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["New and Now" library buildings](#)

On April 30, *American Libraries* released its [digital supplement](#) on new and renovated library facilities. The supplement includes excerpts from *American Libraries'* 2012 Library Design Showcase (available in full [online](#)). Included in the digital supplement are 16 selections from the 124 total submissions. "This year's field of submissions to the Library Design Showcase is the largest in recent memory," said Greg Landgraf, *American Libraries* associate editor...
American Libraries, Apr. 30



[The economics of Anythink](#)

Stacie Ledden writes: "The revolution at the Rangeview Library District in Adams County, Colorado, which included seven new or renovated branches and the creation of the Anythink brand, has directly affected hundreds of lives by putting people to work—and that's above and beyond customers finding jobs using library computers, attending job seminars, and gaining the knowledge they need to succeed."...
American Libraries feature



[Roland G. Parrish library dedication](#)

On April 27, Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, dedicated its Roland G. Parrish Library. At the dedication, *American Libraries* Associate Editor Pamela A. Goodes [interviewed](#) (3:17) Parrish (right) about what he hopes the library will accomplish and the importance of business education for people of all ethnicities...
AL Focus, May 1



[National Library Week: You belong @ your library](#)



The [ALA Annual Conference Scheduler](#) is now open. Plan and organize your schedule for conference ahead of time by browsing sessions in multiple ways; creating personal calendars that can be shared or kept private; and getting recommendations based on information included in user profiles. Easily add, prioritize, and update sessions, events, meetings with exhibitors, and more. There is also a scheduler [Quick-Start Guide](#).

Communities across the US celebrated the valuable contributions of the nation's libraries during National Library Week (NLW), April 8–14. This year's theme was "You belong @ your library." From flash mob reading and author events to mock cake decorating and bookmobile programs, NLW and each special designated day during the weeklong observance brought a variety of events to libraries nationwide....

AL Focus, Apr. 30

[Librarian's Library: Building the shelfless library](#)

Karen Muller writes: "A few days ago, a Finnish librarian I know posted a picture on Facebook of several people reading while riding public transportation. Only one person was reading a physical book, and my friend mused about the future of libraries. Ever the optimist, I suggested to her that the future will involve librarians providing virtual reference, ebook lending, access to databases, and physical support for necessary technology. This issue's roundup provides information on books that can offer support."...

American Libraries column, May/June

[Historical awards](#)

Q. In a few weeks, one of our colleagues will retire. We know she has received several honors from ALA. Is there any place we can research what they are? **A.** We in the ALA Library—and in the divisions and offices, as well—have received this question, or similar ones, over the years. With ALA offering nearly 200 awards or other forms of recognition each year, some at the Association level, others by divisions or round tables, researching the question can be slow....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, May 2

[Ask the ALA Librarian on Pinterest](#)

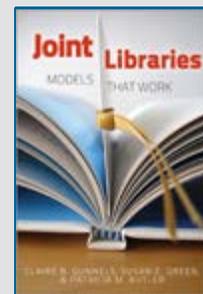
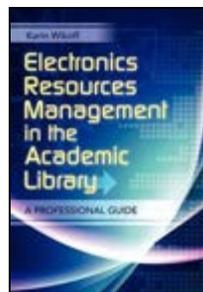
We created a Pinterest board showing all the questions appearing in our [Ask the ALA Librarian blog](#) since it started in 2010. Click on the URL in each pin to find the answer....

AL Pinterest

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ALA News

ALA election results



The joint-use college/public library can be an ideal solution to serving patrons while managing overextended resources. [Joint Libraries: Models That Work](#) by Claire B. Gunnels, Susan E. Green, and Patricia M. Butler scrutinizes the successes and failures of the joint-use model. Three founding faculty librarians of a joint-use college/public library discuss the factors that should go into evaluating when and where a joint library is suitable. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**

Great Libraries of the World

ALA election results will be reported out on May 4, after the ALA Election Committee certifies them. Look on the [Office of ALA Governance page](#) for the winners. Thanks to all who voted!

[ALA Board backs intensified ebook advocacy](#)

ALA President Molly Raphael writes: "Ebooks and the Big Six publishers was the first topic addressed at the ALA Executive Board spring meeting, held in Chicago on April 21–22. Because the board fully appreciates the importance of this issue to ALA members, we had planned one hour and 45 minutes for the discussion—an unusually long amount of time for the board to devote to any topic. But with the vigorous discussion and energy exhibited around the table, we devoted more than two hours to the topic."...

AL: E-Content, Apr. 27

[Library leadership 2.0 webinar](#)

The intersection of diversity and leadership will be the focus of a free webinar, "Library Leadership 2.0," on May 15. Part of ALA President Molly Raphael's [Empowering Diverse Voices](#) diversity leadership initiative, this free webinar will explore how diversity affects leadership in a new library work environment. Advance [registration](#) is required....

Office for Diversity, May 1

[Advocacy and outreach strategies at Annual](#)

It's more critical than ever to communicate the value of libraries effectively. The 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim offers a wide range of opportunities to get new strategies and learn about best practices, innovations, and resources in advocacy and outreach to take home and implement. Check the [Conference Scheduler](#) for details on any of the following highlights and to find dozens more related programs and discussions....

Conference Services, Apr. 30



[ALA Conference Scheduler open](#)

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Conference Services, May 1



[LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage lineup](#)

More than [20 critically acclaimed](#) and bestselling authors and poets will read from and autograph their most recent works at the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage June 23–25 in the exhibit hall at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Among those appearing are Sapphire (right), Paolo Bacigalupi, Gail Tsukiyama, and Daniel Handler. June 24 will include a special focus on young adult authors. The LIVE! stage is free for all attendees....

Public Programs Office, May 1



[May preview issue of Cognotes](#)



[Koninklijke Bibliotheek](#), The Hague, Netherlands. Founded in 1798, the library originated with the collection of Prince William V of Orange and other stadtholders of the Dutch Republic. King Louis Bonaparte designated it as the Royal Library in 1806. The collection contains almost the entire literature of the Netherlands, from medieval manuscripts to modern scientific publications. In 1982, the library moved into a new, shiny white building designed by the Delft firm OD 205 that features a Reading Room of the Netherlands with 65,000 books on the history and culture of Holland.



[Old Library \(Handelingskamer\)](#), House of Representatives, The Hague, Netherlands. Built in 1883 by architect Cornelis Peters, the library contains all the Acts of the Dutch Parliament. To allow as much light into a building where gas fixtures were not permitted, the roof was constructed as a

The May preview issue of *Cognotes* is available in four convenient formats, ready for downloading and accessing now: [interactive](#), [mobile](#), [accessible](#), and [PDF](#). The *Cognotes* interactive edition lets you easily share articles with colleagues, search the exhibitor list, and read about the multitude of ALA Annual Conference programs, pre-conferences, sessions, discussions, speakers, and social events....



Conference Services, May 1

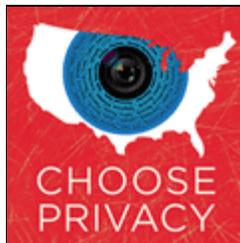
[Register for Disney quality service preconference](#)

The Learning Round Table will host the "Disney's Approach to Quality Service" preconference June 22 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Attendees will examine the time-tested model for delivering world-class guest service and discover how attention to detail creates a consistent, successful environment for both employees and customers. [Register](#) by June 8....

Learning Round Table, Apr. 30

[Survey: Librarians are committed to privacy](#)

In conjunction with [Choose Privacy Week](#), the Office for Intellectual Freedom released preliminary findings from a new survey measuring librarians' views on privacy rights and protecting library users' privacy. Nearly all respondents agreed that individuals should be able to control who sees their personal information, that government agencies and businesses shouldn't share personal information with third parties without authorization, and that libraries should never share circulation or internet use records unless authorized by the individual or a court of law....



Office for Intellectual Freedom, May 1

[Empowering Voices webinar](#)

The free webinar "Engaging Communities through Controversy" will be held May 10 as part of ALA President Molly Raphael's "Empowering Voices, Transforming Communities" initiative. Diane McNutt and Jane Light will discuss Santa Clara (Calif.) County Library's "Muslim and American—Two Perspectives" program that stimulated discussion throughout the community, and June Pinnell-Stephens will share success stories on how to get your community to "stop shouting and start talking" about intellectual freedom issues. Advance [registration](#) is required....

Office for Library Advocacy, May 1

[Librarians Build Communities everywhere](#)

Team G of the 2012 Emerging Leaders class is exploring ways to transform and extend the former ALA annual volunteer service day, Libraries Build Communities, into [Librarians Build Communities](#). The newly named and repurposed LBC will replace the Annual Conference event and provide libraries and other community organizations with librarian-volunteers throughout the year. For ALA chapters, an easy way to get started would be to hold a volunteer day in conjunction with a state conference....

ALA Membership Blog, Apr. 30

[Fair use of video in libraries](#)

leaded-glass dome. Railings on the bookcases are ornamented with green velvet.

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](#).



Career Leads from JobLIST

[Head of Acquisitions](#), the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The position of Head of Acquisitions is a faculty appointment with rank leading to tenure. The successful candidate will provide leadership and expertise in all issues relating to the ordering and receipt of library materials, including: overseeing ordering and receiving

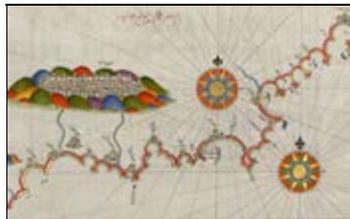
Carrie Russell writes: "A group from the ALA Video Round Table approached me with a project aiming to make sense of the fair-use exceptions to copyright law and reach a consensus on how media librarians should interpret them. We asked media librarians to explain what uses of media they believed were reasonable and necessary to fulfill the mission of their educational institutions. We discovered areas of commonality among the responses that we identified as [community practices](#), lawful fair-use activities."...

District Dispatch, Apr. 27

[Bridging Cultures programs at Annual](#)

The National Endowment for the Humanities, in collaboration with the ALA Public Programs Office, will present two events at the ALA 2012 Annual Conference in Anaheim to introduce a new grant initiative for libraries, "[Muslim Journeys](#)," a Bridging Cultures Bookshelf program. Up to 1,000 libraries will receive the "Muslim Journeys" collection which includes more than 20 books and two documentary films, as well as bonus resources to support programs for public audiences. [Apply](#) between June 15 and September 25....

Public Programs Office, Apr. 30



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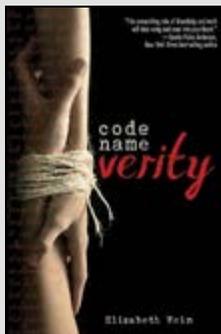
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Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Historical fiction for youth](#)

Wein, Elizabeth. *Code Name Verity*. May 2012. 352p. Hyperion, hardcover (978-1-4231-5219-4).

If you pick up this book, it will be some time before you put your dog-eared, tear-stained copy back down. Wein succeeds on three fronts: historical verisimilitude, gut-wrenching mystery, and a first-person voice of such confidence and flair that the protagonist might become a classic character—if only we knew what to call her. Alternately dubbed Queenie, Eva, Katharina, Verity, or Julie depending on which double-agent operation she's involved in, she pens her tale as a confession while strapped to a chair and recovering from the latest round of Gestapo torture. The Nazis want the codes that Julie memorized as a wireless operator before crash-landing in France, and she supplies them, but along the way also tells of her fierce friendship with Maddie, a British pilot whose quiet gumption was every bit as impressive as Julie's brash fearlessness. Though delivered at knifepoint, Julie's narrative is peppered



of all library materials; processing payments and preparing appropriate reports and statistics; and closely monitoring budget allocation for materials. The position supervises 3 FTE staff....



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Digital Library of the Week



Pepperdine University Libraries' latest digital collection is the [Historic Sound Recordings](#) collection featuring streaming recordings of memorable speeches and significant events that chart the history of Pepperdine University and Southern California. The collection includes archival recordings of political speeches and debates on morality, musical performances, and lectures on history. Prominent speakers include such national figures as Ronald Reagan, Milton Friedman, and singer Pat Boone.

with dark humor and minor acts of defiance....

[Top 10 crime fiction for youth](#)

Daniel Kraus writes: "Serial killings. Brutal scalplings. Stolen lemonade money. 'Crime' is a broad term and so are the books on this year's list of top youth crime fiction. Slap on your Holmes hat and investigate, for example, *The Butterfly Clues* by Kate Ellison (Egmont). Unable to control her obsessions, 16-year-old Lo finds herself digging into a local murder. Ellison's debut is a page-turning blend of violence, romance, and surprising glimpses into one girl's tumultuous mind."...



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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.](#)

Public Perception

How the World Sees Us

"Whatever form books take in the future, I'm betting that publishers and booksellers find a way to survive and thrive. And I'm betting that the library will be there to share that new wealth of literature, entertainment, and political and social commentary."

—Bill Young, spokesman for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, quoted in ["Library E-book Lending Hurt by Publisher Restrictions."](#) *Tulsa (Okla.) World*, Apr. 30.

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Anaheim Update

[What Disney does with your used amenities](#)

Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel housekeeper Apo Susa (right) [tells](#) (0:47) how he and other housekeepers give partially used bathroom amenities a second life by collecting them for the nonprofit Clean the World, which distributes them to impoverished people in the US and around the world....

Disney Parks Blog, Apr. 4



[Disguised Starbucks to open at Disney resorts](#)

The Seattle-based coffee chain Starbucks will open a store inside each of the six Disney theme parks in California and Florida. The first will open this summer at Disneyland California Adventure in Anaheim. Each of the cafés will be designed to blend in with the park. At Disneyland California, the store will be called the Fiddler, Fifer, and Practical Café (after the Three Little Pigs), and the decor will conjure an idealized version of a Los Angeles neighborhood where the animator Walt Disney lived during the 1920s and 1930s....

Orange County (Calif.) Register: Fast Food Maven, Apr. 23



[Flying through airport lines](#)

Christine Negroni writes: "More than 10 years after the September 11 terrorist attacks completely altered the airport experience,



[Libraries Promote Importance of Protecting Wildlife and Open Space on Endangered Species Day](#)



[What Parents Should Know About Privacy Online](#)

[Ten City Tour for](#)

travelers have a variety of options that will shorten wait times at security and immigration. But speedier processing has some downsides. Some programs charge a fee, and all require surrendering such personal information as employment background, travel history, and biological data like fingerprints. Here is a guide to some of the options that will save you some time." But some [TSA PreCheck](#) travelers are already [worried about retaining](#) their status....

New York Times, Apr. 18; *Chicago Tribune*, Apr. 24



[Credit-card strategies used by frequent flier pros](#)

Erin Peterson writes: "Three travel junkies each had goals that inspired them to build up their balance of [credit-card frequent flier miles](#) as quickly and as inexpensively as possible. All of them relied heavily on credit-card strategies to snare hundreds of thousands of miles each year. Get wise to their systems and you could be the next one hopping onto a flight for your dream vacation. Here they share some of their best tips and offer advice on avoiding expensive pitfalls."...

CreditCard.com, Aug. 27, 2011



[On the road with the proper gear](#)

Sam Grobart writes: "It can be easy to get caught up in the latest tech trend and think that it will solve all your problems. But that's just not true. The Next Big Thing is not necessarily the Only Thing. This principle is all the more important when you travel, since you want to take just as much as you need and not one device more. When I'm traveling for business, I make sure I'm equipped with the following tech items, and nothing else."...

New York Times: Personal Tech, Apr. 25



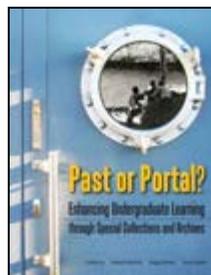
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Division News

[Special collections and undergraduate learning](#)

While special collections and archives have largely been used by advanced researchers and scholars, an increasing number of undergraduate courses are taking advantage of these materials as guides in the instructional process. [Past or Portal? Enhancing Undergraduate Learning through Special Collections and Archives](#), edited by Eleanor Mitchell, Peggy Seiden, and Suzy Taraba, explores a variety of successful instructional models featuring a wide range of engagement methods with special collections and archival materials....

ACRL, May 1



[Sherman Alexie keynotes PLA President's Program](#)

[Smithsonian's "The Art of Video Games" Exhibit](#)

[Living Healthfully with Diabetes](#)

[Great Songs: 'What the World Needs Now' is Jackie DeShannon](#)

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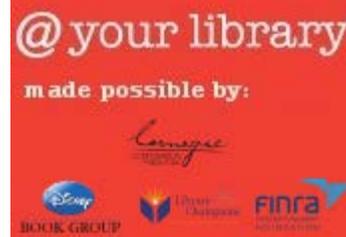
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Calendar

May 1:
[Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers](#), Seminar, Royal College of Pathologists, London. "Mobilizing Digital Content."

May 1–3:
[Science, Technical, and Medical Publishers](#), Spring Conference, Washington Marriott, D.C. "The New Normal: Users and Publishers Evolving Publishing."

May 3–5:
[Saskatchewan Library Association](#),

Author Sherman Alexie will keynote the PLA President's Program and Awards Presentation June 24 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Alexie, a Spokane / Coeur d'Alene Indian, is known not only for writing compelling, audacious stories, poetry, and movies depicting contemporary life among Native Americans, but also for entertaining audiences with his funny and irreverent style....

PLA, May 1



[Martin, Charlton talk sci-fi and fantasy](#)

Authors George R. R. Martin and Blake Charlton will speak at the ALA Annual Conference June 23 in "[Traveling the Spectrum: From Interstellar Adventures to Epic Fantasy, the Influence of Science Fiction and Fantasy on the World Today](#)," sponsored by the LITA Imagineering Interest Group. They will discuss what modern science fiction and fantasy have to say about society, as well as reasons the genres are becoming increasingly mainstream....

LITA, May 1



[First Author, First Book breakfast](#)

ALTAFF's popular "First Author, First Book" program will take place June 23 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The event, which includes a free continental breakfast, will feature first-time authors Howard Anderson, Beth Howard, Bronwen Hruska, Elizabeth Percer (right), and Beatriz Williams. Attendees will have the opportunity to have books signed by the speakers, with some books given away and others sold at a generous discount....

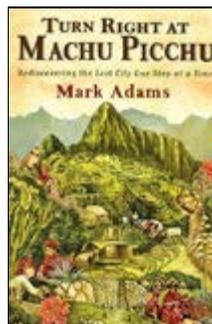
ALTAFF, May 1



[RUSA's Literary Tastes program](#)

RUSA will host three award-winning authors—Erin Morgenstern, Candice Millard, and Mark Adams—at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference program "Literary Tastes: Celebrating the Best Reading of the Year," a conference tradition that features authors from RUSA's literary adult book awards. "Literary Tastes" is an opportunity to hear from noteworthy authors whose books are among RUSA's Collection Development and Evaluation Section's annual selections and also celebrate the art and craft of writing with fellow book lovers....

RUSA, May 1



[Financial literacy programs at Annual Conference](#)

Members creating innovative programming should plan to attend two essential panels at ALA Annual Conference. "Smart investing @ your library" grantees are offering a two-panel intensive on their success in developing and promoting innovative financial education opportunities within their libraries. Attendees of both programs, one sponsored by RUSA, the other by PLA, will get a crash course in the two crucial

Annual Conference, Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Regina. "Celebrating Our Past, Embracing our Future."

May 7–9:

[ECLAP 2012](#), Annual Conference, Convitto della Calza, Firenze, Italy. "Information Technologies for Performing Arts, Media Access, and Entertainment."

May 14–16:

[INFO 2012 Conference](#), Tel Aviv Hilton, Tel Aviv, Israel.

May 18–21:

[Council of Science Editors](#), Annual Meeting, Seattle Sheraton Hotel. "Our Authors, Ourselves: Science Editing and Publishing in a Global Market."

May 18–23:

[Medical Library Association](#), Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle. "Growing Opportunities: Changing our Game."

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June 1:

[Society for Scholarly Publishing](#), Annual Meeting, Marriott Crystal Gateway, Arlington, Virginia. "Social, Mobile, Agile, Global: Are You Ready?"

June 7–10:

[North American Serials Interest](#)

elements that are part of any innovative programming: marketing and partnerships....

RUSA Blog, May 1

[ALCTS preconference examines RDA](#)

"A Change in Authority: Authority Work in the RDA Environment" is the topic of an ALCTS preconference to be held June 22 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. This preconference is intended for catalogers new to authority work (those who have never created name authority records or who have only created authority records at the local level) and/or who work with authority control issues at the local level. [Register](#) online....

ALCTS, Apr. 30

[Woodson, Condie at YALSA preconference](#)

Authors Jacqueline Woodson and Ally Condie will share their insights at "[Books We'll Still Talk about 45 Years from Now.](#)" a YALSA preconference to be held June 22 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. All attendees will receive a reading list in advance to evaluate dozens of YA books, using strategies drawn from YALSA's award and selection list committees. Early Bird [registration](#) ends May 13....

YALSA, May 1

[Connect teens with online tools](#)

Join YALSA for "Source Code," a preconference panel session featuring experts who use technology to provide cutting edge and high impact programming to help young adults build 21st-century skills as content creators and leaders in their library communities. The preconference takes place on June 22 in advance of ALA's Annual Conference in Anaheim. Early Bird [registration](#) ends May 13....

YALSA, May 1

[ALSC summer online courses](#)

ALSC has released its schedule of summer online courses. Offerings include "[The Caldecott Medal: Understanding Distinguished Art in Picture Books.](#)" "[Connecting with Tween Readers.](#)" "[Introduction to Graphic Novels for Children.](#)" "[Reading Instruction and Children's Books.](#)" and "[Out of this World Youth Programming.](#)" [Register](#) online....

ALSC, May 1



[PLA Facebook Forum on disruptive patrons](#)

PLA will host a free, hour-long [Facebook Forum](#) on how to safely manage disruptive patrons at the library May 3. Moderator Stacy Schrank, employee development coordinator at Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma City, has already led a discussion on this topic in a packed room at the PLA 2012 Conference in Philadelphia. No registration is required; simply visit the [PLA Facebook Page](#) from 1 to 2 p.m. Central and post your questions....

PLA, May 1

[Webinar on effective facilitation](#)

Managers and leaders from all types of libraries will benefit from the May 9 ASCLA webinar "[Being an Effective Facilitator.](#)" Taught by Brenda Hough, the 90-minute session will prepare participants to run meetings and lead planning discussions with confidence. [Register](#) online....

ASCLA, May 1

[Group.](#) Annual Conference, Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee.

June 11–14:

[Association of Christian Librarians.](#)

Annual Conference, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Warren Library, West Palm Beach, Florida.

"Oceans of Opportunity."

June 11–15:

[Canadian Health Libraries Association.](#)

Annual Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario. "Cascade of Knowledge."

June 21–26:

[American Library Association.](#)

Annual Conference, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California. "Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves."

July 9–13:

[Open Repositories 2012.](#)

7th International Conference, George Square Campus, Edinburgh University, Scotland. "Open Services for Open Content: Local In / Global Out."

July 10–15:

[Wikimania 2012: The International Wikimedia Conference.](#)

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

July 15–18:

[Special Libraries Association.](#)

Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO, Hilton Chicago.

[New School Library Research website](#)

AASL has launched a new website for its online refereed research journal, [School Library Research](#). The new website coincides with a new name for the journal, formerly known as *School Library Media Research*. The name change reflects the adoption of the professional title "school librarian" and a rebirth for the journal, which presents research on instructional theory, teaching methods, and critical issues relevant to school libraries and school librarians....

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[YALSA journal focuses on multiple literacies](#)

The new issue of YALSA's [Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults](#) features two articles on multiple literacies. With this issue, YALSA is adopting a continuous publishing model, under which manuscripts will be published online as soon as they meet the journal's review criteria....

YALSA, May 1

[B-Logistics offers ALTAFF discounts](#)

[B-Logistics](#), which helps libraries sell, donate, or recycle unused books and media, has joined ALTAFF's family of corporate sponsors. B-Logistics is offering ALTAFF members a \$105 freight discount coupon for pickups or shipments made through August 31. To participate, log into the Friends & Foundations Zone or Trustee Zone on [ALTAFF's website](#)....

ALTAFF, May 1



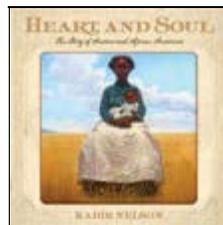
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Awards & Grants

[Coretta Scott King Book Awards Breakfast](#)

The Ethnic and Multicultural Exchange Round Table and the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee will celebrate the best in children's and young adult literature representing the African-American experience at the 2012 Coretta Scott King Book Awards Breakfast June 24 during the ALA Annual Conference. [Register](#) online....

Ethnic and Multicultural Exchange Round Table, May 1



[National School Library Programs of the Year](#)

[Hinsdale Township \(Ill.\) High School District 86](#) and [South Texas Independent School District](#) are recipients of the 2012 National School Library Program of the Year Award. The NSLPY recognizes school library programs that meet the needs of the changing school and library environment and are fully integrated into the school's curriculum. Sponsored by Follett Library Resources, each recipient is recognized with a crystal obelisk and \$10,000 for their school library program....

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[2012 Margaret E. Monroe Award](#)

Neal Wyatt (right), doctoral candidate at Virginia Commonwealth University, is the 2012 winner of RUSA's Margaret E. Monroe Award for significant contributions to library services for adults. Wyatt was selected for her contributions to the field through her dedication as writer, teacher, mentor, and original thinker over more than a decade of professional librarianship....

RUSA, May 1



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[ALTAFF Public Service Award](#)

ALTAFF presented its 2012 Public Service Award to Rep. Rush Holt (D-N.J.) at the Dirksen Senate Office Building during National Library Legislative Day activities in Washington, D.C., on April 23. In Congress, Holt has introduced the [Workforce Investments through Local Libraries \(WILL\) Act](#) to integrate libraries into job training efforts, and cosponsored [Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries \(SKILLS\) Act](#), which would establish a goal of having not less than one highly qualified school librarian in each public school....

ALA Washington Office, Apr. 25



[PLA reaffirms Spectrum Support](#)

A PLA Spectrum Scholarship will be designated in the June 2012 awards in recognition of PLA's gift of \$5,000 to ALA's [Spectrum Scholarship Program](#). It will be awarded to a Spectrum applicant who expresses an interest in public libraries. With this gift, PLA has donated more than \$190,000 in direct support to the Spectrum Scholarship Program and more than \$60,000 in support of Spectrum Scholars' participation at PLA National Conferences....

Office for Diversity, Apr. 26



[2012 Sheila Suen Lai Research Grant](#)

The Asian Pacific American Librarians Association has selected Jade Alburo (right) to receive its 2012 Sheila Suen Lai Research Grant. Alburo is librarian for Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand, and Religion at the Charles E. Young Research Library at UCLA. She received the grant for her research proposal, "Library Services and Collections for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPIs)."...

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Apr. 25



[Oakley Memorial Scholarship](#)

ALA and the Library Copyright Alliance have selected Eric Harbeson (right), music special collections librarian at the University of Colorado at Boulder, as the first recipient of the Robert L. Oakley Memorial Scholarship Award. Harbeson will receive \$1,000 to offset costs associated with attending the World Library and Information Congress in Helsinki, Finland, this August, where he will present a paper on copyright and other legal issues surrounding institutionally produced sound recordings....

ALA Washington Office, May 1



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[Grants to attend JCLC](#)

Applications are now open for more than 40 scholarships to attend the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, September 19–23, in Kansas City, Missouri. Special scholarship categories have been created to support members of the five associations of ethnic librarians (the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association is granting four \$500 scholarships [for APALA members](#) to attend), ALA members who are first-time JCLC attendees, library school students, and undergraduate students working in libraries. [Apply](#) by May 27....

Office for Diversity, May 1; Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Apr. 19



[2012 Edgar Awards](#) (PDF file)

Mystery Writers of America announced the winners of its 2012 Edgar Allan Poe Awards, honoring the best in mystery fiction, nonfiction, and television published or produced in 2011. The Edgar Awards were presented to the winners April 26 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. The winner for the Best Novel was *Gone* by Mo Hayden (Atlantic Monthly), and the winner for Best Young Adult book was *The Silence of Murder* by Dandi Daley Mackall....

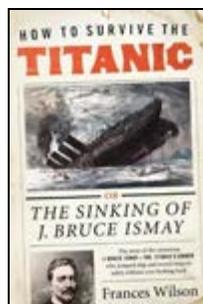
Mystery Writers of America, Apr. 26



[2012 Elizabeth Longford Prize](#)

Frances Wilson's *How to Survive the Titanic, or The Sinking of J. Bruce Ismay* has won the 2012 Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography. The Society of Authors will award her the £5,000 (\$8,110 US) prize July 14. The Bloomsbury title follows the life of J. Bruce Ismay, owner of the *Titanic* and inheritor of the White Star fortune, who jumped into a lifeboat with the women and children and rowed away to safety....

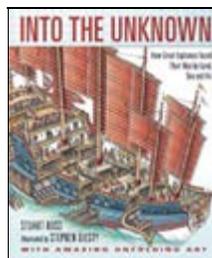
The Bookseller, May 1



[Best Picture Books of 2011](#)

The winners of the 2011 English Association Picture Book Awards were announced on April 30 at the Reading Shop in Oadby, Leicestershire, UK. The winners in the Key Stage 2 category (ages 8–11) were Lane Smith's *It's a Book* (Macmillan) for fiction, and Stewart Ross's *Into the Unknown*, illustrated by Stephen Biesty (Walker)....

English Association, Apr. 30



[Library assistant pens award-winning novel](#)

Gregory Hill's novel *East of Denver* beat out 5,000 entrants to win the 2011 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award. Hill (right), a library assistant at the University of Denver Penrose Library, wrote his novel to capture a less depressing side of Alzheimer's disease through dark humor after his father was diagnosed several years ago....

University of Denver *Clarion*, Apr. 23

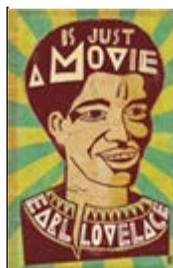


[OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature](#)

Is Just a Movie, a fiction title by Trinidadian writer Earl Lovelace, was chosen the winner of the second OCM

Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature. The announcement was made at the NGC Bocas Lit Fest in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on April 28. The award is open to fiction, nonfiction, and poetry entries, and the winning title earns a prize of \$10,000, sponsored by One Caribbean Media....

Bocas Lit Fest, Apr. 28



[Do book awards matter?](#)

Kaite Stover writes: "Rachel Kent [asks this question](#) at Books and Such. It's a good question, in light of the recent news surrounding book awards. In the US, the Pulitzer board couldn't name a clear winner from three very deserving nominees. In Australia, the Queensland Premier has announced that no winners for the Queensland Literary Prizes will be named at all and the prize is on hiatus indefinitely due to state budget cuts. Prizes do matter to all concerned, publishers, authors, and readers alike."...

Booklist Online: Book Group Buzz, Apr. 30

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Libraries in the News

[Trenton mayor takes over shut branch](#)

Trenton, New Jersey, Mayor Tony Mack reopened the former Skelton branch (right) of the Trenton Free Public Library April 30, renaming it a Mayor's Learning Center Library. The center will operate four hours on weekdays as a space for computer access and study. Skelton was one of four branches closed in August 2010 due to city budget cuts. Library board members have criticized the mayor for taking over the library system by reclaiming the former branches and working to oust TFPL Director Kimberly Matthews. City council members and trustees have largely been left out of the planning process for the reopened facility....



Trenton (N.J.) Times, Apr. 30

[Sacramento whistleblower settlement comes to \\$343,000](#)

The Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library Authority agreed to pay a whistleblower \$343,000 to settle her retaliation lawsuit against the agency. Senior Accounts Clerk Diane Boerman worked out the settlement with the library in March, but the terms remained secret until agency officials revealed the details April 30. Boerman sued the agency on grounds that she was denied pay raises or promotions because of her role in making public a kickback scheme that cost the library more than \$800,000....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee: Sacto 9-1-1, Apr. 30

[Sacramento library board imposes furloughs](#)

The Sacramento Public Library Authority has unilaterally enacted a contract for 241 employees. The board took action after the authority was unable to reach an agreement with Local 39 of the International Union of Operating Engineers. The contract calls for as many as 12

furlough days every 12 months in the next two fiscal years. Board members say they were left with little choice because Local 39 apparently [refused to budge](#) during negotiations that have dragged on since summer 2011....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, Apr. 28, 30

[Woman gets probation for selling library books online](#)

A woman who stole some 2,000 books and DVDs from libraries in Carlsbad, Oceanside, and San Diego, California, and tried to resell them online was sentenced April 26 to three years' probation and ordered to stay away from all San Diego County public libraries. Maria Nater pleaded guilty in February to felony burglary and paid \$7,600 in restitution at her sentencing. Elsewhere, Arthur Souza has been [charged with stealing rare books](#) from public libraries on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, for resale on eBay....

KSWB-TV, San Diego, Calif., Apr. 26; Hyannis Cape Cod Times, Apr. 25

[Chicago library maintains LGBTQ history](#)

Rex W. Huppke writes: "The Gerber/Hart Library was founded in 1981 by a group led by historian Greg Sprague, who several years earlier had launched the Chicago Gay History Project. It eventually grew into the Midwest's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender library, featuring more than 14,000 volumes, 800 periodical titles, and 100 archival collections." But its move to a new location in late April has [prompted accusations](#) that the library's long-standing president has effectively taken sole control of the collection, alienating many in the Chicago LGBT community and endangering the institution....

Chicago Tribune, Apr. 26



[Canadian federal libraries are shutting down](#)

The Canadian government is eliminating a series of libraries and archives throughout different departments as part of the latest budget cuts. Library and Archives Canada has announced that 20% of its workforce will be let go, and libraries in the transport, immigration, and public works departments will be eliminated. That is a scary prospect, according to researchers, genealogists, and academics who often rely on such libraries and history to develop their work....

CBC News, May 2

[Bangor library named after former librarian](#)

The Bangor campus of the University of Maine at Augusta held a ceremony May 1 to formally name its library the Nottage Library. Judith Nottage worked at the Bangor campus library for 27 years, retiring in 2009. During her tenure, she helped turn what had begun as a collection of donated books into a well-organized, professionally-managed small library that continues to serve both the Bangor campus community and the state of Maine....

University of Maine at Augusta, May 1

[UCLA to offer rare books specialization](#)

A new specialization in rare books and print and visual culture has been approved by the Department of Information Studies at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. The curriculum is open to students earning an MLIS



degree. Nationwide, there are only 13 accredited master's level programs that offer this specialization. It will be enriched by courses taught by the California Rare Book School, which is based in the department, and UCLA's digital humanities program....

UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies

[Students use reading contest to buy books for babies](#)

The \$1,850 that students at Shepherdstown (W.Va.) Elementary School raised in March for the First Books for Babies program in Jefferson County may put a new book into the tiny fist of every baby born this year at West Virginia University Hospitals—East City Hospital in Martinsburg. It costs \$7.00–\$7.50 for each new book, according to Charlotte Porter, a retired children's librarian in Shepherdstown who in 2007 founded [First Books for Babies](#), the first program of its type in West Virginia....

Charleston (W.Va.) State Journal, Apr. 25

[Benjamin Franklin Library celebrates 70 years](#)

US Ambassador to Mexico Earl Anthony Wayne (right) celebrated the 70th anniversary April 26 of the [Benjamin Franklin Library](#) in the American Embassy in Mexico



City. The library was established in 1942 to promote friendship and understanding between Mexico and the United States by providing access to information on their bilateral relationship. The reference desk answers nearly 21,000 queries each year, utilizing a specialized collection of materials on bilateral relations, English teaching, librarianship, and American culture....

US Embassy, Mexico, Apr. 27

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Issues

[US House passes CISPA](#)

Frederic Lardinois writes: "On April 26, the US House of Representatives passed the controversial [Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act](#) (CISPA), H.R. 3523, by a vote of



[248–168](#). Unlike SOPA, which focused on copyright violations, CISPA wants to give internet companies and the US government the tools to protect and defend themselves against cyberattacks by sharing information with each other." ALA supported the [Amash Amendment](#), which sought to protect library patron records and other personally identifiable information from wholesale sharing, but it was not adopted. Chloe Albanesius lists the [five biggest concerns](#) about CISPA, and Declan McCullagh explains [how CISPA will affect you](#)....

TechCrunch, Apr. 26; District Dispatch, Apr. 30; *PC Magazine*, Apr. 27; CNET News, Apr. 27

[Public libraries in the digital age](#)

Mary Madden and Kathryn Zickuhr of the Pew Internet and American Life Project made a presentation on "Public Libraries in the Digital Age" at the April 25 meeting of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies. They presented findings on the [rise of e-reading](#), including reading-device ownership and the general reading habits and preferences of Americans. The presentation included some fact sheets

that are available for downloading...
Pew Internet and American Life Project, Apr. 25

[Can off-site storage work for researchers?](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "Many major research libraries have been using remote storage for years, and their experiences show that initial heat can wear off once patrons better understand how the system works. Plenty of researchers now operate comfortably in a hybrid print-digital environment. But they still love their paper books and journals, especially in the humanities. Many historic collections exist only in print form anyway. The idea of carting books and journals off to suburban storage bunkers makes some patrons nervous."...

Chronicle of Higher Education, Apr. 22



[Jimmy Wales to advise UK on open access](#)

Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales will be advising the UK government on a plan to make all taxpayer-funded academic research in Britain available online. The initiative, which should launch within two years, was announced by Universities and Science Minister David Willetts in a speech to the Publishers Association on May 2. The plan will invigorate what is called the "academic spring"—a growing campaign among academics and research funders for open access in academic publishing....

The Guardian (UK), May 1

[Online learning systems face adoption barriers](#)

Nick DeSantis writes: "More colleges are experimenting with online learning platforms to meet the growing demand for higher education and to increase revenue in the face of budget cuts. But the next generation of online learning systems faces several barriers to adoption."...

The Chronicle of Higher Education, May 1

[Are librarians experts?](#)

Lane Wilkinson writes: "An expert is someone with the requisite skills and knowledge to discover and answer new questions in a given domain. It's not just about what we know, it's about whether and how we can *use* what we know. As a librarian, this brings up an interesting couple of questions: Are librarians experts and, if so, what is our area of expertise? Postmodern librarians argue that librarians are nonexperts. Realists argue that librarians are experts on information and information seeking. There's actually no consensus."...

Sense and Reference, May 1



[More evidence for a bachelor's degree in LIS](#)

Steve Matthews writes: "Last December, I wrote a blog post on '[Library Science Ranks #4 in Highest Unemployment](#).' Some readers took exception to the data because it represented only bachelor's-level degree information relating to librarianship employment. As we all know, those entry-level jobs are few and far between. While it seems like the current unemployment / underemployment climate makes my advocacy for a bachelor's degree in LIS even less appealing, actually it makes it even more appealing. Seriously? Absolutely! Read on."...

21st Century Library, Apr. 25

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Tech Talk

[The 10 best Android tablets](#)

Wendy Sheehan Donnell writes: "Android tablets had a rocky start, but since Google released its tablet-specific operating system, Android 3.0 'Honeycomb,' in 2011 we've seen a steady flow of high-quality Android tablets. And that's a good thing, since they provide viable alternatives to the Apple iPad. One of the major benefits of Android is that instead of a single hardware choice, you can access the OS on a number of different tablets. The only hitch there: There isn't a single version of Android."...

PC Magazine, May 1



[The best antivirus software for 2012](#)

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "To evaluate antivirus utilities I rely on hands-on, real-world testing. The malware removal test involves installing each product on a dozen malware-infested virtual machines and challenging it to clean them up. I also refer to reports from major independent antivirus testing labs. The labs have vastly more resources than I do, so they can perform large-scale tests that would take more time than I have available. This chart summarizes our test results as well as results from the independent labs."...

PC Magazine, Apr. 20



[Nine digital tools to reduce your junk mail](#)

Christine Erickson writes: "If you want to streamline your paper trail to next to nothing, we've gathered the best apps, sites, and services to help you stay organized and efficient. Some of these services will help manage your addresses to make sure that you stay off unwanted mailing lists, while others keep all of your bills in one secure place."...

Mashable, Apr. 25

[Three one-click ways to save web content for later](#)

Rick Broida writes: "Throughout my workday, I routinely encounter websites I'd like to revisit at a later date. For example, often I'll see something that's good fodder for a blog post. Or something I can use as reference material in an upcoming feature. Whatever the case, regular old bookmarking doesn't really get the job done. That's why I rely on other services to clip, organize, and otherwise preserve important pages. Here are my three favorite solutions."...

PC World: Business Center, Apr. 26



[A mobile browser for the truly paranoid](#)

Frederic Lardinois writes: "If, for whatever reason, you need to cover your tracks while you are browsing the web on your desktop, you have plenty of options to keep anonymous. Thanks to [Orbot](#). Android users have the option to use the [Tor network](#) to anonymize their web browsing



sessions and avoid being monitored. Now, thanks to [Onion Browser](#), iPhone and iPad users also finally get an easy option to tunnel their web traffic through the Tor network.”...

TechCrunch, Apr. 26

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E-Content

[The library of utopia](#)

Nicholas Carr writes: “Another momentous project to build a universal library is taking shape. It springs not from Silicon Valley but from Harvard University. The [Digital Public Library of America](#) has big goals, big names, and big contributors. And yet for all the project’s strengths, its success is far from assured. Like Google before it, the DPLA is learning that the major problem with constructing a universal library nowadays has little to do with technology. It’s the thorny tangle of legal, commercial, and political issues that surrounds the publishing business. Internet or not, the world may still not be ready for the library of utopia.”...

Technology Review, May/June



[The social side of reading](#)

Linda W. Braun writes: “If you think about it, reading has always had a social component. If it didn’t, there wouldn’t be book groups around the world that take place at libraries and in people’s homes. People love to talk about what they read. What’s different now is that discussion can happen during the reading experience, inside the book, and not just outside of the book. It happens via social reading apps.”...

AL: E-Content, Apr. 26

[Tablets increasingly popular as e-readers](#)

Ebook consumers’ preference for tablets is accelerating rapidly as dedicated e-readers drop in popularity, according to a Book Industry Study Group survey. Over the course of six months, consumers’ first-choice preference for dedicated e-readers (Kindle, Nook) declined from 72% to 58%. Tablet devices are now the most preferred reading device for more than 24% of ebook buyers, up from less than 13% in August 2011....

Book Industry Study Group, Apr. 30

[Who really wants DRM?](#)

Christopher Harris writes: “Do you want DRM on your ebooks? I certainly don’t, and I would guess that most of you would much rather not have to deal with the [security theater of DRM](#) either. So who really wants to lock down your content? In addition to being an annoyance, DRM is pretty much a complete failure at actually securing digital content. All of the major DRM schema (Adobe, Kindle, Apple) have all been cracked for one-click removal. So why keep using DRM?”...

AL: E-Content, Apr. 26

[Publishers start to reject ebook DRM](#)

Joe Brockmeier writes: “One publisher does not a trend make, but Macmillan imprint and science-fiction house Tor/Forge’s decision to abandon DRM by July 2012 may be a sign of things to



come. Tor/Forge is dropping DRM because its customers and authors have been asking for DRM-free titles. The game isn't won yet, but it's a safe bet that Tor/Forge won't be the first to abandon Digital Rights Management for ebooks and other publications." However, even without DRM on retail ebooks, [DRM will remain](#) an integral part of the library lending workflow for the foreseeable future...

ReadWrite Enterprise, Apr. 26; *Library Journal*: The Digital Shift, Apr. 26

[Microsoft deal adds to ebook battle](#)

Michael J. De La Merced and Julie Bosman write: "Microsoft agreed to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in Barnes & Noble's Nook division, giving the bookstore chain stronger footing in the hotly contested electronic book market and creating an alliance that could intensify the fight over the future of digital reading." Felix Salmon [adds](#): "We finally have a real three-way fight on our hands in the ebook space, between three giants of tech: Apple, Amazon, and Microsoft. And that can only be good for consumers."...

New York Times: DealB%k, Apr. 30; *Wired*: Epicenter, Apr. 30

[Topeka to send a message to ebook publishers](#)

David Lee King writes: "Ebooks in libraries got you down? Feel like you can't do anything about it, or that you don't have a voice? The Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library wants to help. We have created a petition website, [Ebooks for Libraries](#). Visit the website, watch the [video](#) (1:14), and sign the petition. Why do this? Our ultimate goal is to get books in all formats to our readers. This helps authors, publishers, libraries, and most importantly, our readers."...



David Lee King, May 1; YouTube, Apr. 4

[Are e-readers really green?](#)

Nick Moran writes: "In 2009, the Book Industry Environmental Council pledged to reduce the US book industry's carbon footprint by 20% in 2020 and by 80% in 2050. Today, it seems like many publishing houses are on their ways toward achieving the BIEC goals. The trend toward digitization is undeniable, and there are many reasons to be optimistic. But is all of this really cutting the industry's carbon footprint? Is total ebook adoption really an ecologically responsible goal?"...

The Millions, May 1

[Six things e-readers could still use](#)

Chandra Steele writes: "The Nook Simple Touch with GlowLight has lit up the world of e-ink. Simple, dedicated e-readers, with their subtle, paper-like pages offer an immersive reading experience that's not diluted by a peek at email or a Google search that goes down a rabbit hole. Although the GlowLight has eliminated the need for ugly, clip-on light sources to read in dark bedrooms or dim airplanes, there are a few items still on the wishlists of e-reading aficionados."...



PC Magazine, Apr. 26

[For those with only a few minutes to spare](#)

Roland Lomeli and Scott La Counte used to work together at the Anaheim (Calif.) Public Libraries. However, following their decision to combine their talents and start a business,



the duo now run [Minute Help Press](#), which uses the tagline, "Books for people with only minutes to spare." Formed in 2010, Minute Help now has more than 200 books covering a number of subjects from test prep and celebrity bios to tech guides and cookbooks....

Minute Help Press, May 1

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Books & Reading

[How to introduce an author](#)

Janet Potter writes: "Author introduction crimes are rampant. I was recently at a literary festival where at least 10 of the roughly 15 author introductions I saw were painful to sit through. A good author introduction shows the author that you're excited to be a partner in promoting his work and that you value the role his career plays on the literary stage, all while being informative and brief. Step One: Find out who the author is."...

The Millions, Apr. 30



[Vicki Myron: Dewey movie project stalled](#)

Author and former librarian Vicki Myron (right) recently won the Goldfinch Award from the Iowa Association of School Librarians for her picture book, *Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library*. She expressed disappointment with the script for a movie about the Spencer (Iowa) Public Library cat, Dewey Readmore Books, saying the project was essentially stalled. Myron said the script was hokey and "made fun of Iowa, made fun of Spencer, changed Dewey's personality, and I got fired in the movie."...

Spencer (Iowa) Daily Reporter, May 1



[Harry Potter changes the rules again](#)

J. L. Bell writes: "Every new *Harry Potter* book changed the rules of American publishing. The first book signaled the resurgence of fantasy after years of doldrums. Then readers started using Amazon to get the second volume. That necessitated worldwide publication dates, which led to midnight book parties. The recent release of J. K. Rowling's digital editions is making the same sort of waves. Not only is she managing those rights herself through her Pottermore site, but her team decided to release the ebooks without DRM protection."...

Oz and Ends, Apr. 25



[In defense of reading](#)

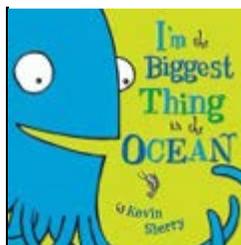
Rebecca Halpern writes: "One of the long-standing jokes of librarianship is that we all got into the profession because 'we love to read,' the punchline of course being that we're all too overworked to read for fun. While I don't think anyone should enter professional librarianship with the expectation that reading is a requirement of the job (it isn't), I do wish information professionals had more incentive to incorporate a love for recreational reading into our everyday practice."...

Hack Library School, Apr. 30

[Thinking beyond themes](#)

Abby Johnson writes: "I decided to try something a little different with our spring storytime session. For our six weeks of storytimes, we planned five themed storytimes and I told everyone that the last week would be Librarian's Favorites. It was really interesting watching my staff wrap their heads around planning a Librarian's Favorites storytime. So what are some of my staff's favorite books for preschoolers?"...

ALSC Blog, May 2



[How not to read aloud to your kids](#)

(satire)

Marjorie Ingall writes: "Parents, let me share a little secret. *You needn't read to your children at all.* They have Angry Birds to play on your iPhone and New Super Mario Brothers to play on their DS. Your child is probably sexting right now. There is really no point in my explaining to you how not to read to your child, but I am going to do it anyway, in the Talmudic tradition of being pointlessly argumentative."...

Tablet Magazine, May 1



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Tips & Ideas

[Four free tools to measure social media success](#)

Mallory Woodrow writes: "For many businesses, it can be easy to label a social campaign a huge hit or a blatant blunder, but which elements made the campaign successful? There is an array of powerful and free tools that can be used to help you understand the successes and failures of your social media promotion or campaign."...

Social Media Examiner, Apr. 25



[What your Klout score really means](#)

Seth Stevenson writes: "Klout—a three-year-old startup based in San Francisco—is on a mission to rank the influence of every person online. Its algorithms comb through social media data: If you have a public account with Twitter, which makes updates available for anyone to read, you have a Klout score, whether you know it or not (unless you actively [opt out](#) on Klout's website). A number of major companies (airlines, big-box retailers, hospitality brands) are discussing how best to use Klout scores."...

Wired: Epicenter, Apr. 24

[How to cite a tweet](#)

Julie Greller writes: "A student recently asked me if they could cite a tweet in their research paper. Sure, I said, and led them to the [BibMe](#) site. Much to my surprise, none of the websites for MLA citation explained how to cite a tweet. Even EasyBib, which boasts over 59 options for citations, did not list a tweet. Here is the correct way to cite a tweet."...

A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet, Apr. 25

[Archiving cellphone text messages](#)

Mike Ashenfelder writes: "As choppy and terse as cellphone texting is, it is still correspondence. And since we value and save other text correspondence (letters and email), it seems natural that we might want to save some text messages too. The problem is that saving text messages off a cellphone is not quite easy or convenient. Phones store text, phone book, and other information either on a drive or a detachable SIM card."...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, Apr. 27



[Zen and the art of constructive criticism](#)

Erin Dorney writes: "If there were a single piece of advice I have for new professionals entering the field of librarianship, it would be to develop the skill of giving and receiving criticism. This isn't something I've been able to find in an LIS course catalog, slate of webinar programming, or conference program. While we're not formally educated in the art of critique, library professionals are required to provide and accept feedback in a variety of different situations."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, May 2

[15 vintage photos of librarians](#)

Jill Harness writes: "Here are some old photos of librarians showing both the diversity of their duties and the diversity of the workers themselves. All images are courtesy of the [Library of Congress](#), unless otherwise mentioned. In the image on the right, a librarian is at work in 1940 in the small lending library built for the Casa Grande Valley Farms in Pinal County, Arizona, by the US Farm Security Administration."...

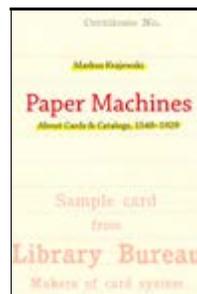
Mental Floss, Apr. 27



[How the card catalog transformed the business world](#)

Larry Nix writes: "In his book *Paper Machines: About Cards and Catalogs, 1548–1929* (MIT Press, 2011) Markus Krajewski tells the fascinating story of how the idea of putting information on individual pieces of paper and filing them in a prescribed manner became a significant tool in the world of business in the US and Europe. It is Krajewski's description of the role played by the Library Bureau company, founded by Melvil Dewey, in transferring library catalog card methodology to the business world that I found most interesting."...

Library History Buff Blog, May 1



[It's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month](#)

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month—a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands from New Zealand to Hawaii. The [Library of Congress](#) and the [New York Public Library](#) offer online resources for this celebration....

Library of Congress; NYPL Blogs, May 2



[Red Scare ensnared Victoria's first bookmobile librarian](#)

Dave Obee writes: "All John Maitland Marshall (right) wanted to do was help people get books from the new bookmobile in Victoria, British Columbia. But in 1954, he found himself at the centre of a major controversy and a victim of the Red Scare that reached into Canada and its libraries. Marshall was fired two months after he was hired, before the mobile service even hit the road. He lost his job because of his past."...

Victoria (B.C.) Times-Colonist, Apr. 28



[The bookplate collection](#)

PK writes: "The Ex Libris (bookplate) illustrations here were selected from the first half of the enormous [John Starr Stewart Collection](#) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Will Schofield from 50Watts sampled the [back half](#) of the same database." On the right is a Denver Athletic Club Library bookplate by Leota Woy, 1904: "Within triangular space, bald man in waistcoat and checkered pants reads a book; below, a man runs with football, DAC on his jersey."...

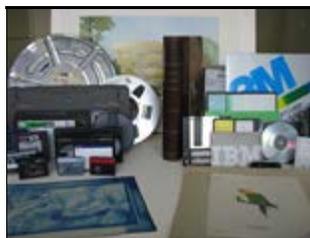
BibliOdyssey, Apr. 30; 50Watts, Apr.



[Some archival career advice](#)

Jennifer Wright writes: "The Smithsonian Institution Archives receives dozens of inquiries every year from students and recent graduates about the archives profession and how to become an archivist. Since this is such a popular topic, we decided to make our responses to the most common questions available to a wider audience. While the responses here are intended to address the archival profession in general, they ultimately reflect my own experiences and those of my immediate colleagues."...

The Bigger Picture, Apr. 26



[How to cope with the Gmail redesign](#)

Jason Crawford writes: "Reports are coming in from around the internet that the Gmail redesign, which we were previously able to stave off with 'revert to the old look temporarily,' is now forcing itself upon us. I too have succumbed to the new design, and have been forced to find ways to cope. Here's what I did to make it semi-bearable."...

Jason Crawford, Apr. 21

[10 Kindle cases that look like books](#)

Amy-Mae Elliott writes: "The Kindle offers you an entire digital library in the palm of your hand. Therefore, it makes perfect sense that you can get book-themed cases for the device. Whether you want to disguise your e-reader as something a little more analog, pay homage to a literary classic you love, or enjoy the leather look and feel of a vintage tome, we've got a case to suit."...

Mashable, Apr. 27



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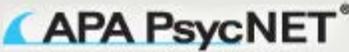
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[D.C. officials feel the heat over school library cuts](#)

A spring proposal by District of Columbia officials to eliminate more than 50 school librarian jobs for the next academic year has triggered a public relations nightmare for the city council, where the proposal originated. Members of the [Capitol Hill Public Schools Parent Organization](#) are determined to fight a spring decision by schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson to defund school librarian posts at schools with less than 300 students and let principals of larger schools decide whether to reallocate their librarians' salaries. "If this situation were to remain unchanged, 58 schools would have no librarian," grassroots activist Peter MacPherson said....

American Libraries news, May 4



[Remembering Maurice Sendak at the Rosenbach](#)

Laurie Borman writes: "Maurice Sendak, illustrator and author of nearly 100 books and winner of ALA's 1964 Caldecott Medal for *Where The Wild Things Are*, died May 8. He was 83. Creator of amazing nightmares, as the [New York Times](#) called them, Sendak's works live on at the [Rosenbach Museum and Library](#) in Philadelphia, where he contributed more than 10,000 of his illustrations and manuscripts since 1966, and was a trustee. He gained the title of honorary president in 2003." [Watch](#) Sendak deliver the 2003 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture at Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library (1:29:53)....

AL: Inside Scoop, May 8; New York Times, May 8; videolectures.net



[Giving away music increases sales—just like for books](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "Publicly funded libraries provide no-cost access to reading materials, and yet this country [spent \\$14.348 billion](#) on books in 2011.

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Furthermore, we are still spending quite a bit on music, even though it is available at no cost via advertising-supported services like the radio, Pandora, and Spotify. In fact, new data suggests that giving away music on Spotify actually [increases sales](#) of the music on iTunes.”...

AL: E-Content, May 9; Foner Books; TechCrunch, May 6

[ARL meets in Chicago](#)

George Eberhart writes: “The [Association of Research Libraries](#) met in Chicago May 2–4 for its 160th Membership Meeting. It was attended by representatives from 114 of the member organizations, as well as 27 Research Library Leadership Fellows.



Attendees were prepared, focused, and engaged, especially University of Virginia Vice President and Chief Information Officer James L. Hilton (on the left), whose enthusiasm for the recently established [Digital Preservation Network](#), a federation of universities intent on securing the long-term preservation of the digital scholarly record, was infectious.”...

AL: Inside Scoop, May 4

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ALA News

[Stripling wins 2013–2014 ALA presidency](#)

Barbara K. Stripling (right), assistant professor of practice at Syracuse (N.Y.) University, has been elected 2013–2014 ALA president. She defeated Gina J. Millsap, chief executive officer of the Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library by a vote count of 6,272 to 4,486. Stripling will become president-elect in June 2012 and will assume the ALA presidency in June 2013, following the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago....



Office of ALA Governance, May 4

[ALA Councilors elected](#)

Thirty-three members have been elected as councilors-at-large on ALA Council for three-year terms. The terms begin at the conclusion of the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, and extend through the end of the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco....

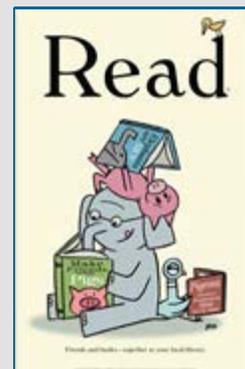
Office of ALA Governance, May 4

[Programming Librarian’s Guide to Annual Conference](#)

Programming Librarian, a resource website of the Public Programs Office, has created an online guide to recommended programs and events to be held at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. [The Programming Librarian’s Guide to the ALA Annual Conference](#) was created specifically for public, academic, special, and school librarians who plan and present cultural and community programs....



Public Programs Office, May 8



Get on board with Elephant, Piggie, and Pigeon with this [Read Poster](#) featuring original art from Mo Willems—*New York Times* bestselling author, three-time winner of the Caldecott Honor, and two-time recipient of the Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal. Willems’s lovable characters are pure fun, and their witty asides and expressions appeal to adults as much as children. **NEW!** From **ALA Graphics**.

Great Libraries of the World

[Event of the year for reading fanatics](#)

The 2012 ALA Annual Conference is shaping up to offer hundreds of possibilities and opportunities for supporters of reading, books, publishing, and related activities. Highlights include [hundreds of authors](#) speaking in programs, at the Book Buzz Theater, and the exhibit hall, where there will be stacks of advance reading copy giveaways....

Conference Services, May 7

[Early Bird registration closes May 13](#)

Key issues covered at 2012 ALA Annual Conference include digital content and ebooks, technology in libraries, innovation, books and authors, leadership, library advocacy, civic engagement, and library marketing. Potential attendees will get the best rates when they register by May 13....

Conference Services, May 4

[Bookmobile Saturday in Anaheim](#)

Bookmobile Saturday, June 23, at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference, provides attendees with opportunities to learn, network, and gain inspiration. Network with bookmobile and outreach professionals during the Bookmobile Saturday Author Luncheon and be inspired by guest speaker Gerald Chertavian, founder of [Year Up](#). Finally, climb aboard some of the latest vehicles during the Annual Parade of Bookmobiles, held in conjunction with the ALA Diversity and Outreach Fair....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, May 4



[Online Virtual Membership Meeting, June 6](#)

ALA President Molly Raphael and Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels invite you to the 2012 Virtual Membership Meeting at 3–4:30 p.m. Central time, June 6. Members are invited to hear from ALA leadership and participate in the discussions and resolution process. Because the interactive platform is limited to 1,000 participants, [preregistration](#) is required. To learn how to submit a resolution, please go to the [ALA Members group](#) on ALA Connect....

ALA Membership Blog, May 8

[Documentary: Vanishing Liberties](#)

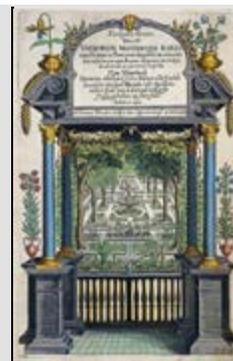
To highlight the 2012 observance of Choose Privacy Week, the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom is debuting a new [documentary](#) (27:05), *Vanishing Liberties: The Rise of State Surveillance in the Digital Age*, on the [Choose Privacy Week website](#). The film explores the government's growing use of surveillance tools to watch and monitor immigrant communities, and the proposals to adopt these tools to track the activities of all Americans....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, May 7



[New text-message advocacy tool](#)

ALA has launched Mobile Commons, a new advocacy tool that will



[Rijksmuseum Research Library](#)

Amsterdam, Netherlands. The Rijksmuseum has the largest art history library in the country. It has acquired auction and exhibition catalogs, trade and collection catalogs, and books and periodicals relating to the museum collections without interruption since 1885.



[St. Walburgskerk Library](#)

Zutphen, Netherlands. The reading room, or Librije, of this 11th-century church features some 300 books that are chained to the reading desks. It was established in 1561–1564 by church elders Conrad Slindewater and Herman Berner as an intellectual stronghold against the popularity of Reformation ideas. The books were chained because the room was open to the public; anyone could obtain a key and study for as long as the

allow library supporters to receive text-message alerts (2–3 per month) from the ALA Office of Government Relations. Subscribers will have the option to call legislators to discuss particular issues toll-free through Mobile Commons. The text messages will provide subscribers with talking points on issues before automatically transferring the advocates to the offices of their legislators. Sign up [online](#) or by texting the word “library” to 877877....

Office of Government Relations, May 8

[Scenes from National Library Legislative Day](#)

More than 350 librarians and library supporters from across the country converged on Washington, D.C., April 23–24, to meet with members of Congress to discuss key library issues during ALA’s 38th annual National Library Legislative Day. The event focused on supporting federal funding for the nation’s libraries....

AL Focus, May 8



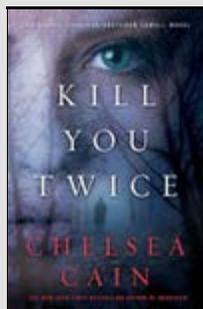
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[Featured review: Adult crime fiction](#)

Cain, Chelsea. *Kill You Twice*. Aug. 2012. 336p. Minotaur, hardcover (978-1-4231-5219-4). In *The Night Season* (2011), Cain proved that she could write a superb thriller without the presence of her signature character, the “Beauty Killer,” Gretchen Lowell, who wreaked havoc through the first three novels in the series that costars Portland, Oregon, Police Detective Archie Sheridan. Well, Gretchen is back, and she’s better—and *badder*—than ever. Archie is healing, slowly, from all the wounds, physical and psychological, that Gretchen has inflicted upon him, and Gretchen is safely ensconced in the Oregon State Mental Hospital (well, *safely* may be a stretch). Then Archie gets a call from Gretchen’s psychiatrist with a message that the killer Archie is hunting is after Gretchen’s child. A child? Gretchen? This is news, to be sure....



[Hostile Questions: Chelsea Cain](#)

Daniel Kraus writes: “*Booklist* wrote of Chelsea Cain, author of *Heartsick*, *Sweetheart*, and more: ‘Popular entertainment just doesn’t get much better than this.’ Aw, wuddn’t that nice of us? We’re not always in such a giving mood. Take, hmm, let’s see, *today* for example: I’m

church was open. In recent years, all the books have been restored with the help of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek.

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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[Visiting Metadata Librarian for Web-Scale Discovery](#), the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This position is available starting July 1, 2012. This is a 100%-time, 12-month, visiting appointment, with an initial appointment for two years. The library is implementing the Primo Central web-scale



dying to lock horns with Cain—her oeuvre of bestselling, critically acclaimed serial killer thrillers be damned! Will I end her reign of terror? Or will I be her latest victim?"...

Likely Stories, May 7

[The Best Crime Novels of 2012](#)



Bill Ott writes: "Let's start with a little complaining. It gets harder and harder to pick the year's best crime fiction. There is so much outstanding work in this ever-expanding genre that it's confounding even to know where to start. It would be easy enough to look to our best ongoing series, most of which add a new entry every year, and keep honoring Michael Connelly, Louise Penny, James Lee Burke, and a handful of others. That would be easy and certainly not unfair, as the giants of the genre continue to do outstanding work. On the other hand, you could ignore the standard-bearers and look only to the new bloods, and you would still find excellence at every turn. So what to do? What we've always done: muddle along with no system and no rules, trying to select the books our reviewers liked best over the last 12 months and letting the categories and the trends fall where they may."...

[Submitting materials to *Booklist* for review](#)

If you wish to submit materials for review consideration in *Booklist* or Booklist Online, specific guidelines for various formats and types of materials are provided here. Any publisher of a book reviewed in *Booklist* will receive a tearsheet of the review. Due to the volume of submissions (more than 60,000 per year), we are unable to notify publishers whose books have not been selected for review...

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Anaheim Update

[Oak Canyon Nature Center](#)

The Oak Canyon Nature Center is a 58-acre natural park nestled in the Anaheim Hills. A year-round stream meanders through the park. Consisting of three adjoining canyons, four miles of hiking trails traverse one of the

discovery system (WDS) and is seeking a dynamic individual to spearhead the planning, implementation, and management of metadata creation and provision for this project. The incumbent will participate in and help to lead the work of the WDS

Implementation Team; design, test, and develop metadata creation, remediation and transformation workflows, search services, authority control and access technologies; and apply the appropriate metadata schemas to support the WDS....



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Digital Collections at Missouri State](#)



few remaining areas of oak woodland and coastal sage scrub in the region. It features a bird and nature walk on Saturdays. Located on site is the John J. Collier Interpretive Center, a small museum with live animal and regional natural history exhibits....

City of Anaheim

[Airport apps](#)

Bob Tedeschi writes: "In addition to helping find food vendors and shops that may not rip you off, airport apps can help you avoid overpaying for ground transportation once you reach your destination. The top three on my list are iFly Pro (\$7 on [Apple](#) and [Android](#), but with free versions available), Airport Transit Guide (\$5 on [Apple](#), with a limited [free version](#)) and GateGuru (free on [Android](#) and [Apple](#)). It's also worth downloading MyTSA, which is published by the Transportation Security Administration (free on [Apple](#))."...

New York Times, May 2



[How to get a refund if the price drops](#)

You thought you scored a great deal when you found that \$200 rate for your \$300-a-night hotel. But then you compared notes with other guests and learned that some paid even less. It happens to even the best bargain hunters—whether it is a hotel deal or airfare—and it's not a good feeling. Now a growing number of travel sites are offering to track the price after you reserve and to refund you the difference....

New York Times, May 2



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Division News

[Catherine Friedman elected LLAMA president](#)

Catherine R. Friedman (right), associate university librarian for user services at the University of California, San Diego, has been elected LLAMA president for 2013–2014. She will begin her term as president-elect in June 2012 and become LLAMA president in June 2013....

LLAMA, May 4



[Shannon Peterson elected YALSA president](#)

Shannon Peterson (right), youth services librarian at the Kitsap Regional Library in Port Orchard, Washington, has been elected YALSA president for 2013–2014. She currently sits on YALSA's Board of Directors and previously chaired the Division and Membership Promotion Committee....



[University](#) in Springfield offer a glimpse into the history of the Ozark region and of Missouri State University through thousands of images, documents, and film clips. These unique collections include the Birdle Mannon Collection, with artwork by a self-trained artist from the rural Ozarks; the Katherine Lederer Ozarks African American History Collection; the Lipman Family Collection, with materials from an early Jewish family in Springfield; St. Louis–San Francisco ("Frisco") Railway Company materials (see squirrel above); the Shannon County Film Collection, with footage and interviews from the 1970s; and the university's yearbook and student newspaper, covering 1909 to the present. Among the digital items is a collection of medieval manuscript pages ranging from the 14th to the 17th centuries.

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

YALSA, May 7

[Starr LaTronica elected ALSC president](#)

Starr LaTronica (right), youth services and outreach manager at Four County Library System in Vestal, New York, has been elected ALSC president for 2013–2014. She will begin her term as vice president and president-elect in June 2012 and become ALSC president in June 2013....

ALSC, May 8



[Gail Dickinson elected AASL president](#)

Gail Dickinson (right), associate professor at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, has been elected 2013–2014 AASL president. Dickinson will serve as president-elect during 2012–2013 under AASL President Susan Ballard....

AASL, May 8



[Rod Wagner elected ALTAFF president](#)

Rod Wagner (right), director of the Nebraska Library Commission, has been elected ALTAFF president for 2013–2014. He will begin his term as vice president and president-elect in June 2012 following the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, and become ALTAFF president in June 2013....

ALTAFF, May 8



[Trevor Dawes elected ACRL president](#)

Trevor A. Dawes (right), circulation services librarian at Princeton University Libraries, has been elected ACRL president for 2013–2014. He will become president-elect following the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim and assume the presidency in June 2013 for a one-year term....

ACRL, May 8



[Carolyn Anthony elected PLA president](#)

Carolyn Anthony (right), director of the Skokie (Ill.) Public Library, has been elected the PLA president for 2013–2014. Anthony will become PLA president-elect at the conclusion of the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim and will assume the PLA presidency in June 2013 for one year, presiding over the PLA 2014 Conference....

PLA, May 8



[AASL offers eCOLLAB benefit](#)

AASL has introduced a new feature of AASL membership, [eCOLLAB. Your eLearning Laboratory: Content Collaboration Community.](#)

This repository of AASL professional development provides members and subscribers with a central location to find and manage their e-learning as well as to connect with others in the learning community. eCOLLAB contains webcasts, podcasts and resources from various AASL professional development events, as well as the latest issue of *Knowledge Quest* in an interactive PDF format....

AASL, May 1



[AASL summer e-Academy](#)

"I came to the library because I wanted to learn something and do something for myself. The library is the most important tool I have. My parents were poor people. They didn't put me in school. The library has helped me a lot. It helps me understand how to live in this country."

—Sierra Leone refugee Tommy Foday, a former government driver who had both arms cut off in 1999 during a brutal civil war that ravaged his country, on how the New York Public Library has helped him, "[The Library Is His Toolbox.](#)" NYPL Blogs, May 6.

@ [More quotes...](#)

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AASL's e-Academy offers four-week self-paced courses throughout the summer. The upcoming course schedule includes "Design for Understanding Meets the 21st Century School Librarian," "From 0 to 60: Implement eBooks in Your Library Program in 4 Weeks," and "Making a Place, Making a Case for Read-Alouds: A Powerful Teaching Tool for Literacy." [Register](#) online....

AASL, May 8

[Make your case to attend the AASL Fall Forum](#)

AASL has created a [justification toolkit](#) to help school librarians demonstrate to their supervisors the value of attending the [2012 Fall Forum](#) October 12-13 in Greenville, South Carolina, or four satellite locations. The justification toolkit contains general information, tips, worksheets, and approval letter templates that school librarians can utilize when making their presentations....

AASL, May 8



[RUSA seeks webinar proposals](#)

Do you have an idea for a webinar you'd like to present as a part of RUSA's online learning offerings in upcoming months? RUSA is currently seeking proposals. Webinars take place throughout the year and cover topics relevant to a broad range of librarians. Proposals should be [submitted](#) before the ALA Annual Conference in June so that the professional development committee can review them in Anaheim. (Don't forget about attending [RUSA preconferences](#) in Anaheim.)...

RUSA Blog, May 7

[Genealogy 101 registration closes May 10](#)

The next offering of RUSA's online five-week course Genealogy 101 will begin on May 14. Registration for this session will end May 10....

RUSA Blog, May 8

[YALSA seeks Midwinter paper proposals](#)

YALSA is seeking proposals for its [Trends Impacting Young Adult Services Paper Presentation](#), to be held at the 2013 Midwinter Meeting. The presenter will receive up to \$1,500 to defray travel and registration costs. The paper will be published in YALSA's peer-reviewed *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults* after the meeting. [Proposals](#) are due by June 1....

YALSA, May 8

[ASCLA program proposals](#)

The deadline for [proposals](#) for ASCLA institutes at the ALA 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle and programs and preconferences at the ALA 2013 Annual Conference in Chicago has been extended to June 1. (Don't forget about attending [ASCLA preconferences](#) in Anaheim.)...

ASCLA Blog, May 8

[Maggie Stiefvater at Annual](#)

Author Maggie Stiefvater (right) will be among the authors speaking at ALTAFF's "Books without Boundaries: Crossover Fiction for YAs and Adults" program June 25 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The program will feature authors who have written books that appeal to both young adults and adults, including Shana Abé, Matt Dembicki, Laura Harrington, Kate Locke, and Katie McGarry. An author



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Calendar

May 15-16:
[Manitoba Libraries Conference](#), Delta Hotel Winnipeg, Manitoba.

May 15-18:
[European Library Automation Group](#), Annual Meeting, University of the Balearic Islands, Palma de Mallorca, Spain. "Libraries Everywhere."

May 18-21:
[Council of Science Editors](#), Annual Meeting, Seattle Sheraton Hotel. "Our Authors, Ourselves: Science Editing and Publishing in a Global Market."

May 18-23:
[Medical Library Association](#), Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle. "Growing Opportunities: Changing our Game."

May 22-25:
[Qualitative and Quantitative Methods](#)

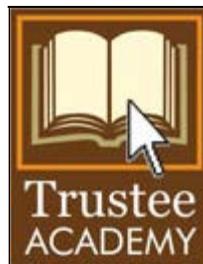
signing will follow, with some books given away and others sold at a generous discount....

ALTAFF, May 8

[Kentucky offers special Trustee Academy pricing](#)

Kentucky recently joined Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, and Utah in making ALTAFF's [Trustee Academy](#) available for its libraries through a multiple-use purchase. The Trustee Academy is a series of online courses to help trustees become exceptionally proficient in their roles on behalf of their libraries....

ALTAFF, May 8



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Awards & Grants

[2012 Library Interior Design Competition](#)

The LLAMA Buildings and Equipment Section and the International Interior Design Association have announced the winners of the 2012 Library Interior Design Competition. The biennial awards honor excellence in library interior design, incorporating aesthetics, design creativity, function, and satisfaction of the client's objectives. Seven winners and three honorable mentions were selected out of 117 projects submitted from throughout North America....

Leads from LLAMA, May 9



[RUSA Reference Service Press Award](#)

Two articles published in *Reference and User Services Quarterly* are being honored with the RUSA 2012 Reference Service Press Award: "Promoting Consumer Health Literacy: Creation of a Health Information Librarian Fellowship," by Nancy D. Zions, Jan Apter, Julianna Kuchta, and Pamela K. Greenhouse; and "Are We Getting Warmer? Query Clarification in Live Chat Virtual Reference," by Marie L. Radford, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Patrick A. Confer, Susanna Sabolcsi-Boros, and Hannah Kwon....

RUSA, May 8

[2012 Innovative International Library Projects](#)

Every year, libraries across the world introduce and sustain projects that make a difference to their citizens and connect the international community in genuine and new ways. The 2012 recipients of the ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects are The World is Just a Book Away (Projects in Indonesia); Chinese Medicine Digital Projects: Hong Kong Baptist University; Riecken Community Libraries (Projects in Guatemala and Honduras); and The Urban Office: Helsinki City Library. Lorie Roy, ALA president in 2007–2008, created the citation to promote the most innovative of these projects....

International Relations Office, May 9

[PR Xchange "Best of Show" winners](#)

The LLAMA Public Relations and Marketing Section PR Xchange Committee has announced the [winners](#) of this year's "Best of Show" competition for library publicity materials. Winning entries will be on

[in Libraries](#), Annual Conference, Absolute Hotel, Limerick, Ireland. "New Trends in Library Science."

May 30–

June 1: [Society for Scholarly Publishing](#), Annual Meeting, Marriott Crystal Gateway, Arlington, Virginia. "Social, Mobile, Agile, Global: Are You Ready?"

June 1:

[ExLibris Bluegrass Users Group](#), Annual Conference, Somerset (Ky.) Community College.

June 7–10:

[North American Serials Interest Group](#), Annual Conference, Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee.

June 10–14:

[Association for Computing Machinery / Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers](#), Joint Conference on Digital Libraries 2012, George Washington University, D.C. "#preserving #linking #using #sharing."

June 21–26:

[American Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center. "Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves."

July 10–13:

[Australian Library and Information Association](#), Biennial

display at the PR Xchange Program June 24 in the exhibits hall at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

LLAMA, May 8

[Conable Conference Scholarship](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation has named Steven Booth (right), an archivist with the Presidential Materials Division at the National Archives and Records Administration, the fifth recipient of the Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship. The scholarship will provide for Booth's expenses to attend the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

Freedom to Read Foundation, May 8



[ALTAFF/Gale Outstanding Trustee Conference Grant](#)

ALTAFF has awarded the 2012 ALTAFF/Gale Outstanding Trustee Conference Grant to Karen Parrilli (right), a member of the Board of Trustees at Skokie (Ill.) Public Library. Parrilli will receive \$850 plus full conference registration to attend the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, where a formal presentation will be made....

ALTAFF, May 8



[ARLIS/NA Distinguished Service Award](#)

(PDF file)

Rosemary Furtak (right), librarian at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, was presented with the Art Libraries Society of North America's 2011 Distinguished Service Award on March 31. The society's highest honor, the award is presented to an individual of any country whose exemplary service in art librarianship, visual resources curatorship, or a related field, has made an outstanding national or international contribution to art information....

Art Libraries Society of North America, Apr. 30



[School librarian named Cincinnati Educator of the Year](#)

Longtime Sayler Park (Ohio) Elementary School Librarian and Technology Coordinator Kathleen Donohue (right) was named the 2012 Cincinnati Public Schools Educator of the Year on May 3. The award, created in 2007 by Western and Southern Financial Group, carries a \$10,000 cash prize. She has been with the district 34 years, the last 22 at Sayler Park....

Cincinnati Enquirer, May 3



[Tucson librarian wins education award](#)

Mary Ellen Clements, librarian and reading teacher at Lyons Elementary school in Tucson, Arizona, was surprised with flowers and a check as she received the 2012 Evelyn Jay Excellence in Education Award on May 3. The award recognizes outstanding Tucson Unified School District pre-K through 3rd grade educators who inspire a lifelong love of reading and books....

Tucson Arizona Daily Star, May 3

[Troy Public Library campaign wins Clio Award](#)

Conference, Hilton Sydney, New South Wales.

July 15–18:

[Special Libraries Association](#)

Annual Conference and Info-Expo, McCormick Place, Chicago.

Aug. 6–11:

[Society of American Archivists](#)

Annual Conference, San Diego Hilton Bayfront, "Beyond Borders."

Aug. 11–17:

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

World Library and Information Congress, Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre, Finland.

Aug. 12–16:

[Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval](#)

Annual Meeting, Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Oregon.

Nov. 9–10:

[Science, Technology, and Engineering Library Leaders in Action](#)

2nd Unconference, Brooklyn College.

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The winners of the 2012 Clio Awards, an awards competition honoring excellence in advertising, design, and communications, were announced May 4 by Prometheus Global Media.

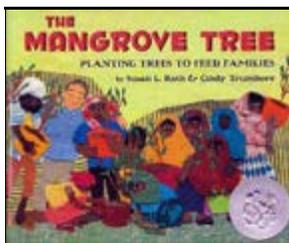
The Facebook Integrated Media Award, presented in partnership with Facebook to recognize innovative campaigns that incorporate the social networking site with traditional media, will be presented May 15 to Leo Burnett Detroit for their work with the Troy (Mich.) Public Library, which ran a [campaign](#) to counter the local Tea Party's opposition to a five-year operating millage. Watch the Leo Burnett Detroit [video](#) (2:53)....

Clio Awards, May 5; The Inspiration Room, May 5; *American Libraries* news, Aug. 3, 2011



[2012 Jane Addams Children's Book Awards](#)

The 2012 winners of the Jane Addams Children's Book Award were announced April 28 by the Jane Addams Peace Association. The six titles were chosen because they effectively promote the cause of peace, social justice, world community, and the equality of the sexes and all races, as well as meeting conventional standards for excellence. The awards have been presented annually since 1953.... Jane Addams Peace Association, Apr. 28



[2012 Children's Choice Book Awards](#)

The Children's Book Council, in association with Every Child a Reader, announced the winners of the fifth annual Children's Choice Book Awards at a May 7 charity gala in New York City as part of Children's Book Week, May 7–13. Children across the country voted in record numbers for their favorite books, author, and illustrator at bookstores, school libraries, and online, casting more than 900,000 votes. The winner in the Grade 5–6 category was Gary D. Schmidt's *Okay for Now* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)....

Children's Book Council, May 7



[2012 James Beard Cookbook Award](#)

Nora Rawlinson writes: "The big winner of this year's [James Beard Cookbook Awards](#) is a big book; *Modernist Cuisine* was named the Cookbook of the Year, as well as winner in the Cooking from a Professional Point of View category. Just before the announcement, several publications, including the blog, covered the news that, despite its size (five volumes plus a kitchen manual, 47 pounds) and cost (\$450), it has sold [over 45,000 copies](#) (a check of WorldCat reveals that few of those sales were to public libraries)....

Early Word, May 7; *Wall Street Journal*: SpeakEasy, May 1



[2012 Society of Midland Authors Awards](#)

Keir Graff writes: "On May 8, I attended the annual awards banquet of the venerable [Society of Midland Authors](#). It was a modest crowd but a truly enjoyable evening—being in the company of people who value books and authors so highly has a way of raising my

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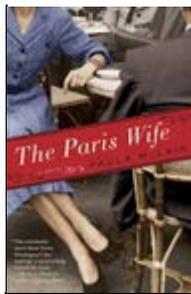


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spirits." The winner in adult fiction was Paula McLain's *The Paris Wife* (Random House), and the adult nonfiction winner was B. J. Hollars's *Thirteen Loops: Race, Violence, and the Last Lynching in America* (University of Alabama)....

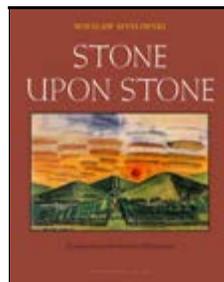
Booklist Online: Likely Stories, May 9



2012 Best Translated Book Awards

Wiesław Myśliwski's *Stone Upon Stone* (translated by Bill Johnston) has won the Best Translated Book Award for fiction. The poetry prize went to Kiwao Nomura's *Spectacle & Pigsty* translated by Kyoko Yoshida and Forrest Gander). The [annual award](#) is offered by Three Percent at the University of Rochester, honoring "the best original works of international literature and poetry published in the US over the previous year."...

GalleyCat, May 8



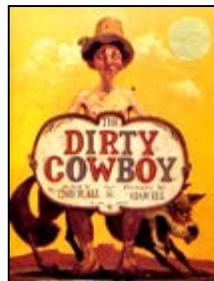
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Libraries in the News

Petition seeks return of *Dirty Cowboy*

More than 230 people have signed an [online petition](#) that seeks to have the children's book *The Dirty Cowboy* by Amy Timberlake returned to the shelves of the Annville-Cleona (Pa.) School District. The school board voted unanimously in April to remove the book based on the objection of one student's parents. Illustrator Adam Rex uses various items, such as birds, a boot, and a cloud of dust, to cover the cowboy's private parts while he is bathing and then while he is attempting to put his clothes back on....

Lebanon (Pa.) Daily News, May 7



Ex-director pleads guilty to theft

The former dual director of the Pontiac and Odell public libraries in Illinois pleaded guilty to four felony counts of theft May 3 in Livingston County Circuit Court. Eric Colclasure was scheduled to begin a two-day bench trial before Ford County Judge Stephen Pacey when he pleaded guilty to all the Class 1 felony charges he faced. Colclasure was charged with two counts of theft in excess of \$10,000 involving the Pontiac Public Library and two additional counts of theft in excess of \$10,000 involving the Odell Public Library....

Pontiac (Ill.) Daily Leader, May 4

Ex-NARA official sentenced for stealing Archives rarities

Leslie Waffan, former director of the Motion Picture, Sound, and Video branch of the National Archives, was a guardian of national treasures for 40 years. But for the final 10 years of his career, he secretly peddled some of those rare pieces of history on eBay. On May 3,

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Waffen was sentenced to 18 months in prison and two years of supervised release for embezzling US property. He admitted stealing 955 items from the Archives, including original recordings of the 1948 World Series and a rare recording of the 1937 Hindenburg disaster. Radio-history buff J. David Goldin helped authorities [crack the case](#)....
Washington Post, May 3; Associated Press, May 4

[Blind patrons sue Philadelphia library over Nooks](#)

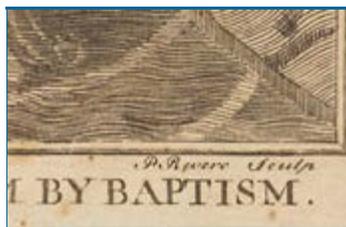


With the assistance of the National Federation of the Blind, four blind patrons of the Free Library of Philadelphia have filed suit against the library because they cannot access one of the library's programs for which they are eligible. The library has expanded a program in which free Nook Simple Touch e-readers are loaned to patrons over the age of 50. Unlike some other portable e-readers that use text-to-speech technology or Braille, the Nook devices are completely inaccessible to patrons who are blind. The FLP Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and its staff are concurrently undergoing a drastic [reduction and merger](#)....

National Federation of the Blind, May 2; *Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 7

[A Paul Revere rarity](#)

A few weeks ago, Brown University Conservation Technician Marie Malchodi opened a leather-bound book, one of more than 300,000 rare volumes in the hold of the John Hay Library. With surgical precision, she turned the pages of *The Modern Practice of Physic*, by Robert Thomas, published in 1811 and once owned by Solomon Drowne, Class of 1773. And there, in the back, she found a piece of paper depicting the baptism of Jesus. It was signed, "P. Revere Sculp."...



New York Times, May 3; Brown University Library News, Mar. 27

[Charleston library inventory turns up gems](#)

A rare book almost 270 years old has been found in the vault of the Charleston (S.C.) Library Society. The 1743 tome, *A Dissertation upon Parties* by Henry St. John, Viscount Bolingbroke, was one of 800 volumes that planter and diplomat John Mackenzie donated to the College of Charleston in the 1700s. His books were housed at the society, founded in 1748, until a proper library could be built at the fledgling college. But a devastating 1778 fire destroyed most of the collection....

Associated Press, May 7

[Public visual-arts library opens in El Paso](#)

On May 6, the El Paso (Tex.) Museum of Art and its partner, the El Paso Public Library system, officially dedicated what city officials are calling the first public library in the country devoted to the visual arts. The Algur H. Meadows Library—named after the late Dallas art collector and entrepreneur—houses more than 4,000 art books. Another 2,000–3,000 exhibition catalogs from the last 50 years are still to be cataloged....



El Paso (Tex.) Times, May 7

[Windsor school librarians get layoff notices](#)

Faced with declining enrollment and a \$11-million cut in provincial grants for the 2012–2013 school year, the Windsor-Essex District (Ontario) Catholic School Board has handed layoff notices to its remaining school librarians. An attempt in 2011 to eliminate its libraries and 40 school librarians resulted in a public uproar. The board eventually backed off from its decision and retained 19 librarians. The layoff notices are required by the budget process; the board said that librarian layoffs are only one possible scenario....

Windsor (Ont.) Star, May 2

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Issues

[Harvard, MIT offer free online courses](#)

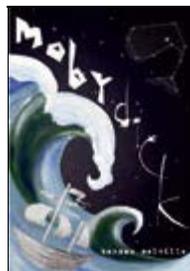
Rebecca J. Rosen writes: "MIT and Harvard are each pouring \$30 million into the nonprofit partnership [edX](#), which they hope will make the top-notch faculties and courses of their schools available for free to anyone with an internet connection. Though the online platform will have a second-fiddle status compared with the on-campus experience (online students will be able to attain certificates of mastery but not traditional degrees), the effort reveals a public-minded spirit that animates both schools."...



The Atlantic, May 2

[Creativity and copyright](#)

Marilynn Byerly writes: "One of the common reasons copyright foes give for the evils of long copyright or any form of copyright is that it stifles creativity. Is this true? My own feeling is that it doesn't, particularly in fiction. Many don't understand what copyright covers. They think the ideas within a story are copyrighted. They aren't."...



TeleRead, May 1

[Judge to decide fate of Authors Guild suit](#)

Andrew Albanese writes: "From the questions he asked from the bench, it certainly seems like Judge Denny Chin wants to see the Authors Guild lawsuit against Google and its library book-scanning program proceed as a class action. But after a morning of oral arguments in Manhattan on May 3, it is unclear if that will happen. In court to argue three motions, including Google's motion to dismiss the Authors Guild as an associational plaintiff, lawyers for both sides offered a tantalizing preview of the arguments that would be made at trial, including a preview of Google's fair-use defense." James Grimmelman has even [more details](#)....



Publishers Weekly, May 4; The Laboratorium, May 4

[New privacy icons](#)

Cory Doctorow writes: "Privacy policies are complicated, and we believe that you should know what's happening with your data when you use a service. In order to help, we've created a [set of icons](#) which cover the core components of any policy.' This attempt by a group of Yale students uses icons to express privacy policies, the same way that Creative Commons licenses express copyright restrictions and permissions."...



Boing Boing, May 8; Privacy Simplified

[MLA urges evaluators to give full regard to digital work](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "The Modern Language Association wants evaluators to get with the digital program. In a revised set of [Guidelines for Evaluating Work in Digital Humanities and Digital Media](#), MLA urges departments and committees that evaluate academic work in digital media and digital humanities to give it the weight it deserves and to make sure they know how to assess it in the first place."...

The Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, Apr. 27



[UK to make publicly financed research freely available](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "Throwing its weight behind open access, the British government has declared it wants to make all research paid for with public money freely available online. If it succeeds, the move is likely to have significant consequences for publishers, and will boost the international momentum of the open-access movement. But the government won't share details about how it will make the plan a reality."...

The Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, May 2

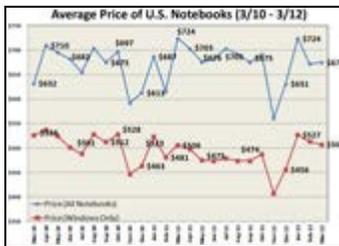
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Tech Talk

[How to get the best price on a new laptop](#)

Melanie Pinola writes: "A laptop is a big purchase, so it definitely pays to shop smart. No one wants to plunk down hundreds of dollars on a laptop only to find a better deal on it right after you paid. To avoid that common buyer's remorse, let's walk through how to figure out which laptop to buy, where to buy it from, and when. You're itching for a new machine, so let's explore."...

Lifehacker, May 3



[The 10 best digital cameras](#)

Wendy Sheehan Donnell writes: "The problem with buying a digital camera is not only that there are hundreds of models for sale at any given point in time, but you also need to figure out which type of camera is right for you. The good news is that we review *lots* of cameras, and these 10 are among the best we've tested in five different categories: point-and-shoots, digital SLRs, cameras with interchangeable lenses, superzooms, and rugged/waterproof cameras."...

PC Magazine, May 7



[Bing vs. Google: Which has better image results?](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "Bing's image search once challenged Google, offering more features and a better design. With infinite scrolling and the ability to search for similar images, Bing was legitimately better than Google at image search just a few years ago. But since then, Google has closed the ground and made a lot of progress. Where do they stand now, and which should be your image-search engine of choice?"...

MakeUseOf, May 2

[Use Pinterest to share Flickr photos with attribution](#)

Bakari Chavanu writes: "Flickr has just added a photo share button to their site that enables members to post and share their photos on Pinterest. Photos pinned from Flickr will be properly attributed, regardless of where they are pinned from, just as they are on other sites including Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and WordPress."...

MakeUseOf, May 2



[Demystifying semantic search](#)

Ed Oswald writes: "The latest attempt to make search results more relevant is by peering into the *meaning* of your search query itself. This is called semantic search. Semantics allows a search engine to return results to a query based on what it believes the searcher is intending to find. For example, take a search for 'Philadelphia.' While the standard search may return the city's official website, its tourist bureau, and other information, a semantic search goes further."...

ExtremeTech, May 9

[Facebook's Open Graph Protocol](#)

Margaret Heller writes: "Whether or not you think you have any idea what linked data is, any time you click a Like button on a website or sign up for a social sharing app in Facebook, you are participating in the semantic web. But every time that data link goes behind a Facebook wall, it fails in being *open* linked data. Just as librarians have always worked to keep the world's knowledge available to all, we must continue to ensure that potentially important linked data is kept open as well—and with no commercial motive."...

ACRL Tech Connect, May 9

[Which data storage method will be the next to die?](#)

Keith Veronese writes: "The world is full of weird and obsolete old data storage forms, and they're a huge problem for archivists and libraries. The changing types of data storage are a particularly large thorn in the side of libraries catering to the preservation of the written word in the early decades of the digital age, like the University of Texas's Harry Ransom Center. Which forms in use now will be obsolete by 2020?"...

io9, May 7



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E-Content

[Why I hate reading on the Kindle Fire](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "Dear Amazon: I hate reading on the Kindle Fire, and that has bothered me enough to lead to this plea. As someone who is regularly asked to recommend e-readers, it distressed me that I felt such animosity towards the Fire without an obvious reason for it. Why do I hate reading on the Fire so much? In short, because it doesn't feel like a book. The reader app wants to feel like a book, but at least in the horizontal format, it isn't a book."...

AL: E-Content, May 3



[Why publishers don't like apps](#)

Jason Pontin writes: "Today, most owners of mobile devices read news and features on publishers' websites, which have often been coded to detect and adapt themselves to smaller screens. If they do use apps, the apps are glorified RSS readers such as Amazon Kindle, Google Reader, Flipboard, and the apps of newspapers like *The Guardian*, which grab editorial from the publishers' sites. A recent Nielsen study [reported](#) that while 33% of tablet and smartphone users had downloaded news apps in the previous 30 days, just 19% of users had paid for any. The paid, expensively developed publishers' app, with its extravagantly produced digital replica, is dead." But read the comments....

Technology Review, May 7; Poynter, Jan. 9

[Douglas County model gains five new ebook publishers](#)

The Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries model for purchasing ebooks directly from publishers is gaining interest from more and larger publishers. DCL has recently added five more publishers to its list of direct ebook suppliers, making thousands more ebooks available to library patrons: Gareth Stevens, Crabtree Publishing, Infobase Learning, Book View Café, and Poisoned Pen Press....

No Shelf Required, May 7

[Elsevier experiments with text mining](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "High-profile scholarly boycotts aren't the only way to get a big publisher's attention. Sometimes all it takes is a tweet. Not long ago, Heather A. Piwowar, a postdoctoral researcher at the University of British Columbia, found herself on the phone with six high-level employees of the science-publishing giant Elsevier. The chat led to an agreement between Piwowar's university and the publisher that will allow UBC researchers to dig into Elsevier content for research purposes."...

Chronicle of Higher Education, May 6

[Study: Student ebook usage stronger in the UK](#)

(PDF file)

Students in the United Kingdom who recently participated in ebrary's [Global Student E-book Survey](#) reported a greater preference for digital over printed books and higher usage than their global counterparts in a similar survey conducted in 2011. When asked how often they would choose ebooks over printed books, 58% of UK students stated they would "very often" to "often" choose the digital version if it were available, compared to 48% of global respondents. Over 85% of UK students indicated they use ebooks up to 10 hours per week....

ebrary, May 8

[ALA at DPLA West](#)

Congratulations to the Digital Public Library of America on hosting [DPLA West](#) April 27 in San Francisco, its second major public event. Sari Feldman, cochair of ALA's Digital Content and Libraries Working Group, ably represented the ALA community. One important component of the current DPLA effort is to clarify the scope of the initiative. Toward that effort, one of the panels at the public event focused on ebooks and digital lending. Ars Technica has a [full report](#) on the conference....

District Dispatch, May 3; Ars Technica, May 7



[Warner Bros. to sell classic film scripts as ebooks](#)

Michelle Kung writes: "Warner Bros. Digital Distribution announced it would start making the screenplays to four of the studio's iconic movies available for sale as ebooks. As part of the studio's 'Inside the Script' digital publishing initiative, fans can now buy ebook versions of *Casablanca*, *Ben-Hur*, *An American in Paris*, and *North by Northwest* for their iPads, Kindles, and Nooks."...

The Wall Street Journal: Speakeasy, Apr. 30



[E-readers go to school](#)

Michael Kozlowski writes: "Barnes and Noble is teaming up with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to bring e-readers into the K-12 school system. B&N will be providing the Nook Simple Touch Reader and the Nook Color loaded with custom ebooks. These books will include *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *Gathering Blue*, and *The Willoughbys*."...

Good E-Reader, May 3

[How Nik Osborne plans to disrupt class](#)

Dian Schaffhauser writes: "Nik Osborne (right), leader of the Indiana University [eTexts initiative](#) and chief of staff for the Office of the Vice President for IT, could be considered an 'old-timer' when it comes to the implementation of digital textbook programs. After all, his institution's implementation of e-texts has been going on since 2009. Now five other universities will also be running pilots based on the model developed by IU through a program set up by [Internet2's NET+](#) service."...

Campus Technology, May 3



[New ProQuest resource for independent scholars](#)

Electronic publisher ProQuest has launched a service that provides unaffiliated researchers with access to such premium content as peer-reviewed and trade journal articles, dissertations, international newswires, newspapers, and magazines within a comprehensive cloud-based tool. [Udini](#) curates and licenses high-quality content from Springer, Nature Publishing Group, *The Economist*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and other publishers....

ProQuest, May 7



[A gateway to learning](#)

With nearly 20,000 programs a year, a collection of more than 6 million books in many languages, electronic databases, and downloadable books, music, and films, the Los Angeles Public Library decided to expand its reach even more through a virtual library. Gale Gateways, a collection of thematic online resources and databases, assisted LAPL in meeting its goal of building a virtual library, as well as its goal of helping students succeed....

AL: Solutions and Services, May 4



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Books & Reading

[10 ways Maurice Sendak defined your childhood](#)

Josh Wolk writes: "The brilliant and hauntingly mischievous works of Maurice Sendak, who died May 8 at 83, are as universal a staple of early childhood as a pacifier or a tantrum. One of our great intergenerational commonalities is the sense memory of sitting either on a parent's lap or paging through the illustrations on a bedroom floor, both mesmerized and giddily unnerved by Sendak's naughty protagonists. Herewith, our tribute to a man who never patronized children with worlds with sanded-off corners or reductively callow lessons."...

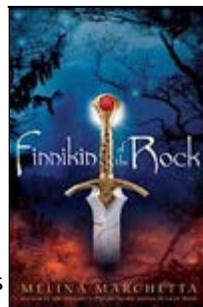
Vulture, May 8



[The Avengers reading list](#)

Maria Kramer writes: "Comic book fans have something to be excited about this month: Marvel's *Avengers* movie has finally come out, after teasers that began way back in *Iron Man*. Sure, the Avengers have been smashing box office records, but here's the big question: What would members of this superteam read in their free time? Wonder no more! For example, Thor will be able to relate to Fintikin and his struggle. The passionate characters and epic plot will surely catch the heart of the son of Odin."...

YALSA The Hub, May 8



[Can the internet save book reviews?](#)

Sarah Fay writes: "If George Orwell was displeased by the number of mediocre books reviewed in print in 1946, then the customer reviews and ratings on Amazon and other bookseller websites would have made him dyspeptic. The idea, of course, is that every book is reviewed, regardless of quality, and that 'the people' get to have their say. In theory, customer reviews are quick, easy, egalitarian, and make the consumer (as opposed to the reader) feel in control of his or her reading choices. But there's a difference between a recommendation and a review."...

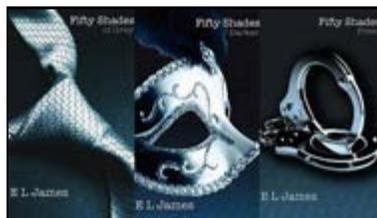
The Atlantic, May 7

[Fifty shades of unsurprised](#)

Andy Woodworth writes: "I was waiting for it to happen ever since it entered the pop culture mainstream and so it has finally come to pass: Libraries around the country are saying 'no' to the *New York Times* bestseller *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

Some libraries won't order it, some will find the book being challenged (both successfully and unsuccessfully), some libraries circulate it and then realize what they've done and pull it (opening themselves up to another kind of controversy), and the rest of the libraries will just treat it like any other material."...

Agnostic, Maybe, May 6



[Darkly elegant illustrations of Poe's famous works](#)

Alison Nastasi writes: "Trained in the art of stained glass, early 20th century Irish artist Harry Clarke eventually found himself illustrating books. One of his most accomplished commissions was a 1908 publication called *Tales of Mystery and Imagination*,



a collection of Edgar Allan Poe's macabre, gothic tales. Clarke's stunning works for the book made it a popular reprinted title, and lit fiend haunt 50 Watts was kind enough to share one such copy online from a 1923 printing. The [website](#) contains dozens of richly detailed, black-and-white plates."...

Flavorwire, May 7

[How they became a school that reads](#)

Ben Wilkinson and Sonja Bredgaard write: "For 20 minutes every afternoon at Kirk Hallam Community Technology and Sports College, a secondary school in Derbyshire, UK, you will find every student quietly reading in class. Not books that they have to read, but books that they have chosen to read for their own enjoyment. We were keen to create a culture within our school that really celebrates reading. We also ensure that in Years 7 and 8, one in four English lessons is held in the library."...

The Guardian (UK): Teacher Network Blog, May 7

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Tips & Ideas

[How to use the internet wisely](#)

Howard Rheingold writes: "Use the following methods and tools to protect yourself from toxic bad info. Use them and then pass them along to others. Promote the notion that more info literacy is a practical answer to the growing info pollution. Be the change you want to see. Think of tools such as search engines and hoax-debunking sites as forensic instruments like Sherlock Holmes's magnifying glass or the crime scene investigator's fingerprint kit."...

The Atlantic, May 9

[UW-La Crosse librarians organize Finals Fun Fest](#)

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse students and faculty had an official 10 minutes to scream at the campus clock tower on the afternoon of May 7 to relieve the stress of finals week. "Scream out Your Stress" kicked off Murphy Library's [Finals Fun Fest](#), a series of activities planned throughout finals week by Teaching and Learning Librarian Rachel Slough and other staffers to help reduce stress, such as Xbox Kinect games, movie watching, card and board games, crafts, and therapy dog petting....

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Campus Connection, Apr. 30



[Library dedicates new bookmobile](#)

On April 25, the Rochester Hills (Mich.) Public Library dedicated its second bookmobile, which has been dubbed the "Big Blue Bus." Made possible by a gift from the



Doris and Charles Edie Estate, the library purchased the vehicle from the Willard Public Library in Battle Creek. Its mission is to support children's development by providing early literacy service to day care centers and preschools in the community....

Rochester Hills (Mich.) Public Library, Apr. 30

[Japanese report on the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami](#)

(PDF file)

The National Diet Library released a research report in March on [The Great East Japan Earthquake and Libraries](#) (in Japanese with a summary and one chapter in English). It contains photos of libraries damaged in the quake, information on their reconstruction, a timeline, statistical reports, and articles by librarians and researchers....

National Diet Library, Apr. 25



[Global Accessibility Awareness Day](#)

Carrie Russell writes: "May 9 is [Global Accessibility Awareness Day](#), a day librarians should note because we believe in access to information for all people. Join the festivities! You can [learn](#) more about web accessibility (and perhaps [do](#) something about it); check your e-readers and see if you can turn on the text-to-speech function. (Try it with your eyes closed.)

Go to the source and ask a person with a disability if she can use your library. Don't be shy, step up to the plate and be aware."...

District Dispatch, May 4



[Topeka library to write a community novel](#)

David Lee King writes: "The Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library is heading up a really cool project that I thought I'd tell you about. In short, we thought we'd [write a novel](#). A community-driven novel, that is. Here's a blurb about the project: 'A community novel is one that is written collaboratively by members of your community. The library invites writers to each contribute a chapter to advance the group's story.'"...

David Lee King, May 7

[How to write social media guidelines for your school](#)

Steven Anderson writes: "In recent months, many schools and districts around the country have taken steps to create social media policies and guidelines for their students and staff. In my work with several districts to draft these documents, I have seen many approaches that work well, and some that don't. Here are some steps that will help you determine the best approach for your own community."...

Edutopia, May 7

[Weebly gets an iOS app](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "[Weebly for Education](#) has been one of my favorite tools for creating websites for a long time. The app makes it easy for teachers and students to create websites through a drag and drop interface. Now Weebly has launched a [free iOS app](#) that you can use to manage and update your website and blog from your iOS device."...

Free Technology for Teachers, May 8

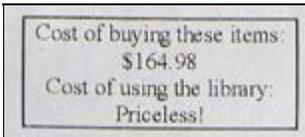


[Seven ways to score more Facebook likes](#)

Julie Andrews writes: "While the importance of [likes](#) for brands on Facebook has diminished in favor of engagement, Facebook users are people, and people like to be liked, don't they? Here are seven tips for boosting the like totals of your updates on the social network."...
AllFacebook Blog, May 4

[Highlighting the value of library use](#)

Brian Herzog writes: "Here's a more in-your-face twist on the [Library Value Calculator](#).



Another library in my consortium figured out how to display the total cost of a patron's items on their checkout receipt, and since we never let a good idea go to waste, we adopted it at the Chelmsford (Mass.) Public Library, too. Basically, it's a little macro that pulls the cost figure from each item's record, adds them all up, and provides a total."...

Swiss Army Librarian, May 8

[The market for patron-driven acquisitions](#)

Joseph Esposito writes: "Since I began to [study](#) patron-driven acquisitions (PDA), one nagging question has been how big it is. How many libraries use it or plan to? What sales volume is flowing through PDA systems? After talking to a number of people in the industry, I am prepared to take a stab at some numbers. There appear to be about 400–600 institutions around the world with PDA services up and running right now."...

The Scholarly Kitchen, May 8

[Things you should know about RDA updates](#)

James Hennelly writes: "In April, the first update to RDA instructions was published to RDA Toolkit. The release of the updated content was accompanied by the unveiling of the RDA Update History section to RDA Toolkit. This new section is a major step forward in the quality of user interaction with the new code. And so it seems that a full explanation of these new and significant additions to RDA Toolkit is in order so that users may fully benefit from them."...



RDA Toolkit Blog, May 7

[11 fabulous libraries in South America](#)

Jill Harness writes: "Last week we toured some of [Europe's most beautiful libraries](#). Now let's see what South America has to offer." Included is the [Biblioteca Pública Virgilio Barco](#) (right) in Bogotá, Columbia, designed by famed architect Rogelio Salmons and completed in 2001. Featuring red brick walls, blue water pools, and green lawns, this creative design looks like a maze of colors housing a labyrinth of books inside....



Mental Floss, May 6

[Six cool American history sites](#)

Ryan Dube writes: "What really brings history alive is when you can interact with it. However, many of us are tied to a computer three quarters of every day, and it's hard to break loose to get out there and interact with history very often. There is some hope for you busy history buffs, though. Here



are six really cool interactive websites that bring American history alive in ways that never would have been possible on the internet a decade ago."...

MakeUseOf, May 3

[Things overheard at catalogers' cocktail parties](#)

Will Manley writes: "It's that time of year when you have to decide if you're going to shell out a thousand bucks to go to ALA Annual Conference. Here is the conventional wisdom: Are the programs worth it? No. Are the committee meetings worth it? Heck no. Are the social events, vendor feeds, and cocktail parties worth it? Now you're talking. Here are snippets of conversation I have overheard at previous cataloger's cocktail parties at Annual Conference."...

Will Unwound, May 7

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[Controversy in *Fifty Shades of Grey*](#)

Barbara M. Jones writes: "Last weekend I read the 2012 Vintage version of the *New York Times* bestseller *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E. L. James. I read it as a whole because I am tired of reading pseudo-reviews that count the number of incidents involving drinking, smoking, sex, and dirty words. If libraries carry popular fiction—and classics, too, by the way—they have erotic content in their libraries already." Nanette Wargo Donohue took a look at the online catalog of the Brevard County (Fla.) Public Library, which [pulled copies](#) of the book from shelves in early May, and found a [Dirty Dozen fiction books](#) in the collection that she considers "hotter" than *Fifty Shades of Grey*....
AL: Censorship Watch, May 15; *New York Times*: Arts Beat, May 4; Confessions of a Recovering English Major, May 15



[Open Access spreads to Miami University](#)

The librarians of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, joined the ranks of the worldwide open-access movement May 14 by voting to make their scholarly articles freely available in the university's institutional repository, the [Scholarly Commons](#). Based on Harvard University's [model policy](#), MU's open-access principles take effect immediately and make the libraries the first department on Miami's campus to successfully pass an open-access policy....
American Libraries news, May 16



[Are Harvard's realignment throes unique?](#)

Beverly Goldberg writes: "Harvard University Library is poised to launch a massive reconfiguration of its services in July. Reorganizations usually trigger anxiety in any



The [ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim](#), June 21–26, is the event of the year for reading fanatics. [Hundreds of authors](#) will be speaking in programs, at the Book Buzz Theater, and in the exhibits: [Meet the Authors](#); [Live@Your Library Reading Stage](#); [Graphic Novel/Gaming Stage](#); [Zine Pavilion](#); [PopTop Stage](#), and more.





work setting, so the mandated realignment of 73 libraries into streamlined reporting structures and shared services was bound to create a stir. Despite a series of communications from Harvard officials since January, campuswide worries about the fate of the library system and its staff have not eased.”...

American Libraries news, May 10

[Library as publisher: Your feedback needed](#)

Jamie LaRue writes: “As part of the work of ALA’s Digital Content and Libraries Working Group (which is tackling our many ebook-related issues), we are seeking some focused feedback before the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim in June. If you are experimenting with the creation, publication, and preservation of digital content, we need to hear from you by June 1. Read on for details, then [respond](#).”...

AL: E-Content, May 11

[Currents: Obituaries](#)

Joseph A. Rosenthal (right), 81, retired university librarian at the University of California, Berkeley, died April 7. **Russell M. Smith**, 93, retired archivist at the Library of Congress, died April 21 from Alzheimer’s disease. **Harriet S. Jarosh**, 72, retired director of Laurel (Del.) Public Library, died April 27. **Thomas F. Moroney Jr.**, 99, owner of the Thomas F. Moroney Company, died March 19. His company built bookmobiles that earned a distinguished national and international reputation....

AL: Currents, May



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ALA News

[Executive Director’s Message: On a screen near you](#)

Keith Michael Fiels writes: “Two items discussed during the ALA Executive Board Spring Meeting, held April 20–22 at the Association’s Chicago headquarters, illustrate the wide range of issues and activities affecting our members and their libraries. The board approved procedures and guidelines for ALA’s first Virtual Membership Meeting and [discussed the current impasse](#) regarding ebooks and libraries and how the Association can step up efforts to make ebooks available to library users.”...

American Libraries column, May/June



[Register for Virtual Membership Meeting](#)

All ALA members are invited to participate in ALA’s first online Virtual Membership Meeting June 6. Updates on initiatives during President Molly Raphael’s term will be followed by an opportunity to discuss and vote on any resolutions offered by members and an open forum on topics chosen by members in a recent online survey. The iLINC web



[iPads, Tablets, and Gadgets in the Library: Planning, Budgeting, and Implementation](#)

eCourse teaches you how to incorporate personal electronic devices into both library services and internal staff activity, plus gain new tech skills at the same time. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**

[Great Libraries of the World](#)



[Jagiellonian University Library,](#)

Kraków, Poland. Housed from 1515 to 1940 in what is now the Gothic Revival Collegium Maius Museum, the new university library facility built in 2000 is one of the largest in

platform is limited to 1,000 participants, so [preregistration](#) is required. Find relevant documents, meeting agenda, and the Guidelines for Preparation of Resolutions on the [ALA Members Connect](#) group....

ALA Membership, May 15

[Register for ALA Virtual Conference](#)

"Mapping Transformation" is the theme of the ALA Virtual Conference, an interactive professional development opportunity to be held online July 18–19. The Virtual Conference is ideal both for those unable to attend Annual and for Annual attendees who are ready for more. It will feature a full series of interactive, 45-minute web sessions on key issues related to transformation in libraries, as well as keynote speakers and author lunches hosted by *Booklist* editors Brad Hooper and Donna Seaman....

Conference Services, May 14



[ALA officer candidates sought](#)

ALA's Nominating Committee is seeking nominees to run for ALA president-elect, ALA treasurer, and councilor-at-large on the 2013 spring ballot. The committee will select two candidates to run for president-elect, two candidates for treasurer, and no fewer than 50 candidates for the 33 at-large Council seats. Submit the nominee's name, present position, institution, address, telephone, fax, and email address to any Nominating Committee member. Self-nominations are encouraged....

Office of ALA Governance, May 15

[2012 PR Forum](#)

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. The program will also address how technologies can be implemented successfully with attention to time and budget management....

Public Information Office, May 15



[Six Annual Conference programs on programs](#)

The Public Programs Office will present a diverse offering of programs at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim for attendees interested in learning how to make their library a community center for lifelong learning and civic engagement through arts and humanities programs. Speakers will share ideas about library programs on topics from the Civil War to Islam and earth sciences, and showcase models for civic engagement. See full [program descriptions](#)....

Public Programs Office, May 14

[GraphiCon 2012 @ Annual](#)

New this year at Annual Conference will be [ALA GraphiCon](#), a collection of programs, events, and exhibits especially for graphic-novel and comic fans and anyone wanting to learn more about their role in the library. GraphiCon events include graphic novel-related programs; the Artists Alley in the



Europe. The origins of its collections are in the 14th century, but the library also has a large number of 16th-century items, including Nicolaus Copernicus's *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* (1543) and the Balthasar Behem Codex. During the Nazi occupation, Polish scientists and youths studying in secret were allowed unofficial access to the collection, thanks to the help of the Polish librarians, who also saw to it that the library did not suffer significant damage.



[National Library.](#)

Warsaw, Poland. The library originated with the collection of Bishops Józef Andrzej Załuski and Andrzej Stanisław Załuski, opening in 1747. It was one of the first libraries in the world intended to amass the entire body of Polish literature and make it accessible to the public. After Russian troops invaded Poland in 1794, nearly 400,000 of the library's volumes were removed to the Imperial Library in St. Petersburg. Other books were acquired after independence in 1918, but much of the

exhibits hall, where attendees can meet 20 artists and illustrators of comics, games, and graphic novels; a [Graphic Novel Stage](#); the Graphic Novel Pavilion; and Ignite Sessions on "Graphic Nonfiction" and "The Freakiest Moments of Osamu Tezuka." Find details in the [Conference Scheduler](#)....

Conference Services, May 11

[Diversity in graphic novels](#)

The Asian Pacific American Librarians Association and Reforma will host "Beyond Books: Graphic Novels and Magazines of Color" June 24 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Scheduled speakers include David Inocencio (*The Beat Within*); Keith Knight (*The Weekly K Chronicles*); Rebecca Marrall, diversity resident librarian at Western Libraries in Bellingham, Washington; and Jason Shiga (right, *Empire State*)....

Office for Diversity, May 14



[Opportunity of a lifetime: ALA's Emerging Leaders program](#)

Kristi Brumley (right) writes: "I have fond memories of my time spent as a 2011 Emerging Leader in San Diego and New Orleans. What did I take away from my experience? Among other things, I received leadership advice from some of the top innovators in the library field and shared experiences with hundreds of committed and enthusiastic librarians." This summer, both the Idaho Library Association and ALA will accept applications for the 2013 ALA [Emerging Leaders Program](#). If chosen as ILA's representative to the program, you could receive a \$1,000 scholarship to participate....

Idaho Librarian, May 9



[Killer question on a job application](#)

Mindy Chapman writes: "Hopefully, you know to avoid questions on your job applications about applicants' disabilities or medical procedures. And as the following case shows, you won't be able to avoid liability by using an outside recruiting firm to hand out the application. There's only one standard when it comes to medical inquiries: the legal one."...

Library Worklife, May

[JCLC early-bird registration](#)

Early-bird registration for the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color closes Wednesday June 13. [Early-bird registrants](#) can save up to \$100 over on-site registration. JCLC will be held September 19–23 in Kansas City, Missouri....

Office for Diversity, May 14



[FTRF elects trustees](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation has announced the results of its 2012 board of trustees election. Five trustees were elected to two-year terms, beginning in June: Carol Brey-Casiano, Mary Minow, and Judith Platt were reelected, and Julius C. Jefferson Jr. and Nancy P. Zimmerman will join the [11-member board](#) at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference....

Freedom to Read Foundation, May 15

new library's holdings, in particular its special collections, was destroyed toward the end of World War II. After the war, it has once again built up its collection to some 8.7 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](#).



Career Leads from
ALA JobLIST

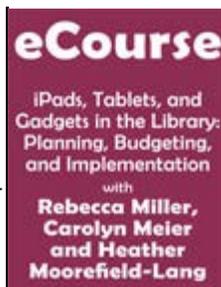
[Head of Acquisitions and Electronic Resources](#)

University of Texas at Dallas. The Eugene McDermott Library invites applications and nominations for a forward-thinking, service-oriented, collaborative leader to manage the

[New eCourse: Gadgets in the Library](#)

ALA Editions will offer a new facilitated eCourse, "iPads, Tablets, and Gadgets in the Library: Planning, Budgeting, and Implementation," starting July 2. Taught by Virginia Tech Librarians Carolyn Meier, Rebecca Miller, and Heather Moorefield-Lang, the six-week course will show students how they can integrate iPads and other high-tech devices into their libraries for both staff and patron use. [Register](#) online....

ALA Editions, May 15



[RA for young adults eCourse](#)

ALA Editions has announced a new session of the popular "Young Adult Readers' Advisory Services" eCourse, beginning July 16. The 4-week course will offer tips for improving service for young adult specialists and all reference staff. The course will be led by Jennifer Thiele, a PhD student at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee School of Information Studies. [Register](#) online; registration includes a copy of the ALA Editions ebook [The Readers' Advisory Handbook](#)....

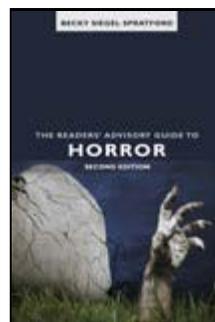
ALA Editions, May 15



[Readers' Advisory Guide to Horror](#)

Readers love things that go bump in the night. ALA Editions' second edition of [The Readers' Advisory Guide to Horror](#) will help you find the horror books that best fit a particular reader's interests. Author Becky Siegel Spratford includes lists of recommended titles, authors, and subgenres, all cross-referenced; tips for effectively practicing horror RA; and an expanded resources section with an overview addressing the current state of horror literature....

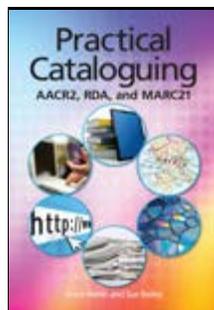
ALA Editions, May 10



[A smooth transition to RDA](#)

In [Practical Cataloguing: AACR2, RDA, and MARC21](#), a new title from Neal-Schuman, authors Anne Welsh and Sue Batley offer a step-by-step guide for mapping new cataloging standards onto existing rules for description. The book thoroughly covers Functional Requirements of Bibliographic Records and FRAD (Functional Requirements of Authority Data), and explores how RDA elements can be incorporated into MARC21....

ALA Neal-Schuman, May 14



Acquisitions and Electronic Resources Department. Reporting to the Director of Libraries, the Head of Acquisitions and Electronic Resources is responsible for envisioning and defining the services provided by the Department. The position is responsible for ordering and receiving all library materials including processing and reconciliation of payments, preparing appropriate reports and statistics, and monitoring the budget for materials. Candidates should have experience with the management of electronic resources and provide knowledge of trends and best practices in the field of acquisitions. The Senior Librarian is responsible for managing all department personnel....



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Featured review: Adult crime fiction

Fantoni, Barry. *Harry Lipkin, Private Eye*. July 2012. 224p. Doubleday, hardcover (978-0-385-53610-3).

The author of this truly fine detective novel—it's really more of a novella—seems thoroughly unimpressed by the conventions of the genre, and his book is all the better for it. Harry Lipkin is an 87-year-old Jewish private eye, plying his trade in Miami, but he's neither cute nor abrasive. He's just a shamus plugging away at his job, with an occasional stop for blintzes. The case he takes on would have Sherlock Holmes sniggering: A wealthy widow's heirlooms are vanishing from her house. When the reveal comes, it's as startling to Harry as it is to readers—and moving, too. That's another break from the classic rules of the game....



Books by the yard

Keir Graff writes: "Some writers are just too important to deal with all the little details of writing books, like writing books. Ideas for characters, settings, and stories tumble from their fevered brains in such abundance that they're forced to hire other people just to get it all down. And if you think the reading public is wary when confronted by such blatantly commercial maneuvers, you're wrong: Sales figures show that a writer's trusted brand means more to fans than having that writer actually write the books."...



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Anaheim Update

Conference packing tips and tricks

Gwyneth A. Jones writes: "Sorry guys. Half of this post contains girly talk: packing tips for conferences, travel tech, clothes, makeup, tips, and tricks. But let me start with the non-girly. I always pack a powerstrip. Actually, I bring two. One regular lightweight-blue (so I can't lose it) power strip and one Belkin powerbar with two USB charge docks. Sometimes hotel rooms need more power. I'm a

[Library](#) has digitized thousands of old photographs of Fenway Park and the Red Sox. Many of the photos come from [Leslie Jones](#), a sports photographer for the old *Boston Herald Traveler* newspaper. Others are from [Michael "Nuf Ced" McGreevey](#), who owned what was thought to be the first sports bar in Boston. The images are brought together in the library's online exhibit, [Sports Temples of Boston](#).

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

"Recovering from post-lunch sleepies at the lawbrary is like trying to climb out of a dark pit on a rope made of barcodes."

—Eleanor Crumblehulme, @Crumblehulme, Vancouver, B.C., in a May 15 tweet.

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geek, so I have a *lot* of electronics."...
The Daring Librarian, May 14

[Mountaineers to return to Disney's Matterhorn](#)

Disneyland announced May 8 that the [Matterhorn Bobsleds](#), the iconic roller-coaster-type ride that has been closed since January for a revamp, will have mountaineers once again scaling its slopes when the ride reopens June 15. The ride will have a new fleet of bobsleds with three seats each and hitched together two at a time. The Matterhorn, which has two runs, stands 100 times shorter than the real Swiss peak that is 14,700 feet tall. The ride made its debut at the park in 1959....



Los Angeles Times, May 9; Disney Parks Blog, May 8

[A day at Disney California Adventure Park](#)

The [Blue Sky Cellar](#) imagineering shop has been updated to give Disney California Adventure Park guests even more to see from the development of [Cars Land](#), opening in June. Among the updates is a brand-new video that takes you through "A Day at Disney California Adventure Park" in a whole new way. Take a look at this [sneak peek](#) (1:47)....



Disney Parks Blog, Mar. 5

[Anaheim Farmers' Market and Craft Fair](#)

The Downtown Anaheim Certified Farmers' Market is an outdoor street fair that takes place every Thursday from noon to 7 p.m. It is a nonprofit organization establishing an indie music showcase once a week. Gourmet food trucks on hand at the [June 21 market](#) will be Sweet Lou's BBQ and Moustache Mike's Italian Ice, with music by Tobago steel drummer Desmond Bedlow. Even closer to the Convention Center is the [Ponderosa Park Farmers' Market](#), which takes place Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m....

Downtown Anaheim

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Division News

[RUSQ, open access, and me](#)

Catherine Pellegrino writes: "In the past week or so, there's been a tempest in a teapot surrounding [Reference and User Services Quarterly \(RUSQ\)](#), RUSA's peer-reviewed journal. I'll try to tell the story as clearly as I can from the beginning, though others undoubtedly can tell parts of the story better.

[American Dream](#)



[The Path to Happiness is Paved with Small Talk. Potlucks & Bear Hugs by Wanda Urbanska](#)

[Great Movies: Price of the Ruthless Quest for Power: 'Godfather Part Two'](#)

[Smithsonian Commemorates 150th Anniversary of Civil War](#)

[Civil War as Told Through the Lens of Mathew Brady](#)

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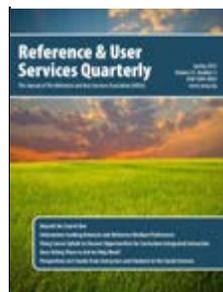
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Calendar

May 23:
[National Simultaneous Story Time](#), Australian Library and Information Association.



Back in 2006, RUSA [announced](#) that going forward, *RUSQ* would be open access. Fast forward to summer 2011: The RUSA board approved a decision to end the print version of *RUSQ*, go online only, and set a one-year embargo on new issues.”...

Spurious Tuples, May 11

[Discover RUSA](#)

Find out more about RUSA, the Reference and User Services Association, at RUSA 101. You'll learn about what RUSA and its sections do, how to get involved, how to stay informed in our activities, and get any of your RUSA questions answered. Five free online sessions are scheduled in June, and an in-person session is scheduled for June 22 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim....

RUSA Blog, May 10

[Weber named LRTS editor](#)

Mary Beth Weber (right), head of central technical services at Rutgers University Libraries, has been appointed as the new editor of [Library Resources & Technical Services](#). Her term will begin July 1 as editor designate, working with the current editor Peggy Johnson through the end of December, and continue through December 2016....

ALCTS, May 14



[Laura Bush in Knowledge Quest](#)

AASL Executive Director Julie Walker interviews ([PDF file](#)) former First Lady Laura Bush in the new issue of [Knowledge Quest](#). The issue focuses on the theme “Caring Is Essential,” while the interview discusses the caring power of the Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative, a project overseen by the [Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries](#)....

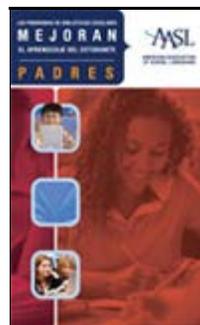
AASL, May 15



[Advocacy brochures in Spanish](#)

AASL has created a Spanish translation of the parent-focused entry in the [School Library Programs Improve Student Learning](#) series of advocacy brochures. Each brochure in the series speaks to a specific stakeholder audience within the school library community. Each brochure, including the Spanish translation of the brochure targeting parents, is available as a [free download](#) on the AASL website or in packs of 25 through the [ALA Store](#)....

AASL, May 15



[ALTAFF votes to rename itself](#)

ALTAFF members voted to change the division's name to “United for Libraries: the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations.” The name change will become



[June 4–7: Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums](#)

International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Hard Rock Casino and Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

[June 4–8: Digital Humanities Summer Institute](#)

University of Victoria, British Columbia.

[June 5–7: BookExpo America](#)

Jacob Javits Center, New York City.

[June 7: WebJunction / Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#)

Webinar. “Best Kept Secret: Marketing the Small and Rural Library.”

[June 8: Amigos Library Services](#)

Online Conference. “Access by Touch: Delivering Library Services Through Mobile Technologies.”

[June 11–15: Canadian Health Libraries Association](#)

Annual Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario. “Cascade of Knowledge.”

[June 13–15:](#)

official September 4....

ALTAFF, May 15

[Specialized Outreach Services Luncheon](#)

ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels will speak at ALTAFF's [Specialized Outreach Services Luncheon](#) June 23 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The event will also feature Cheryl Gould of [Fully Engaged Libraries](#), speaking about what it means to be a community anchor. [Purchase tickets](#) online....

ALTAFF, May 15

[Jane Green at Gala Author Tea](#)

See Jane Green (right), author of *Another Piece of My Heart*, and other authors at ALTAFF's Gala Author Tea June 25 at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Sponsored by ReferenceUSA, the event will also feature Selden Edwards (*The Lost Prince*), Andrew Gross (*15 Seconds*), Adam Mansbach (*Go the F**k to Sleep*), and Dustin Thomason (*12:21*). [Tickets](#) are required....



ALTAFF, May 15

[The Transformative Power of Care](#)

AASL will host "[The Transformative Power of Care](#)" on June 12, a *Knowledge Quest* webinar on how showing care can make school library programs stronger and help them become the heart of the school community. The webinar will be presented by Olga Nesi, library coordinator for the New York City School Library System. [Register](#) online....

AASL, May 14

[WrestleMania Reading Challenge](#)

Registration is open for the eighth annual [WrestleMania Reading Challenge](#), sponsored by WWE and YALSA. To enter, teens and tweens must write a letter to convince their favorite WWE Superstar to read their favorite book.



Eighteen finalists will win transportation, hotel, tickets, and spending money to attend WrestleMania 29 in East Rutherford, New Jersey, April 7, 2013. The sponsoring libraries will each win \$2,000. Librarians and educators must [register](#) by July 31; teens and tweens can enter between October 1 and 31....

YALSA, May 14

[Genevieve Owens elected ALCTS president](#)

Genevieve Owens (right), assistant director of the Williamsburg (Va.) Regional Library, has been elected ALCTS president for 2013–2014. Owens has served as chair of the ALCTS fundraising committee, the ALCTS program committee, and the ALCTS publications committee....



ALCTS, May 14

[Sara G. Laughlin elected ASCLA president](#)

Sara Gaar Laughlin (right), director of the Monroe County (Ind.) Public Library, has been elected ASCLA president for 2013–2014. Laughlin joined ASCLA more than three decades ago when she took on a

[United States Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association](#)

Annual Conference, Quincy, Massachusetts. "A Revolution in Scholarship—A Commonwealth of Knowledge."

[June 22–24: Association for Computing Machinery](#)

Hypertext and Social Media Conference, Milwaukee.

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

Annual Meeting and Conference, Boston. "Learn, Connect, Grow."

[July 29–31: Church and Synagogue Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Springfield, Illinois. "Lincoln Logs On: Tradition and Innovation in Library Ministry."

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George M. Eberhart, Editor:

coordinator position at the Stone Hills Library Network. She has served both the library profession and the division in a broad variety of capacities....

ASCLA Blog, May 16



Kathleen Kern elected RUSA president

M. Kathleen Kern (right), reference librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has been elected RUSA president for 2013–2014. Kern has been an active RUSA member since 2001, and has served as RUSA division councilor and a member of the RUSA Executive Committee since 2009....

RUSA Blog, May 16



ALCTS presents two virtual preconferences

ALCTS will offer two virtual preconferences in June prior to the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. "[Local Collections, Collective Context: Managing Print Collections in the Age of Collaboration](#)" runs June 4–6. "[The How and Why of Research: What Is the Rock in Your Shoe?](#)" runs June 12–14. [Register](#) online....

ALCTS, May 14

New webinar on the read/write library

LITA will offer "[Social Networking the Catalog: Community Based Approaches to Building Catalogs and Collections.](#)" a webinar that will introduce the Read/Write Library Chicago model for illuminating and creating connections between materials and institutions, on June 7. Margaret Heller of Dominican University will present. [Register](#) online....

LITA, May 15

PLA webinar on managing media

PLA will host a free live, hourlong webinar, "[Managing Traditional and Social Media for Libraries.](#)" on May 31. Presented by Steve Yacovelli, owner and principal of TopDog Learning Group, the webinar will cover the fundamentals of media planning and outreach—including social media—to prepare library staff to work with the media and generate attention that will support the library's activities and advocacy efforts. [Registration](#) is required....

PLA, May 14

New ASCLA interest groups

Two new ASCLA interest groups are now welcoming members: the [Future of Libraries Interest Group](#) and the [Tribal Librarians Interest Group](#). You can join the group by logging into ALA Connect, accessing the group page, then clicking "join" on the right side of the page. You do not need to be a member of ASCLA for the first year of your interest group membership....

ASCLA Blog, May 16

ASCLA in Ireland

The deadline to reserve your spot on ASCLA's trip to Ireland ([PDF file](#)), October 4–12, is fast approaching. The itinerary includes castles,

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libraries, and important historic sites of Ireland and is hosted by Lyceum Tours. Participants are responsible for their own airfare. A portion of the trip's proceeds benefits ASCLA. Deposits for this upcoming adventure are due by June 1....

ASCLA Blog, May 14



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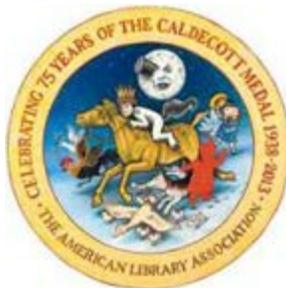
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Awards & Grants

[Caldecott 75th anniversary logo](#)

ALSC has introduced a very special [Caldecott 75th anniversary logo](#) created by 2008 Caldecott Medal Winner Brian Selznick. The characters featured span 75 years of distinguished picture books from 1938 to the 21st century. Which character in the logo represents the oldest Caldecott Medal-winning title? ALSC will reveal the answer in June in its Caldecott clue countdown....

ALSC Blog, May 13



[Scholastic Library Publishing Award](#)

Paul Kelsey (right), head of acquisitions at Sims Memorial Library at Southeastern Louisiana University, has been named the winner of the 2012 Scholastic Library Publishing Award. The award, which includes a citation and \$1,000 prize, recognizes a librarian for extraordinary contributions to promoting access to books and encouraging a love of reading for lifelong learning....

Office of ALA Governance, May 15



[My Favorite Martian Award](#)

Carolyn S. Larson (right), head of the Business Reference Section of the Science, Technology, and Business Division of the Library of Congress, is the recipient of the 2012 My Favorite Martian Award for contributions to RUSA's MARS: Emerging Technologies in Reference Section. The award is given annually to a member who has demonstrated excellence in service to the section....

RUSA, May 14



[2012 Jesse H. Shera Awards](#)

The Library Research Round Table has chosen the 2012 winners of the Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research, which went to Shana Pribesh, Karen Gavigan, and Gail Dickinson for their article, "The Access Gap: Poverty and Characteristics of School Library Media Centers," *Library Quarterly*, April 2012; and the Jesse H. Shera Award for the Support of Dissertation Research, which went to Victor J. Sensenig for his dissertation *Public Libraries and Literacy in Ecological Perspective*....

Library Research Round Table, May 15

[Apply for Best Friends Awards](#)

ALTAFF is accepting applications for the seventh annual Best Friends Awards, which recognize Friends groups around the country for print and electronic materials that promote the group and its projects. Winners will be recognized in ALTAFF's newsletter, *The Voice*. [Apply](#) by June 15....

ALTAFF, May 15

[RUSA BRASS Conference Travel Grant](#)

Joel Glogowski (right), business librarian at Georgia State University, is the inaugural recipient of the BRASS Business Expert Press Award for Academic Librarians, a travel grant presented by RUSA's Business Reference and Services Section. The grant recognizes a librarian new to the field of academic business librarianship and provides financial support in the amount of \$1,250 for attendance at the ALA Annual Conference....



RUSA, May 14

[13th Annual Awards for Federal Librarianship](#)

The Federal Library and Information Network has announced the winners of its national awards for federal librarianship. Two 2011 Federal Library or Information



Center of the Year Awards went to the Woodworth Consolidated Library (right) at Fort Gordon, Georgia; and Eglin Air Force Base Library, Florida. MaryLynn Francisco, acting director of the GEOINT Research Center at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Springfield, Virginia, is the 2011 Federal Librarian of the Year....

Library of Congress, May 11

[EBSCO wins Best in Biz Award 2012](#)

[EMEA](#)

EBSCO Publishing has been named the silver winner in Most Innovative Company of the Year in [Best in Biz Awards 2012 EMEA](#) (Europe, Middle East, Africa), the only independent international business awards program judged by members of the press and industry analysts. Winners were determined by scores from a panel of judges from top-tier newspapers, business and technology publications, and broadcast outlets in 11 countries. EBSCO Publishing is an international company with employees around the globe....



EBSCO, May 16

[Lois Lenski Library Grants](#)

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, established by the 1946 Newbery medalist and author of *Strawberry Girl*, annually awards grants for purchasing books published for preschoolers through grade 8. Public, school, and nonprofit special libraries that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need are eligible. Grants for 2012 will range from \$500 to \$3,000. [Applications](#) must be postmarked by June 15....

Lois Lenski Covey Foundation

[NYPL Young Lions Fiction Award](#)

The New York Public Library announced May 14 that

Karen Russell is the winner of the 2012 Young Lions Fiction Award for her debut novel, *Swamplandia!* The award includes a \$10,000 prize. Now in its 12th year, the award recognizes an American writer 35 years old or younger for publishing a novel or a short story collection. The 2011 debut novel was chosen from four other titles....

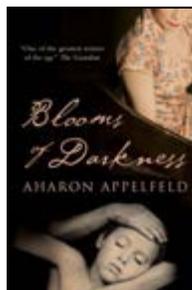
GalleyCat, May 15



[2012 Independent Foreign Fiction Prize](#)

Octogenarian Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld has won the 2012 Independent Foreign Fiction Prize for his novel *Blooms of Darkness*, published by Alma Books and based on his experiences during the Holocaust. The tale is told from the perspective of 11-year-old Hugo, who is taken in by Mariana, a prostitute, to keep him safe as Jewish people are sent to concentration camps. The award honors contemporary fiction in translation in the United Kingdom....

The Bookseller, May 15



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Libraries in the News

[In defense of the New York Public Library](#)

Robert Darnton writes: "The trustees of the New York Public Library—I write as one of them but only in my capacity as a private individual—have decided to rearrange a great deal of its sacred space. They will sell the run-down Mid-Manhattan branch library and the Science, Industry, and Business Library at Madison Avenue and 34th Street, and will use the proceeds to expand the interior of the 42nd Street building. The shrill tone of the rhetoric over this plan suggests an emotional response that goes beyond disagreement over policy."...

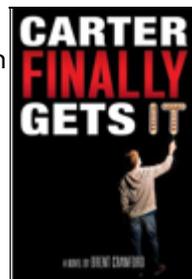
New York Review of Books, June 7



[Broken Arrow school board gets it](#)

A popular teen novel about a boy entering his freshman year in high school will remain on middle school library shelves, the Broken Arrow (Okla.) Board of Education ruled May 10. The board voted 3–0 to keep the book, *Carter Finally Gets It* by Brent Crawford, in middle school libraries. Theresa Sallee, parent of an 8th-grade son who attends Childers Middle School, had asked the board to remove it, saying it is "vulgar."...

Tulsa (Okla.) World, May 10



[L.A. Unified's annual Reduction in Force](#)

Steve Lopez writes: "RIF season, some call it, for Reduction in Force. This year, Los Angeles Unified is going for the gold. An astounding 9,500 teachers, nurses, and human services employees have been notified by mail that their jobs are on the line. This year, 50 teacher-librarians got RIFed and several have gone before the kangaroo court

to fight for a chance to keep working, in a classroom if not in a library. There has to be a saner way to fund and operate the state's public schools."...

Los Angeles Times, May 8

[Expensive routers in tiny West Virginia libraries](#)

Nate Anderson writes: "West Virginia's *Charleston Gazette* has been [hopping mad](#) this week as one of its reporters learned that the state has been sticking 1,064 high-end \$22,600 routers (right) into 'little public institutions as small as rural libraries with just one computer terminal.' The money for the routers came from federal stimulus funds designed to boost broadband access by better equipping public facilities like schools and libraries, especially in more rural areas. West Virginia officials decided not to vary the size of the routers they purchased."...



Ars Technica, May 10; *Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette*, May 5

[San Antonio's underground library](#)

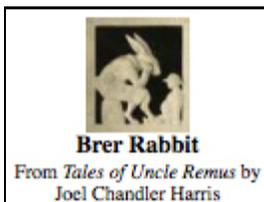
San Antonio is one of four cities (the others are Houston, Albuquerque, and Tucson) hosting what author Tony Diaz has dubbed "underground libraries," community-minded reference and lending facilities that will keep at least four copies of each book taken out of classrooms when Arizona's HB2281 law effectively killed off Tucson's ethnic-studies school programs in 2010 and sent boxes of Latino literature to a book depository. San Antonio's Underground Library went into operation May 10 with a reading by author and columnist Gustavo Arellano....



San Antonio (Tex.) Current, May 9

[Brooklyn Public Library leads in preservation contest](#)

The Brooklyn Public Library is currently the top vote-getter in a [Partners in Preservation](#) competition that will distribute \$3 million in grants to the four city organizations out of 40 that garner the highest number of votes. BPL, which is asking for funds for the "replacement of main entry doors with historically sensitive materials" currently leads all submissions with 9% of the vote. The Jefferson Market Library is also a contender. Anyone who creates a Partners in Preservation account can vote through the deadline of May 21....



New York Daily News: Pageviews, May 10

[Sacramento library tries to recoup losses](#)

Prosecutors want a receiver to look into two houses, two rental properties, seven cars, and more than 20 bank accounts in search of \$815,000 they say was looted from the Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library Authority by three people, including two former library officials, who in 2011 were convicted in a kickback scheme. The single most valuable asset at stake appears to be a house on American River Canyon Drive in Folsom that was owned by the library's former facilities director, Dennis Nilsson....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, May 12

[Buffalo gets a large state grant](#)

New York State Sen. Timothy M. Kennedy (D-58th, on the right), a member of the Senate Committee on Libraries, announced a significant state investment in local libraries May 10 at the downtown Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. Joined by library officials and fellow state lawmakers, Kennedy announced the state has directed \$617,970 in construction and improvement grants to the Downtown Central Library, as part of the overall award of \$740,000 to a total of four libraries in the system....
Sen. Timothy M. Kennedy, May 11



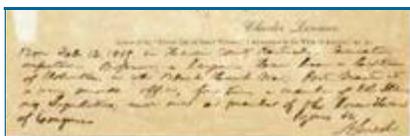
[A home for sketchbooks of the world](#)

For \$25, any doodler, student, parent, graphic designer, architect, or would-be artist with an idea can fill a 32-page sketchbook and add it to the [Sketchbook Project](#) collection at the Brooklyn Art Library. For six years, the project has been offering intimate glimpses into the imaginations of its worldwide contributors. Its shelves now feature approximately 12,500 sketchbooks from more than 130 countries....
New York Times, May 13



[Trove of Lincoln documents discovered in Japan](#)

When Daniel Stowell, director and editor of the [Papers of Abraham Lincoln](#), a project run by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library in Springfield, Illinois, traveled to Tokyo in April to examine the largest collection of original Abraham Lincoln documents outside the US, he expected to be looking at about 60 documents he already knew existed at Meisei University. He found those, plus a treasure trove of 51 more documents—some of which weren't known to exist anywhere else. University officials acquired a portion of the collection in 1980 from businessman Masaharu Mochizuki, who created the Tokyo Lincoln Center in 1961....
Springfield (Ill.) State Journal-Register, May 15; *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 15



[Singapore to open first green library for kids](#)

The National Library of Singapore in 2013 will be home to one of the world's first green libraries for kids when the children's section is transformed into an ecolandscape. Called "My Tree House," the new section will incorporate sustainability in its design and infrastructure. Plans call for an enchanted forest ambience with fun spaces for hands-on learning and contemplation. About 30% of its 70,000 books will focus on environmental topics....
National Library Board of Singapore, May 9

[Armed forces build school library in the Philippines](#)

San Isidro Elementary School in Santa Ana, Pampanga (about two hours north of Manila), in the Philippine Islands, will have a ribbon cutting May 19 for a new library for its more than 750 students, thanks to members of the Guam Army National Guard and the Philippine Air Force. "Building a library for this school is a big blessing not only for the children in San Isidro but also for the whole



barangay [administrative district]," principal Leilani Capati said, noting a high number of nonreaders in the Philippine school system overall....

Pacific News Center, May 15

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Issues

[House bill kills Census Bureau survey](#)

On May 9, the House voted 232–190 on the Webster-Lankford amendment to kill the US Census Bureau's [American Community Survey](#), which collects data on some 3 million households each year and is the largest survey next to the decennial census. The ACS provides data that helps determine how more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are spent annually. The appropriations bill also eliminates the [Economic Census](#), which measures the health of our economy. Director of the US Census Bureau Robert M. Groves [writes](#), "This bill thus devastates the nation's statistical information about the status of the economy and the larger society."...

Business Week, May 10; Director's Blog, May 11

[Ruling in Georgia State e-reserves case](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "Judge Orinda Evans in Atlanta has handed down a long-awaited ruling in a lawsuit brought by three scholarly publishers in 2008 against Georgia State University over its use of copyrighted material in electronic reserves. The ruling ([PDF file](#)), delivered May 11, looks mostly like a victory for the university, finding that only five of 99 alleged copyright infringements did in fact violate the plaintiffs' copyrights." [James Grimmelman](#), [Kevin Smith](#), and [Barbara Fister](#) discuss the implications....

Chronicle of Higher Education, May 13; The Laboratorium, May 13; Scholarly Communications @ Duke, May 12; Inside Higher Ed, May 13

[Senate passes Whistleblower Act](#)

On May 8, the Senate voted unanimously to pass S. 743, the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2011. This is a landmark bill that will expand the scope of whistleblower protections in the federal government, including providing whistleblower rights to employees of the Transportation Security Administration....

District Dispatch, May 9

[Shorter University's lifestyle statement](#)

A tenured librarian at a Georgia Baptist university is refusing to sign a "lifestyle statement" against homosexuality, adultery, premarital sex, drug use, and drinking in public. So far, the college has [not responded](#). "It's a matter of conscience," said Michael Wilson (right), who has worked at Shorter University in Rome, Georgia, for 14 years. Nearly 60 staff members are leaving because of recent policy changes at the school. In October 2011, the announcement that employees would be required to sign the statement appeared to be the last straw....

New York Daily News, May 14; Inside Higher Ed, May 14



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Tech Talk

[A bombproof case for your iPad](#)

You probably aren't expecting your iPad to be hit by an improvised explosive device, but if you are, you might want to secure it in a Pelican case. Pelican, which makes protective cases often used by the military to transport weapons, medical supplies and electronics, now makes a case for people who fear their iPad is in for some serious abuse. The [i1075 Hardback](#) is a hard ABS-plastic case about the size of a pair of 13-inch laptops stacked atop one another....

New York Times: Gadgetwise, May 9



[Five Mac antivirus apps](#)

Jacqui Cheng writes: "Mac invulnerability to malware is a myth, at least according to security researchers from Kaspersky Lab. Given the spike in questions we've been receiving about which antivirus software is the best, we thought we'd take a look at a handful of the most well-known apps out there for Mac users. Here are our impressions of five different antivirus packages."...

Ars Technica, May 13



[13 problem areas for web preservation](#)

David Rosenthal writes: "Kris Carpenter Negulescu of the Internet Archive and I organized a half-day workshop on the problems of harvesting and preserving the future web during the International Internet Preservation Coalition General Assembly 2012 at the Library of Congress. In preparation for the workshop we put together this list of 13 problem areas already causing problems for web preservation."...

DSHR's Blog, May 7

[The worst phones you can buy](#)

Sam Biddle writes: "There's still a need for the cheap phone. And then, there's what you find below. A buffet of horrendous hardware, redundant mediocrity, and straight ugliness. Phones that are both bad and not free. Dumbphones that pretend to be Android. Why do they exist? Presumably, because people are buying them—but *why are there so many?* We don't know, but here's the menu."...

Gizmodo, May 15



[Icons that don't make sense any more](#)

Scott Hanselman writes: "What happens when all the things we based our icons on don't exist anymore? Do they just become iconic glyphs whose origins are shrouded in mystery? The floppy disk means "save"? Save where? You know, down there. Adding the Arrow to the 3.5-inch floppy makes me smile. Is it pointing to under my desk? What's a floppy? Why not a USB key? Maybe a cloud icon? That will be easy since there is only [one cloud icon](#) in the world."...

Scott Hanselman's Computer Zen, Oct. 11, 2011; May 9



[Eight websites that teach seniors computer skills](#)

Saikat Basu writes: "For senior citizens, learning computers and basic internet skills is not only for accessing information. It is *the tool* now for

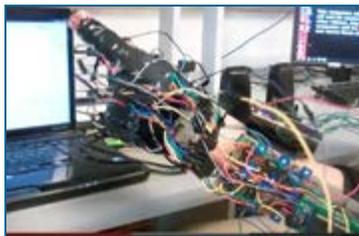


keeping in touch with family members. Let's head out and attend classes at these eight websites that teach basic internet and computer skills . . . not only for senior citizens, but also for any rank newcomer."...

MakeUseOf, May 11

Sign language translator turns gestures into speech

Jon Fingas writes: "By far one of the greatest challenges of sign language has been to translate it for everyday folk that wouldn't know where to begin a conversation with the deaf. Cornell University engineering students Ranjay Krishna, Seonwoo Lee, and Si Ping Wang used their final project time this past semester to close this gap in one of the more practical solutions we've seen to date. Their prototype glove uses accelerometers, contact sensors, and flex sensors to translate complex finger gestures from the American Sign Language alphabet into spoken letters." Watch the [video](#) (4:19)....



Engadget, May 15; YouTube, May 11

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E-Content

The Douglas County model

Monique Sendze writes: "Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries is trying something new: buying ebooks directly from publishers and hosting them on its own platform. That platform is based on the purchase of content at discount; owning (not leasing) a copy of the file; the application of industry-standard DRM on the library's files; multiple purchases based on demand; and a 'click to buy' feature. As of this writing, more than 800 publishers have signed up." Watch the [video](#) (3:15)....



Boing Boing, May 10

Libraries own Random House ebooks

Rob Maier writes: "On May 10, at the Massachusetts Library Association annual conference in Worcester, Ruth Liebmann, director of account marketing at Random House, stated emphatically that libraries own the ebooks they purchase from Random House. Liebmann and Josh Marwell, president of sales at HarperCollins, participated on a panel moderated by ALA President Molly Raphael. There was agreement that the work ALA is doing by meeting with publishers is opening a much-needed conversation in a positive way."...

AL: E-Content, May 10

The real battle is: Not reading

Chris Rechtsteiner writes: "Four months ago, the real competition for ebooksellers was libraries. Today, the competition is much more severe—it's across the entire ecosystem. Today, the real competition for booksellers, publishers, and libraries is *not reading*. Libraries have,

for a very long time, been battling competition from not reading. They're experts in this area, which is why they made such consistent inroads as an early competitor to booksellers and were a thorn in the side of publishers."...

Digital Book World, May 15

[Writer's cramp](#)

The ebook age has accelerated the metabolism of book publishing. Authors are now pulling the literary equivalent of a double shift, churning out short stories, novellas, or even an extra full-length book each year. They are trying to satisfy impatient readers who have become used to downloading any ebook they want. The push for more material comes as publishers and booksellers are desperately looking for ways to hold onto readers lured by other forms of entertainment, much of it available nonstop and almost instantaneously....

New York Times, May 12

[Wave of bad ebook news: Dark cloud or blip?](#)

Jeremy Greenfield writes: "A mini-wave of middling news has hit the ebook world in the past several weeks, in contrast to the usual positive narrative about explosive growth and boundless opportunity. Is it a dark cloud on the horizon or just a blip on the radar? Despite the news, experts and observers say that ebook publishers have little to worry about."...

Digital Book World, May 10



[Motion to dismiss ebook price-fixing suit denied](#)

Apple and five major book publishers have failed to persuade US District Court Judge Denise Cote to throw out a lawsuit by consumers accusing them of conspiring to raise electronic book prices in 2010. The lawsuit accuses Apple and the publishers of colluding to break up Amazon.com's low-cost dominance of the digital book market. HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, and Hachette previously reached settlements with the Department of Justice's antitrust division....

Reuters, May 15

[How compatible are rival e-readers?](#)

David Pogue writes: "The mail is still coming in about my review of Barnes & Noble's latest ebook reader, the Barnes & Noble Nook Simple Touch with GlowLight. Very little of the mail is actually about the reader, though. Most of it challenges the statements I made when I characterized the state of the ebook world right now. Here's a summary and a few clarifications."...

New York Times: Pogue's Posts, May 10

[All digital objects are born-digital objects](#)

Trevor Owens writes: "Cultural heritage professionals often talk about 'born-digital' and 'digitized' objects. In some respect this distinction captures meaningful differences. A digitized object exists to record and present characteristics of some physical object. In contrast, born-digital objects began their existence as digital. The idea of digitization obfuscates the fact that digitization is not a preservation act. Digitization is a creative act."...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, May 15

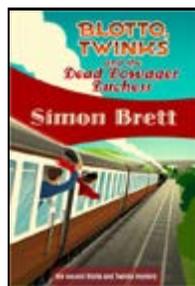
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Books & Reading

[A charming clutch of cozies](#)

Keir Graff writes: "Cozy fans sometimes accuse *Booklist* of not paying quite enough attention to their favorite mystery subgenre. I plead guilty but with extenuating circumstances. It's true that Bill Ott and I prefer our crime fiction straight, no chaser—I guess the cozy equivalent would be saying 'no thank you' to a spot of cream—but we do our best to cover charming tales of detection, too. As I look back at the previous year's crime-fiction reviews, I find ample evidence that our reviewers have a keen eye for cozies."...

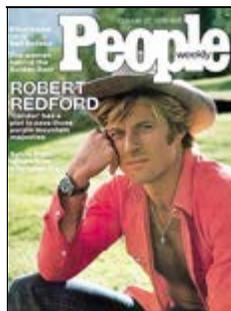
Booklist Online: Likely Stories, May 15



[Gossip and celebrity mags in the library](#)

Anne Helen Petersen writes: "Celebrity gossip provides patrons with knowledge, understanding, texture, and nuance. In fact, the magazines that contain it may be some of the most valuable cultural artifacts currently housed in your library. Stay with me here. I'd like to provide a history of gossip and celebrity, and their place in American culture: enough for you to reconsider your current valuation of *People* and its purpose within your collection."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, May 16



[Seven authors who almost died](#)

Gabe Habash writes: "When looking at a brush with death, it's amazing to consider how differently subsequent events would've played out had a more tragic result happened. In the case of these writers, it's amazing to think how much today's literary canon would be missing if a matter of inches were different, or if the timing had been slightly different. For example, on May 20, 1937, George Orwell (right), while serving in the Spanish Civil War, was shot in the neck by a sniper."...

Publishers Weekly: PWxyz, May 15



[Top 10 books written under pen names](#)

A surprising number of authors choose not to use their real name when they publish their books. Josh Lacey, who has written a series of books under the name Josh Doder, picks 10 of his favorite children's books by authors who used pseudonyms. The first is *Tintin in Tibet* by Hergé. Georges Remi originally signed his drawings with his initials. He then turned them around and used "RG" instead, which soon morphed into "Hergé."...

The Guardian (UK), May 11



[Seattle Summer Reading tied to 1962 World's Fair](#)

Cory Doctorow writes: "The Seattle Public Library system's annual Summer Reading Program is called [Century 22: Read the Future](#) and is tied in with the 50th anniversary of the Seattle World's Fair. Young people are encouraged to scour the city's landmarks for 1,000 hidden books, then rehide them for other kids to find."...

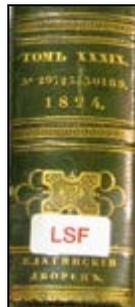


Boing Boing, May 11

[Russian Imperial provenance](#)

Mike Widener writes: "Yale's Lillian Goldman Law Library is one of the few US libraries that owns a set of the *Complete Collected Laws of the Russian Empire (Polnoe sobranie zakonov Rossiiskoi Imperii)*. We now know that our set is an Imperial set, one that came from a palace of the Tsars. In 1927, Professor George Vernadsky, a Russian emigré hired by Yale to help the library develop its Russian holdings, found a set for sale and warned that it could be Yale's last chance to acquire a complete set."...

Yale Law Library: Rare Books Blog, May 12



[A protohistory of print](#)

Annalee Newitz writes: "Though the Gutenberg Bible was certainly the first mass-produced printed work, it was hardly the first printed book—nor was it even the first made using movable type. Chinese and Korean inventors had been producing printed books for centuries before Johannes Gutenberg was born. Historians call woodblocks the first printing mechanism. The earliest woodblock-printed paper book that we can reliably date is the Chinese book, *Diamond Sutra* (above), created in 868."...

io9, May 14



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Tips & Ideas

[Google's new Knowledge Graph](#)

Jon Mitchell writes: "On May 16, starting with US English-language users, Google unveiled its [Knowledge Graph](#). In the old Google, when you searched for 'kings,' Google didn't know whether you meant monarchs, a hockey or basketball team, or a TV series, so it did its best to show you results for all. In the new Google, with the Knowledge Graph online, you will get the same results, but a new box will come up called 'See results about,' which will show brief descriptions for various types of kings." Watch the official [Google video](#) (2:45)....

ReadWriteWeb, May 16; Official Google Blog, May 16; YouTube, May 16



[DIY learning challenges education](#)

Marie Bjerede writes: "The DIY ethic is seeping into one of the most locked-down social institutions in existence: education. Educators, parents, technologists, students, and librarians have begun looking at the components, subassemblies, assemblies, and specifications of excellent education and are finding ways to improve, reimagine, and reinvent learning at every level. They are inspired to knock down the barriers to learning that exist for so many young people and find ways to reinvent teaching to be more efficient, more effective, and more modular."...

O'Reilly Radar, May 15

[ARL endorses VRA fair use statement](#)

On May 4, the board of directors of the Association of Research Libraries voted enthusiastically to endorse the Visual Resources

Association's *Statement on the Fair Use of Images for Teaching, Research, and Study* ([PDF file](#)). The VRA statement is a clear and concise exposition of best practices concerning a medium that can seem especially intimidating for educational users....

Association of Research Libraries, May 11

[Librarians are experts on testimony](#)

Lane Wilkinson writes: "In my [last post](#), I briefly discussed the meaning of the word 'expert,' ending with a question: 'Are librarians experts and, if so, experts on what?' I'm actually working on a paper at this very moment on the issue, but I thought the blog might be a good place to knock around some ideas. So, in this post I want to take a look at how academic librarians understand their own expertise and offer a brief account of how and why academic librarians can accurately be called experts."...



Sense and Reference, May 10

[New OCLC report on subject repositories](#)

A new OCLC report offers a quick environmental scan of the repository landscape and then focuses on disciplinary repositories—subject-based, often researcher-initiated loci for research information. Written by Senior Program Officer Ricky Erway, *Lasting Impact: Sustainability of Disciplinary Repositories* ([PDF file](#)) is intended to help librarians support researchers in accessing and disseminating research information....

OCLC, May 11

[Map of Life animal/plant distribution project](#)

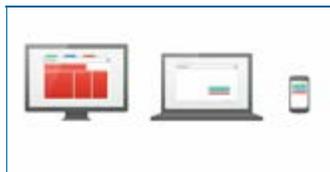
A research team involving Yale University and the University of Colorado at Boulder has developed a first public demonstration version of its [Map of Life](#), an ambitious web-based endeavor designed to show the distribution of all living plants and animals on the planet. The demonstration version allows anyone with an internet connection to map the known global distribution of almost 25,000 species of terrestrial vertebrate animals, including mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and North American freshwater fish. Watch the videos on [taxonomic searches](#) (3:45) and the [species list tool](#) (2:20)....



University of Colorado at Boulder, May 10

[Google adds tab synchronization for Chrome](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "Chrome is my preferred web browser and the one that I recommend to anyone who asks. I like it because of its speed, its support for WebGL, the Chrome web apps, its synchronization of bookmarks and extensions, and now I like its ability to synchronize all of my open tabs across multiple devices. Today, [Google released](#) version 19, which allows you to sign in with your Google account and sync all of your open tabs across all of the devices on which you are using Chrome." Watch the [video](#) (0:34)....



Free Technology for Teachers, May 15

[10 commandments of Twitter for academics](#)

Katrina Gulliver writes: "Twitter's flexibility is one of its greatest strengths. I'm going to explain why I have found it useful,

professionally and personally, and lay out some guidelines for academics who don't know where to start. Thanks to Twitter, I have been sent copies of obscure articles much faster than through interlibrary loan. I just need to tweet, 'Does anyone have access to the Journal of X, 1972?' and within an hour someone will have emailed me the PDF. Let me share my 10 commandments of Twitter use."...

Chronicle of Higher Education: Do Your Job Better, May 9

May I vent?

Nancy Dowd writes: "If I go to one more library website that doesn't include the director's name, I'm going to *scream*. Wow, that felt good. So I'm going to keep going. Here are some things that are just not acceptable in my book: No phone number or email for the director. No contact person, phone, or email for media relations. It never fails to amaze me that there are still libraries that have overlooked the essentials needed to have the public reach them."...

The 'M' Word: Marketing Libraries, May 14

Some libraries still have it wrong

Andrew Churches writes: "I went into my local library over the weekend and I was disappointed that they had gotten it wrong. They had the self-service checkout where you could scan your book and swipe your card, but they still had it wrong. They had an extensive array of reference materials and even some computers, but they still had it wrong. They had staff who were experienced and knowledgeable. They had a long, wide service desk—and this was part of the problem."...

Educational Origami, Apr. 9

2012 Periodicals Price Survey

Stephen Bosch and Kittie Henderson write: "This year we continue to examine titles in the combined ISI Arts and Humanities, Science Citation, and Social Sciences Citation indexes, which offer published online subscription rates. We were able to obtain standard pricing for approximately half of the covered titles. The average online price per subject includes a range of pricing models: online-only, print-plus-free-online, and the first tier of any tiered pricing, with the common element being electronic format."...

Library Journal, Apr. 30

The Havana Declaration

The Havana Declaration on information literacy, issued April 19, is available in [Portuguese](#) and [Spanish](#). The document asserts the importance of information literacy and calls for collaborative work and building of networks for the growth of information literacy in the context of Latin American countries. It has 15 points for action....

Information Literacy Weblog, May 14

Mythbusters: Medical library edition

Nancy Glassman writes: "A long time ago, on a college campus far, far away, a student stepped into her adviser's office, bursting with enthusiasm. 'I've decided to get a master's degree in library science,' she announced. The response was swift and devastating: 'Are you nuts?' Fast-forward 25 years and I am now a medical librarian. It is time, once again, to take a stab at debunking some librarian myths to enlighten library users about what librarians really do—and how that can help them."...

The Doctor's Tablet, May 15



[The dreaded corporate law library move](#)

Lorna Robertson writes: "Sooner or later, at some point in your career, someone's going to suggest relocating your law firm's library. This can involve anything from a relatively simple move to a new location within the same building, to a shift to another town; but no matter what the scale of the move, there are certain truths to the relocation process. This is what I've gathered about that process, both from personal experience and the painful struggles of other librarians."...

On Firmer Ground, May 14

[Five privacy-respecting search engines](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "Google, Bing, Yahoo—all the major search engines track your search history and build profiles on you, serving different results based on your search history. Try one of these alternative search engines if you're tired of being tracked."...

How-To Geek, May 9



[Seven apps to destroy Facebook privacy](#)

Craig Snyder writes: "Listen to the wrong song or read a weird article on Facebook and you will see a commenter laughing at you about it within 15 minutes. That's what happens when you have so many services connected to your Timeline. Maybe you like that, though. Maybe you're one of those people who are into breaking your life down so finely that you don't mind broadcasting every waking second of your day to your friends on Facebook. So be it. Let me give you a hand."...

MakeUseOf, May 15



[Twitter rolls out weekly digest](#)

Edward Moyer writes: "Twitter has begun sending users a weekly email digest of the 'most relevant' tweets and stories shared by the people they follow. Tweets are displayed as they are on Twitter, and the email includes tweets that captured the imagination of those a user follows, even if the user doesn't follow the person who actually sent the tweet. You can see who among your followers retweeted or favorited those tweets, and retweet, favorite, reply to, or read the chatter around them yourself as well."...

CNET News, May 14



[17 websites for student photographers](#)

Julie Greller writes: "If you are the newspaper adviser in your school, it is very important that your photographers know how to take pictures. It's tough to find really committed student photographers—the ones who are always there and ready for any assignment that comes their way." Recommended websites run the gamut from [digital camera basics](#) to [taking sports photos](#) like a pro....

A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet, May



[Personal scholarly archiving to be studied](#)

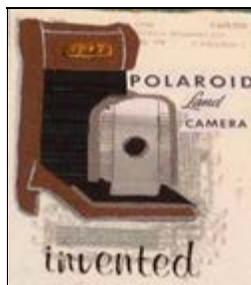
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded a \$143,000 grant to Pennsylvania State University to investigate how faculty save, share, cite, and archive personal information collections. Associate Librarian Ellysa Stern Cahoy (right) and Associate Professor of Science Education Scott McDonald will collaborate with a team of Penn State librarians and a research anthropologist in the 15-month ethnographic study of selected faculty from the liberal arts, humanities, social science, and science disciplines....



Penn State Live, May 11

[Artist trading cards at the library](#)

Artist trading cards (also known as ATCs) are miniature (2.5" x 3.5") pieces of artwork that are about the same size as a baseball card. They can be created with anything from markers, pens, or pencils to watercolors, oils, collage, fabric, or metals. After they are signed, dated, and titled on the back, they can be traded, exchanged, or sold as originals or editions. Many websites and online communities exist for the purpose of trading, exchanging, and discussing these cards. Here are some ideas for using ATCs in the library....



Library As Incubator Project, May 16

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American Libraries Online

Ebooks: Promising new conversations

ALA President Molly Raphael writes: "Earlier this week, I led a four-person ALA delegation to New York to meet with Hachette Book Group and four national organizations that represent authors.



Meeting with Hachette was a priority, as we were unable to meet with them on our last delegation trip to New York. The majority of our time was allocated to meetings with the American Society of Journalists and Authors, the Authors Guild, PEN American Center, and the National Writers Union."...

AL: E-Content, May 18

New American Libraries digital supplement on e-content

ALA has released a report that examines critical issues underlying equitable access to digital content through our nation's libraries. Published as a digital supplement to *American Libraries*, "[E-Content: The Digital Dialogue](#)" explores authors' various licensing models and the state of librarian-publisher relations. Additionally, the report provides an update on ALA's Digital Content and Libraries Working Group and its efforts to promote access to digital content. For more ebook news, see the three features below, as well as the [E-Content section](#) of *AL Direct*....



ALA Washington Office, May 23

Warning: You are about to enter the ebook zone

Robert C. Maier and Carrie Russell write: "Welcome to the world of constant change. Every week sees a new twist in the world of public libraries and ebooks, and if you are



[ALA GraphiCon](#) is a new mini-conference within a conference for graphic novel and comics fans and anyone wanting to learn more about their role in the library. ALA GraphiCon offers a wide range of programs, events, and exhibits, including the [Graphic Novel Stage](#), [Graphic Novel Pavilion](#), and the new [Artist Alley](#) in the exhibits where you can meet artists and illustrators who create or illustrate comics, games, graphic novels, and books.

feeling bewildered, you're not alone. What happened to the physical-book world that we knew so well? It's still here, but in the last two years a newcomer has started to shake things up. Hello, ebooks."...

American Libraries feature



[Navigating the ebook revolution](#)

James LaRue writes: "It's here. Long heralded, the e-revolution has finally arrived in the form of rapid adoption of e-reader devices. It seems safe to assume that by the end of 2012, public libraries may be directing as much as 20% of their collection budgets to digital content. Libraries don't exist in isolation. We aren't the only player. But we are the only player whose main concern is to make as much content available as possible, to all. To that end, there are a few directions we need to pursue."...

American Libraries feature



[Lessons from the typewriter](#)

Peter Brantley writes: "For the first time in decades, we are living through a moment in which the book is being reenvisioned and reenlivened. But unlike the past, we will write these complex and intricate stories in a world far more complex than the one we left a few short decades ago, in which typewriters struck uniform black letters on white sheets of paper. With the power of story, libraries can enable communities to preserve their heritage. Let's build the new generation of typewriters that will help these stories get written."...

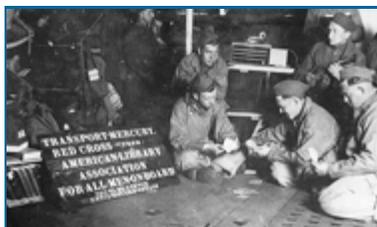
American Libraries feature



[Remembering ALA on Memorial Day](#)

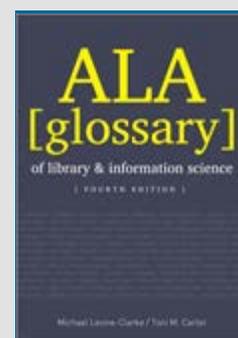
As Memorial Day approaches, the US Naval Institute in Annapolis shared two vintage shots of American troops enjoying books donated by the American Library Association through its [Library War Service](#) program. The photos were taken aboard the USS *Mercury*, which brought some 20,000 soldiers home from France after the World War I armistice in eight transatlantic crossings from 1918 to 1919....

AL Focus, May 17



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ALA News



The [ALA Glossary of Library and Information Science](#), edited by Michael Levine-Clark and Toni M. Carter, presents a thorough yet concise guide to the specific words that describe the materials, processes and systems relevant to the field of librarianship. Written by a panel of experts from across the LIS world, and updated to include the latest technology- and internet-related terms, this handy book will become an essential part of every library's and librarian's reference collection and will also be a blessing for LIS students and recent graduates. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

[ALA advocates for public access](#)

On May 16, Corey Williams (right) of the ALA Washington Office participated in the research panel "[Knowledge and Innovation: Understanding Public Access to Research](#)," hosted by the Brookings Institution's Center for Technology Innovation in Washington, D.C. The discussion focused on increasing public access to federally funded research. The event opened with keynote speaker Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Pa.), sponsor of H.R. 4004, the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2012 (FRPAA)....

District Dispatch, May 17



[Visit the Advocacy Corner at Annual](#)

Influencing library boards, using statistics to make the case, and privatization are among the topics to be discussed at the Advocacy Corner at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, June 23 and 24 at the ALA Membership Pavilion (Booth #1939). Ken Haycock, Stephanie Vance, and Peter Pearson are among the speakers who will host short discussions, workshops, and Q&A sessions designed to improve advocacy skills and showcase advocacy ideas and initiatives from all types of libraries. See the [full schedule](#)....

Office for Library Advocacy, May 22

[Thinking about buying a Makerbot?](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "Bre Pettis, cofounder of MakerBot Industries, just made a pretty good offer to libraries: 'I want every library to have MakerBots. If any librarians take a picture of themselves holding a sheet of paper that says [A MakerBot will go here!](#) with an arrow to someplace in their library and [emails that picture](#). I'll hook them up with a discount code for \$100 off a MakerBot Replicator.'"...

ALA Connect: DIY Spaces, May 23



[2102 Diversity and Outreach Fair](#)

The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services has selected presentations for its Diversity and Outreach Fair, to be held June 23 in the Special Events area of Hall A at the Anaheim Convention Center. The presentations will highlight innovative and successful library outreach initiatives during a poster session open to all attendees at the ALA Annual Conference. The theme of this year's fair will be "Building Community Connections."...

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, May 17

[Engagement opportunities at Options Fair](#)

The Association Options Fair, to be held June 24 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, will provide opportunities for attendees to engage with leaders from throughout the Association and profession. Part of ALA President Molly Raphael's "[Empowering Diverse Voices](#)" diversity leadership initiative, the fair was developed to address one of the most essential steps towards leadership development: exposure to the leadership and involvement opportunities that are available....

Office for Diversity, May 22

[A new season of Step Up to the Plate](#)

Step Up to the Plate @ your library, ALA's annual baseball trivia contest, returns just in time for summer. This year's program has a greater

Great Libraries of the World



[Ajuda National Palace Library](#)

Lisbon, Portugal. Three kilometers of shelves circle the walls from floor to ceiling in this 15th-century library. Despite losses from the 1755 Lisbon earthquake, a relocation to Rio de Janeiro (later partially returned), and mergers with other libraries, its collection of manuscripts remains impressive with its specialization in 18th-century chamber music and opera. In 2007, it merged with the National Library of Portugal.



[Biblioteca Joanina](#)

University of Coimbra, Portugal. Built between 1717 and 1728 for King John V, the library is a showcase of 18th-century Rococo design, with three great rooms divided by decorated arches designed by



emphasis on social media to encourage people of all ages to use the resources at their library. Participants answer a series of trivia questions developed by National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum staff for a chance to win weekly prize packs and a final grand-prize drawing for a trip to Cooperstown, New York, and the World Series Gala in October. Programming ideas and promotional materials are [available](#)....

Campaign for America's Libraries, May 22

["Perspectives on Leadership" webinar](#)

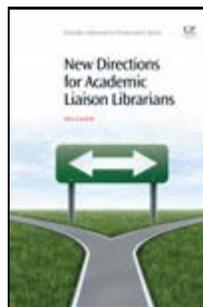
A free June 12 webinar, "Perspectives on Leadership," will focus on the intersection of diversity and leadership. Part of ALA President Molly Raphael's "[Empowering Diverse Voices](#)" diversity leadership initiative, the webinar will feature a panel of diverse leaders exploring the implications of diversity on leadership. [Registration](#) is required....

Office for Diversity, May 22

[Academic liaison librarians](#)

Academic liaison librarians are a vital link between faculty, students, and library resources. [New Directions for Academic Liaison Librarians](#), by Alice Crawford, provides liaison librarians with new opportunities for innovative partnerships and projects. A practitioner in the field, Crawford showcases areas where liaison librarians can collaborate with others in their institution, extend their role, and maximize the flexibility, imagination, and initiative their post demands....

ALA Neal-Schuman, May 17



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**Sometimes you feel like print. Sometimes online.
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[Reviews of Carnegie Medal finalists](#)

Bill Ott writes: "In the two short months since the [Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction](#) were established, those of us involved in the launching of the award—which is cosponsored by *Booklist* and RUSA and funded through a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York—have been very busy. These six books rose to the top of a long list composed of nearly 50 titles drawn from the *Booklist* Editors' Choice list and



Portuguese artists. The walls are covered with shelves decorated in gilded or painted exotic woods. The ceiling frescoes are by Lisbon artists Antônio Simões Ribeiro and Vicente Nunes. The library now houses books published prior to 1800; its treasures include a 48-line Latin Bible from 1462, a 15th-century Book of Hours, and a 1599 interpretation of the Song of Solomon by Dominican scholar Luis de Sotomaior.

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](#).



**Career Leads
from**

RUSA's Notable Books list. The winning fiction title and nonfiction title will be announced at a special event at ALA Annual Conference on June 24, in Anaheim." Meanwhile, you can read the *Booklist* reviews for each finalist....

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

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Anaheim Update

[Disney park prices rise again](#)

If you're thinking of visiting a Disney theme park in Anaheim in June, be warned that the price has just jumped between \$7 and \$150 depending on the ticket deal. The annual summer price hikes for tickets to Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure Park took effect May 20. For example, a ticket for one day at either Disneyland or California Adventure Park was \$80 for park-goers 10 or older. The new price is \$87, up nearly 9%. ALA has a special [Disney Discount Ticket](#) for conference attendees....

Los Angeles Times, May 18

[A Walk in Walt's Footsteps tour](#)

One Disneyland tour that could appeal to some adults is the [Walk in Walt's Footsteps tour](#), a 3.5-hour guided walk that covers the life of Walt Disney and how his vision became reality. The tour includes a ride on the Disney railroad, a look at the lobby of the famed Club 33 (right), and private lunch on Main Street USA. If you have kids with you, the [Discover the Magic guided tour](#) might be fun....

Disney World; Mouse Planet; DIS Unplugged Disney Blog, Apr. 4



[Disneyland monorails get new faces](#)

The Disneyland Monorails have gotten a makeover in anticipation of Cars Land opening at the Disney California Adventure park. Mandy and Mona Monorail are already driving around the resort; Manny Monorail will be joining them soon. The faces on the monorails look similar to the characters in the Cars films. The [Disneyland Monorail](#) was the first transportation system of its kind in America and opened June 14, 1959, with its popular "Googie" architecture....

Disneyland News, May 16; Disneyland Resort



[The Jolly Holiday Bakery Café](#)

The Jolly Holiday Bakery Café is the only eatery open on Main Street in Disneyland early in the morning, so long lines form but move quickly. It opened in January with a Mary Poppins theme and penguins on its

ALA JobLIST

[Library Services](#)

[Manager](#), Iowa Valley Community College District, Marshalltown, Iowa. Participates and supervises the daily activities of the Marshalltown Community College library staff and programs. Develops marketing strategies to reach library patrons. Manages a departmental budget. Oversees the Library Management System reports, as well as departmental, state, and federal reporting as needed....



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Royal Society Picture Library](#) is an online database of digital images of paintings, drawings, and prints held in the collections of the Royal Society, the world's oldest scientific



stained-glass windows. The bakery features an assortment of pastries, specialty coffees, fresh salad, sandwiches, soups, quiche, Merry Cherry lemonade, and Matterhorn macaroons. Watch the [video](#) (2:03)....

The Disney Food Blog; YouTube, May 1

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Division News

[New Literary Landmark: Hackley Public Library](#)

ALTAFF will dedicate the Hackley Public Library (right) in Muskegon, Michigan, a Literary Landmark in honor of Verna Aardema on June 12. Aardema (1911–2000) was an award-winning children’s author who based her stories on traditional folk tales from Africa, Latin America, and other countries. Hackley Public Library and its librarians provided the setting and support for her research. She is the author of *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears*, which won the Caldecott Medal in 1976, as well as more than 30 other books and collections of stories....



ALTAFF, May 17

[Public library data available online](#)

Data PLA has collected for the 2012 Public Library Data Service Statistical Report Survey is now available exclusively online at [PLAmetrics](#).

The 2012 PLDS Statistical Report includes details on public library finances, resources, annual use figures, and technology from more than 1,300 public libraries throughout the US and Canada.

[Subscribers](#) to [PLAmetrics](#) can access PLDS data (2002–2011) and public-use IMLS data (1998–2009) and take advantage of convenient templated or customizable reporting features....

PLA, May 22



[Transforming libraries through frontline advocacy](#)

ALTAFF will host “Transforming Libraries through Frontline Advocacy,” an advocacy program featuring Larry Neal, director of Clinton-Macomb (Mich.) Public Library, and Deborah Doyle (right), interim executive director of the Friends and Foundation of the San Francisco Public Library, at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim on June 24. Each speaker will discuss frontline advocacy for library Friends, trustees, foundations, and other advocates....



ALTAFF, May 17

[Develop a free online management system](#)

Library managers at all levels are discovering that the ever-expanding world of social media can be their most effective tool for communication, supervision, and project management. LLAMA will

academy. It has been created to inspire the exploration of science through its visual history. It contains portraits of some of the most eminent scientists, past and present, such as Isaac Newton, Christopher Wren, and Charles Darwin, including original oils, works on paper, miniatures, photographs, and engravings. Among its other features are drawings, sketches, and paintings from the Royal Society’s archive collections, including botanical studies, microscopic observations, anatomical drawings, engineering plans, and travel documentary photography; and images of rare published plates from the 16th to the 19th centuries, hand-picked from its extensive library of printed books and journals.

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

“I was raised by librarians. It’s like being raised by wolves, but wilder. When Toronto’s

present a webinar on "Online Management Systems: Welding Web 2.0 Tools to Manage and Track Projects Collaboratively," on June 6. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, May 17

[Turn the page this summer](#)

Registration has opened for the online summer session (week of July 9 through the week of August 13) of "[Turning the Page 2.0](#)," a free advocacy training program for public libraries developed and presented by PLA with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Participants will choose an advocacy goal for their library and are guided through the creation of an Advocacy Work Plan....

PLA, May 21



[ASCLA preconferences](#)

ASCLA is offering innovative, half-day workshops prior to the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The topics are developing a library champions campaign, promoting online services to print-disabled patrons, and building a public library–prison library partnership....

ASCLA Blog, May 23

[RDA sessions at Annual](#)

RDA (Resource Description and Access), the new cataloging standard, will be implemented in US libraries in March 2013. As libraries prepare for the change, ALCTS has scheduled a preconference, programs, and interest group presentations at this year's Annual Conference in Anaheim. [Register](#) online....

ALCTS, May 22

[AASL offers Common Core webinar](#)

A new AASL webinar will discuss the vital role school librarians play in assisting teachers with the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. Facilitator Paige Jaeger will present "Common Core Carpe Diem: Seize the Day on Information Integration!" on June 6.

[Registration](#) is required and limited to 100....

AASL, May 22

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Awards & Grants

[Andrew Carnegie Medal finalists](#)

ALA, along with the Carnegie Corporation of New York, on May 17 announced six finalists for the inaugural Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction. The awards honor the previous year's best fiction and nonfiction books written for adult readers and published in the United States. From these finalists, a fiction winner and a nonfiction winner will be announced at an awards program at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim on June 24....

AL: Inside Scoop, May 17



[Honorary member nominations open](#)

ALA is now accepting [nominations](#) for honorary membership, the Association's highest honor. Honorary membership is bestowed on

librarians went on strike this spring, I went down to the picket line by City Hall and told them fairy tales through a megaphone. It was a small way of thanking them for running the greatest municipal library system in the world and, more personally, for turning me into a storyteller."

—Dan Yashinsky, founder of the Toronto Festival of Storytelling, expressing his indebtedness to librarians, "[I'm a Librarian Groupie](#)," *Toronto Globe and Mail*, May 21.

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living citizens of any country whose contributions to librarianship or a closely related field are so outstanding that they are of significant and lasting importance to the whole field of library service. To make a nomination, submit the nomination form and supplementary materials by September 1....

Office of ALA Governance, May 22

[Outstanding Friend Conference Grant](#)

ALTAFF has awarded the 2012 LexisNexis Outstanding Friend Conference Grant to Mary Alicia McRae (right), secretary of the Friends of the Salinas (Calif.) Public Libraries. McRae will receive \$850 plus full conference registration to attend the 2012 ALA Annual Conference June 21–26 in Anaheim, where a formal award presentation will be made....

ALTAFF, May 22



[LHRT supports Spectrum](#)

The Library History Round Table has announced its support of the [Spectrum Scholarship Program](#) with a gift of \$1,000. LHRT's contributions will allow ALA to continue to support master's-level Spectrum Scholarships....

Office for Diversity, May 22



[Best websites for teaching and learning](#)

AASL will announce the recipients of the 2012 Best Websites for Teaching and Learning June 23 during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Sites recognized as a Best Website for Teaching and Learning are free, user-friendly, and encourage a community of learners to explore and discover. They also provide a foundation to support AASL's *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner*. View current and past [recipients](#) or [nominate](#) websites for the list....

AASL, May 22

[Teen Summer Internship Program Grants](#)

YALSA has announced the winners of its Teen Summer Internship Program Grants, which are funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Forty public and school libraries will receive \$1,000 to help fund summer internships for teens....

YALSA, May 17

[2012 NASIG awards and grants](#)

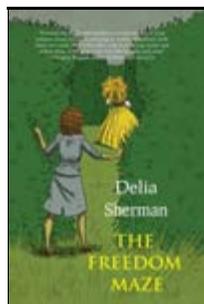
The North American Serials Interest Group has announced its awards and grants for 2012. Jane Skoric, cataloging and metadata librarian at Santa Clara (Calif.) University, won the Horizon Award, sponsored by EBSCO, which recognizes a promising new information professional....

North American Serials Interest Group, May 18

[2011 Nebula Awards](#)

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America announced the winners of the 2011 Nebula Awards for the best science fiction and fantasy fiction published in the United States during the previous year. The winner of the Best Novel award was Jo Walton for *Among Others* (Tor), while the Andre Norton Award for Young Adult Science Fiction and Fantasy Book went to Delia Sherman for *The Freedom Maze* (Big Mouth House)....

Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, May 19



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June 10–14:

[Association for Computing Machinery / Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Joint Conference on Digital Libraries.](#)

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

June 11–14:

[24th Polar Libraries Colloquy.](#) ATLAS

Building, University of Colorado, Boulder. "Cold Regions: Pivot Points, Focal Points."

June 13–15:

[Digital Directions Conference.](#) Boston,

Massachusetts. "New Foundations: Creation, Curation, Use."

June 15–16:

[Milwaukee Conference on the Ethics of Information Organization.](#)

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

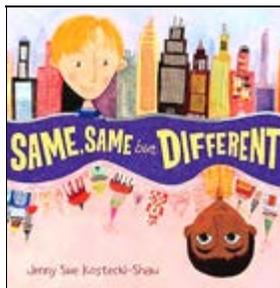
June 16–19:

[Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials.](#) Annual Meeting, Hilton

[2012 South Asia Book Awards](#)

Same, Same But Different by Jenny Sue KostECKi-Shaw and *Island's End* by Padma Venkatraman are the 2012 winners of the South Asia Book Awards for Children and Young Adults, respectively. The South Asia National Outreach Consortium gives the annual award to 1–2 outstanding works of literature from early childhood to secondary reading levels that accurately and skillfully portray the experience of individuals who relocated to South Asia or of South Asians living in other parts of the world....

South Asia Book Awards



[Emily Dickinson First Book Award](#)

Hailey Leithauser has won the Poetry Foundation's 2012 Emily Dickinson First Book Award. The 57-year-old poet has been published in *The Antioch Review*, *The Gettysburg Review*, *Pleiades*, *Best American Poetry*, and *Poetry*. The award, which is given only occasionally, was designed to give recognition to an American poet over the age of 40 who has yet to publish a poetry collection....

GalleyCat, May 17



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Libraries in the News

[Freeze drying saves Escondido books](#)

Things looked bad March 26 when Librarian Ron Black discovered a weekend storm had flooded the Central School library in Escondido, California, but now almost all the once-damaged books are back on the shelves and the room is open for business. The library reopened May 9, and Black said many of the 2,000 books he thought would have been lost had been saved. After being treated with a freeze-drying technique by Belfor Property Restoration in San Diego, only about 45 were lost....

Escondido (Calif.) *North County Times*, May 16

[Toledo districts cut school librarians](#)

When school ends in a few weeks, Maumee (Ohio) High School Media Specialist Cindy Bramson will retire and, like so many school librarians, will not be replaced. School administrators don't disagree that certified librarians are beneficial. They simply can't afford the luxury. At Pike-Delta-York Local Schools, the district's sole librarian is one of eight positions being eliminated next school year to make up about \$600,000 of an upcoming \$800,000 shortfall. The district, however, will maintain its school libraries....

Toledo (Ohio) *Blade*, May 20

[New Orleans Public Library expands](#)

At an April 17 ribbon cutting for the reopened Rosa F. Keller Memorial branch, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu (right) traced the genesis of the library's reopening. Neighborhood residents had gathered in the



Trinidad and Conference Centre, Port of Spain, Trinidad. "Popular Culture: Arts and Social Change in Latin America."

June 17–20:

[Association of Jewish Libraries](#),

Annual Convention, Langham Hotel, Pasadena, California.

June 27–30:

[American Theological Library Association](#),

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

June 28–

July 1:

[National Storytelling Network](#),

National Storytelling Conference, Cincinnati Marriott at River Center, Ohio. "A Conference to Remember!"

July 12–14:

[LauraPalooza](#), the annual Laura Ingalls Wilder conference, Minnesota State University at Mankato. Register by May 31.

Oct. 10–12:

[Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#),

Annual Conference, Richmond Marriott Hotel, Virginia.

Oct. 18–21:

[Online Audiovisual Catalogers](#),

Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico. "Post-Modern Cataloging: It's All AV Now!"

months after Hurricane Katrina to ensure that a library would return. Inside the rebuilt branch—a sleek, LEED-certified, 9,000-square-foot space with classrooms, modern lighting, and a café—a dozen computers guard aisles of books, surrounded by inspirational literary quotes on the walls....

Gambit, May 22

[An incident in Brooklyn](#)

A Brooklyn man stabbed in the chest May 15 at the Brooklyn Heights branch of the Brooklyn Public Library insists he was simply searching for a job—not surfing porn sites. Ransom Alton spoke from his East New York home less than a day after Ralph Neptune allegedly knifed him on the second floor. Neptune sprang into action after seeing what he believed was a porn video on Alton's screen, police sources said. At BPL, adult patrons have the [choice](#) to look at filtered or unfiltered internet sites....

New York Daily News, May 16; *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, May 16

[Curitiba's train car library](#)

Paula Alvarado writes: "Urban interventions to turn old structures into useful facilities for society might seem like a recent trend, but it has been happening for decades. Located in downtown Curitiba, Brazil, since 1973, this stationary recycled train car in 2010 became the [Bondinho da Leitura](#), an open library that offers free books to residents. Any city resident can borrow a book for free by just presenting an ID and stating an address. There are over 2,500 titles for all ages."...

TreeHugger, May 22



[Treasure trove discovered in Russian library](#)

While preparing for a massive renovation of its 100-year-old facility, librarians at the Russian State Polytechnical Museum in Moscow found a hidden cache of pre-revolutionary books and magazines. In preparing the collection for a move to a temporary depository, they discovered a plywood wall that sounded hollow when tapped. Behind the wall were piles of books stacked up to the ceiling. According to preliminary estimates, the 6.5-foot-long hiding place contained about 30,000 books printed before the 1917 Russian Revolution....

Russia Beyond the Headlines, Feb. 16



[Protesters force delay in clearing out Kensal Rise Library](#)

Council leader Mohamed Butt of the London borough of Brent promised May 17 that his staff will delay returning to strip Kensal Rise Library of its books following protests. [Advocates](#) formed a human barricade outside the building May 16—a historic library opened by Mark Twain in September 1900—to stop the council from taking away the books. The library was closed and ownership legally reverted to its original owners, All Souls College in Oxford, in 2011....

The Telegraph (UK), May 17



[Ontario carved-books mystery solved](#)

Nov. 1–4:

[American Society for Theatre Research / Theatre Library Association](#), Joint

Conference, Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel. "Theatrical Histories."

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The old books were given new life with each carving etched into their pages. After being transformed into works of art by H. B. Beal Secondary School students, they were stealthily brought into many London (Ont.) Public Library branches, causing much excitement and confusion to both staff and patrons alike. Since late March, the carved books were placed in [six branches](#) across the city, an action that had LPL's librarians scratching their heads....



London (Ont.) Community News, May 17; London (Ont.) Public Library, May 17

[UK academic librarian to jump for charity](#)

Helen Westmancoat (right), deputy university librarian at York St. John University, came up with the idea to mark her 60th birthday with a parachute jump in support of the Age UK Yorkshire charity. Westmancoat turned 60 on May 3 and will take the leap on June 16. She has had one other parachute jump in 2011, "just to prove that librarians can do exciting things."...



York (UK) Press, May 18

[Sipar to install libraries in Cambodian prisons](#)

A French educational organization hopes to set up libraries in seven of Cambodia's prisons. The group, [Sipar](#), hopes to have the libraries finished by the end of the year, in an effort to educate prisoners so that they might better integrate with society on their release. The ultimate goal is to have libraries in all of Cambodia's 26 prisons by 2014, serving more than 15,000 prisoners nationwide....



Voice of America Khmer, May 18

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Issues

[White House petition on open access](#)

Heather Joseph writes: "On May 13, a [petition](#) calling for public access to all federally funded research has been posted to the White House's We the People website. If the petition collects 25,000 signatures by June 19, it will be reviewed by White House staff and considered for action. So take some time to sign the petition and spread the word far and wide." It needs about 12,000 more....

SPARC, May 21

[Vint Cerf: Web freedom is under attack](#)

At the Freedom to Connect conference in Washington, D.C., on May 21, "Father of the Internet" Vint Cerf warned that internet freedom is under threat from governments around the world, including the United States. Cerf said officials in the US, UK, and Europe are using intellectual property and cybersecurity issues "as an excuse for constraining what we can and can't do on the net."...

The Hill, May 21

[Computer programming for all: A new standard of literacy](#)



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Dan Rowinski writes: "Everyone ought to be able to read and write; few people within the global mainstream would argue with that statement. But should everyone be able to program computers? The question is becoming critically important as digital technology plays an ever more central role in daily life. The movement to make code literacy a basic tenet of education is gaining momentum, and its success or failure will have a huge impact on our society."...



ReadWriteWeb, May 17

[Can you be too private on Facebook?](#)

Adam Dachis writes: "There are plenty of stupid things you can do on Facebook, but you probably wouldn't expect that being too private is one of them. There are actually real downsides to locking down your Facebook profile. It can hurt you in a job search or the quality of the search results for your name. Here's why."...

Lifehacker, May 22

[Librarians, expertise, and the social transcript](#)

Lane Wilkinson writes: "Information and knowledge are not the bedrock of a philosophy of librarianship. Yes, information and knowledge are integral to a properly functioning library, but they aren't the things that distinguish us as librarians: we're neither information scientists nor epistemologists. Instead, we're experts on the *transmission* of information and knowledge through testimony. That's the social transcript. And that's where librarians live."...

Sense and Reference, May 21

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Tech Talk

[2012 tablet buyer's guide](#)

James Trew writes: "It doesn't matter if you're looking for something big, small, just good enough, or so powerful that it could replace your laptop: We've collected our favorites and shepherded them safely into this one humble guide. Of course, if you want to cast your net a little wider, you can always check out our [tablet review hub](#), but if you struggle with indecision, take a look and see what's hot right now in Tablet Land."...

Engadget, May 17



[A whale tail for your tablet](#)

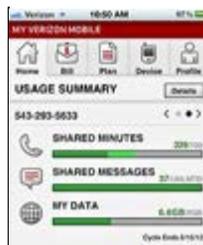
Gregory Schmidt writes: "Tablets are easy to rest in your lap when you're sitting, but they become awkward to grip if you're standing or multitasking. a Denver-based firm called [Octa](#) designed the TabletTail, an innovative idea that combines a grip and a stand. The grip, called the Vacuum Dock, adheres to the back of a tablet or e-reader through a suction cup. The stand, called the WhaleTail, attaches to the dock to provide support, even on soft or uneven surfaces." Watch the [demo video](#) (0:44)....



New York Times: Gadgetwise, May 16

[How to track your smartphone data usage](#)

David Pogue writes: "As more and more cellphone owners are herded from unlimited data plans into the capped data plans, keeping tabs on how much you've used your phone is an increasingly urgent task. If you go over any of your monthly limits—calling minutes, text messages, or data—you'll pay overage charges. But the other day, I stumbled onto the My Verizon app for iPhone."...
New York Times: Pogue's Posts, May 17



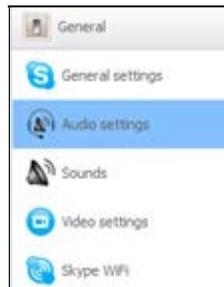
[Wristband supplements to your smartphone](#)

Anne Eisenberg writes: "I've been trying out some of the new watches that display caller IDs, text messages, Twitter and news feeds, and the weather—all beamed from a nearby companion smartphone. The watches are intended for those times when it is inconvenient to pull a smartphone out of a backpack or a pocket to check messages. Instead, you just check your quietly vibrating wristwatch."...
New York Times, May 19



[10 tips to get the most out of Skype video conferences](#)

Tina Sieber writes: "[Skype](#) is a text, audio, and video chat program that allows you to connect with people online. With the right setup, it can be a great tool for private or professional video conferences. However, as with any tool, there are pitfalls that can be avoided by preparing properly. This article will walk you through the basic preparations that should precede any use of Skype and it will conclude with specific tips for video conferences."...
MakeUseOf, May 16



[What is the point of hashtags?](#)

Jon Mitchell writes: "The hashtag was invented as a label for groups and topics in IRC chat. By adding the '#' sign before a string of text, users made that string easy to find in a search. But the hashtag went mainstream thanks to Twitter. By July 2009, Twitter had realized what an ingenious trick its users had invented, so it began to turn hashtags into links."...
ReadWriteWeb, May 17

[Finding storage space in the cloud](#)

Mickey Mece writes: "A number of companies now store your data free and make it accessible to whatever device you are using, wherever you are, as long as you have an internet connection. For those using thumb drives and external hard drives, think of cloud storage as just another way to back up data, but on a remote server. Add in the ability to synchronize and the service becomes even more appealing. What is different now is the ability to synchronize seamlessly across multiple devices. Here is how to start using it right now."...
New York Times, May 16



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E-Content

[Disaster mythologies and digital preservation](#)

Jefferson Bailey writes: "I can't imagine that book and paper conservators are often asked how we will be able to preserve print collections during a catastrophic shortage of bone folders or a plague of acidic zombies. So what is it about digital content that incites this type of rebuttal? There are two characteristics of digital objects that underlie these claims: their *dependencies* and *opacities*."...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, May 18



[Unglue.it goes live](#)

[Unglue.it](#) launched on May 17, with campaigns for books from five initial authors and publishers. A crowdfunding site that lets book lovers pay authors and publishers to make their already-published books free to the world under a Creative Commons license, Unglue.it is a product of Gluejar, helmed by Eric Hellman. If supporters pledge an amount chosen by the books' rights holders before a given deadline, those books will be released as "unglued" ebook editions....

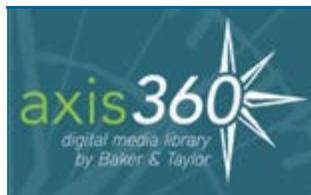
TeleRead, May 17



[New Baker & Taylor platform assists blind users](#)

Book distributor Baker & Taylor released a new version of its [Axis 360](#) digital media platform that allows visually impaired ebook users to have full access and use of their library's digital collections. The company worked closely with the National Federation of the Blind to develop the service, which makes Axis 360 fully compatible with the leading assistive screen-reader technologies: JAWS (Job Access with Speech), Window-Eyes, NVDA (Non-Visual Desktop Access), and System Access To Go....

Baker & Taylor, May 22



[Lightweight DRM](#)

Megan Geuss writes: "On May 18, the International Digital Publishing Forum issued a [statement](#) suggesting an outline for a new 'lightweight DRM.' This proposed Digital Rights Management standard could increase interoperability of books on various e-readers. Of course, publishers aren't giving up entirely on DRM yet—they just want a different kind. But the IDPF-suggested version of content management doesn't require a lot of proprietary hardware or software to decrypt ebooks (like the system we have today)." Andy Woodworth has some [commentary](#)....

ArsTechnica, May 20; Agnostic, Maybe, May 21

[Roadmap for a digital government](#)

The US launched a new initiative May 23 to open up data that was previously locked up in government documents and arcane back-end systems. The [Digital Government Strategy](#) makes open data "the default for government IT systems and embraces the use of web APIs," allowing developers to create new applications and services based on that data, US Chief Information Officer Steven VanRoekel [explains](#). The White House directive calls for aggregating federal agencies' online resource pages at [Data.gov](#) within a year...

TechCrunch, May 23; Office of Management and Budget, May 23

[A vision of the role and future of web archives](#)

Kalev H. Leetaru writes: "The loss of the Library of Alexandria (right), once the greatest library on earth, created an enormous hole in our understanding of the ancient world. Imagine if that library had not only persisted to present day, but had continued to collect materials through the millennia? That's where web archives come in: to make sure that a few years, decades, centuries, and millennia from now we will still have at least a partial written record of human society at the dawn of the 21st century."...



The Signal: Digital Preservation, May 22

[Does ebook sharing create economic damage?](#)

Edward Nawotka writes: "A fear of piracy is one thing, but a fear of sharing? With the new digital age of publishing upon us there are many variables at work, among them whether or not allowing sharing of ebooks among consumers is cannibalizing sales or otherwise causing economic damage."...

Publishing Perspectives, May 17

[Digital archivists: Custodians of technology](#)

Chris Foresman writes: "Game creator Jordan Mechner wanted to teach the next generation. So the man behind the groundbreaking 1989 Apple II game *Prince of Persia* recently posted his original 6052 assembly source code to Github. But getting the code from decades-old floppy disks 'covered with dust' was no simple task. Mechner employed the services of vintage computer expert Tony Diaz and digital archivist Jason Scott to extract the bits from the floppies and assemble it into a readable code file."...



Ars Technica, May 20

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Books & Reading

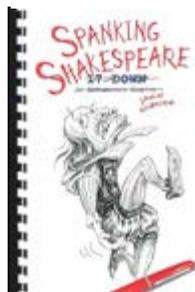
[Libraries debate *Fifty Shades of Grey*](#)

It did not escape the notice of Tim Cole, the collections manager for the Greensboro (N.C.) Public Library, that *Fifty Shades of Grey* was "of mixed literary merit," as he put it with a heavy helping of Southern politeness. He ordered 21 copies anyway. In recent weeks, readers have besieged libraries with requests for the E. L. James books, forcing some exasperated library officials to dust off their policies on erotica. Meanwhile, more than [10 million copies](#) of the books have been sold in the United States in six weeks....

New York Times, May 21–22

[Books featuring male teens that may make you cry—with laughter](#)

Amy Pelman writes: "I started thinking about the books that have made me crack up, and I'm not going to lie. A lot of them (a) have a teenage male protagonist, (b) contain such a male who is very—ahem—hormonal, and (c) feature a guy who is also, shall we



say, endearingly clueless? Combine those elements, and you've got a recipe for the funny. Thankfully the YA world has many to choose from. Here are a few that proved particularly memorable."....

YALSA The Hub, May 17

[Confirmed? Amazon reviews are reliable](#)

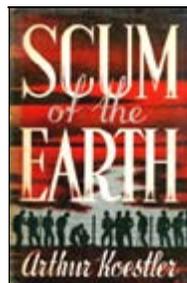
Jamie Condliffe writes: "While there are some dubious reviews floating around on Amazon, the system has one thing going for it: power in numbers. In fact, a [new study](#) from the Harvard Business School suggests that Amazon reviews are, taken together, just as trustworthy as those from professional critics. The study analyzed the top 100 nonfiction reviews from 40 media outlets. The researchers then compared data from review aggregator metacritic.com to data from Amazon."....

Gizmodo, May 17; Harvard Business School: Working Knowledge, Apr. 26

[Authors who went to war](#)

Beth Carswell writes: "Many young men with an urge to write have gone to war and then produced a masterpiece on their return. Is writing a cathartic experience after years of conflict and turmoil? Does experiencing something so life-changing and unforgettable increase the ability to write, or provide a greater impetus? This selection of fiction and nonfiction stretches from the Napoleonic Wars to Vietnam, and features soldiers, sailors, submariners, and airmen who made literary history."....

Reading Copy Book Blog, May 22



[26 modern minimalist book covers](#)

Beth Carswell writes: "Sometimes less is more. The minimalist art movement originated in 1960s New York City. It tended toward simplicity and focus, rather than ornate background or decoration. Many book designers utilized these principles, eschewing the busy and elaborate in favor of the bare essentials. Enjoy this selection of books whose eye-catching design proves that a little goes a long way."...

Reading Copy Book Blog, May 18

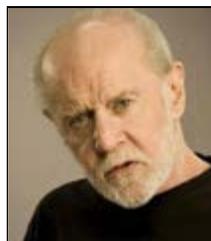


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Tips & Ideas

[What if you only knew George Carlin from a Web 2.0 search?](#)

Alison Leonard writes: "Suppose you were to conduct an experiment and ask the question: 'What would a 15-year-old high school student, a 10th grader, learn about George Carlin by looking at social networking websites?' I decided to invite the commentary of one 15-year-old boy. We will call him Tyler. Tyler did not



know who Carlin was, which was an important factor in the experiment.”...

Voice of Youth Advocates 35, no. 1 (Apr.): 32–34

[Use social media to create hybrid events](#)

Anne Peters and Damon Bullis write: “Here at the University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries, we have experimented for the past two years with running week-long social media–driven celebrations in honor of National Library Week. By blending virtual activities with physical ones to create hybrid events, we raised awareness of library services, increased our Facebook likes, and showcased our friendly, knowledgeable staff. Here are some of the activities we created to engage students during our 2011 and 2012 NLW campaigns.”...

Link: *The Journal of Higher Education Web Professionals*, May 15



[50 must-read higher-education technology blogs](#)

Technology is creating better learning environments, faster and more efficient access to such resources as email and online lectures—and ultimately, a better experience for professors and students. *EdTech: Focus on Higher Education* has surveyed the web and found the 50 best IT blogs in higher education covering every aspect of technology, both in the classroom and behind the scenes. Of the 50, [Tame the Web](#) is the only library blog so honored....

EdTech: Focus on Higher Education, May 15

[Design Elements 101](#)

Lisa Kurt writes: “With good color, composition, and size, you can create a strong design whether you are making a flyer, sign, promotional materials, or webpage. To create a design considered high quality, nuanced, or sophisticated by design standards, you will need to push further and understand shape, line, value, texture, and typography as well. This post is just to get you started making something professional that will add to your credibility as a organization.”...

ACRL Tech Connect, May 23



[Help kids and teens discover Earth](#)

Keliann LaConte writes: “*Discover Earth: Hands-on Activities* is a module to support hands-on Earth science explorations in libraries and other places of community learning. Educators are invited to [download](#) the activities, related reading games, and facilitator resources—all for free.”...

Programming Librarian, May 17



[How to buy an office suite](#)

Jeffrey L. Wilson writes: “Microsoft Office 2010 may be the brand that comes to mind when you think of office suites, but it isn't the only productivity package available for getting work done. In fact, the current crop of office suites (consisting of both free and paid software) are designed to meet the needs of different users—PC, Mac, mobile, and those that want to work and collaborate in the cloud, regardless of platform. Here's what you need to know to select the right one.”...

PC Magazine, May 17



[Six tips for protecting your email privacy](#)

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "By now we all know not to post sensitive information on social networking sites. By comparison, email seems like a much safer communications medium, but you can still get into trouble if you lose control of your account. In addition, email messages bounce unprotected from server to server, so private information might be compromised. Here are six tips to protect your email account and your private messages."...

PC Magazine, May 17

[New items added to National Recording Registry](#)

The voices of former slaves, the sounds of Native American culture, the creative wordplay of Sugarhill Gang's "Rapper's Delight," Donna Summer's 1977 hit "I Feel Love," and the only surviving recording of stage icon Lillian Russell are among the sound recordings selected for induction into the National Recording Registry of the Library of Congress. Marking the 10th anniversary of the registry, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington on May 23 selected 25 sound recordings to be preserved as cultural, artistic, and historical treasures....

Library of Congress, May 23



[National Book Festival authors and poets](#)

Renowned authors Philip Roth, Mario Vargas Llosa, T. C. Boyle, Geraldine Brooks, Patricia Cornwell, Jeffrey Eugenides, and poet Nikky Finney will be among more than 100 writers speaking at the 12th annual Library of Congress National Book Festival, September 22–23, on the National Mall. The event is free and open to the public....

Library of Congress, May 17

[Five things you can do with Google Knowledge Graph](#)

Melanie Pinola writes: "On May 16, Google introduced [Knowledge Graph](#), the company's new search technology that understands 'things, not strings' and adds rich and relevant details about your query in the sidebar of your search results. Here are five great things you can now do with a quick Google search."...

Lifehacker, May 18

| Events | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Thu, May 17 Recurring | Damon Wayans Jr. More info: ticketmaster.com , eventseekr.com |
| Sun, May 20 | Carolines Presents More info: ticketmaster.com , sonicliving.com |
| Mon, May 21 Recurring | Carolines New Talent More info: nyc.com , eventseekr.com |

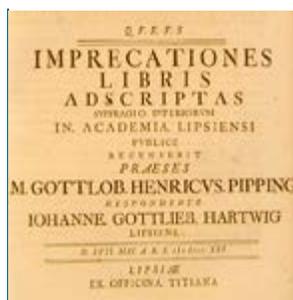
[What do law librarians do?](#)

Catherine Deane writes: "The term 'law librarian' is a catch-all phrase for people who enter the legal industry and then choose to spend their time participating in the legal information service industry. As a group, we have diverse skills and we apply them in ways that in large part depend on the flexibility of our job descriptions, the vagaries of our individual personalities, the needs of those around us, and the whims of the administrators who supervise us or merely outrank us."...

RIPS Law Librarian Blog, May 16

[Rare book bloggers and the links they build](#)

Brooke Palmieri and Daryl Green write: "Working on opposite sides of the UK, we met by chance at the launch party for the USTC database held in Edinburgh in 2011 and quickly began to postulate on the role of the blog in



the rare book world. What follows are some of the ideas and criticisms from multiple conversations held around individual blogs and on the wider theme of blogging and its place in the rare book sphere, told from both the private bookseller's and the institutional collector's perspective." Rare book blogger Simon Beattie has a good post on [book curses](#)....

8vo, May 15; Simon Beattie, May 22

[Advice for choosing an MLIS program](#)

PC Sweeney writes: "A couple of weeks ago, someone asked in the ALA Think Tank about what MLIS program they should enroll in. They wanted to narrow down their search to a school that would allow them to do well in a museums and archives library. I thought I would share my thoughts on getting the most out of your MLIS program for your future career."...

PC Sweeney's Blog, May 22

[Presenting at conferences while you are in library school](#)

Brianna Marshall writes: "Attending conferences is a valuable part of your library school years because of the networking opportunities, educational takeaways, and considerably lower student registration costs. When you present at a conference, you get all of the same benefits of attending while also gaining valuable experience. So, why don't all library school students present at conferences? Here are a few barriers to conference participation and how to overcome them."...

Hack Library School, May 21

[Librarian salaries in the US and Colorado](#)

Comparisons between the 2010 *ALA-APA Annual Salary Survey* and the 2010 *Public Library Annual Report* compiled by the Library Research Service show that across professional library positions in Colorado, salaries are pretty evenly matched with national averages, with the exception of library directors. A Fast Facts report ([PDF file](#)) compares the data....

Library Research Service, May 22

[Five things to do before applying for a library job](#)

Jaime Huaman writes: "So you have just entered the job market and are looking for the perfect job. But that can be very difficult. Applicants must find a way to stand out from the crowd and show that they are the best person for the position. Competing with people with more experience is a difficult thing to do. However, if you follow these five golden rules, then you will be able to stand out."...

The Library Musings of Jaime Huaman, May 20

[A unique community workshop collaboration](#)

Amanda Foster writes: "Each Friday and Saturday morning, members of the Chapel Hill, Durham, and Carrboro communities in North Carolina make their way to their local public library to attend a computer or information-literacy class put on by



the Community Workshop Series. But before you think this is another case of traditional public-library computer class offerings, keep reading to learn about the unique partnership that brought the CWS about.”...

OLOS Columns, May 17

[What if you designed mobile first?](#)

Linda W. Braun writes: “In the course I teach for Simmons College library school on web development and information architecture, one of the things we talk more and more about is developing a library web presence for a mobile environment. The thing is, it’s also something to think about when planning programs, services, and collections that tend to be face-to-face but could really have an on-the-road or on-a-device aspect.” ...

YALSA Blog, May 21

[How the professor who fooled Wikipedia got caught](#)

Yoni Appelbaum writes: “Undergraduates at George Mason University enrolled in T. Mills Kelly’s course, ‘Lying About the Past,’ have been carefully crafting internet hoaxes. Their escapades were encouraged by their professor. In 2008, students created a Wikipedia page detailing the exploits of [Edward Owens](#), the last American pirate, successfully fooling Wikipedia’s community of editors. In 2012, though, one group of students made the mistake of launching their hoax on Reddit. What they learned in the process provides a valuable lesson for anyone who turns to the internet for information.”...

The Atlantic, May 15; *The Last American Pirate*, Dec. 18, 2008

[Lorraine and Jared talk about metadata](#)

Jared Polin writes: “While I was in Florida visiting my grandfather, I went out to breakfast with his crew of ladies, which includes an amazing lady named Lorraine (on the right). Lorraine is a librarian and sweet and extremely bright. She got to asking me about my photography and how I go about tagging my images to find at a later date. Sit back and enjoy the wisdom that Lorraine lays on us during this [video](#) (9:26).”...

Fro Knows Photo, May 10; YouTube, May 9



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[Digital working group pushes for expanded ebook access](#)

Sari Feldman and Robert Wolven write: "If out of frustration come new ideas, creativity, and entrepreneurship, then ALA's [Digital Content and Libraries Working Group](#) (DCWG) is due its lightning-bolt moment. Following the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting in January, the newly formed DCWG was ready and willing to deliver meaningful direction to the Association and its members. But as we all know, the collective power of the library community is greater than that of any single group."...

American Libraries feature



[Ebooks and users' rights](#)

Deborah Caldwell-Stone writes: "Last September, libraries and librarians around the country welcomed the [announcement](#) that OverDrive and Amazon had reached an agreement that would allow Kindle owners to borrow books through their public libraries. The new arrangement allowed libraries to meet a pent-up patron demand for Kindle ebook loans. But librarians and users alike learned that the deal came with some strings attached: Kindle users whose loan periods were coming to an end began to receive marketing messages from Amazon."...

American Libraries feature

[Ebooks: A publisher's view](#)

Lisa Long Hickman writes: "Librarians and publishers are not effectively communicating with each other. There, I said it. Many of us already know this to be true, but as someone who comes from the publishing side, I came to this realization during my yearlong process of selling ebooks across the country and through my many conversations with library directors, state librarians, and heads of consortia."...



[ALA Annual Conference,](#)

Anaheim, June 21–26.

Divisional President's Programs are not to be missed this year.

Highlights include [John Jantsch](#) of "Duct Tape Marketing" fame (ASCLA); [Lori Takeuchi](#) on raising children in a digital age (AASL); [Stephen Abram and Michelle Poris](#) on the digital life of tweens and young teens (ALSC and YALSA); [Duane Bray](#) on the future of the book (ACRL and ALCTS); and author [Sherman Alexie](#) (PLA).

American Libraries feature

[ALA seeks feedback on digital content](#)

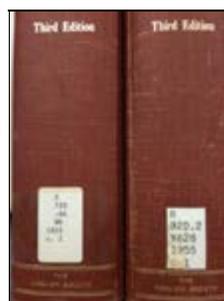
ALA's Digital Content and Libraries Working Group, which tackles ebook-related issues, is seeking feedback from individuals who experiment with the creation, publication, and preservation of digital content. The deadline to participate in the survey is June 1. We are looking for digitization effort experiments that can help ALA recommend policies, address issues, or promote information exchange about this emerging area. [Email](#) the working group....

AL: E-Content, May 29

[Dewey or LC?](#)

Q. Which is older, the Library of Congress Classification or Dewey? Which is more popular? **A.** Quickly, Dewey is older and more popular, depending somewhat on the type of library. But let's step back to the purposes of a classification system to understand a bit more about classification. To "catalog" a book or other form of library material involves several interrelated processes that all contribute to the achievement of Charles Ammi Cutter's "objects" for a catalog....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, May 30



[New American Libraries Pinterest boards](#)

American Libraries has launched two new Pinterest boards. One contains images from films in the Library of Congress's [National Film Registry](#), while the other offers images from national, regional, and state [library associations](#) in North America. Both are works in progress....



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ALA News

[Be an Emerging Leader](#)

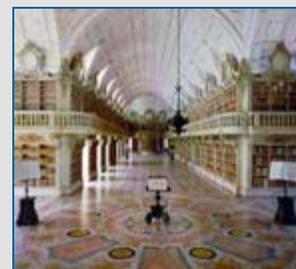
ALA is now accepting applications for the 2013 class of Emerging Leaders. Details on the program criteria as well as a link to the application can be found on the [Emerging Leaders](#) web page. The deadline to apply is August 3. The program is designed to enable library workers to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership. Participants are given the opportunity to work on a variety of projects, network with peers, and gain an understanding of the ALA structure and wide range of activities....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 29



Admired for his mighty imagination and adventurous spirit, [Frankie Pickle](#) is a hero to early readers and librarians alike. Join Frankie in his love of reading with this new poster, an original illustration by author and illustrator Eric Wight. **NEW!** From **ALA Graphics**.

Great Libraries of the World



[Mafra National Palace Library.](#)

[Meet the 2012 Emerging Leaders](#)

Attendees of the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim are invited to meet the 2012 class of Emerging Leaders at a poster session and reception on June 22. The 2012 class will showcase their final projects at the poster session, which will take place at the Anaheim Convention Center, Room 303AB. Participants in the 2012 class come from both the United States and other countries, and represent a variety of types of libraries....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 29; The Magpie Librarian, Jan. 22



[Surviving a career crisis](#)

In his book, *Recovery, Reframing, and Renewal: Surviving an Information Science Career Crisis in a Time of Change*, author Oliver Cutshaw examines the difficulties confronting information professionals who are forced to reevaluate their career options. During a June 23 session in the ALA JobLIST Placement Center in Anaheim, Cutshaw will give a brief presentation based on his book and then open the floor for a lively, interactive discussion....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 29

[Win a one-year subscription to the Virtual Career Library](#)

Visit the ALA Membership Pavilion at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim to register your library to win a free one-year subscription (\$950 value) to the [Virtual Career Library](#). This innovative career information service is changing the way libraries are providing career guidance and job search information for their library patrons. Entry forms will be available June 23–24....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 29

[Linked data will transform libraries](#)

ALA TechSource will hold a new 90-minute workshop, "[Libraries and Linked Data: Looking to the Future](#)," with library data guru and consultant Karen Coyle on July 19. Providing a sampling of metadata building blocks, both elements and vocabularies, Coyle will survey elements available from areas of the linked data cloud outside libraries. Sign up at the [ALA Store](#)....

ALA TechSource, May 23



[Creating your library brand](#)

ALA Editions is hosting a new 90-minute workshop, "[Creating Your Library Brand](#)." To stand out in today's information-saturated world, libraries need a clear and compelling story about why they matter to their communities. On July 18, librarian and marketing expert Elisabeth Doucett will take you through a step-by-step process showing you how to define your library's story and develop your brand. Sign up at the [ALA Store](#)....

ALA Editions, May 29

[Pennsylvania chapter focuses on five literacies](#)

The Pennsylvania Library Association has launched an initiative called "[PA Forward](#)," designed to make public, academic, and school libraries across the state community centers of information, technology, and learning. Project Manager Kathy

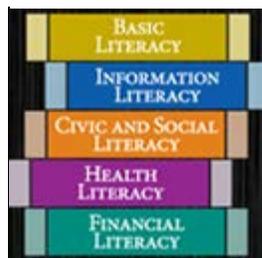
Mafra, Portugal.

Architect Manuel Caetano de Sousa built one of the finest libraries in Europe in the late 18th century for King John V's monastery and basilica and decorated it with a patterned floor of rose, gray, and white marble. Rococo-style wooden bookcases stand in two rows, separated by a balcony with a wooden railing. Its collection of rare books are locally bound in gold-embossed leather bindings—including a first edition of Luís de Camões's *Os Lusíades* (1572). The library is said to house insect-eating bats as a conservation measure.



[Portuguese Red Cross Library](#)

Palácio da Rocha do Conde d'Óbidos, Lisbon, Portugal. The palace was built in the mid-17th century by Vasco de Mascarenhas, earl of Óbidos. The Red Cross purchased the building in 1919 for its headquarters. The library, rebuilt in 1935, has collections on the history of humanitarianism, military law, and national legislation. It features a paneled ceiling with ornamental allegorical paintings of the seven liberal arts; a central panel, painted in 1938 by Gabriel Constante,



Silks said that based on input from PaLA members on best practices, Pennsylvania's libraries now have a toolbox with ideas and methods to help their communities improve basic literacy, information literacy, civic and social literacies, health literacy, and financial literacy....

Lansdale (Pa.) Reporter, May 24

[IFRT seeks committee volunteers](#)

The Intellectual Freedom Round Table is seeking volunteers for committees. If you are interested in becoming a committee member of one of IFRT's several [committees](#), please submit this [form](#). Note: You must be a member of ALA and IFRT in order to serve on one of its committees....

OIF Blog, May 29

[Free STEM traveling exhibition](#)

Angela Hanshaw writes: "Earlier we shared a [Civil War exhibition](#), and now we're diving into science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics is looking for a few libraries that might be interested in hosting a lightweight, portable STEM multidisciplinary exhibit about universal physics concepts in 2013. '[Here, There, and Everywhere](#)' is a NASA-funded program that consists of a series of exhibitions, posters, and supporting activities that use analogies to teach STEM."...

Programming Librarian, May 24



[Da Chen and David Treuer to appear at JCLC](#)

Award-winning and bestselling authors Da Chen and David Treuer will join the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color for an adult author luncheon, September 19–23 in Kansas City, Missouri. [Registration](#) is open now, with early bird registration available through June 13. Da Chen is the author of numerous titles, including *Brothers*; and David Treuer is the author of three novels and a book of criticism....

Office for Diversity, May 29



[Learn Google Apps and Open Office](#)

ALA Editions is offering a new facilitated eCourse, "[Google Apps and Open Office: Easy Alternatives to Expensive Software](#)," with Maurice Coleman and Robin Hastings (right). This two-week eCourse will begin on August 6. Devoting one week each to Open Office and Google Apps, two of the most popular alternatives to Microsoft Office, you'll learn how to set up and run these programs. Sign up at the [ALA Store](#)....

ALA Editions, May 22



depicts Elizabeth of Aragon and King Denis of Portugal.

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](#).



Career Leads from
JobLIST

[Associate Editor](#),
American Libraries, ALA, Chicago. *American Libraries* magazine seeks an associate editor to join the editorial and production team that produces ALA's flagship membership magazine, the *American Libraries*

Ten more *Tech Set* volumes

The Tech Set #11-20, published in collaboration with LITA and available through Neal-Schuman, is the next collection in the award-winning series for anyone charged with determining or implementing the next generation of patron services. Edited by Ellyssa Kroski, these 10 volumes (available as a set or individually) by the field's hottest tech gurus provide practical instructions and advice on everything from planning and development to marketing and metrics. Each title in the series is a one-stop passport to an emerging technology....

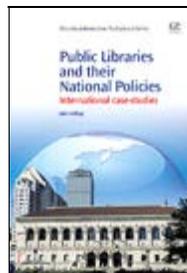
ALA Neal-Schuman, May 23



International case studies of public libraries' policies

One of the first books of its kind, *Public Libraries and Their National Policies: International Case Studies* by John Helling, offers an in-depth look at national public library policies at a time of shrinking budgets and pressure on libraries to make structural changes. Helling explores service models from a dozen countries around the world, focuses on areas such as funding sources, standards, regulations, and use, and offers insights into international best practices....

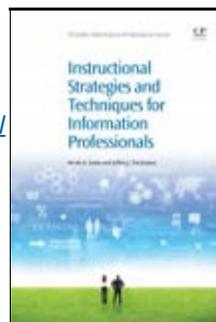
ALA Neal-Schuman, May 29



A guide for trainers and presenters

Increasingly, library personnel are called upon to teach classes, deliver presentations, and represent their organizations in an official capacity. *Instructional Strategies and Techniques for Information Professionals* by Nicole A. Cooke and Jeffrey J. Teichmann, is designed to assist those professionals with little to no experience designing and delivering training, instructional sessions, and presentations. It covers all aspects of training from audience evaluation to lesson plans to evaluation to lesson delivery....

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Digital Library of the Week



Southern Methodist University's six

Central University Libraries in Dallas are expanding their digital collections, especially with photographs, manuscripts, imprints, and works of art pertaining to Texas and Texas history. Some recent projects



Miéville, who last dabbled in the YA world with *Un Lun Dun* (2007), has done something very odd here indeed. While it's tempting to call this a steampunk spin on *Moby-Dick*, that would be as reductive and limiting as calling *Moby-Dick* itself a sea shanty. Instead of chasing whales on the sea, the crew of the diesel train *Medes* hunt moldywarpes—enormous, man-eating, molelike creatures who are only one of the countless menacing species who burrow in the perilous earth beneath a tangled ocean of train tracks. And it's one moldywarpe in particular, the great Mocker-Jack, that Captain Naphi is after—and she is fully aware that they hunt metaphor in beast form. Aboard for the grand adventure is your hero, young Sham (don't call him Ishmael)....

[Top 10 Books for Youth: SF/Fantasy](#)



Ann Kelley writes: "This year's list of top 10 youth SF and fantasy includes the end of a beloved series (*The Galahad Legacy*), the start to a hugely promising trilogy (*The Obsidian Blade*), and the continuation of a story (*The Drowned Cities*) that began with a 2011 Printz winner—and that's just for starters."...

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are the [Lawrence T. Jones III Texas Photographs](#) that include towns throughout the state, Civil War soldiers, and a wide range of Texas citizens; the [Rowe-Barr Collection of Texas Currency](#), representing thousands of notes, scrip, and bonds issued between the 1820s and 1935; and the [Otis Dozier Sketchbooks](#), consisting of some 6,400 pages of drawings by Texas Regionalist artist Otis Dozier (1905–1987).

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.](#)

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Anaheim Update

[Disneyland hotel guests get more time to play](#)

Beginning with arrivals on June 18, guests staying at a Disneyland Resort hotel can take advantage of Extra Magic Hour—early admission to either Disneyland park or Disney California Adventure park—every day of their stay (with valid theme park admission and active hotel room key card). Extra Magic Hour will allow registered hotel guests admission into select attractions on certain days before the parks open to the general public....

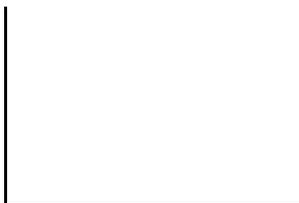
Disney Parks Blog, May 25

[Special buses go to Knotts](#)

Anaheim visitors can now take special buses between the Disneyland area and other tourist destinations, including Knott's Berry Farm and the Discovery Science Center. The [Anaheim Resort Transportation](#) (or ART) has added [two](#)

Noted and Quoted

"Tugged by the gravity of readers' desires, books flow in and out of the library like the tides. The people who shelve the books in [Harvard's] Widener [Library] talk about the library's breathing—at the start of the term, the stacks exhale books in great swirling clouds; at end of term, the library inhales, and the books fly back."



[routes](#)—one to Buena Park and another to Santa Ana—that are meant to help tourists easily get between popular Orange County venues. The fare for these large shuttle buses is \$4 a day....

Orange County (Calif.) Register, Apr. 3

[Getting hungry on Main Street?](#)

In Disneyland, the Carnation Ice Cream Parlor has been a Main Street institution dating back to opening day in 1955. In 1977, the restaurant expanded with an outdoor dining area. Now expanded and spruced up, the outdoor café will [reopen](#) on June 13 with an updated menu. It's a good place to relax at a table-service restaurant during a hectic theme park visit. Here are some other choices (plus a nice Anaheim [breakfast eatery](#))....



Yesterland; *Disney Parks Blog*, May 14; *Orange County (Calif.) Register*, Mar. 2

[Mad T Party kicks off June 15](#)

Ramping up for the June 15 opening of Cars Land, Disney California Adventure began previews of its [Mad T Party](#) in late May. The Mad T Party picks up where the former electRONica left off, providing a family-friendly dance party for a crowd thirsty for disco—and mixed drinks. The set design for the Mad T Party is a main stage shaped like a tea table in front of the Monsters ride. It is occupied by a [cover band](#) made up of Lewis Carroll characters filtered through Studio 54....



Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise, May 29; *Los Angeles Times*, May 26

[Carrying on? Do it with the right bag](#)

The right piece of carry-on luggage—durable, spacious, and stylish—can go a long way toward making a business trip less stressful. It's important "that the bag is made of a ballistic nylon material or something very similar—a very thick, durable nylon that can endure the rigors of travel," says Caitlin Krupinski, manager at Kaehler Luggage in Chicago. Get some tips from this [video](#) (3:16)....



Crain's Chicago Business, May 25

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Division News

[Explore the future of the book with ACRL](#)

ACRL has released a new report, "Futures Thinking for Academic Librarians: Scenarios for the Future of the Book" ([PDF file](#)), to help librarians reexamine

—Matthew Battles, *Library: An Unquiet History* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2004), 5–6.

"I step straight toward the female librarian. She looks soft, as if she's been raised in a box and purely milk-fed, like veal. A line of teeny blue butterfly tattoos flutter out from behind her ear, cross her collarbone, and disappear into her blouse."

—Joshilyn Jackson, *Backseat Saints* (New York: Grand Central Publishing, 2010), 236–237.

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their assumptions, which may be grounded in the current ebook zeitgeist. Authored by David J. Staley, director of the Harvey Goldberg Center for Excellence in Teaching at the Ohio State University History Department, the report is a companion to the 2010 report Staley coauthored for ACRL. The new report presents four scenarios, based in part on feedback from academic library directors....

ACRL, May 29



[The changing academic library](#)

ACRL has published a second edition of [The Changing Academic Library: Operations, Cultures, and Environments](#) by John M. Budd as number 65 in the ACRL Publications in Librarianship series. Budd presents a critical examination of major issues facing colleges and universities and the unique challenges that their libraries must come to grips with. The book can be used as a text in LIS courses, as well as an introduction for new professionals and academic administrators....

ACRL, May 29



[Geek Alert!](#)

ALTAFF will host "Geek Alert! Your Brain on Science and Technology" on June 24 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Join bestselling authors Lawrence Joseph, Sam Kean, Leonard Mlodinow, Jonathan D. Moreno, and Paul Zak (right) as they discuss their latest books. The program will be moderated by Barbara Hoffert, editor of *Library Journal's* Prepub Alert. An author signing will follow....

ALTAFF, May 29



[Academic Friends groups](#)

ALTAFF will host "Nuts and Bolts for Academic Friends Groups" at the Anaheim Convention Center on June 23. Join this discussion to learn about starting a Friends group in an academic setting, discuss best practices, and share materials. The session will be lead by Charles Hanson (right), director of library services at Kettering University in Flint, Michigan....

ALTAFF, May 29



[AASL extends deadline for data-analysis proposals](#)

AASL has extended the deadline for researchers to [submit a proposal](#) to undertake a data analysis of its national longitudinal survey of school library programs, [School Libraries Count!](#) Those interested in submitting a proposal are asked to send required materials to the AASL office before the extended deadline of June 15....

AASL, May 29

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[Kim Edwards: 'Libraries Are Terrific Community Gathering Spaces' \(video\)](#)

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Calendar

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[Open Repositories 2012](#), 7th

International Conference, George Square Campus, Edinburgh University, Scotland. "Open Services for Open Content: Local In/Global Out."

July 10–15:
[Wikimania 2012: International Wikimedia](#)

[Conference](#), George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

July 15–18:
[Special Libraries Association](#), Annual Conference and Info-Expo, McCormick Place, Chicago.

July 18–20:
[Design in Educational Technology: Design](#)

[Art gallery of Coretta Scott King winners](#)

The [Coretta Scott King Book Awards Illustrations Gallery](#) is a new feature on the Coretta Scott King Book Awards website. The gallery includes beautiful, large images from the award-winning and honor titles, and showcases the outstanding illustrators who have received the award. The gallery may inspire you to read these beloved books in your library, your classroom, and your home....

OLOS Columns, May 23



[Baker & Taylor Awards honor library Friends](#)

The winners of ALTAFF's 2011 Baker & Taylor Awards are the Batavia (Ill.) Public Library Foundation, the Friends of Hackley Public Library in Muskegon, Michigan, and the Friends of the Troy (Mich.) Public Library. Each group will receive a \$1,000 check and a plaque....

ALTAFF, May 29

[ALSC scholarships](#)

ALSC announced six scholarship winners for the 2012–2013 academic year to help advance children's librarianship. Four winners were each awarded a \$7,000 Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship, made possible by Bound to Stay Bound Books: Michelle Ahern, Rebecca Baker, Micaela Sanchez, and Lisa Jordan. Two winners were each awarded a \$6,000 Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship: Katie Clausen and Eileen Gilbert....

ALSC, May 30

[Hoy Scholarship auction at Anaheim](#)

The Christopher J. Hoy Scholarship Fund will hold its annual auction during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The silent auction will open up with a reception at 5 p.m. on June 22 and will run until noon on June 25. This \$5,000 General ALA Scholarship is awarded each year to an individual who will be attending an ALA-accredited program of library and information studies leading to a master's degree....

Exhibits Round Table, May 29

[LC announces Letters About Literature winners](#)

Letters About Literature, a national reading and writing program that asks young people in grades 4–12 to write to an author (living or deceased) about how his or her book affected their lives, has announced its 2012 winners. The program is an initiative of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The two national winners each designate a favorite library that will receive a \$10,000 grant from Target....

Library of Congress, May 25

[Brooklyn Public Library wins grant to restore Art Deco doors](#)

With the highest percentage of votes garnered in a Partners in Preservation contest, the Brooklyn Public Library has received \$250,000 to repair the entrance (right) to its Central Library. The library had been a leading vote-getter for much of the contest. The building is an important part of Brooklyn's architectural heritage and a Modernist

[Thinking, Design Process, and the Design Studio.](#)

Summer Research Symposia, Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky. Sponsored by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology.

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

Annual Meeting and Conference, Hynes Convention Center, Boston. "Learn, Connect, Grow."

[July 22–27: International Society of Music Libraries, Archives, and Documentation](#)

[Centres](#), Conference, Centre Mont-Royal, Montreal, Quebec.

[July 24–26: Digital Preservation 2012.](#)

annual meeting of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program and the National Digital Stewardship Alliance, Washington, D.C.

[Aug. 1–3: Archives, Libraries, Museums, and Special Collections Conference on the Future of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Trans, and Intersex Histories.](#)

International Gay and Lesbian Information Centre and Archive, the Public Library, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

[Aug. 8–9:](#)

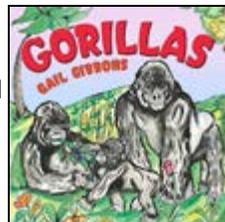


landmark. The library plans to [replace](#) the original 1937 main entry doors using “historically sensitive materials and methods,” but refurbish and reuse the original doors where possible....

New York Daily News: Page Views, May 23; *Prospect Heights (N.Y.) Patch*, May 24

[Correll Book Award](#)

Gail Gibbons has won the first-ever Correll Book Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Informational Text for her 2011 book *Gorillas*. The award was created to bring attention to outstanding informational texts published for young children from birth to 8 and to raise awareness of the need to build young children’s world knowledge. It is administered by the University of Maine’s College of Education and Human Development....
Education Week, May 11



[Comstock Read-Aloud Book Award](#)

The 2012 winner of the Comstock Award for the best read-aloud book for 9–12-year-olds is *The Busy Life of Ernestine Buckmeister*, written by Linda Ravin Lodding and illustrated by Suzanne Beaky. Minnesota State University’s Livingston Lord Library Curriculum Materials Center in Moorhead administers both the Comstock and its companion Wanda Gág Award for read-aloud books for toddlers to 8-year-olds. The latter named as its 2012 award winner *Earth to Clunk* by Pam Smallcomb and illustrated by Joe Berger....

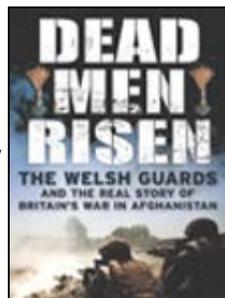
Minnesota State University



[2012 Orwell Book Prize](#)

A book about the death of a British officer in Afghanistan has won the 2012 Orwell Prize for political writing. *Dead Men Risen: The Welsh Guards and the Real Story of Britain’s War in Afghanistan* by Toby Harnden tells of the death of Lt. Col. Rupert Thorneloe in 2009. The UK Ministry of Defence [paid](#) the book’s publisher Quercus £151,450 (\$237,532 US) to destroy 24,000 copies, even though the book had earlier passed a four-month-long prepublication review by the department. *Dead Men Risen* was the unanimous choice of the book prize judges. The prize has been awarded since 1994....

BBC News, May 23; *The Guardian* (UK), May 24



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Libraries in the News

[Fifty Shades to return to Brevard](#)

[Cooperative](#)

[Curation](#), Symposium and Workshop, Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons, Georgia Tech Library, Atlanta. Sponsored by GALILEO Knowledge Repository Project.

[Aug. 8–10:](#)

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

[Aug. 11–17:](#)

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

[Oct. 5–6:](#)

[Education and Library Services: Connecting Borders](#), Institute, Chihuahua City, Mexico. Sponsored by Trejo Foster Foundation for Hispanic Library Education and the Autonomous University of Chihuahua.

[Oct. 10–12:](#)

[Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#), Annual Conference, Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia.

shelves

Less than a month after the erotic bestseller was pulled from library shelves, officials plan to put *Fifty Shades of Grey* back in circulation in late May, said the chairman of the Brevard County (Fla.) Commission. Chuck Nelson said May 25 that details are being worked out. Viera resident Linda Tyndall and her 16-year-old daughter, Rebecca (above), started an online petition asking for the book's return that drew nearly 2,000 signatures. Watch the *Florida Today* [video](#) (2:30). Barbara Jones, director of the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, weighed in on the topic on the [NBC Nightly News](#) (2:24)....



Melbourne *Florida Today*, May 25; *NBC Nightly News*, May 23

[Former pick for Oregon state librarian admits forgery](#)

Robert Hulshof-Schmidt (right), who abruptly resigned December 6 after being chosen as Oregon state librarian, pleaded guilty May 24 to forging his employment application by falsely claiming he had an MLS. According to the court, his formal application included a University of Washington transcript that he had altered to show completed coursework. He was sentenced to 24 months of probation, with community service and an undisclosed financial penalty. One of three finalists to succeed James Scheppeke as state librarian, Hulshof-Schmidt was offered the library's top job October 21....



Salem (Oreg.) Statesman Journal, May 24

[Occupy Wall Street sues New York City over destruction of People's Library](#)

In a federal complaint [filed](#) May 24, five People's Library volunteers are seeking \$47,000 in compensatory damages from the City of New York for the November 15, 2011, destruction of more than 2,500 books, six computers, and other equipment. "The bottom line is: You don't nuke books," attorney Norman Siegel said. He added that, after conferring with officials, city attorneys told the plaintiffs there could be no out-of-court settlement. Three of the plaintiffs—Mandy Henk, Jamie Taylor, and Betsy Fagin—spoke at the [2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting](#) about their OWS experiences....



Village Voice: Runnin' Scared, May 24

[Confronting the biggest threat to public libraries](#)

Christian Zabriskie writes: "Google has not killed the library and ebooks won't do it either. The biggest threat to the public library in American culture is limited hours."



To protest a proposed budget cut of \$96.4 million to the New York, Queens, and Brooklyn public libraries—almost 32% of their combined budgets—[Urban Librarians Unite](#) and the [Save NYC Libraries Campaign](#) are "seeding" more than 1,600 advance reading copies of books all over the city. The bound galleys (above) bear a bright yellow sticker that reads, "When libraries close, this could be your

"Thinking Outside the Walls."

Oct. 22–24: [National Summer Learning Association](#)

National Conference, Westin Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "Summer Changes Everything."

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

Nov. 2–4:
[Young Adult Literature Symposium](#), Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. Sponsored by YALSA. "The Future of Young Adult Literature: Hit Me with the Next Big Thing."

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The Huffington Post: Libraries in Crisis Blog, May 25

[Former employees feel gagged on NYPL project](#)

New York Public Library's Central Library Plan, which will turn part of its flagship Fifth Avenue research center into a lending library, has unleashed a torrent of commentary, with scholars, writers, artists, and students [signing a petition](#) and writing articles, many of them critical. But former librarians say they can't comment because of a nondisparagement agreement they signed in exchange for severance pay. At a [May 22 debate](#) about the Central Library Plan, NYPL President Anthony Marx asserted that the agreements are "not meant to gag former employees from talking about issues of public concern."...

New York Times, May 22-23

[Canada's national archives to be decentralized](#)

The Library and Archives Canada is abandoning its commitment to acquire and maintain a comprehensive collection of Canada's documentary heritage. Library and Archivist of Canada Daniel Caron has announced that "the new environment is totally decentralized and our monopoly as stewards of the national documentary heritage is over." A large portion of its materials will be scattered to both public and private collections across the country. On May 28, archivists from across Canada came to Ottawa to hold a mock funeral (above) and [protest](#) the cuts that led to the situation. Watch the [video](#) (2:00)....

Save Library and Archives Canada; CBC News, May 28



[Friends of the Library have a gripe](#)

Bookstore managers for the Friends of the Dana Point branch of the Orange County (Calif.) Public Libraries say that their current President Terrence Inouye has ousted them without explanation, alienated members, and demoralized the 80-year-old volunteers. Volunteer Jayne Boydston estimated that 25 volunteers and managers—about one-third of the membership—have either resigned in protest or been pushed out. Opponents say that Inouye's behavior has grown increasingly erratic in recent months....

Dana Point (Calif.) Times, May 25

[Ulysses S. Grant gets his own Presidential Library](#)

The board of directors of the Ulysses S. Grant Association announced May 18 that the Ulysses S. Grant Collection housed at Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library will be designated the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library. The collection holds some 15,000 linear feet of correspondence, research notes, artifacts, photographs, scrapbooks, and memorabilia from Grant's birth in 1822 through his post-White House years until his death in 1885. It also houses 4,000 published monographs on various aspects of Grant's life and times....

Mississippi Library Association, May 29



[Kensal Rise library stripped of books](#)

A library building, first handed to the local community by Mark Twain



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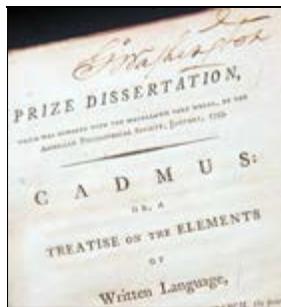
more than 100 years ago, will be put on the market after the council authority stripped the shelves of books in a May 29 dawn raid. All Souls, the Oxford University college that owns the building, confirmed the move to either sell it or rent it out, presenting campaigners with yet another obstacle in their fight to save the Kensal Rise library in the London borough of Brent. A library advocate [called the raid](#) "cowardly."...

The Independent (UK), May 29; The Bookseller, May 29

[Mount Vernon replicates George Washington's personal library](#)

James Rees, president and chief executive of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Museum, and Gardens, decided to replicate the first president's 1,200-volume personal library, book by book. Washington's personal library is part of the larger \$100 million, 45,000-square-foot Fred W. Smith National Library, opening September 2013. It will house historical manuscripts, special collection photos and memorabilia, and 150 years of Mount Vernon archives....

Washington Post, May 25



[Regina library staffers on strike](#)

Regina (Sask.) Public Library staffers temporarily walked out of work and are refusing to collect late fees in a bid to get the administration back to the bargaining table. A post to the library website for CUPE Local 1594, which represents RPL library workers, [states](#) union members are "refusing to collect fines on overdue materials or library fees as they continue their strike to achieve a fair agreement."...

Quill & Quire: Quillblog, May 29; Regina (Sask.) Public Library, May 29

[Italian library director confesses to rare book thefts](#)

Italian police arrested the director of the oldest library in Naples May 24 for stealing hundreds of books and manuscripts from his own collection. Massimo Marino De Caro, director of the Girolamini Library (right), [confessed](#) to stealing the materials and offered his cooperation after spending one night in prison. One thousand books, 240 of which have ownership stamps from the Girolamini Library, were [found in storage](#) in De Caro's home city of Verona. Five other individuals, including Curator Fr. Sandro Marsano, were also arrested in an apparent plot to sell some of the books at auction. De Caro, a political appointee with no graduate degree, had been [accused](#) of mismanagement in April. The library, owned by the Italian government, was established by the Oratorian Fathers in the 16th century....



Agence France-Presse, May 25; La Repubblica (Naples), May 26; Corriere della Mezzogiorno (Naples), May 18; Corriere della Sera (Milan), Apr. 17

[A visit to libraries in Mexico](#)

Maureen Moore writes: "I thought it would be fun to lead you on a photographic journey to the libraries I recently visited on a spring trip to Mexico. From the 19th-century former-girls-school-turned-central library of Oaxaca City (right) to the cultural centers that house private collections of philanthropists and



artists, to the ultramodern Vasconcelos library of Mexico City, my visit confirmed libraries are very much alive in Mexico: ¡Qué vivan las bibliotecas!"...

Fifth & Flower, May 25

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Issues

[The problem with format neutrality](#)

Hugh Rundle writes: "I often hear librarians promoting their 'modern librarian' credentials by saying 'it's about the information, not the container.' By this they tend to mean that librarians in a world of instantly downloadable ebooks, subscription journal databases, and multiple other formats for audio, visual, and written works should be format-neutral; that we should not be concerned about in which formats information is available, as long as it is available somehow. But what if it *is* about the container?"...

It's Not about the Books, May 28



[Why you might be wrong about community colleges](#)

Kim Leeder writes: "I felt some trepidation last summer in altering my career path from university to community college libraries. The position I was interviewing for was a spectacular opportunity in terms of challenge and responsibility, and it allowed me to leap the typical years-of-experience requirements for a director-level role. It should have been a no-brainer, but at the time I had to ask myself the question: Was it a step up or down? My name is Kim Leeder and I am a recovering snob. There, I said it."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, May 30

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Tech Talk

[An app for art lovers](#)

Bob Tedeschi writes: "Art.com's [artCircles](#), free for Apple and Android, belongs on every art lover's device, but owners of the third-generation iPad can have even more fun with the app than others. ArtCircles features 1,500 works from roughly 1,000 artists, from contemporary photographers to 17th-century painters. The app includes a nifty browsing feature that lets you dial up a particular work or artist by spinning a circle that's made up of thumbnail images."...

New York Times: Gadgetwise, May 24



[Eyes on Pinterest boards](#)

Sarah Kessler writes: "Pinterest doesn't just look different than other social networks; it's looked at differently, too. While most websites draw users' gazes toward the left-hand side of the page, Pinterest viewers instead shift their eyes from the top down the middle of the page, according to a recent study using the webcams



of 600 participants to track their eye movements." Among the conclusions drawn: Top pins pop, faces attract attention, and content trumps profile....

Mashable, May 29

[15 tech people to follow on Pinterest](#)

Meredith Popolo writes: "After a too-quick scroll down Pinterest lane, you might conclude the site isn't for you. No doubt, the majority of content reminds us that Pinterest is dominated by middle-aged women in the Midwest who enjoy planting and braiding things. But many tech brands and individuals are now discovering that the third most popular social networking site can work for them. We've spent hours combing through pins to identify boards that you might find compelling."...

PC Magazine, Feb. 13, May 29



[Top 10 pervasive tech myths](#)

Whitson Gordon writes: "Ever been told that you should fully discharge your battery to prolong its life? Or that jailbreaking your phone is illegal? Or that you should wait for the newest Intel processor because it's going to be 'so much faster'? These are tech myths we hear all the time and likely spread to our friends—but most are just a waste of your time (and in some cases, they can actually harm your gadgets). Here are some of the worst offenders."...

Lifehacker, May 19



[When you need to know where you are](#)

Seamus Bellamy writes: "The Garmin GPSMAP 62s is a great GPS for an outdoorsman/woman. Weighing in at 9.2 ounces, it's got enough heft that it feels solid when you hold it, but it's still light enough that jamming it in your hip pocket between uses is no big deal. It can run off of two AA batteries for up to 20 hours before they need to be swapped out. The device supports topographical maps, subscription-based satellite imagery, and BlueChart g2 marine navigation. With the purchase of a Garmin City Navigator NT pack, it can be used for turn-by-turn navigation."...

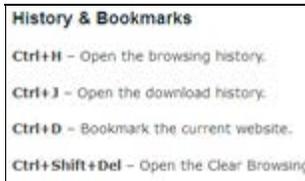
The Wirecutter, May 18



[47 keyboard shortcuts that work in all browsers](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "Each major web browser shares a large number of keyboard shortcuts in common. Whether you're using Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Apple Safari, or Opera—these keyboard shortcuts will work in your browser. Each browser also has browser-specific shortcuts, but learning the ones they all have in common will serve you well as you switch between different browsers and computers. This list includes a few mouse actions, too."...

How-To Geek, May 21



[Giving the web the power of speech](#)

John P. Mello Jr. writes: "What if, instead of tagging material for later reading, you could tag it for later listening? That may be possible soon: Startup



[SpokenLayer](#) plans to turn web content into human speech. It is using professional talent and the authors of articles for its audio content, and preparing a self-service platform to supplement its contingent of professional readers (with a section with [tips and tricks](#) for creating [audition](#) recordings). It's also launched an [iPhone app](#)."...

PC World, May 27

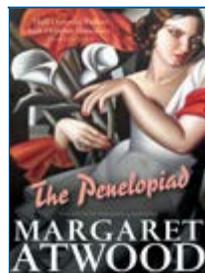
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E-Content

[OverDrive to launch browser-based ebook reader](#)

OverDrive announced plans May 30 to launch a new ebook reading platform, OverDrive Read, later this year. Demos will be offered at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Based on open standards HTML5 and EPUB, OverDrive Read offers significant benefits for publishers, booksellers, libraries, and schools, particularly the ability to read ebooks online and offline on a standard web browser without first installing any software or activating an e-reader. View a [sample ebook](#) on the OverDrive website....

TeleRead, May 30



[IPG ebooks are back in the Kindle store](#)

Nate Hoffelder writes: "The three-month-old fight between Amazon and the Independent Publishing Group came to a quiet end May 25 as the IPG's ebooks returned to the Kindle Store. Both parties have retired to their respective corners to nurse their wounds; neither is willing to discuss the terms of the truce. But IPG did send out an email to its publisher partners which announced the change."...

The Digital Reader, May 25

[Libraries grapple with the downside of ebooks](#)

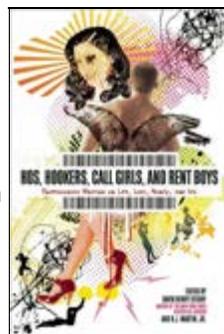
Digital books are the fastest growing area of publishing. Libraries are seeing a surge in demand for ebook titles as well, but there's a downside. Most major publishers won't allow libraries to lend their titles, while others impose restrictions or charge double or triple the print price....

National Public Radio: *Morning Edition*, May 29

[10 risqué books worth buying a Kindle to read](#)

Kim Parker writes: "There are certain books you don't want to carry into work or be seen reading on the subway, but with the anonymity of an e-reader, you can nurture your secret Christian Grey obsession (or whichever left-of-center obsession you choose) with complete freedom. With all the current fuss over E. L. James, we've delved a little deeper into risqué fiction, the kind of stuff you'll stay up all night reading, whether by candle or Kindle light. Check out our after-dark reading list."...

Flavorwire, May 29



[Why library and ebook issues matter](#)

Bobbi Newman writes: "It is no secret that a lot of my time the last couple of years has been spent reading, writing, talking, and thinking about ebooks. To the point where I'm a little sick of the whole mess. Really. Then something happens to remind me why it matters. This weekend at a social gathering a woman who works as a nurse in a hospital approached me to ask me about e-readers."...

Librarian by Day, May 29

[HathiTrust instructional materials](#)

The HathiTrust Communications Working Group has announced a new [HathiTrust Resources and Guides](#) web page. Here you can find overviews, instructional materials, and guides covering HathiTrust and its services. These resources have been created by the working group and by HathiTrust partner libraries, including UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, and UC Santa Barbara. Materials on the page include repurposable handouts, a detailed 24-page guide with screen shots, presentations, lively blogs, and dynamic videos....

California Digital Library, May 29



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Books & Reading

[Parents prefer reading print books with kids](#)

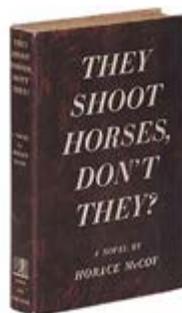
Jeremy Greenfield writes: "A May [survey](#) by the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop, a New York-based nonprofit dedicated to studying and promoting children's reading, asked 1,200 parents who read with their children on what platform they preferred doing so and what platform they thought their children preferred. A majority answered 'print' to both questions. The second finding contradicts other Joan Ganz Cooney studies that suggest [children prefer ebooks](#) to print books. Children and parents not being on the same page; imagine that."...

Digital Book World, Jan. 9, May 28

[The essence of noir](#)

Gary Niebuhr writes: "For me, noir can be cut down to these essential elements: The character screws up and dies. My benchmark book for noir was *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* by Horace McCoy, first published by Simon and Schuster in 1935. This is a perfect noir novel. There is no doubt about what kind of book we are reading. Opening punches to the gut are often the norm in noir writing, but sometimes they can be very insightful as well. Here are the characteristics I believe make a noir novel."...

Booklist Online: Book Group Buzz, May 29



[Uncovering YA covers](#)

Kate Hart writes: "Last year, I started a series of infographics about YA book covers. The further I got into compiling statistics, the more alarmed I became at the covers' monochrome approach to models. All total, I found 224 white girls—and only *nine* of any other race or ethnicity. So this year, I decided to widen my search. As you can see,



last year's finding that YA covers are no more dark than they are light still stands."...

Kate Hart, May 16

[Cussing: Not just for sailors anymore](#)

Whitney Etchison writes: "Once again, there is a dust-up over YA literature in the media. The origin is the study '[A Helluva Read: Profanity in Adolescent Literature.](#)' which examined profanity in bestselling YA literature in 2008. I did some fact checking, particularly of the study's coverage in [US News & World Report](#). Writer Jason Koebler quotes one researcher as saying, 'a content warning on the back I think would empower parents.' But these researchers do *not* advocate creating a rating system for YA books. (Students, what your librarians tell you is true: Always check the original source when you can.)"...

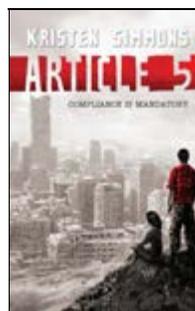
YALSA: The Hub, May 30; *Mass Communication and Society* 15, no. 3 (2012): 360-383; *US News & World Report*, May 18



[Dystopian themes in YA literature](#)

Jessica Miller writes: "There has been a huge influx of dystopian novels in young adult in the last year or so. This type of novel taps into readers' uncertainty and curiosity about the future. It can also stick with a reader, leaving that cold feeling in your gut; leaving you in a fervor, ready to take on the government that may have taken that one final step over the line that shall not be crossed. Or at least that's what dystopias do to me. Here are some perfect examples of books that gave me that hard-gut feeling."...

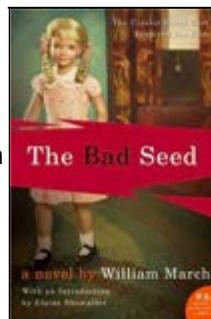
YALSA The Hub, May 28



[The worst children in literature](#)

Beth Carswell writes: "Children are a blessing, but authors have a habit of creating horrific fictional children that not even a mother could love. Few things have as unsettling an effect on the psyche of a reader than a plotline that includes the shattering of innocence. From *We Need to Talk About Kevin* to *Lord of the Flies*, we've put together a [selection](#) whose crimes are far worse than lying, stealing, or most other childhood misdemeanors."...

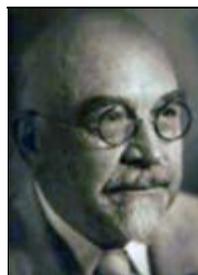
Reading Copy Book Blog, May 25



["I am greatly troubled by what you say"](#)

In November 1905, the superintendent of the children's department at Brooklyn Public Library ordered that all copies of Mark Twain's *Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn* be removed from the room, due to their characters' "coarseness, deceitfulness, and mischievous practices." Soon after, unhappy with this development, Asa Don Dickinson (right), librarian in charge of the Department for the Blind, wrote to Twain to inform him of the ban. His letter and Twain's satirical response remained [unpublished](#) for 30 years. Dickinson later had a distinguished career as an editor and author for Doubleday and as [director](#) of the Brooklyn College Library....

Letters of Note, May 22; *New York Times*, Nov. 2, 1935; Brooklyn College Library



[A Twitter book club](#)

Jeff Howe writes: "I run a book club with, at last count, 66,458 members. My readers live in Sierra Leone, Germany, Spain, Australia, China, and Singapore, to name just a few far-flung countries. We don't meet once a week to engage in high-minded literary discourse. The conversation never ends. As soon as the New Yorkers are going to sleep, the Australians are reaching for their books. All of this is courtesy of [1book140](#), a Twitter book club I started last May in conjunction with *The Atlantic* magazine."...

New York Times, May 18



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Tips & Ideas

[Active learning with smartphones](#)

Karen Holt writes: "Tired of seeing your students looking bored during your library instruction sessions? Try this active learning activity with smartphones: Last summer I had the idea to create a learning activity that involved the students using their own smartphones to search library resources. That simple idea has transformed my teaching. My plan was for students to search a digital library, answer a set of questions about it, and then present this resource to their colleagues."...

Librarian Lifestyle, May 25

[So you want to be a museum librarian?](#)

Kristin LaLonde writes: "Being a museum librarian is a noble pursuit and you are brilliant for considering it. Working as a librarian within a museum setting is good for several reasons, but there isn't much information out there on this sort of librarianship. So here are some things you should know. In my job as the librarian at the Arab American National Museum (above), my role has several different facets."...

Letters to a Young Librarian, May 24



[Baku's Museum of Miniature Books](#)

In the old city of Baku, Azerbaijan, resides the only museum in the world dedicated exclusively to miniature editions of books. The [Museum of Miniature Books](#) is the result of the private collection of Zarifa Salahova, who has collected them over more than 30 years. In 2002, when she opened the museum, she made her collection public, a large portion of which stems from the donation from a Ukrainian collector, who presented his books to Salahova in 2001....

Atlas Obscura; Azerbaijan International 11, no. 2 (Summer 2003): 43



[New Q&A site for LIS professionals](#)

Libraries and Information Science Stack Exchange is a free, community-driven Q&A for librarians and library professionals. It is a part of the [Stack Exchange network](#) of Q&A websites, and it was created through an open, democratic process. This site is currently in public beta. Anyone may participate. The [FAQ](#) advises that you should only ask practical, answerable questions based on actual problems that you face....

LIS Stack Exchange

[Florida Atlantic acquires pop-up book collection](#)

A college library might not be the first place you'd look to find colorful pop-up books of Charlie Brown, Darth Vader, and the X-Men. But Florida Atlantic University's Jaffe Center for Book Arts has received a [collection](#) of about 450 pop-up titles during the past year, including some of the most popular and unusual books ever produced. In addition to children's books, the collection features every genre found in adult books, including history, cooking, celebrities, geography, religion, health, and art....

Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Sun-Sentinel, May 24



[Tracing the roots of your family tree](#)

Anyone with an internet connection can now find out what grandma and grandpa—and anyone else who was around—were doing in 1940. Officials at the National Archives posted the [census documents](#) April 2, and by the end of May there had been more than 1.5 billion hits. Knowing your family history “can help put your own life in perspective,” said Ginger Frere (right), a genealogist and reference librarian at the Newberry Library in Chicago. “Census records are a good place to start.”...

Chicago Tribune, May 30



[Queen Victoria goes online](#)

The University of Oxford's Bodleian Libraries, working in partnership with the Royal Archives and information company ProQuest, have for the first time made the private records of one of the world's most influential public figures available online. [Queen Victoria's Journals](#), which span the monarch's lifetime and consist of 141 volumes numbering over 43,000 pages, have never been published in their entirety and previously were only accessible by appointment at the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle. The website is supported by a [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#)....

Bodleian Libraries, May 24



[Bookyard: An artistic outdoor library in Belgium](#)

Italian artist Massimo Bartolini has developed an expansive outdoor public library titled “Bookyard” for the Belgian art festival, [Track: A Contemporary City Conversation](#). May 12–September 16, in Ghent. Bartolini has used his creative, mixed-media talents to develop a set of 12 bookcases installed in St. Peter's Abbey vineyard. The units are filled with books for sale by the public libraries of Ghent and Antwerp....

Designboom, May 29



[Words that might trigger a Homeland Security watch](#)

The US Department of Homeland Security has released a list of the keywords and phrases the agency monitors online to find potential threats. In response to a freedom of information request, the department posted its

Emergency management
Emergency response
First responder
Homeland security
Maritime domain awareness
(MDA)
National preparedness
initiative
Militia
Shooting

[Analyst's Desktop Binder](#) (a manual for the agency's security analysts) containing this hotlist. The keywords cover domestic security, HAZMAT and nuclear, health concern, infrastructure security, and other threats....

Lifehacker, May 29

[Unexpected Rapstars: Episode 1, The Librarian](#)

Michael Brady (right), a singer/songwriter in Glasgow, Scotland, poses as a librarian in this [video](#) (1:14) to show that anyone, even a librarian, can be a rap star. "No I'm not really one to resort to violence / Coz I spend every single day working in silence."...



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