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American Libraries Online

[Transforming libraries—and ALA—continued](#)

When Maureen Sullivan becomes ALA president on June 26, one thing that is certain to continue from Molly Raphael's presidency is the thematic focus on transforming libraries. "Our shared vision around community engagement and transforming libraries will move forward without a break," Raphael said. She added that ALA is uniquely positioned to contribute to efforts underway all over the country—indeed the world—to transform libraries into places that engage with the communities they serve....

American Libraries feature



[Happy Birthday, Prop. 13](#)

Beverly Goldberg writes: "Proposition 13, the California property tax–cap initiative that unleashed an era of fervent antitax sentiment and activism across the US, is 34 years old today. It wasn't that Californians had tired of government services, explains Cody White in his award-winning essay in *Libraries & the Cultural Record*. It was that Prop. 13 progenitor Howard Jarvis had hit on a winning strategy: decoupling the burden of paying taxes from the benefits taxpayers receive for contributing to the public welfare."...

AL: Inside Scoop, June 6



[Will's World: The matter of the master's](#)

Will Manley writes: "Don't get me wrong. I loved library school and I think programs that comprise a master's degree in library science form the foundation of our profession. But what happens if the MLS degree withers away and dies? As an academic program, the MLS is only as strong as the job market that supports it. The sole purpose of the MLS degree is to



[ALA Annual Conference,](#)

Anaheim, June 21–26. If you can't attend the whole ALA Annual Conference, the [Exhibits Only](#) passes starting at \$25 are ideal. In addition to the 800+ booths to explore, the advance reading copy giveaways, the many authors, and the knowledgeable vendors, you can enjoy dozens of events. You can attend ALA Poster Sessions, visit the ALA Conference Store, or drop into the Member Pavilion. **Exhibits Plus** gives you all this, plus access to the thought-leaders and authors in the Auditorium Speakers series, while **Exhibits Supreme** also gets you into the Opening General Session with Rebecca MacKinnon.

give you a practical occupational skill set.”...

American Libraries column, May/June

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ALA News

[President’s Message: Time flies](#)

ALA President Molly Raphael writes: “Two years ago, I learned that I had won the ALA election. I felt exhilarated but also somewhat uneasy. Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels told my husband that I was ALA’s for the next couple of years. As president-elect, I worked hard to plan initiatives, appoint committees, and travel to conferences and speaking engagements. I felt that I was managing to juggle the work and still maintain a life outside of ALA.”...

American Libraries column, May/June



[ALA presidents team up in a free webinar](#)

“Passing the Community Engagement Baton: A Conversation with ALA President Molly Raphael and ALA President-elect Maureen Sullivan,” hosted by 2013–2014 ALA President Barbara Stripling, features an unprecedented conversation among ALA leadership that will focus on the transition of presidential initiatives and a continued focus on civic engagement. It takes place on Friday, June 8, at 11:30 a.m. Central time. [Sign up](#) today....

Office for Library Advocacy, June 5

[“Empowering Diverse Voices” video series](#)

The diverse paths to leadership in the profession are highlighted in a new “Empowering Diverse Voices” leadership video series, developed as part of ALA President Molly Raphael’s [diversity leadership initiative](#). The [series](#), available on YouTube, features more than 30 leaders from across ALA, including past Association and division presidents, round table and state chapter leaders, and presidents of affiliates....

Office for Diversity, June 5



[2010–2011 ALA Annual Report released](#)

The [2010–2011 American Library Association Annual Report](#) highlights the key initiatives of former ALA President Roberta Stevens and how libraries provided essential resources for job seekers and support for critical e-government services and programs to promote financial literacy. The report tells how libraries, despite budget cuts, have been forced nationwide to reduce operating hours and limit access to services, just when resources were most needed....

Public Information Office, June 5



[Rock Bottom Reminders: The final concert](#)

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The [Rock Bottom Reminders](#) band (right) has announced that the concert at ALA Annual Conference [Scholarship Bash](#), part of its "Past Our Bedtime" tour, will be its last ever. This announcement was made following the sad news that band founder Kathi Kamen Goldmark (who was to have performed with them at ALA) [passed away](#) in late May. It is a special honor for ALA to host this landmark event....

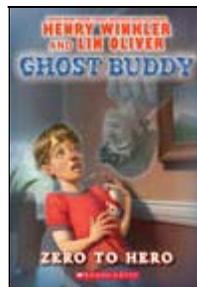
Conference Services, June 4; *New York Times*, May 30



[Winkler and Oliver to introduce Ghost Buddy series in Anaheim](#)

Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver have paired up again to create a hilarious and engaging new series called "Ghost Buddy." This series for middle-school-age kids addresses topics such as bullying and living in a blended family. After appearing in a new-format [Auditorium Speaker session](#) June 24 at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, they will move to the Exhibit Hall PopTop Stage for a book signing and refreshments courtesy of Scholastic....

Conference Services, June 4



[Reforma will get you fired up](#)

Reforma, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, will present its President's Program, "[Leadership Is an Urgency: Fire It Up.](#)" on June 23 in the Anaheim Convention Center during the ALA Annual Conference. The program is open to all conference attendees. This interactive program is designed to inspire and motivate the talented, capable leader in all of us. The program will feature a keynote presentation by former ALA president Camila Alire (right)....

Office for Diversity, June 4



[GLBTRT and GLSEN team up to promote libraries](#)

The ALA Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Roundtable (GLBTRT) and the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) will join forces to explore the ways that libraries can create safe, respectful, and healthful environments for all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, in [two sessions](#) on June 23–24 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Attendees will explore relevant school climate data, assess their own knowledge of LGBT history and themes, and discuss ways to increase resource diversity....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 1



[Panel to explore whistleblower protection](#)

ACRL and the Social Responsibilities Round Table will present "[National Security vs. the Right to Know.](#)" a June 23 panel discussion at the ALA Annual



Be part of book award history—meet, mingle, and celebrate the announcement and presentation of the first-ever [Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence](#) in Fiction and Nonfiction in Anaheim, Sunday, June 24, 8–10 p.m. Hear from winning authors and selection committee chair Nancy Pearl. Tickets are available online and onsite—find out [more information](#). **NEW!**

From ALA Publishing.

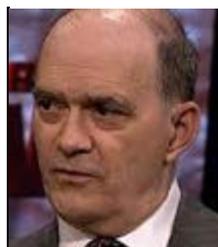


[Great Libraries of the World](#)



[Romanian Academy Library](#), Bucharest, Romania. Founded in 1867, the library has been a depository collection since 1885. It has the largest number of 16th-century books in Romania, among them a 1508 Slavonic liturgical manual that

Conference in Anaheim that will address the potential conflict between security concerns and the requirements of transparency, democracy, free press, and the protection of whistleblowers. Featured speakers will be William Binney (right), who served with the National Security Agency for more than 30 years, and Emma Cape, organizer for the Bradley Manning Support Network....



Conference Services, June 1

[Bettye LeVette will rev up the wrap up](#)

Conference attendees will gather on June 25 to wrap up the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, and Rev Up for the 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, with singer Bettye LaVette's (right) "[Performance and Revelation: An Intimate Showcase with a Soul Survivor.](#)" Wrap Up/Rev Up starts at noon in the Exhibit Hall, when the exhibits close; LaVette will perform from 2 to 3 p.m....



Conference Services, June 1

[Gear up for the ALA exhibits](#)

This year's ALA Annual Conference exhibits are shaping up to be a rewarding experience. Attendees can explore solutions to pressing issues at their library, [connect](#) with vendors, examine and choose new products and services, meet dozens of [authors](#), and enjoy a full [galaxy](#) of [live events](#)....

Conference Services, June 5

[Annual Conference marketing musts](#)

Kathy Dempsey writes: "I've been to lots of ALA conferences—15 at least—and there are certain events that are 'musts' for me as a marketing and PR person. I'll share my favorites. Sunday is always my big marketing day, and it starts early."...

The 'M' Word: Marketing Libraries, May 29

[How to be awesome at going to Annual Conference](#)

PC Sweeney writes: "I was thinking about how much my conference experiences have improved over the last couple of years, so I thought I would share my own views on what makes an awesome conference experience. This is going to be ALA-heavy since it's coming up, but everything here can be adapted to your local conferences as well. Here they are in no particular order."...

PC Sweeney's Blog, June 5



[Step Up to the Plate starts a whole new ballgame](#)

On June 4, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and ALA launched another year of "[Step Up to the Plate @ your library.](#)" The 2012 game encourages people of all ages to use their library's resources to answer a weekly trivia question developed by Hall of Fame staff. In September, all players' correct



belonged to the Bistrița Monastery and a New Testament printed in Târgoviște in 1512.



[National Library of Russia](#), Saint

Petersburg. The oldest public library in Russia, the National Library started out in 1795 as the Imperial Public Library, established by Catherine the Great, whose private collections included the domestic libraries of Voltaire and Denis Diderot. It is said to house more than 33 million items, including the earliest surviving handwritten Russian book (1057). A new modern branch opened in 1998 on the Moskovsky Prospekt.

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. There is also a [Great Libraries of the World Pinterest board](#).

answers submitted throughout the season will be entered into the final drawing for a grand-prize trip for two in October to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum for the World Series Gala and a behind-the-scenes tour....

Public Information Office, June 5

[Buffy Hamilton on ebook platforms](#)

ALA TechSource announces a new workshop, "[Choosing an Ebook Platform that Works for Your K12 Library](#)" with Buffy Hamilton. The workshop will take place on August 8. School librarian and technology expert Buffy J. Hamilton will guide you through the process of selecting the right ebook platform for your library's needs.

Registration is available at the [ALA Store](#)....

ALA TechSource, May 30

[Caregiver's Toolkit goes online](#)

In response to a 2008 survey, the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship has created an online [Caregiver's Toolkit](#) that provides resources for both caregivers and those who supervise or work with someone who is a caregiver. 69.5% of survey respondents were unpaid caregivers to someone age 18 or older in addition to being employed full- or part-time in a library....

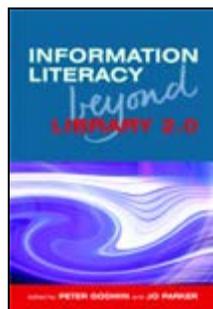
Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, June 5



[Information literacy beyond Library 2.0](#)

In the three years since the publication of the bestselling [Information Literacy Meets Library 2.0](#), the information environment has changed dramatically, becoming increasingly dominated by the social and the mobile. The new book edited by Peter Godwin and Jo Parker, [Information Literacy Beyond Library 2.0](#), picks up the conversation and asks the big questions facing those who teach information literacy: Where have we come from, where are we now, and where are we going?...

ALA Neal-Schuman, June 4



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[Featured review: Adult media](#)

Davis, Miles. *Miles: The Autobiography*. Feb. 2012. 17hr. AudioGO, CD (978-0-7927-8481-4).

In this compelling oral history of the life

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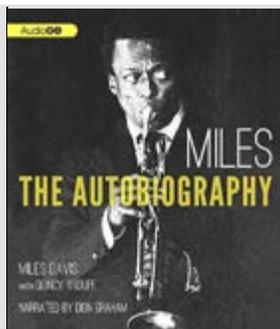
Career Leads from



[Associate Director](#),

Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA), Fairfax. Located at George Mason University and under the direction of the VIVA director, the associate director works with the VIVA Steering Committee, library directors, and other appropriate colleagues to develop and support project management plans for selected VIVA initiatives; supports the work of various library committees and task forces, including VIVA-sponsored library conferences; assists in managing VIVA's electronic information resources, content, and applications; and coordinates the assessment of VIVA library collections and services, including the development and implementation of data compilation systems needed to support the various VIVA committees....

of the legendary and creative jazz trumpeter, reader Dion Graham channels Davis so naturally that we feel as if we are hearing the story from Davis himself. Often speaking in the whispery, gravelly voice that characterized Davis's later years and expressing casual profanity that designates both approval and disfavor, Graham leads us through Miles's often troubled life, from his early days in St. Louis, where he learned his craft and was influenced by jazz greats, through his tumultuous career, shedding light on his personality and creative brilliance. The narrative is rich with tales of family, friends, and lovers, and tells of Davis' drug addiction and racist incidents. He knew all the musical greats of his time, from Dizzy Gillespie and John Coltrane to Prince, and in this tell-all autobiography, he sets the record straight about his own reputation and freely evaluates others' reputations as well....



[Voice of choice: Dion Graham](#)



Joyce Saricks writes: "*Booklist's* 5th annual Voice of Choice, actor Dion Graham, began reading audiobooks in 2000, and since that time he has recorded more than 130 titles, won four Audie awards, narrated two Odyssey Honor titles, and received many other accolades and awards. Listeners may recognize him from appearances on such television shows as *The Wire*, *The Good Wife*, and *Law and Order*, or from his roles in plays at Lincoln Center, among others. I spoke with the personable actor (whose voice is deep, mesmerizing, and, some may say, seductive) by telephone from his home in New York City."...

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Anaheim Update

[ALA survival tips and packing suggestions](#)

Bobbi Newman writes: "About a year ago I started trying to travel with only a carry-on. I was tired of paying the extra baggage fees, waiting for my bag at the end of the trip and lugging around a heavy bag. So far it has been successful for all library conferences. Here are the things I cannot live without at conferences," plus some other tips and recommended reading....

Librarian by Day, May 31



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Digital Library of the Week

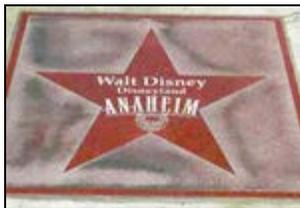


The [Edgar J. Goodspeed Manuscript Collection](#) at the University of Chicago Library comprises 68 early Greek, Syriac, Ethiopic, Armenian, Arabic, and Latin manuscripts ranging in date from the 5th to the 19th centuries. The acquisition of these hitherto unknown manuscripts was spearheaded by Edgar J. Goodspeed in the first half of the 20th century in order to support new scholarship in the humanities. With support from a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the library is creating a unique digital resource based

[The Anaheim/OC Walk of Stars](#)

Can't make it to Hollywood this trip? Check out Anaheim's Walk of Stars. It's tiny but interesting. The Walk of Stars is located in the Anaheim Resort on Harbor Boulevard, near the Disneyland Resort and the Anaheim Convention Center. Among those honored are Walt Disney, Gene Autry, Carl and Margaret Karcher, and the Taormina family....

City of Anaheim



[The Crystal Cathedral](#)

You don't have to be religious to appreciate the architecture of the [Crystal Cathedral](#), designed by postmodernist architect Philip Johnson and located in Garden Grove about two miles from the Disney parks. Looking like a cross between a modern office complex and a science-fiction movie set, the cathedral is built in the shape of a 4-pointed star and boasts 10,661 windows, seating capacity for 3,000, and an organ with 16,000 pipes. Don't miss the freestanding modern Gothic prayer chapel on the cathedral's north side; its pillars are made of eight different types of Italian marble....

Viator; Crystal Cathedral



[First look at Carthay Circle Restaurant](#)

Ricky Brigante writes: "Disneyland has opened reservations for its new [Carthay Circle Restaurant](#) at Disney California Adventure. When it opens on June 15 inside the Carthay Circle Theatre on Buena Vista Street, the restaurant will transport diners to a party after the 1937 world premiere screening of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, which took place in the original theatre on which the building is modeled." The menu is California-inspired and upscale. Watch the [video](#) (1:40)....

Inside the Magic, May 10, 25; YouTube, May 25



[Cultivating the Magic guided tour](#)

The first new guided tour to launch at the Disneyland Resort since 2005, the [Cultivating the Magic guided tour](#) lets you experience the story of Disneyland as told through the plants. Learn about the landscapes and gardens that have transformed 260 acres of orange groves into Disneyland park, and discover how horticulture is used to tell a story and how it helped achieve Walt Disney's vision for his original Magic Kingdom....

Disney Parks Blog, May 11



[When you just have to Lego](#)

The [Lego Imagination Center](#) in Downtown Disney has quietly reopened after closing in February. One of the original retailers at Downtown Disney that opened in 2001, the store was renovated and now reflects much more [Disney flavor](#), including outdoor scenes



on this collection. All 68 New Testament manuscripts and an additional 114 papyri fragments will be digitized in their entirety and presented with high-quality zoomable images through an interface that supports browsing within individual manuscripts and across the collection.

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

Noted and Quoted

"To me, librarians are like rock stars. Just as I've spent hours listening to my favorite musicians, I've spent hours sitting in my favorite libraries, and librarians are the stars of the show. If they don't have an answer for every question, they always know where to find one."

—Samantha Maz Iarz Christmann (Discount Diva), in her [Moneysmart column](#) for the *Buffalo (N.Y.) News*, June 4.

"I wouldn't last one day as a librarian. And not just because I talk too much. It's because I'm not a calm, nonjudgmental person who could find a child viewing lewd pictures on a library computer and do nothing about it."

featuring such characters as Beauty and the Beast, and an indoor suspended scene featuring Aladdin and Jasmine (right) in minifigure style....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, May 16; Behind the Thrills, May 8

[Top 10 don'ts when staying in a hotel](#)

Anthony Melchiorri offers this list of the top 10 things not to do when checking in to a hotel. From treating the staff correctly to keeping your cool, you'll be sure to have an even more enjoyable escape by using his checklist....

Travel Channel: *Hotel Impossible*

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Division News

[2012 top 10 trends in academic libraries](#)

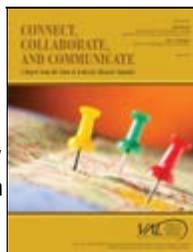
The ACRL Research Planning and Review Committee provides an annual environmental scan snapshot and identifies the division's top 10 trends every two years. The committee organized a discussion forum at the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting to provide an opportunity for ACRL members to discuss the issues affecting academic libraries. These top trends are listed alphabetically. Each trend includes a brief discussion and references to the literature....

College and Research Libraries News 73, no. 6 (June): 311-320

[Report: The value of academic libraries](#)

ACRL has released a white paper, "Connect, Collaborate, and Communicate: A Report from the Value of Academic Libraries Summits" ([large PDF file](#)), which reports on two invitational summits supported by a National Leadership Collaborative Planning Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The white paper, coauthored by Karen Brown and Kara Malenfant, is freely available from the ACRL [Value of Academic Libraries](#) website....

ACRL, June 5



[PLA to plan a digital summer reading program app](#)

PLA has been awarded a planning grant of \$50,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to support the research and design of a national digital summer reading (NDSR) program website app. Expected to be built on the Digital Public Library of America platform, the NDSR app will be available to all libraries in the United States, and will enable children and teens to interact with public libraries and summer reading content in numerous ways....

PLA, June 1

[Heather Krasna will keynote LLAMA President's Program](#)

Heather Krasna (right), career expert and author of *Jobs That Matter: Find a Stable, Fulfilling Career in Public Service*, is the keynote speaker at LLAMA's President's Program, scheduled for June 23 during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Krasna's presentation is titled "[Leading at All Levels: Taking Charge of Your Career Growth While Mentoring Others.](#)"...

LLAMA, June 5



—Columnist Kerry Dougherty, "[Letting a Child Surf Smut in a Public Library Is Plain Obscene.](#)" *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot*, June 1.

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[Paula Poundstone to headline "The Laugh's on Us"](#)

See comedian and ALTAFF spokesperson Paula Poundstone at "[The Laugh's On Us](#)" June 24 during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Comedy writers on the standup bill with Poundstone include Lizz Winstead, cocreator and former head writer of *The Daily Show*; Tracy McMillan, whose TV writing credits include *Mad Men*; and *Time* columnist Joel Stein. [Advance tickets](#) are still available for the event, which is sponsored by Playaway....

ALTAFF, June 5



[ASCLA program showcases essential facilitation](#)

ASCLA's Library Consultants Interest Group will offer "[Essential Facilitation: Practical Tools for Guiding Groups to Success](#)" June 25 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Intended for consultants and facilitators who work both independently and as part of a library team, the program features Patty McManus (right), senior consultant at Interaction Associates, Idaho State Librarian Ann Joslin, and Nancy Bolt of Nancy Bolt Associates....

ASCLA, June 5



[Consultants give back at Annual](#)

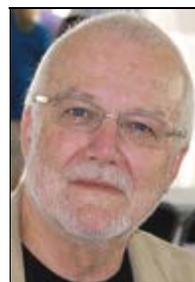
Attendees of the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim can receive free 30-minute consultation sessions from professional library consultants at "[Consultants Give Back](#)" during program "office hours" on June 24, 1:30–5:30 p.m., or by a previously scheduled appointment with a consultant volunteer ([PDF file](#)). The popular program is in its second year.....

ASCLA, PLA, June 5

[Russell Banks joins Literary Tastes lineup](#)

Russell Banks (right), whose novel *Lost Memory of Skin* is on the shortlist for the first-ever Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction, will join authors Erin Morgenstern (*The Night Circus*), Candice Millard (*Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President*), and Mark Adams (*Turn Right at Machu Picchu: Rediscovering the Lost City One Step at a Time*) at RUSA's "[Literary Tastes](#)" program June 24 during the ALA Annual Conference....

RUSA, June 5



[Young Adult Library Services editor sought](#)

YALSA seeks a member editor for its award-winning quarterly journal, *Young Adult Library Services*, and its website. The member editor will be responsible

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Calendar

June–Aug.: [Center for Cartoon Studies](#), Summer

Workshops, White River Junction, Vermont. Register [online](#): receive 25% discount by entering the promotional code: ccsloveslibraries.

June 27–30: [American Theological Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency Gainey Ranch, Scottsdale, Arizona. "A Desert Retreat."

June 28– July 1: [National Storytelling Conference](#),

Cincinnati Marriott at River Center, Cincinnati. "A Conference to Remember."

July 12–14: [LauraPalooza 2012](#),

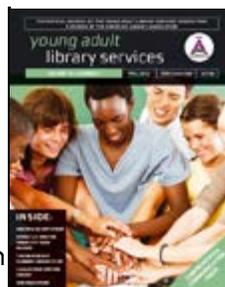
Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Sponsored by the Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy and Research Association. "What Would Laura Do?"

July 18–19: [ALA Virtual Conference](#). "Mapping Transformation."

Aug. 3:

for editorial content, including text and graphics; solicit articles and information from YALSA staff and member leaders; and edit and proof all copy for each issue. Apply by August 1 to Web Services Manager [Stephanie Kuenn](#)....

YALSA, June 5



[LITA National Forum in October](#)

The 2012 LITA National Forum, "New World of Data: Discover. Connect. Remix," will be held October 4–7 in Columbus, Ohio. Scheduled keynoters include Eric Hellman of Gluejar; Ben Shneiderman, professor of computer science at the University of Maryland; and Sarah Houghton, director of the San Rafael (Calif.) Public Library. [Registration](#) is limited to 500 in order to preserve the advantages of a small conference....

LITA, June 5

[How school libraries support math standards](#)

A new tool from AASL demonstrates an additional connection between school library programs and student learning. The [new Common Core State Standards crosswalk](#) ties the AASL learning standards with the Mathematics Common Core State Standards and is available on the AASL website and as a feature of the [Standards for the 21st-Century Learner Lesson Plan Database](#)....

AASL, June 5

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Awards & Grants

[Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship](#)

Rita W. Moss (right), business and economics librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is the 2012 recipient of the Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship. Sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning, the award is given by RUSA's Business and Reference Services Section....

RUSA, June 5



[Maynor wins 2012 Justin Winsor Prize](#)

Ashley Maynor has won the 2012 Justin Winsor Prize for her essay, "All the World's Memory: Implications for the Internet as Archive and Portal for Our Cultural Heritage." Maynor's work will be considered for publication in *Information and Culture: A Journal of History*. The Library History Round Table prize, named after ALA's first president, recognizes work that embodies original historical research in a significant subject of library history....

Library History Round Table, June 5

[Donald G. Davis Article Award](#)

Bernadette Lear (right) is the 2012 winner of the Donald G. Davis Article Award, given biennially by the

[Indiana University Libraries](#)

[Information Literacy Colloquium](#), Southeast Conference Center, New Albany. "Learning Out Loud: Information Literacy Pedagogy for the Non-Shushing Librarian."

Aug. 6–11:

[Society of American Archivists](#), Annual Meeting, San Diego Hilton Bayfront, San Diego, California. "Beyond Borders."

Aug. 11–17:

[International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions](#), World Congress and Assembly, Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre, Helsinki, Finland. "Libraries Now! Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering."

Aug. 23–26:

[International Board on Books for Young People](#), International Congress, Imperial College, London. "Crossing Boundaries: Translations and Migrations."

Sept. 9–11:

[R-Squared—Risk and Reward](#), Conference, Telluride Convention Center, Telluride, Colorado. Cosponsored by Colorado State Library, Colorado Library Consortium, Wilkinson Public Library, and Anythink

Library History Round Table for the best English-language article in the previous two calendar years on US or Canadian library history. Lear's article, "Yankee Librarian in the Diamond City: Hannah Packard James, the Osterhout Free Library of Wilkes-Barre, and the Public Library Movement in Pennsylvania," appeared in *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 78, no. 2 (Spring): 123–162....

Library History Round Table, June 5



[ALA Trustee Citations](#)

ALTAFF has named Richard J. Ryan of the Barrington (Ill.) Library and Gwendolyn B. Guster Welch of the Birmingham (Ala.) Public Library recipients of the ALA Trustee Citation. The award, established in 1941 to recognize public library trustees for distinguished service to library

development, honors the best contributions and efforts of the estimated 60,000 American citizens who serve on library boards....

ALTAFF, June 4



[2012 Spectrum Scholars named](#)

The Office for Diversity has announced a new round of 50 Spectrum Scholarships. The program's mission is to improve service at the local level through the development of a representative workforce that reflects the communities served by all libraries. Since 1997, ALA has awarded more than 800 [Spectrum Scholarships](#)....

Office for Diversity, June 5

[LITA scholarships](#)

LITA has announced three scholarship winners for master's level LIS study with an emphasis on library technology or automation. William Edward Jones III received the \$3,000 Christian Larew Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Baker & Taylor; Brenda Bridgett Carrillo has won the \$2,500 LSSI Minority Scholarship; and Eugene D. Hsue is the winner of the OCLC Minority Scholarship. The next scholarship-application [deadline](#) is March 1, 2013....

LITA, June 5

[Banned Books Week grants awarded](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation has announced eight \$1,000 grants to libraries, schools, and other organizations in support of events for the 2012 [Banned Books Week](#), which will take place September 30–October 6. The [Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund](#) grants are named after the founding executive director of FTRF, which was established in 1969, and cofounder of BBW, which was first celebrated in 1982....

Freedom to Read Foundation, June 5

[LC honors two Talking Book Centers](#)

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, part of the Library of Congress, will present awards to libraries in Texas and Illinois for outstanding service to blind and disabled readers. The Texas Talking Book Program will receive the \$1,000 Network Library of the Year Award. The Chicago Public Library Talking Book Center will receive the sixth annual \$1,000 Network Subregional Library of the Year Award....

Libraries.

Sept. 17–22:

[Open Knowledge Festival](#)

Meeting, Venue, Helsinki, Finland. Sponsored by Open Knowledge Foundation; combines the Open Knowledge Conference and Open Government Data Camp. "Open Knowledge in Action."

Sept. 20–22:

[ALSC Biennial National Institute](#)

Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel, Indianapolis. "Libraries Leading the Race."

Oct. 3–6:

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

Annual Meeting, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City. "Crossroads: Exploring Vibrant Connections Between People and Place."

Oct. 4–7:

[LITA National Forum](#)

Hyatt Regency Downtown, Columbus, Ohio. "New World of Data: Discover. Connect. Remix."

Oct. 5–6:

[Trejo Foster Foundation for Hispanic Library Education](#)

Institute, "Education and Library Services: Connecting Frontiers," Autonomous University of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Oct. 12–13:

[AASL Fall Forum](#)

Library of Congress, May 31

[2012 ABC-CLIO Hunt for History contest winners](#)

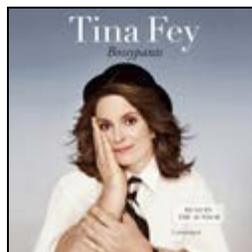
Database publisher ABC-CLIO called for school librarians and social studies teachers around the country to join the 3rd annual "Hunt for History" to win curriculum support tools including iPads and subscriptions to the company's suite of databases. A record number of students signed up for the contest. Four Grand Prize winners and 12 First Prize winners were announced....

eSchool News, May 31

[2012 Audie Awards](#)

The year's top narrators and producers were recognized at the Audio Publishers Association's Audies Award Gala June 5 at the New-York Historical Society in New York City. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Audiobook of the Year, recognized for its unparalleled listening experience: *Bossypants*, written and narrated by Tina Fey (Hachette Audio)....

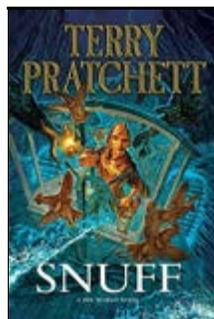
Booklist Online: Audiobooker, June 6



[Terry Pratchett wins Wodehouse Award](#)

British fantasy author Sir Terry Pratchett will have a pig named after his latest novel to celebrate his winning the 13th Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Award. The award, which is given to the book that best captures the "comic spirit" of P. G. Wodehouse, will be presented to Pratchett for his 39th Discworld novel *Snuff*. The prize includes a case of champagne, a set of Wodehouse novels, and the unusual honor of having a locally bred Gloucestershire Old Spot pig named after the winning work....

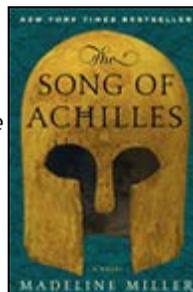
The Telegraph (UK), May 30



[Orange Prize for Fiction](#)

A debut novel has won the Orange Prize for Fiction for the second year running, with US author Madeline Miller winning the £30,000 (\$46,120 US) award for *The Song of Achilles* (Bloomsbury). The novel tells the love story of Patroclus and Achilles amid the Trojan War. This year's award, the 17th Women's Prize for Fiction, is the last to be made under current sponsor Orange. A new sponsor for the prize has not yet been announced....

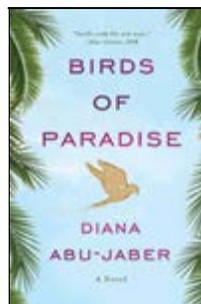
The Bookseller, May 21



[2012 Arab American Book Awards](#)

The Arab American National Museum has announced the winners of the 2012 Arab American Book Awards. The purpose of the awards is to foster a respect and understanding of Arab-American culture. The winning title in the fiction category is *Birds of Paradise* (Norton) by Diana Abu-Jaber, and the winner in the nonfiction category is *Arab and Arab American Feminisms: Gender, Violence, and Belonging* (Syracuse University), edited by Rabab Abdulhadi, Evelyn Alsultany, and Nadine Naber....

Arab American National Museum, June 5



Greenville, South Carolina. "Transliteracy and the School Library Program."

[Oct. 21–23: Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#)

Membership Meeting, New Orleans Marriott on Canal Street, New Orleans. "Protecting our Legacy, Preserving our Story: A Decade of Investment in HBCU Libraries."

[Nov. 11–15: International Association of School Librarianship](#)

Annual Conference, Hamad bin Khalifa University Student Center, Education City, Doha, Qatar. "The Shifting Sands of School Librarianship."

[Jan. 14–18: Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy](#)

Salt Lake City Radisson.

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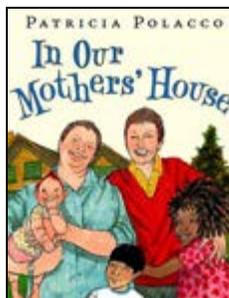
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Libraries in the News

[Utah school puts lesbian book behind the counter](#)

A picture book about a lesbian couple raising a child was removed from the shelves of elementary school libraries in Davis County, Utah, after a group of parents raised objections about the suitability of the story. *In Our Mothers' House* by Patricia Polacco remains accessible at schools in the school district, but only if a student presents a permission slip from a parent to check out the book. In January, the mother of a kindergarten student became upset when her child checked out the book and brought it home. Officials have asked school librarians to [name other titles](#) that parents might find objectionable. *And Tango Makes Three* is also reportedly slated for removal....

Salt Lake Tribune, May 30, June 1



[A librarian's letters trigger a \\$4 million gift](#)

It was by no means a sure thing that Lorene Thompson Brooks would leave a \$4 million donation to the West Plains branch of the Missouri State University System. For a while, the Texan of 60 years' residency had considered leaving it to the University of Texas at Austin. What won the day for Missouri State was the kind and thoughtful correspondence of MSU librarian Evelyn Vetter (above). Brooks was impressed by the friendly thank-you letter she received from Vetter after Brooks donated her late daughter Deidre's book collection in the 1990s. The money will be used for scholarships. [Watch](#) Vetter and Brooks's brother discuss her decision (0:46)....

Springfield (Mo.) News-Leader, June 5



[Librarians silenced at CLA conference](#)

Major budget cuts were announced at the Library and Archives Canada and many federal libraries. In response, the Canadian Association of University Teachers launched a campaign called [Save LAC](#) and called for a National Day of Action on May 31 during the Canadian Library Association Annual Conference in Ottawa. After a group of librarians passed out leaflets, ribbons, and bookmarks at the CLA keynote presentation, CLA Executive Director Kelly Moore called for security guards to escort them out....

APUO Librarians (University of Ottawa), June 1



[Kensal Rise offered a lifeline](#)

A historic library threatened with closure could survive as a community-run project on the basis of a tentative deal that has emerged just days after council workers backed by police carried out an early morning operation to strip it of its books and the plaque commemorating its opening 112 years ago by Mark Twain. The leader of Brent council in north London said they had agreed to sit down with local people who have been campaigning to save Kensal Rise Library for more than a year and discuss their proposal to run it at no cost to the local authority....



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The Guardian (UK), June 1

[Blue Shield statement on Mali](#)

Following the alarming situation in Mali, the Blue Shield expresses its deep concern regarding the safeguarding of the country's invaluable cultural and historical heritage and deplores the suffering and loss of life this conflict has entailed. The risks incurred by the people of Timbuktu and other cities in the country, and the precious manuscripts conserved here, are cause for great apprehension....

International Committee of the Blue Shield, May 29

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Issues

[Hill may prohibit bulk downloads from THOMAS](#)

Jennifer Peebles writes: "[THOMAS](#) is a bit clunky, but it's the only way our national legislature has deigned to give us information through the internet, so we're stuck with it for now. But folks with computers might be able to take information about massive numbers of bills and analyze it in myriad ways—if Congress would allow such information to be downloaded from THOMAS in bulk. It won't. And, according to a new draft report ([PDF file](#)) from the House Appropriations Committee, it won't be allowing bulk data downloads from THOMAS anytime soon."...

Washington Examiner: Beltway Confidential, May 31



[Google Books class certified](#)

James Grimmelmann writes: "Judge Chin handed the Authors Guild a big procedural win May 31. He issued an opinion ([PDF file](#)) that allowed the guild to represent its members in the lawsuit, and then went on to certify a class consisting not just of the members but of all authors whose books Google scanned. While Chin rejected the settlement last year, this time around he concluded that aggregate litigation is suitable for resolving the fair use questions at the heart of the dispute."...

Laboratorium, May 31

[New forms of censorship](#)

The IFLA Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression has issued a new spotlight report titled "Data Driven Futures: Censorship Takes New Forms." Written by Päivikki Karhula, a researcher from the University of Tampere School of Information Sciences in Finland, the report focuses on surveillance, big media, big data, and internet control....

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, June 6

[Open Access petition reaches 25,000 signatures](#)

The movement to make taxpayer-funded research freely available online hit a new milestone June 3 when advocates hit their goal of 25,000 signatures on a [We the People petition](#) to the Obama administration. The petition, created by [Access2Research](#) (a group of Open Access advocates, including SPARC Executive Director Heather Joseph), requests that President Obama make taxpayer-funded research freely available....

SPARC, June 4

[Ending knowledge cartels](#)

David Parry writes: "Increasingly, academic interests are running

counter to that of the publishing industry. We give away our product for free to these cartels who then turn around and sell it back to us. Overcoming the knowledge cartels in the academy is simply a collective-action problem. That is all we have to do—act together. Overcoming the cartels is shockingly simple. Here are 10 steps we can take to achieve this goal.”...

AcademHack, June 6

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Tech Talk

[Smartphones 2012](#)

Liane Cassavoy writes: “In the market for a new smartphone? Consider waiting for a few weeks or even a few months before buying. Plenty of interesting phones are available now, but even more are coming—and soon—from the likes of HTC, Motorola, Samsung, and Sony. We’ve rounded up the latest announcements and rumors so that you can decide whether to take the plunge now or to delay your purchase.”...

PC World, June 5



[10 of the best Android apps for education](#)

Meris Stansbury writes: “With recent upgrades in touch technology and HD features, we’ve come up with a new list of the best Android-based education apps for 2012. This year’s list includes some of the most highly rated apps, both by teachers and by students, and features a range that runs from an innovative and hyperlinked dictionary developed by the Cognitive Science Laboratory at Princeton University to an interactive whiteboard app for tablets.” Here is a list of the [10 best Apple apps](#)....

eSchool News, Apr. 21, June 1



[This is the worst time to buy a laptop](#)

Leslie Horn writes: “If you’re thinking about buying a laptop any time soon, don’t. Just don’t do it. We’re at a unique point in history, where weird and wonderful new hardware and revolutionary platform changes of every stripe will converge over the next few months. Need proof? Here’s why you need to wait.”...

Gizmodo, June 6

[The new internet starts now](#)

Mario Aguilar writes: “A whole new version of the internet is about to take over. Internet Protocol version 6 is here to save us from the dwindling number of IPv4 addresses. The [IPv6 transition](#) on June 6 is necessary because we’ve nearly run out of the 4.3 billion IP addresses possible within the IPv4 system—you know, that 192.168.1.1 number your router is always yammering on and on about. The new IPv6 system supports up to 32 digits and allows for up to 340 trillion trillion trillion combinations.” ExtremeTech goes into [more detail](#). Want to find out your IPv6 readiness? Use this [test](#)....

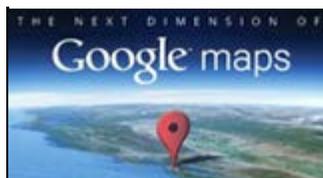
Gizmodo, June 5; ExtremeTech, June 6



[Google Earth now in 3D](#)

Google unveiled a full 3D version of Google

Earth on June 6. The service allows users to move around, rotate, and interact with 3D images of cities. Google said it expects the service to work for a few major cities for Android and iOS in the coming weeks. Using advanced 3D rendering technology to create the images, the company demonstrated the feature at a press conference in San Francisco....



CNET News, June 6

[The best disk space analyzer for Windows](#)

Whitson Gordon writes: "If your hard drive is starting to fill up, you may be wondering what exactly is taking up all that space. That's where a disk space analyzer comes in: It scans your disk and shows you, in graphical form, where all that space is being wasted, giving you an idea of where to start cleaning. Our favorite analyzer is the powerful, free [WinDirStat](#)."...



Lifehacker, June 5

[How to make peace with error messages](#)

Becky Yoose writes: "At last, after all those hours toiling under the glow of the computer screen, your first script is completed. All those hours learning to code have finally paid off. Holding your breath, you enter the command to execute the script, only to have an error message appear on the screen. You shake your fist to the sky and curse whatever deities you believe in, but the error message remains unchanged, almost like it is staring into your soul."...

ACRL Tech Connect, June 4

[The world's worst password requirements lists](#)

Jason Kottke writes: "I tweeted about this but wanted to document it here for posterity. The Attorney General of Texas Child Support website has the [worst set](#) of password requirements I've ever seen. Exactly eight characters? No consecutive repeating characters? Makes you wonder how non-user-friendly the state's actual child-support process is." See other examples in the updates....

- Must be 7 to 8 characters in length
- Passodes cannot contain a Q or a Z
- Passodes cannot use the last four passodes
- No more than two repeating characters allowed (i.e. AAA)
- Passodes cannot use banned or proper names/words (i.e. DALLAS)
- Only alpha and numeric characters are accepted; must have one of each

Kottke.org, June 4

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E-Content

[Understanding the publishing ecosystem](#)

Alan Inouye writes: "On June 1, I had the pleasure of speaking at the [Digital Summit](#) organized by the New Hampshire Library Association. I provided the requisite update on the ALA publisher meetings in New York and related activities. However, the bulk of my remarks focused on my most important insight during the past few months: It is fundamentally flawed to view our problem as one between publishers and libraries."...



District Dispatch, June 6

[Top libraries issue a demand for better ebook services](#)

Michael Kelley writes: "More than 70 library systems in the United States and Canada—including New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Toronto, and Chicago—on June 5 issued a joint statement demanding vastly improved ebook services for library users in North America. The statement, dubbed the ReadersFirst Initiative, outlines four principles the libraries want e-content providers to follow in order to lift content restrictions and make the borrowing experience less cumbersome."...

Library Journal: The Digital Shift, June 5

[An Anaheim evite: Access to digital content](#)

Innovative approaches to making digital content available are taking place in many arenas. Come hear about the latest developments at "[Access to Digital Content: Diverse Approaches.](#)" Sunday, June 24, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Anaheim Hilton, California B. The program will include an update from Digital Content and Libraries Working Group Cochairs Sari Feldman and Robert Wolven....

AL: E-Content, June 1

[Misleading ebook research](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "In late May, the Joan Ganz Cooney Center discovered that ebooks and print books are not that different unless you take an enhanced ebook designed for independent use and try to force it into a co-reading situation. Or at least that is what their report 'Print Books vs. E-Books' ([PDF file](#)) says. But if you read beyond the misleading graph that the center decided to highlight on the first page of the report, you will find a very different story."...



AL: E-Content, June 1

[Ebook models for libraries: A summary](#)

Viable ebook options either provide libraries with ownership privileges or are free of digital rights management (DRM) software, ideally both. DRM is an inherently flawed technology that can be replaced either by creating better software or by developing models that enable libraries to acquire ebooks and authors, editors, and others involved in publishing to get paid for their work. This is a draft and an outline. The material on this page will soon be published as a narrative....

LISInfo, June 4

[The Douglas County experiment](#)

David Rothman writes: "In their handling of ebooks, US public libraries tend to be like suburban developments with a standard ranch-house or colonial look. But what if a local library system could set up its own ebook hosting, buy and own books at fairer prices, provide Adobe DRM services, blend digital titles into the main catalog, and let patrons read the self-hosted books online without bumping up against limits? This is exactly what the much-respected Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries are doing right now."...

LibraryCity, June 4



[A consumer model for ebooks?](#)

Jeremy Greenfield writes: "Ebook subscription services have gained traction in the past few months as several publishers have adopted

the alternative access model. Safari Books Online, which allows users to stream ebooks for a subscription fee (think Netflix for ebooks), has been using the model for 10 years. What hasn't yet happened is a mass-market, consumer-facing version of Safari—a place where the average reader can pay a one-time, annual fee and stream a large selection of books at will."...

Digital Book World, June 6

[OverDrive to launch in-library media stations](#)

OverDrive is working on an ebook terminal for libraries called OverDrive Media Station that will make it easy for patrons to search for and check out library ebooks. It's currently being tested in a Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Library branch, and OverDrive plans to make it available to its 18,000 library partners soon. It is designed to work on any touchscreen-enabled monitor. Watch the [video](#) (2:10)....

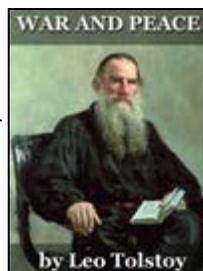
The Digital Reader, May 31; YouTube, May 30



[Nook nukes "kindled"](#)

Jon Brodtkin writes: "In one of the truly bizarre incidents we've seen out of the ebook publishing world, a translation of Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* for Barnes & Noble's Nook platform has replaced all mentions of the word 'kindled' with 'Nookd.' An astute reader named Philip broke the story on [his blog](#), noting that his reading of the classic was interrupted by the sentence, 'It was as if a light had been Nookd in a carved and painted lantern.'"...

Ars Technica, June 1; Ocracoke Island Journal, May 22



[The many faces of e-readers](#)

John Biggs writes: "In some ways, the only reason to stick with dead-tree books these days is nostalgia. E-readers are more fully featured and much more impressive than ever, and they have fallen far below the \$100 price tag because of improved technologies. If you are still content to read the latest Stephen King novel in its full five-pounds-of-paper glory, get ready to rethink your habits."...

New York Times: Personal Tech, May 30



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Books & Reading

[New: Teen Book Finder app by YALSA](#)

Teen lit fans, library staff, educators, parents, and teen readers with Apple devices can now visit the Apple App Store and download the free [Teen Book Finder](#), the first app created by YALSA. The app, which highlights books and media from YALSA's awards and selected book and media lists, can be run on an iPod Touch, iPhone, or iPad. The app can search for YA books by author, title, award year, genre, award, and book list. An Android version is planned for later in 2012....

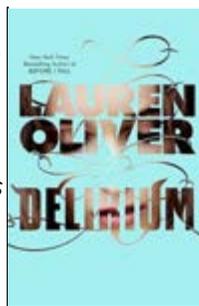
YALSA, June 4



[Matched readalikes](#)

Gretchen Kolderup writes: "In the wake of *The Hunger Games*, many authors have penned dystopian stories. Some are probably only making it to press to ride the wave of this trend, but other series stand above the rest. Ally Condie's *Matched* trilogy is a *New York Times* Best Seller and is up for multiple state-level awards. The third book in the series, *Reached*, comes out next November, so we're right in the middle of waiting to find out how everything wraps up. Meanwhile, the Hub bloggers have assembled this list of readalikes for the series."...

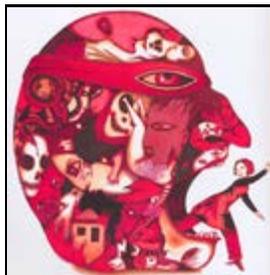
YALSA The Hub, June 5



[10 of the most terrifying children's books](#)

Emily Temple writes: "This week, we scoured the web for scary (whether intentionally or not) illustrations from children's books, from cautionary tales for bad kids to books of highly unusual monsters, to stories of questionable morality. Of course, many of the illustrations are fantastic, so we love them for their macabre beauty, but that said, we wouldn't necessarily want these books read to us before we tried to traipse off to dreamland. Here are 10 of the most terrifying children's books from all around the world."...

Flavorwire, June 1



[Was Snow White a real person?](#)

With the premiere of Rupert Sanders's *Snow White and the Huntsman* on June 1, many are wondering if the folk tale popularized by the Brothers Grimm and Walt Disney (about the girl with hair as black as ebony and skin as white as snow) is based on a real person. According to German scholar Eckhard Sander, the account from the Grimm fairy tale *Snow White* was based on the life of [Margaretha von Waldeck](#) (1533–1554), a German countess who was the mistress of Prince Philip II of Spain...

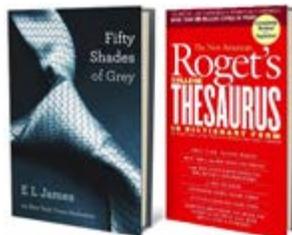
International Business Times, June 1



[The 50 worst synonyms in Fifty Shades of Grey](#)

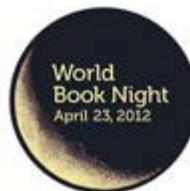
Patti Greco writes: "Remember grade school, when you wrote papers and used big words because you thought that meant you were smart? And now when you look back on those papers, you cringe a little? Well, not E. L. James! The *Fifty Shades of Grey* author loves her a fancy synonym. And since you probably missed most of her obvious Thesaurus.com moments by skipping to the sex parts, Vulture compiled a list of them for you."...

Vulture, May 31



[World Book Night gets high marks](#)

Book givers rated their [World Book Night](#) experience at a 95% satisfaction level, according to the results of a survey released by World Book Night US Executive Director Carl Lennertz. In addition, 97% of respondents said they would be givers next year. During the April 23 celebration, more than 25,000 book givers went out into 5,800 communities throughout the US from Florida to Alaska



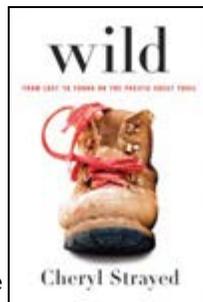
and put great books in the hands of new or infrequent readers....

Bookselling This Week, May 30

[Oprah's Book Club returns](#)

Oprah Winfrey, the publishing industry's unrivaled tastemaker, is reviving her popular book club in June after a two-year hiatus, promising the book business some of the sales and publicity it thought had vanished along with her weekday talk show. Winfrey is expected to make several book selections each year. For her first pick she has chosen *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed, a nonfiction retelling of the author's epic hike of the Pacific Crest Trail that was published in March by Knopf....

New York Times: Media Decoder, June 1



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Tips & Ideas

[LinkedIn password leak confirmed](#)

LinkedIn said June 6 that some passwords on a list of those allegedly stolen belong to its members, but did not say how its site was compromised. A user in a Russian forum [claimed](#) he had hacked and uploaded online almost 6.5 million LinkedIn passwords. LinkedIn has disabled the passwords on those accounts, and account holders will receive an email from LinkedIn with instructions for resetting their passwords. Earlier, LinkedIn had said it [found no evidence](#) of a data breach, despite the fact that LinkedIn users were reporting that their passwords were on the list....

CNET News, June 6

[12 steps to a better LinkedIn profile](#)

Hannah Morgan writes: "LinkedIn's functionality has changed over the years. As the site has improved, more savvy recruiters and employers now use LinkedIn to search for the right talent. Accordingly, candidates are increasingly adding LinkedIn profiles to their job-search arsenal. With all of those potential candidates now on LinkedIn, will you be found?"...

The Savvy Intern, June 5



[Facebook users are bored, stingy](#)

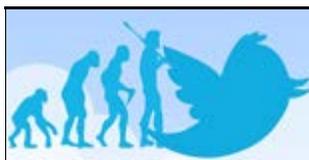
Four out of five Facebook users have never bought a product or service as a result of advertising or comments on the social network site, a Reuters/Ipsos poll shows. The online poll also found that 34% of Facebook users surveyed were spending less time on the website than six months ago, whereas only 20% were spending more....

Reuters, June 4

[Beginner's guide to Twitter](#)

Brandon Smith writes: "Do you have a parent, friend, or colleague ready to ditch his or her digital training wheels and head into Twitter's open wilderness? These pointers should get them started. And even Twitter experts might benefit from a quick refresher on the platform's valuable tools. First, the basics: What is Twitter all about?"...

Mashable, June 5



[Database of postage stamp literature launched](#)

The American Philatelic Research Library (right) in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, has launched the [Global Philatelic Library](#), a website that serves as a gateway to the world's philatelic research. Its partners include the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, the Smithsonian Libraries, and the Royal Philatelic Society London. The website allows philatelists around the world to search, locate, and access philatelic research from partner libraries in real time, from any computer....

American Philatelic Society, June 1



[Getty launches full-text art-history portal](#)

[The Getty Research Portal](#), which officially launched May 31, was developed by the Getty Research Institute, the Getty museum's more academic sibling. But it's meant to be accessible to anyone with an internet connection—scholar, student, or browser—like an art-specific version of Google Books. Because the texts are all in the public domain, published before 1923 in the US or before 1909 in other countries, the website is stronger on Old Masters than, say, French Impressionism....

Los Angeles Times: Culture Monster, May 31



[LC to add category codes to subject authority records](#) (PDF file)

No earlier than August, the LC Policy and Standards Division will begin an experiment to add subject category codes (MARC 21 tag 072) to authority records for subject headings. The addition of this information will enhance the usability of LCSH on the Semantic Web, assist catalogers by allowing integrated library systems and resource discovery platforms to provide a list of appropriate subdivisions, and improve automatic heading string creation and validation....

Library of Congress, June 1

[The Phoenix ComiCon reviewed](#)

Merideth Jenson-Benjamin, teen services librarian at Glendale (Ariz.) Public Library, writes: "On May 24–27, downtown Phoenix was invaded by the nerdy, as the 10th Phoenix ComiCon was held. This con, which saw more than 30,000 people, has grown exponentially over the last several years.

This time I attended with my daughter. Mari, age 10, is a veteran of San Diego Comic Con, but had never experienced a smaller, local convention. What follows is a conversation we had about our experience."...

The Beat, May 31



[The care and feeding of storytime interns](#)

Heather McCammond-Watts writes: "Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library trains student interns to perform dynamic, interactive storytimes on the road. They present enriching programs to children in daycares, model storytelling techniques, and

introduce new books to caregivers. We hire two interns for 10 weeks each season, and they spend two intensive weeks training under the guidance of a staff outreach coordinator.”...

ALSC Blog, June 1

[“Pushing the Limits” science program](#)

Twenty small and rural public libraries in 15 states have been selected as pilot sites to host “Pushing the Limits: Making Sense of Science,” a four-part reading, viewing, and discussion series for adults. Each library will receive a \$2,500 grant from the National Science Foundation. Building on the experience of the pilot sites, the program will be expanded to 100 additional rural libraries throughout the nation....

Califa, June 1

[Reinventing the rural library](#)

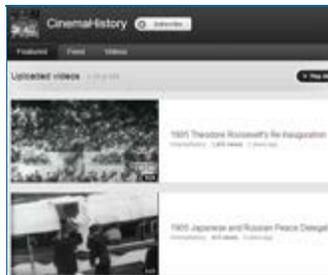
Melinda Tanner writes: “There is a sign on our staff bulletin board that reads: ‘Blessed are those who are flexible, for they shall not break.’ Rural and small librarianship requires flexibility in the ever-changing landscape of our communities. Flexibility will allow libraries to address the unique needs of their communities. Flexibility will position libraries as valuable community solutions, whatever the challenge.”...

OLOS Columns, May 29

[10 YouTube channels on history](#)

Saikat Basu writes: “We at MakeUseOf.com love history. Call it the call of inquisitiveness or our thirst for knowledge, YouTube could be your exclusive go-to place for learning about all things historical. There are so many YouTube channels devoted to history that I could wear off the skin of my fingers writing about them for you. Instead, I will restrict myself to these 10.”...

MakeUseOf, June 6



[Nine delightful library cats](#)

Miss Cellania writes: “Libraries are quiet places visited by children and literary-minded people and sometimes the occasional mouse. That makes them wonderful places for cats to hang out. Many libraries have resident cats that become quite the local characters—and sometimes even famous. We [posted about some of them](#) before; now here are nine more library cats.”...

Mental Floss, May 31



[The travails of George the Library Duck](#)

Life’s been hard lately for George the Library Duck. First, a fox attacked him and killed his lady friend. Now, somebody seems to have wounded him with a golf club at his new home. At least his biography won a state award. George, a stray Muscovy duck,



made news in 2010 when he began showing up at the front door of New Hanover County (N.C.) Public Library's Northeast Regional branch in Wilmington....

Wilmington (N.C.) Star-News, May 31

[50 shades of gray hair](#)

Will Manley writes: "The library profession, like almost every other profession, was expected to have a labor shortage due to the so-called graying of the Baby Boom generation. The prediction was that shortly after 2005 there would be mass retirements. As I travel to various libraries and library conferences to make presentations, I see an increasing amount of gray hair that is not retired. Here is the list of reasons my audiences came up with as to why librarians are not retiring."...

Will Unwound, June 2

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American Libraries Online

[Annual Conference preview](#)

Attendees say ALA's Annual Conference is the "best gathering for professional development opportunities, exhibits and vendor reps, and networking possibilities that a librarian is likely to find" and "the gold standard in professional development and networking." Join the discussion during ALA's 136th Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 21–26....

American Libraries feature



[ALA Annual Conference,](#)

Anaheim, June 21–26.

Here is your [Google Map](#) of [#ala12](#) hotels and shuttle bus routes.

[Community reference: Making libraries indispensable](#)

Four Douglas County (Colo.) librarians write: "Libraries are constantly evolving to adapt to the needs and desires of our users. Most of these changes have occurred inside our buildings, from obtaining cutting-edge technology to providing self-service and redesigned spaces. While these changes have been vital, they have failed to increase our presence in the community. How can we truly demonstrate our value to our communities beyond our physical/virtual space, programming, outreach, and materials?"...

American Libraries feature



[China hosts academic library leadership conference](#)

Min Chou writes: "Nearly 200 academic library leaders from five continents came together at Tongji University in Shanghai, China, for the International Conference on Leadership and Innovative Management in Academic Libraries in the Age of New Technology, held April 24–28. The conference was jointly organized by Tongji University and the Chinese American Librarians Association, and cosponsored by ALA's



Keep track of everything while you're on the go in Anaheim—the [new mobile app](#) for the 2012 [ALA Annual Conference Scheduler](#) puts your schedule, updates, and all the information you need right at your fingertips.



International Relations Committee and International Relations Round Table.”...

AL: Global Reach, June 11

Currents

Susan M. Ryan (right) has been appointed dean of Stetson University’s duPont-Ball Library and Digital Learning Resources in DeLand, Florida. **Sarah K. Vann**, 96, professor emerita of the University of Hawaii’s Library and Information Science Program in Honolulu, died May 25. **Yohannes Gebregeorgis** is now a faculty member at Mekelle (Ethiopia) University’s Department of Library and Information Science. **Leonard Kniffel**, former *American Libraries* editor and publisher, retired May 31....

American Libraries column, June



Cited

Wayne A. Wiegand (right), LIS professor emeritus at Florida State University in Tallahassee, received a short-term fellowship from Emory University’s Manuscripts, Archives, and Rare Book Library in Atlanta to analyze manuscript materials relevant to *This Hallowed Place: The Desegregation of Public Libraries in the American South, 1954–1968*, a book he is coauthoring with Shirley A. Wiegand....

American Libraries column, June



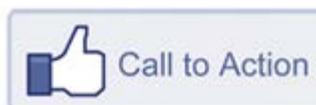
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ALA News

What’s this about a Digital Literacy Corps?

Andy Woodworth writes: “As this debacle unfolds before my very eyes, allow me to sum up as quickly as I can before I make my points. A May 29 *New York Times* [story](#) that mentions the creation of a ‘Digital Literacy Corps’ was seen as [an affront](#) to school librarians, who were left out of the picture. The outrage [expanded](#) with calls to contact the FCC about this issue. The [District Dispatch](#) outlined ALA’s involvement with the National Broadband Plan. [The Digital Shift](#) covered the article and the fallout, as well as a reaction from the FCC. [Buffy Hamilton](#) and [Bobbi Newman](#) expressed differing viewpoints on ALA’s role. OK, I think that’s everything. In the end, as in *Cool Hand Luke*, ‘What we have here is a failure to communicate.’”...

Agnostic, Maybe, June 13; *New York Times*, May 29; Informania, May 30, June 6; District Dispatch, May 31; *School Library Journal*: The Digital Shift, June 12; The Unquiet Librarian, June 12; Librarian by Day, June 12



Virtual Membership Meeting was well-attended

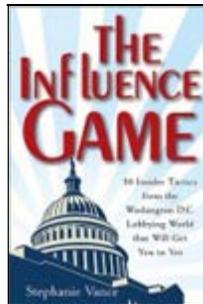
Ron Jankowski writes: “Nearly 500 ALA members from around the world participated in the first-ever ALA Virtual Membership Meeting on June 6. It was a wonderful opportunity to convene the membership in an online setting to discuss current projects, ongoing initiatives, and the direction of the Association. A full video and document [archive](#) of the meeting is available online.”...



ALA Membership Blog, June 12

[Secrets of the ALA Washington Office](#)

Ted Wegner writes: "After six decades of working the D.C. scene, we've learned a thing or two about how Washington works (or doesn't). Many of ALA's successful tactics are highlighted in *The Influence Game: 50 Insider Tactics from the Washington D.C. Lobbying World That Will Get You to Yes* (Wiley), a new book by longtime ALA friend and advocacy guru Stephanie Vance. In it, Stephanie dispenses everything she's learned in her 20+ years of experience as a lobbyist, Congressional staffer, and ALA consultant about effective and, believe it or not, honest persuasion."...
District Dispatch, June 11



[Advance conference registration ends June 15](#)

Attendees are encouraged to avoid the lines and register in advance. [Advance registration](#) for the 2012 ALA Annual Conference ends Friday, June 15. Use the [Conference Scheduler](#) to plan your time...
Conference Services, June 13

[Many Voices, One Nation](#)

Gerald Chertavian, Tewodros "Teddy" Fekadu, and Javier O. Huerta will join [Many Voices, One Nation](#) on June 22 during the 2012 ALA Annual Conference. Chertavian is the CEO and founder of Year Up, a nonprofit providing education to urban youth. Fekadu (right) is the founder of the African Communities Association Gold Coast in Australia. Huerta is a poet and author of *American Copia: An Immigrant Epic*...
Office for Diversity, June 7



[Libraries matching people with jobs](#)

Jeff Scott, deputy county librarian at the Tulare County Library in Visalia, California, will discuss job-assistance strategies at "[E-Government in Action: Matching People with Jobs](#)" at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference on June 23. The library recently received an e-government grant for "Job in a Box" (right), an innovative program that helps the unemployed through automated book-vending machines that contain resources for job seekers...
Washington Office, June 7



[Stop at the PopTop Stage](#)

The [PopTop Stage](#), at the end of the 2700 aisle on the Annual Conference exhibit



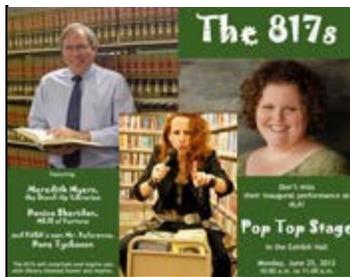

So you know books, but can you guess award-winning books? [Vote now](#) for which books you think will win the first-ever **Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction** and earn bragging rights come Sunday, June 24, when the winners are announced at ALA Annual Conference. **NEW! From *Booklist*.**



Great Libraries of the World

floor, will feature readings, discussions, and presentations. Some highlights: On Saturday, catch the *ForeWord Reviews* book awards and ALA Mystery Day. On Sunday, go for Read Aloud and "Get Caught Listening!" On Monday, don't miss the [817s comedy troupe](#) featuring Stand-Up Librarian Meredith Myers, Danica Sheridan (MLS of Fortune), and RUSA's own Mr. Reference, Dave Tyckoson. Besides stand-up, improv, and musical parodies, they will be doing the *only* book-cart drill in Anaheim....

PopTop Stage; StandUpLibrarian blog, June 12



[Hear about emerging technologies](#)

Tom Peters (right), assistant dean for strategic initiatives at Illinois State University, will speak at the [2012 PR Forum](#) June 24 during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Peters will discuss how to implement emerging technologies, including mobile technology, in your library through collaboration. Peters talks here about what attendees can expect from the session....

Public Information Office



[See Fahrenheit 451, Wikileaks documentary at Annual](#)

OIF is sponsoring the screening of two films about intellectual freedom during the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The 1966 film [Fahrenheit 451](#), adapted from the late Ray Bradbury's timeless dystopian novel of the same name, will be shown on Sunday, June 24, from 8 to 10 p.m. The 2011 documentary [Wikileaks: Secrets and Lies](#) will be shown on Monday, June 25, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The films are part of the second annual "[Now Showing @ ALA.](#)"...

Office for Intellectual Freedom, June 12

[Edge public library benchmarks](#)

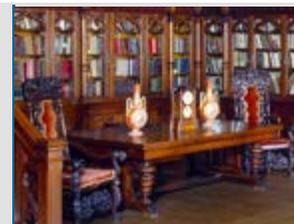
Larra Clark writes: "Over the past year, the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy has worked with PLA and a host of other organizations that represent libraries and local government to draft a set of public access technology benchmarks as part of the [Edge initiative](#), funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. As part of this work, the [Edge Coalition](#) also has organized focus groups, interviewed librarians, and hosted public meetings to discuss and share working drafts of the benchmarks and materials to support their use."...

District Dispatch, June 13

[Shop the ALA Store](#)

Find the ALA Store at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim at Booth #1728 on the main aisle in the Exhibit Hall, ideal for easy access and convenient browsing. With plenty of new and bestselling items available, you'll want to make sure to carve out some time in your schedule to stop by....

ALA Publishing, June 8



[Nicholas II Library,](#)

Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg, Russia. This room in the Winter Palace was designed by architect Alexander Krasovsky in 1895 and once constituted a part of the private apartments of Czar Nicholas II. The main decorative elements are the bookcases arranged along the walls, a second-level gallery reached by a wooden staircase, walnut coffers in the ceiling adorned with four-petal rosettes, panels of stamped gilt leather, a massive Gothic fireplace embellished with heraldic griffins and lions, and high windows with openwork sashes. It holds more than 600,000 books covering poetry, visual arts, and painting.



[Russian Academy of Sciences Library,](#)

Saint Petersburg, Russia. One of the world's largest scientific research collections, the library was founded by Czar Peter I in 1714. Although part of the Russian Academy, it

[TechSource webinar to wrap up tech at Annual](#)

Whether or not you make it to Anaheim, David Lee King, Marshall Breeding, and Sue Polanka will fill you in on what they saw, what you might have missed, and what it all means for the future of libraries during the "ALA TechSource 2012 Annual Tech Wrap-Up." The free event takes place at 2 p.m. Eastern time on June 29. [Register](#) now....
ALA TechSource, June 12

[Will Eisner graphic novel giveaway](#)

The Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation will provide three lucky ALA Annual Conference attendees more than 100 titles nominated for the Will Eisner Comic Industry Award ([PDF file](#)) at the San Diego Comic-Con International. Each of the winner's libraries will receive the Eisner Award nominees for 2012, the entire Will Eisner library of titles, a \$2,000 voucher for the libraries to buy additional graphic novels, and another \$1,000 stipend for the library to hold comics-related or author events. Register at Booth #788; winners will be announced June 24....

Publishers Weekly, June 11; Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation, June 8

[How wired is your ALA student chapter?](#)

Don Wood writes: "We surveyed the [ALA Student Chapters](#) this past March to determine how they use social networking tools such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Tumblr to connect with members and disseminate information. The results ([PDF file](#)) are now available. Of the 56 active chapters surveyed, with a response rate near 50%, we found that they are using a variety of tools but are uncertain about whether their members are actually looking online for them."...
ALA Student Membership Blog, June 13

[JCLC early bird deadline extended](#)

Early bird registration for the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, to be held September 19–23 in Kansas City, Missouri, has been extended to July 11. With the theme "Gathering at the Waters: Celebrating Stories and Embracing Communities," JCLC provides a unique setting for learning with three preconferences and more than 70 concurrent sessions. [Early bird registration](#) provides attendees with the best rates for this exciting event....

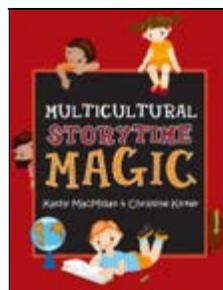
Office for Diversity, June 11



[Multicultural storytime magic](#)

Storytime audiences grow ever more diverse, and it's important that the materials used in programs reflect that richness of experience. In [Multicultural Storytime Magic](#), published by ALA Editions, bestselling authors Kathy MacMillan and Christine Kirker offer a new paradigm for multicultural programs, showing how diversity can be woven into any and every storytime, no matter what the topic....

ALA Editions, June 11



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also includes the collections housed by specialized academic institutions in Saint Petersburg and other cities. Since 1783 it has served as a national depository. The library was housed in the Kunstkamera museum until 1924, when it was transferred to a new facility that had been built for the library in 1914 but used as a military hospital in World War I. On February 15, 1988, the library suffered a catastrophic fire that destroyed nearly 300,000 books and damaged about 3.6 million others, but it has recovered sufficiently to claim holdings of 20.5 million items.

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. There is also a [Great Libraries of the World Pinterest board](#).

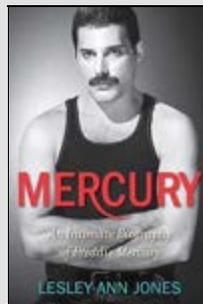
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Featured review: Adult biography

Jones, Lesley-Ann. *Mercury: An Intimate Biography of Freddie Mercury*. July 2012. 352p. Touchstone, hardcover (978-1-4516-6395-2). How did a shy little Parsi boy from Zanzibar named Farrokh Bulsara become one of the world's most legendary rock superstars? The answer is painstakingly detailed in this stunning biography (an updated version of Jones's 1997 book, *Freddie Mercury: The Definitive Biography*) of the late Queen front man, who died tragically in 1991 of AIDS at the age of 45, just one day after publicly acknowledging he had the disease. In hindsight, with his exotic looks and flair for the outrageous, Mercury certainly seemed poised for artistic greatness, but he was insecure about his appearance and also struggling to come to terms with his "mostly gay" sexuality in the macho world of hard rock, even as he dialed the camp side of his personality up to 10. The one thing Mercury never doubted was his own musical genius and the inevitability of fame....



Top 10 biographies: 2012

Donna Seaman writes: "The 10 best biographies of the past 12 months combine the arts of investigation, analysis, empathy, and storytelling to portray remarkable individuals, from an iconic monarch (*Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman*) to a martyred activist (*Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*), a technology wizard (*Steve Jobs*), and world-altering writers (*Just One Catch: A Biography of Joseph Heller*, *A Difficult Woman: The Challenging Life and Times of Lillian Hellman*, *Tolstoy: A Russian Life*)."



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Anaheim Update

Hack ALA: Professional preparations

Joanna June writes: "Sometimes preparations before the event take as much time and are just as important as attending itself. Conferences are not only about taking in new information, they

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District of Columbia Public Library. If you enjoy a rewarding work environment where your hard work can truly make a difference, come join us. All positions require excellent customer service skills, commitment to public service, and the willingness to learn and embrace change. Experienced, innovative leaders are needed to manage the branch operations and community outreach in one of the full service neighborhood libraries. Operate an efficient and customer-service-oriented branch library. Assume a leadership role in systemwide projects. Interpret and assist with the development of DC Public Library policies in managing the branch. Supervise, train, develop, and evaluate staff. Maintain a reference and circulating collection of books and other materials to meet the needs and interests of library customers. Evaluate community use of branch services and submit reports on services....



are an [invaluable networking space](#). Here are some preparatory hacks with an eye on networking and professional development to get you ready to confidently hit the conference floor.”...

Hack Library School, Feb. 10, June 12



[10 reasons to go to Disneyland this year](#)

Tammy Whiting writes: “Is there anyone that’s not going to [California Adventure](#) this year? The masterpiece is done! With a good [touring plan](#), crowds don’t have to stop you. There’s great stuff happening at the [Disneyland](#) park too. So, on the off chance that you aren’t sure you want to visit [Disneyland Resort](#) this year (and those price increases for tickets were steep), here are 10 reasons you should.”...

TouringPlans Blog, June 8



[A drive through Cars Land](#)

Ricky Brigante writes: “When [Cars Land](#) opens on June 15, guests will have a chance to wander the town of Radiator Springs, invented for and made famous by Pixar’s *Cars* films. Radiator Springs has been recreated in real life by Imagineers for the Disneyland Resort. Though theme park guests will be walking through the town, it’s appropriate that our first look behind those construction walls comes in the form of a drive down the middle of Radiator Springs’ main road.”...

Inside the Magic, May 29



[Disney Animation building](#)

Visit the Disney Animation building and learn firsthand the secrets of how animators apply their imagination to the screen through a magical collection of interactive adventures. In the Animation Academy, you can learn how to draw a classic Disney character. In Character Closeup, explore an exhibition filled with original Disney artwork and see how designs progress from concept sketch to three-dimensional models to their final animated form....

Disneyland Resort



[How to tip your housekeeper](#)

Amy Farley writes: “If you want to make absolutely sure that your tip is distributed evenly, follow this rule of thumb: Leave \$5 to \$10 for each day in an envelope at the front desk. Note your room number and dates of stay on the envelope, and that you’d like it divided among all your housekeepers.”...

Travel + Leisure, May 21

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Division News

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Digital Library of the Week



[Washington County Heritage Online](#)

is a cooperative project of local libraries, museums, and cultural institutions in Washington County, Oregon. The WCHO aims to digitize and display items of historical and cultural importance; celebrate local history; encourage cooperation between archives, historical societies, libraries, museums, and other cultural organizations; and allow for wider access to the unique materials found in Washington County. Contributors are the Pacific University Library, the Washington County Museum, Tigard Public Library, and Centro Cultural.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct*

[New Teen Space Guidelines](#)

YALSA has released a new set of national guidelines on teen spaces. The [National Teen Space Guidelines](#) offer library staff a blueprint for creating effective, welcoming spaces for teens in libraries and online using library websites and social media. The guidelines are available on the YALSA website, with a [PDF version](#) available for library staff to print and use during training sessions....

YALSA, June 11



[Consider a PLA preconference](#)

Registration for PLA preconferences at ALA Annual Conference will remain open until their starting time on Friday, June 22. These three programs in team building, innovative management, and public library advocacy do require [registration](#); however, attendees are not required to be registered for the full conference to attend a preconference....

PLA, June 11

[Dive into data](#)

Data-driven public librarians should be sure to attend the [PLAmetrics Demonstration and User Group](#) meeting on June 24 at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The event is perfect for anyone interested in learning more about PLA's online-subscription PLAmetrics database or for current subscribers hoping to learn how to maximize the resource....

PLA, June 11

[IMLS Preservation Fellows](#)

The ALCTS Preservation Administrators Interest Group will host a [program](#) on the Institute of Museum and Library Services Laura Bush 21st Century Fellowships in Preservation Administration on June 23 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The New York Public Library and its partner Yale University Library were awarded a grant from IMLS to host fellows from 2010 to 2012....

ALCTS, June 12

[Historical fiction @ your library](#)

ALTAFF will host "[Historical Fiction @ your library](#)" on June 23 at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Featured authors will be poet and novelist Regina O'Melveny (right), bestselling author Gail Tsukiyama, medieval noir author Jeri Westerson, and nonfiction author Jean Zimmerman. The program will be moderated by Barbara Hoffert, editor of *Library Journal's* Prepub Alert. An author signing will follow....

ALTAFF, June 11



[Learn about board governance](#)

ALTAFF will host "[Board Governance and Development for Library Trustees, Friends, and Foundations](#)" on June 25 at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Topics will include purposeful board recruiting, Friends board development, and conflicts of interest. A question-and-answer session will follow. Panelists will include Sally Gardner Reed, Kathy Gould, Jane Jones (right), and Debbie Sinclair....

ALTAFF, June 11



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Noted and Quoted

"Too late to order business cards for ALA Anaheim? Handing out bars of complimentary hotel soap with your name carved on them makes quite the impression."

—The Lipstick Librarian's [Facebook page.](#) June 9.

"You must live feverishly in a library. Colleges are not going to do any good unless you are raised and live in a library every day of your life."

—The late author Ray Bradbury, in *Writer's Digest*, February 1976, p. 25.

"Library and information science degree-holders bring in \$57,600 mid-career, on average. Common jobs for them are school librarian, library director, and reference librarian, and there are expected to be just 8.5% more of them by 2020. The low pay rank and estimated growth rank make library and information science the worst master's degree for jobs right now."

—Jacquelyn Smith, "[The Best and Worst Master's Degrees for Jobs.](#)" *Forbes*, June 8.

[Intro to spatial literacy](#)

The next session of RUSA's popular online course "Introduction to Spatial Literacy and Online Mapping" will be held June 18–July 8. [Registration](#) is open through June 17. The course will introduce students and library staff to a variety of mapping tools and GIS technologies that are of interest to both public and academic library users....

RUSA Blog, June 13

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Awards & Grants

[Guess the award winners](#)

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Booklist

[Stonewall Book Awards brunch](#)

The ALA Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table will mark another year of excellence for the Stonewall Book Awards at the [Stonewall Book Awards Brunch](#) on June 25. Scheduled to attend this year's brunch are award winners Wayne Hoffman, Michael Bronski, and Bil Wright....

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table, June 12

[2012 John Ames Humphry Award](#)

Jane Kinney Meyers (right) is the recipient of the 2012 John Ames Humphry / OCLC / Forest Press Award of \$1,000 to recognize a significant contribution to international librarianship. Meyers is the cofounder and president of the [Lubuto Library Project](#), which brings children's library services and a model of sustainable library development and innovation to Zambia. The award is administered by ALA's International Relations Committee....

International Relations Office, June 12



[FTRF Roll of Honor Award](#)

First Amendment attorney Michael A. Bamberger (right) has been named the recipient of the 2012 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award. Bamberger is perhaps best known for the landmark case *Hudnut v. American Booksellers Association*, a challenge to an Indianapolis antipornography ordinance that outlawed "graphic, sexually explicit subordination of women, whether in pictures or in words."...

Office for Intellectual Freedom, June 11



[75 LSSC candidates to receive financial aid](#)

The Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) Program is offering subsidies of \$200 apiece to 75 LSSC candidates toward their completion of LSSC-approved courses that started no later than June 8 and ended before April 1, 2013. First preference will go to those who have not received a previous subsidy. Submit your [application](#) by

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July 15–18:
[Special Libraries Association](#), Annual Conference and

July 1....

ALA–Allied Professional Association, June 12

[Dollar General disaster relief grants](#)

AASL has introduced two new catastrophic disaster relief [grants](#) as part of Beyond Words: The Dollar General School Library Relief Fund, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to rebuild and expand library programs at schools affected by natural disasters. A catastrophic grant of \$50,000 will be awarded to two schools that meet the Beyond Words eligibility requirements. The foundation has also renewed its commitment to AASL and school libraries by dedicating an [additional \\$435,000](#) in grants....

AASL, June 11



[EBSCO awards seven conference scholarships](#)

In cosponsorship with ALA, EBSCO has awarded seven librarians scholarships of \$1,000 each to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, June 21–26. As part of the application process, librarians were asked to explain how attending the ALA Annual Conference would contribute to their professional development....

Office of ALA Governance, June 7

[Ezra Jack Keats minigrants awarded](#)

This is the 24th year that the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation has awarded minigrants to teachers and librarians at public schools and libraries across the United States. A total of 50 grants were awarded to educators in 26 states with each recipient receiving up to \$500 for specific programs that they have planned for the next academic year. View the [complete list of winners](#)....

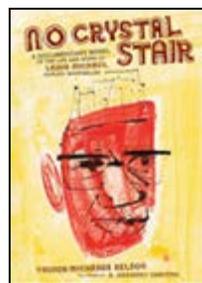
Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, May 30



[2012 Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards](#)

At BookExpo America on June 7, *Horn Book* editor-in-chief Roger Sutton and author Rebecca Stead announced the 2012 *Boston Globe–Horn Book* Award winners for excellence in children's literature. The winners are: *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett (picture book), *No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux*, *Harlem Bookseller* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson (fiction), and *Chuck Close: Face Book*, by Chuck Close (nonfiction)....

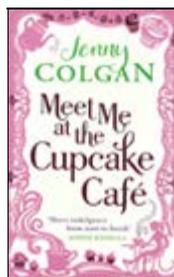
The Horn Book, June 7



[2012 Melissa Nathan Award](#)

Jenny Colgan has won the "coolest award in women's commercial fiction" for her novel *Meet Me at the Cupcake Café* (Little, Brown, 2011). Colgan took home the Melissa Nathan Award for Comedy Romance, now in its sixth year, for her novel about a young woman who is made redundant from her city job and decides to start a café....

The Bookseller, June 13



[2012 George Washington Book Prize](#)

The George Washington Book Prize has been awarded to Maya Jasanoff for *Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World* (Knopf, 2011). Jasanoff, professor of history at Harvard University, received the \$50,000 prize on June 4 at George

InfoExpo, McCormick Place, Chicago. "The Future Is Now!"

July 17–20:

[6th International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Communication, and Management](#),

Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld, Orlando, Florida.

July 21:

[Allentown Antique Book, Paper, and Advertising Show](#),

Agricultural Hall, Allentown (Pa.) Fairgrounds.

July 21–22:

[2012 Tennessee Antiquarian Book Fair](#), Monterey Station, Cowan. Sponsored by the Tennessee Antiquarian Booksellers' Association.

July 24–26:

[National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program and the National Digital Stewardship Alliance](#), Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. "Digital Preservation 2012."

Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. "Digital Preservation 2012."

July 26–29:

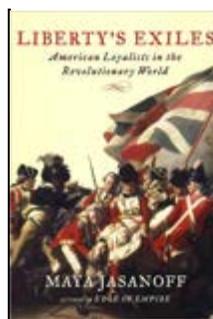
[Newberry Library](#), 28th Annual Book Fair, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago.

July 28–29:

[Map Fair of the West](#), Lower Level, Denver Public Library. Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Map Society.

Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. *Liberty's Exiles* is the story of the losers in America's struggle for independence, loyalists who found themselves in a world turned upside down. The prize honors the year's best book about America's founding era....

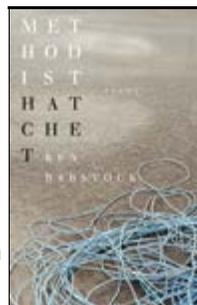
C. V. Starr Center, June 4



[2012 Griffin Poetry Prizes](#)

David Harsent's *Night* and Ken Babstock's *Methodist Hatchet* are the international and Canadian winners of the 2012 annual Griffin Poetry Prize. The poets each received Can\$65,000 in prize money. The Griffin Poetry Prize, founded in 2000 to encourage excellence in poetry, is for first-edition books of poetry written in or translated into English and submitted from anywhere in the world. Poet Seamus Heaney was honored with the Griffin Trust for Excellence in Poetry's 2012 Lifetime Recognition Award....

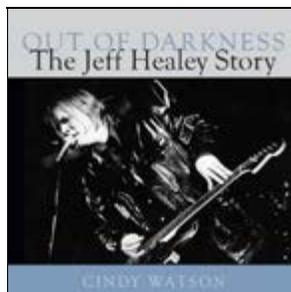
The Griffin Trust, June 6–7



[2012 Golden Oak Award](#)

The Ontario Library Association has awarded Cindy Watson its 2012 Forest of Reading Golden Oak Award for her book *Out of Darkness: The Jeff Healey Story* (Dundurn Press). The book tells how the blind Jeff Healey became one of the most influential blues-rock and jazz performers of our time. The Golden Oak Award reading program provides a unique opportunity for new readers in adult literacy programs to read books chosen specifically for them....

Ontario Library Association, June 7



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Libraries in the News

[Somerset County librarian reinstated after appeal](#)

Long-time Circulation Director Larry Sapienza can return to the Warren Township branch of the Somerset County (N.J.) Library System on August 1. The library commission deliberated in private for more than two hours June 6 before returning to public voting 4–2 to rescind his termination and, instead, suspend him without pay from April 10 to July 31. Sapienza had been [fired](#) by Director Brian Auger on April 12 over a controversial plan to restrict library volunteers' duties to menial tasks....

Somerset (N.J.) Messenger-Gazette, Apr. 30, June 7

[Jack Blount appointed OCLC president](#)

Jack B. Blount (right), an executive with experience leading several technology organizations in a career spanning 35 years, has been named OCLC president and CEO. Blount was most recently president and CEO

Aug. 24–27:

[Miniature Book Society](#)

30th Annual Grand Conclave, Renaissance Asheville Hotel, Asheville, North Carolina.

Sept. 19–23:

[Joint Conference of Librarians of Color](#)

Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

"Gathering at the Waters: Celebrating Stories, Embracing Communities."

Sept. 22–23:

[Library of Congress](#)

National Book Festival, National Mall between 9th and 14th Streets, Washington, D.C.

Oct. 10–12:

[Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#)

Annual Conference, Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia. "Thinking Outside the Walls."

Oct. 16:

[Book History](#)

[Colloquium](#), 523

Butler Library, Columbia University, New York City. "The Myth of the Woman Novel Reader."

Nov. 2–4:

[YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium](#)

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. "The Future of Young Adult Literature."



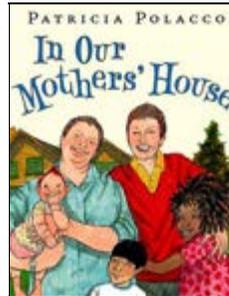
of Alpha Bay Corporation, a global technologies and services provider based in Salt Lake City. Effective July 1, he will become the fifth president of OCLC, the worldwide library cooperative founded 45 years ago, succeeding retiring head Jay Jordan....

OCLC, June 8

[Community discusses removal of book about gay parents](#)

Community members met June 11 at the Pleasant Valley branch of the Weber County (Utah) Library for a panel on same-gender families and to discuss whether it's right to pull a book that deals with an alternative family structure from school library bookshelves. The meeting, hosted by the OUTreach Resource Center, came a week after a Davis School District decision to pull *In Our Mothers' House* from its elementary school shelves and keep it behind the desk....

KSL-TV, Salt Lake City, June 11



[Free speech groups criticize Harford County porn ban](#)

The National Coalition Against Censorship united with other freedom of expression organizations June 12 on behalf of E. L. James's bestselling erotic novel *Fifty Shades of Grey*, this time in Harford County, Maryland. In a joint letter issued to the county library board, NCAC arrayed cosigners representing publishers, authors, booksellers, and journalists to urge the library to reconsider the thinking behind its generic ban on "porn," a subjectively and selectively defined category....

National Coalition Against Censorship, June 12

[LC appoints new poet laureate](#)

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington on June 7 announced the appointment of Natasha Trethewey (right) as the library's Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry for 2012–2013. Trethewey, the 19th poet laureate, will take up her duties in the fall, opening the library's annual literary season with a reading of her work on September 13. Her term will coincide with the 75th anniversary of the LC Poetry and Literature Center and the 1937 establishment of the position. She is only the second poet laureate to [hail from the South](#)....

Library of Congress, June 7; National Public Radio, June 7



[LC spending under scrutiny](#)

Karl Schornagel, the Library of Congress inspector general, reported in March that he found \$771,163 in questionable spending from the prior six months. The semiannual report also said that employees failed to use \$1 million in funds before they expired due to lack of coordination and communication. And an outside consulting firm, Jefferson Solutions, found that more than half of \$52 million worth of contracts chosen at random for review were awarded without opening the pool to competitors....

Government Executive, June 8

Nov. 7–10:

[Charleston Conference](#), Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition, Charleston, South Carolina. "Accentuate the Positive!"

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[Tornado victims find their lost photos @ the library](#)

Since tornadoes destroyed or damaged roughly 1,300 homes and businesses in Arlington, Texas, on April 3, the city's Lake Arlington branch has collected more than 800 photos strewn about by the twisters. About three-fourths have been claimed so far. "It feels like we're keeping people's memories for them," said Library Services Manager Debi Wood. The library got involved after Kate Atwood, 18, sought Wood's help as a photo waystation. More than 40 people have brought photos to Lake Arlington so far, and the Southwest and Woodland branches [are helping too](#)....



Associated Press, June 7; Arlington (Tex.) Public Library, Apr. 10

[CLA president clarifies conference event](#)

In response to [this report](#), CLA President Karen Adams writes: "The Canadian Library Association believes in promulgating fact. So let me clarify. No registered delegates were asked to leave, to stop placing bookmarks, or to stop handing out materials. Non-registered people were respectfully asked to move outside the CLA conference space. They were still able to distribute their materials within the convention center."...

CLA Government Library and IM Professionals Network, June 2

[Ex-basketball stars honor mother with library fund](#)

Decades ago, books from the Greenwood (Ind.) Public Library helped turn two youngsters into strong readers and learners. They went on to become NBA All-Stars. Brothers Tom and Dick Van Arsdale (right) want to ensure the library can continue to provide books and programs for residents. They also want to honor the memory of their mother, who believed the library was essential for the growth of her children, so they created the Hilda Van Arsdale Library Fund to support the library....



Associated Press, June 12

[Waukegan library sculptures stolen](#)

Scrap metal thieves ripped out two bronze statues worth about \$15,000 that were bought by Waukegan (Ill.) Public Library patrons and displayed in the facility's courtyard. Taken were "Little Scholar" by Jane Rankin, which portrays a boy reading a book, and "Imagine That" by Kathy Anderson, which shows a girl reading a book while sitting atop a stack of books. The two were part of 11 statues comprising an "Art of a Story" project....



WLS-AM, Chicago, June 9

[How Houston Public Library handles counterfeit](#)

While on its mission to provide free information, the Houston (Tex.) Public Library has to swat the occasional counterfeiter. At each of the library's 42 locations, equipment at the circulation desk includes a



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counterfeit detector pen. When a librarian marks a bill with the pen and the mark turns black, that means the bill is bogus. If the mark turns yellow or remains clear, the money is good. For about a month, Houston's libraries have been checking all bills larger than \$1....

Houston (Tex.) Chronicle, June 7

Windsor library puts Espresso Machine on hold

An Espresso Book Machine scheduled to be unveiled June 12 at the Windsor (Ont.) Public Library has been put into storage, with troubling questions swirling over how the expensive piece of equipment was acquired. A big question mark is whether the former board of the library was made aware in advance of what the financial commitment would be in becoming the first Canadian public library to own one....

Windsor (Ont.) Star, June 12

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Issues

Substance abuse libraries in crisis

Members of the Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists are calling for urgent action ([PDF file](#)) to halt the closure of specialist libraries and databases before valuable resources and expertise are lost forever. Since SALIS started actively campaigning against the closure of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug libraries and databases in 2004, more than 25 libraries and databases worldwide have been downsized or closed, their resources dispersed or destroyed....

Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists, June 12; *Addiction Journal*, June 12

Using a computer does not rot your brain

Alice G. Walton writes: "In addition to exercise and good nutrition for the aging brain, using the computer to keep your mind active could prevent mild cognitive impairment. This form of cognitive decline falls in between normal age-related memory problems and the beginnings of Alzheimer's disease. Researchers at the Mayo Clinic studied 926 people in Minnesota between the ages of 70 and 93 and found that both exercise and computer use have protective effects—but the two together are even better."...

The Atlantic, June 12



10 terrible tech laws that could affect your privacy

Christina DesMarais writes: "Child pornography, cyberbullying, online piracy—these are real-world problems that need solutions. But does legislating them away work? Read how your tech freedoms could be reined in by some of the dumb bills we've pinpointed in this story. You should be concerned about some of these proposed changes to US law. And note that a couple of them are in negotiations behind closed doors without public input at all."...

PC World, June 10



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Tech Talk

Windows 8: What's good, what's bad

Woody Leonhard writes: "I won't go over all the baggage that's been debated before—no, the Start button isn't there; yes, you have to get used to those Metro tiles; no, the interface isn't easy to learn; yes, the Metro to Desktop jumps will knock the eyeballs out of your sockets; no, people with PCs who have to get 'real work' done won't like it; yes, on a touch device some of it actually grows on you. Instead, I'll focus on the improvements, quirks, and shortcomings of this last look before gold code." Farhad Manjoo frankly says [you will hate it](#)....

InfoWorld, June 11; *Slate*, June 5



Dedicated GPS devices are dead

Damon Lavrinc writes: "The dedicated portable GPS device is dead, with Apple and Google playing pallbearer to Garmin, Magellan, and TomTom's hardware businesses. Between the hastily organized [Google Maps event](#) on June 6—where the search giant showed off a new interface (right), new features, and offline map downloading—and Apple's new [Maps app](#) announcement, a dedicated device for mapping and navigation comes across as superfluous. Or even worse, incredibly low-tech."...

Wired: Autopia, June 12; Gadget Lab, June 1, 11



New generic top-level internet domain names revealed

Gary Price writes: "ICANN has just released a [list](#) of the 1,930 generic top-level domains (gTLDs) that have been applied for and will eventually come into usage. Some of the applications include: .Amazon, .Apple, .Art (multiple applications), .Author (Amazon is listed as applicant), .Book (multiple applications including ones from Bowker, Google, and Amazon), .Cloud (seven applicants), .Education, .Netflix." [Applications](#) were received from 60 countries....

Library Journal: INFOdoCKET, June 13; *PC World*, June 13

Global Open Knowledgebase

The Kuali Foundation (a US nonprofit open source software developer) and JISC (the UK organization providing digital resources for education and research) have announced a collaboration that will make data about e-resources, such as publication and licensing information, more easily available. The effort, known as the Global Open Knowledgebase project, is funded in part by a \$499,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. North Carolina State University will serve as lead institution for the project....

Kuali Foundation, June 12

15 free tools for storing and sharing files

Richard Byrne writes: "Six months ago I shared a [list](#) of good file-sharing tools for teachers and students. Since then, I've come across some more tools to add to that list. Here is my new list of file-sharing tools for students and teachers. Using these tools can help you avoid having an email inbox that is overflowing with file attachments."...

Free Technology for Teachers, Jan. 13, June 12



[The six best USB flash drives](#)

Brian Westover writes: "Whether you're storing homework, hoarding digital media, or sharing sensitive info via sneaker-net, these small, pocketable drives should be your go-to storage device. They're cheap, they're easy to use, and they come in a range of designs that should fit whatever your unique needs may be. When you want to grab and go with your digital files, nothing tops a basic USB flash drive."...

PC Magazine, June 5



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E-Content

[Making ebooks accessible](#)

Jim Tobias writes: "As we go hunting for the right ebook readers for our patrons, accessibility is one of the factors to consider. People with vision, dexterity, or cognitive disabilities need certain specific features, and ebook readers are all over the map in what they offer and how they offer it. Any index of accessibility features may be out of date as soon as it's published, but three excellent sources ([OSU Web Accessibility Center](#), [Diagram Center](#), and [RNIB](#)) have a good chance of being updated frequently."...

AL: E-Content, June 11

[Four ways to purchase ebooks for your library](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "One of the most confusing things about starting to look at implementing ebooks in a library is all of the different ways you can go about purchasing them. Here's a quick cheat sheet explaining the four ways to do this: aggregators, publishers, wholesalers, and consortia. And if you'd like to know more, check out Sue Polanka's outstanding Library Technology Report: [The No Shelf Required Guide to E-Book Purchasing](#)."...

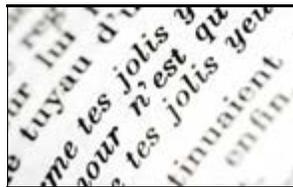
iLibrarian, June 13



[French publishers strike ebook deal with Google](#)

Google announced June 11 that it had reached an agreement in France that could bring back to life thousands of out-of-print works. The French Publishers' Association and the Société des Gens de Lettres dropped copyright lawsuits over Google's book-scanning. Google agreed to set up a "framework" agreement under which publishers would be able to offer digital versions of their works for Google to sell. This makes France the only country with an industrywide book-scanning agreement in place to cover works that are out of print but still under copyright....

New York Times, June 11



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Books & Reading

[What makes a "real book"?](#)

Mary Schmich writes: "Ray Bradbury, the great science-fiction writer whose death June 5 was notable enough to make front-page news in Chicago, once put this memorable line in the mouth of a character: 'A book is a loaded gun in the house next door.' At least somebody has a clear definition of a book. What does the word 'book' mean these days? Is it the content or the container? There remain some die-hard book lovers who still make an argument for the container."...

Chicago Tribune, June 10

[How to say goodbye to a university press](#)



Kevin Smith writes: "Ever since the University of Missouri [announced](#) May 24 that it would end its subsidy of the University of Missouri Press, it has been interesting to listen to the reactions. As Jennifer Howard [says](#) in her piece for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the response to this decision has been rather quiet, compared to the howls of protests heard about earlier, similar decisions. But there are three types of comments in reaction to the closure that I have heard, and each, I think, misses the point to some degree."...

Scholarly Communications @ Duke, June 8; *Columbia (Mo.) Daily Tribune*, May 24; *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 25

[Tower Hamlets Teen Booklist 2012](#)

The Teen Booklist ([PDF file](#)) is selected annually by librarians from the Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service and secondary schools in East London. It represents a selection of the best new fiction first published in paperback this year, and aims to cover as diverse a range of subjects, genres, authors, and interests as possible. This year, for the first time, they have also compiled a Must Read list of titles ([PDF file](#)) for elementary school students, which will now become an annual feature...

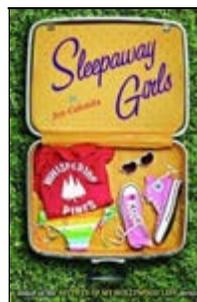


Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service

[Books for summer camp](#)

Jennifer Rummel writes: "I love summer for the flip flops, the roasting of marshmallows, and the great summer books. When I was younger, I went to a few camps—Girl Scout day camp and two basketball camps—but there were no cute boys and no campfire, and I never made lifelong friends. In case you're spending the summer at home this year, you can live vicariously through these fun books."...

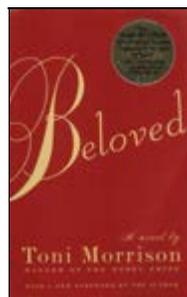
YALSA The Hub, June 12



[30 books everyone should read before turning 30](#)

Emily Temple writes: "Earlier this week, we stumbled across a list at [Divine Caroline](#) of 30 books everyone should read before they're 30. We thought there were some essential reads missing, so we decided to put together a list of our own. We stuck to fiction and chose the books on a variety of criteria, selecting enduring classics, stories that speak specifically or powerfully to younger readers, and books we simply couldn't imagine reaching 30 without having read."...

Flavorwire, June 10; *Divine Caroline*, May 2010



[The Real Housewives of](#)

[Shakespeare](#)

The [Great River Shakespeare Festival](#) in Winona, Minnesota, has come up with an entertaining way to promote its summer season with this video featuring the Bard's leading ladies, who get together to decide which of them is "Best in the Canon." In this shocking, behind-the-scenes [reality show](#) (5:13), viewers will get a rare glimpse into the lives of these immortal characters....

YouTube, May 30



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Tips & Ideas

[Awe-inspiring library initiative](#)

Phil Bradley writes: "Less a mobile library, more a traveling knowledge gadget van. When I was at the Canadian Library Association conference, there was a reference to an interesting initiative by the Fraser Valley (B.C.) Regional Library, a clever van (right) called LiLi, or [Library Live and on Tour](#). The van and its librarian stress the importance of value, information, and awareness over issuing books. LiLi goes around the region and visits places where people congregate." Watch the [video](#) (1:34)....

Phil Bradley's Weblog, June 8; YouTube, Apr. 25



[New open-access publishing venture](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "Researchers: Joining the open-access club just got easier. For a modest fee, authors can buy 'lifetime rights' to publish their work in a new open-access, peer-reviewed journal-and-preprint service called [PeerJ](#). The venture, which made its public debut June 12, will focus on the biological and medical sciences. Emphasizing open access, PeerJ leaves the rights in authors' hands and gives them control over when and how to share preprints of their articles." [Peter Brantley](#) has more information....

PeerJ

Chronicle of Higher Education: The Wired Campus, June 12; Publishers Weekly, June 12

[Children's librarians excel at outreach](#)

Julie Jurgens writes: "Children's librarians have cornered the market on outreach. We go out to schools, preschools, and daycares, and we present book talks, storytimes, and other programs that promote our services and materials, meeting a developmental need for our users. I think if you are truly a great outreach librarian, you're going to be treated like a rock star. Kids will begin to anticipate your visits. I don't see this happening in public library adult services departments."...

Hi Miss Julie!, June 8

[Facebook offers more notification controls](#)

Facebook continues to tinker with how users can control their notifications settings, with the notifications section under account settings now offering a host of options. Users can dial back the frequency of emails by now checking off a box that reads: "Send me important updates and summary instead of individual notification emails."...

AllFacebook blog, June 11

[Where mobile can't go](#)

Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: "Despite being repeatedly told so by some prominent and even not so prominent librarians, I'm still skeptical that the future is mobile, at least for academic research. This is not to say that I don't think libraries should do what they can to make things easier for mobile users. It's just that whatever we do, mobile use of the library and of tools designed to create the products of academe will always face severe limitations."...

Academic Librarian, June 6

[60 websites on Colonial America](#)

Julie Greller writes: "I always enjoyed learning about early American history. It was one of those classes where I felt transported to another time where life was so different (yet simple) compared to today. This time in particular, 1607–1776, our nation was coming into its own, with the forming of the 13 colonies and the eventual Declaration of Independence. If you teach this subject, I hope you'll find these resources helpful."...

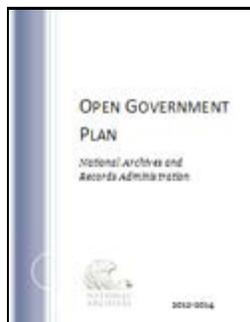
A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet, June 12



[NARA's new Open Government Plan](#)

On June 8, the National Archives released the updated [Open Government Plan](#) that will guide its efforts in transparency, participation, and collaboration for 2012–2014. Over the past two years, NARA has implemented most of the 70 tasks it set out to accomplish in its 2010 Open Government Plan, including major initiatives in records management, declassification, and FOIA, as well as redesigning Archives.gov and Federal Register.gov. The new plan sets out some challenging tasks....

NARAtions, June 11



[A guide to the Georgia State e-reserves case](#)

Iris Jastram writes: "I recently read the final ruling ([PDF file](#)) in the Georgia State University case and summarized it for key people in the library at Carleton College, and I thought I'd share my summary for anyone else who wants to know just what happened in that decision and how it applies to libraries running e-reserves operations."...

Pegasus Librarian, June 7

[10 digital timelines](#)

Fien Danniau writes: "The digital revolution brings us all kinds of cool tools that make it easier to study, teach, and present history. Interactive timelines are one of my favorites. We tested and compared 10 online timeline applications and were amazed at all the different features and, moreover, at the impact those have on their usability for your historical project."...

Instituut voor Publieksgeschiedenis, June 5



[Libraries and violent video games](#)

Jacob A. Ratliff writes: "Why is it when the topic of video games comes up everyone starts to think about censoring violence to protect kids? It makes me angry. I think it has to do with how [video games are portrayed by the media](#). Whenever I give a talk about video games and libraries, the inevitable question I get is: 'Can you recommend any nonviolent video games I can use in my library?' Since when did libraries start censoring *any* type of content in the

library based on violence? I have two theories."...

tl-dr, June 12; Rock, Paper, Shotgun, Apr. 19

[20 Twitter chats every librarian should know about](#)

Jeff Dunn writes: "Libraries are increasingly getting hip to using Twitter as a tool, with many offering the service as a point of contact with librarians. But Twitter is an excellent tool for librarian learning as well, offering lots of great opportunities for discussion. Many Twitter chats exist for the literary and library world, and we've discovered 20 of the absolute best for librarians to check out."...

Edudemic, June 13



[Navigating the library blogosphere](#)

Bonnie Powers writes: "The [Library Blog Center](#) at Salem Press advertises '1,300 carefully vetted and categorized library blogs.' For every library blog you are following, there are 10 more that you are not. And each blog has its own culture, carefully cultivated and nurtured and populated. But you are doing yourself a disservice if you do not venture into uncharted territory."...

bringyournoise, June 6

[BookExpo 2012 awards](#)

Char Gwizdala writes: "Welcome to the BookExpo 2012 awards, where swag, totes, and the unusual, unique, and offbeat are awarded. From a conversation between legendary musicians to an NYPD presence on the Exhibitors Hall floor (not sure what that was about) to the introduction of live steaming, this year saw a fair share of totes, less swag, an ample supply of free books and ARCs, exceptional programming, and a visible social media presence."...

Char, June 12



[Librarian Gone Wild](#)

Stand-Up Librarian Meredith Myers (right) honors her idol Madonna with her version of "Girl Gone Wild" in an effort to entertain and educate about the importance and fun of libraries. In "[Librarian Gone Wild](#)" (5:01), Myers designed, sewed, and styled all of her library outfits. Her dance moves were developed from 25+ years of watching Madonna....

YouTube, May 31



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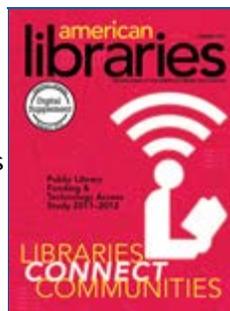


American Libraries Online

[Libraries Connect Communities: An AL Digital Supplement](#)

Strategic vision and careful management have helped US public libraries weather the storm of the Great Recession. However, a new report underscores the competing concerns that face America's libraries: cumulative budget cuts that threaten access to libraries and services, increasing demand for technology training, and the chronic presence of the digital divide. These findings are among the highlights of the [2012 Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study](#), produced by the ALA Office for Research and Statistics and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. [Read it](#) as an *American Libraries* Digital Supplement. (Note: Any Zmags publication can be changed into a PDF within your browser by clicking the PDF icon.)...

Office for Research and Statistics, June 19



[US public libraries infographic](#)

Public libraries continue to transform lives by providing critical services and innovative solutions to technology access, in spite of years' worth of cumulative budget cuts. Use this infographic (right) from the Office for Research and Statistics to educate your patrons on how public libraries have weathered the storm....

Office for Research and Statistics, June 19



[Cataloging then, now, and tomorrow](#)

Elise (Yi-Ling) Wong writes: "Not long ago (when I was still in library school), if someone had asked me what exactly a cataloger is, my answer would have been, 'a guardian of the catalog.' But catalogers are also mediators



[ALA Annual Conference](#),
Anaheim, June 21–26.



Don't miss this historic last chance to rock out with the [Rock Bottom Reminders](#) at [ALA/ProQuest Scholarship Bash](#) on June 23. ALA is honored to host this landmark last concert in the "Past Our Bedtime" tour. Rock out with Stephen King, Amy Tan, Mitch Albom, Dave Barry, Matt Groening, Scott Turow, Ridley Pearson, Greg Iles, James McBride, Roy Blount Jr., Sam Barry, and Roger McGuinn of The Byrds.



between libraries and other information organizations, as they are charged with understanding the interoperability between the MARC standard and different non-MARC metadata systems.”...

American Libraries feature

[Newsmaker: Chicago Public Library's Brian Bannon](#)

Brian Bannon (right), the new commissioner of Chicago Public Library, at 37 already has a lengthy list of accomplishments under his belt. As the former chief information officer of San Francisco Public Library, Bannon was responsible for its digital and technology strategy. He also served as chief of branches during his six-year tenure at SFPL, leading the design and construction process of its \$200 million Branch Library Improvement Program—the largest capital improvement program in the library's history....



American Libraries column, May/June

[Indies see surge at BookExpo](#)

Bill Ott writes: “Long before the controversies that now bedevil the book publishing and bookselling industry—ebook polices and the many-tentacled presence of Amazon.com—appeared on the horizon, there was still concern about the lack of actual booksellers on the floor at the annual BookExpo America trade show. The convention, many worried, had become a subsidiary-rights show, with interactions between publishers and booksellers growing less and less frequent.”...



American Libraries news, June 20

[Youth book, audiobook, and ebook numbers](#)

The newest edition of the *Library and Book Trade Almanac* (formerly known as the *Bowker Annual Library and Book Trade Almanac*) put out by Information Today now includes audiobook and ebook numbers. Contributing Editor Catherine Barr and Constance Harbison of book wholesaler Baker & Taylor compiled the report on “Book Title Output and Average Prices: 2008–2011,” which appears on pages 514–529 of the 2012 (57th) edition....



AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, June 20

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ALA News

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



ALA Senior Associate Executive Director Mary Ghikas has compiled a handy, informal guide ([PDF file](#)) to the most important tips, facts, events, and activities at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California....

ALA Connect, June 18

[A panoply of pavilions](#)

The ALA Exhibit Hall will showcase the latest publications, products, and technologies available to libraries. Many of these products will be featured in special showcase pavilions to help conference attendees get an in-depth look at what is new. The **Government Information Pavilion** (middle of Aisle 1800) is new this year and showcases information from featured government agencies. The **Gaming and Graphic Novel Pavilions** (back of 600–800 Aisle) have been combined to make an especially fun section of the exhibits....

ALA Conference Services

[Rich Harwood on reclaiming Main Street and libraries](#)

A recent study revealed that many Americans feel that the country is lost amid a sea of changes and that they crave more openness, simpler living, humility, and compassion. They want to kick-start a new trajectory for the country that begins with small, local actions. Richard C. Harwood (right), president and founder of the nonprofit Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, will [discuss these](#) and other key findings from his recently released Main Street study at Annual Conference in Anaheim on June 24....



ALA Washington Office, June 13

[Say hi to your Ambassador](#)

ALA offers an Ambassador's program for those attending the Annual Conference for the first time—or for anyone needing some assistance. Ambassadors are volunteer members who serve as friendly and helpful faces. They are located at the Registration Area and at the ALA Pavilion on the exhibit show floor (booth 1939), and they will be wearing bright blue-and-gold Ambassador ribbons....

ALA Membership Blog, June 19

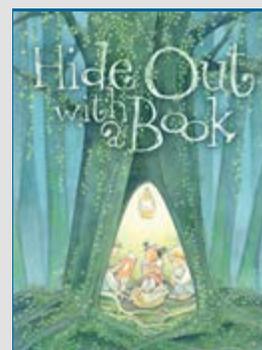
[Mobile app for ALA Conference scheduler](#)

Attendees can keep track of everything while on the go at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The new [mobile app for the Conference Scheduler](#) puts all the information people need right at their fingertips, including their existing schedule, list of exhibitors, and notes from the full Scheduler site. They just have to log in with the same username and password as on the Scheduler to access all of their existing conference information....

ALA Conference Services, June 15

[International librarians visit ALA headquarters](#)

Sixteen librarians visited the ALA offices in Chicago June 15 from countries as far away as



Capture the charming power of reading under the stars with this [Hide Out with a Book](#) poster. **A CLASSIC!** From ALA Graphics.



Great Libraries
of the World



Nigeria, Egypt, and Japan, among others. The librarians were part of an annual summer associates program assembled by the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Michael Dowling, director of ALA's International Relations Office, talked with the group about transformations within the library field....

AL: Global Reach, June 15

[New member benefit: Armchair ALA](#)



Earlier this year, ALA announced the official launch of a new member benefit program in partnership with NetGalley. ALA members who sign up to request digital galley from NetGalley can now add their member number to their profile, to speed approval of requests and to access upcoming titles. This program will help ALA members use digital galley to preview more titles and make more informed purchasing decisions for their collections. Register [here](#)....

ALA Membership Blog, June 18

[Marketing to the GLBT community](#)

Libraries looking to market their services to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community can now access new promotional tools, thanks to the Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library. New posters, transit signs, and window clings are now available on the Campaign for America's Libraries [website](#). These tools were originally created by the Sacramento Public Library as part of its promotion for National Library Week 2012....

Campaign for America's Libraries, June 15



[ALA returns to Second Life](#)

Although ALA Island officially closed on January 1, ALA now has a presence on [Info Island](#) at (25, 135, 23). You can still follow [@ALA_Island on Twitter](#) and [ALA Island on Facebook](#) for updates....

Virtual Communities and Libraries MIG

[EMIERT celebrates 35 years](#)

The Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table will mark 35 years of service as the Association's source of information on recommended ethnic collections, services, and programs with three sessions during the ALA 2012 Annual Conference in Anaheim. All three programs are free to all Annual Conference attendees....

Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table, June 13

[Eight libraries to host "Discover Tech" exhibition](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office, in partnership with the Space Science Institute, the Lunar and Planetary Institute, and the National Girls Collaborative Project, announced that eight public libraries will host a



[Russian State Library](#)

Moscow. Founded in 1862 as the city's first free public library, the State Library was first housed along with art collections in the Pashkov House palace near the Kremlin. A new library, designed by Vladimir Shchuko and Vladimir Gelfreikh, began construction in 1930 and finally opened in the 1940s. A 250-seat reading room opened in 1945, with further additions continuing until 1960. Called the Lenin State Library from 1925 to 1992, it retains the nickname "Leninka." It currently holds more than 43 million items in 247 languages, with special collections of note in maps, sheet music, audio recordings, newspapers, and dissertations.



[Barcelona Athenaeum](#)

Barcelona, Spain. In 1872, two cultural organizations in the city merged to form

new interactive traveling exhibition called "Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference." The exhibition will tour from September 2012 to June 2014, visiting each of the eight sites for eight weeks. Each site will receive a grant of \$1,000 to support public programs related to the exhibition....

Public Programs Office, June 19

["Muslim Journeys," a Bridging Cultures Bookshelf](#)

The National Endowment for the Humanities, in collaboration with the ALA Public Programs Office, is accepting applications through September 25 for "Muslim Journeys," a Bridging Cultures Bookshelf program. The program aims to familiarize public audiences in the United States with the people, places, history, faith, and cultures of Muslims in the US and around the world. For more information and resources to help get your application started, visit the "Muslim Journeys" [website](#)....

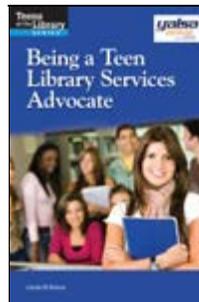
Public Programs Office, June 19



[New Teens @ the Library series](#)

Three new titles in the YALSA [Teens @ the Library Series](#) from Neal-Schuman Publishers help YA librarians hone their skills and improve their programs to serve teens more effectively: [Being a Teen Library Services Advocate](#), by former YALSA President Linda W. Braun; [Answering Teens' Tough Questions](#), by mk Eagle; and [Evaluating Teen Services and Programs](#), by Sarah Flowers....

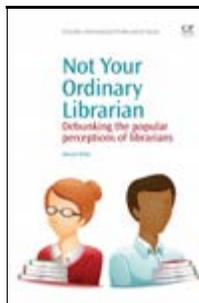
ALA Neal-Schuman, June 15



[Debunking popular perceptions of librarians](#)

Librarians have long struggled to combat some of the negative stereotypes about their image and profession, but to do so effectively it's necessary to look at these perceptions in a historical context. [Not Your Ordinary Librarian: Debunking the Popular Perceptions of Librarians](#), by Ashanti White, published by Chandos Publishing and available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, explores the origin of images of the librarian in popular media and looks at the effects of these stereotypes, both negative and positive....

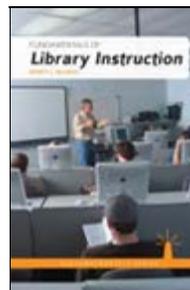
ALA Neal-Schuman, June 15



[Fundamentals of library instruction](#)

Being a great teacher is part and parcel of being a great librarian. In his new guide [Fundamentals of Library Instruction](#), published by ALA Editions, veteran instruction services librarian Monty L. McAdoo helps librarians connect with students as effectively as possible. McAdoo lays out the basics of the discipline in straightforward, accessible language with expert guidance for putting theory into practice....

ALA Editions, June 18



the Ateneu Barcelonès, which became a key element in the intellectual life of the capital of Catalonia. The athenaeum moved in 1906 to the Palau de Sabassona, an 18th-century neoclassical building that was remodeled by modernist architect Josep Maria Jujol to accommodate it. Its library features Jujol's elaborate glass-and-wood bookshelves and ceiling frescos by the 18th-century Catalan painter Francesc Pla, which were carefully restored in 2007. Its collection focuses primarily on humanities and social sciences in Catalonia.

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. There is also a [Great Libraries of the World Pinterest board](#).



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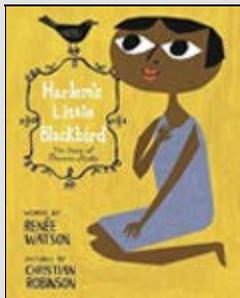
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Featured review: Nonfiction for youth

Watson, Renée. *Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills*. Illustrated by Christian Robinson. Oct. 2012. 40p. Grades 1–3. Random, hardcover (978-0-375-86973-0).

In Washington, D.C., at the opening of the last century, a little girl grew up in an itty-bitty house listening to her mother sing spirituals. The girl, Florence Mills, could sing, too, and had enough faith in herself to believe she'd become a star. And so she did, singing on stage in the US and London while also facing discrimination. When she first sang in Washington, D.C., the friends she brought with her weren't allowed to sit in the audience. But Mills was an activist before the word was even invented. Another element that will draw readers to the book is Robinson's art. Simple collage shapes with a folk-art appeal capture everything from the warm relationship between Mills and her mother to her decision to forgo the Ziegfeld Follies for a show that introduced young black talent....



Top 10 biographies for youth: 2012



Ian Chipman writes: "This year's gathering of the best biographies is, as always, an eclectic bunch, moving from the depths of the ocean (*Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle*) to the air above Manhattan (*Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade*) and from richly documented history (*Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story behind an American Friendship*) to the mirror house of memory (*Drawing from Memory*)."...

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Archivist. Oakland (Calif.) Public Library. The city of Oakland currently has a vacancy at the African American Museum and Library of the Oakland Public Library. The Archivist will provide comprehensive archival management of varied collections in accordance with accepted standards and practices of archival management, and ensures the preservation of collections. The Archivist will also plan and direct exhibitions and publications, and assist with broader programs collections....



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Digital Library of the Week



A ghost sign is a painted advertisement

[Disneyland Resort update](#)

The rededication of the “new” Disney California Adventure means a fresh start for the beleaguered theme park, which has suffered from poor word-of-mouth and low attendance since opening in 2001. Thousands of fans waited outside DCA’s gates June 15 to see the changes first hand, and many praised Disney managers for how well they handled the opening-day crowds. As expected, the majority of early arrivals headed straight to Cars Land after the rededication ceremony, some splitting off to first grab a Fastpass ticket for the new Radiator Springs Racers attraction....

MousePlanet, June 18



[Finding Nemo Submarine Voyage](#)

The Finding Nemo Submarine Voyage is an attraction located in the Tomorrowland area of Disneyland Park. Based on the characters and settings of the 2003 Disney/Pixar film, *Finding Nemo*, the ride allows you to board the yellow research submarine of the Nautical Exploration and Marine Observation Institute (N.E.M.O.) and be dazzled by underwater curiosities as your submarine dives fathoms beneath the surface....

Disneyland Park



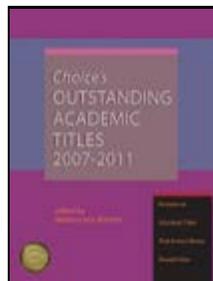
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Division News

[Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles](#)

Honoring the best in scholarly publishing, *Choice's* annual “Outstanding Academic Titles” list is widely recognized in the academic community for its sweeping coverage of the most significant scholarly titles published each year. Now available is a comprehensive print collection of reviews representing excellence in a five-year period, [Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles 2007–2011](#), edited by *Choice* Humanities Editor Rebecca Ann Bartlett....

ACRL, June 19



[Great Websites for Kids expands its recommended list](#)

ALSC has added 11 more recommended websites to [Great Websites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children. Newly added sites include [ABCYA.com](#), [CIA for Kids-Games](#), [Common Sense Media](#), and [PBS Kids Raising Readers Kids Island](#)....

ALSC, June 19



[Did you participate in Preservation Week?](#)

The third Preservation Week, sponsored by ALCTS, took place April 22–28. The Preservation Week Working Group would like to get a better understanding of how well the event is reaching its intended audience and how successful your institution’s efforts were in 2012. To gather this information, we invite you to fill out this [survey](#). (Only one person per institution should fill out the survey)....

on a building, most prominent prior to the 1930s. They are typically painted on brick buildings. People have begun to document these fading remnants of advertising in urban environments, and digital archives of ghost signs are building across the United States and beyond. [The Ghost Signs of Louisville](#) collection, a digital initiative of the University of Louisville Libraries, Kentucky, emerged from a partnership between the libraries and the Fine Arts department. Students in a documentary photography class in the fall of 2011 searched selected neighborhoods for ghost signs, photographed them, and recorded metadata about each image ([PDF file](#)). Of the 201 photographs submitted by the class, 122 were added to the digital collection. Library employees went out and photographed 22 additional images. This collection will continue to grow with future submissions.

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, Check out our [Featured Digital Libraries Pinterest board](#).

Noted and Quoted

ALCTS, June 18

[Apply for a Teen Read Week grant](#)

Through funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, YALSA will offer ten \$1,000 grants to recognize outstanding Teen Read Week activities by its members. Applicants must plan and present an outline for a Teen Read Week activity that is coordinated by a library.

[Applications](#) are due July 1....

YALSA, June 19

[Spend Sunday afternoon with LITA](#)

Join LITA on June 24 in Anaheim, California, for a Sunday afternoon of great programming, networking, and camaraderie, starting at 1:30 p.m. with [Top Technology Trends and LITA Award Presentation](#). LITA's ongoing roundtable discussion about trends and advances in library technology. Immediately following the awards reception, stick around for the [LITA President's Program](#), followed by the [LITA Happy Hour](#) at Hearthstone Lounge at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel....

LITA, June 14

[New AASL podcasts](#)

AASL has released a new set of podcasts in its *30-Second Thought Leadership: Insights from Leaders in the School Library Community* series. The new set focuses on the May/June *Knowledge Quest* issue, "Caring is Essential," and explores the question, "[How do school library programs contribute to the development of the Whole Child?](#)" Participants are Sean Slade, Jami Jones, Kafi Kumasi, and Olga Nesi....

AASL, June 18

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Awards & Grants

[2012 Achievement in Library Diversity Research](#)

Richard Chabrán (right), adjunct professor in the School of Information Resources and Library Science at the University of Arizona, has been named the 2012 Achievement in Library Diversity Research Honoree. Chabrán has had a full career in libraries, including work at the Chicano Studies Library at the University of California, Berkeley. His numerous articles and book chapters focus on digital inclusion and the digital divide, globalization and culture, and Chicano discourse....

Office for Diversity, June 18



[Ex Libris Student Writing Award](#)

Cynthia Cohen (right), May 2012 graduate of the San José State University SLIS, has been named the winner of the 2012 Ex Libris Student Writing Award, sponsored by Ex Libris Group and LITA. Cohen's paper, titled "Extending LOCKSS: The Preservation Risks of Private LOCKSS Networks," provides a review of the basics of the LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) project....

LITA, June 15



[2012 ALA scholarships announced](#)

The ALA Scholarship Program has chosen 10 scholarship recipients for

"About once a year, I announce to my sisters that I'm going to get my master's in library science. I'm very serious about it. The idea of being a librarian is like the happiest job I can think of. My sisters laugh at me every single time, and they're like, 'It's not going to happen, let it go.' But one day I'm going to have a library in Vermont somewhere."

—Grey's Anatomy Executive Producer Shonda Rhimes, [interview](#) in *The Hollywood Reporter*, June 4.

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2012–2013. Scholars were selected in the following categories: general, support staff, and specialty or practice area in children's services, new media, and federal librarianship. Criteria for the scholarships include academic excellence, leadership, and evidence of commitment to a career in librarianship....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 14

[2012 Diversity Research Grants](#)

The Office for Diversity has announced the recipients of the Diversity Research Grants for 2012: Jaime C. Naidoo and Lance Simpson, Danny P. Wallace, and Wayne A. Wiegand. The grants consist of a one-time \$2,000 award for original research and a \$500 travel grant to attend and present at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The recipients are expected to conduct their research over the course of the year and compile the results into a conference program....

Office for Diversity, June 18

[Salem Press Library Blog Awards](#)

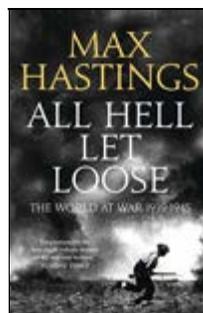
The public has voted online. All votes have been tallied. The judges have now spoken. Salem Press presents its list of the 2012 Library Blog Award winners, broken down by category and complete with collective musings on what made these eight blogs beat the competition....

Salem Press, June 19

[Pritzker Military Library Literature Award](#)

British historian Sir Max Hastings has won the 2012 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. At the library's annual Liberty Gala in October, the historian will receive a \$100,000 honorarium. Hastings has written 23 books, most recently *Inferno: The World at War, 1939–1945* (published as *All Hell Let Loose* in the United States). The annual prize celebrates "a body of work that has profoundly enriched the public understanding of American military history."...

GalleyCat, June 19



[2012 CILIP Carnegie Medal winner](#)

The 2012 CILIP Carnegie Medal was awarded to Patrick Ness June 14 for his novel *A Monster Calls* (Walker Books). Not only is this the second consecutive Carnegie Medal for Patrick Ness, a feat only achieved once before, in 1979 and 1980 by Peter Dickinson; but for the first time ever, the same book has also won the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal, sister award to the Carnegie Medal, with Jim Kay taking the prize for his haunting illustrations for *A Monster Calls*. Founded in 1937, the CILIP Carnegie Medal is the UK's oldest and most prestigious prize for children's and young people's writing....

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, June 14



[IMLS grant supports libraries' roles in broadband adoption](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced on June 14 a \$250,000 award to WebJunction to work with state libraries in Illinois, Mississippi, and West Virginia; federal policy makers; and the national nonprofit Connect2Compete to help national digital literacy

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Calendar

July 17: [Kentucky School Media Association](#),

Summer Refresher, Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

July 18–19:
[ALA Virtual Conference](#). "Mapping Transformation: Experimentation and Innovation."

July 21–24: [American Association of Law Libraries](#),

Annual Meeting and Conference, John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, Boston. "Learn, Connect, Grow."

July 29–31:
[Church and Synagogue Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Hilton Springfield, Springfield, Illinois. "Lincoln Logs On: Tradition and Innovation in Library Ministry."

Aug. 8–9: [GALILEO Knowledge Repository Project](#),

Cooperative Curation Symposium and Workshop, Clough Undergraduate

efforts effectively work with libraries to deliver digital literacy training. The grant will identify model approaches for partnerships with libraries to meet public demand for training....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 14

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

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has announced 32 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grants totaling \$10.4 million. Recipients are matching these awards with \$6.6 million in nonfederal funds. View the [complete list](#) of funded projects....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 14

[Civil War programming grant opportunity](#)

Libraries are invited to apply for \$1,000 public programming grants for "Civil War 150." The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, in partnership with the Library of America, is accepting applications from libraries for grants to develop public programming around this free traveling panel exhibition. Fifty sites will be awarded \$1,000 to host the exhibition, and 150 sites will be awarded \$500 to provide the public programming component. [Apply](#) by July 15....

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, May 23



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Libraries in the News

[UC Berkeley libraries are in trouble](#)

University of California, Berkeley Librarian Tom Leonard surveyed the faculty in April to see if they preferred closing 16 of the 24 campus-supported libraries or just 10—but with fewer librarians. The professors objected to being told they had just two choices, horrible or terrible, and petitioned the university for an extra year to find other ways of keeping the libraries not just afloat, but great. Berkeley has reduced its library spending by 12% since 2008, even as the University of Michigan, its main public competitor, has spent 24% more....

San Francisco Chronicle, June 18

[Chicago to build its first joint high school–public library](#)

Debra Lau Whelan writes: "Chicago's taking the partnership between public and school libraries to the next level—it's building its first public library as part of a school. The Chicago Public Library's Back of the Yards branch plans to open its doors in the fall of 2013, serving both the new Back of the Yards High School and the local community. The 8,000-square-foot building, which will sit next to the high school and have a separate entrance for the public, is taking its cue from the success of the library's YOUmedia teen space."...

School Library Journal, June 14



[Stolen Waukegan statues were sold and melted down](#)

Despite the arrest of one of the two

Learning Commons, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.

Aug. 8–10:

[IEEE International Conference on Information Reuse and Integration](#), Las Vegas, Nevada.

Aug. 12–16:

[Association for Computing Machinery, Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval](#), Conference, Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, Oregon.

Sept. 1–30:

[Library Card Signup Month](#).

Sept. 7:

[Ohio Library Council](#), Expo, Lausche Building, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus.

Sept. 28–30:

[Center for the History of Print and Digital Culture](#), Conference, Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. "Protest on the Page: Print Culture History in Opposition to Almost Anything* (*you can think of)."

Sept. 30–

Oct. 6:
[Banned Books Week](#).

Oct. 4–6:

[North Carolina School Library Media Association](#), Annual Conference, Benton Convention Center, Winston Salem. "School Libraries @ the Core."

people suspected of stealing two statues valued at \$15,000 from the Waukegan (Ill.) Public Library, police said the artworks won't be recovered because they have been melted down for scrap. "Little Scholar" and "Imagine That," which portrayed children reading books, were stolen from the library sometime overnight May 29–30. On June 11, police got an anonymous tip and began questioning Daniel R. Ramos, who said he and another person took the statues to J.B. Metals in Chicago and were paid \$268.80 for the scrap-metal value....

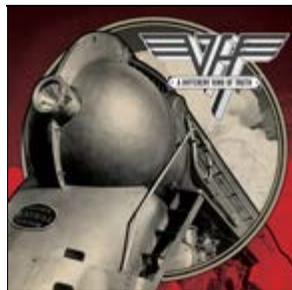
Chicago Tribune, June 14



[Van Halen goes to SMU to find an album cover image](#)

Van Halen singer David Lee Roth's influence on the band's latest album extends beyond his musical prowess. He selected the [cover image](#) for *A Different Kind of Truth*, sending designers on a far-reaching hunt that led to Southern Methodist University's DeGolyer Library in Dallas. Roth was looking for a photo of the streamlined 1930s-era Henry Dreyfuss–designed locomotive, and his designers located an original in DeGolyer's [Robert Yarnall Richie photography collection](#)....

Southern Methodist University, June 18



[The Pope looks for a new librarian](#)

Cardinal Raffaele Farina (right) will no longer head the Vatican's Apostolic Library or its Secret Archive. Farina decided to retire as his 80th birthday approaches in September. So now, Pope Benedict XVI is looking for someone else to take over that job. That won't be easy though, since Farina has an extensive cultural background. Perhaps more than anything, he will be remembered for leading the impressive three-year restructuring of the library....

Rome Reports, June 16



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Issues

[School library funding included in appropriations bill](#)

ALA applauds the efforts of the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations subcommittees on including funding for libraries in the most recent markup. The bill includes \$30 million for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy, which is a \$400,000 increase over FY2012. By law, a minimum of half of the funds under this program (\$14.5 million) must go to school libraries in the neediest school districts as a competitive grant. The bill also includes level funding for IMLS at \$231.9 million....

ALA Office of Government Relations, June 18

[Big Business, gathering data on you](#)

Natasha Singer writes: "It knows who you are."

Oct. 10–12:
[West Virginia Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Stonewall Jackson Resort, Roanoke, West Virginia.

Oct. 15–16:
[Back in Circulation Again](#), Conference, Room 325/326, Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Sponsored by the University of Wisconsin/Madison SLIS.

Oct. 26:
[Brick and Click: An Academic Library Symposium](#), B. D. Owens Library, Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri.

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It knows where you live. It knows what you do. It peers deeper into American life than the FBI or the IRS, or those prying digital eyes at Facebook and Google. Right now in Conway, Arkansas, more than 23,000 computer servers are collecting, collating, and analyzing consumer data for a company that, unlike Silicon Valley's marquee names, rarely makes headlines. It's called the [Acxiom Corporation](#), and it's the quiet giant of a multibillion-dollar industry known as database marketing."...

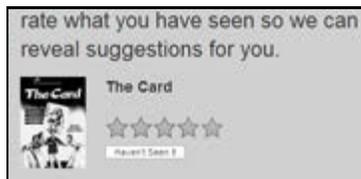
New York Times, June 16

[Netflix analyzes your viewing habits](#)

Derrick Harris writes: "Netflix is capturing and analyzing an incredible amount of data to try and figure out what you want to watch next. It's important work:

Already, Netflix Senior Data Scientist Mohammad Sabah said, 75% of users select movies based on the company's recommendations, and Netflix wants to make that number even higher. Here's a taste of what Netflix is collecting, and how much."...

GigaOM, June 14



[NSA won't say if it's spying on you](#)

The surveillance experts at the National Security Agency won't tell two powerful US senators how many Americans have had their communications picked up by the agency as part of its sweeping new counterterrorism powers. The reason: It would violate your privacy to say so. That claim comes in a short letter ([PDF file](#)) sent June 15 to civil libertarian Senators Ron Wyden (D-Oreg.) and Mark Udall (D-Colo.)...

Wired: Danger Room, June 18

[Google reports on content-removal requests](#)

Google said that between July and December 2011, it received more than 1,000 requests from governments around the globe to remove content or turn over information about its users. It complied with over half of those cases, which are detailed in its twice-a-year [Global Transparency Report](#) released on June 17. The company said it was alarmed by the number of government requests to censor political speech, particularly from Western democracies like the United States, Spain, and Poland....

New York Times: Bits, June 18

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Tech Talk

[Harvard's Library Test Kitchen](#)

Jonathan Shaw writes: "Last fall, Harvard Professor Jeffrey Schnapp, who is deeply interested in design questions triggered by the digital revolution, teamed up with Law Professor John Palfrey (who chairs the steering committee of the Digital Public Library of America project) to teach a seminar at the Graduate School of Design to explore what form the library of the 21st century might take. Its success led to a renewed incarnation as a Library

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Test Kitchen this spring, a 'rapid prototyping studio' at the GSD."...

Harvard Magazine, July/Aug.

[Microsoft unveils Surface tablet](#)

The star of Microsoft's mystery June 18 unveiling has been revealed: Surface, a Windows tablet. Just as Windows 8 is a reimagining of the Windows operating system, Microsoft describes Surface as a reimagining of the tablet. Surface is designed to work as both tablet and PC and comes in a version running Windows RT as well as a version running Windows 8 Pro. A built-in kickstand holds it up while you're typing or viewing videos. Chris Taylor has a [hands-on review](#) of the Surface....



Mashable, June 18

[Desktop computers are looking more like smartphones](#)

Nick Bilton writes: "In 2010, when the iPhone interface began winning its legions of converts, it was [apparent to me](#) that the mobile operating system Apple had developed was a much more intuitive and simple experience than the desktop model that had existed for decades before it. Each time Apple announces updates to OSX, it borrows more functions from iOS. This week was no exception."...

New York Times: Bits, June 13

[So what's the deal with the new MacBook Pro?](#)

Tim Brookes writes: "In mid-June the internet was awash with news of Apple's latest addition to their laptop line, the MacBook Pro with Retina display.



Following recent trends, the company has managed another world first—this time claiming the world's highest-resolution notebook display. Retina display aside, there are a few other big changes to the company's mobile powerhouse."...

MakeUseOf, June 20

[The Apple-Google map wars](#)

Quentin Hardy writes: "For many people, phones have become an important way to navigate the world, and mobile maps are at the core of the journey. So far, Google has reigned supreme, with its maps on every iPhone and Android phone sold. In mid-June, though, Apple gave notice it would enter the battle, announcing that in the fall, its phones would no longer carry Google maps, but instead would have Apple's own map service built in, part of its new mobile operating system."...



New York Times, June 17

[How to find coordinates on Google Maps](#)

It is possible to get the longitude and latitude coordinates of a location on a Google Map. The program does note them on the map, but the information is not in plain sight. To see the coordinates of a location, right-click on the town or area. In the contextual menu, choose the "What's here?" option....

New York Times: Gadgetwise, June 11

[Back up your most important data](#)

Jill Duffy writes: "We all know we should back up our computers, but who has the time? If backing up your computer is a chore you've put off for too long, this article will speed you through some of the most time-consuming steps and hopefully convince you to back up at least part of your computer: the stuff that matters most to you."...

PC Magazine, June 18

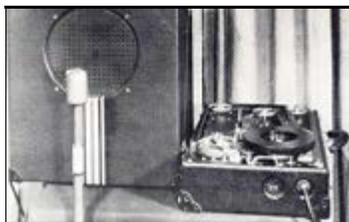
[Windows 7 password recovery](#)

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "You probably won't forget your own Windows account password, but you may well need to help a friend or relative who did. Laid off anyone lately? A disgruntled employee might well lock your main PC with an unknown password just before leaving. Even without ill-will, an employee might take another job or succumb to illness without passing on the password. This could be devastating. What can you do?"...

PC Magazine, June 14

[Reel-to-reel tape recorder timeline](#)

As an adjunct to their [online museum](#) of reel-to-reel tape recorder photos, Chris and Martin Theophilus of Phantom Productions have created this useful timeline of recorder history, from 1860 to the present.



It includes significant dates in the history of sound recording equipment, microphones, mixers, and headphones....

Phantom Productions

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E-Content

[Publishers long overdue in offering ebooks](#)

ALA President Molly Raphael writes: "To the surprise of many readers, public library ebook 'shelves' now sport gaping holes. *The Witness* by Nora Roberts? Unseen. *The Lost Years* by Mary Higgins Clark? Missing. *Drop Dead Healthy* by A. J. Jacobs? DOA. The truth is that for the first time, libraries are unable to purchase some materials on behalf of our communities. Several of the largest trade publishers (the Big Six) refuse to sell to us."...

The Huffington Post, June 19

[Does OverDrive really care about libraries?](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "As a school librarian, I am currently being inundated by vendor emails from not only the upcoming ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, but also the near-concurrent [ISTE](#) conference being held



just down the coast in San Diego. This does, however, make for some interesting comparison points for marketing research. Do some of our vendors really care about our libraries? Or do they just care when they are talking to us?"...

AL: E-Content, June 19

[**A call for libraries to transform**](#)

Jamie LaRue writes: "In too many venues, particularly around the issue of ebooks and publishers, librarians are doing a lot of whining lately. Mostly, it's to each other. I believe the modern library has to devise strategies to deal not just with one stream of e-content, but four. It isn't the job of libraries to keep publishers in business; it is our job to provide access to the intellectual content of our culture. In order to achieve that, I can suggest the following strategies."...

Library Journal: The Digital Shift, June 20

[**Libraries, publishers square off on ebook pricing**](#)

G. Jeffrey MacDonald writes: "A battle is brewing over digital content. On one side are librarians, stretched thin by lean budgets, who are eager to get more electronic books into the hands of readers and satisfy a growing need in their communities. On the other side are publishers, jittery about slim profits, who are making it harder for libraries to get electronic content. The standoff is hurting both sides."...

Christian Science Monitor, June 18

[**Bibliotheca supports Douglas County model**](#)



Bibliotheca, a global supplier of library technologies, is partnering with the library community to help adopt open source platforms for the delivery of electronic content. The company will build upon the concepts originally designed and developed by the Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries to enable libraries, first in North America and then around the globe, to meet the many challenges that the emerging world of ebooks presents....

Bibliotheca, June 19

[**An e-reader revolution in Africa**](#)

Geoffrey A. Fowler and Nicholas Bariyo write: "It is time for a vocabulary lesson in Bernard Opio's sixth-form class at the Humble Primary School in Mukono, Uganda. One new word the students have already learned this year is 'Kindle.' Opio instructs them to pull out their Amazon Kindle e-reading devices. Within seconds, most of the teenagers have a digital *Oxford English Dictionary* open on their screens. 'It took the kids just a few days to learn how to use them,' said Opio."...

Wall Street Journal, June 15

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Books & Reading

[How *Fifty Shades of Grey* is like *Ulysses*](#)

Danielle Sigler writes: "Eighty years ago, before *Fifty Shades of Grey* was even a twinkle in E. L. James's eye, librarians across the US were asked how they might respond to another controversial book if it became available in a reasonably priced edition: James Joyce's *Ulysses*. The terms of the debate surrounding the acceptability of James's novel on library shelves are not that far from those recorded in a series of questionnaires sent to public and university libraries by Random House in preparation for a federal *Ulysses* obscenity trial."...

The Daily Beast, June 16



[What's right with publishing](#)

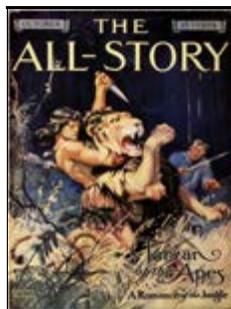
Barbara Fister writes: "When it comes to publishing, Charles Dickens was half right. It's the worst of times, and it always has been. But to a large extent, it really is the best of times for publishing. So I thought as a corrective I would toss out a few things related to publishing that make me feel hopeful and happy, particularly as just this morning I sent out some not-so-happy tweets, including 'Grrr. Just grrr.' Time to balance out the grumpiness."...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, June 14

[King of the Jungle still swinging at 100](#)

Jeremy Howell writes: "At some point in childhood, who hasn't leapt onto a rope swing, real or imagined, beat their chest like a wild person, and hollered a blood-curdling yell before plunging into cool waters below? Homage to this familiar scene will be paid this year with the centennial celebration of Edward Rice Burroughs's creation of Tarzan in 1912. Bill Hillman, who curates the [Edgar Rice Burroughs fan site](#), said Tarzan has had the ability to evolve with the times."...

Fine Books Blog, June 17



[Copyright traps: 10 things that don't exist](#)

Adrienne Crezo writes: "Facts are hard to copyright—impossible, actually. This is problematic for people who deal in information; any reference material is factual, and therefore difficult to protect from dirty, lying thieves who want to steal your work. That's where fictitious entries come in: Facts become very easy to copyright when they aren't true. Here are 10 people, places, and things that exist only on paper, solely to thwart would-be infoburglars."...

Mental Floss, June 19

Mountweazel, Lillian Virginia, 1942-73, American photographer, b. Bangs, Ohio. Turning from fountain design to photography in 1963, Mountweazel produced her celebrated portraits of the South Sierra Miwok in 1964. She was awarded government grants to make a series of photo-essays of unusual subject matter, including New York City buses, the cemeteries of Paris, and rural American mailboxes. The last group was exhibited extensively abroad and published as *Flags Up!* (1972). Mountweazel died at 31 in an explosion while on assignment for *Combustibles* magazine.

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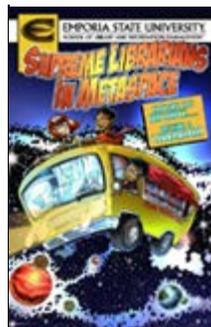
Tips & Ideas

[Emporia State's new LIS comic book](#)

The Emporia (Kans.) State University School of Library and Information Management has released a new comic book aimed at generating excitement for librarianship and increasing the awareness of the

many opportunities that an MLS degree can provide. From the same team that created *Library of the Living Dead* ([PDF file](#)) and *Monster Clash*, *Supreme Librarians in Metaspace* ([PDF file](#)) highlights the many facets of librarianship in a quirky, tongue-in-cheek manner....

Emporia State University SLIM, June 13



[Affection for PDA](#)

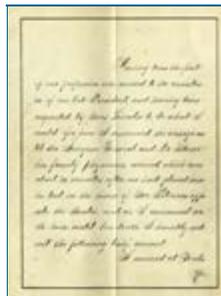
Steve Kolowich writes: "Patron-driven acquisition, or PDA, is not new, but it is on the rise. Approximately 400 to 600 libraries worldwide have switched to a patron-driven system for purchasing new works, and that number is likely to double over the next year and a half. The rise of PDA is expected to save libraries a lot of money on collections management. But how PDA stands to affect university presses is harder to predict."...

Inside Higher Ed, June 20

[If you discover something in an archive, it's not a discovery](#)

Suzanne Fischer writes: "A few weeks ago, an important document was discovered after more than a century of neglect. It was a [medical report](#) (right) on President Lincoln, sent to the Surgeon General by Charles Leale, the first doctor to arrive at Ford's Theatre after Lincoln was shot. So where was this document found? It was in the National Archives in a box of incoming correspondence to the Surgeon General, filed alphabetically under 'L' for Leale. In short, this document was *right where it was supposed to be.*"...

The Atlantic, June 19; Rose Melnick Medical Museum, June 6



[Which site provides the best census source citations?](#)

Randall J. Seaver writes: "I've been accused of being a Source Citation Nazi by email correspondents, which I deny. I do like well-crafted source citations, however. I asked myself the question: 'Which website that provides census records does the best job at creating source citations?' The concept of 'best' is subjective, of course. I chose the 1930 US Census entry for my grandfather, Lyle L. Carringer (1891–1976) who resided in San Diego, California. Here are my findings."...

Genea-Musings, June 19

[Using secondary legal resources](#)

Shameena Rahman writes: "This spring, several of the staff in the Law Library of Congress reading room began to update the [quick guides](#) to legal research that can be found on our website. I had created the [Guide to Secondary Legal Resources](#) in 2006 and I thought now would be a good time to direct our readers to this and other guides as well as to provide some brief information about various secondary legal resources."...

In Custodia Legis: Law Librarians of Congress, June 18



[A field guide to mobile libraries](#)

Brooke Palmieri writes: "Even if it is shocking to think that libraries are still under threat, it's nothing new, and neither is the success of a little creative advocacy on their behalf. In the case of mobile libraries, what began as a lone man pushing [books in a wheelbarrow](#) (right) through Cumberland, England, in 1857, and finally a fully tax-funded scheme complete with



branded vans, continues to this day. There are bookmobiles serving villages across England from Staffordshire to Cambridgeshire."...

Fine Books Blog, June 13; *British Workman*, Feb. 1, 1857

[A field guide to book trailers](#)

Larry Nix writes: "I wrote [previously](#) about a 1937 ALA publication titled *Book Automobiles*. It has a chapter on 'Book Trailers,' which includes photographs of the Gary (Ind.) Public Library book trailer and the Clark County (Ohio) Public Library book trailer (right). And it describes a proposal by Henry Bailey Stevens, then secretary of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of New Hampshire, for the use of book trailers in a kind of traveling library system."...



Library History Buff Blog, Apr. 13, 2010; June 18

[10 handy mobile apps from Uncle Sam](#)

Take a look at federal agencies' newest iPhone, Android, and mobile applications, ranging from a Smokey Bear wildfire-tracking app to an app that advises you how long it will take to clear customs at the airport....

InformationWeek, June 15

[Plan a road trip and pick the best weather](#)

Melanie Pinola writes: "There are lots of great road trip planning tools, but if you want one specifically designed to ensure the most sunshine along the way, this web app is for you. Created by design studio Stamen for the Weather Channel, the [Trip Planner](#) forecasts the weather along your route and also shows you nearby attractions."...



Lifehacker, June 19

[OCLC adds linked data to WorldCat](#)

OCLC is taking the first step toward adding linked data to WorldCat by appending Schema descriptive mark-up to WorldCat.org pages. With the addition of Schema mark-up to all book, journal, and other bibliographic resources in WorldCat, the entire publicly available version of WorldCat is now available for use by intelligent web crawlers, like Google and Bing, which can make use of this metadata in search indexes and other applications....

OCLC, June 20

[DDC 23 released as linked data](#)

Michael Panzer writes: "As announced June 18, an exciting new set of linked data has been added to [dewey.info](#). All assignable classes from DDC 23, the current full edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification, have been released as Dewey linked data. This includes every schedule number that is not a span or a centered entry, bracketed or

optional, with the hierarchical relationships adjusted accordingly. These are numbers that you find attached to many WorldCat records as standard Dewey numbers (in 082 fields), as additional Dewey numbers (in 083 fields), or as number components (in 085 fields)."

025.431: The Dewey Blog, June 19

[How to make library instructional videos](#)

Chad Boeninger writes: "This [video](#) (13:11) shows the basics of making library instructional (or other educational) videos and screencasts. The video discusses the inexpensive equipment and software needed, and shows how to make a video from start to finish. It discusses camera selection, how to use Screencast-o-matic.com, how to edit the video in Windows Live Moviemaker, and how to upload to YouTube. For a detailed write-up of the process, visit my earlier post on [how I make library instructional videos](#)."

Library Voice, Jan. 13, June 1



[War of 1812: New reference aid](#)

Barbara Orbach Natanson writes: "Two hundred years ago, the United States declared war on Great Britain, so you wouldn't think we'd have breaking news to report. But recently Library of Congress curator Sara Duke surveyed the Prints and Photographs Division holdings for images relating to the War of 1812, and she summarizes her findings in an illustrated reference aid, [The War of 1812: Selected Images from the Collections of the Library of Congress](#)."

Picture This: Library of Congress Prints and Photos, June 18



[Things to know when going solo](#)

Lindsay Harmon writes: "Solo librarians like me can be found in nearly every type of library, from school to academic to special to (generally branch or rural) public libraries. One thing that most of us probably have in common is that we didn't start out intending to work in a one-person library, and we weren't trained for it since there's no library-school track designed with solos in mind. If I could have enrolled in one before I started my solo job, these are some things that would have been useful to know."

Letters to a Young Librarian, June 14

[To stay on schedule, take a break](#)

Want to be more productive? A growing body of evidence shows that [taking regular breaks](#) from mental tasks improves productivity and creativity—and that skipping breaks can lead to stress and exhaustion. Mental concentration is similar to a muscle, says John P. Trougakos, assistant management professor at the University of Toronto Scarborough. It becomes fatigued after sustained use and needs a rest period before it can recover....

New York Times, June 16; *Science Daily*, Feb. 8, 2011

[Please don't eat the library paste](#)

Jennifer Kennard writes: "Eating library paste was a popular arts and crafts pastime when I was young. Maybe this explains why I love books so much. Made mostly of a vegetable starch such as flour and water, it was used on paper and paperboard as an adhesive binder. I recently discovered this Sanford's



Library Paste jar (right) in my travels and recognized it as one I had seen as a wood engraving from an early 20th-century stationer's catalog I own. It now contains just the dried and crusty remains of the white paste."...

Letterology, June 11

[Library chic: Card catalog furniture](#)

Alysha Findley writes: "Between the nostalgia, the symmetry, and the compartmentalization that card catalogs offer, they have recently jumped to the top of my 'to find' list. I've become quite fond of old library furniture lately. I am now on the hunt for some good old card catalogs to make into something spectacular. Here are a few inspirational makeover ideas I've been tossing around lately."...

Apartment Therapy, June 19



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Conference Highlights

[MacKinnon calls for digital liberty](#)

Journalist and internet policy specialist Rebecca MacKinnon (on right) was the keynote speaker Friday at the Opening General Session, introduced by ALA President Molly Raphael. Formerly a CNN reporter in China and Japan for 14 years, MacKinnon is a cofounder of [Global Voices](#), a citizen media network that helps people speak out online in places where their voices are censored. "If we want the internet to remain compatible with our civil liberties," MacKinnon said, "we should not assume it will always remain that way. We have to work for it, just as we need to constantly work to keep democracy alive."...

AL: Annual Conference blog, June 22



[David Weinberger envisions libraries as platforms](#)

Technology consultant and internet philosopher David Weinberger (right), who currently serves as a fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, spoke to ALA attendees Saturday morning about the explosion of digital knowledge and its consequences. He takes the position that the universe of knowledge is so wide that it can only begin to be comprehended by knowledge networks, aided by the platforms that they reside on. Watch an [interview](#) (10:59) with Weinberger in which he talks about information overload, Linked Data, and the limits of computer analysis....

AL: Annual Conference blog, June 23; AL Focus, June 23



[Dan Rather warns of media control](#)

Veteran journalist and newscaster Dan Rather (right) provided a little taste of the stories in his



A grand total of 20,134 librarians and library staff, exhibitors, and library supporters attended ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, June 21–26. Attendance was 9 registrants better than last year's conference in New Orleans, which totaled 20,125. The Washington, D.C., Annual Conference total was 26,201 in 2010.



new book *Rather Outspoken: My Life in the News* at the Monday ALTAFF President's Program, and warned of the increasing "dumbing down and trivialization" of the news. Rather began by saying, "I think I am a pretty good storyteller. I should be, after more than 60 years as a reporter." He went on to address what he called the "elephant in the room"—that he had not left CBS "under the best of good circumstances."...

Cognotes, Highlights issue



[President's Program features Picoult, Van Leer](#)

The ALA President's Program on Sunday featured a conversation between Molly Raphael and bestselling author Jodi Picoult and her daughter Samantha Van Leer. The mother-daughter author team appeared as part of their tour for the launch of *Between the Lines*. When asked about the process of coauthoring the book, Picoult and Van Leer agreed that they shared a nearly identical vision for many aspects of the novel. Van Leer said, "A lot of the time, we were seeing the same things." Watch an [exclusive interview](#) (17:49) with Picoult and Van Leer....

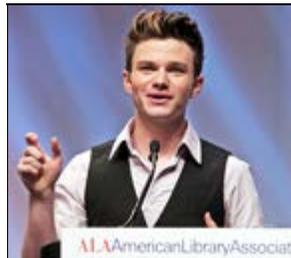
Public Information Office, June 26; YouTube, June 25



[Chris Colfer was gleeful to be at ALA](#)

Actor and children's book author Chris Colfer (right), best known for his starring role as Kurt Hummel in the award-winning TV comedy *Glee*, discussed his first children's book, *The Land of Stories*, at the Auditorium Speaker Series presentation Saturday afternoon. His June 23 tweet, "Had a great time speaking at the 2012 ALA! My love for librarians is eternal!" was widely retweeted....

Cognotes, June 24



[Teens, making a difference](#)

"How can we do something greater than we know how to do? How can we become someone greater than we know how to be?" Talia Leman asked the audience at Saturday afternoon's Auditorium Speaker Series presentation, "Teens Making a Difference." Sharing the stage with William Kamkwamba, the 16-year-old philanthropist is the founder of RandomKid, a nonprofit organization designed to engage and mobilize kids for global action and relief....

Cognotes, June 25



[Dan Ariely: We're all dishonest](#)

Dan Ariely (right), the affable author of *Predictably Irrational* and now *The Honest Truth About Dishonesty: How We Lie to Everyone (Especially Ourselves)*, loves to use examples to illustrate his points. He began his Auditorium

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Speaker Series presentation Sunday by asking the audience how many had told a lie in 2012, followed by how many had told a lie in the last month, and then the last week. Naturally, virtually everyone raised their hands. Watch an [interview](#) (14:55) in which Ariely tells librarians how they can keep their collections safe and their patrons honest....

AL: Annual Conference blog, June 24; YouTube, June 26

[Rock Bottom Reminders rock out](#)

As though it needed proving, the Rock Bottom Reminders' final performance Saturday night at the Scholarship Bash proved that librarians know how to party. Nearly 2,200 people attended the group's last concert, as many danced and sang along with band members who livened the stage. Among those who performed were authors and illustrators Stephen King (right), Amy Tan (on the left), Mitch Albom, Dave Barry, Matt Groening (in a Marge Simpson mask), and Scott Turow....

AL: Annual Conference blog, June 23



[J. R. Martinez's message of strength and survival](#)

Incoming ALA President Maureen Sullivan introduced motivational keynote speaker J. R. Martinez (right), who overcame the severe burn injuries he sustained over 40% of his body in a Humvee incident in Iraq on April 5, 2003, to become the winner of *Dancing with the Stars* eight years later, an early literacy practitioner, and the author of a book, *Full of Heart: My Story of Survival, Strength, and Spirit*, forthcoming in November. "There is a reason you take the journey, there's a reason you take the path," he said. "Life is jumping in the pool. Jump in the pool and learn to swim."...

AL: Annual Conference blog, June 26

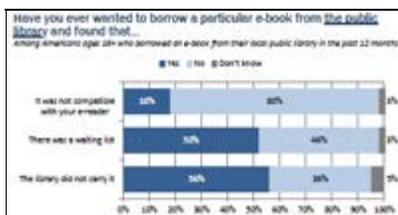


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ALA News

[Raphael responds to new Pew report](#)

ALA President Molly Raphael released the following statement regarding the June 22 release of the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project report, [Libraries, Patrons, and Ebooks](#). The report examines the roles that libraries play in the shifting digital terrain as e-reading, tablet computers, and ebook readers become more popular. The research confirms that many people look to librarians to support digital literacy and learn new skills



Twitter Noted & Quoted

"Can I just say that I love the fact the [#partyhard](#) map is listed in the official [#ala12](#) app."

that lead to wider adoption of technology....
Office for Information Technology Policy, June 22

Barbara Stripling talks about tough times

Laurie D. Borman writes: "Barbara Stripling, ALA's incoming president-elect, took time to talk with *American Libraries* at ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim on Friday. She talked about some of the difficulties facing school librarians. As a school librarian, she said, she would tell herself that she was going to make a difference to every student she worked with. Keeping an eye on that priority helped her forget about daily hassles. Watch the [video interview](#) (7:33)....

AL: Inside Scoop, June 22



The buzzword is "digital literacy"

Jordan Usdan, director of public-private initiatives at the FCC, outlined [Connect2Compete](#) on Saturday at the ALA Washington Office Update session.

Connect2Compete is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to bring together leaders from communities, the private sector, and foundations to help Americans access the technology needed to improve their lives and be more competitive in the global economy....

Cognotes, June 24



Golden Rules for creating coalitions

The ALA Washington Office introduced a new advocacy tool called Mobile Commons on Saturday morning, and paired it with presentations from speakers representing the FCC, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and [OpenTheGovernment.org](#). Mobile Commons provides a way to use text-messaging services to send out action alerts and a text-to-call feature, whereby users can instantly connect to their representatives via email....

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The ALA Membership Meeting

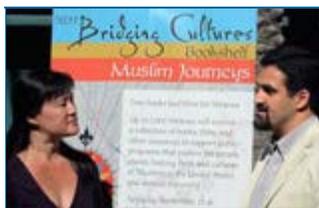
ALA Annual Conference attendees at the Membership Meeting on Saturday approved two resolutions to be passed to Council the next day: a resolution opposing voter suppression in America and one stating that school libraries and librarians are critical to educational success (both approved by Council)....

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Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys

Public and Cultural Programs Advisory Committee Chair Terrilyn Chun [interviewed](#) (5:00) Reed College Professor Kambiz GhaneaBassiri (right) about the "Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys" bookshelf, how it can help to increase cultural awareness, and the need for discussion in libraries about religion and its role in public life. The bookshelf is a collection of books to help public audiences in the US become more familiar with the people, places, history, faith, and cultures of Muslims around the world....

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ALA Council I

In an unusual session, ALA Council I in Anaheim on Sunday took time

—Kelly, June 21

"I am so jealous of everyone who is going to #ala12! *cries* #SadLibrarianIsSad."

—Kayla Beck, June 21

"Sadly, #ala12 app does not include ability to clone self to attend all the things. Bummer."

—Beth L. Gallego, June 21

"George R. R. Martin is on my flight. Top that!"

—Angie Manfredi, June 22

"ALA President Molly Raphael just asked the room how many were attending their first conf – 75% raised their hands – wow! Welcome!"

—New Members Round Table, June 22

"ALA report from exhibits opening: 12 broken heels, 3 found iPads, 8 cardigans, & 1 warm pot of Earl Gray outside the hall."

—FakeLibStats, June 22

"C. Alire on the importance of collaboration: 'If you think you're leading, but no one is following you, you're just taking a walk.'"

—Audrey Barbakoff, June 23

"Librarians are my archetype for sexy."

—Molly Ringwald, June 23

"I feel like we can

to discuss its own effectiveness, working with ALA President-Elect Maureen Sullivan. Council members broke into small groups and, after several minutes of discussion, reported out on each group's priorities. Councilors also heard a report from Digital Content and Libraries Working Group Cochairs Sari Feldman and Robert Wolven....

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[ALA Council II affirms school libraries](#)

In new business on Monday, a resolution that school libraries and librarians are critical to educational success, which was referred from Saturday's Membership Meeting, was passed unanimously. Councilors also discussed a report on streamlining Annual Conference Programming....

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[ALA Council III session ends early](#)

Council III zipped through a short agenda on Tuesday, meeting for just a half hour. Memorial resolutions were read for Ray Bradbury, Kathleen Hegarty, Sara Fine, James Clifton Welbourne, Wanda L. Crenshaw, Jane Howell, Alexander Boyd, and Richard E. Bopp. A tribute to Abbé Charles-Michel L'Épée, inventor of sign language for the deaf, was also read....

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[Retaining young professionals](#)

Nicole Pagowsky writes: "Sunday I went to a meeting of the Young Professionals Subcommittee. The main issue we are trying to tackle is how to get and keep young professionals engaged in ALA and the profession. During the meeting, a distinction was astutely made between our mission and what many would consider to be work only for the New Members Round Table: namely, the difference between members who are new to ALA and members who are new to ALA and the library profession."...

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[Check your Association Options](#)

Annie Pho writes: "ALA Annual has lots of sources for library school students and new grads on the job market. I headed over to the Association Options Fair, one of the Emerging Leader projects. It was so awesome to actually sit down with representatives from the various ALA divisions, sections, and interest groups. I want to highlight the ACRL Residency Interest Group because they are geared towards new professionals like myself who are just getting their first jobs."...

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[Tom Sawyer at Disneyland](#)

Erik Bobilin writes: "The successful ALA conference experience is one in which conference-goers, through their unique pattern of attendance—at panels, discussions, cocktail hours, breakfasts, parties, meet-ups, tweet-ups, walk-offs, and ice cream socials—are able, by the time they are nestled comfortably in the aisle seats of their return flights, to reflect on a process that has left them in more rarified company than when they arrived."...

ALA Membership Blog, June 23

[The 2012 ALA Virtual Conference](#)

"Mapping Transformation: Experimentation and

sum up the ebook debate with this line from *Network*: 'I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore.'"

—Kate Kosturski, June 23

"I think you'd be hard-pressed to find another profession that fosters as much collaboration, friendship, and advocacy as librarianship."

—Lindsey Levinsohn, June 23

"It's awesome that #ala12 is trending . . . even though the FCC ignores the role of #libraries in digital, technology, and information literacies."

—Troy Swanson, June 23

"Today I was told I have so many ribbons on my badge that I 'look like the general of the librarian army.' Truer than they know."

—Emily Clasper, June 23

"First Daniel Handler reads erotica, then Amy Tan shows her dominatrix nature. Definitely creating #ala12 urban legends!"

—Cynthia Dudenhoffer, June 23

"It's that time in the conference where I have absolutely no idea what's going on in the outside world."

—Jenny Levine, June 24

"Someone just said the words:

Innovation," the 2012 ALA Virtual Conference on July 18–19, offers you the chance to get inspired by two days of interactive web sessions, discussions, and insights. From building our own ebook platforms to publishing the local community's unique content and adding a DIY/Maker service for users, the presenters highlight how new services are transforming both their libraries and their communities. Sessions offer starting points for discussion as well as practical ideas for moving forward....

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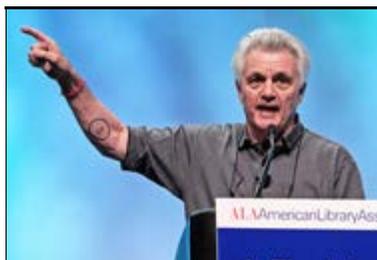
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Authors

[John Irving discusses writing, family, sexuality](#)

Bestselling author John Irving introduced his latest novel, *In One Person*, to a packed audience on Saturday morning. This is Irving's 13th novel, which he said he didn't begin writing until June 2009. When he did write it, "it's as though the story already existed," he said before explaining elements of his writing process. "Plot is the engine that drives my novels," Irving said, adding that the passage of time "is almost as important as a major/minor character in the story."...

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[An interview with Sapphire](#)

Annual Conference blogger mk Eagle had the opportunity to speak to Sapphire (right), author of *Push* and *The Kid* and an Auditorium Speaker on Sunday in Anaheim. Watch their [conversation](#) (12:29), which covers the challenge of writing from a teen perspective, the need for libraries to provide access to novels with challenging content for teens who need them, and the literary landscape for young African-American and Latino readers....

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[Sherman Alexie: Librarians are my superheroes](#)

Sherman Alexie, author of 22 books, including *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, entertained a sizable crowd at the PLA President's Program on Sunday. Alexie began his talk by saying that librarians "are my superheroes." Because he grew up on a small Indian reservation in Washington



'Overenthusiastic FRBRization.' Time to drink!"

—Tom Bruno, June 24

"Missed my goal of getting 'top ten tweets' notice from @alaannual. Remains on my bucket list. Better luck next year."

—Roy Tennant, June 25

"Based on #ala12 tweets, my proposed session for #ala13 will be called: 'Stop Being Creepy, Here's a Conference Ribbon, Now Let's Find a Bar.'"

—Andy Woodworth, June 26

"What if Cognotes were more like *The Onion*? Something to #makeithappen at #ala13? At least a hashtag for faux headlines: #cognope #ala12."

—Sara Zettervall, June 25

"Standing in line at airport security gate. Feel like there should be an author signing at the front of the line."

—Sarah P. Justice, June 26

"Reading #ala12 tweets makes me 100% devoted to the plan of going in 2013. Chicago yay!"

—Jennifer Laughran, June 24

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state, Alexie said he checked out everything from his library—nearly 90% of all the books, he estimates—because it introduced him to the outside world....

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[George R. R. Martin draws an SRO crowd](#)

Whether ALA attendees knew George R. R. Martin (right) from his ongoing book series *A Song of Ice and Fire* or the hit HBO series *Game of Thrones* (namesake of book one), a standing-room-only horde of excited fans were on hand Saturday at "Traveling the Spectrum: From Interstellar Adventures to Epic Fantasy, the Influence of Science Fiction and Fantasy on the World Today" to hear him speak about these genres. The program, which also featured Blake Charlton and Lois McMaster Bujold, was sponsored by LITA....

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[Chris Colfer creates an adventure for the imagination](#)

Chris Colfer has been writing his new children's novel, *The Land of Stories*, since he was 10 years old. Best known for his role as Kurt Hummel on *Glee*, Colfer is excited to have a new outlet for telling stories. "I really love storytelling," he said. "Whether it's behind the camera, in front of the camera, writing a book, or writing a screenplay." In *The Land of Stories*, twins Alex and Connor inherit a magical book that transports them to a fairy tale land full of classic characters....

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[Author and library board member A. S. King](#)

A. S. King (right), author of *Ask the Passengers*, was among the authors appearing on the LIVE! @ your library reading stage. After her session, ALA's Mary Davis Fournier interviewed her about how libraries have influenced her life and career and her experiences serving on her local library board. Watch the [video](#) (2:00)....

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[LIVE! @ your library: Javier Huerta](#)

Poet Javier O. Huerta (right), author of *Some Clarifications y otros poemas* (which received the Chicano/Latino Literary Prize) and *American Copia: An Immigrant Epic*, [spoke](#) (3:09) with ALA's Mary Davis Fournier after his reading on Saturday about how libraries influenced him as a child, his time on a US Navy aircraft carrier, and as a student at the University of Houston....

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[Historical fiction authors](#)

"The authors on our panel create an authentic experience—the sense, the touch, the smell of a historical period," said Barbara Hoffert as

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she introduced ALTAFF's "Historical Fiction @ Your Library" Saturday morning. Authors spoke of wandering the streets of Venice and Manhattan imagining their characters in another time, of wearing historical clothes to feel what it was like to live in them, and of cooking up old herbal remedies. One author even wielded a replica of a medieval broadsword....

Cognotes, June 25

[Jason Shiga, stuck in loops](#)

Jason Shiga, author of *Meanwhile* and a speaker at the "Beyond Books: Graphic Novels and Magazines of Color" on Sunday, talks in this [video](#) (5:57) about how people can get stuck in loops in his books, how it feels to return to Annual Conference 10 years after attending as a library staffer, how his experiences working in libraries affect his work, and his current 712-page project....

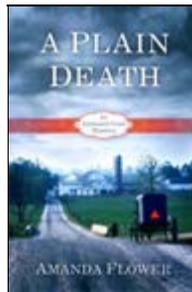
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[More religion publishers in ALA exhibits](#)

Lynn Garrett writes: "There were a dozen or so religion/spirituality specialty houses at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference, along with several general trade publishers with religion imprints. Most are long-time exhibitors at the conference, but a few Christian houses are relatively new. B&H Publishing brought Amanda Flower—a librarian—to sign her Amish mystery, *A Plain Death*. 'We had a steady line for that for about an hour,' said B&H's Jamie Phillips."...

Publishers Weekly, June 26



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Division Sessions

[Paula Poundstone headlines "The Laugh's On Us"](#)

As a spokesperson for **ALTAFF** for the past several years, comedian Paula Poundstone was back to headline "The Laugh's On Us" (a comedic event that also featured entertainers such as Lizz Winstead, Carlos Kotkin, Tracy McMillan, Julia Pandl, and Joel Stein). More than 240 people purchased tickets to attend the Sunday evening show. Poundstone said in an interview before the event that it never occurred to her to persuade host Peter Sagal and show announcer Carl Kasell to become Friends of their libraries....

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[Duct tape marketing](#)

What should libraries do to promote themselves when they have no budget, resources, or time? That's what small-business marketing expert John Jantsch, owner of [Duct Tape Marketing](#) and author of the book of the same name, addressed on Sunday morning at the **ASCLA** President's Program. Jantsch offered practical, step-by-step solutions



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through which libraries can blossom, using both in-person and new media services....

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[Moving beyond text](#)

"When we're looking for ourselves in kids, we don't always see what we expect to see." That statement from Stephen Abram, library futurist, was the takeaway lesson at the **ALSC/YALSA** Joint President's Program on Monday. Michelle Poris, of the Smarty Pants market research and strategic consultancy, revealed that, of several hundred young people who participated in her study on digital activity, 68% agreed that "Grownups need to do a better job of finding out what's important to kids."...

Cognotes, Highlights issue

[Defining public services for research libraries](#)

Chris Bourq writes: "For the meeting of the **ACRL** Public Services Directors of Large Research Libraries Discussion Group on Sunday, I volunteered to kick off a discussion on how we define 'public services.' I think for large research libraries, public services are research services; and as AULs, or directors, or whatever our titles are, we should be talking at the strategic level."...

Feral Librarian, June 24

[Leading at all levels](#)

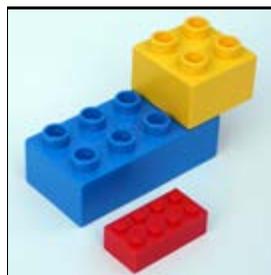
Picture a V-shaped formation of Canada geese, moving together in one direction and changing positions as one after the other take their place in the lead and then move back as others take their place. As they travel, wind currents impact their speed and direction, but they adjust for this. Heather Krasna used this image at the **LLAMA** President's Program on Saturday to represent how jobs can and do change throughout one's career....

Cognotes, June 25

[ALSC and Lego Duplo announce partnership](#)

In Anaheim, **ALSC** and Lego Duplo invited librarians to learn more about the impact that play can have as an integral part of early literacy. (Duplo is a product range of the construction toy Lego, designed for children aged 1½ to 5 years old.) As part of their collaboration, ALSC and Lego Duplo will be announcing a program called "[Read! Build! Play!](#)" that combines reading and building....

ALSC, June 22



[AASL celebrates the Best Websites](#)

Despite the early morning hour and a few microphone glitches, the **AASL** session "2012 Best Websites for Teaching and Learning" drew a large and enthusiastic crowd. The seven AASL Best Websites for Teaching and Learning Committee members on the panel took turns introducing [favorite sites](#) that are "free, friendly, and encourage you to learn," according to Chair Heather Moorefield-Lang. Updated annually, the [Top 25 Websites list](#) is based on feedback and nominations from AASL members....

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[Getting LITA's ITIG up and running](#)

Nicole Pagowsky writes: "There were about 20 people in attendance at the **LITA** Instructional Technology Interest Group meeting on Saturday, and it covered both a discussion and business meeting. We talked about how to keep up with new technology and best practices for choosing technology to use in instruction. There were a number of suggestions for nonlibrary resources to escape the echo chamber, particularly in education."...

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Other Events

[International AL Direct to launch](#)



The International Relations Office announced the launch of an international version of *American Libraries Direct*. *International AL Direct* will be emailed bimonthly to ALA's 2,000+ international members in more than 115 countries and anyone interested in [subscribing](#). If you would like a story featured, contact the [editor](#)...

International Relations Office, June 21

[Unconference, Emerging Leaders](#)

Annie Pho writes: "This year is my second Annual, but I'm hoping I can go every year because I think it's awesome. For some folks, it's too big of a conference, or they prefer smaller ones with a specialized focus. But I look forward to seeing my librarian friends from across the country (and from other countries) and talking to them about the cool stuff they're doing in their libraries."...



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[Julian Bond speaks at ProQuest breakfast](#)

Electronic information publisher ProQuest is working with civil rights leader, former legislator, professor, and writer Julian Bond (right) to convert the nearly 2-million-page microfilm archives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) into a fully searchable collection within its [ProQuest History Vault](#) initiative. Bond spoke at the company's customer breakfast on Monday morning to provide some background on his role in civil rights activism in a talk he called, "How I Got in the Movement."...



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[ALA gets its game on](#)

High hilarity and wholesome enjoyment were in full flower at ALA Play on Friday night, where fun-loving gamers and comics fans gathered to compete in various games and dress up in either Doctor Who costumery or in the gears, goggles, corsets, and hats of the steampunk aesthetic.



Games and activities were provided by the Games and Gaming Round Table, while the costumed fun was led by the Graphic Novel Member Initiative Group....

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Gamification and GameRT

Erik Bobilin writes: "The Games and Gaming Round Table (GameRT), having recently evolved from special interest group status, announced June 23 that it will expand on its mission to support libraries of all types by launching Games in Libraries, an update to the [Library Gaming Toolkit](#). The new toolkit will serve as a clearinghouse for scalable resources to support programming and promote collection development."...

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Girl Gone Wild @ ALA

One highlight at the ALA PopTop Stage on Monday was the debut performance of the 817's (for you Dewey-challenged folk, that's "American humor and satire"), a comedy troupe consisting of Stand-Up Librarian Meredith Myers (center), MLIS of Fortune (and singer) Danica Sheridan, and RUSA's own Mr. Reference, Dave Tyckoson.



In addition to the finale song, a karaoke version of Madonna's "[Girl Gone Wild](#)" (be sure to watch the amazing video, 4:54), the 817's performed stand-up and improv, and debuted a hilarious Dos Equis spoof video, "The Most Interesting Librarian in the World," featuring none other than former ALA President Michael Gorman....

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Addressing the couch in the middle of the room

Paul Signorelli writes: "A colleague entering the room where Sharon Morris and I were facilitating the Learning Round Table's 'Ignite, Interact, and Engage: Maximizing the Learning Outcome' session Sunday admits to being momentarily confused. 'I didn't remember ordering a couch,' she said when she joined the session in progress."...



Building Creative Bridges, June 25

Artist Alley interviews

Graphic novels have had a spot at ALA's Annual Conference for several years, and comic-related events have been growing in popularity. This year, they've grown into GraphiCon, a miniconference that includes the Gaming and Graphic Novel pavilions, the graphic novel stage with a full weekend



of programming, the ALA Play event, and Artist Alley, where attendees could meet their favorite authors and illustrators face to face. Watch these interviews with [Faith Erin Hicks](#), [Cecil Castellucci](#) (above), [Keith Knight](#), [Alexis Fajardo](#), [Matt Dembicki](#), and others....

AL Focus, June 25

[Early morning yoga in the Anaheim sun](#)

More than 100 conference attendees gathered on an outside terrace of the Anaheim Convention Center Sunday morning at 7:30 for an hour-long yoga session with certified instructors Heidi Hong and Jennifer Sproha from Yoga Stone. Think Fit Yoga guided participants through the Solar Greeting, the Triangle pose, and other asanas....



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[Debut program: Retired Members Round Table](#)

On Saturday afternoon, ALA's newest group, the Retired Members Round Table, offered its first session titled "The Legacy of Library Elders: What Could, Should, Would It Be?" Dedicated to fostering lifelong professional involvement, such as mentoring and networking, this organization's annual meeting was presided over by Chair-elect Carolyn Caywood, who stated that one need not be retired to be a member and, in fact, "retired librarian" may almost be a misnomer....

Cognotes, June 25

[On the road with the bookmobile](#)

Panelists at Saturday morning's "Serving Communities outside the Walls of the Library" had stories to tell about their adventures with bookmobiles. They recounted driving down dirt roads on rural California dairy ranches, searching for low-income neighborhoods in Tulsa, and helping visually impaired preschoolers pick out Braille books. But their work was far from over when they parked the bookmobile at the end of the day....



Cognotes, June 24

[Libraries at the crossroads](#)

Rachel Lux writes: "At the Saturday Public Programs Office session, 'Libraries at the Crossroads: Programming for Civic Engagement,' four librarians from a wide variety of backgrounds discussed why civic engagement isn't always an evident role for the library and why and how we need to change this. It makes perfect sense for a library to promote civic engagement: They have neutral, safe spaces for discourse, employ people whose missions are to protect information freedom, and have access to resources that can promote healthy forum discussion."...

Programming Librarian, June 23

[Reception for international librarians](#)

Some 430 librarians from 87 countries attended Annual Conference in Anaheim, and many of them made their way to a reception at the Muzeo on Monday night, hosted by the International Relations Round Table.

Recognition was given to the four winners of



the ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative Library Projects, as well as the winners of the John Ames Humphry Award for significant contributions to international librarianship and the Bogle-Pratt International Library Travel Fund grant....

International Relations Round Table blog

[HackLibSchool and networking](#)

Annie Pho writes: "Second day on the ground, and what a day it's been. This conference I tried to be a little more active, so I submitted a HackLibSchool Conversation Starter. A few weeks before the conference, I was a bit nervous about how things would go. Good thing the Hackers are all awesome. Many of us met for the first time in person at our session, which goes to show how the internet can bring good people together. We had some really good takeaway points."...

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[Naked cooking at ALA](#)

Food processor whirring, chef James Barry whipped up cauliflower couscous in a leafy wrap in less than 10 minutes at the What's Cooking at ALA? stage Friday. Margaret Floyd, author of *Eat Naked: Unprocessed, Unpolluted, and Undressed Eating for a Healthier, Sexier You* (Harbinger, 2011), coauthored with Barry *The Naked Foods Cookbook: The Whole-Foods, Healthy-Fats, Gluten-Free Guide to Losing Weight and Feeling Great* (Harbinger, 2012), which includes more than 150 simple-to-prepare recipes....

AL: Inside Scoop, June 23



[It's the people](#)

Chris Kyauk writes: "I attend ALA to get jazzed. I look forward to it all year as a time when I get to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and learn new things. I remember feeling very isolated and alone my first Annual—but now walking the conference is an exercise in serendipity. I never know which acquaintance I'll run into or what session I might get pulled into."...

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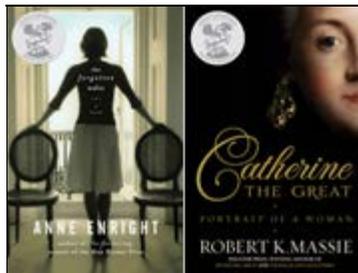
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Awards

[Enright, Massie win first-ever Carnegie Medals](#)

ALA celebrated a first June 24 in Anaheim when Anne Enright's *The Forgotten Waltz* and Robert K. Massie's *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* were named the respective winners of the inaugural Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction. The medals recognize the best fiction and nonfiction books for adult readers published the previous year in the US. The awards are sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation and administered by *Booklist* and RUSA....

AL: Inside Scoop, June 24



[Odyssey Award rocks the house](#)

Mary Burkey writes: "Kirby Heyborne's ode to

librarians closed the amazing Odyssey Award for Excellence in Audiobook Production celebration on Monday. The Odyssey Award-winning title *Rotters* closed the program, with Kelly Gildea, executive producer of *Rotters*, speaking about the process of creating the audiobook, with *Rotters* author Dan Kraus in the front row. Heyborne, the narrator of *Rotters*, took the microphone for an astounding reading from the title, then closed the program with his guitar and vocal [salute to librarians](#) (1:28)."

Booklist Online: Audiobooker, June 26; YouTube



[Newbery/Caldecott Banquet tips and tricks](#)

Betsy Bird (right) writes: "Day Three of ALA and I can say with certainty that lots of interesting things to do abounded. Collection specialist meetings, meals with Newbery medalists (both past and future), a final sweep of the conference floor for anything missed (Jim Murphy's *The Giant and How He Humbugged America* = win!). But when it all comes down to it at the end of the day, the only thing to really discuss was the Newbery/Caldecott Banquet."

School Library Journal: A Fuse #8 Production, June 27



[Will Eisner Graphic Novel Prize for Libraries](#)

The Will Eisner Graphic Novel Prize for Libraries was launched this weekend. Three libraries—Berkeley (Calif.) Public Library, King County (Wash.) Library System, and Oakland (Calif.) Public Library—were selected for the award. This year's winners were announced June 24 at the Graphic Novel stage. The prize will be awarded yearly at the ALA Annual Conference....

AL: Annual Conference blog, June 25



[Spectrum reaches \\$1 million goal](#)

ALA's [Spectrum Presidential Initiative](#) recently reached its goal of \$1 million in donations and celebrated with a cake shortly after the exhibits opened June 22. Spectrum, an initiative dedicated to diversity and recruitment in the library profession, supports master's-level scholarship, provides two \$25,000 doctoral scholarships, and develops special programs for recruitment and career development....

AL: Inside Scoop, June 22



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Tech Events

[Why can't an ebook be more like a book?](#)

Four ebook experts got together Monday afternoon in a session sponsored by the ALA Publishing Committee to discuss various forms



of e-content and how and why they differ from their print counterparts. The participants were Sue Polanka, Frank Menchaca, Amy Pawlowski, and Dave Tyckoson. Before each of the others made their presentation, the irrepressible Tyckoson enlivened the audience with an ebook-related song, accompanied by librarian and musician Barry Trott and actress-turned-librarian Danica Sheridan....

AL: Annual Conference blog, June 26

[Penguin announces an ebook lending program](#)

On the first day of Annual Conference, ALA President Molly Raphael welcomed a June 20 announcement by Penguin that the publisher is instituting a pilot program with New York Public Library and Brooklyn Public Library to sell its front-list ebook titles to them. According to the June 20 *Wall Street Journal*, Penguin will make all 15,000 of its [ebook titles available](#) to the library market, but will embargo sales of its new ebook titles to libraries for six months after publication....

AL: E-Content, June 21; *Wall Street Journal*, June 20

[The ebook elephant in the room](#)

On Saturday morning, a panel of librarians presented the facets of the ebook challenge to an overflowing audience in "The Ebook Elephant in the Room." Sue Polanka (Wright State University) started with a presentation of the unique approach OhioLINK has taken to providing universal access. Alene Moroni of King County (Wash.) Library System discussed how her system has made adjustments to fund ebooks....

Cognotes, June 24

[LITA's Top Technology Trends](#)

Watch panelists Lorcan Dempsey (OCLC), Meredith Farkas (Portland State), Nina McHale (Arapahoe Library District), Stephen Abram (Gale Cengage), and Clifford Lynch (Coalition for Networked Information) discuss trends and advances in library technology at the LITA Top Tech Trends program on Sunday. [Part 1](#) (4:49) was interrupted by a fire drill; [Part 2](#) (16:12) and [Part 3](#) (63:33) continue the discussion....



LITA Blog, June 24; Ustream, June 24

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In Other News

[City budget saves Queens Library staff, services](#)

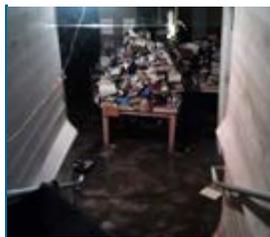
Threatened cuts to Queens Library service and library staff were averted, thanks to a final New York City budget agreement that restored nearly \$90 million of a proposed \$96 million cut to public libraries citywide. All of the 600+ jeopardized library staff jobs were saved, and every library will remain open at least five days a week. More than 85,000 people signed petitions, wrote postcards, and attended rallies over the past few months....

Queens Library, June 26

[UW-Superior recovers slowly from flooding](#)

On the University of Wisconsin campus in Superior, books damaged by the June 20 flooding at the Jim Dan Hill Library will get a cool makeover. Early estimates indicate that about 75% of the collection (150,000 books and an unknown number of periodicals) can be saved through the freeze-drying process. [Refrigerated trailers](#) are being brought in to freeze the books. All water has been [pumped](#) from the library and workers are cleaning the lower level. Virtually all of the buildings on campus were damaged by flood waters from record rainfall....

Superior (Wis.) Telegram, June 27; University of Wisconsin-Superior, June 26; Wisconsin Public Radio, June 21



[New Arizona obscenity law](#)

School and public libraries in Arizona have been filtering online content for years to protect minors from accessing obscene materials on their computers. A new Arizona law, which goes into effect August 1, establishes significant consequences for those entities that don't have a strict policy against such materials. House Bill 2712 specifies the types of material that schools and libraries must block and includes a tough penalty—the state can withhold 10% of its funding if the school or library doesn't comply....

Phoenix Arizona Republic, June 24

[A 451 error code for internet censorship?](#)

Andrew Couts writes: "Government-imposed online censorship has become increasingly prevalent over the past few years. Enter Tim Bray, a software developer at Google who has [proposed](#) a solution: a '451' error code that displays anytime you visit a site blocked by the government. The number 451 is in honor of late author Ray Bradbury, whose *Fahrenheit 451*, first published in 1950, warned of a dystopian world defined by government-imposed censorship (in the form of burning any house that contains books)."...

Digital Trends, June 22; Boing Boing, June 13



[Fort Myers library dig rankles history buffs](#)

The 50-acre military base that gave Fort Myers its name held almost 60 buildings during its mid-1800s lifetime, and about five of those acres will become Lee County (Fla.) Library System's newest branch. Neither city nor county hired an archaeologist to research the site before construction started, and now that it has, pausing would be pricy....

Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press, June 26

[Ancient Arabic manuscripts to go online](#)

The Arabic Manuscripts Digital Library of Jerusalem, inaugurated in mid-June at ceremonies in Jerusalem and Ramallah, will see the development of an online platform showcasing collections from the Khalidi Library, the Budeiri Library, Al-Aksa Library, Al- Ansari Library, and the Wakf Restoration Center in the Old City. The project's stated goal is to "promote the written heritage of east Jerusalem and to make this heritage accessible to all with the sole caveat of an internet connection."...

Jerusalem Post, June 26



[LC acquires Carl Sagan papers](#)

The Library of Congress has acquired the personal papers of American astronomer, astrobiologist, and science communicator Carl Sagan (1934–1996). The Seth MacFarlane Collection of the Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan Archive comprises approximately 800 boxes of materials that document Sagan's life and work and includes his extensive correspondence with scientific colleagues and other important figures of the 20th century....

Library of Congress, June 27

[Swedes find stolen atlas in New York](#)

One of the missing books stolen from the National Library of Sweden by Manuscript Librarian Anders Burius prior to 2004 has turned up in New York City. A copy of the earliest printed atlas of the Americas, *Descriptionis Ptolemaicae augmentum* by Flemish geographer Cornelius Wytfliet (Louvain, 1597), was recovered after a Swedish librarian noticed that it was offered for sale in 2011 by a New York map dealer, W. Graham Arader III, who had acquired it at an auction in 2003....

New York Times, June 26



[Cat Librarian Calendar](#)

There's a fun new librarian-centric calendar in the works for 2013. [Cat Librarian Calendar](#), which will feature librarians with their feline friends, is asking for submissions. Inspired by the hilarious and strangely titillating [Men of the Stacks](#) calendar, which raised money for the It Gets Better project, this calendar will raise money for Project Gutenberg. [Submissions](#) are due by August 1. (Nakedness not required.)...

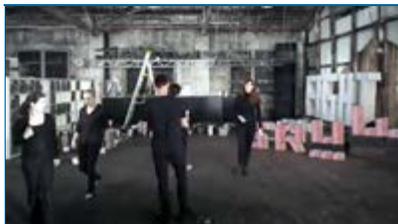
Pawsome, June 25



[Hachette's book sculpture video](#)

Rather than taking the traditional route and simply printing catalogs for their fall list, Hachette Australia has put together a stunning and inspirational [video](#) (2:33). "With new books come new feelings," the beginning of the video reads, and a black-clad staff enters a warehouse to unload and shelve boxes of new books, carefully stacking them to spell out evocative words such as "cry," "grow," "imagine," and "fight."...

The Huffington Post, June 21; YouTube, June 20



[Susan Sarandon plays a librarian in Robot and Frank](#)

In [Robot and Frank](#) (to be released August 24), grumpy old man Frank (Frank Langella) has a robot butler but enjoys his long walks to the library to visit with Jennifer (Susan Sarandon), the librarian who watches over the increasingly marginalized books as they are replaced by a digital "library experience." Set in the near future, Frank watches the world changing around him, one of the old guard left behind in evolution's wake, and he doesn't like it one bit.



Watch the [trailer](#) (2:31)....

DC Film Examiner, Apr. 15; IMDb; YouTube, June 25

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