site François-Mitterrand](#). Another unique collection, the [Library of the Arsenal](#), was the private collection of the 18th-century master of artillery, Antoine-René de Voyer, marquis de Paulmy puis d'Argenson; it was acquired by the

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## Featured review: Historical fiction

Ghosh, Amitav. *River of Smoke*. Oct. 2011. 528p. Farrar (978-0-374-17423-1). Spellbinding and astute, Ghosh continues the nineteenth-century historical saga about the opium trade that he launched with *Sea of Poppies* (2008). This is an even more fluid and pleasurable tale, however dire its conflicts, and stands firmly on its own, though readers shouldn't miss the first installment. After escaping misery and danger in India, Ghosh's seductive, motley crew of struggling characters has found some semblance of sanctuary in China. Paulette is discovered living in the ruins of a botanical garden by the famous plant-hunter, Fitcher Penrose. They join forces to search for a rare camellia with help from Robin, who finally finds happiness as a gay man in Canton's industrious art world....



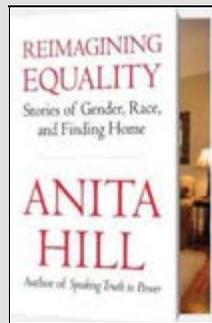
## Ulysses and rubber gloves

Bill Ott writes: "I don't get a lot of mail about the Back Page, aside from the occasional kind word or criticism, but last May I received a most unusual letter. It was in response to a column I'd written about my inability to finish reading Joyce's *Ulysses* and my ongoing project to listen to the novel on audio. I filed the letter away, thinking I would refer to it in a follow-up column to be written when I finished listening to the audio. Well, that was four months ago, and I still haven't finished the book (six CDs to go). Sadly, I fell into my usual trap, seduced away from serious literature by all variety of popular fare—including about five Laurie R. King novels read by the incomparable Jenny Sterlin. But this column isn't about my further adventures in listening to audiobooks. Rather, it's about that unusual letter, which resurfaced the other day."...



## Serenity is the best revenge

Vanessa Bush writes: "It's been 20 years since Anita Hill had the temerity to challenge the U.S. Supreme Court nomination of Clarence Thomas. It took a lot of nerve for her to come forth with allegations of sexual harassment against a man who was lined up to be the second African-American male to serve on the Supreme Court. She certainly knew that her every word and motion, her career and life would be severely scrutinized. But she did it anyway, with incredible grace and dignity. And in the 20 years since the spectacle of white men on the Senate Judiciary Committee grilling her, she has gained stature for bringing attention to the everyday kind of sexual harassment that



national library in 1932 and is housed on the Rue Sully. The BnF was also the first major library to provide full-text online access to some of its materials through a digital library, [Gallica](#), in 1997.

**This AL Direct feature** showcases 250 libraries around the world that are notable for their exquisite architecture, historic collections, and innovative services. If you find yourself on vacation near one of them, be sure to stop by for a visit. The entire list will be available in [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart, which is scheduled for publication in 2013 by ALA Editions.



**Career Leads  
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## Children's Librarian.

Dayton (Ohio) Metro Library, West Carrollton branch. Seeking a dedicated, patron-focused children's librarian for the West Carrollton branch library. This busy branch serves a suburban community that strongly supports library services. Under

many women experienced on their jobs.”...  
Likely Stories, Oct. 24

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## Dallas Update

### [The Dallas–Fort Worth Airport](#)

The world’s fourth busiest airport in terms of aircraft movements, Dallas–Fort Worth is a tourist destination in itself, with its mall-like restaurants and concessions, its multimillion-dollar [Public Art Program](#), and [Founders’ Plaza](#), an observation park that offers a panoramic view of the south end of the airport, a granite monument and sculpture, post-mounted binoculars, and piped-in voices of air traffic controllers. This [video](#) (5:10) gives an overview of the airport facilities and history....

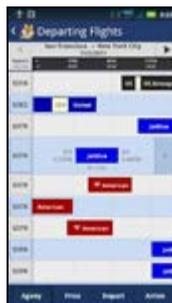
Wikipedia; DFW Airport



### [See how agonizing your flight could be with Hipmunk](#)

This app is similar to other popular travel booking sites out there, in that it certainly makes scheduling flights quick and easy. But [Hipmunk Flight Search](#) is a special service all its own—it’s set up to find flights that will be the most comfortable for you. After you’ve entered your flight information, the results are sorted by “agony.” This means that the app takes into account how long you’ll be traveling and how many stops you’ll make, and then uses special algorithms to locate flights that will be most enjoyable....

Applicious Android Apps, Oct. 20



### [Staying productive in the air](#)

Kevin Purdy writes: “Your time in the air can be really productive. The lack of (most) electronic distractions, combined with being surrounded by strangers, can bring out the best focus in travelers. But only if you plan ahead. Bring a good laptop, and make sure it has the files you need. And give yourself the space you need to do anything other than be miserable. Here’s how to get those things in order before you’re hundreds of miles from the office.”...

Fast Company, Oct. 16

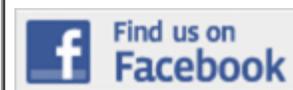
### [Dallas Museum of Art](#)

The Dallas Museum of Art is a major art museum located in the downtown Arts District. Established in 1903, the museum features an outstanding collection of more than 24,000 works of art from around the world, from ancient to modern times. During the Midwinter Meeting, it is holding an [exhibition](#) on fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier, whose work in the 1970s earned him the nickname “enfant terrible” of the fashion world....

Dallas Museum of Art



the direction of the branch manager, provides reference assistance to children through print and electronic resources; provide readers advisory for children, parents, and teachers; develop and coordinate children’s activities; present programs and create displays to promote library use; evaluate and select materials; and perform circulation responsibilities....



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## Digital Library of the Week



### The [Atlantic City Experience](#)

encompasses the best historical and cultural resources of Atlantic City, New Jersey. From diving horses to dancing girls, from the Boardwalk to the Northside, from casinos to churches, from Prohibition to the present, Atlantic City, New Jersey, is a unique American city

## [iPads change economics and speed of hotel Wi-Fi](#)

Joe Sharkey writes: "If, like me, you have been complaining about unusually poor internet service in hotel rooms lately, the hotels have a good explanation. Largely because of the broad use of iPads and other mobile tablets, which are heavy users of video streaming, the guest room Wi-Fi networks that most hotels thought they had brought up to standard just a few years ago are now often groaning under user demands. According to iBAHN, iPads consume four times more Wi-Fi data per month than the average smartphone."...

*New York Times*, Oct. 24

## Division News

### [Two divisions receive \\$200,000 Dollar General grant](#)

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded a \$200,000 grant to YALSA and ALSC. The two divisions will share the funding to support a variety of youth literacy programs through Everyone Reads @ your library. This is the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's second grant to ALA in support of this initiative. YALSA will use the funds to provide grants for teen reading programs, and ALSC will use the grant money to promote Día and multicultural family literacy....

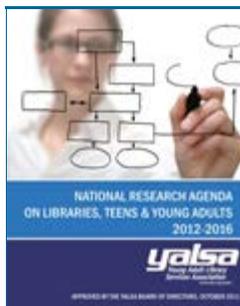
YALSA, ALSC, Oct. 25

### [YALSA has a new national research agenda](#)

YALSA has published a new national research agenda on libraries and teens, updating the last one from 1994. The new publication is available [online](#). The YALSA Research Agenda was developed by members of YALSA's 2010 and 2011 Research Committees, who surveyed the field to determine gaps in research and determine the questions that needed to be answered in order to fill those gaps.

It also updates the agenda to reflect the many changes that have happened in teen services and libraries in the 17 years since the last update....

YALSA, Oct. 25



### [YALSA to partner in new Digital Learning Day](#)

February 1 will be the first-ever national [Digital Learning Day](#), which YALSA is supporting in partnership with the Alliance for Excellent Education. Digital Learning Day will celebrate innovative teaching practices that make learning more personalized and engaging in schools and public libraries. Register to receive customized toolkits, resources, and invitations to run-up events and activities. Watch the [video](#) (3:42) of former West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise (above) announcing the initiative....

YALSA, Oct. 25



### [YALSA sponsors Lori Easterwood as 2012 Emerging Leader](#)

YALSA has chosen Lori Easterwood (right), programming supervisor at the Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library, as its representative for the 2012 ALA

with a rich history. The Atlantic City Experience begins with the extensive resources contained in the Alfred M. Heston Collection of the Atlantic City Free Public Library, which contains books, photographs, postcards, audio, video, digital files, and memorabilia pertaining to the history of the city. Two focuses of the Experience are on the Prohibition years and aviatrix Ida Mae Hampton.

**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

**"What an opportunity presents itself for some millionaire citizen to come forward with one of his useless, embarrassing, and retarding millions and link his name forever with this great community."**

—Steel magnate Andrew Carnegie on investing \$5.2 million into the New York Public Library system, [New York Times](#), March 17, 1901.



Emerging Leaders program. She will receive funding from YALSA to attend the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. Emerging Leaders receive up to \$1,000 each to participate....

YALSA, Oct. 25

### [Power up your teen programs](#)

Learn new ways to bring more teens into the school and public library in Power Programming, YALSA's popular online course, which offers up-to-date ideas for programming, from simple, self-running contests to reading celebrations and more. The self-paced course is taught by Amy Alessio and takes place February 5 to March 6. To register, visit the [YALSA website](#)....

YALSA, Oct. 25

### [Teen programs for any budget](#)

From smaller, community room-based programs to city-wide initiatives, find out how you can launch innovative programming tailored to fit your audience and budget in the November 17 YALSA webinar, "Innovative Teen Programming from \$10 to \$10,000." Jack Martin and Chris Shoemaker, New York Public Library programming gurus, will lead a workshop on how to initiate cool, low-cost pilot projects or scale up smaller programs into big events that support your teens' interests and needs. [Registration](#) is now open....

YALSA, Oct. 25

### [ALTAFF's Gala Author Tea at Midwinter](#)

ALTAFF will host its Gala Author Tea on January 23 at the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas. The event will feature authors Kim Edwards (right), Erin Duffy, Pam Houston, Taylor Stevens, and Leonard Kniffel. Some books will be given away, while others will be available for purchase at a generous discount. This event is sponsored by ReferenceUSA....



ALTAFF, Oct. 25

### ["Reference Interview" online course](#)

[Registration](#) closes October 26 for the next offering of "The Reference Interview," an asynchronous online course offered by RUSA. This popular course runs October 31 through December 9 and is perfect for public librarians, academic librarians, and library support staff interested in learning reference basics or getting a refresher in reference interview skills....

RUSA Blog, Oct. 26

### [New PLA statistics portal](#)

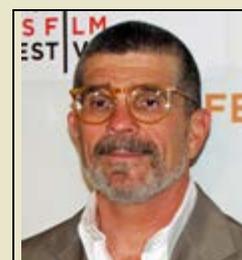
PLA is offering a new 24x7 portal to the Public Library Data Service Statistical Report, [PLAmetrics](#). With PLAmetrics, subscribers can access PLDS data collected annually (2006–2011) from public libraries across the United States and Canada and then take advantage of a powerful reporting functionality that enables the production and sharing of multiple-format data reports for internal management, stakeholder relations, and advocacy purposes. PLAmetrics is managed by Counting Opinions....

PLA, Oct. 25

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## Awards & Grants

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

Nominate yourself, colleagues, or your library for the 2012 ALA recognition awards and grants. Unless otherwise noted, the deadline for awards is December 1. For general information about these and other ALA awards, visit the [Awards and Grants section](#) of the ALA website....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 25

### [Citation for Innovative International Library Projects](#)

Nominations are being sought for the ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects. Citations are awarded each year by the ALA President at the International Relations Round Table's International Librarians Reception during the ALA Annual Conference to recognize innovative contributions to international librarianship.

[Nominations](#) must be postmarked or emailed by December 1....

International Relations Office, Oct. 25

### [2012 John Ames Humphry Award](#)

ALA is accepting nominations for the 2012 John Ames Humphry / OCLC / Forest Press Award for International Librarianship. The award is given to a librarian or person who has made significant contributions to international librarianship. It consists of a prize of \$1,000 and a certificate presented at the ALA Annual Conference. The deadline for nominations is January 1....

International Relations Office, Oct. 24

### [Bogle Pratt International Travel Fund](#)

ALA is accepting nominations for the 2012 Bogle Pratt International Travel Fund, sponsored by the Bogle Memorial Fund and the Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science. An award of \$1,000 is given to an ALA member to attend his or her first international conference. The nominee must have been an ALA member for one full year. The deadline for [applications](#) is January 1....

International Relations Office, Oct. 21

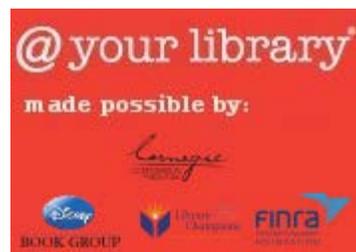
### [Robert L. Oakley Memorial Scholarship](#)

ALA and the Library Copyright Alliance have established the \$1,000 Robert L. Oakley Memorial Scholarship to support research and advanced study for librarians in their early-to-mid-careers who are interested and/or active in intellectual property, public policy, and copyright. Applications should provide a statement of intent for use of the scholarship funds and must be submitted to [Carrie Russell](#) by March 1....

District Dispatch, Oct. 24

### [2011 Estela and Raúl Mora Award](#)

Reforma, the National Association to



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[#ili2011](#)

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[#olclib](#)

Michigan Library Association, Annual Conference, Kalamazoo, Oct. 26–28, at:

[#mla11](#)

International Joint Conference on Knowledge Discovery, Knowledge Engineering, and Knowledge Management, Paris, Oct. 26–29, at:

[#ic3k](#)

Virginia Library Association, Annual Conference, Portsmouth, Oct. 27–28, at:

[#vla2011](#)

AASL National Conference, Minneapolis, Oct. 27–30, at:



Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, has selected two library systems as recipients of its 2011 Estela and Raúl Mora Award for exemplary efforts in promoting El día de los niños/El día de los libros. The winning libraries are the [Santa Ana \(Calif.\) Public Library](#) and the [Springfield \(Oreg.\) Public Library](#). This brings the total number of Mora Award winners to 17, as Día celebrates its 15th anniversary this year....

Reforma, Oct. 17

### [2011 National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has selected five libraries and five museums to receive the 2011 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The libraries are the Alachua County (Fla.) Library District; Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library; the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library (right) in Collegeville, Minnesota; San Jose (Calif.) Public Library; and Weippe (Idaho) Public Library and Discovery Center....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Oct. 25



### [Long Island firm wins sustainable design award for library](#)

Patchogue, New York-based [BBS Architects and Engineers](#) took home the 2011 Sustainable Design Award from the Long Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects annual Archi awards on October 20. The award was given to BBS in recognition of its "outstanding use of sustainable design practices" for the company's work on the expansion of the Nesconset branch of the Smithtown (N.Y.) Special Library District....

*Long Island Business News*, Oct. 24



### [Delaware's revamped librarian scholarship program](#)

Stressing the need to attract and retain Delawareans to serve as librarians, Gov. Jack Markell and legislative leaders created the Ada Leigh Soles Memorial Professional Librarian and Archivist Incentive Program, named after the late Newark legislator and champion for Delaware public libraries. Markell signed House Bill 153, which revises an existing scholarship program for master's candidates to also allow scholarships for library and archives staff seeking a bachelor's degree or a doctoral degree....

State of Delaware News, Oct. 18

### [What makes a book great?](#)

Laura Miller writes: "What is the purpose of literary prizes and how do we determine the excellence of a book? Those two questions have been cropping up a lot lately, from discussion of the National Book Award in the United States to the unfolding kerfuffle over the Booker Prize in the United Kingdom. Booksellers often say that the Booker has more credibility with American readers than the NBA. Chosen by a panel with varied backgrounds, the Booker shortlist tends to be a blend of acclaimed and relatively undiscovered works that many

### [#aas11](#)

StoryWorld 2011 Conference, San Francisco, Oct. 31–Nov. 2, at:

[#swc11](#)

Digital Library Federation, Fall Forum, Baltimore, Oct. 31–Nov. 2, at:

[#dlforum](#)

New York Library Association, Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs, Nov. 2–5, at:

[#nyla11](#)

31st Charleston Conference, Charleston, S.C., Nov. 2–5, at:

[#chsconf11](#)

ALA Midwinter Meeting, Dallas, Jan. 20–24, at:

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## Calendar

**Oct. 27:**

[Books in Browsers: Ignite](#), Internet Archive, San Francisco. The event will be [streamed live](#).

**Nov. 1–4:**

[Wisconsin Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Milwaukee City Center and Frontier Airlines Center. "Libraries: A Renewable Resource."

Britons (and quite a few Americans) make a habit of reading in its entirety.”...

Salon, Oct. 18

### [2011 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award](#)

The \$100,000 2011 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing, sponsored by the Tawani Foundation, was presented October 22 during the library's annual Liberty Gala at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in Chicago. This year's winner was [Carlo D'Este](#) (right), who established himself as an authoritative voice in the field of World War II scholarship with biographies of Patton, Eisenhower, and Churchill. The library's \$500 Colby Award was presented to Karl Marlantes for his novel *Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War*....  
Armchair General, Oct. 25; Pritzker Military Library, Oct. 21



## Seen Online

### [School library amendment withdrawn from ESEA](#)

The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) with a 15–7 vote on October 20. Joining all Democrats in voting in favor of the legislation were three Republicans. Unfortunately, an amendment sponsored by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash.) that would support school libraries was withdrawn by Senator Whitehouse because of lack of support on the amendment....

District Dispatch, Oct. 21

### [Aldermen rip Chicago mayor's proposed library cuts](#)

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's plan to reduce Chicago Public Library hours and impose "draconian" job cuts that would impact library services at all hours is in danger of being shelved. Aldermen from across the city made that clear during city council budget hearings October 21 to the applause of library employees, some 284 of whom stand to lose their jobs (about one-third of the CPL staff). They decried the mayor's decision to reduce support for libraries by \$6.6 million (though [few had suggestions](#) on how to fill the city's budget gap), even as the city continues to build new libraries on top of the 59 constructed under former Mayor Richard M. Daley, [cardholders are up](#), and libraries have become a [beacon for job-seekers](#) (above). ....

Chicago Sun-Times, Oct. 22; Chicago Tribune, Oct. 21, 25



### [British writer declares war on stupid library closures](#)

Philip Pullman (right), author of the *His Dark Materials* trilogy, has lambasted Brent council in the UK for its comment that closing half of its libraries would help it

### Nov. 2–5:

[New York Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs. "New York Libraries Rock!"

### Nov. 3–4:

[North Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board](#), Electronic Records Conference, McKimmon Center, Raleigh. "From Theory to Practice: Accessing and Preserving Electronic Records and Digital Materials."

### Nov. 11–13:

[California Library Association / California School Library Association](#), Annual Conference and Exposition, Pasadena Convention Center.

### Nov. 12:

[National Gaming Day @ your library](#).

### Nov. 14–16:

[Indiana Library Federation](#), Annual Conference, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne. "2011: A Library Odyssey: Journey to the Future."

### Nov. 30:

[Repositories in Science and Technology: Preserving Access to the Record of Science](#), Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Workshop cosponsored by CENDI and the National Federation of Advanced Information Services.

### Dec. 5:



fulfill “exciting plans to improve libraries,” describing the statement as a masterpiece that “ought to be quoted in every anthology of political bullshit from here to eternity.” Citing campaigns to save libraries in Oxfordshire as well as in Brent, Pullman said “the war we’re fighting is not against this party or that one, this flag or another flag, our parents or our MP or anyone else in particular: It’s against stupidity. And stupidity is not to be underestimated.”...

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

### [Salt Lake City library could lose its Friends](#)

Chaotic conditions and cratering morale at the Salt Lake City Library may next take their toll on patron services and public programs. The influential Friends of the Library is threatening to pull its funding over continuing library controversies. The Friends’ announcement came at the end of a contentious October 20 board meeting, which also saw some residents vent, one calling for embattled Library Director Beth Elder’s ouster and another blasting the board....

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Oct. 20

### [Library board deadlock leaves Detroit branches open](#)

Detroit Public Library officials once again have backed away from plans to close neighborhood branches. Following a trend that has developed since administrators proposed closures in April, commissioners rejected a proposal October 18 to close four of 23 branches. The 3–3 deadlock meant no action, bringing cheers to a crowd of some 70 users at a meeting at the Main branch....

*Detroit News*, Oct. 19

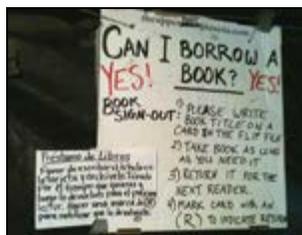
### [Occupy libraries](#)

Boston has a new and somewhat grittier reading nook. Housed in a green military tent, the [Occupy Boston library](#) in Dewey Square is overflowing with scholarly tomes that have no due dates or late fees. The growing collection includes more than 500 books, overseen by a bookstore owner and a number of librarians supporting the movement, including some from the Boston Radical Reference Collective. Jessamyn West [interviewed](#) occupying activist Kristin Parker about the library, which [officially opened](#) October 16. Meanwhile, the [Occupy Wall Street Library](#) has some [2,000 books](#), all organized by subject; and a library has sprung up at the Occupy London protest called [Star Books](#)....

*New York Times*, Oct. 21; [librarian.net](#), Oct. 25; Occupy Boston, Oct. 16; Occupy Wall Street Library, Oct. 22; *Time NewsFeed*, Oct. 25; *Publishing Perspectives*, Oct. 25

### [Occupy librarianship: Five variations on a theme](#)

Kim Leeder writes: “Several of us at Lead Pipe have been watching the Occupy Wall Street movement with interest. How does one protest something that seems to be part of the foundation of a culture? And when a foundational institution benefits only a small subset of its members,



[Hawaii Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Moana Surfrider, Oahu. “The Future of Reading.”

**Dec. 5–6:**  
[SMX Social Media Marketing](#).

Conference, Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, Arizona.

**Dec. 11–14:**  
[IEEE International Conference on Data Mining](#). Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Dec. 11–14:**  
[World Congress on Information and Communication Technologies](#). University of Mumbai, India. “Leading the World: Innovating ICT for Social Revolutions.”

**Mar. 11–13:**  
[International Association for Development of the Information Society](#). International Conference, Berlin. “Mobile Learning 2012.” Colocated events cover [Information Systems](#) and [E-society](#).

**Mar. 21–25:**  
[IA Summit](#). New Orleans Hyatt Regency.

**Mar. 22–24:**  
[Bodleian Libraries Centre for the Study of the Book](#). Conference, St. Anne’s College, Oxford, U.K. “How the secularization of religious houses

how does one *not* protest? None of us here have ever seen, in the course of our lifetimes, such an amorphous yet focused, long-term, geographically distributed picket line in our own country. It is an inspiration to all those who feel that 'business as usual' isn't working for them."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Oct. 26

### [The National Baseball Hall of Fame library](#)

Baseball is still taken very seriously by the A. Bartlett Giamatti Research Center at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, which opened in 1939. Since then, the facility has developed into a full service research library, with more than 3 million documents, newspaper clippings, and an individual file on each of the 17,000-plus men who have played one Major League Baseball game. "If it's anything to do with baseball we're interested," Head Librarian Jim Gates (above) said....



*Syracuse (N.Y.) Post-Standard*, Oct. 24

### [Internet filtering at Dartmouth High School](#)

Heather Gagne and James Rider write: "In January, the Dartmouth (Mass.) School District installed Fortiguard Web Filtering to regulate school internet use. This year, complaints have arisen among students and teachers alike who are unable to reach websites containing 'banned words' or streaming media that can be used to improve the educational experience. Student opinion about Fortiguard varies in magnitude, but there is a general consensus that it goes too far. Some of the strangest words students said were blocked included 'banana,' 'owl,' and 'tattoos.'"...



*The Spectrum* (Dartmouth High School), Oct. 25

### [UC librarians approve contract](#)

More than 350 librarians at the University of California have ratified a new contract with merit increases, UC officials announced October 10. The agreement between the American Federation of Teachers and the university runs through September 30, 2012. The agreement includes participation in the annual academic merit program for 2011–2012 like all non-student academic employees, with increases retroactive to July 1....

*Sacramento Business Journal*, Oct. 11

### [Missouri repeals Facebook law](#)

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon signed legislation October 21 repealing a contentious law that had limited online chats between teachers and students and caused a judge to warn that it infringed on free-speech rights. Nixon's action eliminates a law enacted earlier in 2011 that barred teachers from using websites that allow "exclusive access" with students or former pupils age 18 or younger. The law generated an unexpected backlash, with teachers raising concerns they would be barred from using Facebook and Twitter....

*eSchool News*, Oct. 24

### [Library at center of Kevorkian painting dispute](#)

The Armenian Library and Museum of America (right) in Watertown, Massachusetts, is refusing to surrender

transformed the libraries of Europe, 16th–19th centuries."

**Mar. 26–28:**  
[UK Serials Group](#),  
Annual Conference,  
Glasgow.

**May 3–5:**  
[40th Annual LOEX](#)  
[Conference](#),  
Renaissance Hotel,  
Columbus, Ohio.

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17 paintings and other artwork by assisted-suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian, saying he had donated them and his estate has no claim on them nearly 12 years after it put them on display. The paintings, including one Kevorkian did with a pint of his own blood, were among 140 of his personal effects set for auction by his estate in New York City in late October....

Associated Press, Oct. 19



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### [The tale of the Analy High School library bookshelves](#)

The steel bookshelves that were in the library at Sebastopol, California's Analy High School since the beginning of time were funky and ugly, painted a shade of green that might have been rejected at state prisons or hospitals. But today the library boasts handsome, gently used oak bookcases because librarian Rosalie Abbott sensed a rare opportunity and asked the Analy community to seize it. It did....

*Santa Rosa (Calif.) Press Democrat, Oct. 20*

### [Thousand Oaks library houses archives of radio legend](#)

Near the checkout counter at the Grant R. Brimhall Library in Thousand Oaks, California, is a small display featuring works by radio giant Norman Corwin (right), who died October 18 of natural causes at age 101. The "poet laureate of radio" left behind a treasure trove—scripts, correspondence, production notes, research material, photos, and sound recordings—that is in the library's climate-controlled storage room. His collection is a key component of the library's American Radio Archives....

*Ventura County (Calif.) Star, Oct. 20*



### [Brighton District Library becomes a Certified Wildlife Habitat](#)

The National Wildlife Federation has recognized the [Brighton \(Mich.\) District Library's property](#) as an official Certified Wildlife Habitat site. The property is more than 10 acres and includes the adjacent Parker Preserve. It attracts a wide variety of birds, butterflies, insects, and other animals by providing a wildlife-friendly landscape. To achieve that, the library had to provide suitable food, water, cover, and places to raise young animals, as well as employ sustainable gardening practices....

*Brighton (Mich.) Patch, Oct. 24*



### [Jersey City library returns book stolen during Civil War](#)

Nearly 150 years after a Union Army captain pilfered a book of court records from a county courthouse in Virginia during the Civil War, the Jersey City (N.J.) Free Public Library has returned the 220-year-old spoil of war to its rightful home. The leather-bound book has a broken binder and the pages are yellowed, but it exhibits



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the flawless penmanship of John Fox, a Stafford County deputy court clerk who in 1791 was given the task of transcribing summarized court records covering 1749 to 1755....

Jersey City *Jersey Journal*, Oct. 20

### [Rare book solves an Australian mystery](#)

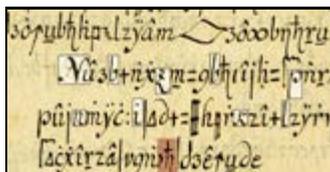
Auctioneer Grant Gardner was rummaging through a middle-class home in London, Ontario, in May when he stumbled upon a copy of *An Historical Account of the Colony of New South Wales* by Captain James Wallis, published in 1821. A closer look revealed 10 original oil paintings pasted on the back pages and several oil illustrations on the front pages. For decades, scholars have debated whether Wallis had done all the artwork. The book Gardner found contained not only the engravings Wallis said were his, but 10 original oil paintings used for the engravings. Five have the words "Drawn by a Convict" written on them. The New South Wales State Library has purchased the book at auction....



London (Ont.) *Free Press*, Oct. 18

### [How revolutionary tools cracked an 18th-century code](#)

It has been more than six decades since Warren Weaver, a pioneer in automated language translation, suggested applying code-breaking techniques to the challenge of interpreting a foreign language. That insight led to a generation of statistics-based language programs like Google Translate as well as new tools for breaking codes. Now a team of linguists has applied statistics-based translation techniques ([PDF file](#)) to crack one of the most stubborn of codes: the Copiale Cipher, a hand-lettered 105-page manuscript that appears to date from the late 18th century....



*New York Times*, Oct. 24; USC Information Sciences Institute

### [Billionaire brings reading to Cambodia](#)

Of the 60 countries in which billionaire Jim Thompson's Crown Group does business, he chooses Cambodia for his acts of philanthropy—this time, the opening of a library in remote Pursat province on October 22. About 3,000 people, mostly students from the adjacent Leach High School, came to the province's Phnom Kravanh district to honor the results of Thompson's \$57,000 donation. Named the Hazel Joyce Library, after Thompson's older sister, it fits in with his notion that education is the primary requirement for Cambodia....

*Phnom Penh Post*, Oct. 24

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## Tech Talk

### [10 years of the iPod: A design retrospective](#)

Jacqui Cheng writes: "When the original iPod first came out on October 23, 2001, the concept didn't seem novel to those who had already hopped on the MP3 player bandwagon. What was new—aside from its deep integration with Apple's music store—was the physical design. The minimalist layout, the screen with playlists,



the easy-access buttons, the scroll wheel—these were all elements that made up a signature Apple design.”...

*Ars Technica*, Oct. 23

### [How to buy a desktop PC](#)

Joel Santo Domingo writes: “Does your desktop PC take so long to start up you have time to go get a cup of coffee—and drink it? Tried installing the latest game only to find out your graphics card is six generations too old to play it? Or maybe you just want to take advantage of the speed and reliability of operating systems like Microsoft Windows 7 and Mac OS Lion. If any of these are true, then it is time for you to buy a new desktop PC. And we can help you do it.” Here are *PC Magazine*'s recommended [Top 10 desktop systems](#)....

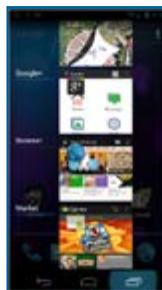
*PC Magazine*, Oct. 19–20



### [10 coolest Android Ice Cream Sandwich features](#)

Jeffrey L. Wilson writes: “The latest Google Android mobile operating system, Ice Cream Sandwich, was announced October 19 and contains many new features. We’ve highlighted 10 of the tastiest, ranging from wireless sharing to new widget management. Check out the features and images for a rundown on this new operating system.”...

*PC Magazine*, Oct. 21



### [Danish study: No cellphone-cancer link](#)

A major study of nearly 360,000 cellphone users in Denmark found no increased risk of brain tumors with long-term use. Although the results are reassuring, the investigators noted that the design of the study focused on cellphone subscriptions rather than actual use, so it is unlikely to settle the debate about cellphone safety. The [findings](#), published in the British medical journal *BMJ* as an update of a 2007 report, come nearly five months after a World Health Organization panel [concluded](#) that cellphones are “possibly carcinogenic.”...

*New York Times*: Well, May 31, Oct. 20; *BMJ* 343 (2011): d6387

### [Five ways to fix a slow PC](#)

Paul Boutin writes: “It seems to happen to most Windows users: You buy a new desktop or laptop PC. It runs fast. But a few months later, you’re sure it’s slower than it used to be. After suffering with a slower-than-it-used-to-be PC myself, I appealed to Microsoft for help on how to solve the problem. The company came back with five suggestions for getting a Windows machine back to speed.”...

*New York Times*: Gadgetwise, Oct. 24

### [Four easy tips for preserving digital photographs](#)

Butch Lazorchak writes: “Like many of you, I’ve got hundreds (thousands?) of photos. The valuable cultural heritage material we’re interested in often starts off as a lone artifact in someone’s personal collection. That’s why we’ve been offering [guidance](#) on how you can

preserve your own personal digital information. We've come up with [four simple steps](#) to start you on the digital preservation path: identify, decide, organize, and make copies."...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, Oct. 24; Library of Congress Digital Preservation

### [Dropbox can simplify your life](#)



David Pogue writes: "Every time I'm tempted to write about some tech product that's been around awhile, I'm torn. On one hand, I'll be blasted by the technogeeks for being late to the party. On the other hand, it doesn't seem right to keep something great hidden under a barrel from the rest of the world. So here goes: I love [Dropbox](#). It's a free service that puts a magic folder on your computer desktop. Anything you put into it magically appears in an identical folder on all your other computers."...

*New York Times*: Pogue's Posts, Oct. 20

### [21 useful cloud computing resources](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Cloud applications, platforms, and services are being embraced by libraries and librarians around the world. If you're just getting started or want to learn more about this increasingly popular trend in computing, here is a collection of 21 articles, blog posts, and conference presentations to get you started."...

iLibrarian, Oct. 25

## E-Content

### [I want it all, but learn that I can't have it all](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "Working in the K-12 library world, one of my concerns with the plethora of e-content options available today is the risk of platform fatigue. With each publisher and distributor offering a distinct site design (sometimes quite a few different site designs!) with different search interfaces, navigation buttons, and content interactions, I worry that students will have to spend too much time relearning the interfaces to effectively use the content."...

AL: E-Content, Oct. 24

### [Kobo launches Kobo Vox e-reader](#)

Kobo has announced a new e-reader it calls "the first social e-reader." The new device, [Kobo Vox](#), will include social features that will integrate mainly with Facebook, but also with Twitter and email. Vox will run Android 2.3 on a 7-inch color touch screen, which is meant to enhance not only your reading experience, but also the social part of it. The new Vox is actually a tablet, akin to the Kindle Fire, and can be used also for surfing, for checking emails, and for downloading apps. And it retails for \$200....

MakeUseOf, Oct. 24



### [Kindle Format 8 is on the way](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "With the upcoming Kindle Fire tablet, Amazon isn't just launching another new LCD-based tablet into the marketplace. It's also giving us yet another ebook filetype, [Kindle Format 8](#). This is the first departure from the longstanding Mobi filetype that Amazon has been using for its Kindle books thus far, and it looks like KF8 is being designed and implemented specifically to compete with the functionality found in the EPUB format."...



ALA TechSource blog, Oct. 25

## [The Digital Public Library of America: First things first](#)

Dan Cohen writes: "I'm at the [Digital Public Library of America](#) meeting in Washington, D.C. I'm a convener of the '[Audience and Participation Workstream](#)' that is trying to assess who will use the DPLA and why. Today, I started a list of elements that could help draw an audience to the DPLA in the same way that public libraries continue to attract huge numbers of patrons." The DPLA received a \$5-million boost on October 21 in the form of a [grant](#) from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the Arcadia Fund....

Dan Cohen, Oct. 20; *National Law Journal*, Oct. 25

## [DPLA and Europeana to collaborate](#)

Two major digital library networks have agreed to collaborate in ways that will make a large part of the world's cultural heritage available. The Digital Public Library of America, which will provide access to digital collections from libraries, museums, and archives in the United States, announced October 21 that it will design its technical structure in a way that promotes interoperability with Europeana, which has developed a similar system to link the major libraries, museums, and archives of Europe....

Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Oct. 21

## [The e-reader reference interview](#)

Matt Weaver writes: "If you have walked patrons through the requisite processes to use library ebooks, you likely dread it: the e-reader reference interview. Every type of reference interview presents specific challenges: Those related to the e-reader reference interview indicate both growing pains as we adapt to a new book format that rapidly has become mainstream, and the problematic nature of libraries' relationships with ebook providers."...

Library Renewal Blog, Oct. 22

## [The electronic reading experience](#)

Researchers at the Media Convergence Research Unit of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz in Germany published a [report](#) October 20 that compared the efficiency of individuals when reading e-ink readers, tablet PCs, and good old, regular books, with some interesting results. Thirty readers were monitored on a neurological level by an EEG while reading. The study noted an increase in ease of comprehension in readers when a tablet PC was used versus an e-ink reader or a book....

io9, Oct. 24; Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Oct. 20

## [How people use tablets](#)

Eighteen months after the introduction of the iPad, 11% of U.S. adults now own a tablet computer of some kind. The vast majority of tablet owners (77%) use their tablets every day and spend an average of 90 minutes on them. About half (53%) get news on their tablet every day and they read long articles as well as get headlines. But a majority says they would not be willing to pay for news content on these devices, according to a study conducted by the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism....

Project for Excellence in Journalism, Oct. 25

## [National Archives digitization tools](#)

As part of its open government initiatives, the National Archives has begun to share



applications developed in-house on GitHub, a social coding platform. GitHub is a service used by software developers to share and collaborate on software development projects and many open source development projects. Over the last year and a half, the Digitization Services Branch has developed a number of software applications to facilitate digitization workflows....

NARAtions, Oct. 18

### [Digitizing the past](#)

Documentation has always been important to archaeology, but over the course of the 20th century, it became more important to preserve the contextual associations among objects and layers of history. Working with experts and resources at the University of Texas at Austin's [Texas Advanced Computing Center](#) (TACC), one of the leading academic computing centers in the nation, archaeologist Adam Rabinowitz is harnessing the richness of digital data to develop a greater understanding of the past. But the evolution of a digital archeological practice did not occur overnight. Watch the [video](#) (6:37)....

University of Texas at Austin; YouTube, Sept. 12



### [Internet Librarian 2011: Considering the possibilities](#)

Cindy Shamel writes: "The advent of ebooks was a major topic for participants at [Internet Librarian 2011](#), held October 17–19 in Monterey, California. A total of 27 speakers in eight full hours of session-time dedicated themselves to the issues surrounding ebook licensing, portability, ownership, and privacy. Opening speakers Bobbi Newman, learning consultant, and Sara Houghton, assistant director at San Rafael (Calif.) Public Library, agreed that licensing demands from distributors and content providers such as Overdrive and Amazon conflict with traditional library values....

Information Today; NewsBreaks, Oct. 24

## Books and Reading

### [Picture book proclamation](#)

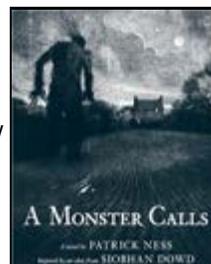
Travis Jonker writes: "What with all the 'picture book is doomed' talk you hear around the water-cooler these days (Note to self: Stop pretending the internet is full of cool, drinkable water), I highly approve of the following manifesto from a crew of excellent authors and illustrators. It will run in the just-released *Horn Book Magazine* (and [online](#)). Words to share."...

100 Scope Notes, Oct. 22; The Picture Book Proclamation



### [Why does dystopia appeal to young adults?](#)

Moira Young writes: "Vampires, fallen angels, and their brooding kin are having to make room for a new wave of dystopian YA fiction, kicked off by the jaw-dropping success of Suzanne Collins's *The Hunger Games* trilogy, set in a post-apocalyptic North American totalitarian state. What is it that attracts teenage readers to dystopian fiction? The main drift seems to be that books set in either chaotic or strictly controlled societies mirror a teenager's life at school, at home, with peers, and in the wider



world."...

*The Observer* (U.K.), Oct. 22

### [The resurgence of zines](#)

Jenna Wortham writes: "The zine is enjoying something of a comeback among the web-savvy, partly in reaction to the ubiquity of the internet. Their creators say zines offer a respite from the endless onslaught of tweets, blog posts, IMs, email, and other products of digital media. It's hard to track exactly how many zines are in circulation at any time. But Karen Gisonny, a librarian at the New York Public Library who has specialized in collecting and cataloging periodicals for the last 25 years, said she has seen a resurgence of interest in zines and other DIY publications."...

*New York Times*, Oct. 22



### [Google book alerts](#)

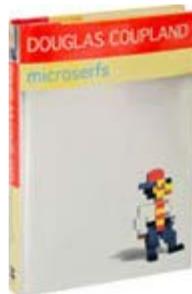
Xinxing Gu writes: "If you're an avid reader like me, you probably are always eagerly awaiting the next book by your favorite author or new books on the topic you're interested in. However, you might not always find out about those new books when they come out. Now you can set up a Google Alert for books and receive email notices when new books that match your interests become available. Go to [Google Alerts](#), type in the keywords you are interested in, and choose Books from the Type drop-down button."...

Inside Google Books, Oct. 20

### [Epistolary fiction](#)

Richard Davies writes: "You are reading epistolary fiction when the narrative is told via a series of documents. Bridget Jones had her famous diary, *84 Charing Cross Road* used letters, and *World War Z* used interviews with survivors of a zombie apocalypse. Stories told through journals, newspaper clippings, diaries, and other documents can be some of the best stories ever told. [Learn more.](#)"...

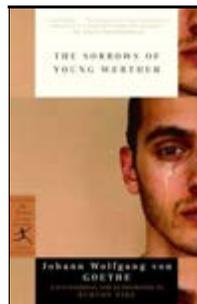
Reading Copy Book Blog, Oct. 19



### [Top 10 one-sit reads](#)

LordZB writes: "Callimachus, scholar of Alexandria, once said, 'A big book is a big evil.' Today most publishers will not look at a book anything less than novel-sized from an unknown author. The thinking seems to be that a slim book must be slight in every way. Here are 10 of the best books that are what my teacher used to call 'one-sit reads.' Disclaimer: Length of time you are willing to sit may vary depending on patience and comfort of seat."...

Listverse, Oct. 19



## Actions & Answers

### [Why Chomsky is wrong about Twitter](#)

Nathan Jurgenson writes: "Noam Chomsky has been one of the most important critics of the way big media crowd out everyday voices in order to control knowledge and 'manufacture consent.' So it is surprising that the MIT linguist dismisses much of our new digital communications produced from the bottom up as 'superficial, shallow,

evanescent.’ Among other things, Chomsky and others are making assertions that one way of communicating, thinking, and knowing is better than another. But is Chomsky himself crowding out social media?”...

Salon, Oct. 23

### [Open Access Week 2011](#)

Open Access Week, the annual event celebrating the global movement towards Open Access to research and scholarship, kicked off for the fifth time on October 24. Coordinated by the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition and organized by more than 2,000 advocates in countries around the world, the event provides an opportunity to learn about the benefits of Open Access, share new ideas and strategies, and inspire wider participation in establishing Open Access as the norm in scholarly communication. Watch [Brewster Kahle](#) (3:04, above), founder of the Internet Archive, on the importance of Open Access....



SPARC, Oct. 20

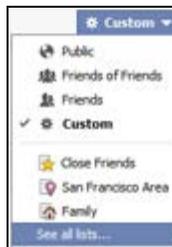
### [Occupy Knowledge: It's ours, after all](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "Among the recurring images from Occupy Wall Street demonstrations are the signs held by young people tallying their college debt. They've been jeered at for wanting their loans forgiven, but deep in debt and without a job is a terrible way to start your adult life. What is it we are getting in exchange for all that accumulated student debt? Well, we have more knowledge than ever, but that's a chimera, too. At my library, we've been seeing big price increases in two big journal packages that we really need. Again. Here's my version of an Occupy Wall Street cardboard sign."...

*Inside Higher Ed*: Library Babel Fish, Oct. 20

### [Time again to review your Facebook privacy settings](#)

Jackie Cohen writes: "The number of [places where you can get tagged](#) on Facebook continues to grow, but you can give yourself the right to approve all tags before they can appear on the site—and the ability to do this has gotten more refined than ever. There are actually five different options you can enable that together limit whether anyone's effort to tag you can go live on the site."...



All Facebook blog, Oct. 25

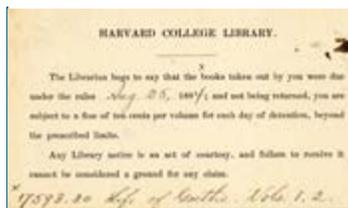
### [Getting the most out of academic libraries and librarians](#)

Carol Saller writes: "Chatting with a group of college and university librarians recently, I was struck by both their enthusiasm and their frustration: enthusiasm over the increasing power of technology to aid in scholarly research, and frustration that educating students and teachers is proving to be such a challenge. Students are routinely flummoxed as to how to search for or evaluate the sources they need in their work. But getting student time and attention depends on faculty support—and that is not always easy to find."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education*: Lingua Franca, Oct. 18

### [Overdue notices on postal cards](#)

Larry Nix writes: "The United States Post Office Department introduced postal cards with preprinted postage in the United States in 1873. Libraries were quick to take

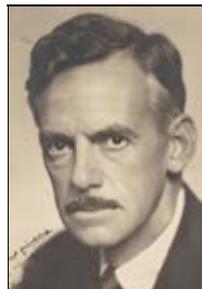


advantage of postal cards and used them for a multitude of purposes. In my efforts to collect postal librarians, I have managed to accumulate a collection of over 100 postal cards that have been used as overdue notices. It may well be the largest collection of overdue notices in the world.”...

Library History Buff Blog, Oct. 21

### [Yale acquires “lost” Eugene O’Neill play](#)

The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University has acquired Eugene O’Neill’s “lost” one-act play, *Exorcism* (1919). The play, along with a facsimile of the typescript, will be published in a cloth edition by Yale University Press in February 2012, and will feature an introduction by American playwright Edward Albee. Following a few performances of the play in 1920, O’Neill (right) abruptly chose to cancel the production and to retract and destroy all known copies of the script, but one was retained in writer Philip Yordan’s papers....



Yale News, Oct. 18

### [China’s Liyuan Library](#)

Architect Li Xiaodong has completed a library in China that’s covered in firewood. Located on the outskirts of Beijing, the single-story Liyuan Library houses its collection of books within a chunky timber frame. Stepped platforms integrate low-level shelves and provide seating areas for readers. The sticks cover a glazed shell that encases the library. Li writes: “We wanted to use architecture to enhance the appreciation of the natural landscaping qualities.”...



Dezeen, Oct. 24

### [Free-to-use graphics](#)

Phil Bradley writes: “There are a number of websites that you can visit for public domain, free-to-use images. The people at Pandia Search Engine News wrote a [very useful page](#) listing some of them. I’ve re-listed them here with my own comments, mainly as an aid for me.”...

Phil Bradley’s Weblog, Oct. 21



### [8 spooky sets of Halloween icons for your blog or website](#)

Amy-Mae Elliott writes: “If you decorate your house for Halloween, why not do the same for your blog? We’ve found eight great collections of social media icons that will add some spook to your site. From pumpkins to cauldrons, from bats to black cats, these graphic ghouls will transform your site into a veritable Halloween grotto of gruesome.”...

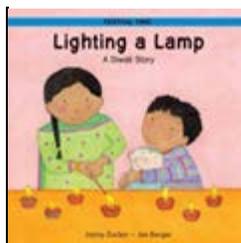
Mashable, Oct. 25



### [Celebrate Diwali: The Festival of Lights](#)

Susan Baier writes: “Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, began October 26. We started the

celebration a little early at our library during our Family Storytime the previous weekend. Santa Clara, California, is home to a sizeable Indian population, so Diwali decorations were easily obtained at a local Indian grocer. Candles and light play an important role in Diwali. Our featured stories were *Lighting A Lamp: a Diwali Story* by Jonny Zucker, and *My Daddy Is a Giant* by Carl Novac."...  
ALSC Blog, Oct. 26



### [Tips from my genealogy pals](#)

Kim von Aspern-Parker writes: "I thought it might be fun to have my genealogy pals share their favorite tips or hints with you. So take notes; some of these are things I wish I had known when I was just starting out and some of them are tips that I am going to start using today. In other words: I learned something from asking my friends for tips, and that is my tip."...

Le Maison Duchamp, Oct. 19

### [Unbinding the Jefferson bible](#)

Janice Stagnitto Ellis writes: "It is difficult to describe how one faces the prospect of taking apart a national treasure like Thomas Jefferson's bible. Of course, in order to reach the level of craftsmanship required, there are years of education and practice required, but that doesn't begin to fully describe it. There are equal parts calm and anxiety, bravery and faith. To this conservator, it felt like a lunar landing, of sorts: after countless hours of preparation, one small step made with one sharp knife."...

O Say Can You See?, Oct. 20



### [Libraries, the Occupy movement, and Chartism](#)

Editor and journalist Matthew Battles, author of *Library: An Unquiet History* (W. W. Norton, 2004), compares the libraries of today's Occupy movements in Wall Street and elsewhere to the reading rooms of the [Chartist movement](#) of 1840s and 1850s Britain in this [video](#) (6:34). Battles argues that the public library movement sprang up in response to the Chartists' argument that people need to have access to books and information. Duke Law Professor Jed Purdy offers some [similar observations](#), beginning with: "As an approach to library science, anarchism is at its strongest and its weakest."...

Vimeo, Oct. 22; *The Daily Beast*: The Dish, Oct. 25; Fieldwork, Oct. 23



### [The story of Chicago's Newberry Library](#)

Take a tour of the Newberry Library—its activities, staff, collections, community—with this documentary by Kartemquin Films. The [video](#) (10:10) takes a look at the famous book sale, genealogy resources, rare books and maps, teacher instruction programs, and



conservation facilities....

YouTube, Oct. 24

## [Western Illinois University's Library ID](#)

The Western Illinois University Libraries Instruction Team (Sean Cordes, Justin Georges, and Anthony Young) put together this innovative instructional [video](#) (2:16) on how students can use their WIU



Library ID card to access library resources, get out of jail, fix time machines, chop tomatos, and remove unsightly facial hair. The intent is to engage students and lead them to the library's more detailed online guides....

YouTube, Aug. 31

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