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## American Libraries Online

### Libraries weather the superstorm

George Eberhart writes: "Beyond temporary power outages and minor wind and water damage, libraries along the Atlantic coast weathered Superstorm Sandy fairly well, considering all the flooding and destruction inflicted on homes and businesses. Although some areas of central New Jersey were still without power six days after the storm, many public libraries in affected states were powered up and serving as community support centers for residents without electricity, internet access, or heat. The worst library damage occurred on the Rockaway Peninsula, New York." [Here is how](#) you can help damaged libraries in [New York](#) and [New Jersey](#)....

*American Libraries* feature: Chapter Relations Office



### ALA hosts State Department fellow

George Eberhart writes: "For three weeks in October, ALA served as host for a legislative fellow from Morocco in an exchange program sponsored by the US Department of State. Khadija Semlali (right) serves as a project manager for the Books, Libraries, and Archives Department in the Moroccan Ministry of Culture in Rabat. One of her duties is to help organize the annual Casablanca Book Fair (Salon International de l'Edition et du Livre) in February."...

AL: Inside Scoop, Nov. 5



### Personal branding for librarians

Karen G. Schneider writes: "The trend of establishing and maintaining a personal brand has been a hot topic for some time with the public at large, traceable as far back as 1937 and Napoleon Hill's self-help classic *Think and Grow Rich*, if [Wikipedia](#) is to be believed. Unsurprisingly, personal branding has also caught on with librarians,



**ALA Midwinter Meeting.**  
Seattle, January 25–29.



**Caroline Kennedy**—author, attorney, and Honorary Chair of National Library Week 2013—will be a Midwinter Meeting **Auditorium Speaker** on January 27, 10–11 a.m. More details coming soon.

notoriously preoccupied as we are with our professional image, both as we appear to fellow librarians and as we appear to others.”...

*American Libraries* feature

### [Editor’s Letter: Gauging your interest](#)

Laurie D. Borman writes: “We want to know what you think about the magazine, and indeed, all the media streams of *American Libraries*. We’ll be looking at all the data from our recent survey and plan to make improvements to the look and content of the magazine as well as to our website. Starting this month, we’re also launching [American Libraries Live](#), a streaming video broadcast that you can view for free. The first program, on November 16, will feature ALA TechSource author Jason Griffey.”...

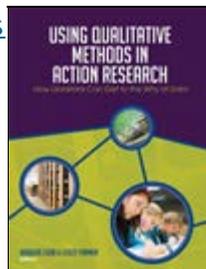
*American Libraries* column, Nov./Dec.



### [Librarian’s Library: Making sure libraries measure up](#)

Karen Muller writes: “When times get tough, managers start asking about the viability of programs. In *Using Qualitative Methods in Action Research: How Librarians Can Get to the Why of Data*, editors Douglas Cook and Lesley Farmer provide an array of examples that use qualitative research (which analyzes observed behaviors or transactions of a group under study) to understand what does and doesn’t work with a library instruction program.”...

*American Libraries* column, Nov./Dec.



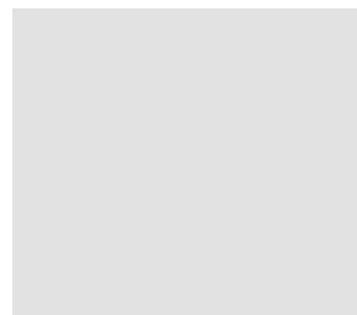
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## ALA News

### [Peter Block on leadership](#)

Peter Block (right), best-selling author of *Community: The Structure of Belonging* and widely known for his work on community engagement and reconciliation, will facilitate an interactive discussion about the nature of real transformation and what kind of leadership is required to achieve it. ALA President Maureen Sullivan welcomes Block as part of the President’s Program on January 27 at the 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle....



Conference Services, Nov. 1

### [Smitty and LiLi on the road](#)

“What do you get when you cross a librarian with a hot-rod shop?” In this unusual case that shatters stereotypes of libraries, librarians, and literacy, you get a mobile initiative that delivers the library to people who may not know about or who have some obstacle to visiting libraries. Smitty Miller (right) will tell you more about this unique project in the ALA Masters session, “Library Live and On Tour: Taking the Library to the Street” on January 28 at the 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle....



Conference Services, Nov. 1

### [Dine Around Seattle](#)

For Midwinter Meeting attendees interested in hitting the town and exploring Seattle over a great dinner with old and new conference friends, the Dine Around Seattle evening offers the perfect opportunity. Reservations for 10 have been secured at several local hot-spot restaurants the evening of January 25. Anyone interested can [sign up](#) for a single seat or join the group with colleagues and friends; either way, the evening offers networking, good food, and good conversation at restaurants you may not have otherwise discovered....



Conference Services, Nov. 6

### [How Singapore took a lead in library transformation](#)

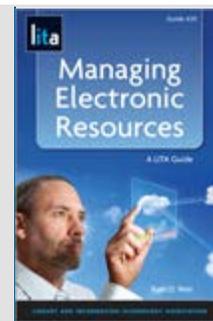
In a two-part ALA Midwinter Meeting Masters session on January 26, Katherina Lee and Lee Kee Siang from the National Library Board of Singapore will address changes that have led the NLB to be considered a global leader in transformation. Lee will discuss how establishing the National Library Board in 1995 marked a radical shift in organizational paradigms; and Siang will show how the NLB has emphasized leveraging technology to offer dynamic, innovative services....



Conference Services, Nov. 5

### [Creating a culture of learning](#)

Speakers from a range of settings and library backgrounds have been confirmed to participate in ALA’s Digital Literacy Task Force program “[Creating a Culture of Learning: How Librarians Keep up with Digital Media and Technology](#),” a Google Hangout session moderated by OITP Fellow Renee Hobbs. This virtual national conversation will take place on November 14. The session will explore how information professionals can stay ahead of our students, colleagues, and patrons as new devices, software, and internet-enabled services emerge.



Electronic resource management encompasses much more than turning on and off resources and tracking usage.

[Managing Electronic Resources: A LITA Guide](#), edited by Ryan O. Weir provides advice on the tools and best practices to help you tackle heavy workloads while saving time, effort, and money. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**



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



#### [Long Library.](#)

Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, UK. One of the longest (55 meters) rooms in a private home anywhere in the United Kingdom, the library was planned by John Vanbrugh and

RSVP [by email](#)....

Office for Information Technology Policy, Nov. 6; District Dispatch, Nov. 7

## [Changes to AACR2 online access coming](#)

Effective April 1, online access to Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd edition, will be available exclusively through RDA Toolkit. Access to AACR2 will no longer be included in the *Cataloger's Desktop* subscription price. An online version of AACR2 has been included in RDA Toolkit since its launch in June 2010, and this change will not increase the RDA Toolkit subscription price....

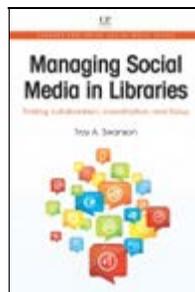
ALA Digital Reference, Nov. 6



## [Manage your social media](#)

A detailed analysis of the whys of social media and the hows of getting staff and library users involved, [Managing Social Media in Libraries: Finding Collaboration, Coordination, and Focus](#), available through ALA Neal-Schuman, explores the developing information environment. Author Troy A. Swanson takes librarians beyond the mechanics of using social media to establish a framework for making social media effective....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Nov. 6



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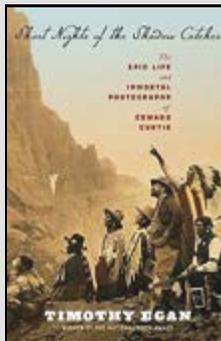
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# Booklist ONLINE

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

Egan, Timothy. *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis*. Nov. 2012. 412p. Houghton, hardcover (978-0-618-96902-9).

Ace popular historian Egan makes the story of self-made master photographer Edward Curtis (1868–1952) frequently suspenseful, always gripping, and monumentally heroic. When the last book in Curtis's 20-volume *The North American Indian* emerged, Curtis was old, broke, and dependent on his daughters. Though it consumed \$2.5 million of J. P. Morgan's money over the course of three decades, Curtis never took a cent in salary. He lost his business, his property, his marriage, and any control of his great project. But he completed it, preserving a great deal of what we know about Indian cultures, including more than 75 languages, thousands of songs and stories, traditional practices in everything from clothing to religious ritual, and the Indian



designed by Nicholas Hawksmoor in 1725 as a picture gallery. Charles Spencer, 3rd duke of Marlborough, altered it to house the Sunderland Library, which had been collected by his father, although the carved bookcases suffered from damp and sunlight. The Sunderland Library was sold in 1881–1883, but the hall was restored as a library in 1912 by Charles Spencer-Churchill, the 9th duke. The largest pipe organ in a private home was installed in 1891, built by Henry Willis. More than 10,000 books are currently kept on the bookshelves.



## [Mackintosh Library.](#)

Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, Scotland, UK. Designed by architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh in 1909, the library houses original Art Nouveau furniture and light fixtures. It serves as the school's reference library with a collection of historic books, periodicals, and journals.

**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. Some will be featured in [The Whole Library](#)

accounts of such historic milestones as the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Simultaneously, he fixed the image of the North American Indian in a body of work as iconic as any created by any other visual artist in any medium....

### Top 10 art books: 2012

Donna Seaman writes: "The best art books of the past 12 months embrace music and movies, paintings and photography, telling the stories of artists contemporary and past, and illuminating what it is that makes art transcend time and place."...



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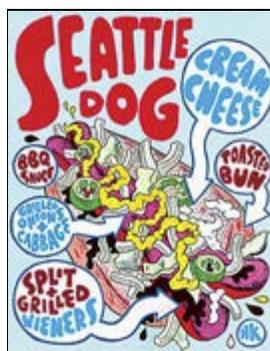
[Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart, which is scheduled for publication in 2013 by ALA Editions. There is also a [Great Libraries of the World Pinterest board](#).



## Seattle Update

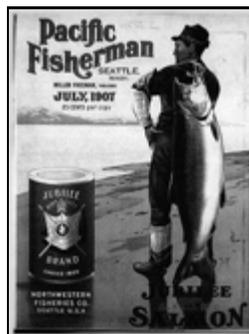
### Seattle dogs: An oral history

Hanna Raskin writes: "Slathering cream cheese on hot dogs is a notion that rose from the streets, not recipe books. But for Seattle eaters, there's nothing silly about the cream-cheese dog. It's the city's signature drunk food, sold from carts that congregate in Belltown, Ballard, and at the corner of 10th and Pike. As best as the crack staff at the Seattle Public Library can determine, Seattle dogs were first mentioned in print by *The Stranger*, which in 1999 briefly reviewed Otmane Bezzaz's cart." Watch the [video](#) (1:55)....  
*Seattle Weekly*, Aug. 29; Vimeo, Sept.



### Special Collections at the University of Washington Libraries

Special Collections is open to members of the University of Washington community, visiting scholars, and the general public, and contains many rare, valuable, and unique items. Popular holdings include the 1962 Seattle World's Fair, GLBTQ collections, Japanese Americans in the Pacific Northwest, discovery and early settlement in the Northwest, and historic architecture. Even before you arrive at the Midwinter Meeting, you can explore its extensive [digital collections](#)....  
University of Washington Library



### Bhutan: One of the world's biggest books

Michael Hawley's *Bhutan: A Visual Odyssey Across the Last Himalayan Kingdom* is a whopping 7 feet tall by 5 feet wide, making it one of the world's largest books.

### Career Leads from JobLIST

#### Library Manager II.

Baltimore County (Md.) Public Library is seeking a Library Manager who has a passion for creating an environment of teamwork that embraces change and excellent customer service. The right candidate will be a leader who is an effective communicator, creative thinker, and a continuous learner. Responsibilities include managing the day-to-day operations of a branch including information, circulation, and programming services; supervising, training, and evaluating the work performance of staff and encouraging their professional development; and building partnerships

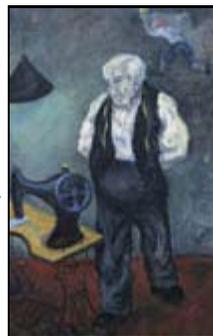


It was meant to capture photographically a visual record of Hawley's field expeditions to the small Central Asian country. The book, a gift from an anonymous donor, is on permanent display outside the Graduate Reading Room in the University of Washington's Suzzallo Library. Pages are turned once a month....  
University of Washington

### [Seattle Art Museum](#)

The Seattle Art Museum (commonly known as SAM) is located at 1300 First Avenue and is open Wednesday through Sunday. It houses nearly 25,000 works of art. Special exhibitions during the Midwinter Meeting include [Going for Gold](#) (all items containing gold), [The Distant Relative Who Calls at Midnight](#) (a mixture of Aboriginal Australian art with modern art), [Morality Tales](#) (American art and social protest, 1935–1945), and [Light in the Darkness](#) (lighting in art)....

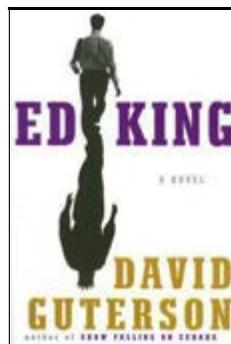
Seattle Art Museum



### [Three novels of Seattle](#)

Knute Berger writes: "Does the Great Seattle Novel exist? If there is one, there's a good chance it was written in the past year, as the city has become a vital character in some fascinating, fun books by David Guterson, Jim Lynch, and Maria Semple. These books tussle with fundamental Seattle issues. Has success spoiled us? Does money corrupt? Can Seattle live up to its utopian ideals? They describe rainy skies and self-absorbed yuppies and a city not as perfect as often advertised."...

Crosscut.com, Aug. 24



### [Find your way around the airport maze](#)

Kit Eaton writes: "As I planned our summer vacation this year, one of the critical issues I considered was how to shepherd two young children through the different airports where we would need to change flights. Apps came to the rescue. The [iFly Pro](#) app (right) is probably the most widely known app of its kind. The app, \$7 on iOS and Android, bills itself as an all-purpose airport guide for the informed traveler. It contains guides for airports around the world, as well as flight timing data and other airline information."...

*New York Times*, July 18



## Division News

### [David Wiesner in special Caldecott Facebook Forum](#)

Three-time Caldecott Medal-winning author David Wiesner (right) will participate in a Facebook Forum hosted by ALSC. As part of the forum, ALSC will

with local businesses, community organizations, and government agencies to further strengthen the library's relationship with our diverse communities....



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### Digital Library of the Week



#### The [Margaret Herrick Library Digital Collections](#) is an

online database that launched in July 2012 and provides public access to digitized materials from the collections of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Margaret Herrick Library, located at the Fairbanks Center for Motion Picture Study in Beverly Hills, California. Currently the database contains more than 3,000

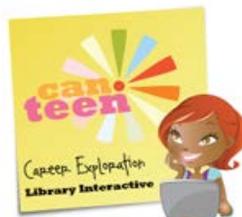
interview Wiesner about his Caldecott Award books and take questions from participants. This event is open to the public and will take place at 11 a.m. Eastern time on November 29 on the [ALSC Facebook page](#)....

ALSC, Oct. 31

### [AASL partners with Carnegie Science Center](#)

AASL has partnered with the Carnegie Science Center to inspire girls to see themselves in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics careers through gaming and online activities. As part of the initiative, the center has developed the [Can\\*TEEN Trivia Wheel Library Interactive game](#), a new spin on the classic gaming style of multiple-choice trivia questions. AASL will help distribute game toolkits to more than 2,500 middle schools....

AASL, Nov. 6



### [New School Library Research articles](#)

Three new research articles covering the topics of information literacy, professional development and collaboration, and the impact of staffing levels on student achievement are available online as part of AASL's peer-reviewed online journal, [School Library Research](#)....

AASL, Nov. 6



### [Still without a disaster plan?](#)

Libraries may want to consider [The Comprehensive Guide to Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery](#) (2009) by Frances C. Wilkinson, Linda K. Lewis, and Nancy K. Dennis, which provides a toolkit for librarians and serves as an essential resource for medium to large libraries. The authors offer readers practical approaches on preparing for a disaster by creating a plan, responding to an emergency, and the intricacies of recovering from a disaster....

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### [Literary Landmark: Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine](#)

United for Libraries will designate the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in New York a Literary Landmark in honor of Madeleine L'Engle (1918–2007, right) on November 29. L'Engle, a legendary children's author who wrote *A Wrinkle in Time* (1962), served as the church's librarian for more than 40 years.

Partnering with United for Libraries for the dedication are the Empire State Center for the Book, the Children's Book Council, and Farrar, Straus, and Giroux....

United for Libraries, Nov. 6



### [Take your visuals from blah to ahhh](#)

Are you taking heed of all of the opportunities to promote your library

items, including correspondence, photographs, early release fliers, full issues of rare periodicals, and movie star ephemera. The database also has complete copies of more than 250 Academy publications, dating back to the founding of the organization in 1927. Special collections within the digital library include an Academy Awards collection, the George Cukor papers, Cecil B. DeMille photographs, the Alfred Hitchcock papers, the Mary Pickford papers, and a sheet music collection. The library uses OCLC's CONTENTdm Digital Collection Management Software.

**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**

**"It makes me proud to be a library professional to see how much positive we add to the community in times of need. Libraries are the solution in situations like these; not the problem."**

—Allan M. Kleiman, director

visually? LLAMA is presenting a webinar, "Going Visual: Transforming Library Communication from Blah to Ahhh!," on November 14. Presenters Kristina Martinez and Elizabeth Titus, from New Mexico State University, will present examples of how their library has transformed donor communication visually. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, Oct. 31

### [Learn how to revitalize reference](#)

The November 15 webinar "On Life Support, but Not Dead Yet! Revitalizing Reference for the 21st Century" will help participants understand how to redefine the role of the reference department, develop programs and services designed to increase the number of reference transactions and devise strategies to increase the exposure of their reference staff. [Register](#) by November 13....

PLA, Nov. 6

### [New ALCTS z687 editor](#)

Pamela J. Thomas, technical services librarian at Illinois Central College, is the new editor of [z687: Creating the Future of Technical Services](#), a series of digital publications from ALCTS. z687 is the online collection of white papers and think pieces by ALCTS members and others in libraries and related professions for the library community whose interest extends to issues in collections and library technical services....

ALCTS, Nov. 5

### [YALSA Symposium: It's all about the connections](#)

Sarah Flowers writes: "I'm just back from YALSA's 2012 YA Literature Symposium in St. Louis. I've been going to ALA Annual and Midwinter for over 15 years, and they are great. But a symposium like this is something really special, and it's all about the connections. Let me just give you a few examples that I observed."...

YALSA Blog, Nov. 7

### [Teens' Top Ten book groups picked for 2013](#)

Sixteen public and school libraries from across the country have been selected to serve as official book groups for YALSA's Teens' Top Ten. They will nominate books published in a calendar year to create the official Teens' Top Ten nominations for 2013, from which teens nationwide will cast ballots for their three favorites. Final nominations for the 2013 Teens' Top Ten vote will be [posted online](#) on April 19, which is Support Teen Literature Day....

YALSA, Nov. 6

### [Create a Latino-friendly library](#)

Bringing Latinos into the library in our communities still remains an uphill battle that has stumped many a librarian. Take the first step towards engaging this community with your library by attending ASCLA's 90-minute webinar on November 15, "[Creating a Latino-Friendly Library](#)."...

ASCLA Blog, Oct. 31

### [ASCLA still needs a consultant](#)

ASCLA has extended the deadline for its RFP ([PDF file](#)) for a project consultant to November 20. The consultant will assist in the production of an online, interactive ASCLA Accessibility Academy module focused on improving library staff communications and interactions with people with disabilities....

ASCLA Blog, Oct. 31

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of the Montville Township (N.J.) Public Library, in a [Facebook post](#), Nov. 3.

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## Calendar

**Nov. 17:**  
[Boston Radical Reference Collective](#),  
Critical Librarianship Symposium, Women's

## Awards & Grants

### [2012 National Medals for Museum and Library Service](#)

The National Medal is the nation's highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for service to the community and celebrates institutions that make a difference for individuals, families, and communities. The Institute of Museum and Library Services named five libraries as the 2012 winners: [Contra Costa County \(Calif.\) Library](#); [Cumberland County \(N.C.\) Public Library](#) (above); [Naturita \(Colo.\) Community Library](#); [Park View High School Library Media Center](#) in Sterling, Virginia; and [Shaler North Hills Library](#) in Glenshaw, Pennsylvania. The medals will be presented during a celebration in Washington, D.C., on November 14....



Institute of Museum and Library Services, Nov. 5

### [Guide to Reference voted best professional database resource](#)

Based on votes from librarians, readers of *Library Journal*, and reviewers, ALA's [Guide to Reference](#) was selected the number one Best Database in *Library Journal's* 2012 Best Professional Resource category. *Guide to Reference* is the online successor to the former gold-standard print *Guide to Reference Books*. An editorial team of top reference librarians and subject experts select, annotate, and update more than 16,000 entries to make *Guide to Reference* a versatile, selective online guide to the best reference sources in print and web-based formats....



ALA Digital Reference, Nov. 6

### [Cutting-edge technology deadline extended](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy and LITA are extending the deadline for submitting nominations for best library practices using cutting-edge technology to November 16. Additional details, including submission information, for the nomination process can be found on the [OITP website](#)....

Office for Information Technology Policy, Nov. 6

### [RUSA awards deadline](#)

RUSA has many awards to offer—even for nonmembers—in the areas of reference, genealogy, business reference, adult services, readers advisory, resource sharing, and technology. The deadline for all nominations is December 15, with the exception of the BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award, which has a deadline of January 31. Details are on the [RUSA awards](#) page....

RUSA Blog, Nov. 1

### [Gale Cengage Learning Award](#)

Do you know of a library that has had a successful library financial development program? Recognize this successful project with a nomination for the Gale Cengage Learning Financial Development Award funded by Gale Cengage. Six copies of the nomination form must be [submitted](#) to ALA by December 1....

Office of ALA Governance, Nov. 5

Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.  
"Practical Choices for Powerful Impacts: Realizing the Activist Potential of Librarians."

**Jan. 30–**

**Feb. 2:**  
[Ontario Library Association](#), Super Conference, Metro Toronto Convention Center. "Educate, Entertain, Empower."

**Apr. 10–13:**  
[Association of College and Research Libraries](#), National Conference, Indianapolis.

**Apr. 25–28:**  
[Library Association of Alberta](#), Annual Conference, Jasper. "Stronger Together."

**May 2–4:**  
[LOEX](#), Annual Conference, Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee.

**May 2–4:**  
[Saskatchewan Library Association](#), Annual Conference, TCU Place, Saskatoon. "Get Jazzed Up @ your library."

**May 8–10:**  
[Workshop for Instruction in Library Use](#), Annual Conference, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. "Synchronicity: The Time is Now."

**May 9–11:**  
[British Columbia Library Association](#),

### [Nominate an outstanding book reviewer](#)

Know someone who should be recognized for their work in book reviewing? RUSA is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Louis Shores Award. The deadline for [nominations](#) is December 15. The award recognizes an individual reviewer, group, editor, review medium, or organization for excellence in reviewing books and other media for libraries....

RUSA Blog, Nov. 2

### [Funds available for the News Know-how initiative](#)



Public libraries and library consortia are invited to apply for more than \$50,000 in training and support in the [News Know-how initiative](#) that helps students in grades 10–12 learn skills that will help them distinguish fact from opinion, check news and information sources, and distinguish between propaganda and news. The program is funded by the Open Society Foundations. Proposals must be [submitted](#) by December 8....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Nov. 5

### [2013 Coretta Scott King Book Donation grants](#)

Underfunded libraries, schools, and nontraditional organizations that provide educational services to children are invited to apply to receive one of three Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants. The grant program provides books submitted for consideration for the Coretta Scott King Book Awards to libraries and other organizations to expand their collections. [Applications](#) will be accepted through January 31....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, Nov. 1

### [Apply for the 2013 Bechtel Fellowship](#)

ALSC is accepting applications for the \$4,000 Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship, which enables the recipient to spend at least four weeks researching in the special collection of 85,000 volumes of children’s literature at the Baldwin Library (right) of the University of Florida’s George A. Smathers Libraries. Research by past fellows include a survey of horror in children’s books and family stories of the 1930s and 1940s. The [application](#) deadline is December 30....



ALSC Blog, Nov. 2

### [Tornado-ravaged school library gets \\$15,000 to rebuild](#)

After an EF-5 tornado demolished the town of Smithville, Mississippi, in April 2011, many citizens did not know where to begin to rebuild. For Kerry Baker (right), librarian at Smithville High School and an online graduate student at the University of Mississippi, one step toward recovery was landing a \$15,000 [AASL Beyond Words grant](#) funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to help rebuild the library by the time the new school building opens in August 2013. “I was able to pursue the grant as part of my literacy classes,” she explained....



University of Mississippi News, Oct. 27; AASL

### [Litera-Seeds minigrants](#)

The National Center for Family Literacy is offering 10–20 educators \$500 grants to support innovative family-engagement activities.

Annual Conference, Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond. “Are We There Yet?”

### **May 14–17:** [Atlantic Provinces Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, P.E.I. “Go Organic! Locally Sourced Libraries.”

### **May 29–June 1:** [Canadian Library Association](#), National Conference, Winnipeg (Man.) Trade Centre.

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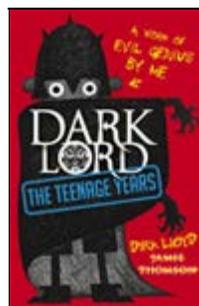
School librarians and public librarians serving K–12 children are eligible. All applications must be [submitted](#) online. The deadline is December 20....

National Center for Family Literacy

### [2012 Roald Dahl Funny Prize](#)

Jamie Thomson, an Iranian-born writer and computer games developer, won the 2012 Roald Dahl Funny Prize, an annual award to authors of humorous children's fiction, in the 7–14 category for his book *Dark Lord: The Teenage Years* (Orchard). *My Big Shouting Day!* (Jonathan Cape), a picture book about toddler tantrums by writer and illustrator Rebecca Patterson, grabbed the prize for the age 6 and under category. Both winners received £2,500 (\$4,000 US) at an awards ceremony in London on November 6....

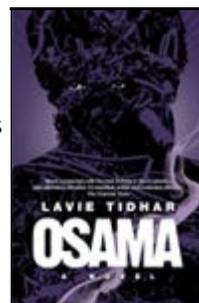
*The Telegraph* (UK), Nov. 6



### [2012 World Fantasy Awards](#)

Tor Books announced the winners of the 2012 World Fantasy Awards at the World Fantasy Convention in Toronto, November 1–4. The winner for best novel was Lavie Tidhar's *Osama* (PS Publishing), and the award for best collection went to Tim Powers's *The Bible Repairman and Other Stories* (Tachyon). The 2012 World Fantasy Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Alan Garner and George R. R. Martin....

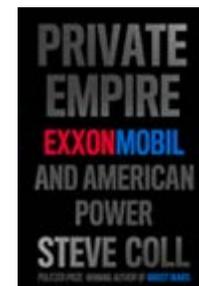
Tor Books, Nov. 4



### [2012 Business Book of the Year](#)

American journalist Steve Coll has won the *Financial Times* / Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award 2012 for his book on US oil giant ExxonMobil. Coll's *Private Empire: ExxonMobil and American Power* (Penguin) faced stiff competition from biographies of Steve Jobs and Paul Volcker as well as three other books to receive the award with a £30,000 (\$47,950 US) cash prize....

*International Business Times*, Nov. 2



### [2012 Prix Femina](#)

American writer Julie Otsuka won France's Prix Femina in the foreign category November 5 for *The Buddha in the Attic*, a novel about the thousands of Japanese women sent to California in the early 1900s for arranged marriages. The novel follows Fumiko, Hanako, and Miyoshi with their kimonos, sandals, and long black hair, first to the Japanese husbands awaiting them in the United States, then through their new lives....

The Raw Story, Nov. 5



### [Marías turns down Spanish award](#)

One of Spain's most popular novelists, Javier Marías, has turned down the Spanish government's National Narrative Prize of €20,000 (\$25,600 US). The prize money was awarded to Marías for his novel, *Los Enamoramientos* (*The Infatuations*). While he expressed gratitude to the jury for appointing him the winner, he reaffirmed his stance on Spanish state-

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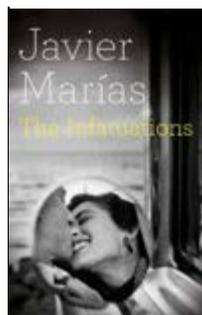
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backed literary prizes, claiming that he doesn't "want to be seen as an author who is favored by any particular government."...

*The Telegraph* (UK), Nov. 1

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## Libraries in the News

### [School librarian elected in Indiana](#)

Glenda Ritz (right), library media specialist and teacher at Crooked Creek Elementary School in Indianapolis (where she helped [guide her school](#) to develop a strong literacy program that led to it becoming a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School and an Indiana 4-Star School) was elected Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction on November 6.

An AASL member, Ritz credited the Indiana State Teachers Association, social media, teachers, principals, and parents for her success. She unseated Republican incumbent Tony Bennett with a pledge to halt his reforms, which she said "were misguided and pushed through too quickly." Watch the [newscast](#) (1:31)....

*Indianapolis Star*, Nov. 7; *North Vernon (Ind.) Plain Dealer-Sun*, Oct. 24; WTHR, Indianapolis, Nov. 6



### [Polls must honor Memphis photo ID library cards](#)

The Tennessee Supreme Court on November 1 ordered state and local election officials to accept Memphis Public Library's photo ID cards for voting purposes in the November 6 general election, provided that the voter is properly registered. Memphis City Attorney Herman Morris [appointed](#) a team of six lawyers on his staff to clear up any confusion regarding voters' use of the library photo ID cards. Still at issue is whether the state's new voter ID law is constitutional....

*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, Nov. 1; WREG-TV, Memphis, Nov. 4

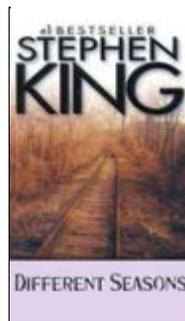
### [NYPL feeds Staten Island evacuees](#)

Some 600 Staten Islanders affected by Superstorm Sandy ate a gourmet meal November 6 at three area shelters courtesy of New York Public Library, which canceled its annual Library Lions fundraiser due to Manhattan's power outage. Library staff helped serve Caesar salad, garlic bread, beef bourguignon with fall vegetables, purée of rutabaga and potato, and apple Brown Betty....

*Staten Island (N.Y.) Advance*, Nov. 5

### [Different Seasons retained at Rocklin High School](#)

A Stephen King book that was briefly banned from the Rocklin (Calif.) High School library will remain in the collection, a school district committee announced November 2. A parent had sought the removal of *Different Seasons* because of a rape scene in the



novella "Apt Pupil." The National Coalition Against Censorship [wrote the district](#) October 24 urging officials "to assess this work as a whole, not by a single passage alone, and to consider your responsibility to the entire student body not to cater to any specific viewpoint."...  
*Sacramento Bee*: Report Card, Nov. 2; National Coalition Against Censorship, Oct. 24

### [Trustee's firm helps build branches in Chicago](#)

As vice president of Chicago Public Library's board of directors, Cheryl T. Thomas helps decide when new libraries (such as the Richard M. Daley branch, right, dedicated in 2011) are needed and where they are built. And as president of Ardmore Associates LLC, which she founded after leaving her city building commissioner post in the late 1990s, she is paid to help oversee construction of those branches. Asked if this is a conflict of interest, Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office said, "Cheryl has asked that an opinion be obtained from the Chicago Board of Ethics regarding this matter. The mayor's office fully supports her request."...  
*Chicago Sun-Times*, Nov. 5



### [Goldwater Library announcement premature?](#)

Monica Alonzo writes: "Despite an October 23 [announcement](#), a new library in Mesa, Arizona, is nothing more than a gleam in the eye of the Barry and Peggy Goldwater Library and Archives, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to preserving the legacy of Arizona's longtime senator. It doesn't own the documents that would anchor the library, and its representatives haven't had any recent conversations with the entity that does own them—Arizona State University."...  
*Phoenix New Times* blog, Nov. 5; *Phoenix Arizona Republic*, Oct. 23

### [Libraries lure teens on Gaming Day](#)

Sixteen-year-old Charnay Cromwell played Scrabble for the first time November 4 at the Millhopper branch of the Alachua County (Fla.) Library District during International Games Day, a day (sponsored by ALA) for people all over the world to engage in gaming. Her family stood over her shoulder, helping her come up with creative ways to use the letters. Teen librarian and organizer of the event, Bryan Kratish sat on the other side of the board....  
*Gainesville (Fla.) Sun*, Nov. 4

### [Smartphone smackdown at Princeton](#)

The "Smartphone Smackdown: Droid vs. iOS" debate at Princeton (N.J.) Public Library on October 23 gave everyone more to consider when purchasing their next phone, along with an evening of entertainment. An audience of more than 50 gathered in the community room to hear the virtues and the drawbacks of each operating system as presented by Khurt Williams, who highlighted the merits and advantages of iOS. John LeMasney came to sing the praises of the Android operating system



and related devices....

Princeton (N.J.) Library blog, Nov. 6

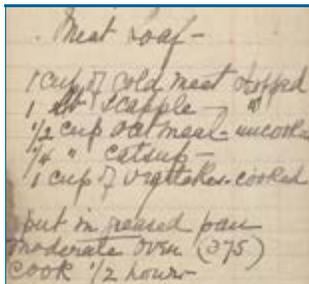
### [Firefighters vs. librarians in chili cook-off](#)

On October 20, librarians from the Spokane County (Wash.) Library District and Spokane County District 9 firefighters went head-to-head in a taste challenge at the North Spokane branch to see who makes the most mouth-watering chili. Youth Services Librarian Gwendolyn Haley's Fahrenheit 451 chili, featuring coffee and a can of Guinness beer, garnered a respectable number of votes. But ultimately one of the firefighters' recipes proved to be the voters' choice....

*Spokane (Wash.) Spokesman-Review*, Oct. 31

### [Crowdsourcing a taste of the past](#)

A handwritten recipe for calf's head stew by Abigail Wellington Townsend in 1840 is one of hundreds of recipes—dating as far back as the 17th century—that the staff at University of Iowa Libraries has for the past year been scanning and digitizing. They're now letting history buffs take a whack at transcribing the recipes on a newly launched [do-it-yourself website](#).



The vast majority of the recipes came from the extensive collection of the late Chicago chef Louis Szathmary, who donated it to UI in 1986....

*Iowa City Press-Citizen*, Oct. 31

### [The largest book theft in decades unravels](#)

Michael Stillman writes: "It's the story that keeps getting worse. A massive book heist in Italy apparently has ensnared thousands of books, millions of dollars, and made some important people look very foolish, and others look like criminals. Some believe this to be the largest book theft in decades. Last spring, an Italian historian, Tomaso Montanari, walked into the Girolamini Library in Naples, a Church-related institution generally not open to the public. He was amazed by what he saw."...



*Americana Exchange Monthly*, Nov.

### [Some UK library closures could be illegal](#)

In a [report](#) released November 6, the UK House of Commons Culture, Media, and Sport Committee says that some local authorities, under considerable pressure to quickly find cost savings, have drawn up plans without taking proper account of local needs. They are therefore in danger of failing in their statutory duty to provide a "comprehensive and efficient" library service. Other councils, however, have found innovative and cost-effective ways of continuing to supply or improve their library service....

UK Commons Culture, Media, and Sport Committee, Nov. 6

### [Arizona State acquires manuscripts of Rubén Darío](#)

Arizona State University Libraries has acquired a privately held collection of manuscripts created by famed Nicaraguan poet Rubén Darío (1867–1916, right), known as the founder of Spanish-American modernism. The archival material includes approximately 900 handwritten pages of poetry, essays,



short stories, diplomatic notes, and personal letters spanning more than three decades. The finding aid to the collection is now available [online](#)...

Arizona State University Libraries, Nov. 1

### [This library revitalizes a Mayan language](#)

Eddie Avila writes: "Located in the heart of the town of San Juan La Laguna, Guatemala, the [Community Library Rija'tzuul Na'ooj](#) (right) regularly buzzes with activity. If you listen closely, you might hear the children playing with one another in their maternal language of [Tz'utujil](#). Books for storytime are often read in this Mayan language. And grandparents volunteer their time to take part in the [Pixab'](#), which provides an opportunity to teach young people traditional customs and etiquette."...

Rising Voices, Oct. 31



### [National Library of Poland adds records to WorldCat](#)

The National Library of Poland (Biblioteka Narodowa, right) and OCLC have signed an agreement to add 1.3 million Polish library records to WorldCat, increasing the visibility of these collections for researchers around the world. The library acts as the central library of the state and one of the most important cultural institutions in Poland....

OCLC, Nov. 6



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## Issues

### [The year of the MOOC](#)

Laura Pappano writes: "MOOCs (massive open online courses) have been around for a few years as collaborative techie learning events, but this is the year everyone wants in. Elite universities are partnering with [Coursera](#) at a furious pace. It now offers courses from 33 of the biggest names in postsecondary education, including Princeton, Brown, Columbia, and Duke. In September, Google unleashed a MOOC-building online tool, and Stanford unveiled [Class2Go](#) with two courses."...

*New York Times*, Nov. 2



### [Copyright case could change the nature of ownership](#)

Lisa Schuchman writes: "On October 29, the US Supreme Court heard arguments in *Wiley v. Kirtsaeng*—a copyright case that could change the fundamental view of property ownership in the United States. Even after the oral arguments, however, it's impossible to predict how the justices will rule in this high-stakes case. Lawyers on both sides say some issues will likely remain unresolved no matter what. So the [Owners' Rights Initiative](#) was created to educate members of Congress about how changes to copyright law might affect them."...

Corporate Counsel, Nov. 6



## [Librarian job growth—exploding?](#)

Butch Lazorchak writes: “Quick quiz: Is the employment outlook for librarians growing or shrinking? The answer depends on what you call a ‘library job.’ According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job outlook for [librarians](#) is ‘[slower than average](#).’ The problem is, BLS doesn’t describe too many of the librarians, archivists, and museum professionals I know. The job area of [computer and information systems managers](#), which the Occupational Information Network describes as having a ‘[bright outlook](#),’ looks a lot more like the job descriptions of the librarians I know.”...



The Signal: Digital Preservation, Nov. 6; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Occupational Information Network

## [The role of paralibrarians](#)

David Shumaker writes: “One of the sessions at Fedlink was devoted to discussion of the role of individuals who work in libraries, but whose jobs don’t require library science degrees and are generally lower paid. One of the points of the meeting was that ‘paraprofessionals’ are indeed professionals at what they do. In the legal profession, there are paralegals. Why not use the term ‘paralibrarian?’”...

The Embedded Librarian, Oct. 30

## [Data sharing is at odds with traditional library privacy](#)

Marc Parry writes: “Colleges share many things on Twitter, but one topic can be risky to broach: the reading habits of library patrons. Harvard librarians learned that lesson when they set up Twitter feeds broadcasting titles of books being checked out from campus libraries. It seemed harmless enough, but the social-media experiment turned out to be more provocative than library staffers imagined. The episode points to an emerging tension as libraries embrace digital services.”...

Chronicle of Higher Education, Nov. 5

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## Tech Talk

### [Hold your ILS vendor’s feet to the fire](#) (PDF file)

Lori Ayre writes: “When you go to the hardware store with a bolt in hand, you probably feel pretty confident that you’ll be able to find the nut you need to tighten that bolt. That’s how it should work with the nuts and bolts of library software—the integrated library system. But that isn’t how it works at all. For various reasons, our library systems have evolved into Winchester Mystery Houses that require all sorts of special, and often expensive, adaptations to bolt anything onto them.”...

Collaborative Librarianship 4, no. 3 (2012): 124–125

### [Perceptions 2012 International Library Automation Survey](#)

Marshall Breeding writes: “For the last five years I have conducted a

survey and written a report on the perceptions that libraries form of the quality of the core automation products they use and their satisfaction with the service they receive. Please help your fellow libraries who might be in the process of evaluating library automation options by taking the 2012 survey. The first step is to find your library in [lib-web-cats](#).”...

GuidePosts, Nov. 5

### [Sticking with Windows 7](#)

J. D. Biersdorfer writes: “Microsoft’s latest edition of the Windows operating system has just landed, but Windows 7 is not going anywhere soon. As explained on the [Microsoft website](#), copies of Windows 7 will be available for retail purchase for another year, and PC manufacturers then have an additional year to keep selling Windows 7 installed on new computers. The company has long-term technical support plans for Windows 7 too.”...

*New York Times*: Gadgetwise, Oct. 31

### [10 geeky gadgets librarians will love](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: “Last week’s post on [10 geeky office supplies](#) for librarians was so popular, I decided to follow it up with these awesome and very geeky gadgets that are on my wish list. How about this [Aroma USB](#) (right)? Keep your office smelling fresh with this USB-operated, cold-mist, ultrasonic fragrance dispenser. It will work with nearly any fragrance oil available on the market. I can definitely think of a few times this would have been very useful, especially on rainy days when everyone orders lunch in.”...

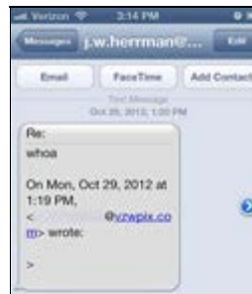
iLibrarian, Oct. 23, Nov. 3



### [How to use the internet when the internet is gone](#)

John Herrman writes: “A storm plows through your hometown, knocking out the electricity. Your lights go out and with it your Wi-Fi. Your laptop, still charged, is without internet. Your phone is getting service, but just barely. Calls are patchy. 3G and 4G internet aren’t working at all, so neither are your apps. All you can depend on is the most resilient, and limited, feature of your cell service: Text messages.” Or [Twitter](#)....

NBC News, Nov. 3; *Washington Post*, Oct. 29



### [Hand-crank cellphone charger](#)

Hurricane Sandy has many people thinking about what they would do without power for days on end, particularly when it comes to keeping essential items like cellphones charged, ready, and available for use. The Eton Corporation understands that challenge and responded with the [BoostTurbine](#), a hand-crank cellphone charger that allows you to power your device when electricity is unavailable....

Inhabitat, Nov. 6



### [Gmail in many languages](#)

J. D. Biersdorfer writes: “Google’s new collection of [Input Tools](#) for its Gmail service expands the options for typing in different languages and non-Western character sets. These tools include on-

screen virtual keyboards designed for languages like Korean, Hebrew, and Arabic, as well as a transliteration feature that converts typed letters used for English words into the same phonetic sounds produced by another alphabet. Google also provides an Input Method Editor that converts keystrokes on a Latin-character keyboard into characters used by the Chinese and Japanese languages.”...

*New York Times: Gadgetwise, Nov. 1; Official Gmail Blog*



## [20 iPad apps for productivity](#)

Jill Duffy writes: “The 20 iPad apps on this list can indeed help you stay productive at work, in the classroom, at a conference, from a hotel, or in an airplane seat. Some of the apps help you stay connected to people while others connect you to files and data that you need to get work done. One lets you e-sign documents without the hassles of printing, signing, scanning, or faxing, while another lets you send a fax for those rare occasions when someone can’t accept a document by email.”...

*PC Magazine, Nov. 2*



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## E-Content

### [Brain Hive has a new ebook business model](#)

Christopher Harris writes: “[Brain Hive](#) is creating buzz and a bit of controversy with a new business model for delivering ebooks to school libraries. The site claims that its \$1-a-read rental strategy will ‘add thousands of titles to your collection.’ Can it deliver? At first glance, I was quite skeptical: \$1 per read seems rather high. After all, school libraries in New York only get \$6.25 per student in materials aid. When I started doing the math, however, Brain Hive started looking like a much more interesting proposition.”...

*AL: E-Content, Nov. 1*



### [Book discussions from inside the ebook](#)

Linda W. Braun writes: “On November 3, attendees of the YALSA YA Literature Symposium had the chance to talk about book discussions that take place right inside an ebook. No more going to a website like GoodReads or Twitter or Facebook to have your discussions. The app mentioned the most for these inside-the-ebook discussions was [Subtext](#). Subtext is a free iPad app with many features that make these book discussions easy to do and fun.”...

*YALSA The Hub, Nov. 6*



### [DC Comics expands its digital reach](#)

DC Comics has announced the next big step in its digital plans, saying it will sell monthly

comics in the Kindle Store, iBookstore, and Nook Book Store. The company wasn't exactly missing from those stores before, because it was already selling graphic novels. However, if you wanted the newest content delivered on a monthly basis, just as you would find in a comic book store, you had to turn to ComiXology....

TechCrunch, Nov. 7



### [A beginner's guide to setting up an ebook library](#)

Bakari Chavanu writes: "The recently announced iPad mini, along with similar digital tablets like the Kindle Fire and Nexus 7, make for nearly perfect e-reading devices. This beginner's guide recommends apps and features to get you started in building your library. Though the focus is on the iPad, because it's the device I've used for the last two years to build my e-library, the recommendations apply to other devices, including the Amazon Kindle and the Barnes & Noble Nook."...

MakeUseOf, Nov. 3



### [Gale ebook giveaway](#)

Gale announced that its ebook platform, [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#), was voted "Best Overall Database" by readers of *Library Journal* in the magazine's Best Databases issue, beating out hundreds of other resources. Cengage Learning's [Questia](#) was also voted "Best Upgrade." Non-GVRL customers—all US school, public, and academic libraries, as well as Canadian public and academic libraries—can [receive a collection](#) of 15 of the most popular ebooks. In thanks for their support, existing GVRL customers can [select one free ebook](#) from a list of yet unpublished titles....

Cengage Learning, Nov. 1

### [ProQuest offers an ebook boost](#)

ProQuest is boosting the visibility of ebooks in library collections by providing for the full text of an additional 400,000 ebooks to be discovered and accessed as part of a broad search of library holdings. The initiative to improve ebook visibility began in 2011 when Serials Solutions pioneered indexing of the contents of the HathiTrust collection in its [Summon](#) discovery service. ProQuest is expanding Summon to include searches across all of a library's [ebrary products](#), encompassing titles acquired through subscription, patron-driven acquisition, short-term loan, and perpetual archive models....

ProQuest, Nov. 7



### [UCLA Library Ebook Value Statement](#)

Increasingly ebooks can provide essential content for use in teaching, learning, and research for UCLA students, faculty, and scholars. However, the still-evolving ebook market lacks standardized business and use models. The library seeks to develop that marketplace in ways that support UCLA's core values and the university's mission. The following statements of principle reflect the applicability of these values to the ebook marketplace....

University of California, Los Angeles, June

## [A bad month for access to library ebooks](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "October was a rather rough month for library ebook access, at least if you are looking to pick up digital versions of the [USA Today's bestsellers](#). None of the top five books, and only six out of the 25 on the list, are available as ebooks to libraries, according to the latest DCL pricing report ([PDF file](#))."...

AL: E-Content, Oct. 31

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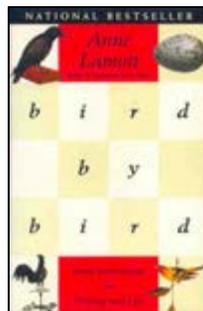
## Books & Reading

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### [For NaNoWriMo: Five books on writing](#)

If you are engaging in National Novel Writing Month this year, Erinn Batykefer has some suggestions: "As you careen toward your word quota today, here are a few of our favorite titles on the craft of writing to keep you motivated. Where better to get advice than from accomplished authors who understand the craft? Check one of these books out from your library and spend a few minutes each day taking in a new perspective, and adding some tools to your writing arsenal—you won't regret it."...

Library As Incubator Project blog, Nov. 6



### [10 secret-passage bookshelves](#)

Amanda Nelson writes: "If there's one dream that unites all bookish folks (aside from universal literacy), it's the dream of having a secret passageway hidden behind a bookcase. Okay, maybe it just unites some of us—but there's no denying that there's something super-nifty about having a bookcase that *moves* to reveal a space only you know about. You and your builder. Here are 10 examples."...

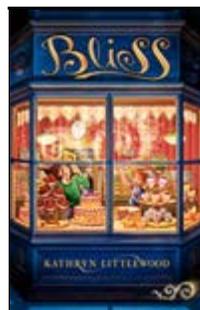
Book Riot, Nov. 3



### [YA books with sweet treats](#)

Jennifer Rummel writes: "Who doesn't have a sweet tooth? I love walking into a pastry shop and trying to determine the best-looking sweet. I love books that talk about baking; they make my mouth water. I love reading about the bakeries (sometimes magical) or about a teen who loves to bake. It makes me want to whip up something delicious. We all know that teens love food, but how about books about baking? Here are a few sweet reads."...

YALSA The Hub, Nov. 1



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## Tips & Ideas

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### [Hurricane Sandy: Health-related resources](#)

The National Library of Medicine's Disaster Information Management Resource Center has compiled a list of resources on Hurricane Sandy

health issues. It is divided into federal and state agency information, cleanup and recovery, mental health, resources for the public, multilanguage resources, social media, apps and widgets, and animal handling in disasters....

Disaster Information Management Resource Center



### [Children's book relief for Sandy victims](#)

Urban Librarians Unite is currently taking donations for a book drive to benefit children who were victims of Hurricane Sandy. They are seeking new and good-condition used children's books and new unmarked children's coloring and activity books (with crayons if possible), to go out to young victims of the storm who are currently in shelters in New York City. Contact them by [email](#)....

Urban Librarians Unite, Nov. 3

### [How teens do research in the digital world](#)

The teachers who instruct the most advanced American secondary school students render mixed verdicts about students' research habits and the impact of technology on their studies. Some 77% of advanced placement and National Writing Project teachers surveyed say that the internet and digital search tools have had a "mostly positive" impact on their students' research work. But 87% say these technologies are creating an "easily distracted generation with short attention spans" and 64% say today's digital technologies "do more to distract students than to help them academically."...

Pew Internet and American Life Project, Nov. 1

### [Service to patrons with print disabilities](#)

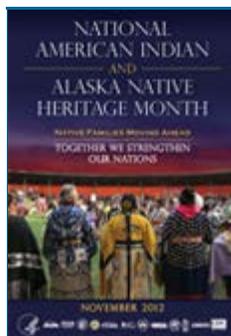
In 2012, ARL's Joint Task Force on Services to Patrons with Print Disabilities investigated technological, legal, and service challenges for the research library community in providing access for people who are print disabled. "Access for Patrons with Print Disabilities" ([PDF file](#)) outlines a framework, identifies critical partners, and raises awareness in the community around inclusive design of technology and services....

Association of Research Libraries, Nov. 5

### [November is National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month](#)

In 1990, Congress decided to honor the people and tribes who were the original inhabitants of this land by proclaiming the entire month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month. The practice has continued since then, and the designated celebration encourages all Americans to learn more about the indigenous people and culture of the United States. Here is a group of resources gathered by the ip12 to help everyone honor the intention and find out something new or interesting about Native American and Alaska Native literature, art, and history....

ip12 blog, Nov. 1



### [Calls for community civility](#)

Oregon State University Libraries are advocating for

the civil treatment of others on campus through a project undertaken to directly influence how students interact with each other. OSU's initiative is inspired by P. M. Forni's book *Choosing Civility: The 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct*, which also motivated Howard County (Md.) Library System to join a countywide [Choose Civility](#) movement...

OSU *Daily Barometer*, Nov. 5; Howard County (Md.) Library System



### [Inside the Smithsonian's Book Conservation Lab](#)

Donna Peterson writes: "The Smithsonian Institution's [Book Conservation Lab](#) in Landover, Maryland, is where a small team of book conservators and technicians conserve and preserve more than 1.5 million volumes housed in the Smithsonian's 20 libraries in as close to original condition as possible. The lab's tools range from wooden presses that resemble medieval torture devices, to a database of books on loan, to remote environmental atmospheric monitoring of the library collections."...

*Washington Post*, Nov. 6



### [World Digital Library adds Florentine Codex](#)

The Florentine Codex, a unique manuscript dating from 1577 preserved in the Laurentian Library in Florence, Italy, is now available [online](#) in digital format, the Library of Congress announced. The codex, one of the most important sources for the history of pre-Columbian and early post-Columbian Mexico, is among recent additions to the [World Digital Library](#), the Library of Congress's flagship international digital collaboration....

Library of Congress, Oct. 31



### [Stanford acquires Bahá'í collection](#)

In November, Stanford University Libraries established the first university-based Bahá'í collection in the United States. The donation of one of the most extensive Bahá'í libraries in private hands preserves a history that might otherwise be lost. The collection includes more than 1,000 books, letters, photographs, and out-of-print early Bahá'í publications from around the world....

Stanford News, Nov. 6

### [Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame inducts seven](#)

Larry Nix writes: "Pulitzer Prize-winning author [Zona Gale](#) (1874–1938, right) was one of seven individuals inducted into the Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame on October 25 at the Wisconsin Library Association conference in La Crosse. Gale was a champion of libraries and served as chair of the Wisconsin Free Library Commission. Also inducted was former ALA Adult Education Specialist [John Miller Chancellor](#) (1896–1980)."...

Library History Buff Blog, Oct. 26



### [Barn calendars document local treasures](#)

"Every barn has a story to tell. It's part of our heritage," said Tremont (III.) Grade School Librarian Lori Fuoss, who started producing calendars about seven years ago. "There's always something to make a teachable moment." This year's calendar includes a 101-year-old barn bought from a Sears catalog for \$100,000, a 1950s-era barn that houses an endangered breed of sheep, a barn built of 22 oak trees, and a barn moved across frozen fields to its current location. It also contains stories written by her 4th-graders on related topics....

*Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph, Nov. 3*

## Two librarian calendars for 2013

Sixteen Massachusetts librarians recently took part in a fundraising calendar that features tattooed library personnel for the Massachusetts Library Association's youth programs ([PDF file](#)). Watch Miss May and Miss June in this [YouTube video](#) (0:48, right). The calendar, shot at the Chelmsford Public Library in September, will be [available](#) to the public the week of November 12. All of the funds raised through sales will go toward youth programs at libraries throughout the state. Also, librarians Julia Skinner and Emily Drabinski have published a [2013 Cat Librarian calendar](#) that features 14 librarians posing with their cats. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Project Gutenberg, which encourages the creation and distribution of ebooks....

*Webster (Mass.) Times, Sept. 28; YouTube, Nov. 4; Lulu*



## [Tips for making internships work](#)

Topher Lawton writes: "It's important for LIS students to make a compelling case to the libraries where we hope to intern. Hosting interns takes a sizable chunk of resources away from the day-to-day operations of many libraries, and library students should keep that in mind. Here are some tips for making your internship a win-win experience for everybody."...

*Hack Library School, Nov. 5*

## [Curb your librarian frustration in 8 steps](#)

Stephen Abram writes: "It's the start of a new month. Are you frustrated yet? Is your job driving you crazy? Your boss? Your customers? Now, before you stomp off into the sunset, there is something you should know. This is normal. If you care, you get frustrated. So, before you throw in the towel, let's move on and make a difference in the world. Step 1: Stop whining. Step 2: Find your purpose. Step 3: Change your focus."...

*Stephen's Lighthouse, Nov. 1*

## [New Longhorn TOMS ad goes full creepy @ the library](#)

"In the University of Texas library, a student attracts the attention of a handsome librarian..." reads the YouTube description of a promotional TOMS Campus Classic shoes [video](#) (1:20). It does not mention that you may want to take a shower afterwards. The shoes are part of TOMS Campus Classics collection, a partnership with more than 30 universities across the country to produce officially licensed kicks for some of the country's most popular teams. And also to haunt your dreams, apparently....

*The Alcalde (University of Texas at Austin), Nov. 5*



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## American Libraries Online

### Overall, libraries fare well at the ballot box

Beverly Goldberg and Jordan Brandes write: "Voters showed their library love at the polls November 6 by supporting a series of millages and bond issues for operations and construction around the nation, although there were also some notable disappointments. What follows is a quick snapshot of library-related election results."...

*American Libraries news*, Nov. 14



### Marketing your library

Ned Potter writes: "Terry Kendrick (right) is the guru of strategic marketing in libraries. His book *Developing Strategic Marketing Plans That Really Work* is a must-read, and he writes, speaks, and runs workshops on marketing libraries all over the UK and in no fewer than 26 countries abroad. I talked to him about all things marketing strategy for my recent book, *The Library Marketing Toolkit* (Facet, 2012)."...

*American Libraries feature*



### Outside/In: Unforgettable passwords

David Lee King and Michael Porter write: "Regardless of the number of passwords you may have, we all know they can be difficult to keep track of. Now there's an even greater [concern about security](#) because of improved computer processing speeds, which enable [hacking](#) programs to identify valid password combinations with rapid ease. So, how can you keep your passwords safe and memorable? Here are some tips."...

*American Libraries column*, Nov./Dec.; *Ars Technica*, Aug. 20; *New York Times*, Nov. 7

### Youth Matters: Connect guys with authors

Abby Johnson writes: "It was a sunny June afternoon,



[ALA Midwinter Meeting](#),  
Seattle, January 25–29.



Author [Terry Brooks](#) (above) is joining Ivan Doig, Gregg Olsen, and Ruth Ozeki to talk to Brad Hooper about the state of the novel and the influence of the Pacific Northwest on their work in the "[ERT/Booklist Author Forum](#)" on January 25. This will be the first of many opportunities to hear and see favorite authors up close at Midwinter in Seattle.

perfect for playing baseball, taking a dip in the local pool, or having a virtual chat with a favorite author over Skype about what you've been reading. That was the message the New Albany–Floyd County (Ind.) Public Library set out to impart this summer through our first Guys Read program series, designed to attract boys to the library and get them excited about books. We sought to make that virtual guy-to-author connection with the help of local high school teacher and Twitter legend [Paul Hankins](#) (right)."

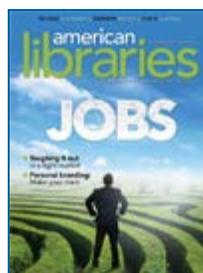
*American Libraries* column, Nov./Dec.



### [November/December issue online](#)

In this issue, get advice for librarians about today's job search (social media and networking), as well as Midwinter must-dos, personal branding, writing for nonlibrarians, daily life for librarians in Iraq, partnering with local musicians, how libraries count in the 2012 elections, how to put on a how-to festival, and new Americans and the digital literacy gap....

*American Libraries*



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Don't miss it! The first episode of **AL Live** "Tech at Warp Speed" with Jason Griffey  
1 p.m. CST, Friday, November 16

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## ALA News

### [Emerging Leaders of 2013](#)

ALA has selected 56 individuals ([PDF file](#)) to participate in its 2013 class of [Emerging Leaders](#). Instituted under former ALA President Leslie Burger, the program is designed to enable library staff and information workers to participate in project planning workgroups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity early in their careers. The program kicks off with a daylong session during the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Nov. 9

### [Get "News You Can Use" at Midwinter](#)

Throughout the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, January 25–29, experts across library-related fields will offer the latest updates on policy, research, statistics, technology, and more, based on new research, surveys, reports, legislation/regulation, projects, beta trials, focus groups, and other data. For a complete list, visit [scheduler sessions](#) and click on "News You Can Use Updates" in the list of meeting types....

Conference Services, Nov. 13



### [The Midwinter Meeting scheduler is open](#)

The 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting [scheduler](#) is now open. The



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scheduler is a powerful tool to help you plan your conference attendance and keep up with events and opportunities as they're added. Highlights include the ability to browse sessions in multiple ways, easy-to-create personal calendars, and tailored lists of recommendations....

Conference Services, Nov. 9

### [2013 Midwinter T-shirt poll](#)

Help us choose the colors of ALA's Midwinter Meeting T-shirt. The 2013 T-shirt will once again be available in a men's and a women's cut. More than 650 people voted to select the colors of ALA's Midwinter 2012 T-shirt—and it sold out quickly. With the 2013 Midwinter Meeting around the corner, it's time to vote again. Check back on November 19 to see the winning colors....

Conference Services, Nov. 14



### [Outreach to Seattle's homeless welcomed during Midwinter Day of Caring](#)

Where do homeless people go after they visit the library? How do library workers best serve them? On January 25, about 100 ALA Midwinter Meeting-goers will have the opportunity to overcome stereotypes and barriers to service through a free hands-on introduction to Seattle's varied organizations serving people who are homeless. Participation is free, but in-kind donations (backpacks, new or lightly-used outerwear, pillowcases, socks, sleeping bags, books, magazines, and paperbacks are welcome). [Registration](#) is open....

Conference Services, Nov. 13

### ["Let's Talk About It" webinar](#)

For more than 30 years, hundreds of libraries across the country have engaged their communities by offering "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion programs. On December 12, Frannie Ashburn, a state-level coordinator for LTAI, will present a webinar, "[Let's Talk About It: The National Model for Scholar-Led Reading and Discussion.](#)" that will provide how-to information about bringing this popular, five-part series to your library. [Registration](#) is open....

Public Programs Office, Nov. 13

### [Funds available for the News Know-how initiative](#)

Public libraries and library consortia are invited to apply for more than \$50,000 in training and support in the [News Know-how initiative](#) that helps students in grades 10–12 learn skills that will help them distinguish fact from opinion, check news and information sources, and distinguish between propaganda and news. The program is funded by the Open Society Foundations. Proposals must be [submitted](#) by December 8....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Nov. 9



### [Accreditation and the External Review Panel](#)

Laura Dare writes: "It is important to make a distinction between the



Invite readers on an epic journey at your library with this exclusive [Hobbit poster](#). Prepare for December 14, when audiences will be plunged once again into a world of spellbinding mystery, with *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. Inspired by J. R. R. Tolkien's masterpiece *The Hobbit* and directed by Academy Award-winning director Peter Jackson, the film is the first in a trilogy that takes place 60 years before *The Lord of the Rings*. The unlikely hero Bilbo Baggins, played by Martin Freeman, is joined by Ian McKellen as Gandalf the Grey, Richard Armitage as Thorin Oakenshield, and Cate Blanchett as Galadriel. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

ALA Committee on Accreditation and the External Review Panel. The ERP is appointed by the COA to serve as its agent for the review to verify the assertions and evidence in the program presentation (self study) and to submit a report for the COA's consideration. The ERP does not determine whether or not a program is in compliance with the standards and does not make or even recommend an accreditation decision."...

*Prism*, Fall 2012

### **[Belmont College qualifies for LSSC](#)**

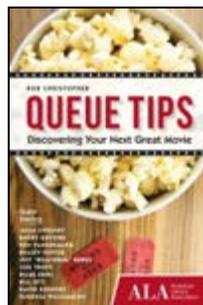
The ALA–Allied Professional Association announced that it has completed an agreement with Belmont College's fully online [Library Paraprofessional Degree Program](#). This agreement will allow Belmont graduates who meet the established criteria to receive the [LSSC](#) (Library Support Staff Certification) designation....

ALA–Allied Professional Association, Nov. 9

### **[Strategize your movie viewing](#)**

Offering a smorgasbord of carefully cultivated lists, [Queue Tips: Discovering Your Next Great Movie](#) by ALA Publishing's Rob Christopher is a new suggestion guide that incorporates classic films with more obscure selections for a full array of watch-worthy movies. This all-in-one recommendation source includes capsule reviews; director, cast, and crew information; bits of trivia and quotable lines; and helpful tips on how to locate these and other intriguing movies....

ALA Huron Street Press, Nov. 9



### **[Rob Christopher discusses his favorite movies](#)**

In the just-released [Queue Tips](#), ALA staffer and *Chicagoist* contributor Rob Christopher gives short synopses of some real cinematic gems and lumps them into neat chapters with titles like "Man <3 Sheep, Teen <3 1958 Plymouth Fury, and Seven Other Unusual Romances" or "Nine Westerns That Aren't Westerns." *Chicagoist* had the opportunity to ask one of its favorite film critics a few questions about the book and Christopher's own film preferences....

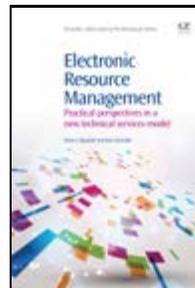
*Chicagoist*, Nov. 14



### **[Managing your e-resources](#)**

E-resources now account for the bulk of materials spending in many libraries. [Electronic Resource Management: Practical Perspectives in a New Technical Services Model](#), available through ALA Neal-Schuman, makes the case that technical services workflows need to make a corresponding shift toward e-centric models and highlights the increasing variety of e-formats that are forcing new developments in the field. Authors Anne C. Elguindi and Kari Schmidt use case studies to cover key topics....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Nov. 9



### **[Information services and digital literacy](#)**

Presenting a new approach for understanding how information services help and hinder people in becoming informed, [Information Services and Digital](#)



## **Great Libraries of the World**

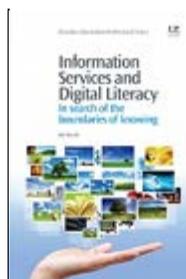


### **[National Art Library](#)**

Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK. The library was founded in 1837 as the Library of the Schools of Design, based at Somerset House. It moved to the site of the South Kensington Museum in 1857, which was renamed the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1899. The library's collections include those central to the work of the museum and include prints, drawings, paintings, furniture and woodwork, textiles, dress and fashion, ceramics and glass, metalwork, sculpture, and Asian art and design. The library also functions as a public reference library as well as the museum's curatorial department for the art, craft, and design of the book.

[Literacy: In Search of the Boundaries of Knowing](#) by Isto Huvila scrutinizes the role of information services and digital literacies in the age of the social web. Huvila examines how interacting with information affects people's actions, including the different behaviors toward knowledge exhibited by the born-digital or new user....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Nov. 13



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## Booklist ONLINE

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

Butcher, Jim. *Cold Days*. Nov. 2012. 496p. Roc, hardcover (978-0-451-46440-8).

Harry Dresden, the Chicago PI and professional wizard, has been having a pretty weird time of it lately. In 2012's *Ghost Story*, Harry is trapped between life and death but on the trail of his own killer all the same; after discovering that killer's shocking identity, he decides to let himself pass into death. But Queen Mab has other ideas, and that's where the latest episode in the Dresden Files novels picks up the story. Mab, who has wanted Harry to be her hatchet man for a long time, has a job for him—several jobs, actually, a sort of shopping list of evil deeds, beginning with murder. Harry, basically a good man, doesn't take killing lightly, especially when his intended victim happens to be immortal....



### [Hostile Questions is popular with authors](#)

[Margo Lanagan](#) is the most recent addition to the roster of big-name authors who are willingly subjecting themselves to *Booklist* Books for Youth Senior Editor Dan Kraus's weekly [Hostile Questions](#) interviews. Kraus wondered if authors are sick of politeness and launched the series in spring 2012 on the Booklist Online "Likely Stories" blog to find out. The sometimes surprising results offer a lively Monday read. Authors of all types—best-selling, high-profile, first-timers, midlist, youth, adult, romance, mystery, you name it—have been clamoring for the abuse....



[National Library of Wales](#), Aberystwyth, UK. Established by royal charter in 1907, this neoclassical library was built by architect Sidney Greenslade and first occupied in 1916, although the central block was not completed until 1937. It houses many rare books and manuscripts, such as the first book printed in Welsh (*Yn y Ihyvyr hwnn*, 1546), the first Welsh translation of the complete Bible by William Morgan in 1588, the [Black Book of Carmarthen](#) written around 1250, and a manuscript of the works of Geoffrey Chaucer. The library's extensive National Screen and Sound Archive includes music and manifestations of the spoken word relevant to Wales.

**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. Some will be featured 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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## Seattle Update

### [Beecher's Handmade Cheese](#)

Kurt Beecher Dammeier opened [Beecher's Handmade Cheese](#), Seattle's first artisanal cheese-maker, in 2003 in the heart of historic Pike Place Market at 1600 Pike Place. Prepare to wait in line at the shop, where you can watch the cheesemakers work and sample some of the award-winning cheeses. Consider buying their amazing mac and cheese or a gooey grilled-cheese sandwich, along with a wedge or two of whatever you decide is your favorite cheese. Its Flagsheep cheese took [Best in Show](#) at the 2012 American Cheese Society competition....

Take Part, Nov. 1; Beecher's Handmade Cheese; Cheesy Chat with Pastoral, Oct. 31



### [Pike Place Market tours](#)

The Public Market Tours are one-hour walking tours offering visitors an insider's look at the oldest continuously operating farmer's market in the United States. The tours take you inside the main thoroughfares of Pike Place Market, as well as the DownUnder where hidden treasures await. Enjoy the sights, smells, and sounds that make up the Soul of Seattle and learn what stinky onions had to do with the start of the market in 1907....

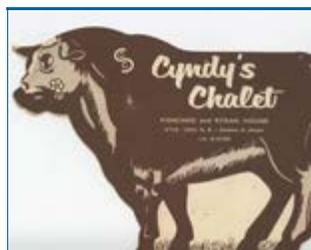
Public Market Tours



### [Seattle Public Library's historic menu collection](#)

Hanna Raskin writes: "The Seattle Public Library is slowly starting to digitize its collection of historic menus. Food historians currently have to visit the Central Library's Seattle Room to learn what was served at the Dog House or Rossellini's 610. But a library intern who this summer expressed interest in making the menus more accessible was given the go-ahead to put a [small sampling](#) of the menu collection online."...

*Seattle Weekly*, Nov. 5



### [Meet me at the 1962 World's Fair](#)

Eight short radio features were produced for KBCS-FM in Seattle in May that included stories by former World's Fair staff and visitors. "Meet Me at the Fair" was produced by 8th graders from the Denny International Middle School and Jack Straw

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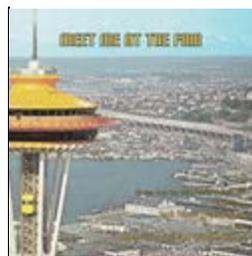
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### [Director of Strategic Communication](#)

Purdue University Libraries, West Lafayette, Indiana. Provides communication counsel to leadership of libraries to advance institutional priorities among diverse and numerous audiences. Creates, maintains, and implements a strategic communication plan and program. Instructs and informs faculty and staff on internal and external communication policies and procedures. Participates in and helps formulate communications and presentations to key constituents, inside and outside the university. Establishes guidelines, in consultation with libraries administration and managers, for official libraries, copyright office, and press communication in traditional and social media. Manages and monitors their continued delivery and



Productions in celebration of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. You can listen to or stream all eight episodes on the JSP website....

Jack Straw Productions

### [The best shoes for travel? Ask a flight attendant](#)

Stephanie Rosenbloom writes: "Who better to, er, pump for shoe advice? Flight attendants choose their shoes based on a number of factors, including their individual budgets, foot problems, and the rules of their airline. Typically, that results in crew members rotating between two sets of shoes: a snappy-looking pair to wear in the terminal and a more sensible, affordable pair that they change into for the service portion of a flight. What follows are some of their favorite shoes and brands, ideas you can steal for your own weary soles."...

*New York Times*, Aug. 29



## Division News

### [AASL offers assistance to schools hit by Superstorm Sandy](#)



AASL offers its support to its East Coast colleagues as recovery from the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy begins and encourages schools to apply for a Beyond Words disaster relief grant. The grant program, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, can be used to replace or supplement books, media, and library equipment in school libraries affected by natural disasters.

More information can be found on the AASL Beyond Words website....

AASL, Nov. 9

### [AASL extends deadline for Superstorm Sandy libraries](#)

AASL has extended the deadline for concurrent session [proposals](#) for its 16th National Conference to December 7, in consideration of school library professionals living in states impacted by Superstorm Sandy. AASL recognizes the difficulties faced by its East Coast colleagues due to the damage inflicted by the recent hurricane and wishes to allow those wanting to participate in an AASL national conference the time needed to submit a proposal....

AASL, Nov. 9

### [AASL's national conference website launches](#)

The website for the AASL 16th National Conference & Exhibition, "Rising to the Challenge," to be held November 14–17, 2013, in Hartford, Connecticut, is now online. The [website](#) offers preliminary conference information including registration rates, preconference workshops, educational tours, general session speakers, and author events....

AASL, Nov. 13



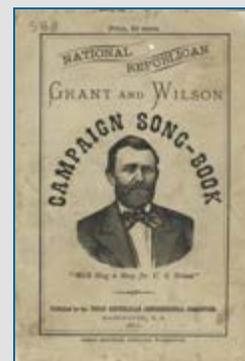
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## Digital Library of the Week



Cornell University's [Political Americana Collection](#) consists of approximately 5,500 presidential promotional and commemorative items dating from 1789 to 1980. The collection contains political materials in a variety of formats, including cartoons, prints, and posters; lapel buttons, ribbons, textiles, hats, and other costume items; ballots, broadsides, leaflets, and other ephemera; pamphlets and other formal publications; sheet music and songbooks; and a variety of three-dimensional items. The

## [Libraries and Online Learning symposium at Midwinter](#)

Never has the partnership between libraries and learners been more important than in today's online environment—from local public libraries to national and transnational digital public libraries, from primary schools to research universities. In the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting symposium, "Libraries and Online Learning: A Powerful Partnership" from ALCTS, attendees will learn to foster the strategic relationships possible. Mike Eisenberg (above) of the University of Washington Information School will keynote. [Registration](#) is open....



ALCTS, Nov. 13

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## Awards & Grants

### [Now is a perfect time to apply for a RUSA award](#)

RUSA has many awards to offer—even for nonmembers—in the areas of reference, genealogy, business reference, adult services, readers advisory, resource sharing, and technology. The deadline for all nominations is December 15, with the exception of the BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award, which has a deadline of January 31. Details are on the [RUSA awards](#) page....

RUSA Blog, Nov. 1

### [Library trustee awards](#)

United for Libraries is accepting applications for the ALA Trustee Citation and the United for Libraries/Gale Outstanding Trustee Grant. The ALA Trustee Citation recognizes public library trustees for distinguished service to library development, on the local, state, regional, or national level, or at a combination of levels. United for Libraries/Gale Outstanding Trustee Conference Grant of \$850 enables public library trustees to attend the ALA Annual Conference. The [deadline](#) to apply for both is December 31....

United for Libraries, Nov. 13

### [Greek foundation offers \\$750,000 for Sandy relief](#)

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation announced on November 12 that it will grant \$750,000 to assist relief and aid operations in those areas of New York City devastated the most by Superstorm Sandy. The funds will be directed to support local communities throughout Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. The will go to organizations offering mental health services, food, restoration to affected areas, reconstruction of public libraries, and volunteer work. And [Simon & Schuster](#) is offering "any public or school library damaged by Hurricane Sandy a donation of 500 'best of' titles in order to help in the restoration of their collections."...

Greek Reporter, Nov. 12; Publisher's Lunch, Nov. 12



### [Elissa Miller wins America Reads Spanish prize](#)

Elissa Miller (right), associate director for collections at the District of Columbia Public Library, was named Librarian of the Year by America Reads Spanish. The

majority of the collection was donated to Cornell by private collector Susan H. Douglas between 1957 and 1961. Elections from 1832 to 1960 are particularly well represented.

**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'm definitely turned on by libraries especially now that they're so exotic in our society. Going to the library these days is like going to the jungle—there is no other human in there. Bring back the library!"**

—Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright, discussing his library-themed music video "[Out of the Game](#)" (3:54) with actress Helena Bonham Carter, on RTÉ Ten, Nov. 8.

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[Healing Nature of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Thirty Years Later](#)

award was announced at the Liber 2012 International Book Fair in Barcelona, Spain, October 2–4. The ARS prize is given to an American librarian who during the current year has promoted Spanish books and reading in the United States, increased the Spanish holdings of a library, and worked to disseminate the Spanish language in the United States....

District of Columbia Public Library, Oct. 31



[Laura Moriarty: 'I'm so grateful for libraries and librarians' \(video\)](#)

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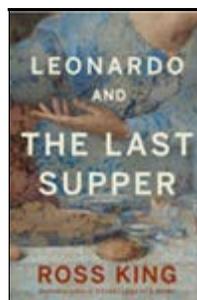
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## [2012 Governor General's Literary Awards](#)

The Canada Council for the Arts announced the 14 winners of the Governor General's Literary Awards on November 13. The most significant literary award program in Canada, the GG's are awarded in both English and French in seven categories: fiction, poetry, drama, nonfiction, children's literature (text and illustration), and translation. The publisher of each winning book receives \$3,000 to support promotional activities. The winner for nonfiction in English was Ross King's *Leonardo and the Last Supper* (Bond Street Books)....

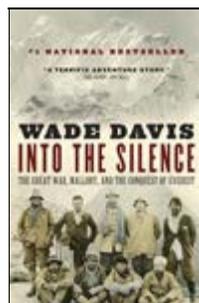
Canada Council for the Arts, Nov. 13



## [2012 Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction](#)

Canadian writer Wade Davis is the winner of the 2012 Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction for *Into the Silence: The Great War, Mallory, and the Conquest of Everest* (Bodley Head), a substantial and meticulously assembled account of George Mallory's ill-fated attempt to scale the summit of Mount Everest. This annual prize of £20,000 (\$31,750 US), now in its 14th year, is open to all nonfiction books written in English by writers of any nationality....

BBC News, Nov. 12



## [2012 Prix Goncourt](#)

A novel that's been described as a poetic Corsican epic has won France's top literary prize, the Prix Goncourt. French writer and teacher Jérôme Ferrari was named winner of the venerable literary honor November 7 for his book *Le Sermon sur la Chute de Rome* (*The Sermon on the Fall of Rome*). First awarded in 1903, the Prix Goncourt recognizes "the best and most imaginative prose work of the year."...

CBC News, Nov. 8



## [2012 Prix Renaudot](#)

Scholastique Mukasonga, a Rwandan author living in France, has won this year's Prix Renaudot, a prestigious French literary award, for her novel *Notre-Dame du Nil*. The book is set in Rwanda long before the 1994 genocide against the Tutsis. It describes life in the isolated elite girls school Notre-Dame du Nil and the tensions between Hutu and Tutsi pupils that exist

## Calendar

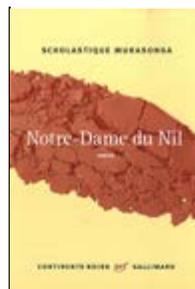
**Dec. 6–7:**  
[International Summit of the Book.](#)

Thomas Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Dec. 10:**  
[The Artist's Voice and Vocabulary in Picture Books.](#)

program and gallery tour of the permanent collection, Museum of American Illustration, 128 East 63rd St., New York City. Sponsored by the Society of Illustrators.

**Dec. 11:**



in this very closed community....  
*Rwanda Focus* (Kigali), Nov. 7

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## Libraries in the News

### [Superstorm Sandy swamped NYU's Ehrman Medical Library](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "When Hurricane Sandy struck New York City on October 30, powerful winds and higher-than-usual tides sent a 14-foot surge of water from the East River through New York University's Langone Medical Center, shutting down the hospital, drowning thousands of mice and rats used in research, and swamping the Ehrman Medical Library. The floodwaters wiped out most of the library's on-site print collections, along with study spaces and work areas, according to the library's [website](#)."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education*, Nov. 12; NYU Health Sciences Libraries, Nov. 12

### [Raccoon seeks refuge in Queens Library branch](#)

A clever raccoon sought shelter from Superstorm Sandy in the atrium of the Baisley Park branch of the Queens (N.Y.) Library. The masked intruder was found curled up under a shrub when neighborhood volunteers arrived to clean up after the storm and quickly became the darling of the library. Children who visited the library fondly named him Mr. Rocky Books. They fed him, made him a house, and read to him through the window glass....

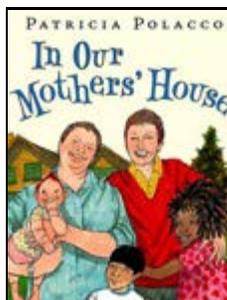
WNBC-TV, New York City, Nov. 8



### [Utah school district sued over \*In Our Mothers' House\*](#)

A Kaysville, Utah, parent sued the Davis School District on November 13, alleging her children's First Amendment rights were violated by a school committee's decision in May to [remove](#) a book about lesbian mothers from shelves of elementary school libraries. Students can read the picture book, *In Our Mothers' House* by Patricia Polacco, only if they have a permission slip signed by parents. The American Civil Liberties Union of Utah is representing plaintiff Tina Weber in the case....

*Salt Lake Tribune*, May 31, Nov. 13



### [Memphis photo IDs prove popular](#)

When the Memphis (Tenn.) Public Library started issuing new photo library cards, 2,466 people signed up for one. The city

### [Hot Topics in Big Data: What You Need to Know Now.](#)

workshop, Mumford Room, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Cosponsored by Fedlink, CENDI (Commerce, Energy, NASA, and Defense Information), and the National Federation of Advanced Information Services.

### **Dec. 12:** [Care and Preservation of Audiovisual Collections.](#)

program, Rosenbach Museum and Library, Philadelphia. Sponsored by Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts.

### **Dec. 12:** [Connecting the Dots: Constellations in the Linked Data Universe.](#)

webinar. Sponsored by the National Information Standards Organization.

### **Jan. 15–17:** [Digital Book World.](#)

Annual Conference, Hilton Hotel, New York City. "Opportunity. Innovation. Success."

### **Feb. 8:** [Online Northwest 2013.](#)

Conference, CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

spent more than \$60,000 for the equipment and software needed to produce the cards. The topic became a hot legal issue after the city said it could be used for voter identification. The state objected, but a court ruled the library ID is valid for voting. However, there is a petition before the Tennessee Supreme Court....

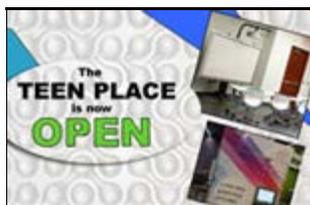
WREG-TV, Memphis, Nov. 9



### [New teen space opening in Schaumburg library](#)

A high-tech, state-of-the-art Teen Place will officially open November 24 in the Schaumburg Township (Ill.) District Library. The new 6,000-square-foot area features a digital production studio with green screen; advanced music-creation and video-production and editing software; two smart discussion rooms; a multipurpose room for programs, movies, gaming and performances; a digital whiteboard; high-tech collaboration stations; and 30 MacBook Pros, four iMacs, five iPads and (for gamers) four versions of PS3, Xbox 360 Kinect, and Wii consoles....

*Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 14



### [Niagara Falls hit with \\$100K budget reduction](#)

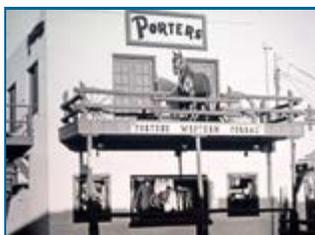
Niagara Falls (N.Y.) Public Library officials are worried over their page in the mayor's proposed budget. The system takes a \$100,000 reduction in its budget from last year in the "disaster budget" that Mayor Paul Dyster presented in early November. The reduction in funds is particularly painful because of a \$94,000 annual increase in the library system's payroll that started last year. Library officials have circulated a petition....

*Niagara Gazette*, Nov. 8

### [Scottsdale library helps preserve historic sights and sounds](#)

The Scottsdale (Ariz.) Public Library recently went live with the [Papago Salado Story Tour Collection](#), which features digitized historic photos of several of the city's notable buildings, accompanied by audio files of locals telling stories about them. The collection got its start in 2011, when Arizona's Papago Salado Association received a grant to record memories of historical buildings. The association envisioned a walking-tour program; now, using prominently posted QR codes, anyone visiting the buildings can use a mobile device to call up the collection of photos and MP3s....

*Library Journal: The Digital Shift*, Nov. 9



### [Presidential library plays a role in Spielberg film](#)

Debbie Husar writes: "James Cornelius and other Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum staff played a key role in adding authentic touches to the new Steven Spielberg film *Lincoln* (to be released nationally on November 16) from the recorded sounds to the mood of Springfield and Lincoln's world and costume details. Listen closely during the film and you might hear the sound of the dinner bell from Robert Lincoln's dining room table in Chicago, with a similar sound

### **Feb. 11–14:**

[Code4Lib](#), Annual Conference, Forum, University of Illinois at Chicago.

### **Feb. 12–15:**

[2nd International Conference on Academic Libraries](#),

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi, India. "Academic Library Services through Cloud Computing: Moving Libraries to the Web."

### **Feb. 24–26:**

[National Federation of Advanced Information Services](#), Annual Conference, Hyatt at the Bellevue, Philadelphia. "In Search of Answers: Unlocking New Value from Content."

### **Mar. 20–21:**

[Library Technology Conference](#),

Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

### **Apr. 8–9:**

[Computers in Libraries](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Washington, D.C. "Evolving in New Directions."

### **Apr. 17–19:**

[International Conference on Information Science and Information Literacy](#), University of Sibiu, Romania.

### **May 15–17:**

and look to what his parents used.”...

*Quincy (Ill.) Herald-Whig*, Nov. 8

### [Whitefish Bay bans Little Free Libraries](#)

The village board of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, decided to enforce its existing village code and ban Little Free Libraries from front yards across the village, not out of a hatred of literacy but because mailboxes and other structures are not allowed in front yards. With more than 4,000–5,000 Little Free Libraries erected in 34 countries, Whitefish Bay is the first municipality to restrict the structures....

*Whitefish Bay (Wis.) Patch*, Nov. 11



### [Baltimore document thief sentenced](#)

The younger of two men who admitted to stealing a wealth of culturally significant documents was sentenced November 9 to a year and a day in federal prison, ending the prosecution of a case that began at the Maryland Historical Society and rattled archives, museums, and libraries across the continent. US District Judge Catherine C. Blake said the sentence reflected the valuable cooperation of Jason James Savedoff, the accomplice of master thief Barry H. Landau, in identifying and recovering thousands of stolen items. More on Landau and his special coat pockets [here](#)....

*Baltimore Sun*, Nov. 9; OUP Blog, Nov. 7

### [Ex-Gov. Blagojevich starts work in the prison library](#)

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich has headed from the kitchen to the library at the Federal Correctional Institution in Englewood, Colorado, as he continues his 14-year sentence for corruption charges. Blagojevich’s former defense attorney Sam Adam Jr. said the ex-governor found washing dishes painfully boring and applied for a library gig. “He’s either in the library, or just about to get in the library,” Adam said....

WBBM-TV, Chicago, Nov. 10

### [Poppy petals found in book from McMaster’s WWI collection](#)

Special collections and archives librarians at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, have discovered the remnants of several poppy flowers preserved in a 1936 *Guidebook of the Pilgrimage to Vimy and the Battlefields* once owned by the wife of George Muir, a Canadian soldier who served in World War I. Associate Librarian Wade Wyckoff believes the poppies came from fields in Flanders. Library staff will eventually remove the flowers from the book and encapsulate them....

*Hamilton (Ont.) Metro*, Nov. 8



### [Camel libraries improve literacy in Kenya](#)

Bosire Boniface writes: “At a village square in Kalkach, Kenya, librarians Adan Abdi and Mohammed Adow command two camels to kneel down. Nearby under an acacia tree, a

### [Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians,](#)

conference, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. “Meeting Challenges, Leading Change.”

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group of enthusiastic children and adults watch as the librarians unload wooden boxes full of books. Thousands of residents of North Eastern Province have benefited from the Camel Mobile Library, a service that was initiated by the Kenya National Library Services in 1996 to improve literacy in the region."...  
Sabahi Online, Nov. 7

### [Russian librarian fined for circulating extremist books](#)

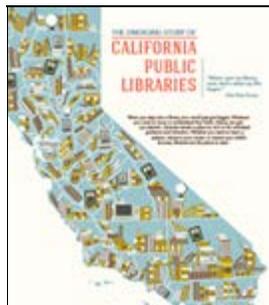
A librarian from the city of Novokuznetsk in the Kemerovo region of Russia was convicted of disseminating banned books and fined 2,000 rubles (\$63 US). The 55-year-old chief librarian faced criminal proceedings after a reader requested a book from the federal list of extremist materials and she granted his request. Police did not disclose the book's title or author, saying it might cause unnecessary interest in extremist literature....  
RIA Novosti, Nov. 9

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## Issues

### [An important new tool for California libraries](#)

The California State Library has announced an exciting new tool for public libraries. *The Emerging Story of California Public Libraries* ([PDF file](#)) is a document designed to help libraries reframe their stories of why they are still relevant in today's highly technological society. This document, or story map, was presented at the California Library Association Annual Conference in San José on November 3. The information in the story map is universal enough that it can be used as a template for use around the country....  
California State Library, Nov. 9



### [Public libraries as centers of lifelong learning](#)

A new publication titled *Public Libraries Informational Brief: Impact of Public Libraries on Students and Lifelong Learners* ([PDF file](#)) demonstrates the importance of public libraries for all New Yorkers. Prepared by the New York Comprehensive Center in consultation with the New York State Education Department and the New York State Library, this document summarizes current research and reports about the impact of public libraries on learning in New York State and beyond....  
Southern Tier Library System, Nov. 8



### [Outdated law could endanger your privacy](#)

ALA joins with like-minded groups such as the Center for Democracy and Technology and the Electronic Frontier Foundation in a new campaign to reform the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. The

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campaign site is [Vanishing Rights](#). ECPA was last updated in the mid-1980s and describes the lengths that government may go to in order to access private digital information....

District Dispatch, Nov. 12

### [What lawmakers need to know about libraries](#)

Kevin Smith (right) knows how to get library advocates revved up about meeting with policymakers. As the president-elect and legislative coordinator of the Virginia Library Association, Kevin uses his political expertise and messaging know-how to advocate effectively for libraries every year during ALA's National Legislative Day. Here he shares some tips with the Washington Office....



District Dispatch, Nov. 12

### [Canadian copyright reform bill takes effect](#)

Michael Geist writes: "On November 7, most of Bill C-11 ([PDF file](#)), the copyright reform bill, took effect, marking the most significant changes to Canadian copyright law in decades. While there are still some further [changes to come](#), all the consumer-oriented provisions are now active, as well as a digital interlibrary loan provision." However, the [digital lock rules](#) are now also in effect, meaning that breaking DRM on your legitimate purchased copy for your own personal use is now just as illegal as downloading a free copy off a torrent site....

Michael Geist, Oct. 31, Nov. 7; TeleRead, Nov. 8

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## Tech Talk

### [How to deter password hackers](#)

Nicole Perlroth writes: "Chances are, most people will get hacked at some point in their lifetime. The best they can do is delay the inevitable by avoiding suspicious links, even from friends, and manage their passwords. Unfortunately, good password hygiene is like flossing—you know it's important, but it takes effort. Here are some tips."

Readers responded with even more [suggestions](#)....

*New York Times*, Nov. 7, 9

### [Analytics tools librarians should know about](#)

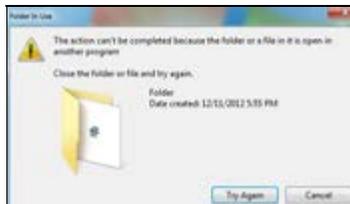
Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Analytics tools are an invaluable way to show the ROI of marketing campaigns, popularity and usability of website content, value of blog posts, social media influence, and much more. If you haven't been taking advantage of these free analytics tools for your library or organization, here's your chance to check them out."...



iLibrarian, Nov. 9

### [How to delete, move, or rename locked files](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "Windows won't allow you to modify files that open programs have locked. If you try to delete a file and see a message that it's open in a program, you'll have to unlock the file (or



close the program). In some cases, it may not be clear which program has locked a file—or a background process may have locked a file and not terminated correctly. You must unlock the stubborn file or folder to modify it. Here are a few ways to do that.”...

How-To Geek, Nov. 13

### [StayInvisible analyzes your online privacy](#)

How anonymous are you when browsing online? If you're not sure, head to [StayInvisible](#), where you'll get an immediate online privacy test revealing what identifiable information is being collected in your browser. The site displays the location (via IP address) and language collected, possible tracking cookies, and other browser features that could create a [unique fingerprint](#) of your browser and session....



Lifehacker, Nov. 14

### [Everything you need to know about printing emails](#)

Saikat Basu writes: “I really don't advocate printing emails for the simple reason of saving paper and protecting trees. The email in bits and bytes is far more permanent than anything printed out. But yes, there are situations when you have to print out emails. You might need to submit it as a physical document. You might want to have a physical receipt as a backup. So, in the off-chance that you deny yourself a paperless existence and want to print out emails, do it well. Here's a little primer on everything you need to know.”...

MakeUseOf, Nov. 14

### [Google Fiber finally launches](#)

Following months of building a new infrastructure from the ground up, Google has officially [started connecting](#) homes in the Kansas City, Kansas, area to its new lightning-fast Google Fiber network. The first neighborhood to receive Google Fiber is Hanover Heights. Google is installing fiber optic cables into homes via a fiber jack, which converts the optical signal into data your computer can understand. It then gets online when the network box is plugged in to provide fast speeds and built-in Wi-Fi. Watch the [video](#) (1:50)....



Mashable, Nov. 13; Google Fiber Blog, Nov. 13

### [Embedded files in PDF/A](#)

Butch Lazorchak writes: “A lot of hopes and dreams have been poured into the idea of ‘one preservation tool to rule them all,’ and many people, both inside and outside of the preservation community, have come to think of the archival version of the widely used [PDF](#) as this single solution. However, a close examination of the tool shows that, while it's useful and valuable for many things, it is not the only answer for long-term archiving. This can't be stated often enough, especially as awareness grows around the October release of the latest version of the PDF/A specification.”...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, Nov. 13

### [10 tips for troubleshooting your digital camera](#)

Jim Fisher writes: “Chances are you have a digital camera in your arsenal of gadgets, but it's less likely that you're a professional photographer or camera technician. I've been



shooting for the better part of a decade and am often approached by friends, family, and the occasional stranger on the street for photographic advice. These tips address some of the more common issues that I've seen over the years—hopefully they'll help you get the most out of your camera and to tame it when it misbehaves.”...

*PC Magazine, Nov. 8*

### [How to organize your photos](#)

Michael Muchmore writes: “If you're serious about digital photography, or just want to be able to find, share, and protect your best images easily, you need a workflow. Sure, some people just snap away on their phone or point and shoot, and show the photos to whoever's around. Pro and prosumer photographers usually take a more structured approach, involving a workflow that includes organized file naming, tagging, and rating. We'll discuss the main steps in photo workflow using three different levels of software.”...



*PC Magazine, Nov. 12*

### [Hacker values / library values](#)

Nicholas Schiller writes: “With the current popularity of hackerspaces and makerspaces in libraries, library hack-a-thons, and hacking projects for librarians, it is clear that library culture is warming to the hacker ethic. This is a highly positive trend and one that I encourage more librarians to participate in. The reason I am so excited to see libraries encourage adoption of the hacker ethic is that hackers share several core values with libraries. Working together we can serve our communities more effectively.”...

*ACRL TechConnect Blog, Nov. 13*

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## E-Content

### [Remember when?](#)

#### [HarperCollins/Penguin edition](#)

Christopher Harris writes: “Remember back when we as a profession pretty much lost it over the decision by HarperCollins to have ebooks expire after 26 loans? Ah, we were so young, so naive. If we had any clue about the limitations yet to come, we would have been a lot more welcoming of what now seems like not such a bad deal. After taking its books and going home about a year ago, the soon-to-be-merged Penguin is getting back in the game. Its new offer to libraries? A six-month embargo and a one-year expiration date on all ebooks regardless of the number of checkouts on the 3M Cloud Library.” [Nate Hoffelder](#) calls this a “crappy deal.”...

*AL: E-Content, Nov. 12; The Digital Reader, Nov. 12*



### [Kansas State Library launches Facebook campaign](#)

The Kansas State Library has launched a social media campaign against what it says are unfair practices to keep bestselling electronic books out of the hands of libraries and their patrons. Library officials have started a [page](#) on Facebook, "bringing attention to the titles publishers are refusing to sell [as] ebooks to libraries, price gouging, or limiting checkouts per copy purchased."...

*Wichita (Kans.) Eagle, Nov. 10*



### [Measuring student engagement with e-textbooks](#)

Alexandra Tilsley writes: "It has never been too hard to spot the student in class who didn't do the assigned reading. But a new program could make identifying unprepared students easier and improve outcomes and retention. CourseSmart Analytics, which is currently being piloted at three colleges, tracks students' engagement with their e-textbooks and allows professors to evaluate the usefulness of learning materials and to track student work."...

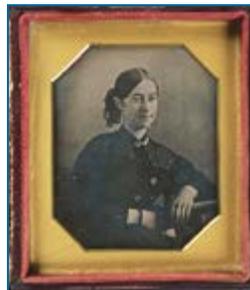
*Inside Higher Ed, Nov. 8*



### [Harvard to contribute special collections to DPLA](#)

The Harvard University Library will share several collections with the Digital Public Library of America and become the first DPLA content hub. The library is exploring what collections it could contribute. Work remains to be done before a final decision is made about specific collections, but Harvard looks forward to making a number of its collections available. Among them, the following have already been digitized and could be available to the DPLA before its launch in April 2013....

*DPLA blog, Oct. 31*



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## Books & Reading

### [OCLC partners with Goodreads](#)

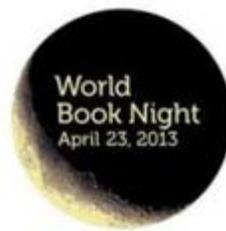
OCLC has expanded its strategic partnership with Goodreads, the world's largest site for readers and book recommendations, to help provide greater visibility for all libraries. The new agreement pledges to improve Goodreads members' experience of finding fresh, new things to read through libraries. It will also provide libraries with a way to reach this key group of dedicated readers through social media. As a WorldCat [traffic partner](#) since 2007, Goodreads has sent more than 5 million web referrals to WorldCat....

*OCLC, Nov. 9*



### [2013 selections for World Book Night](#)

[World Book Night](#) is an international "celebration of books and reading" wherein volunteers give away books to those in their community who are not



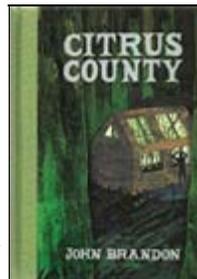
regular readers. Last year, over 80,000 people signed up to be book givers, and more than 2.5 million books were given away across the US and parts of Europe. Next year's World Book Night has been scheduled for April 23, and today the [list of giveaway books](#) was announced. Find out how your library can [participate](#)....

Book Riot, Nov. 9

### [Defining novels of the Millennial generation](#)

Millennials (sometimes also called Generation Y) are usually defined by demographers as the age cohort that was born starting in 1983 (perhaps a few years earlier). This generation has not yet turned 30, and unlike poets, mathematicians, or gymnasts, novelists don't generally flower until after that. While the bulk of Millennial masterpieces are no doubt just now beginning to be written, here are the 10 best novels about their experiences so far....

TeleRead, Oct. 30



### [LGBTQ teens and their literature](#)

Molly Wetta writes: "I am an unabashed fan of queer YA literature. This is perhaps partly due to the first young adult novel I read in high school: *Hard Love* by Ellen Wittlinger. I come back to these kinds of books again and again when looking for a good contemporary young adult read. My only problem? There's simply not enough of them. It isn't just LGBTQ kids who can benefit from an increased awareness and acceptance of queer characters. Many youth are wrongly identified by peers as queer due to stereotypes, so support and education benefits everyone."...

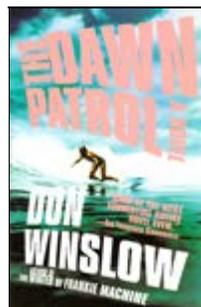
YALSA The Hub, Nov. 9



### [Surf's up!](#)

John Schoppert writes: "There's something about diving into a surf mystery that quenches the soul, and I've finished a great one by Don Winslow called *The Dawn Patrol*. There are few things more potent in literature than accurately described physical endurance, and Winslow captures what it's like to be held under water after a big-wave wipe-out. Surfing holds a place in the imagination that almost matches the power of catching a gnarly ride. Here's some surf fiction worth considering when waiting for your next set to come in."...

Booklist Online: Shelf Renewal, Nov. 8



### [10 great authors we should stop pigeonholing](#)

Emily Temple writes: "We read a [great article](#) at *Slate* about Ursula K. Le Guin (right) and the genre distinctions (or lack thereof) in her work. This article portends an even greater event, the publication of Le Guin's new self-chosen best-of collection, *The Unreal*



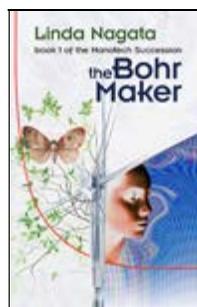
and the Real, later in November, so we've decided to take a look at authors who have found themselves neatly boxed and categorized by the collective consciousness—but shouldn't be. Check out a few of the great authors we should all really stop pigeonholing."...

Flavorwire, Nov. 4; Slate, Nov. 2

## [20 essential books on the future of human evolution](#)

Annalee Newitz writes: "Evolutionary theory teaches us that life never remains the same. It is constantly changing and adapting. So what might be the next stages in the evolution of humanity and our planet? Here are 20 books, both fiction and nonfiction, that try to answer that question. In *The Bohr Maker*, Linda Nagata imagines that our future evolution depends on how we'll use strong nanotechnology to reshape our bodies and the environment."...

io9, Nov. 12



## [LC to host first International Summit of the Book](#)

The Library of Congress on December 6–7 will host the first International Summit of the Book, a gathering of leaders in academia, libraries, culture, and technology to debate and discuss the powerful and crucial form of information transmittal—the book. The summit will take place in the Coolidge Auditorium of the library's Thomas Jefferson Building. Keynote speeches and panels throughout the event are free and open to the public. [Registration](#) is required....

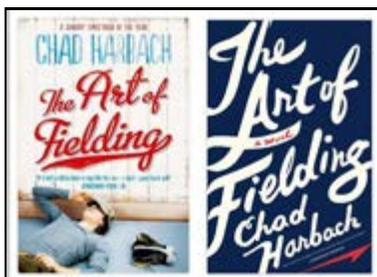
Library of Congress, Nov. 9



## [Who has better book covers? US or UK?](#)

Gabe Habash writes: "During a stop at Dublin's Hodges Figgis bookshop, I was struck by two things as an American reader. One: Most UK paperbacks have cheap binding. Two: The covers of most books on the other side of the Atlantic differ drastically from what we see in the States. With the exception of Penguin Classics and a few other publishers that are in both markets, a trip through a UK bookstore is an altogether different experience. Here are 10 books, UK on the left and US on the right. Which do you prefer?"...

Publishers Weekly: PWxyz, Nov. 8



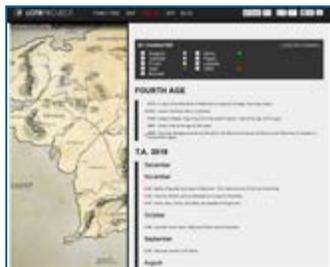
## [Take the Guardian's kid-lit library quiz](#)

It's time to prove just how much you love your library with this quiz. Do you know stacks about the subject—or are you a stranger to your shelves? The quiz involves libraries in children's literature....

The Guardian (UK), Oct. 26

## [Maps of Middle Earth](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "Earlier I [shared some maps](#) of Middle Earth from Google Maps Mania that are built on the Google Maps API. Keir Clarke added a comment with a link to the [LOTR Project's Middle Earth Timeline](#) (right), which is a combination of a timeline and a map. Each event in the timeline is directly linked to a location on the map.



Click on any event in the timeline to see where it took place in Middle Earth."...

Free Technology for Teachers, Nov. 9; Google Maps Mania, Apr. 25

## [Pining for Pinterest](#)

Laura Perenic writes: "As a self-confessed book-cover judger, displays of jacket art and themed book displays make my mental taste buds water. Imagine my delight when I realized that Pinterest, in addition to having loads of other content, is a veritable smorgasbord of fiction suggestions to please my YA palate. As a fan of an author's work, you can follow their page, boards, and pins for the latest news. Many teen authors use Pinterest to reach their audience; YA Highway has a [compiled list](#)."...



YALSA The Hub, Nov. 12

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## Tips & Ideas

### [YouTube or Vimeo: Which is better for library marketing?](#)

Ned Potter writes: "Video is a pretty essential format for marketing your library these days, and can be done surprisingly cheaply and easily. If you've produced your videos—tutorials, advertising, virtual tours, or whatever—then where do you put them to maximize their impact? So what are the differences between the big two video sharing sites, YouTube and Vimeo, and how should they play in your marketing choices?"...



The Library Marketing Toolkit, Nov. 9

### [San Francisco picks its library card designs](#)

San Franciscans have voted for penguins, butterflies, and sunshine to grace their library cards. The [five winning designs](#) in the San Francisco Public Library's contest to create new library cards were recently unveiled. More than 14,500 people weighed in online at ImproveSF, where 3,500 designs in five different age groups were submitted. The library issues about 60,000 new cards every year....



City Insider, Nov. 11

### [Auraria Library skates its way to contest victory](#)

Gale, part of Cengage Learning, has announced that Auraria Library in Denver is the winner of its "[Out-of-the-Box](#)" marketing contest, which called on



librarians to submit their risky but actionable marketing ideas for a chance at \$5,000. The winning campaign idea, [Books & Boards](#) (1:47), capitalized on the local explosion of skateboarding as a chance to rebrand the library and connect with students. Five other finalists were also named and their ideas included everything from custom-printed toilet paper to "tagging" local neighborhoods with temporary graffiti....

Gale Cengage, Nov. 13

### [Hertz announces "I Love My School Librarian" contest](#)

Hertz Furniture, a New Jersey-based supplier of school and office furniture, has announced an "[I Love My School Librarian](#)" contest. Students, teachers, principals, and parents are invited to recognize a school librarian and enter them into the competition by completing an online form and writing a short paragraph on "why you love your school librarian." The contest runs through December 28....

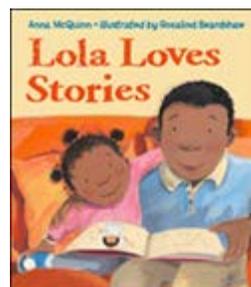
Hertz Furniture, Nov. 12



### [Kansas reads to preschoolers](#)

Roughly 6,000 copies of the children's book *Lola Loves Stories* by Anna McQuinn have been distributed throughout Kansas and are being read to Kansas preschoolers during Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week, November 11–17. The Kansas State Library's eighth annual one-book/one-state reading initiative has the goal that every Kansas child ages 0–5 will be read to during the week....

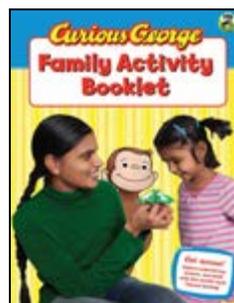
Kansas State Library, Nov. 9



### [Curious George on PBS](#)

Curious George is a little monkey with an insatiable curiosity. The *Curious George* series on PBS takes full advantage of children's natural curiosity, using George to motivate them to expand their own investigations of the world. George's memorable adventures offer the perfect vehicles for introducing preschoolers to key concepts in science, engineering, and math. This colorful activity booklet ([PDF file](#)) can be used as a handout or the basis of children's programming in the library....

PBS Parents



### [Animals as teachers](#)

Caroline McKinley writes: "Our lovebird, Holly GoFlightly (right), charms many of the children coming into the Hampton Bays (N.Y.) Library, and that is not an easy feat. There is evidence that associating with animals enhances a child's overall learning beyond their ABCs. It is not difficult to integrate the appreciation of animals into a library's programming.



The national campaign 'No Child Left Inside,' is one of many ways to arrange walks through a nearby nature preserve. You can then coordinate a storytime or discussion around some inspiring books similar to the ones listed here."...

ALSC Blog, Nov. 14

### **IT people: Children's librarians in disguise?**

Melanie A. Lyttle writes: "In the tradition of *My Father the Dog* by Elizabeth Bluemle, I offer this observation. I'm pretty sure library IT people are children's librarians in disguise. Unfortunately, I do tend to agree with many of my colleagues that it can be difficult to communicate with the IT people that populate libraries. However, I didn't realize until I had the privilege of working closely with an IT person on several projects that there are similarities between us as well. I just hadn't looked hard enough."...

ALSC Blog, Nov. 10

### **Express yourself**

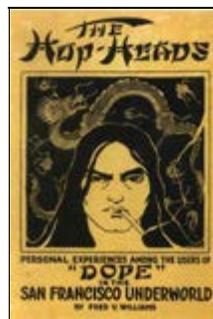
Betsy Blankenship writes: "I am always on the lookout for easy marketing and outreach activities that take little effort and staff time. In November 2011, as I was reading messages on an email discussion list one day, someone mentioned using an Expression Wall as an outreach tool to students. Typically it involves allowing students to post responses to a posed question, a particular topic, or simply a conversation starter on a wall of some sort. I chose to offer a Thankful Wall; it was close to Thanksgiving and it had been a tough year in many ways."...



Programming Librarian blog, Nov. 13

### **The LSD library goes to Harvard**

Stephen J. Gertz writes: "The Ludlow-Santo Domingo (LSD) Library of rare books, the world's first, largest, and most distinguished collection of the literature of psychotropic drugs, has been placed at Harvard's Houghton Library on long-term loan after extended and highly sensitive negotiations with the family of the late Julio Mario Santo Domingo Jr. (1958-2009), the eldest son and scion to the fortune of his father, Columbian business magnate Julio Mario Santo Domingo (1923-2011) and omnivorous collector of books associated with the 1960s counterculture in the US and Europe."...



Booktryst, Nov. 12

### **EveryLibrary: Making it happen**

John Chrastka writes: "EveryLibrary is more than just an idea for voter outreach about libraries. It is an active organization with hundreds of supporters who want to see a better outcome for libraries at the ballot box. November 7 closed our first round of fundraising, awareness building, and organizing. I want to provide you with some insights on our growth and accomplishments in making this idea a reality."...

EveryLibrary, Nov. 8

### **Personal disaster management**

Michelle Kraft writes: "I live in a suburb of Cleveland, and we used to joke all the time that besides snowstorms there really weren't any natural disasters to worry about. Wrong. Superstorm Sandy uprooted

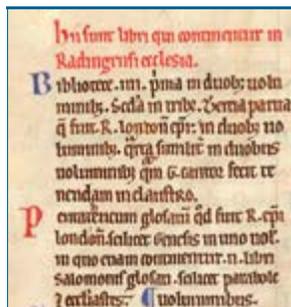
or split trees here, causing them to fall on power lines, houses, and across streets, leaving large areas of the Cleveland area without power for 6–7 days. I thought I would take a bit of my blogging time to share some things I learned while I was without power. This is primarily about personal prep for disasters.”...

The Krafty Librarian, Nov. 13

## [The 12th-century Reading Abbey library catalog](#)

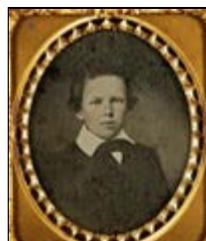
Chantry Westwell writes: “A number of catalogs and book lists survive from the Middle Ages, but one of the most interesting is a 12th-century library catalog from Reading Abbey ([London, British Library MS Egerton 3031](#)), one of the wealthiest Benedictine monasteries in medieval England, founded by King Henry I in 1121. If we wish to learn more about the monks’ daily lives, the library catalog is a great place to look.”...

British Library: Medieval and Earlier Manuscripts Blog, Nov. 12



## [LC exhibits rare Civil War-era boy's diary](#)

The little-known diary of LeRoy Wiley Gresham (right) has never been published before, and the Library of Congress is featuring selected pages as part of an extensive [display](#) of its voluminous Civil War material to mark the 150th anniversary. (LC has launched a [blog](#) to accompany the exhibit.) It is the saga, in seven volumes, of a precocious, delicate boy who was a voracious consumer of books and newspapers, but who was often confined to a special wagon that was pulled about town by slaves. Crippled by a broken left leg years before and tormented by a host of other infirmities, LeRoy is exposed to a full range of Victorian remedies that offer little relief....



Washington Post, Nov. 8; Voices of the Civil War

## [Making Find A Grave better](#)

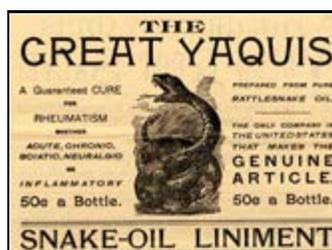
Michele Simmons Lewis writes: “I have received many emails asking about how to make corrections to [Find A Grave](#). This post will show you what sort of corrections you can make and how to make them. I think that everyone who uses Find A Grave should also take the time to help make it better. If you find an error on an individual memorial, the first thing you do is hit the Edit tab and send a message to the creator explaining what is wrong.”...

Ancestror's Ask A Genealogist, Nov. 10

## [10 questions to distinguish real science from fake science](#)

Emily Willingham writes: “Pseudoscience is a shaky set of ideas and practices, often related to medicine, that lack sufficient evidence. What science consumers need is a cheat sheet for people to use when considering a product, book, therapy, or remedy. Here are the top 10 questions you should always ask yourself—and answer—before shelling out money for anything, whether it's anti-aging cream, a diet fad program, books purporting to tell you secrets your doctor won't, or jewelry items containing magnets.”...

Forbes, Nov. 8



## [What every cataloger needs to know about character encoding](#)

Jonathan Rochkind writes: "Okay, I tricked you, I'm not going to tell you myself, I'm going to direct you to this very useful [blog post](#). If you manage metadata that includes diacritics, non-Latin characters, or anything else that's not ASCII, or if you have to deal with MARC-21 records in the MARC-8 encoding, then you need to know about character encoding."...

Bibliographic Wilderness, Nov. 12; Kunststube, Nov. 5

## [BiblioWorks builds libraries in Bolivia](#)

In 2004, Biblio.com—a leading supplier of used, rare, and out-of-print books—recognized a need for a library in a rural indigenous community in Bolivia. With the support of its strategic partners, Biblio.com was able to fund the construction of the first rural library ever built in one of the most impoverished regions of Bolivia, La Biblioteca Villa Zamora. Since 2005, its nonprofit foundation in Asheville, North Carolina, BiblioWorks, has established eight community libraries in rural areas outside Sucre....

BiblioWorks



## [The CatCase: Bookcase and cat playground](#)

Produced by Urban CatDesign, the [CatCase](#) combines a bookcase and a cat tree in one. It stores books and DVDs while serving as the ideal playground for your cat. Inside the CatCase your cat can sleep or jump the stairs from shelf to shelf in order to finally reach the top level, where it has a comfortable lookout. Cats feel best high up with a clear view in all directions; this is exactly what the CatCase offers....

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## American Libraries Online

### [ALA chapters issue joint statement on ebook pricing](#)

A majority of ALA's 57 state and regional chapters have signed a joint statement in opposition to the practices of publishers and distributors that have established unfair pricing in the sale of ebooks to libraries. So far, 39 ALA chapters have signed on to the statement, and Indiana Library Federation Executive Director Susan Akers expects that a few more will join in the next few weeks. The statement was designed as a way to express the collective grassroots concerns on ebook pricing that libraries and their patrons across the country share....

AL: Inside Scoop, Nov. 19

### [On My Mind: Creating a new tradition](#)

Daria D'Arienzo writes: "Half a dozen tweens are crowded around several large tables stacked with odds and ends in the windows of the Meekins Library in the center of the small town of Williamsburg, Massachusetts. What are they doing? They are supporting their local library. Meekins Market, our small library's holiday tag sale, is part of the newest recycling activity in our community."...

*American Libraries* column, Nov./Dec.



### [The Library 2.012 Conference](#)

Laurie D. Borman writes: "The 40 continuous hours of [Library 2.012](#), the Future of Libraries free conference, which ran October 3–5, featured 150 presentation sessions and more than a dozen keynote addresses from across the globe. Topics ranged from physical and virtual learning spaces to evolving professional roles in today's world, organizing and creating information, changing delivery methods, user-centered access, and mobile and geosocial information environments."...

*American Libraries* feature



### [ALA Midwinter Meeting.](#)

Seattle, January 25–29. Caroline Kennedy, Steven Johnson, Peter Block, Rich Harwood, Peggy Holman, Smitty and LiLi, *Make Magazine* leaders, Terry Brooks, Ivan Doig, Greg Olsen, Ruth Ozeki—and many others, including thousands of library experts and expert librarians. Don't miss a thing—stay in touch by [joining the Facebook Event](#), by tracking the tag —[#alamw13](#)—and/or by using the [Midwinter Meeting Scheduler](#).

### [What's the Wordle on AL Direct?](#)

Here's a Wordle word cloud based on open-ended responses to a question asking people what they like most about *American Libraries Direct*. Click [here](#) or on the graphic on the right to see a bigger image...

AL: Inside Scoop, Nov. 16



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## ALA News

### [eContent Quarterly to launch in fall 2013](#)

The new online journal *eContent Quarterly* will debut in Fall 2013. *eContent Quarterly* will be edited by Sue Polanka of the blog No Shelf Required and Mirela Roncevic, who developed and edits the online Library Grant Center.



The online journal will offer practical, user-driven solutions and ideas for curating, developing, integrating, and managing content in rapidly changing digital library environments. Look for subscription information for *eContent Quarterly* in 2013....

ALA Editions, Nov. 20

### ["Going Virtual without Going Mad" webinar](#)

Want to make it easier for your membership to get involved in national activities? Looking to understand ALA policies regarding what can and cannot be done virtually? Having trouble with your current virtual setup? Plan to attend this free, one-hour webinar on November 28. To register, send your email address and round table affiliation (if any) to [Danielle Alderson](#)....

Round Table Coordinating Assembly, Nov. 16

### [Copyright webinar for school librarians is full](#)

The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy will host "Complete Copyright for K-12 Librarians and Educators," a free interactive webinar on December 4. Copyright authority




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**ALA store**

The [ALA Store](#) offers a wide variety of online [Workshops](#).



Carrie Russell will be the host. Registration is now closed, as the maximum number of participants have signed up. However, the full webinar will be recorded and posted to District Dispatch after the session is complete....

District Dispatch, Nov. 19

**[Sullivan to address SLA Maryland Chapter in April](#)**

ALA President Maureen Sullivan will join Special Libraries Association President Deb Hunt to address the key issues facing professional library associations in a presentation titled "Strategic Liaisons: Game-Changing Conversations." It will be held at an April 30 meeting of the SLA Maryland Chapter at the Marriott Hotel in Greenbelt. ALA members can attend at the SLA price. Sign up [here](#)....



SLA Maryland Chapter

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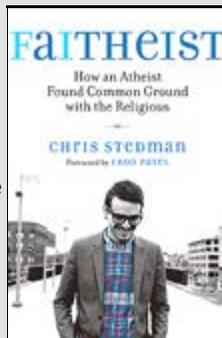
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**[Featured review: Adult nonfiction](#)**

Stedman, Chris. *Faithiest: How an Atheist Found Common Ground with the Religious*. Nov. 2012. 208p. Beacon, hardcover (978-0-8070-1439-4).

Current discussions about atheism seem to be defined as much by the caustic and confrontational manner of its proponents as by the actual examination of its characteristics. Enter Chris Stedman, avowed atheist, former Fundamentalist Christian, and current interfaith activist whose heartfelt and thought-provoking account of his struggle with God and religion serves as a call to arms for those seeking to bridge the gap between the religious and the secular. Stedman believes wholeheartedly in storytelling and its power to not only communicate values but also engender action. This book, then, is his attempt to use his own story to highlight the values of fellowship, equality, and "engaged religious diversity," which he believes can bring about true social change....



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**Great Libraries of the World**



**[Sibbald Library](#)**. Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, UK. Established in 1682, the college library was the first in Scotland devoted to the study of medicine. The current home of the college was completed in 1848, and a new library, with its spectacular coffered ceiling, was built by architect David Bryce in 1876. It was restored in 1994, retains its original furnishings, and still houses part of the college's fine collection of medical literature

## [Top 10 religion and spirituality books](#)



Ilene Cooper writes: "History (*The Pope Who Quit: A True Medieval Tale of Mystery, Death, and Salvation*), biography (*Brigham Young: Pioneer Prophet*), politics (*The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*), and even comedy (*Man Seeks God: My Flirtations with the Divine*) all find a place in this year's top 10 religion and spirituality books."...

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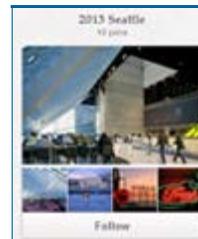


## Seattle Update

### [Midwinter Pinterest boards](#)

For all Pinterest followers and avid pinners, Conference Services has started an account for the 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. Follow us and pin your updates to our open boards. Check out current speakers, hot spots in Seattle, books to read on the plane, and Seattle scenery....

Conference Services, Nov. 19



### [The Ballard Locks](#)

In Seattle, you can take a wonderful day trip to visit the [Hiram M. Chittenden Locks](#), known locally as the Ballard Locks after the neighborhood to their north. There is an educational visitor center on site, a fish ladder (right) for salmon viewing (although the time to view salmon spawning is in the summer), and the Carl S. English Jr. Botanical Garden—one of the most beautiful park settings in Seattle, with trees and plants from all over the world. Take bus #17 to the locks, where you can watch boats rise and fall as they move through Puget Sound and the inland waterways....

My Ballard



### [Best new restaurants in Seattle 2012](#)

*Seattle Magazine* has named 12 restaurants as Seattle's best dining venues for the year. Allison Austin Scheff writes: "As Seattle blooms into a world-class food town, our restaurants are getting quirkier, more specialized, and increasingly more expressive of the passion of the cooks who own and run them. Our list includes a dessert-only affair ([Hot Cakes](#)) and a takeout-only Thai place ([Little Uncle](#)). This year's batch of Best New Restaurants adds new depth to our lively, layered restaurant scene."...



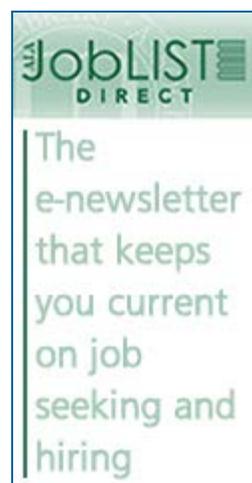
and historical documents.



### [Portico Library and Gallery](#)

Manchester, UK. This subscription library opened in 1806 as a combination library and newsroom. Primarily used by members and researchers, its exhibition gallery sits under an impressive Georgian glass-and-plaster dome.

**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. Some will be featured 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](#).



Seattle Magazine, Nov.

## Seattleites drink more espresso than water

Seattle Times news librarian Gene Balk writes: "In 1989 a reporter for the Associated Press found something very strange going on in Seattle. Reporting back to an astonished America on this city's booming café culture, he made an outlandish claim: 'Some say Seattleites drink more espresso than water.' A nation gasped. I crunched some market research data, and I have an answer: The reporter was right. Seattleites actually do prefer espresso to water—at least if you're talking about bottled water."...

Seattle Times: FYI Guy, Nov. 15



## Seattle's top 10 milkshakes

Hanna Raskin writes: "Milkshakes are the only sweets consistently endorsed by doctors. A milkshake is the recommended post-tonsillectomy snack, and when orthodontists snap braces on their patients' teeth, they suggest a milkshake diet to tide them over until their toothaches subside. But you don't need a medical excuse to grab a spoon and straw. We present here 10 other good reasons to eat a milkshake."...

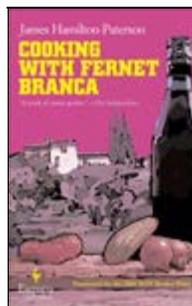
Seattle Weekly, Nov. 19



## Seattle Public Library's five favorite food books

David Wright writes: "Here at the Seattle Public Library, we help a lot of people find something good to read. So when the Seattle Weekly's food blogger Hanna Raskin suggested we create a list based solely on your favorite food blog posts—a rich smorgasbord of homemade Girl Scout cookies, monster burgers, bacon, ramen, and grilled-cheese sandwiches—we said absolutely. But just to keep things interesting, we agreed not to include cookbooks."...

Seattle Weekly, Sept. 26, 2011



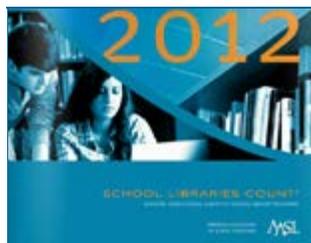
## Division News

### Filtering in schools creates disconnected educators

According to the results of the [2012 School Libraries Count!](#) longitudinal survey conducted by AASL, the filtering of legitimate, educational websites and academically useful social networking tools continues to be an issue in most schools across the country.

While these schools report that overly restrictive filters negatively impact student learning, findings indicate educator curriculum development and collaboration activities are also impeded. Nonetheless, [remote access](#) to the school library has risen 7.6% in the past year and 23.7% since 2007. More data is available in the full report ([PDF file](#))....

AASL, Nov. 16, 20



## Career Leads from JobLIST

### Geology Librarian.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Olympia. As part of the Division of Geology and Earth Resources, the librarian provides for and oversees the management and effective delivery of advanced, large, complex, and mission-critical databases and applications by researching and overseeing the acquisition, installation, maintenance, documentation, security, upgrading, and troubleshooting of library applications and databases. The position will develop a seamless link between our digital databases and various division information databases, compiles and publishes *TsuInfo Alert* (bimonthly), and interacts closely with other section staff and the public....



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## Digital Library of the Week

## **Beyond Words website offers disaster-recovery tips**

School librarians and students can access linked resources to use while recovering from a natural disaster at the [Beyond Words](#) website, part of AASL's Beyond Words grant funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Links include guides to facilities and funding, recovery and repair of damaged materials, and helping students cope and process their experiences....

AASL, Nov. 20



The [Tennessee Virtual Archive](#) is a project of the Tennessee State Library and Archives to digitize and make available online items from its physical collections. TeVA provides a searchable array of historical records, photographs, documents, maps, postcards, film, audio, and other original materials of enduring value. Collections include the [Earl S. Miers River Photographs Collection](#), [Civil War soldier photographs](#), [postcards of Tennessee](#), the [Ryman Auditorium](#) building in Nashville, the [Alvin C. York collection](#), [Tennessee arts and crafts](#), and the [Civilian Conservation Corps](#).

**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](#).

## **Report on teens' digital research habits**

AASL President Susan Ballard (right) is commending the November 1 report [How Teens Do Research in the Digital World](#) as a "must-read" because it conveys "the need for qualified school librarians to be at the forefront of collaborative instructional design, delivery, and assessment related to the development of effective student researchers." The report shares findings on a survey of Advanced Placement and National Writing Project teachers about their students' research habits and the impact of technology....

AASL, Nov. 20; Pew Internet and American Life Project, Nov. 1



## **Genre: Friend or foe?**

Join RUSA CODES [Readers Advisory Research and Trends Committee](#) for a three-day "CODES Conversation" on the subject of genre: what it means and how we use, or don't use, the genre designation, and what genre means to you. This free, moderated, focused email discussion takes place December 4–6. [Subscribe](#) to the discussion, then follow and contribute....

RUSA Blog, Nov. 14

## **365 Days of YA calendar needs your program ideas**

The newly formed [365 Days of YA Task Force](#) needs tried and true ideas as it creates an online calendar full of teen service resources aimed at librarian generalists and paraprofessionals. YALSA is looking for ideas big and small on easy-to-implement programs, services, and activities. [Email](#) all your ideas to YALSA....

YALSA, Nov. 20

## **YALSA's Young Adult Literature Symposium**

More than 500 librarians, educators, and authors came to the Hyatt Regency Saint Louis at the Arch on November 2–4 to celebrate teen reading at YALSA's third Young Adult Literature Symposium. Attendees learned about social networking, dystopian literature, and how to stay current on trends. The next symposium is scheduled for October 31–November 2, 2014, in Austin, Texas....

YALSA, Nov. 19

## **Two LITA members selected as Emerging Leaders**

The LITA Board of Directors congratulates Zach Coble (systems and emerging technologies librarian at Gettysburg College) and Margaret Heller (web services librarian at Dominican



## **Noted and Quoted**

**"Either we stop arguing and agree that libraries are doing their best to reinvent themselves and that with a bit of help (financial and ideological) they**

University) on being selected for LITA sponsorship in the ALA 2013 Emerging Leaders Program. Sponsorship includes a \$1,000 stipend to help offset the costs of attending the 2013 Midwinter Meeting and the 2013 Annual Conference....

LITA, Nov. 19

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## Awards & Grants

### [ALA/AIA Library Building Awards competition](#)

The call for entries for the 2013 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards ([PDF file](#)) is now available. The awards, managed by LLAMA and the American Institute of Architects, encourage excellence in the architectural design and planning of libraries and recognize accomplishments in library architecture. Any library building project designed by architects licensed in the United States is eligible for entry. The [deadline](#) for submission is January 11....

LLAMA, Nov. 16

### [LITA Library Hi Tech Award nominations](#)

Nominations are being accepted for the 2013 LITA *Library Hi Tech* Award, given each year to an individual or institution for outstanding achievement in educating the profession about cutting-edge technology through communication in continuing education within the field of library and information technology. The award includes a citation of merit and a \$1,000 stipend provided by Emerald Group Publishing Limited, publishers of *Library Hi Tech*. The deadline for nominations is December 17....

LITA, Nov. 15

### [Do you have a favorite intellectual freedom fighter?](#)

The Public Library Association is now accepting nominations for the Gordon M. Conable Award for public libraries and intellectual freedom. Further details are available on the PLA [website](#). Nominations are open until December 1....

Intellectual Freedom Round Table, Nov. 20

### [Nominations open for the Madison awards](#)

The ALA Washington Office is calling for nominations for two awards to honor individuals or groups who have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know: the James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State and Local Madison Award. Nominations should be [submitted](#) to the ALA Washington Office no later than January 16....

District Dispatch, Nov. 16

### [Apply for a National Friends of Libraries Week award](#)

United for Libraries will present two awards of \$250 to Friends groups for activities held during National Friends of Libraries Week, October 21–27. Friends groups use the time to creatively promote their group in the community, raise library awareness, and promote membership. [Applications](#) are due by December 3....

United for Libraries, Nov. 19

### [Grants for The Big Read](#)

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of

**belong to the future, or we let them run down until they disappear. Who is going to pay for this new expanding network of libraries? Libraries cost about £1 billion to run right now. Make it £2 billion and charge Google, Amazon, and Starbucks all that back tax on their profits here."**

—Award-winning author Jeanette Winterson, speaking at the Inaugural Reading Lecture at the British Library, [BBC News](#), Nov. 19.

**"Day One: Spend valuable library instruction prep time searching Urban Dictionary for abbreviated NSFW words to craft provocative tweets. Due to inexperience, the tweets devolve into a miasma of confusing acronyms, resulting in my being elected ALCTS president."**

—Linda Absher, the Lipstick Librarian, in a post describing her attempts at hip librarian street cred, "[The Tired Librarian](#)," Oct. 19, 2010.

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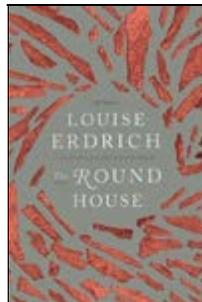
American culture. Managed by Arts Midwest, [The Big Read](#) provides competitive grants to support innovative reading programs in selected communities. Approximately 75 organizations in communities of varying sizes across the country will be selected to participate in The Big Read from September 2013 through June 2014. The [application](#) deadline is February 5....  
National Endowment for the Arts



## [2012 National Book Awards](#)

The National Book Foundation presented its 2012 National Book Awards in New York City on November 14, when accolades were given in each of four categories. The winners were Louise Erdrich, *The Round House* (fiction); Katherine Boo, *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* (nonfiction); David Ferry, *Bewilderment: New Poems and Translations* (poetry); and William Alexander, *Goblin Secrets* (YA literature). The winners each receive \$10,000 and a bronze sculpture. Read reviews of the winning books in *Booklist* using [this link](#)....

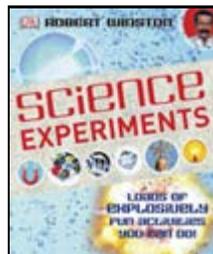
Huffington Post, Nov. 14; Booklist Online: Likely Stories, Nov. 15



## [Royal Society Young People's Book Prize](#)

*Science Experiments* by Robert Winston (Dorling Kindersley, 2011) was announced as the winner of the 2012 Royal Society Young People's Book Prize at a ceremony at the Royal Society in London on November 15. The £10,000 (\$15,900 US) prize celebrates the best book that effectively communicates science to young people. The winner was chosen from a shortlist of six by more than 1,000 young people from 120 schools and youth groups around the UK....

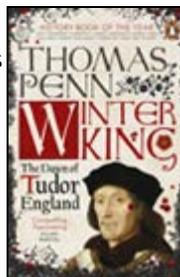
Royal Society, Nov. 16



## [2012 Best First Biography Prize](#)

The H. W. Fisher Best First Biography Prize for 2012 has been awarded to Thomas Penn for *Winter King: The Dawn of Tudor England* (Penguin), a masterful and scholarly account of the reign of King Henry VII of England. The announcement was made November 13 at the Biographers' Club Prize Dinner in London. The £5,000 (\$7,950 US) prize is awarded to the best book by a first-time biographer....

Biographers' Club, Nov. 14

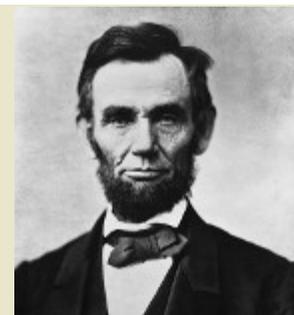


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# Libraries in the News

## [FBI raids business files at Detroit Public Library](#)

FBI agents raided the Detroit Public Library system on November 20,



[Through Beyond Words Grant Libraries Provide Resources for Recovery from Natural Disasters](#)

[Killing of Elephants for Ivory Continues to Plague Africa](#)

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## Calendar

**Nov. 28:**  
["Holdings Comparisons: Why Are They So Complicated?"](#) free ALCTS webinar.

**Jan. 10:**  
[American Libraries Live](#), "Landing Your Ideal Library Job."

**Jan. 15–17:**  
[Digital Book World](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Hotel, New York City. "Opportunity. Innovation. Success."

removing financial records from an agency that has been beset by controversy. Nine agents arrived at the library's main offices at 8 a.m., leaving three hours later with three cardboard boxes and what appeared to be computer equipment. According to Jonathan Kinloch, president of the Detroit Library Commission, the FBI is looking into [contracts](#) that involve two technology firms that were hired for at least \$2 million to update the library's computer systems. A library official allegedly had ties to at least one of the contractors, and benefited personally from the deals....

*Detroit News*, Nov. 20; *Detroit Free Press*, Nov. 21

### [New IMLS board members](#)

In a November 15 ceremony at the Supreme Court, Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg administered the oath of office to eight new members of the National Museum and Library Services Board appointed by President Barack Obama. The board is the advisory body for the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The new library members are [Christie Pearson Brandau](#) (School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University), [Luis Herrera](#) (city librarian of the San Francisco Public Library), and [Suzanne E. Thorin](#) (dean of libraries and university librarian at Syracuse University)....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Nov. 16

### [Topeka library reaches out to parks and recreation](#)

The Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library (right) has offered to replace the computers in the county's eight community centers—a desperately needed upgrade considering that the current computers are fairly old. On November 15, the library board unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding with the parks and recreation department. The library pledged to cover the costs of all the hardware and software, amounting to \$45,602. The library also will hire a full-time technician, who will service the labs part time....

*Topeka (Kans.) Capital-Journal*, Nov. 18



### [Arson fire damages San Juan High School library](#)

The county sheriff said two men ignited a fire that destroyed the library at San Juan High School in Blanding, Utah, November 17 and caused about \$1 million in damage. It took two hours for firefighters to extinguish the blaze. The police also suspect the pair, former San Juan students, of burglarizing the high school and Albert R. Lyman Middle School five times in the past three weeks. Watch the [newscast](#) (2:36)....

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov. 17; KSL-TV, Salt Lake City, Nov. 17



### [After voters nix new library, city council eyes privatizing](#)

A week after Gladstone, Oregon, voters [rejected a measure](#) that would have allowed the city to build a new \$10 million library, members of Save Gladstone, which [rallied against](#) the measure's passage, want the city to explore outsourcing its library services to save money. The project was put on the ballot after voters in May



### **Jan. 22–25:** [Association for Library and Information Science Education](#)

Annual Conference, Hyatt Hotel at Olive 8 and the Grand Hyatt Seattle. "Always the Beautiful Question: Inquiry Supporting Teaching, Research, and Professional Practice."

### **Jan. 30–Feb. 2:** [Ontario Library Association](#)

Super Conference, Metro Toronto Convention Center. "Educate, Entertain, Empower."

### **Feb. 2–5:** [National Reading Recovery and K–6 Classroom Literacy Conference](#)

Columbus (Ohio) Convention Center. Sponsored by the Reading Recovery Council of North America. "Creating a Literate Future Together."

### **Feb. 6–9:** [Special Libraries Association](#)

Leadership Summit, Crowne Plaza Dallas Downtown Hotel.

### **Feb. 8:** [Online Northwest 2013](#)

Conference, CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

### **Feb. 11–14:** [Code4Lib](#)

Annual Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago.

### **Feb. 14:**

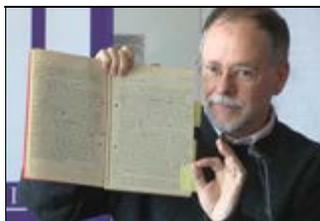
passed two finance measures, crafted by Save Gladstone, that [stalled the project](#)....

*Portland Oregonian*, May 15, Nov. 6, 14

### [Wicked papers go to University at Albany](#)

The University at Albany (N.Y.) Libraries has acquired the papers of bestselling author Gregory Maguire (right), whose novel *Wicked* inspired the smash Broadway musical namesake. The collection, comprised of Maguire's personal and professional papers, manuscripts, documents, diaries, and memorabilia, spans more than 50 years to date. [Watch](#) (1:25) Maguire discuss his creative process....

University at Albany, Nov. 20



### [University library fights the SAD with circulating lamp](#)

The O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, has been home to a Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) lamp on a study table since 2011. However, Associate Director of Public Services Diane Knights came up with the idea of putting the lamp on reserve for students and faculty to check out this fall. The bright light of the lamp can improve the mood of individuals with winter-based SAD depression....

Tommie Media, Nov. 13



### [Fisheries library merger draws fire in Canada](#)

The merging of fisheries libraries in Nova Scotia and British Columbia is sparking some anger in the rest of Canada. Fisheries and Oceans Canada will close most of its nine libraries across the country and split their collections between just two—in Sidney, British Columbia, and at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The department is digitizing its collection, but that isn't enough for Quebec New Democrat Guy Caron, who is losing the [Maurice Lamontagne Institute Regional Library](#), a French-specific library in Mont-Joli....

*Halifax (N.S.) Chronicle Herald*, Nov. 19



### [Public libraries are thriving in Japan](#)

A report by the Japanese education ministry found that the number of books checked out by elementary school children from the 3,274 public libraries nationwide reached an average of 26 per child in fiscal 2010. That is up from 18.8 in 2007, a significant upswing to the highest level ever. Of course, this may be due to the economic downturn, the fact that libraries now allow more books to be checked out at a time, and the increased number of educational manga books for young readers....

*Japan Times*, Nov. 18



### [Nepal: Changing lives one library at a time](#)

Fyllis Hockman writes: "Antonia Neubauer, president of Myths and Mountains, first visited

[American Libraries Live](#). "Mobile Services: The Library in Your Pocket."

**Feb. 24–26:** [National Federation of Advanced Information Services](#), Annual Conference, Hyatt at the Bellevue, Philadelphia. "In Search of Answers: Unlocking New Value from Content."

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Laurie D. Borman, Editor and Publisher,

Nepal in 1983 and started her tour company five years later. During a trek to the Everest region in 1988, knowing she wanted to give something back to the country she had come to love, she asked her guide Domi Lama Sherpa, 'What is it your village needs most?' His reply: a library. She started fundraising. As a result, porters carried 900 books over a 12,000-foot pass into the remote village of Junbesi, and READ Global's first community library opened in Domi's hometown in 1991."...

*Consumer Traveler*, Nov. 17



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## Issues

### [Parents, teens, and online privacy](#)

Most parents of teenagers are concerned about what their children do online and how their behavior could be monitored by others. Some parents are taking steps to observe, discuss, and check up on their teens' digital footprints, according to a new [survey](#) by the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project. Among the results: 81% of parents of online teens say they are concerned about how much information advertisers can learn about their child's online behavior....

*Pew Internet and American Life Project*, Nov. 20

### [Library Copyright Alliance files brief in support of Google](#)

On November 16, the Library Copyright Alliance (whose members are ALA, ACRL, and the Association of Research Libraries) filed an amicus brief ([PDF file](#)) in *Authors Guild v. Google* in support the defendant and arguing that a recent decision on class certification should be reversed. The appeal is the latest development in long-running litigation over Google's project to scan and index millions of books from research library collections....

*ACRL Insider*, Nov. 21

### [WIPO discusses treaty for visually challenged persons](#)

On November 19-23 in Geneva, the World Intellectual Property Organization is hosting the 25th session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights. Visually impaired people face a "book famine" in which 95% of the books published in rich countries and 99% in poorer countries are never converted into accessible formats such as audio, large print, or Braille. The fastest way to address this famine is to install flexibility in copyright law, but copyright maximalists argue against any change....

*Electronic Frontier Foundation*, Nov. 19

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## Tech Talk

### [Reflections of a first-year technology](#)

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### [coordinator](#)

Caroline Haebig (right) writes: "It's official. I've moved into the realm of technology coordination. Despite being fresh in my new role as a high school instructional technology coordinator, I've been fortunate enough to receive some productive feedback. I've quickly learned some significant things when it comes to adult professional learning. One thing: Sometimes you don't want an app for that."...

District Dispatch, Nov. 21



### [Present slides on your iPad with no internet](#)



Bohyun Kim and Nicholas Schiller write:

"Librarians often use presentation slides to teach a class, run a workshop, or give a talk. More often than not, you may find only spotty internet signals. If you had planned on using your presentation slides stored in the cloud, no internet access would mean no slides. In this post, we show you how to save your presentation slides on your iPad so that you will be fully prepared to present without internet access. You will only need a few free tools."...

ACRL TechConnect, Nov. 20

### [How to get rid of a virus when your computer won't boot](#)

Whitson Gordon writes: "So you've contracted a virus that's taken over your computer, and you can't even boot up to try and troubleshoot the problem. The solution: Create a rescue CD, boot into a safe environment, and rid your PC of any nefarious software while it sleeps. Here's how to do it with minimal effort."...

Lifehacker, Nov. 20



### [The incredible persistence of email](#)

Ron Miller writes: "The rise of enterprise social software and easy-to-use online collaboration tools were supposed to be the undoing of corporate email. Yet while we continue to hear stories about email killers, email still thrives and is even projected to grow in businesses. Why is it not at least fading as social and collaboration tool use increase? Let's start with some hard numbers."...

CITE World, Nov. 19

### [World's oldest digital computer is rebooted](#)

Sebastian Anthony writes: "The world's oldest, original, still-working digital computer has been unveiled at the National Museum of Computing in Bletchley Park, the home of the UK's World War II encryption and codebreaking efforts, where Alan Turing and others broke the German Enigma cipher. The computer, now called the WITCH, was originally powered up in 1951 (above). Now it's on display at Bletchley, powered up and working its way through some original 1950s computer programs." Watch the [video](#) (3:29)....

Extreme Tech, Nov. 20; BBC News, Nov. 19



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## **E-Content**

## [OverDrive survey finds that library users buy ebooks](#)

Fifty-seven percent of library users say that the public library is their primary source of book discovery, according to a survey ([PDF file](#)) released November 15 by ebook distributor OverDrive. The online poll, which focused on library ebook readers, found that the patrons [surveyed](#) purchased an average of 3.2 print and ebooks per month, and that the majority of respondents would consider purchasing books discovered on a library website. Christopher Harris [analyzes](#) the survey highlights....

District Dispatch, Nov. 15; Digital Library Blog, Nov. 15; AL: E-Content, Nov. 16

## [Penguin to expand ebook lending](#)

The Penguin Group announced November 19 that it is expanding its ebook lending program to libraries in Los Angeles and Cleveland though a new distribution partner. In a pilot program that will begin this year, Penguin has worked with distributor Baker & Taylor to start ebook lending programs in the Los Angeles County Library System, which will reach four million people, and the Cuyahoga County system in Ohio....

*New York Times*: Media Decoder, Nov. 18

## [Min-maxing digital library lending](#)

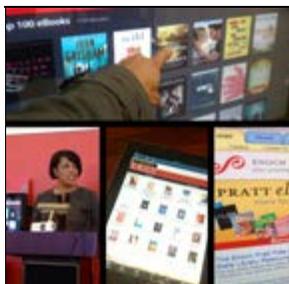
Christopher Harris writes: "Gamers have a term called 'min-maxing'—minimizing the negative traits and maximizing the positives. Min-maxing turns games into serious business. With its new ebook program, Penguin is forcing libraries into a min-max position. The publisher has created a rule set that encourages libraries to enact behaviors that are negative to patrons. Consider this rule set."...

AL: E-Content, Nov. 20

## [Bringing ebooks to Baltimore](#)

Emily Sheketoff writes: "On November 14, I joined Enoch Pratt Free Library Director Carla Hayden and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake to help launch Baltimore's efforts to bring ebooks and e-readers to all the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System. Dr. Hayden was able to use a \$350,000 gift from the Weinberg Foundation to purchase some e-readers and ebooks for the people of Baltimore to try."...

District Dispatch, Nov. 16



## [E-reading isn't \(exactly\) reading](#)

Andrew Piper writes: "Amid the seemingly endless debates today about the future of reading, there remains one salient, yet often overlooked fact: Reading isn't only a matter of our brains; it's something that we do with our bodies. How we hold our reading materials, how we look at them, navigate them, take notes on them, share them, play with them, even where we read them—these are the categories that have mattered most to us as readers."...

*Slate*, Nov. 15



## [JSTOR offers free access for 100 Wikipedia editors](#)

The Wikimedia Foundation is collaborating with JSTOR, a service of the nonprofit organization Ithaka, to provide 100 of the most active

Wikipedia editors with free access to the complete archived collections on JSTOR, including more than 1,600 academic journals. The [authors who will receive accounts](#) have collectively written more than 100,000 Wikipedia articles to date. Access to JSTOR, one of the most popular sources on English Wikipedia, will allow these editors to further fill in the gaps in the sum of all human knowledge....

Wikimedia Foundation, Nov. 19

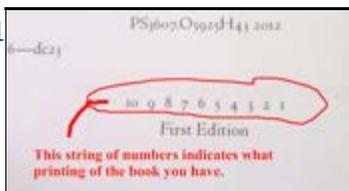
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## Books & Reading

### [A beginner's guide to identifying first editions](#)

Amanda Nelson writes: "What denotes a first edition can be complex and dependent on the whims of individual publishing houses. Each company does its first edition identification (if they do any at all) differently, so unless you've got a handy-dandy [house-by-house guide](#), the concept can make you go a bit cross-eyed. But there are a few basic rules that can be helpful. Keep in mind these are for the person who is new to analyzing what editions they have. I'm going to use some books from around my house to illustrate." Don't miss [Part Two](#)....

Book Riot, Nov. 8, 19; Quill & Brush



### [Celebrating 50 years of \*The Snowy Day\*](#)

At an event hosted November 16 by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection at the University of Southern Mississippi, and the Society of Illustrators, noted children's book publishers, authors, illustrators, and educators came together to celebrate the power of children's literature and the 50th anniversary of Ezra Jack Keats's Caldecott Medal-winning book, *The Snowy Day* (Viking, 1962). Some 75 guests attended the celebration, held at the society's offices at 128 E. 63rd Street in New York City....

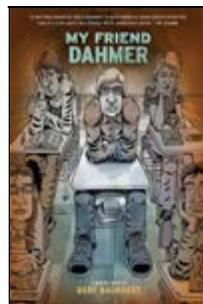
Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, Nov. 20



### [Blurring the genres](#)

Molly Wetta writes: "While there is some debate about the actual number, most people agree: There are only so many kinds of stories, just different ways of telling them. Same with genres: There is a finite number. That is, until you start mixing them up. Then the possibilities are endless. At YALSA's 2012 Young Adult Literature Symposium, Teri Lesesne and Rosemary Chance shared some recent young adult novels that transcend traditional genres."...

YALSA The Hub, Nov. 16



### [Fan fiction and YA lit](#)

Diane Colson writes: "At YALSA's Young Adult Literature Symposium, a panel of experts spoke on the various aspects of fan fiction. For a newbie like me, there's a lot to learn. But more importantly, there is a lot to get excited about,



realizing all the venues for creativity that are flourishing throughout the online community. For a look at the action, check out [fanfiction.net](http://fanfiction.net), one of the larger sites connecting hundreds of fandoms." The panel featured interviews with two teen fans, Alex Cline and Michael Kahan (above), who offered their [views](#) (9:23) on fandom....

YALSA The Hub, Nov. 15

### [Diabetics in YA fiction](#)

Carla Land writes: "November is National Diabetes Month and, as someone who is a Type I diabetic, I cannot find myself in many literary characters. In 2004 I created a list of books for kids who had been recently diagnosed with diabetes, and I am saddened to see that there are no new teen titles to be found since that time, except for some re-releases. Here are the titles from my findings that made it through my criteria for this list: They have diabetic characters, are available to purchase, and should appeal to teens."...

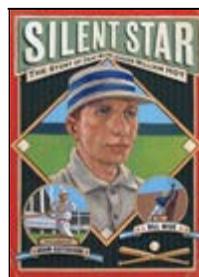
YALSA The Hub, Nov. 21



### [Disability in children's books, part two](#)

Renee Grassi writes: "In my library community, I've noticed recently that there has been an increased demand for books like *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio and *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper that focus on the topic of disability. So, I always try to have my ear to the ground when new books are published with characters that have special needs. Here are some noteworthy recently published fiction and nonfiction books that depict the disability experience in a positive light."...

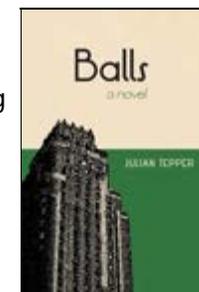
ALSC Blog, Nov. 20



### [11 amazing writers you haven't heard of yet](#)

Emily Temple writes: "Love *The New Yorker* but looking for something a little cooler, a little more youthful? Want thick, twisty fiction and high-brow commentary with an edge? Enter [The American Reader](#), our new favorite journal of fiction, poetry, and literary criticism, which launched this fall both in print and online. We highly recommend you check it out, and if you need a little incentive, Editor-in-Chief Uzoamaka Maduka and the other editors on her staff have picked a few of their favorite upcoming writers."...

Flavorwire, Nov. 20



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## Tips & Ideas

### [University of Chicago Library offers turkey facts](#)

In celebration of Thanksgiving, the University of Chicago Library has created this research guide to provide a lighthearted yet informative look at some of the many resources available about turkeys: turkeys in American history, turkey cooking, turkeys in the news, turkeys around the world, turkey films, the



turkey trot, and turkey-inspired sports....

University of Chicago Library, Nov. 20

### [Sharing Tweets just got easier](#)

Stefan Filip writes: "We're introducing the ability to email a Tweet directly from twitter.com—a feature that will be rolling out to everyone over the coming weeks. You can email a Tweet to anyone, whether they use Twitter or not, right from your Twitter stream or from the details view of any Tweet. Just click on the More icon next to the reply, retweet, and favorite buttons in order to email a Tweet to anyone you know."...

Twitter Blog, Nov. 15

### [Taking a stab at Facebook Page ROI](#)

David Lee King writes: "Recently, both the CEO and the marketing director at my library asked about the ROI of paying for Facebook Page ads. They asked because we recently ran two months' worth of a Facebook ad, and wanted to know what the ad actually accomplished. There are two ways to look at ROI in this case. There's the simple 'Did it work?' ROI, and there's the 'What's really going on here?' way to look at it. Let's look at both."...

David Lee King, Nov. 20



### [What Katrina can teach libraries about Sandy and other disasters](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "Disaster plans used to seem like 'kind of a bother' to Lance D. Query, Tulane University's director of libraries. Then, in 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, flooding Tulane's Howard-Tilton Memorial Library with more than eight feet of water. 'I look at them much more carefully now,' said Query. He has some hard-won advice and words of encouragement for libraries trying to recover from Sandy or other disasters, and for those reviewing their disaster-response plans."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus*, Nov. 14



### [Letters about Literature contest](#)

Young readers in grades 4–10 are invited to write a personal letter to an author for Letters about Literature, a national reading and writing promotion program sponsored by LC's Center for the Book. The letter can be to any author (living or dead) from any genre—fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic—explaining how that author's work changed the student's view of the world. Teachers and librarians can download free teaching materials. Submissions must be postmarked January 11....

Center for the Book in the Library of Congress



### [Explaining the science of library](#)

## science

Julia Feerar writes: "We need to get better at explaining ourselves. Topher Lawton offers great advice on fielding some common questions and misconceptions [here](#). I'd like to build on his ideas with a particular focus on the term 'library science.' Of all the questions I've received from friends, family, and acquaintances, I've noticed the most confusion surrounding the 'science' aspect: 'So you're studying library science . . . what is that exactly?' Here are the strategies I have found useful for explaining library science."...

Hack Library School, Aug. 24, Nov. 19



## Plot your career path

Ned Potter writes: "As a new professional in the information industry, you're better off with a plan of where you want to be, and specifically how you want to get there. The profession is so competitive now. If you can come up with a plan of how you'll move through it, then it's worth doing so, even with the knowledge that it's perfectly okay not to stick to it if something interesting comes up."...

thewikiman, Nov. 15

## Revised Arabic romanization table approved

The ALA-LC Romanization tables are developed jointly by the Library of Congress and ALA. Romanization schemes enable the cataloging of foreign language materials. The ALCTS

Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials recently received and reviewed a proposal to revise the Arabic romanization table, and the table has subsequently been approved ([PDF file](#))....

Catalogablog, Nov. 16

RULES OF APPLICATION	
Arabic Letters Romanized in Different Ways Depending on Their Context	
1. As indicated in the table, <b>ا</b> and <b>ي</b> may represent:	
(a) The consonants romanized <b>w</b> and <b>y</b> , respectively:	
wad'	واتع
'wad	الواتع
dale	دالو
yed	يد
h'yal	حبل
h'hy	حلوب

## A brief history of photographic processes

Michael Zhang writes: "Photography isn't even 200 years old, but there have already been more than 150 different chemical processes developed over its relatively short lifetime. In this



interesting video, [A Brief History of Photography: Innovations in Chemistry](#) (4:57), photo conservation scientist Art Kaplan of the Getty Conservation Institute quickly introduces some of the groundbreaking processes that have made a significant impact on the history of photography—processes such as the daguerreotype, ambrotype, and tintype."...

PetaPixel, Nov. 14; YouTube, Nov. 14

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## American Libraries Online

### [Daily life for librarians in Iraq](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: "Although it's almost a year since the war officially ended, the struggle has just begun to rebuild Iraq's cultural and educational institutions. Located across the road from the main headquarters of the Iraqi army, the Iraq National Library and Archives and its 490 employees have been particularly vulnerable to insurgent attacks, which have increased steadily in 2012. 'We forgot a long time ago what situation constitutes normal and what situation does not,' said Director Saad Eskander, who maintains that the library is the only national institution that is always willing to assist, unconditionally, other educational or cultural organizations." ...  
*American Libraries* feature



### [New Americans and the digital literacy gap](#)

While major urban centers have always drawn new immigrants, there are many pockets of new Americans now living in mid-size US cities due to job opportunities and proximity to families and former neighbors. Some come to the US without significant digital literacy skills, and local libraries take up the challenge to help them meet their online needs. Here are two library systems, one in Idaho and one in Minnesota, that have found innovative ways to provide resources to these unique groups....  
*American Libraries* feature



### [Dispatches from the Field: Social media?](#)

David Lee King writes: "Are efforts to use social media worth it? Indeed, they are. I see many reasons for libraries (or practically any other organization) to use these tools. Using



**[ALA Midwinter Meeting](#)**, Seattle, January 25–29. Don't miss **[early bird rates](#)**, ending at midnight on Sunday, December 2. Register and look forward to thought leaders and authors like Caroline Kennedy and Steven Johnson, 350+ exhibitors, the latest on policy and technology, the ALA Masters series of speakers, Maker Monday, Youth Media Awards, 200+ discussion groups, and myriad opportunities to connect.

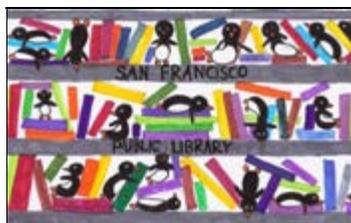


social media tools through the acts of friending and following gives your organization direct access to customers. This is *huge*. If people choose to follow you, it's because they like your organization and want to stay updated. Your library needs to follow through by providing interesting information."...

*American Libraries* column, Nov./Dec.

### [Patrons design library cards for San Francisco Public Library](#)

San Francisco Public Library announced the five winners of its Library Card Design Contest on November 8. Between September 4 and October 5, the library received more than 3,500 submissions, which were then winnowed down by a panel of guest judges on October 12. The five winning designs will be featured on new San Francisco library cards issued in 2013....



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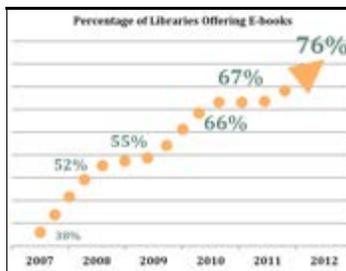

Get the inside scoop on pressing library topics.

## ALA News

### [ALA releases Ebook Media and Communications Toolkit](#)

Across the country, libraries find themselves unable to provide the reading and educational materials demanded by their patrons as several large publishers continue to deny libraries access to their ebooks. To assist libraries in informing the public about ebook lending practices, ALA has released the [ALA Ebook Media and Communications Toolkit](#), a set of materials that will support librarians in taking action in their communities. The toolkit was developed by the ALA Digital Content and Libraries Working Group....

Office for Information Technology Policy, Nov. 27; Transforming Libraries



### [Caroline Kennedy joins the conversation at Midwinter](#)

Boston & South Hadley, MA

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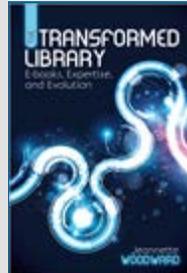
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JANET WOODWARD

Bestselling author Caroline Kennedy (right), vice chair of the New York City Fund for Public Schools from 2002 to 2012, will engage in conversation with ALA President-elect Barbara Stripling on January 27, during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. Renowned for continuing the strong Kennedy family tradition of public service, she is a serious advocate for reading, literacy, and libraries, as shown by her upcoming participation as [2013 Honorary Chair of National Library Week](#), to be celebrated April 14–20....  
Conference Services, Nov. 26



### [Midwinter explores the promise of community engagement](#)

For libraries of all types, innovation in engaging their communities is a compelling and critical strand of conversation right now. The 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle offers four in-depth, [facilitated sessions](#) on community engagement to move the conversation forward by examining the issues, processing the implications, and considering practical steps and strategies. They include sessions with Rich Harwood and Peggy Holman (above), and will offer new tools and ideas that are ready to implement....  
Conference Services, Nov. 21



### [Maker Monday to make Midwinter](#)

Maker Monday debuts on January 28 at the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting, offering a day of events and activities to help you get informed and involved in the latest from the makerspace movement and providing a venue for successful programs to share their stories. For more information, search for "Maker Monday" in the [Conference Scheduler](#)....  
Conference Services, Nov. 27

### [Résumé review service at Midwinter](#)

The New Members Round Table's Résumé Review Service Committee is gearing up for its booth at the ALA 2012 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. It is currently scheduling appointments for individuals to have their résumés reviewed and is also looking for booth greeters and résumé reviewers. To volunteer, fill out either the [résumé reviewer form](#) or the [booth greeter volunteer form](#). NMRT hopes to have at least two greeters and four résumé reviewers per shift....  
NMRT Notes, Nov. 20

### [Do you work in a small or rural library?](#)

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries is engaged in an effort to more fully understand the important work of small and rural libraries and learn from people who work in these libraries about their concerns and needs. Take this 15-minute [survey](#) to give ARSL some useful feedback....  
Association for Rural and Small Libraries

### [Library Journal envelope, 1880s](#)

Larry Nix writes: "*Library Journal* began

In [The Transformed Library: E-books, Expertise, and Evolution](#), Jeannette Woodward takes stock of our institutions' strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, analyzing how libraries and the very concept of librarianship have been comprehensively transformed over the past few decades. A respected veteran of libraries who has witnessed first-hand the many changes in the library world, Woodward provides a balanced, realistic assessment of the situation that confronts both libraries and information professionals. **NEW!**  
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### [Great Libraries of the World](#)



[Queen's College Library](#), University of Oxford, UK. This

publication in 1876. It was one of several major library history events that occurred in that year, including the establishment of ALA. It was not until 1907 that ALA began publishing its own journal, the *ALA Bulletin* (now *American Libraries*). I recently acquired an early envelope mailed by *Library Journal* (above). Based on the return address and the stamp, it was mailed in the 1880s.”...

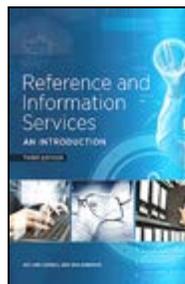
Library History Buff Blog, Nov. 28



### [New edition of keystone reference services text](#)

Designed to complement every introductory library reference course, the new third edition of [Reference and Information Services: An Introduction](#), by Kay Ann Cassell and Uma Hiremath, teaches fail-safe methods for identifying important materials by matching specific types of questions to the best available sources, regardless of format. New material includes chapters on ethics, readers’ advisory, and reference services for children and young adults; website development and maintenance; RSS feeds; social networking; and delivering reference services across multiple platforms....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Nov. 27



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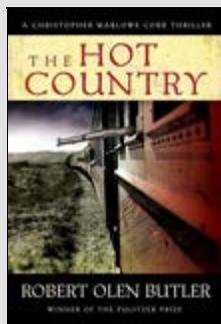
Sometimes you feel like print. Sometimes online.  
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## Booklist ONLINE

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

Butler, Robert Olen. *The Hot Country*. Nov. 2012. 336p. Mysterious, hardcover (978-0-8021-2046-5).

Butler takes his first crack at crime fiction with this stylish historical thriller set in civil war–torn Mexico in 1914. Christopher Marlowe Cobb (call him “Kit”) is a newspaper war correspondent in search of action, so naturally he winds up in Vera Cruz just as the American navy is staging a very peculiar mini-invasion. Kit would like to get to the bottom of that, and he would also like to score an interview with Pancho Villa. Then there’s the matter of the Mexican woman who may be a laundress but may also be something very different—and with whom Kit has very definitely fallen in love. And let’s not forget the German entourage: What are they doing in Vera Cruz?...



### [Bad Sex in Fiction Award shortlist](#)

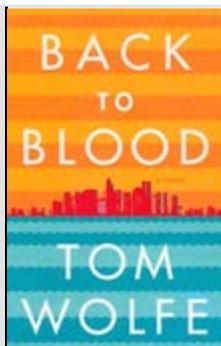
superb library was designed by either Henry Aldrich or Timothy Halton in 1692–1695 to house new donations. The builder was John Townsend, the outstanding plasterwork was modeled by James Hands, and the stucco frieze was the work of John Vanderstein, who also created sculptures on the garden façade. A donation of £30,000 in 1841 by Robert Mason, who stipulated that the money had to be spent on library books within three years, required an expansion to accommodate the infusion of new materials. It now has one of the largest and most diverse collection of rare books in Oxford.



### [Gladstone's Library.](#)

St. Deiniol’s, Hawarden, North Wales, UK. Former Prime Minister William Gladstone established this library in 1894. The largest residential library in the United Kingdom, it boasts an outstanding collection of more than 250,000 books, journals, and pamphlets with a focus on theology and Victorian studies. The

Keir Graff writes: "On December 4, the *Literary Review* will offer Britain's most-dreaded literary award to the writer who best embodies 'crude, badly written, often perfunctory use of redundant passages of sexual description in the modern novel.' No need to panic if you can't wait a couple of weeks for the seamy details. We have the shortlist—ahem—in hand. And, shockingly, E. L. James and J. K. Rowling, whose use of initials seems to indicate a desire for anonymity in the face of literary deviance, have both failed to make the list. For juicy quotes, hide [this page](#) from the *Guardian* between your Jonathan Franzens, or follow [#LRBadSex2012](#). I'm making Tom Wolfe (*Back to Blood*) the early favorite."...



Likely Stories, Nov. 21; *The Guardian* (UK), Nov. 20

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heart of the library is Gladstone's own collection of more than 32,000 books, correspondence, speeches, and papers. Many of his books contain his annotations, some of which are extremely detailed.

**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. Some will be featured 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](#).

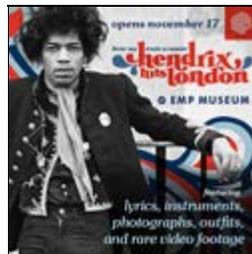


## Seattle Update

### [Hendrix Hits London](#)

The EMP Museum (formerly known as Experience Music Project and Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame), located at 325 5th Avenue N at Seattle Center, has opened a new exhibit on Jimi Hendrix, "Hear My Train a Comin': Hendrix Hits London." Featuring handwritten lyrics, personal instruments, original photographs, outrageous outfits, and rare concert footage, the exhibit celebrates Hendrix's 70th birthday. Other exhibits include the Rolling Stones, black leather jackets, and icons of science fiction. EMP is housed in a 140,000-square-foot building designed by Frank O. Gehry....

EMP Museum



### [Tour the Seattle Public Library](#)

The Seattle Central Library is such an architectural wonder that it is one of the city's highlights. When the building opened in 2004, its design created a rift among many locals, who either loved it or hated it. Indeed, there wasn't much of a middle ground with this giant glass cube and its diamond-patterned steel girders and strange angles. Regardless of your reaction to architect Rem Koolhaas's design, you can't help but notice that this library abounds with natural light. The library offers group tours and self-guided cellphone [tours](#)....

Frommer's; Seattle Public Library



### [Books set in Seattle](#)



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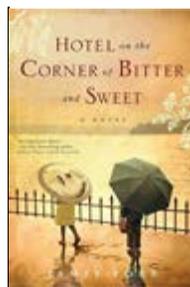
**JobLIST**

### [Assistant Conservator.](#)

University of Iowa, Iowa City. Performs treatment, coordinates various departmental activities, assists the Conservator with lab organization and

Goodreads offers a list of novels and other books set in the Emerald City. At the top of the list is the ubiquitous *Fifty Shades of Grey* by British author E. L. James, who [visited Seattle](#) for the first time only in September. But there are 166 other books reviewed, among them *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* (Ballantine, 2009) by Jamie Ford, who writes about the Japanese artifacts found in an old, boarded-up hotel....

Goodreads; *Seattle Times*, Sept. 16



### [Seattle's best sandwich joints](#)

Hanna Raskin writes: "Across Seattle, there are a number of restaurants dishing up satisfying versions of meat and cheese on bread. Here is a guide to our 10 favorite local sandwich spots. Salumi and Paseo both made the list: We don't deduct points for popularity. Still, we're just as excited about the other eight restaurants, including our first-place finisher, Matt Lewis's roving food truck, Where Ya At Matt?"...

*Seattle Weekly*, July 16



## Division News

### [Academic libraries and research data services](#)

ACRL has released a new research report, *Academic Libraries and Research Data Services: Current Practices and Plans for the Future* by Carol Tenopir, Ben Birch, and Suzie Allard, to provide a baseline assessment of the current state of and future plans for research data services in academic libraries. The full report ([PDF file](#)) is freely available in the publications section of the ACRL website....

ACRL Insider, Nov. 26



### [Learn how to lead, publish, and teach with ALCTS](#)

Do you really know what opportunities there are to be involved in your association? Ever thought about publishing some of your ideas or how to be a webinar presenter? Find out at the ALCTS Forum on January 28 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. Contact ALCTS Publications Committee Chair [M. Dina Giambi](#) for more information....

ALCTS, Nov. 26

### [Enhanced, interactive Public Libraries Online launches](#)

PLA has completely revamped [Public Libraries Online](#), the digital companion to the bimonthly print publication *Public Libraries*. With a lineup of more than 30 contributors, the site features selections from the print magazine as well as unique content such as op-ed pieces, ebook reviews, and author interviews. It also allows online interaction through comments and social media sharing....

PLA, Nov. 21



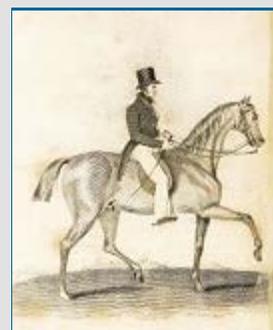
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## Digital Library of the Week



The [Fairman Rogers Collection](#) at the University of Pennsylvania consists of 1,054 rare volumes from the personal library of Fairman Rogers (1833–1900). A Penn alumnus, Rogers was cofounder of the School of Veterinary Medicine, professor of civil engineering, and an internationally recognized horseman.

### [Stay tuned for the gift of Nancy Pearl](#)

The third annual PLA webinar, "Nancy Pearl Presents: Books That Make Great Gifts," offered exclusively for PLA members, will take place December 5. It will feature readers' advisory ideas that you can use and share with patrons. Pearl will offer her recommendations of books for adults with some teen reads included and provide a downloadable handout for easy sharing with patrons. [Register](#) for this free webinar by December 3....

PLA, Nov. 21



### [Take a survey to advance digital literacy efforts](#)

PLA seeks insight and feedback from library professionals and community educators through a [brief survey](#) to identify teaching practices and top resources for digital literacy learning. Responses will help inform the development of the division's Digital Learning Center, an online collection of digital literacy resources for libraries, patrons, and community-based organizations. The beta version will launch at the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. The initiative is sponsored by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services....

PLA, Nov. 21

### [Presenters sought for ACRL workshop](#)

Applications are being accepted from prospective new presenters for the April 10 [workshop](#), "Planning, Assessing, and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action," which will precede the ACRL National Conference, April 10-13, in Indianapolis. ACRL seeks to expand its pool of presenters by recruiting experienced individuals in academic and research librarianship. [Apply](#) by December 14....

ACRL, Nov. 27

### [Make the most of professional learning communities](#)

The new *Knowledge Quest* webinar, "Making the Most of Professional Learning Communities," hosted by AASL, will examine the variety of roles school librarians play as members of professional learning communities. [Registration](#) for the December 12 webinar is open to AASL members and eCOLLAB subscribers....

AASL, Nov. 27

### [Experience "The Power of Data"](#)

The archive of the recent webinar, "The Power of Data," is now available as a part of AASL's professional development repository, [eCOLLAB](#). Presenter Sandra Andrews (right) explores the types of data available to school librarians and how it can help in making decisions at the school level. She also explores how to use local, state, and national datasets to support advocacy and communicate your program's needs and successes. [Register](#) to access the archive....

AASL, Nov. 27



### [Learn how to reach reluctant readers](#)

Reaching those who don't have an interest in reading is a challenge for any library staffer. Join Heather Gruenthal, librarian at Western High School in Huntington, California, and past member of YALSA's Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers committee, on December 13 for a webinar discussion on "Reaching Reluctant Readers." [Registration](#) is open....

The materials, primarily published in the 19th century, with some imprints dating to the 16th century, bring together Rogers's interest in horses and their relationship to engineering, veterinary medicine, science, and the history of industrialization. Comprised of medical guides, stud books, books on shoeing, harnessing, training, riding, driving, racing, keeping a proper stable, and breeds and breeding, the collection serves as a foundation for the scholarly study of the role of the horse in the technical, scientific, and social evolution of 19th-century European and North American history.

**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**

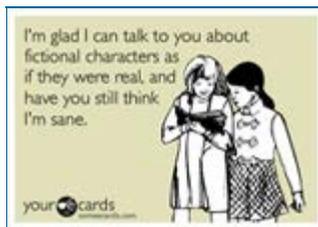
**"I read both paper and ebooks, but please don't tell my publisher this. Ebooks are great for instant gratification; you see a review somewhere of a book that interests you, and you can start reading it five minutes later. At least I still know it is wrong. But when all is said and done,**

YALSA, Nov. 27

## [What does a YA librarian do?](#)

Do you work in teen library services? Show everyone what you do by adding a pin to YALSA's Pinterest board. For example: "YA Librarians bring people together to talk about great books. Teens can join book clubs in person or electronically and share their love for reading with other like-minded folk."...

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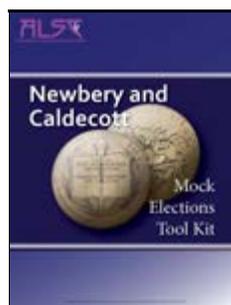
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## Awards & Grants

### [Hold a mock election](#)

Dan Rude writes: "Why not celebrate the [75th anniversary](#) of the Caldecott Medal with a mock election program? Mock elections can help foster a child's appreciation of fine art and heighten awareness of past Caldecott Medalists and their works. Right now, ALSC is offering a free archived webinar on the nuts and bolts of mock election programming to anyone who purchases the [Newbery and Caldecott Mock Elections Tool Kit](#) digital download."...

ALSC Blog, Nov. 26



### [Hawaiian libraries receive technology award](#)

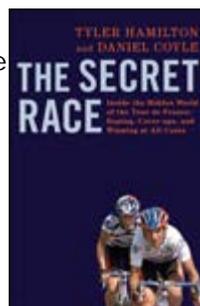
The Electronic Services Support Section of the Hawaii State Public Library System has earned the first State of Hawaii Excellence in Technology Award in the category of improving state operations. The honor was bestowed on HSPLS Chief Technology Officer Paola Saibene and her ESSS staff for their contributions to the libraries and the people of Hawaii....

Hawaii State Public Library System, Nov. 19

### [William Hill Sports Book of the Year](#)

An explosive exposé of the hidden world of the Tour de France has won the William Hill Sports Book of the Year award for 2012. *The Secret Race*, by former US Olympic gold medalist Tyler Hamilton and ghostwriter Daniel Coyle, is an indictment of the doping, double-dealing, and cover-ups surrounding cyclist Lance Armstrong, Tyler's one-time teammate on the US Postal Service cycling crew. Hamilton and Coyle were awarded the £24,000 (\$38,465 US) prize in London on November 26....

Foyles, Nov. 27



### [2012 Irish Book Awards](#)

The winners of this year's Irish Book Awards were announced at a grand ceremony at the Royal Dublin Society on November 22. The Eason Irish Novel of the Year Award went to *Ancient Light* (Viking) by John Banville. Eoin Colfer's *Artemis Fowl: The Last Guardian* (Puffin) was selected for the Specsavers Irish Children's Book of the Year for seniors; for juniors,

holding a printed book in my hands can be a sacred experience—the weight of the paper, the windy sound of pages turning, like a breeze. To me, a printed book is like a cathedral or a library or a beach—holy space. "

—Author Anne Lamott, in the *New York Times Sunday Book Review*, Nov. 21.

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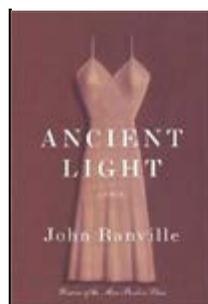


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the winner was Oliver Jeffers's *This Moose Belongs to Me* (HarperCollins)....

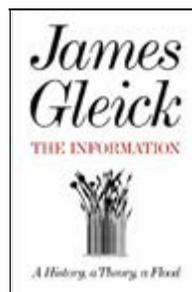
Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book Awards, Nov. 23



### **2012 Royal Society Winton Prize**

James Gleick's *The Information* (Fourth Estate) has been named the winner of the 2012 Royal Society Winton Prize for Science Books. The £10,000 (\$16,045 US) prize, now in its 25th year, is the world's leading award for popular science books. *The Information* tells the story of information and how humanity uses, transmits, and stores it. The announcement was made at the headquarters of the Royal Society in London on November 26....

Royal Society, Nov. 26



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## **Libraries in the News**

### **Despite ruin, Queens library offers books, community**

Vivian Yee writes: "The Rockaways still look like ghost towns. But the community libraries are there—if only in the form of a bus, parked in front of the gutted, muddy Peninsula branch. Days after Superstorm Sandy laid waste to four Queens Borough (N.Y.) Public Library branches in the Rockaways, a colorful mobile library bus has hummed just outside its former location on Rockaway Beach Boulevard, offering warmth, power outlets, emergency information, and books." For Sandy relief efforts, visit: [New York Library Association](#), [New Jersey Library Association](#), [Urban Librarians Unite](#), [Suffolk Cooperative Library System](#), [KidLit Cares](#), and the [Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce](#)....

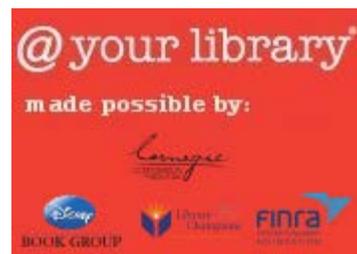
*New York Times*, Nov. 25



### **Five Brooklyn branches still closed, post-Sandy**

Five Brooklyn libraries severely damaged by Sandy are still shuttered nearly a month after the storm and will cost an estimated \$10 million to get back up and running. That includes massive structural repairs and replacing 75,852 books, magazines, and DVDs that were ruined by flood waters. The most seriously affected branches are Gerritsen Beach and Coney Island (above), which will likely remain closed for months and will need new electrical systems, doors, chairs, shelves, and computers....

*New York Daily News*, Nov. 26



### **Calendar**

**Jan. 9–11:**

**Atmospheric Science Librarians International**, Annual

Conference, Austin, Texas. "Taking Atmospheric Sciences Information to the Next Level: Expanding Beyond Today's Library Collections and Resources."

**Feb. 6:**

**Digital Learning Day**.

**Feb. 6–8:**

**Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy**, The Inn at

Virginia Tech and the Skelton Conference Center, Blacksburg, Virginia.

**Feb. 14–18:**

**American Association for the Advancement of Science**, Annual

Meeting, Hynes Convention Center, Boston. "The Beauty and Benefits of Science."

**Feb. 15–17:**

**California International Antiquarian Book Fair**, Concourse

Exhibition Center, San Francisco.

**Mar. 2–5:**

**American Council on Education**, Annual

## [New Jersey State Library and EBSCO offer help with Sandy repairs](#)

New Jersey residents and businesses affected by Hurricane Sandy can now access EBSCO Publishing's *Home Improvement Reference Center*, a resource providing detailed, user-friendly "how-to" information about home improvements and repairs. This valuable online resource will be available for use in libraries, or remotely using a library card, to assist home and business owners as they rebuild. It will ensure that those making their own repairs or who are faced with clean-up or do-it-yourself renovations have the knowledge to handle these tasks....

New Jersey State Library, Nov. 28

## [Library's "Beat It" parody removed from YouTube](#)

Local teens who frequent Lansdowne (Pa.) Public Library were hoping to inspire other young people to hit the books, both printed and electronic, when they produced "Read It," a light-hearted parody of a Michael Jackson tune. But on November 19, three days after the video debuted at the dedication of the library's Ronnie Hawkins Resource Room, they found their three-minute takeoff on Jackson's 1983 hit "Beat It" had been blocked by Sony/ATV Music Publishing from appearing on YouTube. (It is still [viewable](#) through the library's website.) Watch the response, "[Just UN Ban It](#)" (1:33)....

Lansdale (Pa.) Reporter, Nov. 27; YouTube, Nov. 21



## [Racine director donates Rolling Stones collection](#)

Racine (Wis.) Public Library Director Jessica MacPhail (right) has been collecting materials relating to the Rolling Stones since she was 11 years old. This year, as the iconic British rock band celebrates 50 years of recording and touring, MacPhail paid tribute to them by donating her extensive collection to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame archives in Cleveland. She made the road trip to Cleveland on November 16, toting 46 boxes of print materials, including books, newspapers, magazines, clippings, and photocopies....

Racine (Wis.) Journal Times, Nov. 23



## [Detroit debates renewing director's contract](#)

One day after the FBI raided their offices, some Detroit Public Library officials want to extend their director's contract. Commissioners emerged from a two-hour closed session November 21 and read a statement saying they are cooperating with federal investigators looking into allegations the system's chief administrative officer, [Tim Cromer](#), accepted kickbacks from contractors. However, the motion to approve a new one-year contract with Executive Director Jo Anne Mondowney failed by a 3-3 vote, with one absence....

Detroit News, Nov. 22; Detroit Free Press, Nov. 22

## [KU showcases historic black photography](#)

The University of Kansas is making a historic collection of images showcasing African-American life available online. The collection,

Meeting, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. "Leading Change."

### **Mar. 6-8:**

[Louisiana Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Capitol Center Downtown, Baton Rouge. "Louisiana Libraries: Unlock the Possibilities!"

### **Mar. 21-24:**

[Alaska Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Valdez Convention and Civic Center, Valdez. "Alaska's Libraries: The Original Discovery Channel."

### **Apr. 10-12:**

[Third International Conference of Asian Special Libraries](#),

Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, Philippines. Sponsored by Special Libraries Association's Asian Chapter in conjunction with the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines. "Special Libraries: Towards Achieving a Dynamic, Strategic, and Responsible Working Environment."

### **Apr. 18-19:**

[Digital Public Library of America](#), launch event, Boston Public Library.

### **May 7-8:**

[National Library Legislative Day](#), Liaison Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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compiled from the work of African-American photographer Leon K. Hughes, is called "[African-American Life in Wichita, Kansas](#)" and features photos of the city's black community life from the late 1940s to the 1970s. Hughes and his wife Rose (above) began a home-based photography business in 1946 for which he captured photos for the next three decades....

theGrio, Nov. 21



### [Indianapolis library partners with the Colts](#)

The Indianapolis Colts have partnered with the Indianapolis Public Library to help promote library card use. The "[Coltstrong Librarystrong](#)" campaign seeks to increase awareness about the many ways a library card can be used to take advantage of the free resources of the public library. Colts quarterback Andrew Luck and tight end Dwayne Allen are spokesmen for the campaign....

Indianapolis Public Library, Nov. 25



### [Rochester library appears on Ghost Hunters](#)

Cameras at the Central Library in downtown Rochester, New York, have caught an auditorium door opening and closing repeatedly with no mechanical explanation. Staff have reported elevators moving on their own and "creepy figures" playing hide-and-seek. A crew from the Syfy channel's *Ghost Hunters* came to investigate, and their report, "Due Date with Death," airs the evening of November 28. Watch the [preview](#) (1:51)....

Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle, Nov. 22



### [Auckland librarian sheds light on mystery Pacific island](#)

The mystery of a disappearing island in the South Pacific may have been solved by a curious librarian at the Auckland (N.Z.) Museum. Until November, Sandy Island was believed to sit between Australia and New Caledonia in the South Pacific, plotted on Google Earth and world maps. But when a team of Australian scientists sailed past the island's location on a [research trip](#), the island was nowhere to be seen. Intrigued by the mystery, the museum's pictorial librarian Shaun Higgins [found a 1908 chart](#) that shows the island....

Stuff.co.nz, Nov. 22, 26; Auckland Museum Blog, Nov. 23



### [Nicaragua's first lending library](#)

The San Juan del Sur Biblioteca, Nicaragua's first lending library, celebrated its 11th anniversary on November 17. All 18 board members of ANIBIPA (the Nicaraguan Library

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Association) attended the anniversary event. The Hester J. Hodgdon Libraries for All Program, a US nonprofit organization, funds the library and related programs, including a [Library in a Box program](#) to help other communities start lending libraries....

Nicaragua Dispatch, Nov. 14, 22

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## Issues

### [Dubai conference to chart the future of the internet](#)

A commercial and ideological clash is set for the first week in December, when representatives of more than 190 governments, along with telecom companies and internet groups, gather in Dubai for a once-in-a-generation meeting. The subject: control of the internet, politically and commercially. The stated purpose of the [World Conference on International Telecommunications](#) is to update a global treaty on technical standards, but some (including [Google](#)) fear that governments could escalate censorship or take other actions that would threaten a free and open web....

*New York Times*, Nov. 27; YouTube, Nov. 20



### [Net neutrality explained](#)

Martyn Casserly writes: "Net neutrality assumes the companies that supply you with a gateway to the web remain impartial to the content you enjoy and the sites you visit during your stay, treating all as equal. It's obvious, sensible, and exactly how the internet has functioned until now. But as we increase the amount of data we consume, in particular when streaming video from services such as YouTube, there's talk of some ISPs wanting to charge more money to ensure that the quality of content they deliver remains high."...

PC Advisor, Nov. 26

### [Know your comics censorship history](#)

Betsy Gomez writes: "Comic Book Legal Defense Fund blogger Joe Sergi has broken down some of the specific instances of comics censorship, from the attacks on what is widely accepted as the first comic book—attacks that predate the Comics Code by almost 60 years—to a side-by-side visual comparison of how the Comics Code led to the nonsensical editing and revision of thousands of books. Let's take a quick stroll through comics censorship history."...

Comic Book Legal Defense Fund blog, Nov. 23



### [Fair use\(-ful\)](#)

Karen Coyle writes: "The beauty and the aggravation of Fair Use in US copyright law is that one cannot predefine particular uses as 'fair.' The countries that have, instead, the legal concept of 'Fair Dealing'



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have an enumerated set of uses that are considered fair, although there is obviously still some need for interpretation. The advantage to Fair Use is that it can be reinterpreted with the times without the need for modification of the law.”...

Coyle's InFormation, Nov. 23

### [UCLA streaming-video lawsuit dismissed](#)

A federal judge in California has for the second time thrown out a lawsuit that accused UCLA of violating copyright law by streaming videos online for student use. Judge Consuelo B. Marshall of the US District Court in Los Angeles had previously dismissed the lawsuit in October 2011, but she allowed the plaintiffs, Ambrose Video Publishing and the Association for Information Media and Equipment, to file a second amended complaint. In a ruling issued November 20, she rejected the second complaint....

New Directions in Scholarly Publishing, Nov. 26

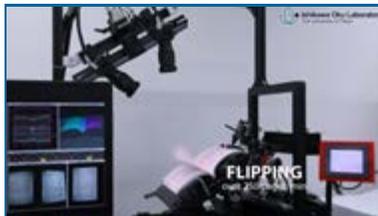
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## Tech Talk

### [High-speed, book-scanning robot](#)

Emma Hutchings writes: “To convert a physical book into a digital copy, you need to scan the pages. The [BFS-Auto](#) robot aims to make that time-consuming process easier without damaging the books. It can achieve high-speed and high-definition book digitization at over 250 pages a minute. It does this using high-speed, fully automated page flipping, real-time 3D recognition of the flipped pages, and high-accuracy restoration to a flat document image. Watch the [video](#) (1:00).”...

PSFK, Nov. 26



### [Best mobile products of 2012](#)

If you want to make time pass more slowly, just buy the wrong mobile device, especially one that comes tethered to a contract. A purchasing misstep like that will sow trouble and hassle throughout your entire mobile ecosystem. You won't be able to buy the apps you really want, and you'll be barred from using the services you really need. *PC World* has evaluated nearly every device and service on the market and selected the cream of the crop for your consideration. If a mobile product isn't on this list, you probably don't want it....

*PC World*, Nov. 28



### [Gmail, meet Google Drive](#)

Casey Newton writes: “Anyone who has ever had to send enormous files across the internet has a new option. Google announced November 27 that it has integrated Google Drive with Gmail, allowing users of both services to insert files from Drive directly into their messages. File sizes can be up to 10GB, or 400 times larger than is allowed in a traditional attachment.”...

CNET News, Nov. 27



### [Get cutting-edge tech ideas from these web labs](#)

Saikat Basu writes: "Cutting-edge research does not always need white-coated lab wizards. A lab can be a mere computer. The basic unit of a modern web lab is something like that. The well-known Google Labs shut down in 2011, but not before transferring its ideas and development projects to its other services. Let's look at some other web labs and bring them out of the shadows."...

MakeUseOf, Nov. 27



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## E-Content

### [Building a Digital Public Library of America](#)

John Palfrey writes: "The planning for a DPLA began in October 2010 when 30 people met at the Radcliffe Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to talk about whether we might work together to establish a national digital library. Since that time, the planning effort has gained momentum. It has brought together thousands of people from libraries, archives, museums, technology companies, private foundations, public agencies, and many other backgrounds, in an extended 'design charrette' to envision what we might build together."...

*Library Journal*: The Digital Shift, Nov. 26



### [Site-based ebook pricing overcharges small schools](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "Under the building- or site-based pricing terms that many K-12 publishers use, the small, rural school districts that I serve are being overcharged for digital content. So these districts, with an average size of 1,100 students, are in effect subsidizing the state's large, wealthy, suburban systems, which are purchasing the same content at the same cost per building. We aren't the only ones who are paying more than our fair share."...

*School Library Journal*: The Digital Shift, Nov. 26



### [School-public library collaboration on ebooks](#)

Officials with the Brooke County Public Library in Wellsburg, West Virginia, have asked the county school board to consider teaming with them to make ebooks available to local children. Library Director Mary Kay Wallace and Board President Ruth Lewis asked the board of education November 26 to consider contributing with subscription costs for a provider of ebooks and other digital materials....

*Steubenville (Ohio) Herald-Star*, Nov. 27

### [Preorder ebooks from Google Play](#)

Popular websites that sell ebooks like Amazon and Barnes & Noble allow you to preorder titles with your credit card. Google Play Books now offers the ability to do the same, from the web or your Android device. To allow preordering of titles, you'll need to make sure you have a payment option available in Google Play, like Google Wallet or carrier billing....

CNET News, Nov. 28



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## Books & Reading

### What should children read?

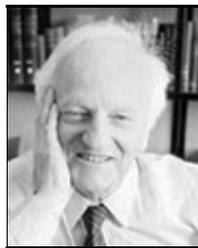
Sara Mosle writes: "The [Common Core State Standards](#), a set of national benchmarks, won't take effect until 2014, but many public school systems have begun adjusting their curricula to satisfy the new mandates. The now contentious guidelines prescribe a strong dose of nonfiction, specifying that by 4th grade, students devote half of their reading time in class to historical documents, scientific tracts, maps, and other informational texts—like recipes and train schedules. Alarmed English teachers worry that we are about to toss Shakespeare."...

*New York Times*: Opinionator, Nov. 22

### Former OED editor quietly deleted thousands of words

An eminent former editor of the *Oxford English Dictionary* covertly deleted thousands of words because of their foreign origins and bizarrely blamed previous editors. The claims appear in a book, *Words of the World*, written by Sarah Ogilvie, a linguist, lexicographer, and former editor for the *OED*, who uncovered Robert Burchfield's (right) efforts to rewrite the dictionary. The *OED* is now reevaluating words expunged by Burchfield, who died in 2004, aged 81....

*The Guardian* (UK), Nov. 26



### Picture book covers

Leonard S. Marcus writes: "A recent conversation about the current state of the picture book soon came around to the subject of book jackets. A senior art director in the group noted mournfully that as jacket designs have increasingly become the province of sales and marketing teams, covers have grown less representative of the books they trumpet. The disconnect can take different forms."...

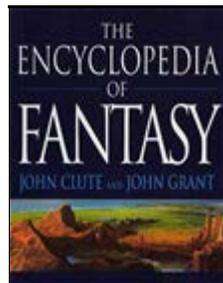
*The Horn Book*, Nov. 28



### Encyclopedia of Fantasy goes online

Annalee Newitz writes: "Whether you've got a question about the literary history of the fantasy genre, or just want to know when a particular Godzilla movie was released, *The Encyclopedia of Fantasy* will be there for you. Written by John Clute and John Grant, it's a compendium of information far more detailed and knowledgeable than what you'll often find on Wikipedia. Plus, it's [free and searchable](#) online, joining its companion volume, [The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction](#) by John Clute and Peter Nicholls."...

io9, Nov. 26

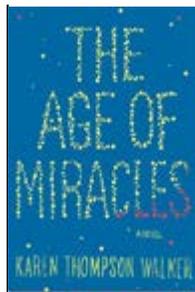


### All I learned about surviving Sandy was from post-apocalyptic novels

Sarah Debraski writes: "On October 29 Hurricane Sandy blew through my state, New Jersey, wreaking havoc as she went. The days that followed were so strange that I found myself saying many times to my husband, 'Thank goodness I read all those post-

apocalyptic novels: I know just what to do!' And so here you have my survival guide to our post-hurricane days, as learned from post-apocalyptic YA fiction."...

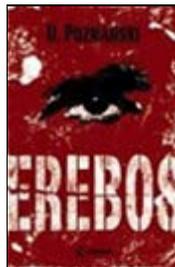
YALSA The Hub, Nov. 21



### [Good reads for holiday shoppers](#)

Kate McNair provides some reading suggestions for those who are waiting in line to buy new gadgets, but these books could also make useful second gifts to accompany that electronic must-have for young Jane or Johnny. Here are her recommendations for readers who want a new camera, the newest video game, a new laptop, the best phone, or a bigger television....

YALSA The Hub, Nov. 23



### [Book vending machines](#)

Nate Pedersen writes: "Earlier in November, the Monkey's Paw antiquarian bookshop in Toronto unveiled the Biblio-Mat, a gorgeous vending machine containing antiquarian books. Watch the [video](#) (1:35). While it's nice to see a book vending machine in action again, some readers may recall that book vending machines have been around since the 1940s. Here is an excellent photograph from *Life* magazine in 1949 (above) depicting the Book-o-Mat. Check out this great [Pinterest board](#) by Suzi Holler for more images of book vending machines, some in use by libraries."...



Fine Books Blog, Nov. 26; Vimeo, Nov. 18

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## Tips & Ideas

### [Legends of the Library Ninjas](#)

Sheila Webber writes: "Heidi Blackburn, undergraduate services librarian at Kansas State University–Salina; Kate Wise, associate librarian at Kansas Wesleyan University; and KSU–Salina student Greg Charland have produced an open-access short graphic novel, [Legends of the Library Ninjas: A Quest for Knowledge](#). It shows a couple of students being helped by the ninjas to find their way around the library and get information. A more straightforward reference section (with information on Dewey, Boolean, etc.) appears at the end."...

Information Literacy Weblog, Nov. 22



### [USC's giant origami fractal](#)

A three-dimensional, modular origami fractal has taken form at the University of Southern California Libraries in Los Angeles. Led by the libraries' Discovery Fellow Margaret Wertheim,



USC students, faculty, staff, students from nearby middle schools, and other volunteers built the level-three [Mosely Snowflake Fractal](#) out of 49,000 folded business cards. The final object measures roughly six cubic feet, weighs more than 120 pounds, and resembles—at some angles—a giant snowflake....

Boing Boing, Nov. 20

### **[It's tenure and promotion season](#)**

Melissa Bowles-Terry writes: "At many colleges and universities it's tenure and promotion season, when major decisions are made about continuing employment and promotions for faculty members. Academic libraries contribute to faculty teaching and research, two of the major categories on which faculty are generally evaluated for decisions about tenure and promotion. How can libraries and librarians support the review process and thus demonstrate library value?"...

ACRL Value of Academic Libraries, Nov. 26

### **[Managing high-potential employees in libraries](#)**

Stephen Abram writes: "Some libraries are challenged with managing high-profile or high-potential employees. Usually, the library system garners praise for their efforts: successful, leading, innovative initiatives that the employees communicate broadly. These people are the canary in the mine of the library future. Sadly, in the last year, many of our best and brightest have been unable to achieve success with their current employer, usually because they've had their wings clipped for all the wrong reasons."...

Stephen's Lighthouse, Nov. 28

### **[Interviews with music legends on LC website](#)**

Record-label president Joe Smith (right) interviewed more than 225 celebrated singers, musicians, and industry leaders in 1986–1988 in an effort to document the oral history of popular music. In June, Smith donated his recordings to the Library of Congress—a tremendous assembly of primary-source oral histories. LC is making a series of these revealing, unedited recordings available for listening free to the public on its [website](#). These include interviews with Tony Bennett, Paul McCartney, Yoko Ono, Ray Charles, B. B. King, Bo Diddley, and Linda Ronstadt....



Library of Congress, Nov. 28

### **[QSView: Instant Google Street View](#)**

Phil Bradley writes: "If you want to see a location quickly and don't want to spend ages finding it using the Google map function, try out [QSView - Instant Google Street View](#), which does the job for you.



Simply start typing in the address and the street view will pop up fairly quickly. You can then view the location as per Google street view. Nothing particularly exciting about it, but it may save you some time, which is always a good thing."...

Phil Bradley's Weblog, Nov. 22

## [Teacher's guide to creating personal learning networks](#)

Med Kharbach writes: "As social media becomes more and more predominant as platforms of connection and collaboration, the need to create and maintain a PLN (personal / professional learning network) becomes more pressing. As educators we are expected to be on top of the latest trends, and to know the web tools that our students use and the new ones we can use with them in the future. It is at times like these that you can call upon your PLN."...

Educational Technology and Mobile Learning, Nov.



## [200+ free video lessons, apps, and ebooks for K-12](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "The Open Culture blog has launched a [new collection](#) of more than 200 free video lessons, apps, ebooks, and websites for K-12 students and teachers. The collection includes some of the usual suspects like Khan Academy, the Library of Congress, and NASA. It also includes some items that were new to me like this [Shakespeare app](#) and this [Google Earth for science teachers](#) resource."...

Free Technology for Teachers, Nov. 26



## [What do you want from your Facebook Page?](#)

David Lee King writes: "Why try to get more Facebook fans in the first place? Another way to ask that is, what exactly do you want from a Facebook Page? Here's a list of five things libraries might want out of a Facebook Page. They are a happy convergence of stuff Facebook is good at and stuff that libraries (and other organizations) might find useful, too. See what you think."...

David Lee King, Nov. 28

## [Dos and don'ts of Instagram](#)

Meredith Popolo writes: "While there are no steadfast rules about using Instagram, there are some dos and don'ts that will make you a more effective and less annoying Instagrammer. If you're trying to amass a strong following or even just get along with other IGers, though, you'll want to read through these unofficial guidelines governing Instagram etiquette."...

PC Magazine, Nov. 27

## [10 ways to market your library with Foursquare](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Brian Honigman at the Social Media Examiner offers an excellent list of '[10 Ways to Market Your Business with Foursquare](#),' all of which could be easily adapted to libraries. I can see the tip about enhancing your events being especially effective for libraries, which could create locations for their special events that everyone could check into."...

iLibrarian, Nov. 24; Social Media Examiner, Nov. 8

## [When biology and woodblocks collide](#)

Katherine Harmon writes: "S. Blair Hedges, professor of biology at Penn State, found himself in the unlikely world of centuries-old European woodblock print art. There, he discovered that many of the small imperfections in the prints could



be identified and traced back to specific species of insects that had burrowed through the surface of the original woodblock before the print was made. By [matching](#) the hole dimensions to the time and locations in which these prints were made, Hedges assembled a historic record of wood-boring beetle distribution across Europe.”...

Huffington Post, Nov. 23; *Biology Letters* 9, no. 1 (Feb. 23, 2013)

### [Top 10 guidelines for digital citizenship](#)

Doug Johnson writes: “A librarian from Hawaii has been charged by her administration to create a post of the Top 10 Guidelines for Digital Citizenship. Since I am sucker for both top 10 lists and a long-time crusader for teaching kids [digital citizenship](#), I couldn’t resist.”...

Blue Skunk Blog, Nov. 27; Doug Johnson, July 13, 2007

### [Josh Hanagarne, the World’s Strongest Librarian](#)

A new book tells the story of how a Mormon kid with Tourette’s found salvation in books and weight-lifting. Josh Hanagarne (right) couldn’t be invisible if he tried. By the time he was



20, he had reached his towering adult height of 6’ 7” when his Tourette’s tics escalated to nightmarish levels. Today, Josh is a librarian in the main branch of Salt Lake City’s public library and founder of a popular blog about books and weightlifting. His book, *The World’s Strongest Librarian* (Gotham Books), illuminates the mysteries of this little-understood disorder. Watch the [book trailer](#) (3:23)....

YouTube, Nov. 21

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