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American Libraries Online

Focus on the future

ALA President Maureen Sullivan (right) writes: "In late September, I led an ALA delegation to New York City to meet with publishers to discuss the many concerns of the library community about ebook publishing. Uppermost in our minds were the ebook concerns that have come to us from ALA members across the country—especially about pricing and availability (or the lack thereof) and the slow pace of progress in finding solutions. I [expressed these concerns](#) at a September 27 meeting hosted by the Association of American Publishers." [Christopher Harris](#) and [Jeremy Greenfield](#) also provide summaries of that meeting....

AL: E-Content, Sept. 27, Oct. 2; Digital Book World, Sept. 27



Joint libraries: Models that work

Claire B. Gunnels, Susan E. Green, and Patricia M. Butler write: "In the past, academic and public libraries had very different missions and operations. But once the two cultures are merged during a joint venture, there can be some radical adjustments made by the librarians and staff of each type of library. What is a joint library's mission? To educate, yes. To expand horizons, yes. To help with research, yes. It is a good manager who can harness the best of both worlds."...

American Libraries feature



Rocking the joint

Laurie D. Borman writes: "A joint library sprouts in Chicago. When a series of floods forced the 2011 closure of a Chicago Public Library branch in the city's Back of the Yards neighborhood, CPL figured it would cost \$15 million to acquire land and build a new



ALA Midwinter Meeting [registration](#) and [housing](#) are now open. Critical conversations about the transformation and future of libraries will be taking place in popular destination city Seattle, January 25–29. Details will follow in the coming weeks; in the meantime, get updates on the [Midwinter Meeting website](#).





facility. Then a phoenix arose. Across the street from the closed library, a new high school was about to be built, including an 8,000-square-foot library building.”...

American Libraries feature

[Library Snapshot Day turns three](#)

Morgan Reeves writes: “How would you like to tell the world that *in one day* more than 160,000 people visited your state’s libraries and more than 1,000 people received job-search help? Thanks to Library Snapshot Day, you can. Launched three years ago in New Jersey, the effort has expanded to include librarians nationwide in collecting statistics, customer comments, and pictures from libraries all over their state during a single day, then compiling the results and posting them online. So far the event [has taken place](#) in at least 31 states.”...



American Libraries feature

[Outside/In: Community connections](#)

David Lee King and Michael Porter write: “Has your library ever thought about using technology and communitywide projects to connect with customers? It’s not easy to pull off, but if you’re successful, your library can make new friends and contacts and can provide useful knowledge or entertainment for the community along the way. Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library, where David works, has done a number of these projects—but with a technology twist. Here are some examples to get you started.”...



American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.

[Library mentor and pioneer Clara Stanton Jones dies](#)

Clara Stanton Jones, 99, the first woman and the first African American to direct the Detroit Public Library, died September 30. Jones’s 26-year career at DPL culminated in a promotion to the directorship in 1970, where she served until her retirement in 1978. A renowned mentor to young professionals, Jones was ALA’s first African-American president, serving in 1976–1977....



AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 3

[Top 100 libraries by collection size](#)

Valerie Hawkins writes: “As you may know, the ALA Library has several pages called [ALA Library Fact Sheets](#), which answer common questions about libraries, with sources noted.



At some point in our history (and on September 30, we turned 88 years old), someone asked what were the top 100 libraries in the country, and we decided to use existing national surveys to respond,

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ranked by collection size. [The Nation's Largest Libraries: A Listing by Volumes Held](#) is one of our oldest fact sheets, and therefore one of ALA's oldest web pages."...

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Oct. 3

[Romanian symposium draws francophones](#)

Leonard Kniffel writes: "'English is the language of globalization,' said Velizar Sadovski, senior researcher at the Institute of Iranian Studies at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna, during the opening ceremony of the fifth edition of the international symposium 'The Book. Romania. Europe.' Gathered September 23–26 in the Romanian seaside town of Mamaia, francophone librarians from 18 countries delivered 54 papers, primarily in French, which is the traditional second language of Romanians."...

AL: Global Reach, Sept. 26



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ALA News

[Ways to celebrate Banned Books Week](#)

Amanda Christy Brown, Holly Epstein Ojalvo, and Katherine Schulten suggest some ideas for celebrating Banned Books Week—with your students, your children, and anyone who believes in having the freedom to read: "10. Have you ever been caught reading under the covers? So was the late Judith Krug (right), the librarian who created Banned Books Week—and [her mother's reaction to what she was reading](#) taught her a lesson about having the freedom to read that later translated into her passion for the First Amendment and intellectual freedom. Be sure to [thank your librarians.](#)"...

New York Times, Apr. 14, 2009; Sept. 21



[Banned Books Week flash mob at Lafayette College](#)

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After 20 years and more than 100 books, kids keep gobbling up **Goosebumps**—the thrilling, chilling, page-turning fright fest from R. L. Stine. Make this [poster and bookmark](#) part of the draw for both longtime and new fans of the series, as it celebrates its 20th anniversary with a new collection:

faculty, and librarians at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, took part in a literary [flash mob](#) (2:05) October 1 at the entrance to Skillman Library, reading aloud passages from 30 of the ALA's top banned books. In conjunction with Judith's Reading Room, a local nonprofit literacy organization, Kirby Librarian Ana Ramirez Luhrs and student Erin D'Amelio organized the event along with a number of related activities in protest of challenged books....

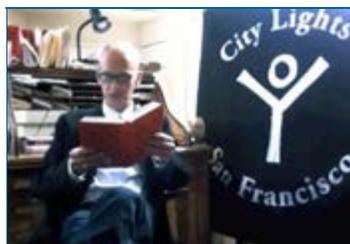
Easton (Pa.) Express-Times, Oct. 2; YouTube, Oct. 1



[John Waters reads from *Lady Chatterley's Lover*](#)

American filmmaker, actor, writer, stand-up comedian, journalist, visual artist, and art collector John Waters [reads](#) (3:11) from D. H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover* in City Lights bookstore, San Francisco, for Banned Books Week. The novel became notorious for its story of the physical relationship between a working-class man and an upper-class woman, its explicit descriptions of sex, and its use of then-unprintable words....

Abandon All Despair Ye Who Enter Here, Oct. 1; YouTube, Oct. 1



[Banned book trading cards](#)

The Lawrence (Kans.) Public Library is celebrating Banned Books Week by giving away limited-edition [banned book trading cards](#) that display drawings inspired by banned books and authors created by local artists. There is one for each day of the week. The week kicked off with an homage to George Orwell's *Animal Farm* created by artist Barry Fitzgerald, followed by an homage to *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut, drawn by Kent Smith....

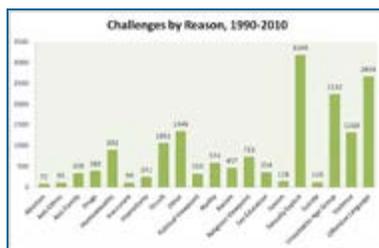
GalleyCat, Oct. 2



[The next big thing in banned books](#)

Michelle Blank writes: "One trend that may point to the next big thing in banned books is the dramatic drop in the number of annual challenges. In 1995 there were 762 challenges, compared to only 348 in 2010. Could this mean that book banning is coming to an end? Another possibility for the next big thing in banned books might involve the reasons for book challenges (above). Some age-old favorites like 'homosexuality' have dropped off the list for the past couple of years."...

YALSA The Hub, Oct. 1



[Locked up with Vonnegut for Banned Books Week](#)

Indianapolis writer and editor Corey Michael Dalton is spending this week "[locked up with Vonnegut](#)" at the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library to call

Goosebumps Most Wanted. **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.

Great Libraries of the World



[Francis Trigge](#)

[Chained Library](#), St.

Wulfram's Church, Grantham, UK. In 1598, Francis Trigge, rector of Welbourne, gave £100 for a small library of books for the clergy and literate laity of Grantham. About 250 of the original volumes remain. Most of the books were originally chained, riveted to the fore-edge of the front covers. The 82 remaining chains run on rings along bars attached to the shelves.



[Great Court and Reading Room](#).



attention to continued efforts to ban books. His [stunt](#) is tied to the observation of Banned Books Week. Vonnegut's book *Slaughterhouse-Five*, a satirical novel about the World War II experiences and time-travel adventures of an American soldier named Billy Pilgrim, is among ALA's 100 most-challenged classics....

Indianapolis Star, Oct. 1; Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library blog, Sept. 30; WRTV, Indianapolis, Oct. 1

[50 State Salute to Banned Books Week](#)

Many libraries, bookstores, and schools have honored [Banned Books Week](#) by displaying challenged or censored books or hosting read-outs. To commemorate its 30th anniversary, the Office for Intellectual Freedom coordinated the [50 State Salute](#) to Banned Books Week, featuring videos from each state that demonstrate how they celebrate the freedom to read. Click on a state on the accompanying map to view your state's playlist. Videos can be submitted through October 5. Shown above is a [video](#) (2:38) from the Idaho Library Association....

Office for Intellectual Freedom; OIF Blog; YouTube, Sept. 28



[2013 Midwinter registration is open](#)

Important conversations about the transformation and future of libraries will be taking place at the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, January 25–29. [Registration](#) is open to attend the packed program that includes the Youth Media Awards, Auditorium Speakers Series, ERT/*Booklist* Author Forum, Networking Commons, Unconference, and ALA President's Programs....

Conference Services, Oct. 2



[Steven Johnson joins Midwinter Auditorium Speaker lineup](#)

Attendees of the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle can be ready for an unforgettable presentation from Auditorium Speaker Steven Johnson on January 26. The bestselling author of *Where Good Ideas Come From* and *Everything Bad Is Good For You*, Johnson makes the case in his new book, *Future Perfect: The Case for Progress in a Networked Age*, that a new model of political change is on the rise despite the conventional wisdom that the political system is hopelessly gridlocked with old ideas. His appearance is sponsored by Penguin Group....

Conference Services, Oct. 2



[Are you using cutting-edge technology?](#)

The Office for Information Technology Policy and LITA are now soliciting submissions for the best library practices using cutting-edge technology. "Cutting-edge" refers to tested and successful implementations of technological advancements used in library

British Museum, London, UK. Located in the center of the British Museum on Great Russell Street, the main reading room of the British Library has been restored to its original design, even though in 1997 the library actually moved to a new location in St. Pancras. Designed by Sydney Smirke following concepts suggested by Keeper of Printed Books Anthony Panizzi, the huge circular reading room was in continual use from 1857 until its temporary closure in 1997. Reopened in 2000, the room serves as a modern information center with a collection of books on history, art, travel, and other subjects relevant to the museum's collections, on open shelves.

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](#).

services. Nominations must be [submitted](#) by November 6. A joint committee of members from the Subcommittee on America's Libraries for the 21st Century and LITA will review all nominations and may conduct selected interviews or site visits....

District Dispatch, Oct. 2

[At JCLC, a look at the US upcoming demographic shift](#)

The Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, September 19–23, came to a close with a powerful message from author and activist Jamal Joseph: "Libraries empower the communities that they serve." Joseph's closing note summed up the conference, which provided more than 800 attendees with strategies on how to prepare for the demographic shift. Read more at *American Libraries'* [Inside Scoop](#) blog....

Public Information Office, Oct. 2; AL: Inside Scoop, Sept. 20–23

[Join your state library association](#)

Don Wood writes: "Your [state library association](#), also known as an ALA chapter, needs your help to support libraries in your state. If you're not already a member, right now is a good time to join. ALA chapters also provide representation on the ALA Council and cooperate in the promotion of general and joint enterprises with ALA and other library groups."...

ALA Membership Blog, Oct. 1

[2013 ALA Student-to-Staff Program](#)

Don Wood writes: "Each Annual Conference, ALA provides a great opportunity for 40 students engaged in ALA student chapters to participate in the [Student-to-Staff Program](#). In exchange for working 16 hours for an ALA division or office during the conference, these students receive free registration, free housing, and a per diem for meals. In their free time, they may attend meetings, programs, and other conference events. Contact your [ALA student chapter](#) for its selection criteria."...

ALA Student Membership Blog, Oct. 1



[Audiobooks for youth](#)

Mary Burkey, who has been following audiobooks for years, combines a fascinating history of the medium and practical tips for using them in [Audiobooks for Youth: A Practical Guide to Sound Literature](#), published by ALA Editions. Applicable to school and public librarians as well as classroom teachers, her book is enriched with reflections and comments from authors, audiobook narrators, producers, reviewers, and librarians....

ALA Editions, Sept. 28



[A comparative study of libraries and archives](#)

In [Libraries and Archives: A Comparative Study](#), available through Neal-Schuman, veteran archivist and librarian Tomas Lidman analyzes the facts and



Career Leads from JobLIST

[Executive Director](#), National Sporting Library and Museum, Middleburg, Virginia. The Executive Director position offers an opportunity for a person who can work effectively and productively with the 19-member board of directors to fulfill the organization's mission of collecting, preserving, and exhibiting the history and art of equine, turf, angling, and field sports and the conservation of land associated with these activities....

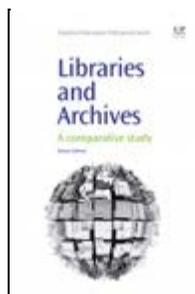


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Digital Library of the Week

arguments behind a growing debate as to what extent libraries and archives are fulfilling the same missions. Offering a simple but comprehensive background to explain the key issues, this book stimulates debate, brings forth valuable facts, and presents scenarios for the future as libraries and archives approach the digital crossroads....

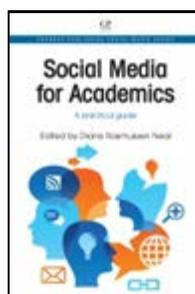
ALA Neal-Schuman, Oct. 2



[Social media for academics](#)

[Social Media for Academics: A Practical Guide](#) uniquely addresses the needs of academics, demonstrating how to use social media to benefit their teaching and research. This new book is edited by Diane Rasmussen Neal, a librarian with an extensive background in social media teaching, consulting, research and everyday use, and is available through Neal-Schuman. It offers sensible strategies for implementing a wide spectrum of social media and related technologies....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Oct. 2



[Developing digital services](#)

As the information environment becomes increasingly electronic, digital libraries have proliferated, but the focus has often been on innovations in technology and not the user. [User Studies For Digital Library Development](#), written by Milena Dobreva, Andy O'Dwyer, and Pierluigi Feliciati and available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, focuses on the feedback that matters most when developing digital services: the library users....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Oct. 2



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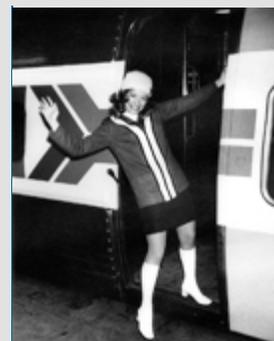
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[Featured review: Adult travel](#)

Flannery, Tim. *Among the Islands: Adventures in the Pacific*. Nov. 2012. 256p. Atlantic Monthly, hardcover (978-0-8021-2040-3).

Australian field zoologist and conservationist Tim Flannery (*Here on Earth*, 2011) cements his reputation as a true descendant of the great 19th-century naturalists and explorers

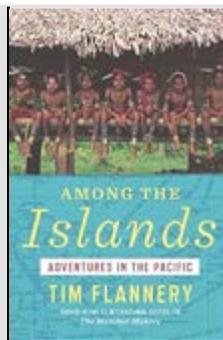


Amtrak launched a digital library in 2012 that provides a place to share its history. The site features a collection of historic photographs, ads, route guides, timetable covers, and other resources from employees that celebrate Amtrak's more than 40 years as the US intercity passenger rail provider. It also offers a [blog](#) that looks at recently uploaded items. The digital and physical archives were compiled and organized with the assistance of the Special Collections Research Center at George Washington University.

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

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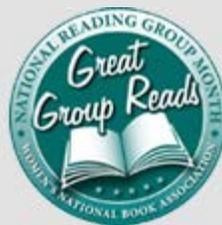
with this look back at his expeditions to southwest Pacific islands. Over a 10-year period, with a varying group of intrepid companions, he traveled in the footsteps of earlier adventurers, grasping for modern-day evidence of their long-ago recorded discoveries while searching for rare mammals. Flannery's prose is electric, aptly combining history, politics, and wide-eyed excitement. He offers plenty of discussion about cannibalism, colonialism, and the ongoing struggles to balance tradition and modernization....

[Top 10 literary travel books: 2012](#)



Brad Hooper writes: "Of the outstanding literary travel books we have listed below, all of which were reviewed in *Booklist* over the past 12 months, many are definitely of the armchair variety. In other words, most readers will leave the actual Amazon exploration to others—but will love reading about someone *else* doing it."...

[Booklist partners again with National Reading Group month](#)



Booklist has been selected for the fifth year as a partner for the Women's National Book Association's [National Reading Group Month](#) in October, including the special [Great Group Reads](#) initiative. National Reading Group Month celebrates shared reading by promoting reading groups. The popular *Booklist* blog [Book Group Buzz](#), a one-stop resource with original content by expert contributors as well as links to a wide range of free book group-related guides and tips, is again the official partner blog for the month. The Great Group Reads initiative is a key element of National Reading Group Month, with 20 titles selected for their appeal to reading groups by a panel of writers, reviewers, librarians, booksellers, publicists, and committed readers....

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challenge materials that don't say something to the reader. If you look over the materials that have been challenged and banned over the years, they are the materials that speak to the condition of the human being, that try to illuminate the issues and concerns that affect human beings. They're books that say something, and they're books that have meaning to the reader. Innocuous materials are never challenged."

—Judith Krug, "Marking 25 Years of Banned Books Week," *Curriculum Review* 46, no. 1 (Sept. 2006).

"The truth is, I don't know why brick-and-mortar libraries still serve a purpose. I could have checked out the ebook version, but instead, sitting somewhere in the mid-800s of nonfiction, I have found a perfect location, just light enough to read but shielded from passerby. Turning the thick, dinner-stained pages of *Ramona the Pest*, the dust jacket crinkles and within a single chapter I am eight again. This is my third place; my place

Division News

[Thinking purposefully at the ALSC Institute](#)

Abby Johnson writes: "No librarian is an

island, and nowhere was that more evident than at the 2012 ALSC National Institute held September 20–22 in Indianapolis. Hundreds of youth librarians from across the country gathered for three days of networking, sharing ideas, and learning from and teaching each other. I sat down with librarians after the very first session and it was evident what the theme of the conference would be for me: purposefulness.”...

American Libraries feature



[Online course on reaching teens and tweens](#)

What are the differences in need between teens and tweens, and how do librarians successfully serve both? Find out in “[Navigating the Divide between Teens and Tweens.](#)” a new self-paced online course offered by YALSA, October 1–29. The course will be cotaught by Beth Gallaway and Alissa Lauzon of the Haverhill (Mass.) Public Library.

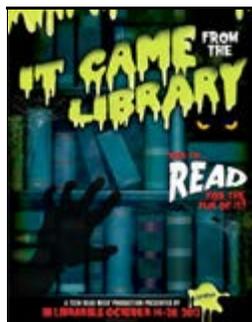
[Register](#) online....

YALSA, Sept. 28

[Teen Read Week: Paths to promotion](#)

Kate Vasilik writes: “With just two weeks left until [Teen Read Week](#) is upon us (October 14–20), it’s time to start putting some real enthusiasm behind your promotion. Besides the traditional print materials like flyers, signs, and bookmarks (don’t have yours yet? There’s still time to place orders with the [ALA store](#)), and paper press releases, how else can you spread the word to teens throughout your community? Here are some ideas.”...

YALSA Blog, Oct. 2



[Submit a reference research paper](#)

The Research and Statistics Committee of RUSA’s Reference Services Section invites the submission of research projects in the areas of user behavior, electronic services, reference effectiveness, assessment, and organizational structure and personnel for presentation at the 19th Reference Research Forum that will take place at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Send proposals by email to Committee Chair [Lynda Duke](#) by December 31....

RUSA Blog, Sept. 26

[Consultant needed for ASCLA Accessibility Academy](#)

ASCLA has issued an RFP ([PDF file](#)) for a project consultant to assist in the production of an online, interactive ASCLA Accessibility Academy module focused on improving library staff communications and interactions with people with disabilities. Responses are due by October 15. The consultant will develop and implement the first Academy module, which will include an online tutorial and webinars, and will assemble and manage an advisory team to provide long-term feedback on project content....

ASCLA Blog, Oct. 1

[Survey: Filtering is ongoing issue for US schools](#)

According to an AASL survey, the filtering of legitimate, educational websites and



between work and home where I belong. And sitting here is why I continue to fight for public libraries.”

—Chels Knorr, “[Why Do We Still Need Public Libraries?](#)” Thought Catalog, Sept. 30.

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academically useful social networking tools continues to be an issue in most schools across the country. 98% of the 4,299 respondents reported that school or district filters are in use. Data also suggests that many schools are going beyond the requirements set forth by the Children's Internet Protection Act. The [executive summary](#) of the supplemental survey questions on filtering is now available in conjunction with the observance of [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#) on October 3....

AASL, Oct. 2

[White paper on technology in schools released](#)

AASL has released a white paper covering the appropriate use of educational technology in schools. "[Educational Technology in Schools](#)" covers the topics of filtering practices, acceptable use policies, apps, social media, bring your own device practices, and other related subjects....

AASL, Oct. 2

[Sign up for Business Reference, Genealogy 101](#)

The next sessions of [Business Reference 101](#) and [Genealogy 101](#), two popular online courses offered by RUSA, begin in October.

[Registration](#) is now open for those and six other RUSA online learning opportunities....

RUSA, Oct. 2

[Apply for ACRL's Immersion '13 program](#)

ACRL is accepting applications until December 7 for the Teacher and Program tracks of its Information Literacy Immersion '13 Program, July 28–August 2, 2013, at Seattle University. The Teacher Track focuses on individual development for those who are interested in enhancing, refreshing, or extending their individual instruction skills. The Program Track develops, integrates, and manages institutional and programmatic information literacy programs. [Read](#) complete program details and application materials....

ACRL, Oct. 2

[Libraries and Online Learning symposium](#)

At the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, ALCTS will offer "Libraries and Online Learning: A Powerful Partnership" on January 25, a unique opportunity to engage in an important discussion of the role of learning in our libraries. Attendees will learn to foster the strategic relationships possible between libraries and online learners. [Register](#) through the ALA Midwinter registration form....

ALCTS, Oct. 2

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Awards & Grants

[Best Friends Awards](#)

Nine Friends groups have received Best Friends Awards from United for Libraries. The awards are given to Friends groups for outstanding publicity and marketing materials that promote the group and its



Calendar

Oct. 13–14:

[Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair](#), Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.

Oct. 24:

[Embedding Linked Data Invisibly into Web Pages: Strategies and Workflows for Publishing with RDFa](#), Webinar.

Cosponsored by National Information Standards Organization and Dublin Core Metadata Initiative.

Oct. 25:

[12th Annual Ebooks Conference](#), John McIntyre Conference Centre, University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Organized by the Scottish Library and Information Council.

Oct. 26:

[Academic Library Association of Ohio](#), Annual Conference, Roberts Center, Wilmington.

Nov. 1–3:

[Florida Association for Media in Education](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Bonnet Creek, Orlando. "Energized School Libraries for the Next Gen Student."

Nov. 2–7:

programs and projects. Winning groups receive a certificate and are recognized in the United for Libraries newsletter, *The Voice*. [Winning materials](#) are posted on the United for Libraries website....

United for Libraries, Oct. 2

[New sponsor for Excellence in Library Programming Award](#)

The ALA Cultural Communities Fund is the new sponsor for the ALA Excellence in Library Programming Award. The \$5,000 award recognizes a public, academic, school, or special library that demonstrates excellence in library programming by developing and presenting a cultural or thematic program or series during the previous year. The deadline for [nominations](#) is December 1....

Public Programs Office, Oct. 2

[Nominations open for 2013 ASCLA awards](#)

ASCLA welcomes nominations for its 2013 awards, which recognize projects focused on library services to people with disabilities; the advancement of library services for the blind and physically handicapped; exceptional achievement in extension and outreach services; exemplary leadership and achievement in consulting, state library services and library cooperatives; and service to ASCLA. [Nominations](#) must be received by December 15....

ASCLA, Oct. 2

[Call for nominations for ALA Presidential Citation](#)

The ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects recognizes innovative contributions to international librarianship and is awarded each year by the ALA president at the International Librarians Reception during the ALA Annual Conference. Projects must be [nominated](#) by December 1 by an ALA member or an individual with an IFLA affiliation....

International Relations Office, Oct. 2

[AASL receives grant for a personal learning network](#)

AASL has received a grant from the National Center for Literacy Education to create a personal learning network centered on transliteracy, the topic of AASL's [2012 Fall Forum](#). The funding will support minigrants to school librarians and their teaching partners for the collaborative development of materials for a transliteracy practice exchange. Those who attend the forum in Greenville, South Carolina, are invited to an October 12 [information session](#) to review participant expectations and complete a [statement of interest](#)....

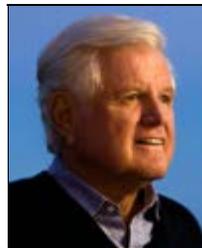
AASL, Oct. 2



[Columbia University launches Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama](#)

Columbia University Libraries and former US Ambassador to Ireland Jean Kennedy Smith have announced the establishment of a significant theater award, the [Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama Inspired by American History](#) (abbreviated as the EMK Prize). Smith has created the prize to honor the life and legacy of her late brother, Sen. Ted Kennedy. The first recipient of the EMK Prize will be announced on Kennedy's birthday, February 22, 2013....

Columbia University Library News, Sept. 27



[Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries.](#)

Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

Nov. 3–4:

[Autumn Long Island Book and Ephemera Fair.](#)

Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York.

Nov. 3–5:

[Digital Library Federation.](#)

Forum, Westin Denver Downtown, Denver.

Nov. 7:

[Legal Issues in Conservation and Collections Management: What Could Go Wrong?](#)

Rosenbach Museum and Library, Philadelphia. Sponsor: Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts.

Nov. 7–9:

[Michigan Library Association.](#)

Annual Conference, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Dearborn.

"Loud Librarian: Defining Ourselves and Our Profession."

Nov. 7–10:

[National Association for the Education of Young Children.](#)

Annual Conference, Atlanta Convention Center.

"Developmentally Appropriate Practice in the 21st Century."

Nov. 8–10:

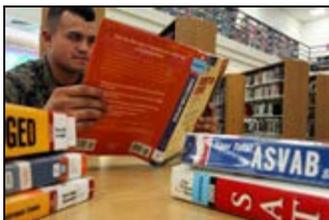
[Arizona Library Association.](#)

Annual Conference, South Mountain Community College, Phoenix.

[Marine Corps library receives special designation](#)

When Rose Krauss became a librarian at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort in South Carolina, she hoped the 6,760-square foot facility across from the base's gas station would one day join a list of the Defense Department's best libraries. She admits she didn't know it would take more than five years of tweaks, changes, and upgrades for the library to be named a Premier Library, an award the air station library received in September, joining just seven other facilities in the Marine Corps to earn the distinction....

Bluffton (S.C.) *Island Packet*, Sept. 30



[Awards for Innovative Approaches to Literacy](#)

On September 28, the US Department of Education announced it will award \$28 million in 46 two-year grants to local school districts to be used for school libraries as well as other nonprofit organizations that work for childhood literacy. These grants are being awarded as a part of the department's [Innovative Approaches to Literacy](#). These grants went to awardees in 22 different states, including the District of Columbia....

District Dispatch, Oct. 1

[Calvin Trillin wins 2012 Thurber Prize](#)

Calvin Trillin (right), author of *Quite Enough of Calvin Trillin: Forty Years of Funny Stuff*, has been named the winner of the 2012 Thurber Prize for American Humor. He won \$5,000 in prize money and a crystal plaque. The announcement was revealed at an October 1 ceremony in New York City. The prize, awarded annually, was established to honor the legacy of humor writer/cartoonist James Thurber....

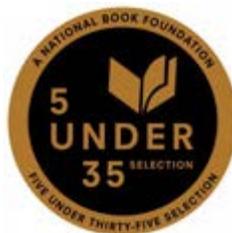
GalleyCat, Oct. 2



[National Book Foundation reveals 5 under 35 honorees](#)

Jennifer duBois, author of *A Partial History of Lost Causes*; Stuart Nadley, author of *The Book of Life*; Haley Tanner, author of *Vaclav & Lena*; Justin Torres, author of *We the Animals*; and Claire Vaye Watkins, author of *Battleborn*, will be honored as this year's 5 under 35 authors at the National Book Awards. Crime novelist Elmore Leonard will receive the [2012 Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters](#) at the National Book Awards ceremony on November 14....

GalleyCat, Sept. 20, 27



[Nominations open for the 2012 Cybils Awards](#)

Abby Johnson writes: "Are you familiar with the [Cybils Awards](#)? If not, you should be. The Cybils Awards are the Children's and Young Adult Bloggers' Literary Awards; they are awarded each year to books that combine literary merit with kid or teen appeal. Awards are given in many different categories, from picture books to teen novels to poetry to book apps. [Nominations](#) are open through October 15 and anyone can nominate one title in each of the award categories."...

ALSC Blog, Oct. 3



"Beyond the Box."

Nov. 12–14:

[Indiana Library Federation](#), Annual Conference, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis. "Stepping Forward, Digging Deeper."

Nov. 30–

Dec. 1:

[Hawaii Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency, Maui. "Managing Collections in a Networked Age."

Feb. 10–12:

[Australian Library and Information Association](#), New Librarians' Symposium 6, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane.

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[2012 Academy of American Poets Prizes](#)

The Academy of American Poets has announced the winners of its annual collection of poetry prizes. This year, the organization has awarded nearly \$200,000 to poets at various stages of their careers. The recipients will be honored at the Academy's award ceremony as part of the annual Poets Forum at the New School in New York City on October 19. Gary Snyder (right) received the \$100,000 Wallace Stevens Award, which is given annually to recognize outstanding and proven mastery in the art of poetry....

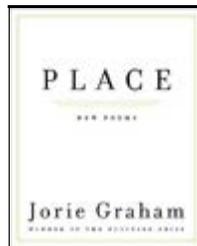


Academy of American Poets, Sept. 18

[2012 Forward Prize](#)

Jorie Graham has become the first American woman ever to win one of the UK's most prestigious poetry accolades, the £10,000 Forward Prize for best collection. The Forward judges expressed their hope that her win on October 1 for her 12th collection, *Place*, would earn her "startling, powerful" poetry a wider readership in the UK. Graham previously won a Pulitzer prize for her poetry in the US....

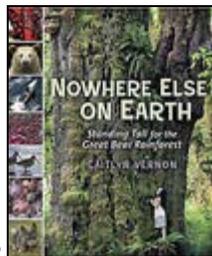
The Guardian (UK), Oct. 1



[2011 Lane Anderson Award](#)

The two winners of the 2011 Lane Anderson Award were announced September 27 in Toronto. The award celebrates the best science writing in Canada during the previous year. The winner in the adult category was Harry Thurston's *The Atlantic Coast: A Natural History* (Greystone); for young readers it was Caitlyn Vernon's *Nowhere Else on Earth: Standing Tall for the Great Bear Rainforest* (Orca)....

Lane Anderson Award, Sept. 28



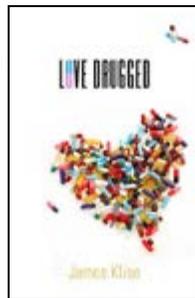
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Libraries in the News

[Class, today's word is "irony"](#)

James Klise writes: "In September, I got an email from a librarian in Kansas. She was organizing a program at her school that would take place during ALA's Banned Books Week. Her event was called 'The Right to Read' and she invited me to speak to her 8th-graders on the topic of censorship and teen books. A few days later, I received a second email explaining that she and her principal had decided that my first young adult novel, called *Love Drugged*, about a closeted gay teen, might be too edgy for some parents."...

Chicago Tribune, Sept. 27



[License plate supports](#)

[Kentucky's libraries](#)

A new Kentucky license plate gives drivers the opportunity to show their support for libraries. The new plate is available at any county clerk's office in Kentucky for a \$25



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application fee. The Kentucky Library Association worked with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to make the license plate available. Citizens from across the state signed the application petition, which requires a minimum of 900 signatures to create a new plate....

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Sept. 28

[SUNY Potsdam vs. the ACS: The story continues](#)

John Dupuis writes: "The State University of New York at Potsdam recently cancelled its American Chemical Society journal package because the subscriptions on offer sucked up too high a percentage of their total budget. Library Director Jenica Rogers wrote about the decision on her [blog](#), garnering quite a bit of attention. Comments from a representative of the ACS inspired a blogosphere firestorm, concentrating on the disrespectful, dismissive, and personal attacks by the ACS towards the library world."...

Confessions of a Science Librarian, Oct. 1; Attempting Elegance, Sept. 12



[Overriding mayor's veto, council defunds Pennsylvania library](#)

About 100 people overflowed Middletown Borough Council's chambers October 1 to protest an ordinance defunding and severing the borough's financial ties with the Middletown (Pa.) Public Library. After 45 minutes of public protest, the council [voted](#) 7-1 to pass the ordinance over Mayor Robert Reid's September veto. The library has enough reserves to stay open through 2013, after which it will become a nonprofit organization....

Middletown Press and Journal, Oct. 3; WHTM-TV, Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 1



[Fewer New Jersey school librarians](#)

Over the last five years, the number of certified school librarians in New Jersey public schools has dropped by almost 15%, according to the New Jersey Association of School Librarians, whose own membership has been cut almost in half. There were 1,580 school librarians statewide last year, down from 1,850 in 2007-2008, serving about 2,500 schools. The biggest contributor to the drop was the state budget crisis two years ago....

NJ Spotlight, Sept. 26

[MyLibraryNYC initiative to expand](#)

City officials announced the expansion of MyLibraryNYC, an initiative that connects New York City public schools with the millions of books and other learning materials available through the public libraries. MyLibraryNYC supplements the materials available in public school libraries and will provide access to the more than 17 million books and other items that are a part of the New York, Brooklyn, and Queens Public Library catalogs for up to 250,000 students in 400 public schools this year and 1.1 million students by 2015....

New York Public Library, Sept. 28



[Early In Cold Blood book donated to Washburn](#)

Author and Washburn University English Professor Tom Averill (right) had an



Antique Road Show moment when he laid eyes on the first-edition copy of *In Cold Blood*. The volume had the autograph of author Truman Capote, who traveled to Kansas to research the brutal slayings of the four members of the Clutter family in November 1959. But it also had the signatures of six Kansas Bureau of Investigation agents tied to the investigation. The book has now been donated to the Thomas Fox Averill Kansas Studies Collection at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas....

Topeka (Kans.) Capital-Journal, Sept. 30

[Conway trustees cancel decision to fire four librarians](#)

Conway (N.H.) Public Library trustees were mostly silent during a 90-minute meeting September 27 that rescinded a decision to restructure positions at the library, effectively killing the process that would have eliminated four positions and created four new ones. Several apologized to four library employees for previously voting to eliminate their jobs after listening to emotional testimony. Some present at the meeting called for the resignations of Library Director Tara Thomas and trustee chairman Linda Fox Phillips....

Manchester New Hampshire Union Leader, Sept. 27

[Fired SIU law librarian's lawsuit persists](#)

A lawsuit filed against Southern Illinois University by a former law librarian who was "effectively terminated" in 2009 after allegedly threatening to bash a colleague with a crowbar has survived a motion to dismiss. US District Judge Michael Reagan on September 25 dismissed most of Donald Jason Raymond's claims against the university, but allowed two claims of retaliation and two claims of tortious interference against Alexander and a law library colleague to proceed, provided that Raymond repleads those counts by October 12....

National Law Journal, Sept. 26

[Police train library staff to handle dangerous situations](#)

Holly Schoenstein writes: "It started with one of the loudest noises I've ever heard. I jumped and covered my ears a second too late to protect them from the boom of a gunshot that reverberated through the main entrance area inside the Stow-Munroe Falls (Ohio) Public Library. The shot was just a blank, thankfully, and the first of three that were used in succession throughout the building September 18 during a two-hour police training session for library employees."...

Stow (Ohio) Sentry, Sept. 30

[Saugus library worker pleads guilty to theft](#)

Linda Duffy, a former senior library associate at the Saugus (Mass.) Public Library accused of stealing more than \$800,000, pleaded guilty September 28 in Lynn District Court to 15 counts of money laundering, mail fraud, and identity theft. Instead of depositing charitable donations and library fines into the library account, police say Duffy would put the money into a decoy account before transferring the money into her personal account. Duffy had previously [served time](#) for the theft of \$150,000 from a Boston insurance firm....

WBZ-TV, Boston, Sept. 28; *Boston Globe*, Feb. 23

[Cambridge library staffer finds forgotten fungus](#)

During the Cambridge University Herbarium's big move to a state-of-the-art new home at the Sainsbury Laboratory in Norwich, Chief Technician Christine Bartram stumbled upon some forgotten fungi—and discovered they were long-lost, unsorted samples collected by Charles Darwin himself on his groundbreaking *Beagle* voyage in 1832–1833. She was going through a box from 1950 labeled “to be sorted” when she found some specimens wrapped in a newspaper from 1828....

Cambridge (UK) News, Sept. 27



[Women's Library in London saved from closure](#)

The Women's Library (right), the oldest and most extensive collection of women's history in Europe, has been saved after being threatened with closure over funding issues. The London School of Economics and Political Science has successfully bid for custodianship of the collection, whose future was under review after the London Metropolitan University announced it could no longer maintain it....

The Guardian (UK), Sept. 28



[Perpusnas, Indonesia's National Library](#)

Antony Saputra writes: “Until the 1980s, Jakarta's major libraries were spread out across the city. But in 1989, First Lady Ibu Tien Suharto brought the collections together under one roof as the Perpusnas, or the National Library of the Republic of Indonesia. The main library building is a modern structure. The nine-story concrete building houses a different collection on each floor with one or two reading rooms each. The library has an impressive collection of about two million books, manuscripts, research papers, newspapers, and magazines, enjoyed by an average of 400–500 visitors a day.”...

Jakarta Globe, Sept. 30



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Issues

[Five cheap, high-speed internet options for America's poor](#)

Several new programs designed to bring cheap, high-speed internet to low-income Americans are now available and others are coming soon. [CheapInternet.com](#) is offering an easy-to-understand guide to all the benefits of all these programs.

“[Connect2Compete](#) announced that in September it's rolling out cheap, high-speed, broadband internet access for the nation's needy,” said CheapInternet.com Editor Mark Henry. “It's a great program designed to reduce the digital divide between rich and poor.” PLA is helping [public libraries prepare](#) for the launch of the

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Connect2Compete initiative this fall....

CheapInternet.com, Sept. 25; PLA, Sept. 17

[Supreme Court delays Boston College release of IRA records](#)

Following a federal appeals court's decision in July to uphold a ruling requiring Boston College to release to British authorities confidential interviews with former members of the Irish Republican Army, Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the US Supreme Court granted a temporary stay ([PDF file](#)) October 1 that delays the release of some of those interviews. Ed Moloney, one of the researchers involved in the so-called Belfast Project, said the stay would remain in place until October 11....

Chronicle of Higher Education: The Ticker, Oct. 1

[EveryLibrary aims for the ballot box](#)

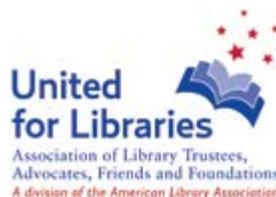
Adrian Shanker writes: "Rarely have highly skilled organizations formed to educate the electorate on how local ballot measures positively or negatively affect libraries. Recently, a newly formed 501(c)4 is making the leap. [EveryLibrary](#), a national PAC for public libraries, is going to change the status quo for libraries—at the ballot box instead of in the halls of government. We got in touch with John Chrastka, the founder of EveryLibrary. Here are his thoughts."...

Insight & Outlook, Sept. 27

[We are United for Libraries](#)

Sally Gardner Reed writes: "With all the love and respect that libraries receive, it amazes me that so many are in trouble. Yes, I know that times are tough, and localities are and will be the last to recover from the recent global recession. Yet libraries, costing roughly less than 2% of local city and county budgets, are busier than ever. In addition, libraries are providing solutions to many community problems caused by the lingering effects of the economic downturn."...

ALA Membership Blog, Oct. 2



[Will public libraries become extinct? Pro and con](#)

Quora employee Marc Bodnick writes: "As someone who has spent a fair amount of time analyzing business disruption, I think it's pretty clear that libraries are eventually going to fade away. Put another way, I really don't see how a world can exist where tons of bookstores close while libraries generally stay open." Librarian Erica Friedman responds: "Most libraries now lend ebooks, music, and other media as well. But the real reason libraries will disappear is that people perceive them as only or mostly lending books."...

Forbes, Oct. 2

[Copyright and patent law should be changed](#)

Judge Richard Posner (right) writes: "The most serious problem with copyright law is the length of copyright protection, which for most works is now from the creation of the work to 70 years after the author's death. Apart from the fact that the present value of income received so far in the future is negligible, obtaining copyright licenses on very old works is difficult because not only is the author in all likelihood dead, but his heirs or other owners of the copyright may be difficult or even impossible to identify or find. The copyright term should be shorter. The next most serious problem is the courts' narrow interpretation of fair use."...



The Becker-Posner Blog, Sept. 30

[PeerJ: Could it transform open access?](#)

Margaret Heller writes: "Open access publication makes access to research free for the end reader, but in many fields it is not free for the author of the article. When I told a friend in a scientific field I was working on this article, he replied, 'Open access is something you can only do if you have a grant.' [PeerJ](#), a scholarly publishing venture that started up over the summer, aims to change this and make open access publication much easier for everyone involved."...

ACRL TechConnect Blog, Sept. 27

[Another Facebook privacy bungle](#)

Richard MacManus writes: "In late September, Facebook got itself caught up in yet another privacy controversy, when old Wall posts from 2007–2009 were automatically converted into Timeline posts. The confusion was that for some people, those old posts seemed private in nature. Facebook responded that no, it only converted 'older wall posts that had always been visible on the users' profile pages.' That makes sense, but users have every right to be angry."...

ReadWriteWeb, Sept. 30

[Literacy and libraries linked in Australia](#)

Findings from Softlink's annual Australian School Library Survey have revealed a positive link between literacy results and school library resourcing levels. The April 2012 survey ([PDF file](#)) found schools with higher than the national average reading literacy scores were receiving above average levels of library funding and staffing. On average, independent school libraries received more funding than government schools, while secondary schools had the largest budget decrease with 34% of schools experiencing a decline in funding....

Softlink



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Tech Talk

[Hey, Apple: Mapping takes more work than you think](#)

David Talbot writes: "In response to scathing criticism over its new Maps app for mobile devices, Apple CEO Tim Cook apologized and [admitted](#) that the company fell short, but his statement did not hint at the true scale of the job Apple now faces to fix things. Apple is going to need far more than user feedback. The scale of the problem—particularly the millions of errant labels on points of interest like businesses—requires new data sources and easier ways to contribute fixes. Apple also lacks a fleet of cars like the ones Google has used to log five million miles worldwide."...

Technology Review, Oct. 1



[10 things Steve Jobs would have done differently in 2012](#)

Don Reisinger writes: "When Steve Jobs cofounded Apple with Steve Wozniak, he wanted to create a computer that was naturally intuitive so the average person could use it effectively. In 2011, Jobs died after a



long battle with cancer, and for more than a year his successor, [Tim Cook](#), has been running the company. If you examine the decisions made over the last year you might wonder if Jobs would have done the same. This slideshow looks at the many things Jobs probably would have done differently over the past year.”...

eWeek, Oct. 2; *PC Magazine*, Oct. 1

[iPads for all the students](#)

Carolyn Foote writes: “Our students at Westlake High, a large suburban school on the outskirts of Austin, Texas, are using iPads to read ebooks, download assignments, edit videos, write blog posts, and do much more. Since we rolled out our 1:1 iPad program a year ago, more than 4,100 teachers and students, including 8th graders at the nearby middle school and even some of our elementary school classes, have taken advantage of these devices. In fact, they’ve become as much a part of students’ everyday lives as their notebooks, backpacks, and textbooks.”...



School Library Journal: The Digital Shift, Oct. 2

[Tech tools for LIS students](#)

Paul Lai writes: “My MLIS program has a strong commitment to encourage students to use various online and computer-based presentation and communication tools in class projects. I’ve been fortunate to hear about many free online programs to use for various reasons. I’d like to share them and encourage others to post in the comments about other cool tools they’ve used or heard about.”...

Hack Library School, Sept. 27

[10 YouTube tech channels you can’t miss](#)

Dave Parrack writes: “These video resources are more than worthy of your time and attention. Video is an excellent medium for imparting tech-related knowledge to the masses, and YouTube is the undisputed king of online video, even though there are several willing competitors. With that in mind, here is a list of 10 technology YouTube channels that you cannot afford to miss.”...

MakeUseOf, Oct. 3



[28 computer tips that stand the test of time](#)

Mark Sullivan writes: “Technology never stops moving forward. Hardware gets faster, and operating systems gain new features and (we hope) finesse. This is natural computing law. But just because computers are one big exercise in evolutionary progress, that doesn’t mean certain computing maxims ever go out of style. Take the nuggets of wisdom in the following list. All of these things are as true today as they were two, five, and in some cases even 10–20 years ago.”...

PC World, Oct. 3



[11 mobile website design best practices](#)

Heather Mansfield writes: "With 90% of your nonprofit's supporters and donors now accessing the internet on multiple devices every day, nonprofits *really* need to prioritize mobilizing their web content. Ideally, your nonprofit's CMS has been updated to include responsive design, but the problematic reality is that most CMS services commonly used in the nonprofit sector are as behind on the mobile web as the nonprofits are themselves."...

Nonprofit Tech 2.0 Blog, Sept. 26

[Stop web pagination now](#)

Farhad Manjoo writes: "Splitting articles and photo galleries into multiple pages is evil. It should stop. Pagination is one of the worst design and usability sins on the web, the kind of obvious no-no that should have gone out with blinky text, dancing cat animations, and autoplaying music. It persists because splitting a single-page article into two pages can, in theory, yield twice as many opportunities to display ads—though in practice it doesn't because lots of readers never bother to click past the first page."...



Slate, Oct. 1

[Eight alternatives to scientific calculators](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "One of the problems that many mathematics and science departments confront is accounting for all of the scientific calculators they lend to students. Like textbooks, no matter how diligent a school is in tracking how many are lent out, one or two always seem to disappear by the end of the year. Also like textbooks there are some good and free alternatives to buying scientific calculators. Here are some that you can try."...

Free Technology for Teachers, Oct. 1



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E-Content

[Scraping the bottom of the librarian ebook patience barrel](#)

Andy Woodworth writes: "Why do libraries have to come up with business models for publishers? We're the customer. We have reasonable demands: equitable access (being able to offer a library member a book in any format) for a fair price (a recognition that ebooks are computer files and that they should be priced accordingly). Make it work! But, no. 'It's created a lot of chaos.' The 'chaos' that resulted is what happens when publishers want to create a market but give nothing up. Retention of file ownership and dictating lending policies broach on library territory."...

Agnostic, Maybe, Oct. 1



[Penguin ebook pilot test launched](#)

The 3M Cloud Library, New York Public Library, Brooklyn Public Library, and publisher Penguin Books officially launched a [pilot program](#) October 1 that will allow patrons of the two systems to check out a selection of



Penguin ebook titles six months after initial publication. NYPL will also offer additional titles from the 3M Cloud Library. Penguin content will be available to all subscribers to the 3M Cloud Library in the coming months, beginning at the end of 2012....
Library Journal: The Digital Shift, June 21, Oct. 1

[DPLA Midwest in Chicago](#)

ALA President Maureen Sullivan writes: "The [DPLA Midwest Conference](#)—taking place on October 11–12 in Chicago—is the third major public event bringing together librarians, technologists, creators, students, government leaders, and others interested in building a Digital Public Library of America. The event will assemble a wide range of stakeholders in a broad, open forum to facilitate innovation, collaboration, and connections across the DPLA effort. The event is free and open to the public, but [registration](#) is required."...



AL: E-Content, Oct. 2

[Douglas County ebook report for September](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "Though progress is being made, the September Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries ebook report ([PDF file](#)) shows how much work remains ahead of us. It looks at the [top 25 books](#) from Digital Book World for the week ending September 22. The most immediate concern is that more than half of the books on the list are not available for library lending; we can only purchase 36% of the titles. Looking next at price, the small percentage of books that can be purchased range from a low of almost double the consumer price to a high of over six times the consumer price."...

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AL: E-Content, Oct. 3; Digital Book World, Sept. 24

[Duncan wants textbooks to go digital](#)

Education Secretary Arne Duncan (right) on Oct. 2 called for the nation to move as fast as possible away from printed textbooks and toward digital ones. "Over the next few years, textbooks should be obsolete," he declared. It's not just a matter of keeping up with the times, Duncan said in remarks to the National Press Club. It's about keeping up with other countries whose students are leaving their American counterparts in the dust....



eSchool News, Oct. 3

[Adobe Digital Editions 2.0 available](#)

Adobe Digital Editions 2.0 has been released and is available for immediate download. This version includes major improvements for accessibility over Digital Editions 1.7 and is designed to provide greater access to both protected and unprotected ebooks in the EPUB format for Windows and Mac users. This version also offers keyboard support that is dramatically enhanced over version 1.7....

Adobe Accessibility, Sept. 21

[OverDrive app for Nook](#)

If you own a Nook Color, a Nook Tablet, or plan on

getting one of the new Nook HD tablets, you should consider getting the [OverDrive Media Console app](#) from the Nook Appstore to make borrowing ebooks and audiobooks from public libraries a lot easier and more convenient. Previously if you wanted to get ebooks from the library, you had to download everything to a computer and then sideload the files using Adobe Digital Editions and a USB cable—rather inconvenient for a wireless device....

The eBook Reader Blog, Oct. 2



[Are publishers making a killing on ebooks?](#)

Richard Curtis writes: "Few subjects have elicited as much wild conjecture as ebook pricing. Reading rabid allegations of price gouging, one has to wonder what these critics know about manufacturing costs that we in the ebook industry don't. Following the proverb 'Don't judge another until you've walked a mile in his shoes,' it might be educational for you to imagine what it would cost you to duplicate the processes that at least one publisher—my own, [E-Reads](#)—performs to get a book into the marketplace from raw state to finished product."...

Digital Book World, Sept. 30



[Brill is 100th CLOCKSS publisher](#)

Brill has become the 100th publisher to participate in the CLOCKSS archive. Brill will preserve their ejournals and ebooks in CLOCKSS's geographically and geopolitically distributed network of redundant archive nodes, located at 12 major research libraries around the world. By archiving with CLOCKSS, Brill has committed to the preservation of its e-products....

CLOCKSS, Oct. 2



[Activist archivists and digital preservation](#)

Miek Ashenfelder writes: "Over the past year, [Howard Besser](#) and [Activist Archivists](#) have been doing innovative work that extends beyond the technological aspects of digital preservation to include elements of sociology, cultural sensitivity, local politics, and community advocacy. Their work centers around digital content on a massive scale, from various sources, created by many individuals in a range of formats. What unifies the collection is a community, bound together by geography or by a shared purpose."...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, Oct. 1



[Ebook steampunk](#)

Sue Waterman writes: "In 1894, Parisian book designer, dandy, and writer Octave Uzanne wrote the futuristic [La Fin des Livres \(The End of Books\)](#), where books were replaced by a kind of subscription service, and access to both books and music was available in the home with electrical gadgets wired to a central network: 'Each will work his pocket apparatus by a fluent current ingeniously set in action; the whole system may be kept in a simple opera-glass case, and



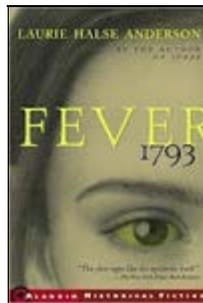
suspended by a strap from the shoulder."...
The Sheridan Libraries Blog, Oct. 2

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Books & Reading

[Top 10 historical fiction about epidemics](#)

Karen Jensen writes: "I am a huge fan of epidemics. I wouldn't want to live in one, but like zombie fiction, they make us question who we are and what we will do to survive. *Fever, 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson is my favorite historical fiction book for teens. Here are some other great books that deal with epidemics, only a few of which are historical fiction; many of them are actually science fiction. It turns out that plagues are a great way to make both vampires and zombies." There is a [Part 2](#)....



Teen Librarian's Toolbox, Sept. 25-26

[KidLitCon 2012: No one was eaten by a bear](#)

Elizabeth Bird writes: "My standards are pretty low when it comes to conferences. Essentially if ursine consumption does not occur, I consider the day a success. Fortunately there are other ways of defining success, and though I was the organizer of [KidLitCon 2012](#), September 28-29, and therefore not wholly without my own prejudices, everything went well. Amazingly, surprisingly, some might say shockingly, well."...



School Library Journal: A Fuse #8 Production, Oct. 1

[All Hallow's Read](#)

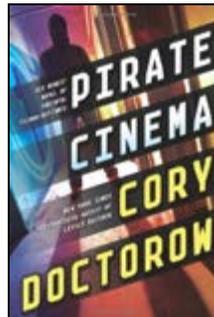
All Hallow's Read is a new Halloween tradition. It's simply that in the week of Halloween, or on the night itself, you give someone a scary book. Author Neil Gaiman [came up](#) with the idea in 2010, and he explains the process in this [video](#) (1:52). If you're giving a kid a scary book, make it a kid-appropriate scary book. Feel free to give a new book or a second-hand book or a book from your own shelves. You can even gift it to your friend's Kindle....



All Hallow's Read; Neil Gaiman's Journal, Oct. 23, 2010; YouTube, Oct. 6, 2011

[Science fiction and fantasy books for October](#)

Charlie Jane Anders writes: "October brings an amazing horde of great books that will keep you reading way into the night. Lois Lowry concludes the *Giver* saga, Justin Cronin continues the *Passage* trilogy, and Iain M. Banks has a new story of the Culture. Plus Catherynne M. Valente's latest Fairyland novel and Cory Doctorow's follow-up to *Little Brother*. Here are 16 books you should not ignore in October."...



io9, Oct. 2

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Tips & Ideas

[Library 2.012 starts today](#)

Joyce Valenza writes: "[Library 2.012](#), October 3–5, the free, global event addresses the current and future unique state of libraries. The full (seriously full) hour-by-hour schedule is posted [here](#), with instructions on connecting and participating, no matter where you are on the globe. The keynote schedule is [here](#)." ...

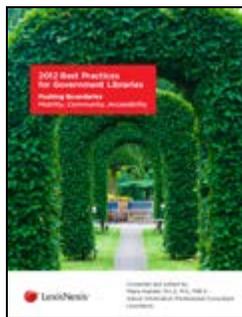
School Library Journal: NeverEndingSearch, Oct. 3



[2012 Best Practices for Government Libraries](#)

The 2012 Best Practices for Government Libraries: Pushing Boundaries: Mobility, Community, Accessibility ([PDF file](#)), edited by Marie Kaddell, is now available on the LexisNexis website. A collaborative document that is put out annually on a specific topic of interest to government libraries, the work includes content submitted by government librarians and community leaders with an interest in government libraries. The 2012 edition includes over 70 articles and other submissions from more than 75 contributors including librarians in government agencies, courts, and the military....

Government Info Pro, Sept. 28



[Preparing your community for Election Day](#)

Jazzy Wright writes: "In our continued effort to provide librarians with quality content for their libraries, we want to offer libraries materials for the upcoming election. The League of Women Voters recently [released several print resources](#) that will help you get your community ready for Election Day. Librarians are encouraged to share the League resources with their communities by printing out copies of the publications, or by adding links to the resources on their library's website." ...

District Dispatch, Oct. 1; League of Women Voters



["Bing It On" shows you when Bing is most useful](#)

Melanie Pinola writes: "More people might be using Google search, but search underdog Bing isn't afraid to challenge that preference. Microsoft's '[Bing It On](#)' challenge encourages you to do a blind comparison test to see which search engine you really prefer. The test does a side-by-side search of 5 keywords of your choice. For each round, you select which results are the best or if there's a tie. If you take the test as objectively as you can, you might be surprised by Bing."....

Lifehacker, Oct. 3



[The National Archives by the numbers](#)

Archivist of the US David S. Ferriero writes: "This is a snapshot of a variety of data points we are tracking to measure how we are doing. I am especially interested in trends as we focus more and more on

digital access. Is the investment paying off in terms of numbers of eyeballs on our content? What impact does online access have on onsite visits? Are our efforts around social media paying off? Are we finding the people where they are and making it easy for them to discover our content? What difference has having a Wikipedian-in-Residence had?"...

AOTUS: Collector in Chief, Sept. 28

[Diversity standards: Cultural competency for academic librarians](#)

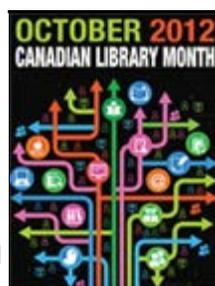
The following standards were developed by the ACRL Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee and are based on the 2001 National Association of Social Workers Standards for Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice. The standards, approved by the ACRL board of directors in April, are intended to emphasize the need and obligation to serve and advocate for racial and ethnically diverse constituencies....

College & Research Libraries News 73, no. 9 (Oct.): 551-561

[It's Canadian Library Month](#)

The Canadian Library Association has designated October as Canadian Library Month. The event provides an opportunity to celebrate libraries across Canada and the important contributions they make to Canadian life. This year's theme, "Libraries Connect / Bibliothèques Branchées," is a great reminder of just how essential libraries are in the interconnected world in which we live....

Canadian Library Association, Oct. 1



[Gearing up for Star Wars Reads Day](#)

The Force will be with more than 1,200 bookstores and libraries across the US on October 6, when they will host events on the first-ever "Star Wars Reads Day." An initiative of Lucasfilm and its publishing partners, the event marks the first time that the franchise's publishers have banded together for such a broad-reaching venture. Ryder Windham, author of 60-plus Star Wars books, has helped organize an event at the Providence (R.I.) Community Public Library's Rochambeau branch with librarian Tom O'Donnell that will be a blood drive as well....

Publishers Weekly, Oct. 2



[Card catalog redux](#)

Highland Park (Ill.) Public Library celebrated its 125th anniversary with the lobby installation of a 12-foot sculpture made of card catalog cards. The design, created by Crystal Grover and Linsey Burritt of Chicago-based design studio INDO, used more than 17,000 card catalog cards to craft a textural piece of art called *Open Book*. In addition to the sculpture, there is an interactive card catalog with drawers of book-related questions....

AL Focus, Oct.3



[Parenting programs @ your library](#)

Sharon McClintock writes: "As a children's librarian I love many aspects of my work, but I find no part of it more gratifying than



coordinating our Parenting Speaker Series ([PDF file](#)). These 90-minute workshops on childrearing and life as a parent are taught by child development specialists and other professionals. The Mountain View (Calif.) Public Library has offered these free programs monthly during the school year for the last eight years, which typically draw an audience of 75–100 adults.”...

ALSC Blog, Oct. 2

[Help teachers move from technophobe to technofab](#)

Jennifer LaGarde writes: “In my experience there are many teachers who remain either afraid or suspicious of technology. This provides a window of opportunity for the school librarian whose charge it is (among other things) to act as both an instructional and technological leader within the school. Rather than simply avoiding the kill switch when it comes to teachers and technology, it’s our job to discover enthusiasm where there seems to be none, then cultivate and nourish it. Here are six tips for doing that.”...

The Adventures of Library Girl, Sept. 30

[Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Research as a public good](#)

Mark A. McCutcheon writes: “Buffy and her friends spend a lot of time reading. This is uncharacteristic enough for a Hollywood prime-time serial drama. More specifically, they spend a lot of time doing *research*. And it’s rare that the research doesn’t pay off with knowledge that reliably helps Buffy to kick some serious demonic ass. *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* routinely dramatizes research in action as a public good.”...

Academicalism, Oct. 1



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[Newsmaker: An interview with John Chrastka](#)

John Chrastka (right), ALA's director of membership development from 2003 to 2011, didn't leave library advocacy behind when he left to devote more time to his start-up consulting agency. First, he joined the board of the Berwyn (Ill.) Public Library. And now, in characteristically maverick fashion, Chrastka has launched a national library political action committee (PAC), EveryLibrary, to help public, school, and academic libraries get ballot initiatives passed in 2013 and beyond. Chrastka discussed his vision with AL Senior Editor Beverly Goldberg on October 5....

American Libraries column, Nov./Dec.



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



You won't want to miss Midwinter Auditorium Speaker [Steven Johnson](#) on Saturday. One of the most brilliant and inspiring visionaries of contemporary culture, Johnson will offer his hopeful, affirmative outlook for the future. The bestselling author will address ideas from his latest book *Future Perfect: The Case for Progress in a Networked Age*.

[MeL turns 20](#)

Beth Dempsey writes: "Before Google, before Amazon, before Netscape, IE, or Bing, before the *New York Times* ever printed the phrase World Wide Web, there was the [Michigan eLibrary](#). Known as MeL for short, this pioneering statewide information network is celebrating its 20th anniversary in October. The milestone was marked by a gala event October 4 that gathered hundreds of supporters from its user community, government, publishing, and libraries."...

American Libraries news, Oct. 9



[Photoessay: Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

From mariachi performances to quinceañera fashion shows (right), libraries around the US found inventive ways to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which took place from September 15 to October 15 in recognition of the contributions of people whose ancestors come

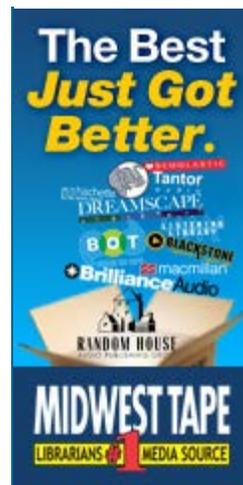


from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. ¡Viva la diversidad!...
AL Focus, Oct. 10

[Editor's Letter: Our roller-coaster summer](#)

Laurie D. Borman writes: "If I were to write 'What *American Libraries* Did This Summer,' it would be more roller-coaster ride than Mai Tais on the beach. Such is the nature of juggling several media streams, especially when tied to news and deadlines. At the top of the hill were the twin peaks of the ALA Annual Conference and the Virtual Conference. Both offered great blog and story opportunities, interviews, inspiration, and ideas. We also visited the Special Libraries Association conference in Chicago in July." Read the September/October *American Libraries* [online](#)....

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



[Coretta Scott King Award seal design](#)

Q. In the design for the Coretta Scott King Award, there are five religious symbols that are in line underneath the child reading the book. Can you verify for me what these symbols actually are? **A.** I sent an email to the seal's designer, Lev Mills, asking about the symbols. And he wrote me back a letter that identified the five "nonsectarian" symbols....

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Oct. 10



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ALA News

[Immroth, Young seek 2014–2015 ALA presidency](#)

Barbara Froling Immroth, professor at the University of Texas at Austin School of Information, and Courtney Louise Young, head librarian at Penn State Greater Allegheny, are the candidates for the 2014–2015 presidency of the American Library Association. Immroth and Young will engage in a candidates' forum on January 26 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. Ballot mailing for the 2013 ALA Election will begin on March 19....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 8



[Bohrer, Gonzalez running for ALA treasurer](#)

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Clara Nalli Bohrer, director of the West Bloomfield Township (Mich.) Public Library, and Mario M. Gonzalez, executive director of the Passaic (N.J.) Public Library, are the candidates for treasurer of the American Library Association for 2013–2016. Bohrer and Gonzalez will engage in a candidates' forum on January 26 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. The election will close on April 26....



Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 9

[ALA Council candidates](#)

ALA has announced the following individuals as candidates for positions on ALA Council. These individuals were nominated by the Nominating Committee for the 2013 ALA Election. Individuals who are interested in running for ALA Council by petition ([PDF file](#)) may file them through February 4....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 8

[ALA seeks Endowment Trustee](#)

Nominations are now being accepted for the position of ALA Endowment Trustee. This is a position with a three-year term that will officially begin at the conclusion of the 2013 Annual Conference in Chicago and expire at the conclusion of the 2016 Annual Conference in Orlando. The candidate will be elected by the ALA Executive Board at its 2013 spring meeting, to be held April 28–30 in Chicago. The deadline for applications is December 15....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 9

[Get all the facts you need for your advocacy efforts](#)

Learn how to navigate the 2012 [Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study](#) for effective advocacy at the local level during the free webinar, "Driving Advocacy with Data," on October 18. Attendees will learn how to interpret the latest data and emerging trends; access new advocacy and marketing tools, including state profiles, issue briefs, and PR templates; and use the data to make the case for your library with elected officials and community stakeholders. Visit the Adobe Connect [event page](#) to sign up....

Office for Library Advocacy, Oct. 3

[ALA welcomes DPLA to Chicago](#)

ALA extends its welcome to attendees of DPLA Midwest and invites members of the library community to attend. Taking place on October 11–12 in Chicago, DPLA Midwest is the third major public event bringing together librarians, technologists, creators, students, government leaders, and others interested in building a Digital Public Library of America. The event will assemble a wide range of stakeholders in a broad, open forum to facilitate innovation, collaboration, and connections across the DPLA effort....



Public Information Office, Oct. 4

[Check out the ALA programs at New York Comic Con](#)

ALA is sponsoring three panels at [New York Comic Con](#) October 11–14, the East Coast's



largest comic book and pop culture convention. "The Library as Mythic Oracle," "The Possibilities of a Cape and Mask: How to Incorporate Superheroes into Public Library Programming," and "Foolproof Graphic Novel Collection Development." ALA will also sponsor a booth (#3153) where you can learn more about how to integrate comics and graphic novels into your library's collection....

ALA Membership Blog, Oct. 9

[Money Smart Week webinar](#)

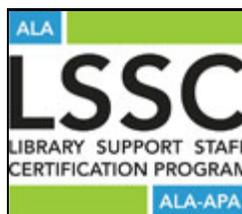
Sign up for this one-hour webinar on October 18 hosted by the ALA Chapter Relations Office and learn how your library can participate with hundreds of others across the country in Money Smart Week @ your library, April 20–27, a national initiative from ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to help members of your community better manage their personal finances. You can also [sign up](#) for the [Smart Investing @ your library newsletter](#)....

Chapter Relations Office; RUSA Blog, Oct. 1

[LSSC program seeks collaborations](#)

The [Library Support Staff Certification](#) (LSSC) program is offering to work with college programs (commonly known as LTA programs) for library support staff. The purpose of this project is to develop agreements that would allow college graduates to receive the LSSC without having to further demonstrate their skills and knowledge. The ALA–Allied Professional Association will review the courses to ensure that they cover the majority of LSSC's competency requirements. If so, the LSSC will propose an agreement with the college....

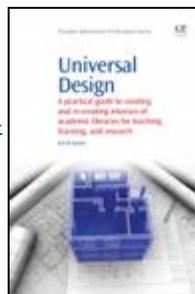
ALA–Allied Professional Association, Oct. 8



[Universal design for academic libraries](#)

A wealth of possibilities related to use of space and design exists within the walls of academic libraries. In [Universal Design: A Practical Guide to Creating and Re-creating Interiors of Academic Libraries for Teaching, Learning, and Research](#), available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, Gail M. Staines gives readers to-the-point explanations and information on how to effectively create and recreate interiors of academic libraries for teaching, learning, and research....

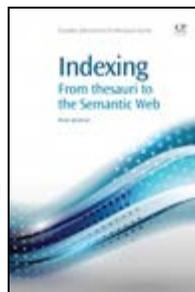
ALA Neal-Schuman, Oct. 3



[Indexing, from thesauri to the Semantic Web](#)

Describing both traditional and novel techniques, [Indexing: From Thesauri to the Semantic Web](#), available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, gives information professionals and LIS students a broad and approachable introduction to the art of indexing, an interesting but often highly complex field. Author Pierre de Keyser makes difficult techniques understandable, explaining how traditional techniques, such as thesauri, are often at the core of new techniques, like automatic indexing, ontologies, or topic maps....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Oct. 8



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Great Libraries of the World



[Hereford Cathedral Chained Library](#)

Hereford, UK. Some 1,500 books are tethered by iron chains to bookcases as a precaution against theft. Two of the most valuable are a unique copy of the 13th-century Hereford antiphony and an 8th-century Anglo-Saxon Gospel. A specially designed chamber in the new library building allows visitors to see the chained library in its original arrangement as it was in 1611–1841 and keeps the books under controlled environmental conditions.

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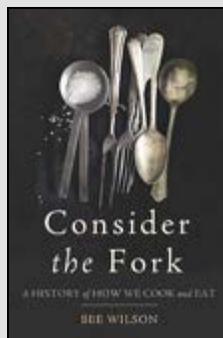
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Featured review: Adult nonfiction

Wilson, Bee. *Consider the Fork: A History of How We Cook and Eat*. Oct. 2012. 336p. Basic, hardcover (978-0-465-02176-5).

At every turn, Wilson's history of the technology of cooking and eating upends another unexamined tradition, revealing that utensils and practices now taken for granted in kitchen and at table have long and remarkable histories. The knife evolved from primitive humans' need to reduce food to manageable portions. Thermometers helped make home ovens practical. Some of the first pleas for animal rights arose from the use of caged dogs to turn spits in front of kitchen hearths. Most societies weigh recipe ingredients, but Americans continue to measure ingredients by volume. Wilson traces this deviation back to the difficulty of lugging scales westward across the frontier. Wilson's book teems with other delightful insights, laying to rest such questions as what Chinese parents say to their children to persuade them to finish their food, since they can't employ the typical American admonition about children starving in China. (Answer: Don't disrespect the sweat of the hardworking rice farmer.)...



Top 10 food books: 2012

Brad Hooper writes: "Cook while reading, read while cooking. It's a magical combination, and yours to be had with the books reviewed in *Booklist* over the past 12 months."...



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Division News

[Dare teens to read during TRW](#)



John Rylands University Library,

Manchester, UK. This research library was founded by Enriqueta Augustina Rylands as a memorial to her late husband, textile millionaire John Rylands. Designed in Victorian Gothic style by architect Basil Champneys, the library opened to the public in 1900. Its collections feature exquisite medieval illuminated manuscripts, examples of the earliest forms of European printing, and the personal papers of distinguished historical figures including novelist Elizabeth Gaskell, physicist John Dalton, and Anglican cleric John Wesley. It also houses a collection of [thousands of papyrus fragments](#) and documents from North Africa and Greece, among them the 2nd-century [St. John Fragment](#), generally accepted as the earliest extant record of a canonical New Testament text. Since 1972 the building has served as the special collections division of the University of Manchester.

This *AL Direct* feature showcases 250 libraries around the world that are

Teens have so many demands on their time, as well as options for entertainment, that reading for pleasure often gets lost in the mix. Yet various studies show that teens who read for pleasure achieve more in school. [Teen Read Week](#), celebrated October 14–20 this year, provides an opportunity for parents, teachers, and caregivers to encourage teens to visit the library to find a great read by offering a variety of special events and programs....

YALSA, Oct. 9



[Join the conversation about teen reading](#)

On October 17, help YALSA celebrate [Teen Read Week](#) by joining the conversation about teen reading and young adult literature via a tweet-a-thon. YALSA wants to know what's on your YA lit reading list right now. Teens, librarians, library workers, educators, authors, and editors can tweet their YA lit reading lists, recommendations, thoughts, and ideas with the hashtag [#trw12](#) any time on October 17....

YALSA Blog, Oct. 8

[45 must-read YA books in 60 minutes](#)

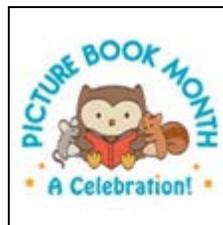
Join YALSA for "Book Blitz 2," a one-hour webinar that highlights 45 must-know fiction and nonfiction YA titles released in the second half of 2012. Join Shauna Yusko, teacher-librarian at Evergreen Junior High in Redmond, Washington, and book reviewer guru, for this fast-paced webinar on October 18. [Register](#) online....

YALSA, Oct. 3

[AASL becomes Picture Book Month partner](#)

AASL will celebrate the picture book during the month of November as a partner of the second annual [Picture Book Month](#). Founded by author and storyteller Dianne de Las Casas, Picture Book Month is an international literacy initiative that celebrates the print picture book in an increasingly digital age. School librarians are encouraged to [join the celebration](#) by becoming an ambassador....

AASL, Oct. 9



[ACRL seeks proposals](#)

ACRL is now accepting Cyber Zed Shed presentation, poster session, roundtable discussion, and [Virtual Conference](#) webcast proposal submissions for the ACRL 2013 conference to be held April 10–13 in Indianapolis. Submit proposals via the [ACRL 2013 website](#) by November 9....

ACRL, Oct. 9

[The future of library consortia](#)

LLAMA is presenting a webinar, "Sharing Our Collections: Looking to the Future," on October 17. This webinar will look at the future of consortia: shared ebook collections, floating collections, cloud-based integrated library systems, and the need to be increasingly flexible and collaborative to meet the opportunities and challenges of the future. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, Oct. 9

[LLAMA Midwinter Career Institute](#)

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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[Director of Advancement](#)

University of Illinois at Chicago Library. The Director of Advancement is the chief advancement officer for the UIC Library. The Director plans and implements development-focused programs designed to increase philanthropic support of the Library's strategic funding priorities. The Director also provides leadership and counsel to the Dean and other Library faculty and staff on all advancement-related matters. Additional responsibilities include

Are you looking for a rocket boost to your career? LLAMA will present "Planning Your Next Career Move: Developing the Skills to Make It Happen" on January 25 in conjunction with the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. Presenter Elizabeth Atcheson will spotlight career development and management skills taught by executive coaches. [Register](#) online (best before December 1)....

LLAMA, Oct. 8

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Awards & Grants

[ALA receives IMLS grant to advance community engagement](#)

ALA announced October 9 that it has received a 2012 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Grant of \$250,837 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. ALA will partner with the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation on the first phase of a multiphase initiative, "The Promise of Libraries Transforming Communities," which will develop a sustainable national plan to transform the role of libraries in their communities by advancing community engagement and innovation....

Public Programs Office, Oct. 9

[Literary Landmark in honor of Harvey Pekar](#)

The Cleveland Heights–University Heights (Ohio) Public Library will be designated a Literary Landmark in honor of Harvey Pekar (1939–2010), author of the iconic comic book *American Splendor*, on October 14 at the library's Lee Road branch. Along with the plaque, there will be a dedication ceremony for a statue of Pekar (right) created by local sculptor Justin Coulter, with funds raised by his widow, Joyce Brabner. Pekar spent countless days at the Heights libraries, working on stories that celebrated his hometown....



United for Libraries, Oct. 9

[ACRL seeks nominations for 2013 awards](#)

With almost \$35,000 donated annually by corporate sponsors, ACRL has and will continue to nominate, select, and honor the very best in academic librarianship. ACRL urges members to nominate colleagues whose work has influenced their thinking and growth as an academic librarian and whose contributions merit recognition by the profession. Nominations and supporting materials for most awards must be submitted by December 7....

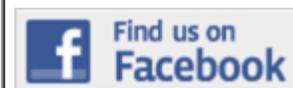
ACRL, Oct. 9

[2013 ALA scholarships](#)

ALA has more than \$300,000 for students who are studying library science or school librarianship at the master's degree level. Scholarships typically range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. There are scholarships available for students interested in children's librarianship, youth librarianship, federal librarianship, new media, and library automation. Funds are also available for minorities and people with disabilities. The [application and instructions](#) are available online. The deadline is March 1....

Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Oct. 4

devising goals and strategies plus carrying out tactical activities to secure and steward philanthropic support; and managing a portfolio of Library donors and prospects, with particular emphasis on those who donate significant corporate / foundation grants and in-kind gifts of general or special collection materials....



@ [More jobs...](#)

Digital Library of the Week



[Trove](#) is the National Library of Australia's discovery experience focused on Australia and Australians. It is a search engine that contains links to more than 311 million books, articles, photos, objects, newspapers, maps, music, diaries, letters, archives, people, organizations, and archived websites. Based on *Picture Australia* that the National Library launched in 2000, Trove has evolved into a centralized national service built with the collaboration of major

[Carnegie-Whitney grants](#)

The ALA Publishing Committee is offering a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library. [Applications](#) must be received by November 2....

ALA Publishing, Oct. 9

[Apply for matching grants for peace programming](#)

Public Education for Peacebuilding Support is a new initiative of the US Institute of Peace and administered by the Institute of International Education. The initiative seeks to support American colleges, universities, and public libraries interested in holding events addressing international peace and conflict resolution. Over the next year, this initiative will provide \$2,000 each to 250 institutions and public libraries. The [application](#) deadline is November 1....

US Institute of Peace, Oct. 8

[Harvard honors two libraries for "Bright Ideas"](#)

The Ash Center at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government recognizes innovative government initiatives through its "Bright Ideas" program. This year, two libraries were among those honored: the Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.) Library for its [Play and Learn Islands](#) (right), interactive, multi-modal exhibits for children and families; and Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library for its [Limitless Libraries](#) program that provides direct access and delivery of public library resources to public schools in the community....

Harvard University Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Sept. 25



[Virginia Beach library wins architectural award](#)

Virginia Beach's Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, designed by the late Laszlo Aranyi, founder of The Design Collaborative, has been selected to receive the Test of Time award from the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects. The award recognizes a structure that is no less than 25 years old. The overall design must be cherished as a significant contribution to the community and the built environment. Envisioned as an energy-efficient, day-lit facility, the Oberndorf Library is an early example of the emerging practice of sustainable design....

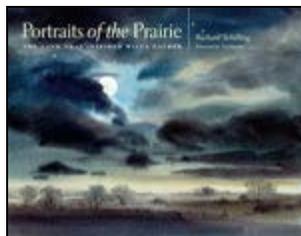
Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects, Oct. 8



[2012 Nebraska Book Awards](#)

The Nebraska Center for the Book announced the winners of the 2012 Nebraska Book Awards on October 5. The fiction winner is Tom McNeal's *To Be Sung Underwater* (Little, Brown), and the winner in the Nonfiction Nebraska As Place category is Richard Schilling's *Portraits of the Prairie: The Land That Inspired Willa Cather* (University of Nebraska). Winners in all 10 categories will be honored November 3 at the Museum of Nebraska History in Lincoln....

Nebraska Library Commission, Oct. 5



libraries of Australia. One remarkable feature of the search engine is that it allows users to search the database of digitized newspapers from 1803 to 1954, which are now free of copyright. Users are encouraged to register for a free account, which enables them to correct any scanning errors they discover.

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

"If librarians were honest, / they wouldn't smile, or act / welcoming.... / They would post danger / signs warning that contact / might result in mood swings, / severe changes in vision, / and mind-altering effects."

—Joseph Mills, "If Librarians Were Honest" ([PDF file](#)), in *Sending Christmas Cards to Huck and Hamlet* (Press 53, 2012).

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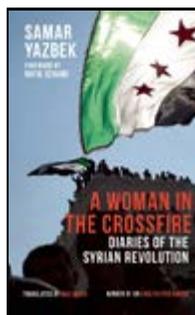
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[Book Cover Remix: Win \\$25 in Art Supplies and a Banned Books Week Tote Bag](#)

[2012 PEN/Pinter Prize](#)

Syrian writer Samar Yazbek, author of *A Woman in the Crossfire* (Haus Publishing), has been chosen as the international writer of courage who will share the 2012 PEN/Pinter Prize with British winner Carol Ann Duffy. Yazbek's account of the revolution from inside Syria, and her vocal opposition to the Assad regime, have forced her to live in exile. Her book won a PEN award for translation this year. The award was announced at the British Library October 8 as Duffy herself formally accepted the 2012 PEN/Pinter Prize....

The Bookseller, Oct. 9



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Libraries in the News

[Attorney sues library over ban on plaza exhibits](#)

Attorney David J. Kolhoff wants to educate the public about the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. And he wants to do it with a bicycle, a small cart with banners, and a laptop computer on the plaza (right) outside the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. But according to a lawsuit filed October 5 in US District Court by the ACLU on behalf of Kolhoff, the library's policy banning demonstrations and exhibits on its plaza is a violation of his First Amendment right to free speech....

Fort Wayne (Ind.) Journal Gazette, Oct. 6



[School libraries without books](#)

Valerie Strauss writes: "Imagine a newly modernized school with a built-in library/media center—but no books to put on the shelves. Actually, you don't have to imagine." In an open letter to D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray, Peter MacPherson writes:

"When your office issued the [press release](#) about the ribbon-cutting at Anacostia High School (right), it noted the school received a new library/media center. Unfortunately what the school received was merely a room without any library books. The old collection, both literally and figuratively, was lost during the modernization."...

Washington Post, Oct. 9; D.C. Executive Office of the Mayor, Sept. 14



[Hope dim for Georgia Archives](#)

Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp reiterated October 8 that the lockdown of the state archives was the best of the bad options available in his mandate to cut costs. "The archives decision was one of the toughest decisions I've had to make," Kemp, an Athens Republican, said. "But it was one that was least impactful to Georgians." He said the archives will not be closed altogether to public and that a plan for how to handle visitation appointments is being hashed out now. Earlier, Kemp [blamed](#) the state's efforts to combat illegal immigration as a factor in his decision to close the archives....

Athens (Ga.) Banner-Herald, Oct. 8; *Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Political Insider*, Oct. 4

[DCPL to host first permanent](#)



[Great Group Reads](#)

[Scout Denied Eagle Rank Because He Is Gay](#)

[How to Pay for College: Internships](#)

[Flow--The Meaning of Water](#)

[Elizabeth Percer: 'It's really the place where we get to find common ground as a family' \(video\)](#)

[Cuban Missile Crisis Almost Led to Nuclear War](#)



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Calendar

Oct. 26–30:
[American Society for Information Science and Technology.](#)

Annual Meeting,
Baltimore, Maryland.
"Information,
Interaction,
Innovation."

Nov. 2:
[ACRL Oklahoma Chapter,](#) Fall
Conference, Tulsa
Community College
Southeast Campus.
"Library without Walls:
Mobile Tech and the

[Accessibility Arcade](#)

The first permanent AbleGamers' Accessibility Arcade opens October 10 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in Washington, D.C. The mayor's office will cut the ribbon for the library's newest display. The exhibit will be a hands-on showcase of accessible technology that can enable game playing on mainstream game systems like Xbox. The [Accessibility Arcade](#) was developed by the AbleGamers Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing greater accessibility to digital gaming. Watch the AbleGamers [video](#) (4:26)....

AbleGamers Foundation, Oct. 1; *Wired*: Geek Dad, Aug. 29; YouTube, Mar. 24



[Austin names branch after longtime advocate for kids](#)

Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk was joined by about 200 people at a branch of the Austin (Tex.) Public Library October 6 to honor his mother, an influential educator and civil rights leader in Austin. Willie Mae Kirk, 91, taught in Austin for more than 32 years and has been at the center of the community's civil rights struggles for decades. She also served on the library commission for more than a decade and helped found the Austin chapter of the Jack and Jill Foundation. The former Oak Springs branch was renamed the Willie Mae Kirk branch (above) at the ceremony....

Austin (Tex.) Statesman, Oct. 6



[Merger could benefit Hammond library](#)

Two legislators said they would consider Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr.'s proposal to merge the Hammond (Ind.) Public Library with the Lake County Public Library, but only if it makes financial sense. McDermott has said he thinks the Hammond library, which faces financial problems, should shut down and merge with the county instead of getting an \$800,000 budget increase. Although the law requires both library boards to approve the merger, McDermott said he plans to ask state lawmakers to sidestep the requirement with special legislation....

Merrillville (Ind.) Post-Tribune, Oct. 6

[Anonymous donation keeps high school library open](#)

A Bay Area resident has donated \$60,000 to James Logan High School in Union City, California, allowing the school to reopen its library to students for all periods. The donor insisted on remaining anonymous, a request that the cash-strapped school district was glad to honor. State budget cuts had forced the school board to slash library services, which were reduced to just one period per day at the start of the school year. But two weeks after a Bay Area News Group article on the reduction was published, the donor contacted school principal Amy McNamara and offered to cut a check to aid the library....

Fremont (Calif.) Argus, Oct. 8



[Schulz Library creates a permanent](#)

Future of Libraries."

Nov. 2–7:
[Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries](#), Annual Meeting, Marriott Marquis, San Francisco.

Nov. 8–9:
[Digital Public Library of America Appfest](#), Chattanooga (Tenn.) Public Library. An informal, open call for both ideas and functional examples of creative and engaging ways to use the content and metadata in the DPLA back-end platform.

Nov. 13–14:
[The Next Chapter: Rare Books in Modern Times](#), American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. Sponsored by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts.

Nov. 14–18:
[Dublin Book Festival](#), Dublin, Ireland.

Nov. 15–16:
[ARL–ACRL Human Resources Symposium](#), Dupont Circle Hotel, Washington, D.C. Registration required by October 11.

Nov. 15–17:
[Middle East Librarians Association](#), Annual Meeting, Sheraton Denver Hotel.

Nov. 30:
[Texas Social Media](#)

Banned Comics section

The Center for Cartoon Studies and the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund have announced the permanent addition of a "Banned Comics" section in the center's Schulz Library. The move is both in recognition of the library's first Banned Books Week in its new location in White River Junction, Vermont, and the first anniversary of the CBLDF acquiring the Comics Code Authority's "seal of approval."...

Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, Oct. 9



First public library opens in Rwanda

Emmanuel R. Karake writes: "As I walk towards the building, several people trek towards the entrance as they admire the unique architectural design of the first modern public library (right) in Kigali, Rwanda. This is a good facility and it is well stocked. Located in Kacyiru, just 20 minutes drive from the city center, the new building can seat over 300 people and is expected to improve the reading culture in the country. The library has a book collection of over 30,000 volumes. Rwanda Public Library Services also launched October 5."...

Kigali *New Times*, Oct. 5



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Issues

[AAP and Google settle; questions remain](#)

The Association of American Publishers [announced](#) October 4 that it has reached a settlement in the lawsuit filed in 2005 against Google. The five publishers who originally sued Google—Simon & Schuster, McGraw-Hill, John Wiley, Penguin Group (USA), and Pearson Education—have entered into a settlement that outlines the terms and conditions for how Google can use their works in Google Books. Since the settlement only applies to the five publishers, questions do remain. Karen Coyle notes that one [unanswered question](#) is the copyright status of the digitized works. But James Grimmelman writes, "Google and the publishers have made their peace; this is just the [treaty-signing ceremony](#)."...

District Dispatch, Oct. 4; Association of American Publishers, Oct. 4; Coyle's InFormation, Oct. 6; Laboratorium, Oct. 4

[Supreme Court case: *Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons*](#)

Brian Herzog writes: "We've already kissed the First Sale Doctrine goodbye with ebooks, and now it looks like applying it to physical items is threatened too. It seems like [Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons](#) could mean, at the very least, librarians would need to check all our books for 'Printed in the USA' before we could resell them at a book sale, or else we risk breaking the law. It also sounds like individuals would have difficulty reselling almost anything made overseas—cellphones, cars, clothes, DVDs, etc." Read more at [Library Journal](#), [MarketWatch](#).



[Research Institute](#), Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

Dec. 10–11:

[Coalition for Networked Information](#), Fall Membership Meeting, Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Jan. 15–17:

[Digital Book World Conference and Expo](#), Hilton New York Hotel, New York City. "Opportunity. Innovation. Success."

Jan. 22–25:

[Association for Library and Information Science Education](#), Annual Conference, Hyatt Hotel, Seattle. "Always the Beautiful Question."

Jan. 25–29:

[American Library Association](#), Midwinter Meeting, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle. "The Conversation Starts Here..."

Feb. 5–7:

[Document Recognition and Retrieval Conference](#), Hyatt Regency near the San Francisco Airport.

Feb. 14–18:

[American Association for the Advancement of Science](#), Annual Meeting, Boston. "The Beauty and Benefits of Science."

[District Dispatch](#), and the [Harvard Journal of Law & Technology](#)." ... Swiss Army Librarian, Oct. 10; *Library Journal*, Oct. 8; *Wall Street Journal: MarketWatch*, Oct. 7; *District Dispatch*, July 6; *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology: JOLT Digest*, Sept. 21

[What to do if your school bans useful websites](#)

Tina Barseghian writes: "The dialogue around web filtering must include bring-your-own-device policies, appropriate use of social media in schools, and the overall responsible use of technology in school. Each of these issues plays an important part in the equation that influences school policy around filtering websites. In the meantime, what should educators do when they try to access a site in school that's blocked by the school's filter? New Canaan (Conn.) High School Librarian Michelle Luhtala offers the following advice."...

KQED-TV: *Mind/Shift*, San Francisco, Oct. 3



[How private services became public](#)

Alex Marshall writes: "Nothing is easy. Things we utterly take for granted today—things that the left, right, and center agree on—were only achieved through long hard political battles, always lasting decades, sometimes for more than a century. I'm talking about really basic stuff, like public water and sewers, policing, public education, public roads, and public libraries, to mention just a few. You see the common word here: 'public.' Before the 19th century, there were many private sellers of water, but few public providers."...

Governing, Oct.

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Tech Talk

[How to get Google Maps on iOS 6](#)

Jill Duffy writes: "If you've updated to iOS 6 or bought an iPhone 5 (which comes with iOS 6 preinstalled), then you no longer have Google's engine powering your Maps app, which is rather unfortunate because hands-down Google Maps provides better services and [more accurate information](#) than Apple's Maps. There is no stand-alone Google Maps app to download from the App Store (at least not yet). But you can still get Google Maps on your iPhone *and* run iOS 6. Here's how."...

PC Magazine, Sept. 20, Oct. 8



[Microsoft Office coming to smartphones](#)

Steven J. Vaughan-Nichols writes: "We've known for months that Microsoft was bringing a version of [Microsoft Office 2013](#) to Android tablets and Apple's iPad family. Now, according to the Czech tech news site, IHNET, Microsoft product manager Petr Bobek has said that Microsoft is planning to [release](#) native iOS and Android versions of Office 2013 in the first quarter of 2013."...

ZDNet, May 23, Oct. 10; IHNET.cz, Oct. 10

[How to buy a business laptop](#)

Joel Santo Domingo and Cisco Cheng write: "What constitutes a business laptop these days? The lines get blurrier every time a laptop so classified launches with

Mar. 21–24:
[Association of Architecture School Librarians](#), Annual Conference, Grand Hyatt Union Square, San Francisco.

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multiple color options, a metallic finish, different screen options, and all sort of wireless and port acronyms. Lines are even blurring between tablets and laptops. In this buying guide, we will walk you through essential business features, the parts you'll need, and how to differentiate a business laptop from a consumer model." Here are the [five best](#)...

PC Magazine, Oct. 4

[10 future-proof gadgets you'll still love next year](#)

Avram Piltch writes: "When it comes to tech shopping, sometimes it pays to wait for a new-and-improved model. But this fall, too much procrastination will turn you into a high-tech Hamlet wondering whether to be or not to be a Galaxy S III owner while your digital Denmark rots. Here are 10 products you can pull the trigger on today, without regretting your decision six months or a year from now when the next big thing arrives."...

Gizmodo, Oct. 10



[The PC is over](#)

Jeff Atwood writes: "According to [MG Siegler](#), 'The PC is over. It will linger, but increasingly as a relic.' He's not entirely wrong here. It's becoming more and more difficult to justify any situation where a traditional laptop is your best choice—even a modern, svelte, fancypants laptop. Our phones are now so fast and capable as *personal computers* that I'm starting to wonder why I don't just use the thing I always have in my pocket as my laptop, plugging it into a keyboard and display as necessary."...

Coding Horror, Oct. 1; *Massive Greatness*, Sept. 20

[Why mobile video is set to explode](#)

Mobile video is quickly becoming a mass consumer phenomenon, much as digital photos were earlier in the smartphone adoption cycle. In a new report, [BI Intelligence](#) analyzes the impact of 4G LTE and device design improvements on mobile video growth, examines who watches mobile video and how they watch it, and details the monetization opportunity. Here are the reasons why mobile video usage is about to explode....

Business Insider, Oct. 9

[Newly enlightened e-readers](#)

David Pogue writes: "There are two kinds of ebook gadgets. There are those with E Ink screens (cheap, light, thin, no color, long battery life, great to read in bright sunlight, useless in the dark). And there are those with color screens (heavier, thicker, pricier, great to read in low light, tough to read in sunlight). In April, Barnes & Noble introduced an E Ink e-reader whose background lights up with a soft glow (GlowLight). Amazon's response was the new Kindle Paperwhite (above); the headline here is that the Paperwhite's lighting is better than the Nook's."...

New York Times, Oct. 3



[Responsive web design and libraries](#)



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Lisa Kurt writes: "Responsive web design is not really a new concept, yet libraries and many websites in general still have a way to go in adopting this method of web design. ACRL's TechConnect has covered various web design topics, including [mobile applications](#), [hybrid mobile applications](#), [design basics](#), and [website readability](#). Consider the responsive web design approach and its benefits as another tool in your toolbelt and yet another option for libraries to present themselves online to their users. So what is it?"...

ACRL TechConnect Blog, Oct. 4

[Emerging technologies in academic libraries](#)

Lukas Koster writes: "I attended the [EMTACL12](#) conference in Trondheim, Norway, October 1–3, organized by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology library. EMTACL stands for 'emerging technologies in academic libraries.' Looking back, my impression was that the conference was not so much about emerging technologies as about emerging tasks using existing technologies. Technologies mentioned were linked data, APIs, mobile computing, visualization, infrastructure, and communication."...

CommonPlace.net, Oct. 10



[UIUC creates digital repository with open source software](#)



The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has a new way to manage its digital assets. The library recently implemented a digital archive system to store and preserve intellectual property and digital content created by its students, faculty, and administrators. The digital repository is based on a solution that combines [DuraSpace Open Source Fedora Commons Repository Software](#) with the [Dell DX Object Storage Platform](#). The system is designed to scale with the university's content needs....

Campus Technology, Oct. 1

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E-Content

[Random House on ebooks in libraries](#)

Skip Dye (right), Random House vice president and director of library and academic marketing and sales, discussed his views on ebooks in libraries in a recent interview: "In March we raised our ebook prices for public and school library use. We feel that there is a value in setting these new e-prices based upon unrestricted and perpetual availability of our complete frontlist and backlist. We are constantly experimenting, evaluating, and adjusting different price points for our ebooks for the library and school-use market. My hope is that we will get circulation information that over time will better enable us to establish mutually workable pricing levels."...



Library Journal: The Digital Shift, Oct. 8

[Research libraries boost spending on digital materials](#)

Alisha Azevedo writes: "Spending by research libraries appears to be rising, especially for digital materials, according to new data from the Association of Research Libraries. The data is part of ARL's [Library](#)

[Investment Index](#), which ranks the association's member libraries each year based on total library expenditures, salaries and wages of professional staff, spending on library materials, and the number of professional and support staff. The upward trend for the 2011 fiscal year was the first in several years."...

Chronicle of Higher Education, Oct. 9

[New ebook library in Bucharest subway](#)

Vodafone Romania, in collaboration with the Humanitas publishing house, has launched an ambient advertising campaign in the metro station in Victory Square, Bucharest. The walls are covered



with large-format posters from top to bottom. Commuters who enter the station suddenly discover that they're in an impressive library. They can then use their smartphones to scan QR codes visible on the spines of the books and go to the [Vodafone Digital Library](#), from where they can download free samples of 49 ebooks (EPUB or PDF format) and 10 audiobooks....

Ebook Friendly, Oct. 5

[BookShout lets readers import ebooks from any platform](#)



[BookShout](#), a social reading and book retail application, is introducing new technology that will allow its users to legally import their previous and future ebook purchases into their BookShout accounts, free of charge, no matter where they were purchased. Announced at TOC Frankfurt, BookShout will allow users beginning October 9 to import ebooks purchased at Amazon or Barnes & Noble into their accounts and have all the titles available in one location....

Publishers Weekly, Oct. 9

[Douglas County Libraries' new library ebook app](#)

David Rothman writes: "The innovative Douglas County Libraries system in Colorado has done it again—with the release of a new [iOS app](#) for iPads, iPhones, and presumably Touches and the forthcoming iPad Mini. Significantly, the app makes it a snap to check out library ebooks without forcing you to download through a web browser. More features are on the way, according to Monique Sendze, DCL's associate director of information technology."...



LibraryCity, Oct. 8

[Library users can make their own ebooks with FastPencil](#)



Digital publishing company [FastPencil](#) has partnered with Auto-Graphics, a technology company with tools for libraries, bringing library patrons access to FastPencil's book publishing engine. Essentially, the partnership will assist library users in designing, publishing, and selling ebooks that they have written through their local libraries....

AppNewser, Oct. 4

[Publishers raise print prices to reflect library value](#)

(satire)

Jamie LaRue writes: "Today Random House announced that it will be raising the price on individual purchases of print books by an average of 430%. 'Let's face it,' said company spokesman Sam Snively, 'if you

just buy a book and only one person reads it, our authors just aren't getting the same kind of exposure that they'd get at, say, a library. Libraries display the book, write reviews for the local paper, host authors, and even do book clubs. Consumers don't do any of that."... myliblog, Oct. 9

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Books & Reading

[Climb a mountain of books](#)

Ashley Wells writes: "The Dutch firm MVRDV has just completed its latest project: the Book Mountain and Library Quarter, both part of a larger plan to breathe new life into the town of Spijkenisse, located within the Rotterdam metropolitan area. A series of commercial and community spaces are stacked into a pyramid-shaped structure, which is wrapped in a 480-meter-long bookcase. The glass façades fully expose the library shelves, inviting people to step in and grab a book."...

The Atlantic Cities, Oct. 6



[How long will people read history books?](#)

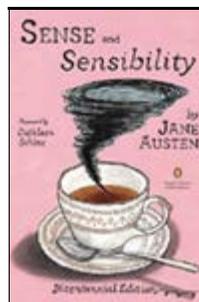
William Cronon writes: "History is one of the few remaining book-based disciplines in the modern academy. The digital revolution represents by far the greatest threat to books and book reading—as well as their most likely salvation. Imperfect though they still are, ebook readers may yet enable books to survive in the digital age. The much bigger problem is that the long arguments and narratives on which the best history writing has always depended require many pages—many screens—to be absorbed, understood, and appreciated."...

Perspectives on History, Oct.

[The persuasive books of Jane Austen](#)

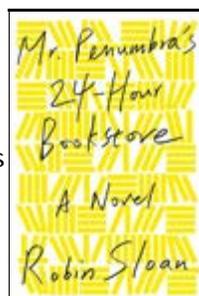
Julie Oreskovich writes: "Jane Austen is one of the best-loved English authors of all time. Born December 16, 1775, Austen made a mark on the literary world with her romantic fiction set among the landed gentry in England. Her books have been continuously in print since 1833. You'll find her books in leather, cloth, and embroidery. There are comics, box sets, two centuries of rare editions, and numerous biographies about her." Here are some sample editions....

AbeBooks, Oct. 9



[10 essential books for book nerds](#)

Emily Temple writes: "What makes a book nerd? Reading a lot of books and liking to talk about them is a major requirement, but there's often something a little more nebulous involved: Book nerds are the kinds of people who get a little thrill when walking into a bookstore and who press volumes into their friends' hands with serious promises of life-changing moments. Robin Sloan's recently published *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* is a book for such people, for whom we've put together a list of other essential items."...



Flavorwire, Oct. 7

[The next big thing in YA fantasy](#)

Annie Schutte writes: "There were a few years there where fantasy seemed like it was on the outs, relegated to the back table with the Dungeons and Dragons players and fairy-tale enthusiasts. This lackluster popularity has started to shift over the past few years with authors such as Kristen Cashore and John Flanagan rising in popularity. But even now the top titles on Amazon in the [Teens Fantasy category](#) are all occupied by science fiction and supernatural blockbusters. That's all about to change. Here's why."...

YALSA The Hub, Oct. 4



[The new face of social reading](#)

Linda W. Braun writes: "Raise your hand if you use [Goodreads](#), or if you love to talk about what you are reading, or if you can't wait to talk about a chapter you just read. All of these activities are signs that in some way all of us are social readers, and we crave and appreciate social reading experiences. Today, with the Web 2.0 world and with mobile apps, the possibilities for social reading experiences have grown in extraordinary ways."...

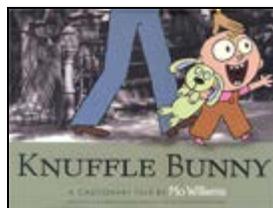
YALSA The Hub, Oct. 6



[The Kindergarten Canon](#)

Michael J. Petrilli writes: "One of the great joys of parenthood is reading to my two young sons. Partly it's the visceral experience, but it's also about the books: an endless treasure trove of stories to share, pictures to enjoy, traditions to pass along. I got to wondering: Is there a list of the must-read picture books for preschoolers? A 'canon,' if you will? I couldn't find one, so I decided to create one. With help from some friends, I now present to you the Kindergarten Canon."...

Thomas B. Fordham Institute: Flypaper, Oct. 9



[15 Pinterest boards for book lovers](#)

What can book lovers find on Pinterest? The better question is, what can't book lovers find on Pinterest? From maps in children's books to bookmobiles to book-spine poetry, you can find it on Pinterest. Here are 15 exceptionally entertaining Pinterest boards for you to explore....

Delightful Children's Books, Oct. 7



[Menacing bookplates](#)

Steven J. Gertz writes: "Lew Jaffe, the man with the bookplate jones, has recently added some [intimidating specimens](#) to his website, Confessions of a Bookplate Junkie. There is a long tradition of oaths, curses, and doomsaying against those who steal books. These bookplates, all dating from the 20th century, suggest that scimitars, stilettos, snickersnees, and the gallows are therapeutic tools for bibliolarceny."...

Booktryst, Oct. 5; Confessions of a Bookplate Junkie, Sept. 30, Oct. 6



[Jo Bell makes a splash as UK Canal](#)

Laureate

Jo Bell—poet, boat dweller, archaeologist, and author—was announced as the UK's first-ever Canal Laureate, on October 4, National Poetry Day, the annual event that she has been managing. The Canal and River Trust worked with the Poetry Society to find the ideal candidate to write watery verse and organize rippling events, and Bell quickly emerged as the frontrunner. The trust hopes that Bell's work will inspire people to explore their local waterways and maybe write their own poems....

The Guardian (UK), Oct. 4



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Tips & Ideas

Google Street View on mobile browsers

Stan Schroeder writes: "Google Street View is now available on mobile browsers. To check it out, go to maps.google.com in your mobile browser, search for a location, and click on the 'pegman' icon at the bottom right of the screen to access Street View. While that sounds simple enough, the feature could definitely use some improvements. For example, it's impossible to access Street View from the regular map view: You actually have to search for a specific location first for the pegman to become available."...

Mashable, Oct. 4



How to upgrade your Twitter profile to the new design

Heather Mansfield writes: "Now that nonprofits are officially in the throes of peak fundraising season, upgrading to the [new Twitter profile design](#) launched on September 18 is likely low on the priority lists of many nonprofit communications and fundraising staff. The good news is that upgrading to the new design is very easy. It simply requires uploading a new Header image to your profile. The most difficult part will be finding a background image to use that looks good on [multiple screens](#)."...

Nonprofit Tech 2.0, Oct. 1; Twitter Blog, Sept. 18



Want to attract a new audience?

Nancy Dowd writes: "While many libraries are promoting Banned Books Week, most Americans are busy planning trips. According to a [survey](#) conducted by Orbitz, 68% of Americans are planning a trip before Thanksgiving. That's great information for libraries looking to engage families and attract new audiences during the hectic fall months. Yes, defend our rights to read, but you may want to focus on targeting your services to those travelers. So let's connect the dots."...

The "M" Word: Marketing Libraries, Oct. 6; Orbitz, Oct. 2



[Cornell will train Chinese librarians in preservation](#)

Thanks to a \$180,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, Cornell University Library will launch an internship program in November that will allow eight interns from four libraries in China to come to Ithaca, New York, to study with experts in the library's Department of Preservation and Conservation. The conservators will show them how to mitigate the immediate physical risks that threaten some of China's most significant historical collections and greatly extend the life of their valuable books....

Cornell University Library, Oct. 4

[The million-dollar reference desk](#)

Jean P. O'Grady writes: "Today I came across a [story](#) in *Wired* that describes what may be a new model for the future of research support: [Pearl.com](#). At this point they offer the services of only a handful of specialties, yet they have built a multimillion-dollar business. The service seems to be a cross between a reference desk and Angie's List. Pearl connects people with questions to 'professionals' who can provide answers. According to the *Wired* story, Pearl.com gets 250,000 questions per month and has earned \$100 million in annual revenue. Are librarians selling themselves short?"...

Dewey B Strategic, Oct. 10; *Wired*, Oct. 9



[Describing medieval manuscripts](#)

For those of you unfamiliar with medieval manuscripts, here are some handy tips to help you tell your quires from your graduats. The British Library's [Catalogue of Illuminated Manuscripts](#) supplies a helpful [glossary](#) to the terms used in describing medieval manuscripts. The glossary provides explanations of the common terms you may encounter, from [Abbreviations](#) ("often used to save space and effort when writing") to [Zoomorphic Initial](#) (above, "an initial partly or wholly composed of animal forms")....

British Library: Medieval and Earlier Manuscripts Blog, Oct. 8



[Discover the world's great art on Art.sy](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "[Art.sy](#) is a new site that has indexed thousands of works of art that you can view online. It allows you to browse for artworks according to medium, style, subject matter, movement, or region in which the art is produced. Once you've found an artwork that you like, Art.sy helps you find more by suggesting related works. It will serve as a nice supplement to art history and art appreciation courses." Art.sy [went live](#) on October 8....

Free Technology for Teachers, Oct. 9; *New York Times*, Oct. 8



[Rutgers RIOT animated research tutorial](#)

Stephen Abram writes: "[Rutgers RIOT](#) is an animated research tutorial. It plays like a five-part animated movie with each part featuring characters explaining an aspect of the research process: selecting a topic, finding sources, choosing keywords, identifying citations, and evaluating sources. There are text documents available to accompany



the videos. Here are their five modules.”...

Stephen’s Lighthouse, Oct. 9

[Chicago, Northwestern launch UNCAP archives website](#)

The University of Chicago Library and Northwestern University Library have launched an innovative collaboration to support research in primary archival sources. The [Uncovering New Chicago Archives Project](#) (UNCAP) is a freely available website that delivers hundreds of finding aids representing strengths of the archival collections of the two institutions. Through the new site, researchers can search across collections and institutions for information on a broad range of topics....



University of Chicago Library News, Oct. 8

[Tips on how to use FOIA](#)

Malcolm Byrne writes: “The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), along with the related Mandatory Declassification Review process, is one of the most important, yet arguably least appreciated, tools we have in this country for opening up our history, understanding how our government works, and promoting accountability among public officials. But [how does it work](#), and how can you make it work for you? That’s the subject of this week’s posting.”...



Free Government Information, Oct. 9; Unredacted

[Brown University’s Patrick Ma Digital Scholarship Lab](#)

In October, Brown University is opening up the Patrick Ma Digital Scholarship Lab in the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Library. The lab features a large-scale visualization video wall consisting of 12 high-resolution, 55-inch LED screens that form a 7-by-16-foot display with a combined resolution of over 24 megapixels, creating a high-quality viewing and analytical space. It also features a surround-sound audio system, videoconferencing capabilities, specialized lighting, and several individual touch-screen monitors....



Brown University Library News, Oct. 3

[Live, from the Oak Park PL Idea Box](#)

Christina Endres writes: “The [Idea Box](#) at Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library is a new experiment in community participation and library programming. According to its website, the Idea Box is an exciting participatory community space located right at the Main Library’s entrance. The 9-by-13-foot glass-enclosed space opened in March and has played host to several popular exhibitions. We spoke with Customer Service Manager Monica Harris, who manages the Idea Box, about the space and a recent Idea Box exhibition called ‘Real Art Work (RAW).’”...



Library As Incubator Project, June 25

[How to handle negative feedback on your blog](#)

Jen Sebastian writes: "Disgruntled fans, readers, visitors, and customers can rock your blogging world in a matter of seconds with one simple, negative public post on your page. How you handle and react to that negative feedback on your blog is very important, because it is now out there for the public to see and can affect your brand negatively or positively. Here is some advice."...

Socialnomics, Oct. 8

[Nine reasons why I have a chronic library habit](#)

Laura Grace Weldon writes: "My name is Laura. I have a chronic library habit. For those of you who don't bliss out over libraries—or worse, dismiss libraries as dim places with a distinctive old book smell—here are the nine best reasons to get hooked on libraries. The first: Magic water (above). Even though I realize there's no factual basis for this belief, library water still seems more deeply refreshing than ordinary water. Try it and see for yourself."...

All Things Mothering, Sept. 25



[OCLC to expand its Geek the Library campaign](#)

[Geek the Library](#). OCLC's community awareness campaign designed to highlight the value of US public libraries, has received \$1.9 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to extend participation in the program to 1,000 additional libraries through June 2015. The funding allows increased emphasis on library staff planning and implementation of the program, and will help staff build on the knowledge and skills they need to be effective advocates for libraries in their communities....

OCLC, Oct. 4



[The back of the library smells like weed](#) (satire)

In Pennington, Illinois, Head Librarian Cooky Stevens (left) and library volunteers Margaret Monsour and Gail Fredericks were discussing the upcoming book sale extravaganza when they smelled something strange that seemed to be coming from behind the computer desk between the magazine rack and that weird couch. "Gail knew what it was," Stevens said with a smile. "I guessed," Fredericks emphasized....

Onion News Network, Nov. 25, 2011



[The Raven is Hard to Handle](#)

On October 7, 1849, Edgar Allan Poe died at age 40. Meredith Myers, the Stand-Up Librarian, celebrated the anniversary by promoting Poe and libraries in her new literary parody [music video](#). "The Raven Is Hard to Handle" (3:51), a mashup of Poe's poem *The Raven* with "Hard to Handle" by The Black Crowes. Myers shares some [making-of moments](#) in a blog post. (The Librarian is played by her acting coach Corinne Broskette.)...

YouTube, Oct. 4; StandUpLibrarian blog, Oct. 5



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How libraries count in the 2012 election

As icons of civic engagement in America, libraries are perfectly positioned to host voter registration drives and, as local statutes permit, serve as venues for early voting and Election Day polls. In this particularly spirited election year, libraries may be playing their largest role yet in such efforts. Consequently, they have also been drawn into the national debate over how best to protect voter rights and election integrity....

American Libraries news, Oct. 17



Geek love at New York Comic-Con

Kate Kosturski writes: "Librarians and library lovers are an integral part of comics, TV, film, and books, both as characters in media and creators of media. With that in mind, the [New York Comic-Con](#) organizers dedicated the first of their four-day gala of geek love (October 11–14) to all those who use pop culture as an education tool, which, of course, includes librarians. I attended all four days of NYCC and reported on the [sights, smells](#) (particularly bacon), [First Amendment rights, censorship battles, and digital comics](#) at the convention for *American Libraries*, from the perspective of a librarian and fan."...

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 12–13, 17



Looking to the future of digital libraries

Jordan Brandes writes: "Librarians from all over the world converged on the Harold Washington Library Center in Chicago on October 11–12 for the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Midwest conference. The meeting was the third major public event to bring together everyone interested in creating a national digital public access library. In one event, John Palfrey



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ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Seattle, January 25–29. Stay connected and informed at Midwinter. There are many options to make sure you get updates and have a chance to start networking right away. Join the [Midwinter Facebook community](#). Follow [@alamw](#) on Twitter and track tweets at [#alamw13](#). Visit [alamidwinter.org](#). (Any of these places will tell you exactly when the Conference Scheduler opens in mid-November.)

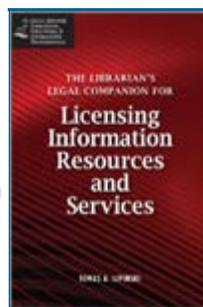
(right), chair of the DPLA steering committee, joined ALA President Maureen Sullivan in a discussion about planning the structure of the digital library." Read more details on DPLA [collaboration](#), [metadata](#), [content infrastructure](#), and [future plans](#). George Mason University History Professor Dan Cohen also [reports](#) on DPLA Midwest....

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 12; Dan Cohen's Digital Humanities Blog, Oct. 16

[Donating ebooks?](#)

Q. I'd like to be able donate ebooks I have purchased to my local library, but I'm told this isn't possible. Is there legislation in the works that can correct this? **A.** Ebooks cannot be donated because their use is governed by contract rather than the copyright law. In general, contracts for ebooks you acquire—from iBooks, for example—have a non-negotiable license linked to the work. As for legislation, there is none. Since contract law is a state law, you could reach out to your state legislators....

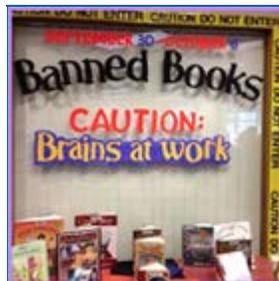
AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Oct. 17



[Photoessay: Banned Books Week displays](#)

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Banned Books Week, the national book community's annual celebration of the freedom to read. BBW, which was held September 30–October 6, featured the first-ever honorary cochairs, Bill Moyers and Judith Davidson Moyers, the Banned Books Virtual Read-Out, and the 50 State Salute to Banned Books Week. Libraries across the country also hosted readings, exhibits, and other activities....

AL Focus, Oct. 11



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ALA News

[ALA receives IMLS grant to study digital library resources](#)

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study of "Public Libraries as Providers of Digitally Inclusive Services and Resources: A National Survey Redefined." The study, building on the success of the long-running Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study (PLFTAS), will use qualitative and quantitative methods to focus on digital literacy and digital inclusion....

Office for Research and Statistics, Oct. 16

[Last chance to comment on the digital literacy report](#)

The OITP Digital Literacy Task Force released a preliminary copy of its report "Digital Literacy, Libraries, and Public Policy" ([PDF file](#)) in September for comments. The report provides a broad overview of digital literacy policy in public, academic, and school libraries. The comment period ends October 19....

OITP Digital Literacy Task Force

[Join the digital literacy conversation](#)

Jazzy Wright writes: "On November 14 and December 11, the Office for Information Technology Policy and its Digital Literacy Task Force will host the next two conversations (of a continuing series) where we explore the role of libraries in supporting and deepening digital literacy skills development for students, the general public, and colleagues in other professions. [RSVP](#) for one or both conversations."...

District Dispatch, Oct. 16

[Background on the ALA budget](#)

ALA Treasurer James Neal (right) writes: "The past year has been challenging for ALA, reflecting both the difficult economic conditions affecting libraries across the US and our continuing focus on a strong Association that supports the work of libraries and the needs of their users. ALA is ending FY2012 with a deficit. This reflects lower-than-expected revenue from conference exhibits and registration at Annual. But the outlook for the FY2013 budget is stronger."...



ALA Treasurer's Report, Oct. 15

[Volunteer to serve on a committee](#)

ALA President-elect Barbara Stripling encourages members to volunteer to serve on ALA and Council committees for the 2013-2014 term. Committee appointments will be finalized at the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting, with notifications sent out in early spring. The online [committee volunteer form](#) (login required) closes on November 2....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 16

[International Games Day](#)

With International Games Day @ your library just around the corner on November 3, ALA is offering free publicity resources to help libraries of all types publicize their local activities.

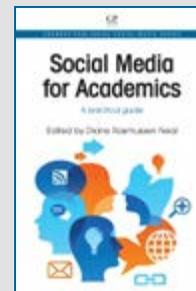
Librarians can find [free publicity tools](#) online, including logos and other downloadable artwork, a sample press release, letter to the editor, customizable PSA scripts, and postcards....

Public Information Office, Oct. 15



[Talk about games and gaming at Midwinter](#)

The ALA Games and Gaming Round Table is accepting presentation



Edited by Diane Rasmussen Neal, [Social Media for Academics](#) provides an overview of social media technologies in the context of practical implementation for academics, guided by applied research findings, current best practices, and the contributors' successful experiences with using social media in academic settings. **NEW! From ALA Editions.**

proposals on games and gaming in libraries for the ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 25–29, in Seattle. The event will take place on January 26. Presenters will be required to provide a 20-minute presentation and then be available for a Q&A period. [Proposals](#) are due November 2...

Games and Gaming Round Table, Oct. 11

[OITP receives funding to continue Edge Initiative](#)

The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy has received an \$81,600 grant addendum from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to continue its participation in the [Edge Initiative](#). OITP and PLA serve on the Edge coalition of organizations that provide leadership for the development of public access technology benchmarks and associated training, support materials, and assessment tools....

District Dispatch, Oct. 17



[Muslim Journeys, Peacebuilding](#)

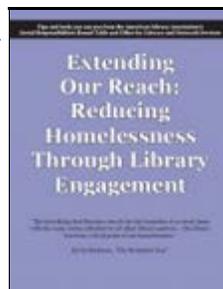
The ALA Public Programs Office has announced a new funding opportunity for prospective applicants for the ALA/NEH [Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys](#) program. [Applications](#) will be accepted online through October 25. Also, the US Institute of Peace will support up to 250 organizations (including public and academic libraries) in its [Public Education for Peacebuilding Support](#), enabling them to hold events that promote the understanding of peacebuilding and international conflict resolution. Eligible institutions may [apply](#) by November 1 to receive up to \$2,000 in matching support for programming....

Public Programs Office, Oct. 15

[OLOS toolkit on reducing homelessness](#)

Extending Our Reach: Reducing Homelessness through Library Engagement, the latest toolkit from the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, is now available as a free [print](#) or digital edition ([PDF file](#)). Developed by OLOS and the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table, *Extending Our Reach* offers tips, tools, resources, model programs, and best practices to assist librarians and library staffers in creating meaningful library services for people who are experiencing homelessness....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, Oct. 15



[FTRF announces nominating committee](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation has selected its nominating committee for the April 2013 election. The committee members are: Judith Platt (chair), Jonathan Bloom, and Julius C. Jefferson Jr. Six positions on the FTRF board of trustees will be filled in the election. Nominations for these positions should be [submitted](#) by December 14....

Freedom to Read Foundation, Oct. 16

[Programs by teens for teens](#)

By popular demand, ALA Editions is offering a new iteration of its popular workshop, "[Collaborating with Teens to Build Better Library Programs](#)," with Jennifer Velásquez, coordinator of teen services for the San Antonio (Tex.) Public Library System. The workshop will take place in two 90-minute sessions on December 5 and 12....

ALA Editions, Oct. 16

Great Libraries of the World



[Kedermister Library.](#)

St. Mary's Church, Langley Marish, Berkshire, UK. John Kedermister established a library in the church around 1613 for the benefit of vicars. A library catalog listing 307 volumes survives from 1638, and many of these are still on hand. Two of its treasures, the 11th-century Kedermister Gospels and a 1630 manuscript herbal, are on permanent loan to the British Library.



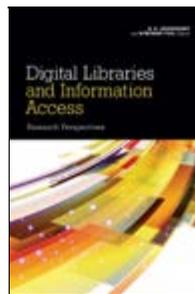
[King James Library.](#)

St. Andrew's University, Fife, Scotland, UK. The library, funded initially by King James I, was built on the site of the medieval College of St. John with the purpose of housing books bequeathed by Mary Queen of Scots, together with the university's existing collections. Completed in 1643, the building became a dedicated divinity library in 1977 when the general collections outgrew the

[Digital libraries and information access](#)

Digital Libraries and Information Access: Research Perspectives offers an authoritative and truly global exploration of current research in digital libraries. In this new book published by Neal-Schuman Publishers, editors G. G. Chowdhury and Schubert Foo, together with a blue-ribbon team of internationally renowned academics, discuss what has been achieved with digital libraries and what we can expect in the future....

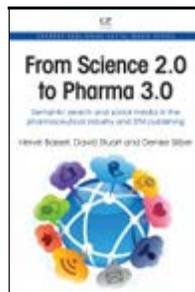
ALA Neal-Schuman, Oct. 16



[Social media in the pharmaceutical industry](#)

Technologies such as semantic search, cloud computing, and mobile applications have already had an impact on the future relationships between drug makers and doctors, a development described by the term Pharma 3.0. *From Science 2.0 to Pharma 3.0: Semantic Search and Social Media in the Pharmaceutical Industry and STM Publishing*, available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, examines these developments, discussing the best and worst of Web 2.0 in science communication and health....

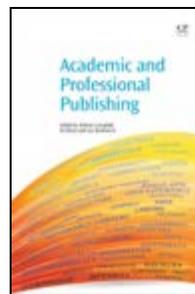
ALA Neal-Schuman, Oct. 16



[Academic and professional publishing](#)

Bringing together expert publishing professionals to provide insight into industry developments, *Academic and Professional Publishing*, available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, details the challenges content providers face and the cutting-edge processes and procedures used to meet them. Edited by Robert Campbell, Ed Pentz, and Ian Borthwick, this book provides a comprehensive look at what publishers do, how they work to add value, and what the future may bring....

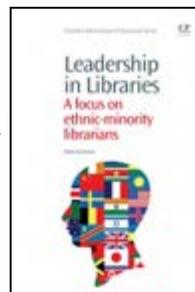
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[Lessons in leadership](#)

As our communities grow more diverse, leadership positions in the library must reflect the changing makeup of our culture. *Leadership in Libraries: A Focus on Ethnic-Minority Librarians*, available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, highlights the need to expand traditional views of leadership positions to embrace minorities. Aimed at anyone interested in cross-cultural leadership, it both gives real-world examples of the particular challenges facing minorities and provides those in the dominant culture with tools to understand their own role in maintaining the status quo....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Oct. 15



[ALA books for soldiers in World War](#)

L Michael Lieberman writes: "During World War I, ALA undertook a massive campaign to get reading material into the hands of our soldiers. One of its initiatives to bolster Army libraries was to set up camp outside the New York Public Library (right). These images portray the

space.

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](#).



Career Leads from
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[Metadata Librarian](#), University of Arizona, Tucson. The Scholarly Publishing and Data Management Team seeks an assistant librarian to lead the Libraries' efforts and coordinate best practices in developing a holistic approach to metadata practices in support of improving and increasing discoverability of the Libraries' local and unique digital collections. In addition to core duties with metadata, incumbent

campaign's efforts and astounding success. The history of these efforts is covered in depth in the seminal work by Theodore Wesley Koch, [Books in the War: The Romance of the Library War Service](#), published in 1919 by Houghton Mifflin."...

Book Patrol, Oct. 15



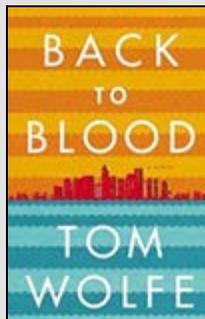
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[Featured review: Adult fiction](#)

Wolfe, Tom. *Back to Blood*. Oct. 2012. 720p. Little, Brown, hardcover (978-0-316-03631-3). After skewering academia in *I Am Charlotte Simmons* (2004), Wolfe, the impish, white-suited satirist, eviscerates a city-in-flux as he did with New York in *The Bonfire of the Vanities* (1987) and Atlanta in *A Man in Full* (1998). This time he takes on Miami, which, as one character declares, is not America.



Wolfe's pizzazz and obsessions are on peacock display, from slapstick action to ironic stereotypes to photorealist settings, including smugly trendy restaurants, a gated island, the bawdy Biscayne Bay regatta, and the prestigious annual exhibition, Art Basel Miami. The king and queen in his chess-set cast of characters are two young Cuban Americans determined to ascend above the modest homes and rigid mindsets of their "Little Havana" neighborhood....

[Not quite yet](#)

Bill Ott writes: "I've just spent most of Sunday morning reading a delightful little book called *The Art of Procrastination: A Guide to Effective Dawdling, Lollygagging, and Postponing*, by Stanford philosopher John Perry. In a nifty bit of synchronicity, I've also been procrastinating as I read about procrastination. My to-do list on this fine autumn morning includes editing some 25 reviews that were due two days ago; approving the final pages for the October 1 issue of *Booklist*; and making an emergency trip to LensCrafters to buy a new pair of distance glasses, having



tracks the Libraries' overall success with discovery, maintains the Libraries' discovery strategy, and provides consulting and support for both the Libraries' and the campus metadata needs....



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Digital Library of the Week



[Digibaek](#) consists of the entire archive of the Leo Baeck Institute, a New York research library and archive devoted to documenting the history of German-speaking Jewry. The digital library launched October 16 and provides free online access to primary-source materials encompassing five centuries of Jewish life in Central Europe. The collection includes 3.5 million pages of material ranging from

stepped on my current pair while getting up from the couch to get more coffee. Oh, and let's not forget writing this column, which I'd hoped to finish yesterday and is due tomorrow."...

[Ingram and Booklist Online team up](#)

Already a powerful collection-development resource, Booklist Online has partnered with Ingram to add one more function that makes this workflow workhorse ever more indispensable in the rapidly changing library environment. Ordering selected materials for Ingram customers is now easier, thanks to a new one-click option that allows Booklist Online subscribers to transfer their *Booklist* lists directly to Ingram's ipage....

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the personal papers and photographs of Albert Einstein and Moses Mendelssohn to letters, diaries, recipes, and other ephemera chronicling the lives of everyday people. In addition to documents in German and other languages the collection includes many English translations. The institute formed a partnership with the Internet Archive on the project.

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.](#)

Division News

[Teens choose *Divergent* as their favorite Top Ten](#)

Teen readers across the country chose *Divergent* by Veronica Roth as their favorite book in the annual [Teens' Top Ten](#) vote, sponsored by YALSA. Teens voted online between August 15 and September 15, with the official list announcement during Teen Read Week, October 14–20. A [video announcement](#) (2:05) of the list is available on YouTube. The winning books ([PDF file](#)) will also be featured on YALSA's literature blog, [The Hub](#), spotlighting a different book each day....

YALSA, Oct. 15; YouTube, Oct. 15



[Teen Read Week: Crafting "It Came from the Library"](#)

Courtney L. Lewis writes: "I don't know about your library, but in my high school library, crafts are king. After a stressful day, there is nothing students like to do better than to relax and use their hands to create in a group of friends. So when I considered tying into Teen Read Week, I would add in a few crafts afternoons on our early dismissal days. What should I focus on? With Halloween around the corner, having a costume brainstorm/work day session is a great start."...

YALSA Blog, Oct. 15



[LITA offers a course in HTML5](#)

LITA will offer a new four-day web course, "Building Web Applications with HTML5, CSS3, and Javascript: An Introduction to HTML5," presented by Jason Clark of Montana State University Library, on November 9, 12, 13, 15. Participants will examine the trends and enhancements that HTML5, CSS3, and the new Javascript APIs enable, talk through the specifics of implementation, and work through building a prototype HTML5 application. Additional self-paced modules are available in Moodle. [Register](#) online....

LITA, Oct. 16

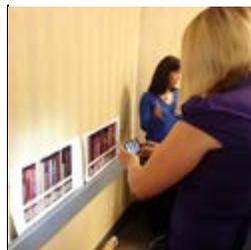
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"I have been able to make a difference in the lives of others, and in my own life because of the opportunities and programs I found at my local library. It was definitely one of the most rewarding jobs [as Summer Reading intern] I could have ever done. It has made me stronger, more skilled and equipped for the working world, and more confident in who I am as a person. I can truly say I've discovered a lot about myself because of the summers I've spent in programs at the library. Brooklyn Public Library has

[Report on the 2012 LITA National Forum](#)

Patrick Hogan writes: "On October 4–7, some 300 librarians gathered in Columbus, Ohio, for the LITA National Forum, where the focus was on technology, despite the distraction of [BeardCon](#). The annual forum is an idea-generator with project-focused presentations and plenty of time to mingle with colleagues. I attended a couple of programs that showed how practical applications of technology can solve basic library problems. Take incorrectly shelved books, for instance, which can be spotted using the ShelVAR app for Android phones (above)."...

ALA TechSource Blog, Oct. 15



[The 2012 ALSC National Institute](#)

Joella Peterson writes: "While simultaneously playing with Legos and listening to author Gary Paulsen (right) speak, I realized the 2012 ALSC Institute is a lot like Legos. At the institute, September 20–22, I could listen to authors, network with other librarians, and discover new ideas while attending the programs. Each of these experiences then built upon each other as if they were Lego bricks to create a structure of ideas to take back to my library. Here are some of the bricks that I picked up in Indianapolis." Read other ALSC Institute reports [here](#)....

ALSC Blog, Oct. 15



[Puzzled by PDA? ALCTS can help](#)

Many librarians feel that patron-driven acquisitions (PDA), involving the patrons in selecting books for libraries, has sprung out of nowhere. [The Guide to Implementing and Managing Patron-Driven Acquisitions](#), a new ALCTS publication, presents the history of library services that led to patron-driven acquisitions in its current form. Author Suzanne M. Ward explains how PDA can be an important component of a successful collection development strategies....

ALCTS, Oct. 16



[ACRL Immersion '13 Teaching with Technology track](#)

ACRL is accepting applications for its Information Literacy Immersion '13 Teaching with Technology track. The track will provide a practical and design-minded framework for evaluating instructional technologies in order to integrate them more effectively into face-to-face or online teaching. Complete program details and application materials are on the ACRL [website](#). The application deadline is December 7....

ACRL, Oct. 16



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[A Printz of an award](#)

Michael Cart writes: "It was a dream come true, an

forever changed my life."

—Abeoler Lewis, "[Why the Brooklyn Public Library Changed My Life](#)," *Huffington Post*, Oct. 16.

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historic moment. It was the next big thing of its day, for nothing like it had previously existed. It was the creation of an award to honor the best young adult book of the year—"best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit. It was, of course, the [Michael L. Printz Award](#). First presented in the year 2000, it was a new award for a new millennium."...

YALSA The Hub, Oct. 11



[Sullivan wins Emerson Greenaway Award](#)

ALA President Maureen Sullivan (on the left) is the 2012 winner of the Emerson Greenaway Award, offered annually by the New England Library Association to recognize distinguished service in the field of librarianship. Sullivan was cited for her extensive presentations at state, regional, and national library conferences on transforming libraries and librarianship, leadership, improving work relationships, and creating the collaborative organization. The award was presented at the NELA Conference in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, October 14–16....

New England Library Association, Oct. 16



[Lynden library wins 2012 Mora Award](#)

The Lynden branch of the Whatcom County (Wash.) Library System is the winner of the 2012 Estela and Raúl Mora Award for exemplary efforts promoting El día de los niños, El día de los libros / Children's Day, Book Day. The branch will receive \$1,000 and a plaque commemorating its efforts. Lynden's Día celebration featured a book giveaway for each child, craft activities led by bilingual teen volunteers, and several storytimes, each followed by a game of lotería (Mexican bingo) with books as prizes....

Reforma, Oct. 15



[2012 Federal Depository Libraries of the Year](#) (PDF file)

The US Government Printing Office has recognized the Newark (N.J.) Public Library, the Olin Library at Washington University in St. Louis (right), and the University at Buffalo (N.Y.) Libraries as the 2012 Federal Depository Libraries of the Year. GPO selected them for their individual efforts to keep the public informed and to share their federal government expertise with other libraries locally and across the nation....

Government Printing Office, Oct. 15



[Apply for a Big Read grant](#)

The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations and public libraries to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2013 and June 2014. The Big Read is designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage

[Council of America, International Conference, Chicago Marriott Downtown.](#) "Your Industry, Your Company, Your Conference."

Oct. 22–28:
[Open Access Week.](#)

Oct. 27:
[Boston Book Festival,](#) Copley Square.

Nov. 1–2:
[Take Note Conference,](#) Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Radcliffe Gymnasium, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Panelists will discuss the history of note-taking in different disciplines as well as the potential of emerging digital annotation tools.

Nov. 2:
[North Carolina Library Association, College and University Section,](#) miniconference on academic library assessment, Davidson County Community College, Thomasville. "Assessment Beyond Statistics."

Nov. 3–4:
[Long Island Book and Ephemera Fair,](#) Hofstra University, Student Center Multipurpose Room, Hempstead, New York.

Nov. 7–10:
[The Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial](#)

reading for pleasure and enlightenment. [Apply](#) by February 5....

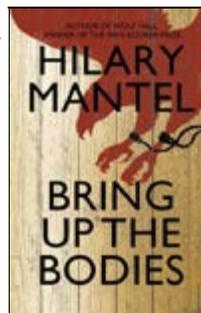
The Big Read, Oct. 16



[Hilary Mantel wins the Man Booker Prize again](#)

Hilary Mantel has made Man Booker Prize history by becoming the first woman and the first British writer to win the literary award twice. *Bring Up the Bodies*, the blistering and bloody second installment of her trilogy charting the life of Thomas Cromwell, was also the first sequel to triumph in the prize's 43-year history. The first installment, *Wolf Hall*, won in 2009. The chairman of the Booker judges, Sir Peter Stothard, called Mantel "the greatest modern English prose writer" working today, and said she had "rewritten the book on writing historical fiction."...

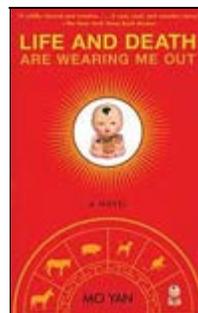
The Guardian (UK), Oct. 16



[Mo Yan wins Nobel Prize for literature](#)

Chinese writer Mo Yan won the 2012 Nobel Prize for literature October 11 for works that combine "hallucinatory realism" with folk tales, history, and contemporary life in China. Mo, who was once so destitute he ate tree bark and weeds to survive, is the first Chinese national to win the \$1.2 million literature prize, awarded by the Swedish Academy. Some of his books have been banned as "provocative and vulgar" by Chinese authorities, but he has also been criticized as being too close to the Communist Party....

Reuters, Oct. 11



[Ferlinghetti declines Hungarian poetry prize](#)

In early October, famed poet, publisher, bookstore owner, artist, and activist Lawrence Ferlinghetti had been awarded the Janus Pannonius International Poetry Prize from the Hungarian PEN Club, a chapter of the larger PEN organization. Established this year, the prize carries a €50,000 (\$64,700 US) financial award. But Ferlinghetti discovered that a sizeable portion of the prize money was provided by the Hungarian government, which has been widely accused of stifling free speech. He decided to decline the award....

New Directions Publishing, Oct. 11



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Libraries in the News

[The education of Tony Marx](#)

Jacob Bernstein writes: "Everywhere Tony Marx (right)

[Acquisition.](#)

Charleston, South Carolina. "Accentuate the Positive."

Nov. 14–19:
[Montreal Book Fair.](#)
Place Bonaventure.

Nov. 16–17:
[Lawrence J. Schoenberg Symposium on Manuscript Studies in the Digital Age.](#)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. "Taxonomies of Knowledge."

Nov. 16–17:
[Yours Sincerely, Beatrix Potter: Letters and Librarians.](#)
symposium, Morgan Library and Museum, New York City.

Nov. 16–18:
[Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair.](#) Hynes Convention Center, Boston.

Dec. 7:
[ACRL/NY, Annual Symposium.](#) William and Anita Newman Vertical Campus Conference Center, Baruch College, New York City. "Cultivating Entrepreneurship in Academic Libraries."

Jan. 9–11:
[Atmospheric Science Librarians International.](#) Annual

goes, he does a lot of smiling and nodding. As the president of the New York Public Library (a job he took over in July 2011, after eight years as the president of Amherst), it is his job to smile and nod at big-name writers around whom the library plans events. Smiling and nodding are certainly what he was doing on an early September evening at a cocktail party for the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art at the Museum of Arts and Design, working the room, introducing himself to everyone, offering tours, giving pats on the back, and providing reassurances to people who appeared to be slightly wary of him."...

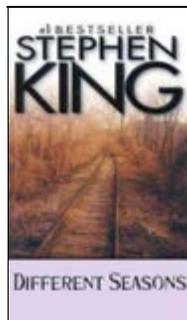
New York Times, Oct. 10



[California high school considers ban on Stephen King book](#)

A high school in California is considering banning Stephen King's book *Different Seasons* because of a sexual scene. Rocklin High School is considering banning the story collection because of a passage in one of the stories, titled "Apt Pupil," in which one of the main characters, Todd, rapes a woman. The school took the book off library shelves after a parent objected to the scene. But a Rocklin senior complained to the school board, and the book was put back in the library while the issue is debated....

Christian Science Monitor, Oct. 15



[Resident upset with King County's yaoi manga](#)

Maren Williams writes: "According to the [B-Town Blog](#), Travis de Nevers's niece, an avid reader of manga, recently went into the King County (Wash.) Library System's White Center branch while her grandmother waited outside and checked out several books, including the boys-love title [Hero-Heel 2](#) by Makoto Tateno. A few days later, de Nevers looked through the book after noticing the publisher's parental advisory label on the cover. Unfamiliar with yaoi manga, he reported being shocked to find images of two men having sex."...

Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, Oct. 16; B-Town Blog, Oct. 13



[Los Angeles Public Library restores hours](#)

While Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the Los Angeles City Council continue to deal with lingering budget deficits, there's one bright spot amid the darkness—public libraries are now open longer. Starting October 15, added hours at the city's 73 branches is the second phase of returning the public library system to its former glory. The turnaround came after *L.A. Weekly* [exposed](#) severe budget cuts to the libraries. Public library officials and the librarians' union credit that article for the creation and passage of Measure L, which infused the library system with more cash....

L.A. Weekly, Sept. 16, 2010; Oct. 15

[Libraries lead in public internet access](#)

The picture of 13-year-old Rodjohnnay Thomas doing her homework at a computer at the Atlantic City (N.J.) Free Public Library, which accompanied an [October 8 story](#) about libraries and internet access, brings two thoughts to mind. The first is that students who are this

Conference, Austin, Texas.

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

Leadership Summit, Crowne Plaza Dallas Downtown Hotel.

Mar. 27–30: [Popular Culture Association /](#)

[American Culture Association](#), National Conference, Wardman Park Marriott, Washington, D.C.

Apr. 25–29: [Art Libraries Society of North America](#),

Annual Conference, Convention Center, Pasadena, California. "Crafting Our Future."

May 9–11: [American Council of Learned Societies](#),

Annual Meeting, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore.

May 10–12: [Southwest Book Fiesta](#),

Albuquerque Convention Center, New Mexico.

June 4–7: [5th International Conference on](#)

[Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries](#), Sapienza University, Rome, Italy.

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dedicated—Thomas comes to the library almost every day to do her homework—are a reason to be optimistic about the future. The second is that libraries are doing something right....

Press of Atlantic City (N.J.), Oct. 8, 11

[Detroit branch dedicates reading garden](#)

Children of southwest Detroit welcomed a reading garden to the Detroit Public Library's Conely branch on October 13, a place where adults hope their love of books will grow as fast as the flowers they will eventually plant. The garden features a 3D mosaic statuary of a girl reading and a boy gazing at the sky. They sit on top of a cement-molded tree trunk, where a five-year time capsule is hidden, filled with the drawings and stories of the children from this highly dense, youth-driven community....

Detroit Free Press, Oct. 14

[Students help Indiana school library rebuild after tornado](#)

Students at St. James School in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, are helping an Indiana elementary school rebuild its library after a tornado leveled its building on March 2. Students in grades 4–8 have been busy for the past few weeks writing letters to Henryville (Ind.) Elementary School students after reading an article (above) about the disaster in the September issue of Scholastic's *Storyworks* magazine. The company offered to make a donation to the school in the name of *Storyworks* readers for every letter received....

Sewickley (Pa.) Herald, Oct. 10



[Missing from six school libraries: Librarians](#)

Students can't come inside the brand-new Hill Central School library in New Haven, Connecticut. The door is locked because there is no librarian on staff despite the [\\$46 million spent](#) on the new school—one of six schools that still have no librarians seven weeks into the school year. "We have a wonderful library—it's just sad and empty. It breaks my heart every day," said a teacher who declined to give her name for fear of retribution from the central office. Public Schools Superintendent Reggie Mayo recently said he expects to fill the vacancies....

New Haven (Conn.) Independent, Aug. 24, Oct. 15

[Former director pleads not guilty to tax fraud](#)

The former director of the East Chicago (Ind.) Public Library pleaded not guilty October 16 to filing false tax returns, federal court records in Hammond show. Manuel Montalvo (right) was indicted earlier in October on two counts of filing false tax returns for 2009 and 2010. He is accused of overstating business expenses and medical and dental expenses totaling more than \$80,000. His jury trial is set for December 10....

East Chicago (Ind.) Community News, Oct. 16



[Harvard sacrifices its library on the altar of efficiency](#)

Sandra Y. L. Korn writes: "Last week, both the [Harvard Crimson](#) and the [Harvard Gazette](#) published stories about Harvard's library transition. Although both articles quoted some library administrators

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applauding the achievement of the completed reorganization, the *Crimson's* article discussed an important side of the library transition story that was notably lacking in Harvard's official account: the stories of the workers in Harvard's libraries. What exactly transitioned in Harvard's libraries in the past eight months?"...

Harvard Crimson, Oct. 5, 11; *Harvard Gazette*, Oct. 4

[American Dental Association to dismantle its library](#)

Mary J. Hayes writes: "It's a sad day when a profession cannot justify supporting its own special library. But apparently the American Dental Association has done just that. The board of trustees is submitting to the upcoming ADA House of Delegates a budget that does not include or support the dental profession's [premiere library](#) in Chicago. As one of a handful of dually trained and degreed dentists and medical librarians, I have read this news with dismay and deep sadness."...

DrBicuspid.com, Oct. 16



[Kafka papers to go to National Library of Israel](#)

An Israeli court has ruled the literary estate of writer Max Brod (1884–1968, right), including the writings of his friend, Czech author Franz Kafka, will be transferred to the National Library of Israel after more than four decades in private hands. In a Tel Aviv family court ruling published October 14, Justice Talia Kopelman-Pardo said the Brod collection should be handed to the library, which also serves the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, after establishing that it was Brod's original intent....

Agence France-Presse, Oct. 14



[Norwegian libraries prepare for change](#)

Developing a creative library sector that can cope with change requires competencies in change management and innovation. In cooperation with Bergen University College, the Hordaland County Library in Bergen has established a study program, "Change Management, Innovation, and Knowledge Management" for the county's library staff. "The fact that so many library employees in the county complete the program is bound to make a difference," said one of the students....

Scandinavian Library Quarterly 45, no. 3 (2012)

[José Martí National Library to reopen in Havana](#)

After a three-year restoration project, the José Martí National Library in Havana, Cuba, is reopening its doors to researchers and the general public on October 22. The refurbished library will feature major improvements in climate control, electrical systems, plumbing, elevators, furnishings, and microfilm equipment. The marble walls and floors have been polished and the roof waterproofed. The library staff has also optimized its user services....

CubaNews, Oct. 4



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[Scanning is fair use, says judge](#)

In a major ruling October 10, District Court Judge Harold Baer Jr. tossed the Authors Guild case against the HathiTrust. In granting HathiTrust's motion for summary judgment, Baer [ruled](#) that the scan program was clearly fair use under copyright law, and in the process dealt a potentially fatal blow to the Authors Guild's other long-running lawsuit filed against Google over its scanning program. Law Professor Matthew Sag [says](#) the decision is a "landmark win for the HathiTrust, the university defendants, people with print disabilities, Google, the digital humanities, and, I would argue, for humanity in general." [James Grimmelman](#) and [Kevin Smith](#) offer further insights....

Publishers Weekly, Oct. 11; Matthew Sag, Oct. 11; PWxyz, Oct. 13; Scholarly Communications @ Duke, Oct. 11



[Sen. Coburn calls teen reading program "wasteful"](#)

On October 16, Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla., right), released a report, titled "Wastebook 2012," that included examples that he believes are \$18 billion worth of wasteful spending of federal taxpayer dollars over the last year. Coburn took exception in his report with \$365 of federal money for a recent Teen Star Wars event at the Abington (Mass.) Public Library. The money was a small part of an IMLS grant for two years of public programming....

District Dispatch, Oct. 16



[On censorship and YA books](#)

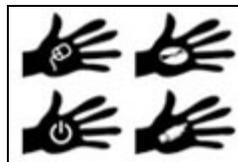
Scottish YA author Keith Gray writes: "Despite what you think you may know about the world of children's and teenage books, we are not all frightened by the big bad wolf or the troll under the bridge (and if you ask me, Lord Voldemort was just given bad press). What keeps us awake at night, what makes us rewrite and redraft and redraft and rewrite, what we're terrified of finding lurking beneath our beds when the lights go out, are the gatekeepers. It's all about access."...

PEN American Center, Oct. 1

[Project Information Literacy: Inventing the workplace](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "In 1985, David Bartholomae published an influential essay, '[Inventing the University](#),' in which he explored the difficulty new college students have as writers trying to grasp the social discourse conventions of a totally unfamiliar community: They have to invent the university. [Project Information Literacy](#), a font of interesting research about college students and their attempts to make sense of the world of information, has just come out with a fascinating new report ([PDF file](#)) about how new graduates navigate information on the job. It turns out they have to invent the workplace too, and it's not easy."...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, Oct. 15



[Report from the Alaska Broadband Sustainability Summit](#)

Jazzy Wright writes: "It was my pleasure to be part

of the conversation at the [Alaska OWL \(Online With Libraries\)](#) Broadband Sustainability Summit September 20–21 in Anchorage. The Alaska State Library team, ably led by Sue Sherif and Shane Southwick, created a jam-packed agenda and hosted a full house of OWL-participating librarians, advocates like John Windhausen of the Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition and OITP Fellow Bob Bocher (right), as well as state leaders, telecom providers, and researchers.” ...

District Dispatch, Oct. 16



[How true are our assumptions about screen time?](#)

Lisa Guernsey writes: “Video, TV, interactive books, screen-based games: Young children today are practically bathed in this stuff as young as toddlerhood. What is the impact? As a journalist and researcher specializing in education, technology, and social science, I have been digging for answers. Along the way I’ve come upon several research findings that overturn conventional wisdom. Here are five common parental assumptions that the research does not necessarily support.” ...

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Tech Talk

[The 3D printer movement](#)

Ashley Hennefer writes: “With 3D printers, users can make almost anything they desire—maybe even guns. Maybe even kidneys. I first saw a MakerBot in action in 2011 at Bridgewire, the hackerspace-makerspace workshop in Sparks, Nevada. It was printing whistles. Then this summer, the DeLaMare Library at the University of Nevada, Reno, became the first academic library in the country to offer 3D printing in its facility. Suddenly, Reno had become a hub for hackers, with 3D printers at the helm. The name ‘3D printer’ is kind of a misnomer. It’s more of a fabricator.” ...

Reno (Nev.) News and Review, Oct. 11



[Makerspaces in academic libraries](#)

Maura Smale writes: “What could a makerspace look like in an academic library? We have computer labs, some more specialized and high-end than others, and we could add equipment like 3D printers. But faculty and departments may already have equipment for students to use, especially those in engineering and computer science. We could produce a student journal or create a zine, and I have a colleague who asks students to create their own citation style. But I’m struggling with the idea of the one-shot instruction session as makerspace.” ...

ACRLog, Oct. 16

[Google offers a look at its data centers](#)

Stephen Shankland writes: “Google only

rarely gives outsiders a look at its data centers, but now it's trying to make up for lost time with a large online photo gallery and [Street View tour](#) of the computing hardware. The company launched a new site, [Where the Internet Lives](#), with a lot of eye candy for people who enjoy racks of computer gear, raised-floor ventilation systems, multicolored cables, and massive air-conditioning chillers. Urs Hoelzle, Google's senior vice president for technical infrastructure, announced the site in a [blog post](#)."...



CNET News, Oct. 17; Official Google Blog, Oct. 17

[Making your website accessible: Understanding WCAG](#)

Cynthia Ng writes: "The [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines](#) are just that: a set of guidelines written by the Web Accessibility Initiative group of the W3C. Currently, it's at version 2.0, but many organizations still use version 1.0 (usually with modifications to make it more current). Many (myself included) find WCAG to be difficult to navigate and comprehend. To get a better idea of ideas behind the guidelines, read the [WCAG summary](#) on the WAI website."...



ACRL TechConnect Blog, Oct. 15; Web Accessibility Initiative

[How to enable Do Not Track in every browser](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "We've [covered](#) why Do Not Track isn't a silver bullet that prevents you from being tracked. However, if you don't like being tracked and want to express that preference to websites, you can enable Do Not Track in every browser. To Google's credit, future versions of Chrome explain exactly what Do Not Track does when you enable it. Remember that, by enabling Do Not Track, you're just expressing a preference. Websites may or may not obey your preference."...



How-To Geek, Oct. 16-17

[10 hot tech skills for 2013](#)

Darryl K. Taft writes: "Highly skilled technical professionals are some of the most coveted candidates in today's workforce. With salaries that often begin at six figures, highly skilled technical positions for developers, software engineers, and software architects remain in constant demand. As technology continues to evolve, CyberCoders identifies those skills that will be in the highest demand for 2013. These skills are ranked according to two primary factors—the number of open jobs requiring the skill and the number of jobs filled requiring the skill."...



eWeek, Oct. 15

[How to refresh or reset your Windows 8 PC](#)

Michael Muchmore writes: "It may seem odd for an article to be telling you how to refresh your Windows 8 PC before the operating system is even publicly

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available. But the new OS offers a way to clean out nonessential programs that will come with a new PC. There are actually two new Windows 8 capabilities that perform different kinds of cleanup. One refreshes the system while keeping all of your photos, music, and personal files. The other actually starts you over, returning your computer or tablet to its mint condition."...

PC Magazine, Oct. 12

[The most ridiculous movie computers of all time](#)

Cade Metz writes: "For decades, the AN/FSQ-7 (Q7 for short) helped define the image of a computer in the popular consciousness. Never mind that it was just a radar system originally backed by tens of thousands of vacuum tubes. For moviegoers everywhere, this was the sort of thing that automated myriad tasks, not only in modern-day America but the distant future. That's the AN/FSQ-7 in *The Towering Inferno* (1974) above, operated by O. J. Simpson, who is trying to track a fire that threatens to bring down the world's tallest building."...

Wired, Oct. 17



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E-Content

[ALA's new digital content website](#)

ALA has launched a website that provides links to resources on all aspects of ebooks and digital content in libraries. The [website](#), part of the Transforming Libraries initiative, supports the work of the ALA Digital Content and Libraries Working Group. The site also includes links to topic-specific ALA resources, blogs, business models, copyright and legal issues, data about digital content users, and sales and pricing models....

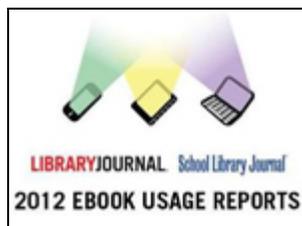
AL: E-Content, Oct. 17



[Ebook collections are surging](#)

Matt Enis writes: "Despite growing frustration with the ebook pricing and availability policies of many publishers, US libraries have continued to respond to growing demand from patrons by rapidly expanding their collections of ebooks, according to *LJ* and *SLJ*'s third annual [2012 Survey of Ebook Usage in U.S. Public Libraries](#) report, sponsored by Freanding. Almost 9 in 10 public libraries currently offer ebooks to their users, and 35% of those that don't are in the process of adding them."...

Library Journal: The Digital Shift, Oct. 16



[OverDrive comes to the Amazon App Store](#)

In mid-October, OverDrive released new versions of its OverDrive Media Console apps for Android and iOS. For the first time, OMC is available to Kindle Fire users in the Amazon App Store for Android, making it easier to access ebooks and audiobooks from OverDrive-powered libraries. (Previously, Kindle Fire users could sideload the OMC app.) Users can



now browse their library's digital collection from within the application—no need to launch a separate browser window....

OverDrive, Oct. 12

[Why do librarians expect a fair price for an ebook?](#)

Carrie Russell writes: "Does the publishing community understand why librarians balk at increases on the order of 100% or 200%? A newly released economic report ([PDF file](#)), written by renowned economists Stanley M. Besen and Sheila Nataraj Kirby, provides at least part of the answer: The price that a library is willing to pay for an ebook is determined by the perceived value accorded by library users and any additional costs that the library user must incur (in time and energy) to access the title."...

District Dispatch, Oct. 10

[Expanding the ebook conflict](#)

Bobbi Newman writes: "The time has come to expand the scope of conflict for ebook issues. What does that mean? It means that we, people who care about ebook issues, need to organize about ebook issues on a larger scale than just the issues surrounding libraries. So who should lead this? A librarian or librarians should get the ball rolling and be involved but not out in front. Don't get me wrong: We've been working hard on ebook issues but the truth is, we're gonna need a bigger boat."...

Librarian by Day, Oct. 14

[Massachusetts libraries to share e-content](#)

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has endorsed a Statewide Resource Sharing Plan ([Word file](#)) to broaden ebook and new media access, making it affordable for libraries and easy to use for residents. A Statewide Resource Sharing Committee is currently implementing a pilot program based on the Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries' [ebook model](#). Committee members have been meeting with potential vendors and identifying 50 libraries (school, public, academic, and special) to serve as test libraries for the pilot, slated to begin in May 2013....

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Oct. 12

[Connecticut white paper on ebooks](#)

The Connecticut State Library's Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development created an ebook task force charged with examining library practices and license agreements, exploring issues of ebook compliance with Connecticut regulations, investigating the possibility of a statewide ebook cooperative, and generating some best-practice recommendations for Connecticut libraries looking to purchase ebook content. Its white paper ([PDF file](#)) is available on WebJunction Connecticut....

WebJunction Connecticut, Oct. 16

[Kindle Lending Library comes to Europe](#)

Amazon.com announced October 11 that the Kindle Owners' Lending

Library is coming to the UK, Germany, and France later in October, bringing Kindle owners with a Prime membership more than 200,000 books to borrow for free as frequently as a book a month, with no due dates. The Kindle Owners' Lending Library was launched in the US in November 2011 and offers access to a wide array of categories and genres in fiction and nonfiction. The Kindle Paperwhite e-reader will also be [available](#) in the UK....

Amazon.com, Oct. 11; *Wired UK*, Oct. 12

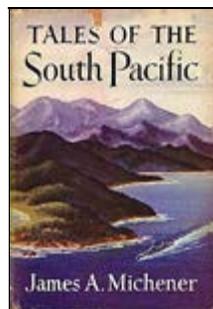
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Books & Reading

[The 100 greatest American novels, 1891–1991](#)

Jeff O'Neal writes: "I decided to draw up a list of major works that would serve as a starting point and overview of 20th-century American fiction. And then the trouble began. As you might imagine, there are all sorts of problems with any such list: What does important mean? Are only American authors included? Are 1900 and 2000 meaningful start and end dates? So here's what I came up with. You'll notice that as you approach 1991, there are more texts per decade."...

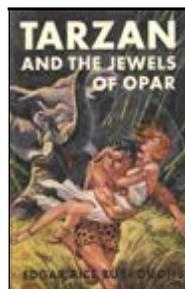
Book Riot, Oct. 3



[Tarzan: King of the bookshelves](#)

First appearing in an issue of the pulp publication *All-Story Magazine* in October 1912, Tarzan remains one of the most recognizable characters in storytelling—a genuine cultural icon that has been parodied again and again. Edgar Rice Burroughs's creation has appeared in books and comics, and his adventures have been broadcast on radio, television, and cinema (80+ movies). Burroughs was not the world's greatest writer, but he was an excellent storyteller....

AbeBooks, Oct. 11



[Queer YA: Beyond gay](#)

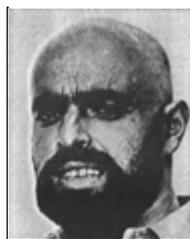
Emily Calkins writes: "There are [55 queer YA novels](#) being published in 2012, meaning that queer YA is just 1.6% of all YA coming out this year. Characters in this year's queer YA are less likely than ever to fit clearly into categories like gay or lesbian. YA novels will begin to feature more characters who have complicated and fluid sexualities and gender identities. A recent surge in novels about transgendered characters (*Beautiful Music for Ugly Children* by Kirsten Cronn-Mills, *Happy Families* by Tanita Davis, *I Am J* by Cris Beam, and *Beauty Queens* by Libba Bray, to name a few) is just the beginning of this trend."...

YALSA The Hub, Oct. 11; Malinda Lo, June 25



[Kidlitionary](#)

Tara Lazar writes: "We who work in children's literature speak a language all our own. No, I'm not talking about 'simultaneous submissions' or 'stet.' You'll see what I mean when you read the Kidlitionary. *Caldecutt*: Being snubbed for a Caldecott honor. *Motown*:



Northampton, Massachusetts, home to Mo Willems. *Shel shocked*: The despair and horror you feel after taking a terrible author head shot (right).”... Writing for Kids (While Raising Them), Oct. 4

[The 10 best books about miserable media jobs](#)

Michelle Rafferty writes: “So you think you want to work in media. We asked Jessica Grose, former *Slate* and *Jezebel* editor and author of this month's *Sad Desk Salad*, what books she would recommend for anyone considering a career in blogging. She did us one better with this comprehensive list on the less glamorous side of publishing, advertising, and film—fields notorious for high burnout, abusive bosses, and soul-crushing competition.”... Flavorwire, Oct. 15



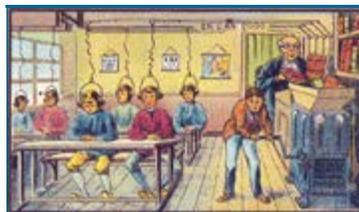
[15 Lovecraftian stories to read once you've read all of Lovecraft](#)

John Dupuis writes: “Longtime readers will know that I'm a big fan of the works of H. P. Lovecraft. I've read all of Lovecraft's original fiction (though not all the collaboration and ghost-written works) and even a fair bit of Lovecraftian or Cthulhuvian-themed works by other writers. But there's always more Mythos works being written and older works I've not tracked down yet. Here are a bunch, [recommended](#) by Dan Roth at Blastr, many of which I've not seen or heard of.”... Confessions of a Science Librarian, Oct. 12



[France in the year 2000](#)

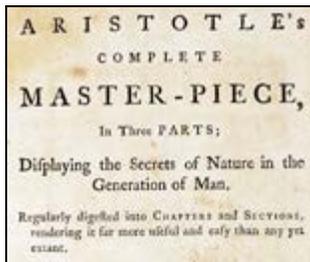
France in the Year 2000 (XXI century) was a series of futuristic pictures by Jean-Marc Côté and other artists issued in France in 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1910. Originally in the form of paper cards enclosed in cigarette or cigar boxes and later as postcards, the images depicted the world as it was imagined to be like in the year 2000. There are at least 87 cards known that were authored by various French artists, the first series being produced for the 1900 Exposition Universelle in Paris. Above, direct-to-brain learning in school....



The Public Domain Review, June 30

[The first American sex manual](#)

Stephen Gertz writes: “*Aristotle's Complete Master-Piece* was the first guide to sexual relations, pregnancy, and childbirth published in America—in Boston yet, that hotbed of Colonial steam and agitation—in 1766 by Zechariah Feeling, i.e., Zechariah Fowle, with whom famed early American printer Isaiah Thomas apprenticed and later partnered.



Three years after the Seven Years' War ended, Americans were ready and anxious to read about the facts of life."...

Booktryst, Oct. 15

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Tips & Ideas

[Google online exhibitions](#)

Emily Price writes: "Now you can learn about 42 important historical events from the last century on your computer through the [Google Cultural Institute](#).

The product of a partnership between Google and several museums and cultural foundations, the online exhibit combines letters, first-hand video testimonials, and manuscripts into a multimedia historical journey. The October 10 release includes a look back at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, D-Day, and the Holocaust....

Mashable, Oct. 10



[Open Access Week preview](#)

Abby Clobridge writes: "Organizations around the world are gearing up to celebrate [Open Access Week](#), officially held October 22–28. For most institutions, Open Access Week is a way to increase the visibility of open access among scientists, researchers, librarians, university faculty members, and students. At the same time, it also provides opportunities for open access practitioners to exchange knowledge and share ideas. An increasing number of libraries, publishers, research funding agencies, NGOs, and other organizations are hosting workshops, speeches, and other types of events."...

Information Today, Oct. 15



[Get into the 'spirit' of the Halloween season](#)

Angela Hanshaw writes: "It's that time of year again, when things get a little . . . spooky. Hunting for something a little different? Check out supernatural library programs designed to inform, fright, and delight, such as a visit by the International Paranormal Reporting Group to the [Hailey \(Idaho\) Public Library](#) (right) or the [New Bern–Craven County \(N.C.\) Public Library](#)'s program by the Haunted and Supernatural Enlightenment Research Society of Jacksonville, which will answer the questions, 'Do ghosts and spirits exist? How do we find them?'"...

Programming Librarian, Oct. 11



[Internet memes identify the Next Big Thing](#)

Ariel Cummins writes: "I've rounded up some of the internet's most loved children (memes) to get their opinions on what the Next Big Thing in YA is. If you're still fuzzy on what a meme is, head on over to the Internet Meme Database, [Know Your Meme](#), but be warned—it's from the wilds of the internet, so there may be things that aren't safe for all eyes. I'll let the memes take it from here."...

YALSA The Hub, Oct. 16



[Library-themed Starbucks to open in Tokyo](#)

The Starbucks coffee experience is assuming an intellectual identity in Tokyo, where design team Nendo will unveil a [library-themed Starbucks](#) coffee shop. Temporary Starbucks stores are a trend in Tokyo, but this store aims to elevate the creative concept. It will line the walls with endless shelves, each containing nine differently colored books that represent a distinct espresso drink. The purchasing counter can easily pass as a library's circulation desk, where coffee rather than books is the thing shared....

The Daily Meal, Oct. 15; Nendo, Sept.



[National Mastermind BrainTwister Challenge](#)

Pressman Toy Corporation is holding a [Mastermind BrainTwister Challenge](#) through December 31. The challenge is for students ages 7–12 who can come up with puzzles, word problems, or games that have a solution or riddle. Two first-place winners will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships, and three additional winners will win \$100. Each of the first-place winners will name a teacher or librarian to receive \$250. Teacher/librarians can sign up [here](#). The rules are [here](#)....

Pressman Toy Corporation, Oct. 1



[Avoiding five common research errors](#)

Jim Heddell writes: "A boy went to war in 1914 and left his bike chained to a small tree. He never made it home. His family left the bike by the tree in his memory. This is that tree today (right). The story about the boy is [not true](#). Unfortunately, you would be amazed at the number of people who saw the picture, read that caption, and believed it. This led us to think about what similar mistakes people make while researching. Here is what we came up with."...

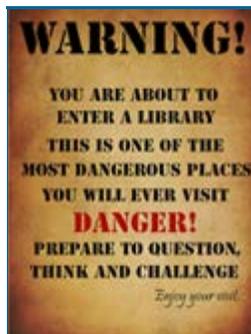
Rootsonomy Blog, Oct. 12; Snopes, Mar. 23



[The library as a dangerous place](#)

Phil Bradley writes: "We always portray the library as a nice, safe, warm, and welcoming space. But a library doesn't deal in books or artifacts, it deals in thoughts and ideas. It provides people with the opportunity to think things through, to challenge the status quo, to better themselves, to learn new skills and to improve old ones. I want to see posters that ask Why? or How? or Why not? Posters that show people the library is a place to think. I want to see posters like the one I created (right)."

Phil Bradley's Weblog, Oct. 10



[University presses and libraries turn to Pinterest](#)

Kate Rix writes: "University presses are making widespread use of Pinterest to promote new book titles. Likewise, academic



libraries are using their Pinterest pages to promote events and help fund major capital improvements. For libraries and archives, a major ongoing mission is to keep the collections visible. It's not easy to let the world know about your one-of-a-kind holdings, and Pinterest potentially offers a great way to bring these materials to new and younger audiences."...

Open Culture, Oct. 8

[ProQuest study on business faculty research sources](#)

In addition to using scholarly journals for active research projects, business faculty rely on materials that share insights and ideas ahead of publication, according to a new study ([PDF file](#)) from ProQuest that explores non-journal resources. Business faculty members are using working papers, printed books, preprints, conference proceedings, and dissertations to explore specific research topics. When asked about passive forms of research, newspapers join books at the top of most-used resources....

ProQuest, Oct. 17

[Crossroads and trailmarkers](#)

Tophier Lawton writes: "Librarians tell stories. They may do so quite directly, and I imagine that a favorite memory for many people is the local librarian with her book (or his guitar, or her puppets) reading aloud to a captivated group of children and a not-so-secretly-listening audience of parents. Librarians today, though, are also starting to tell other stories: stories from data, community stories in social media, and stories that would otherwise be silenced."...

Hack Library School, Oct. 13

[The librarian's plea](#)

Rita Meade writes: "If you happen to see the librarian at the reference desk during a quiet moment, please do not approach her and bellow 'Well! *Your* job certainly seems easy!' Every time you accuse her of having an easy job, she feels like what she does all day holds little value. And what you *don't* know is that not five minutes before, the librarian had been helping a patron look up homeless shelters for the winter, calming a screaming child by holding an impromptu picture-book reading session, or assisting someone with filling out an application for disability benefits."...

Screwy Decimal, Oct. 12

[Questions to ask yourself before accepting a job offer](#)

Angela Smith writes: "Congratulations—you got a job offer! Thank the company for the offer, then take some time to evaluate it before you accept. Remember, this is a place you're going to be for a while, so you want to take the time you need to determine whether it's going to be the right fit. Here is a checklist of questions to ask yourself before you sign on the dotted line."...

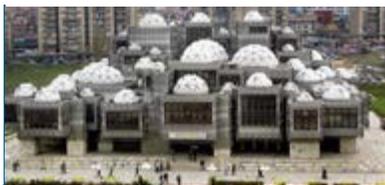
The Daily Muse, Oct. 15



[Bizarre-looking libraries from all over](#)

Emily Temple writes: "We've shown you many [beautiful libraries](#) and some very cool [libraries converted from unused spaces](#), but now we thought we'd take a look at the more bizarre-looking buildings of the bunch. Of course, some are beautiful in their bizarreness, and some are just strange. Many look like spaceships—but hey, we would totally welcome landing spaceships full of books, wouldn't you? Click through to see a few bizarre-looking libraries from around the world."...

Flavorwire, July 4, 15, Oct. 10



[Meet the *Thesaurus for Graphic Materials*](#)

Kristi Finefield writes: "*Fishbowls, Whittling, Email, and Ice cream parlors*. What could those four terms possibly have in common? It turns out they are all recent additions to the [Thesaurus for Graphic Materials \(TGM\)](#). Which naturally leads to the question: What is the *Thesaurus for Graphic Materials*? Briefly, *TGM* is a tool for indexing visual materials, both by subject and by genre or format. It provides a standard vocabulary for activities, types of people, events, objects, and even broad concepts, such as education."...

Picture This: Library of Congress Prints & Photos, Oct. 12

[The Tabard Inn Library revolving bookcases](#)

Larry Nix writes: "I was recently contacted by Chuck from Florida who shared an image of his restored Tabard Inn Library revolving bookcase (right). These bookcases are wonderful pieces of furniture as well as an integral part of the story of Seymour Eaton's two libraries—the Booklovers Library and the Tabard Inn Library. Eaton indicated that 10,000 of these bookcases would be manufactured at a rate of 25 and then 50 a day. The bookcases were placed in drug stores, hotels, and even public libraries."...

Library History Buff Blog, Oct. 10



[NaNoWriMo @ your library](#)

Many aspiring novelists are brainstorming and charging their laptops in preparation for visiting your library during [National Novel Writing Month](#) (NaNoWriMo). National Novel Writing Month is a creative writing project whose goal is to get people of all ages to try to write a novel of 50,000 words by the end of November. Many libraries across the country are acting as [Come Write In points](#) for participants, offering a welcoming environment for people as they work on their novels. Here are a few examples of how libraries are participating....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Oct. 16



[Going Mad at the library](#)

Carey Vance writes: "Enticing children to come to the library for a writing workshop is about as hard as it gets for most librarians but writing practice is vital to growing better readers. So what can you do to get kids excited about writing their own stories and learning about grammar? Mad Libs!"...

ALSC Blog, Oct. 17



[Heather Warren's kid-lit tattoo](#)

Cory Doctorow writes: "Today I stopped in at the

Whitman branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia. The children's librarian at the branch was the brilliant Heather Warren, who has overseen a total overhaul of the way kids' services are provided. She also has a completely awesome kids'-literature-inspired sleeve tattoo (done by Bird of the Black Vulture Gallery). See the full set of photos [here](#)."

Boing Boing, Oct. 16



[Musicircus at Wake Forest University](#)

Staffers at Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, love it when someone approaches them with a new idea on how to use their space. A music professor shared his plans to hold a month-long Cagefest to celebrate the 100th anniversary of John Cage's birth and suggested that he kick it off with a Musicircus in the library atrium. Musicircus, created by Cage in 1967, is a musical event for any number of musicians to perform individual works in the same place at the same time. The event was held September 28, and this is a [video excerpt](#) (3:31)....

YouTube, Sept. 29



[Great library card PSA by Jefferson County \(Colo.\) PL](#)

Some of the smartest people in Colorado have their library cards, among them Gov. John Hickenlooper and Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia (right), as well as others spotlighted in this promotional video (1:01) by the Jefferson County (Colo.) Public Library. "Be smart. Get a library card."...

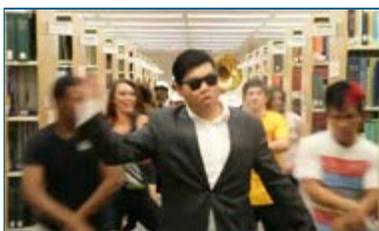
Jefferson County (Colo.) Public Library, Oct. 12



[McKeldin Library goes Gangnam style](#)

A flash mob of 2,500+ University of Maryland, College Park, students joined Testudo, featured dancers, and members of the Mighty Sound of Maryland Marching Band to dance to Psy's "[Gangnam Style](#)" (3:37) in and outside the McKeldin Library. Created by student Drew Blais....

YouTube, Sept. 28



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American Libraries Online

Introducing American Libraries Live

American Libraries knows how essential it is to stay up-to-date on new developments in our industry. [American Libraries Live](#), a free, streaming video broadcast that you can view from your home, library, or on the go, is a new program that allows you to watch broadcasts about library issues and trends in real time and interact with our hosts via a live chat, giving you immediate answers to all of your pressing questions. The first program, "Library 2017: Tech at Warp Speed" featuring Jason Griffey (above), will be held on November 16. The programs are easy to view—just go to [American Libraries Live](#). Watch Jason Griffey and Dan Freeman chat about Episode 1 in this [video](#) (3:55)....

American Libraries, Oct. 23; YouTube, Oct. 22



Georgia Archives to stay open

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal and Secretary of State Brian Kemp [announced](#) October 18 that the state will restore \$125,000 to the budget to keep the Georgia State Archives open for the remainder of the budget year. This means the public will have access to its services and facilities through June 30, 2013. On July 1, pending approval by the Georgia legislature, the archives will be transferred from the secretary of state's office to the University System of Georgia, the organization that oversees 35 academic institutions in the state....

American Libraries news, Oct. 18; Georgia Governor's Office, Oct. 18



Seattle librarians fact-check local ballot measures

Jordan Brandes writes: "Librarians at Seattle Public

The conversation starts here...



ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Seattle, January 25–29. In the ALA Masters session "**Outreach 2.0: The Digital Revolution of Public Relations**" on Sunday, January 27, library Facebook guru Ben Bizzle will show how to maximize the reach and impact of your library's Facebook page. This library innovator provides strategies for taking advantage of this cost-effective outreach tool, using examples from eight libraries across the country that added more than 9,000 fans in 28 days. Keep an eye on these ALA Midwinter Highlights for more details and other [Masters sessions](#).



Library are serving as an official fact-checking tool for the state's [Living Voters Guide](#), a free nonpartisan service that enables people in Washington State to discuss, research, and ask questions of fact about any of the state's eight ballot measures for 2012. The online tool was developed by [researchers](#) at the University of Washington. Here's how it works."...

American Libraries news, Oct. 23; UW Today, Oct. 17

[Tales from a haunted library](#)

Ann Paietta writes: "Most libraries often have difficulty promoting events and receiving local media attention. That was the case for us, too, at Deep River (Conn.) Public Library—until people heard we were haunted. Since the 1950s, the library has experienced paranormal activity that includes early morning noises and voices that ask question after question in 20-second intervals—What is your name? What year is it? What am I doing here?—sometimes followed by flashes of light."...



American Libraries news, Oct. 23

[Technology in Practice: The DIY patron](#)

Meredith Farkas writes: "In 2011, Bohyun Kim, digital access librarian at Florida International University Medical Library in Miami, wrote a thought-provoking [guest post](#) at ACRLLog, arguing that the emphasis librarians still place on mediated models of service is misguided and may be moving us toward irrelevance. Kim is right: In an environment of information abundance, librarians are no longer gatekeepers of valuable bits of information and databases that cost us dearly for each search."...

American Libraries column, Nov./Dec.; ACRLLog, Aug. 11, 2011

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ALA News

[President's Message: We are ALA](#)

ALA President Maureen Sullivan writes: "I recently learned that another national library association has adopted the slogan 'I am [my national library association]' as a means to engage its members. My immediate reaction was to think of ALA and how, if we were to follow suit, I would want our slogan to be 'We are ALA.' We face many challenges as we increasingly work in a global society that is rapidly becoming a digital universe. In this ever-changing and fast-paced context, ALA must strive to be the best professional association it can be. To do



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this requires a collaborative effort to reimagine our Association for the 21st century.”...

American Libraries column, Nov./Dec.

[New Quotable Facts](#)

One of ALA’s most effective and commonly used advocacy tools, *Quotable Facts about America’s Libraries*, has been updated with the most current research, including a new “Technology Trends” section. It provides quick, pertinent talking points and thought-provoking information for anyone interested in making the case for public, school, and academic libraries. A single copy ([PDF file](#)) can be downloaded; multiple copies are available for purchase....

Office for Library Advocacy, Oct. 22



[ALA joins coalition to protect library lending rights](#)

On October 23, a diverse coalition of retailers, libraries, educators, internet companies, and associations (including ALA and the Association of Research Libraries) joined together to launch the [Owners’ Rights Initiative](#) to protect ownership rights in the United States. ORI is committed to ensuring the right to resell genuine goods, regardless of where they were manufactured. The organization believes that this right is critical to commerce and will engage in advocacy, education, and outreach on this important issue. Today, this fundamental ownership right is at issue in the *Kirtsaeng v. Wiley* case, which will be argued before the Supreme Court on October 29....

Office of Government Relations, Oct. 23



[Gaming connects communities on November 3](#)

On November 3, more than 20,000 people in communities across the US and around the world will celebrate ALA’s fifth annual [International Games Day](#) @ your library. The event aims to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. Library gaming programs encourage interaction between patrons of all ages and cultures....

Public Information Office, Oct. 23



[Top 10 things I learned at my first ALA conference](#)

Lesley Looper writes: “My first Annual Conference, like many firsts, is one that I will never forget. I had the pleasure of participating in the [Student-to-Staff Program](#) at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. It’s a program that allows 40 LIS students (from 40 different student chapters) to volunteer for 16 total hours, doing behind-the-scenes work. Here are my thoughts and advice for other ALA attendees, especially first-timers and future Student-to-Staffers.” ...

Lesley’s Journey Through Grad School, Oct. 24



[Submit nominations for Notable Videos](#)

Have you recently seen a video that you want the world to know about? If you have, please take a moment and nominate it for



Movie star [Hugh](#)

[Notable Video for Adults list](#). This list helps librarians serving adults identify and select the best offerings in the video marketplace. Librarians may [nominate](#) films by reading the criteria and filling out the form on the ALA Video Round Table website....
Video Round Table, Oct. 22

[International papers and projects wanted](#)

The International Papers and Projects Committee invites proposals for presentations to be made at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Presentations will be delivered at the International Papers and Projects Session scheduled for June 29. The session theme is "Emerging Technologies, Emerging Economies: Transforming International Libraries." The deadline for [submitting](#) proposals is December 21....
International Relations Office, Oct. 23

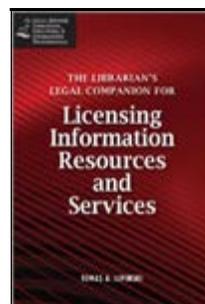
[The Hobbit and Jackman in new Graphics catalog](#)

An exclusive Hobbit poster, bookmark, and button grace the cover of the ALA Graphics Winter 2012 catalog ([PDF file](#)), which lands in mailboxes this week. Also featured in the new catalog is Hugh Jackman, the latest star to join the Celebrity READ campaign. The catalog also introduces new promotional materials for library and community-wide celebrations, including the official 2013 National Library Week, Teen Tech Week, Choose Privacy Week, and School Library Month products....
ALA Graphics, Oct. 23



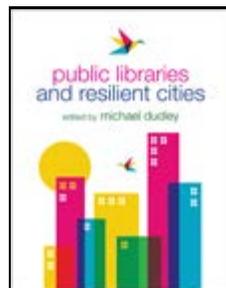
[Licensing information resources and services](#)

In [The Librarian's Legal Companion for Licensing Information Resources and Services](#), published by Neal-Schuman, legal expert Tomas A. Lipinski offers a definitive sourcebook for information licensing in libraries, including copyright and contract matters, general contract law concepts, developments in online and information contracting, and the advantages and disadvantages of licensing. Readers will find clear guidance on deciphering the legalese in agreements, advice on negotiating or countering provisions with library-friendly alternatives, and detailed explanations of specific licenses....
ALA Neal-Schuman, Oct. 19



[Public libraries and vital communities](#)

In [Public Libraries and Resilient Cities](#), published by ALA Editions, noted urban planner and librarian Michael Dudley shows how public libraries can contribute to "placemaking," the creation and nurturing of vital and unique communities for their residents. From the economic renewal potential of library development projects to the provision of public space in a privatizing world, this important new book explores the vital role that public libraries can play in the promotion of ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable communities....
ALA Editions, Oct. 23



Jackman is as well-known for his Broadway roles (winning a Tony for Best Actor in a Musical for *The Boy From Oz*) as he is for his role as Wolverine in the X-Men films. This winter, Jackman voices the Easter Bunny in *Rise of the Guardians*, an epic and magical adventure that pits the legendary characters of childhood (Easter Bunny, Santa, Tooth Fairy, and others) against the Boogeyman. **NEW!**
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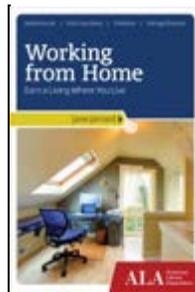


[Lambeth Palace Library](#), London, UK. Founded in 1610, this is the historic library and record office of the Archbishops of Canterbury and the repository of the documentary history of the Church of England.

[How to work from home](#)

Written from firsthand experience and supported by interviews with successful work-from-home people in a variety of circumstances, [Working from Home: Earn a Living Where You Live](#) by Jane Jerrard, is a thorough and thoughtful resource on generating an income outside the traditional office environment. Published by Huron Street Press, this handbook scrutinizes every aspect of working from home....

ALA Huron Street Press, Oct. 23



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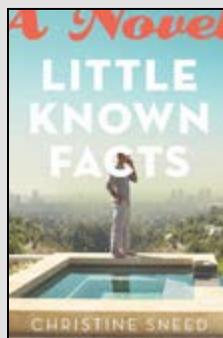
Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Adult fiction](#)

Sneed, Christine. *Little Known Facts*. Feb. 2013. 304p. Bloomsbury, hardcover (978-1-60819-958-7).

In his silvered 50s, Renn Ivins extends his reign as a Hollywood sex symbol, adding screenwriting and directing to his accomplishments. Twice-divorced, he also embarks on a closely observed relationship with his movie's ambitious star, Elise, who is younger than his two children, Will and Anna.

Sneed follows her award-winning short story collection, *Portraits of a Few of the People I've Made Cry* (2010), with an ensnaring first novel that delves into the complex challenges and anguish of living with and in the shadow of celebrity. Sneed's wit, curiosity, empathy, and ability to divine the perfect detail propel this psychologically exquisite, superbly realized novel of intriguing, caricature-transcending characters and predicaments....



[Top 10 first novels: 2012](#)

Donna Seaman writes: "Hidden forces, from undercurrents to regrets, fear, and longing, shape the powerful stories told in the best first novels of the past 12 months, books of remarkable originality, conviction, compassion, and artistry that embody fiction's vitality and resonance...."



[Law Society Library,](#)

London, UK. A private library for solicitor members of the Law Society of England and Wales, the library was founded in 1825 by a group of attorneys. A skylight illuminates the wall-covered shelves of legal publications relating to the British Isles.

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

[Surveying Seattle](#)

Seattle, Washington, the site of ALA's 2013 Midwinter Meeting, January 25–29, is the largest city in the Pacific Northwest, known as a regional center for music and the performing arts, as a hub for green industry, and as a model for sustainable development. Its nickname is the “Emerald City,” because of the lush evergreen forests of the area. The Seattle Visitor Center offers a seasonal guide to activities, shopping, dining, and accommodations in the city. You can view a copy [online](#)....

Seattle Visitor Center



[The best of Seattle](#)

Seattle Weekly's Best of Seattle 2012 issue celebrates the very best people, places, and products that this talented, teched-out town has to offer. Arranged by categories, you can select the best movie theater, the best neighborhood bar, the best bakery, the best hotel, the best used bookstore, and the best doughnuts—all chosen by readers and staff....

Seattle Weekly



[The Seattle Great Wheel](#)

Seattle's latest tourist landmark, a 17-story Ferris wheel billed as the tallest to go into year-round operation in the United States, opened to the public on June 29, giving riders a new panoramic view of the city and its environs. The towering, white [Great Wheel](#) features 42 enclosed gondolas with space for up to 252 passengers total. The 53-meter-tall wheel cost \$20 million and was constructed as part of a private-sector initiative to revitalize Seattle's waterfront....

Vancouver (B.C.) *24 Hours*, July 3; Seattle Great Wheel



[Top Chef: Seattle premieres in November](#)

Follow the Top Chef contestants this fall as they visit Seattle restaurants and other venues to compete in this rigorous culinary competition on the Bravo network. *Top Chef: Seattle* Host Padma Lakshmi and judges Tom Colicchio, Gail Simmons, Hugh Acheson, and Emeril Lagasse join newly named judge Wolfgang Puck to crown the Top Chef in the



[Middle East and Islamic Studies Librarian](#)

Ohio State University, Columbus. Builds and manages a distinctive, interdisciplinary, responsive research collection in a wide range of languages including primarily Arabic, Turkish, Persian, and English in support of distinguished academic and teaching programs. Collection development responsibilities include collection budget management and planning, collection assessment and evaluation, identification of appropriate vendors and sources of acquisitions, and active support for efforts to enhance bibliographic access to the collections. Works closely with faculty, students, and other scholars to provide proactive Middle East Studies research support and innovative instruction....



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**Digital Library
of the Week**

country. The new season premieres November 7....
Entertainment Weekly, Sept. 19

[Seattle history: A 10-minute slide show](#)

Get yourself prepared for Midwinter in Seattle with this historical slideshow, written and curated by Paul Dorpat, courtesy of HistoryLink, the free online encyclopedia of Washington State history. It has 42 slides, beginning with the obelisk commemorating where the Denny party first came ashore in 1851 and ending with Seattle's modern waterfront....

HistoryLink



[If you are flying Southwest Airlines...](#)

...you might get lucky and have this flight attendant (David) who avoids doing the regular, boring announcement and launches into an audience-participation rap (2:22). Stomp, clap, stomp, clap, come on! "Before we leave / our advice is / Put away your e- / lectronic devices."...

YouTube, Mar. 16, 2009



Division News

[It's National Friends of Libraries week](#)

United for Libraries is coordinating the seventh annual [National Friends of Libraries Week](#), October 21–27. The celebration offers an excellent opportunity to celebrate Friends—promoting the group in the community, raising awareness, and increasing membership, and also giving libraries and boards of trustees the opportunity to recognize Friends for their help and support of the library. Two awards of \$250 will be given to Friends groups for activities held during the week. [Entries](#) are due by December 3....

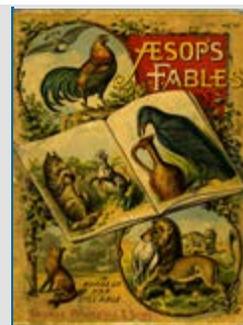
United for Libraries, Oct. 18



[Literary Landmark in honor of Harvey Pekar](#)

The Cleveland Heights–University Heights (Ohio) Public Library was designated a Literary Landmark in honor of Harvey Pekar (1939–2010), author of the iconic comic book *American Splendor*, on October 14 at the library's Lee Road branch. A crowd of roughly 175 of Pekar's fans, friends, and family attended the program. The event also included the unveiling of a Harvey Pekar statue (right) by local sculptor Justin Coulter, which was donated to Heights Libraries by Pekar's widow, Joyce Brabner....

United for Libraries, Oct. 19



The University of Washington's [Historical Children's Literature Collection](#) chronicles by example the history of educational practice and reading, the changing perceptions of gender, race, and class, and the role of religion in teaching. Both European and American books and other materials from the 18th to the 20th century are represented in this collection and are browsable by category. This digital collection was created with the CONTENTdm software's innovative program, JPEG 2000, which enables finely detailed materials to be displayed in a higher quality, more usable online format. It allows viewers to see image details that would be difficult or impossible to see at lower resolutions.

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

[Regina Gong selected ALCTS Emerging Leader](#)

Regina Gong (right), manager of library technical services and technology at Lansing (Mich.) Community College, has been selected as the ALCTS sponsored Emerging Leader for 2012–2013. ALCTS sponsors one Emerging Leader who has chosen collections and technical services as a career and is a divisional member....

ALCTS, Oct. 23



[Learn the latest on ebooks this Halloween](#)

On October 31, PLA will host a live, hour-long webinar, "The State of Ebooks in Public Libraries and Publishing" with instructor Jessica E. Moyer, assistant professor in the School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She'll help demystify libraries' relationship with ebooks by discussing the most recent developments between publishers and libraries. [Register](#) by October 29....

PLA, Oct. 23



[Go Beyond Literacy](#)

ACRL and the Ontario Library Association have launched an online publication, [Beyond Literacy](#) by Michael Ridley of the University of Guelph. Beyond Literacy is an interactive, serialized online thought experiment exploring the demise of literacy and the rise of other capabilities, capacities, or tools that will effectively and advantageously displace reading and writing. The work is freely available for reading, comment, and discussion on the publication website....

ACRL, Oct. 23



[AASL webinars archived](#)

The archive of the recent webinar, "How to be a Ninja Warrior Filter Fighter!," is now available online as a part of AASL's professional development repository, [eCOLLAB](#). Presented by Gwyneth Jones, the webinar focuses on how overly restrictive filtering of legitimate, educational websites and academically useful social networking tools affects student learning. "[Opening the Space: Libraries as a Site of Participatory Culture](#)" by Andy Plemmons has also been archived.

AASL members can access the webinars via eCOLLAB....

AASL, Oct. 23

[Transliteracy at the AASL Fall Forum](#)

Jennifer Habley writes: "Renowned author and media studies scholar Henry Jenkins set the tone for a weekend of dedicated learning at the opening of the AASL 2012 Fall Forum, 'Transliteracy and the School Library Program,' October 12–13. Jenkins characterized school librarians as central figures in the movement to reshape education. 'You can change things in a high-tech way, low-tech way, or no-tech way and make a difference,' he encouraged the more than 250 attendees."...

AL: Inside Scoop, Oct. 23

[Take the PLA summer reading survey](#)

Library staff members involved in summer reading are invited to

"A case can be made that people who read a preposterous number of books are not playing with a full deck. I prefer to think of us as dissatisfied customers. If you have read 6,000 books in your lifetime, or even 600, it's probably because at some level you find 'reality' a bit of a disappointment."

—Joe Queenan, "[My 6,128 Favorite Books](#)," *Wall Street Journal*, Oct. 22.

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participate in a [survey](#) developed by PLA. The survey should take contributors 15–20 minutes and is designed to inform the division's efforts to develop a plan for a [National Digital Summer Reading](#) program website application....

PLA, Oct. 23

[November webinars from ALCTS](#)

RDA, holdings comparison, and long-term storage are webinar topics coming to you in November from ALCTS. Registration is easy. Just click the title of your choice and sign up....

ALCTS, Oct. 23

[Celebrating the importance of play](#)

ALSC and Lego Duplo recently concluded a "Read! Build! Play!" project, in which nearly 550,000 people participated. The most nominated library, Mount Airy (N.C.) Public Library, in the project will receive \$5,000 for books and supplies. The top 200 libraries will receive a special Lego Duplo toolkit chock-full of cutting-edge, early literacy programming that combines preschool books with a versatile collection of Duplo bricks....

ALSC, Oct. 18



[Great Websites for Kids expands](#)

ALSC has added more outstanding websites to [Great Websites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children. The site features links to websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings....

ALSC, Oct. 22

[ALSC online courses for winter 2013](#)

Registration is now open for ALSC's winter 2013 [online courses](#). Classes begin January 14, and ALSC members receive a discounted registration rate. ALSC has increased the number of courses offering certified education units. ALSC online courses are designed to fit the needs of working professionals. Courses are taught by experienced librarians and academics. [Registration](#) information is available on the ALSC website....

ALSC, Oct. 18

[Registration ends October 25 for Genealogy 101](#)

"Genealogy 101," an online course offered by RUSA, prepares librarians and library staff to provide reference services for this relevant and popular subject. Registration for the next course session will end on October 25....

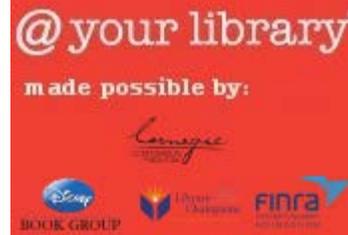
RUSA Blog, Oct. 22

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Awards & Grants

[Step Up to the Plate prize winner announced](#)

Stuart Wolf, a Wilmette (Ill.) Public Library patron, has won the grand prize in the 2012 Step Up to the Plate @ your library program. Wolf's father and son will join him on a trip to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, at the end of October for a once-in-a-lifetime, behind-the-scenes tour of the library and archives. With a father who worked for the Chicago White Sox, Wolf



Calendar

Oct. 27–28:

[Designers and Books Fair](#), Fashion Institute of Technology, Conference Center, New York City.

Nov. 30–

Dec. 1:
[Hawaii Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency, Maui.
"Managing Collections in a Networked Age."

Dec. 11:

[Hot Topics in Big Data: What You Need to Know Now!](#)
Workshop, Mumford Room, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Cosponsored by National Federation of Advanced Information Services, FEDLINK.

Jan. 19:

[Houston Mini-Maker Faire](#), Stafford Centre, Stafford, Texas.

Jan. 22–25:

[Association of Library and Information Science Education](#), Annual Conference, Seattle.
"Always the Beautiful Question: Inquiry Supporting Teaching, Research, and Professional Practice."

Feb. 10–12:

[Australian Library](#)

was destined to love baseball...
Campaign for America's Libraries, Oct. 23

[ALA, StoryCorps receive IMLS grant for outreach](#)

The ALA Public Programs Office, in partnership with StoryCorps, has announced that it received a National Leadership Grant of \$249,867, with a matching amount of \$109,169, from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The funds will support the implementation of a national initiative to bring StoryCorps' interview methods and recording equipment to libraries as a springboard for programming and collaboration....

Public Programs Office, Oct. 23



[Nominations for 2013 CSK–Hamilton Practitioner Award](#)

ALA is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Coretta Scott King–Virginia Hamilton Practitioner Award for Lifetime Achievement. The award is named for children's author Virginia Hamilton (1936–2002) and pays tribute to the magnitude of her exemplary contributions in literature and advocacy for children and youth, especially in her focus on African-American life, history, and consciousness. [Nominations](#) will be accepted through December 15....

Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table, Oct. 22

[EBSCO offers five grants to attend Midwinter](#)

ALA and EBSCO are partnering to offer five scholarships for librarians to attend the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, January 25–29. Each EBSCO grant will be in the amount of \$1,500, and one of the five will be awarded to a first-time conference attendee. The money is to be used for conference registration, travel, and expenses. [Apply](#) by November 1....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 22

[Ezra Jack Keats Award nominations](#)

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, in partnership with the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection at the University of Southern Mississippi, is accepting submissions for the 27th Annual Ezra Jack Keats New Writer and New Illustrator Book Awards. Submissions must be made by the book's publisher. The deadline is December 30....

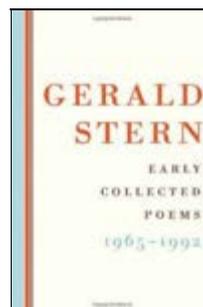
Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, Oct. 24



[2012 Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry](#)

The Library of Congress will award the 2012 Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry to Gerald Stern for his book *Early Collected Poems: 1965–1992*. The 2012 prize—the 12th to be given and the first to be given for a book of collected poems—is awarded for the most distinguished book of poetry published in the preceding two years, 2010 and 2011. Stern will receive the award and read selections from his work January 24 at the Library of Congress....

Library of Congress, Oct. 23



[2012 Dagger Awards](#)

The winners of the Crime Writers' Association's final three Dagger Awards for 2012 were announced at the

[and Information Association.](#)

New Librarians' Symposium 6, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane.

Feb. 12–15: [iConference 2013.](#)

Worthington Renaissance, Fort Worth, Texas.
"Scholarship in Action: Data, Innovation, Wisdom."

Mar. 15–17:
[Ephemera Society of America.](#) Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency, Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

Mar. 17–20:
[Electronic Resources and Libraries.](#) Annual Conference, AT&T Conference Center, University of Texas at Austin.

Apr. 30:
[Strategic Liaisons: Game-Changing Conversations.](#) Greenbelt Marriott, Greenbelt, Maryland. Sponsored by the Maryland Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

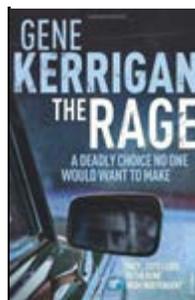
May 16–17:
[Conference for Entrepreneurial Librarians.](#) University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

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lavish Specsavers Crime Thriller Awards ceremony at Grosvenor House Hotel in London on October 18. The major prize, the CWA Gold Dagger for the best crime novel of the year went to Irish author and journalist Gene Kerrigan for *The Rage* (Vintage), a "suspense driven storm of violence" set in the back streets of Dublin. Charles Cumming won the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger for best thriller for his novel *A Foreign Country*...
The Guardian (UK), Oct. 18



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Libraries in the News

[A new trend? Library nurses](#)

A slight man with a stethoscope and black medical bag regularly walks through Tucson's Joel D. Valdez Main Library, helping patrons with issues that have nothing to do with books. Daniel Lopez is not a librarian but one of the nation's first library nurses. He checks the feet of diabetics, takes blood pressure, gives out condoms, and intervenes in medical emergencies. Lopez is Pima County's novel answer to a common issue in public libraries across the country—a growing number of patrons living without shelter, health insurance, medical care, or computer access....

Tucson Arizona Daily Star, Oct. 21

[Medina County's Paranormal Fest unnerves some](#)

Rev. Tony Myles said he didn't go to the Medina (Ohio) Public Library to protest its "Paranormal Fest" program on October 20. "I went to build relationships," he said. Myles, the lead pastor of Connection Church in Sharon Township, was one of at least a dozen people who [complained](#) to the library and urged it to cancel the event or add a Christian perspective. Lisa Rienenrth, a library associate who was involved in planning the event, said the program "went off without a hitch."...

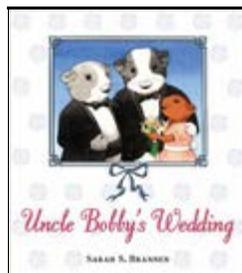
Medina (Ohio) Gazette, Oct. 22; *Akron (Ohio) Beacon-Journal*, Oct. 19



[Uncle Bobby likely to stay on Brentwood shelves](#)

A challenged picture book, *Uncle Bobby's Wedding* by Sarah S. Brannen, looks like it will survive a parent's challenge that it be removed from the Brentwood (Mo.) Public Library. Library director Vicki Woods said October 19 that it's only because of a lack of a quorum that the board of trustees had not voted on whether to remove the book. However, not a single trustee appears to be in favor of removing the book, which is about a girl guinea pig's relationship with her engaged uncle....

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Book Blog, Oct. 19



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Robert L. Ferris, an estate-planning attorney, says the documents he has accessed through the [San Francisco Law Library](#) have helped him handle cases for nearly two decades. But he might be on his own next year when the War Memorial Veterans Building, which houses the historic library, closes for renovation in May. City and county officials are required to provide space for the library and fund its operation, but a new location has not been secured....



San Francisco Bay Citizen, Oct. 19

[University students arrested for selling library books on eBay](#)

Two University of Missouri–St. Louis students have been charged with library theft, a felony, October 10 after campus police say they stole about 70 books from the student library to sell them on the internet. Larry McCoy and Danielle Campbell admitted selling all but 15 of the books on eBay. The scheme unraveled when a physics professor at Western Illinois University notified the dean of libraries at UMSL that he or she had purchased a book on eBay that appeared to belong to UMSL....

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Oct. 19

[Houston librarians create traveling library](#)

The [Billy Pilgrim Traveling Library](#) is the brainchild of two Houston-area librarians, Kelly Allen and Chris Grawl, a couple who met while getting their LIS degrees from the University of Texas at Austin's School of Information. The BPTL will essentially be a free-range bookmobile, operating on a rent-barter-donate system. Named after the protagonist of Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse Five*, the BPTL will concentrate on the Greater Houston area, but its founders are open to collaborations further afield....

Library Journal, Oct. 22

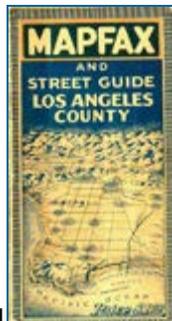
[Library gun ban misfires in Michigan](#)

An effort on the part of the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, Michigan, to ban people from bringing guns into public library buildings is likely going nowhere. At its July 16 meeting, the board voted to send a letter to state legislators, asking them to consider a bill that would add libraries to the list of places that are exempt from the open-carry law. The letter was written after a pro-gun rally spilled into the library, with armed people and a film crew parading around the building. But legislators seem tepid about changing firearm regulations....

Birmingham (Mich.) Eccentric, Oct. 21

[Amazing map collection saved from the dumpster](#)

The discovery that real estate agent Matthew Greenberg made when he stepped inside a cottage in the Mount Washington neighborhood will put the Los Angeles Public Library on the map. Stashed everywhere in the 948-square-foot tear-down were tens of thousands of maps, stuffed in file cabinets, crammed into cardboard boxes, lined up on closet shelves, and jammed into old dairy crates. The occupant of the 90-year-old cottage had died in February, so Greenberg invited LAPL's map librarian, Glen Creason, to [look at the trove](#)....



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Los Angeles Times, Oct. 19; *LAist*, Oct. 21

[Libraries are among the first budget cuts](#)

Ever-shrinking budgets nationwide have taken a toll on so-called nonessential services at all levels of government, leaving such facilities as libraries vulnerable to cuts like those suffered in Dougherty County, Georgia, which recently closed its sparsely used Westtown and Southside branches in what officials say was a necessary cost-cutting measure. Meanwhile, the Randolph and Calhoun County library systems are headed by one person, who usually spends two days a week at one and three at the other....

Albany (Ga.) Herald, Oct. 20

[NPR librarian Kee Malesky](#)

Kee Malesky (right), National Public Radio's longest-serving librarian, was in New York on October 15 for a book talk at the New York Metropolitan Library Council. She explained that after being under the News umbrella, the NPR library is now part of NPR's Digital Media, as the librarians perform research duties for the entire organization, not just the News department. In all, they field more than 11,000 reference questions per year, produce briefing books for major events, work on investigative projects, and keep an internal wiki....



WYNC-FM, New York City, Oct. 23

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Issues

[Implications of the HathiTrust decision](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "HathiTrust, an online academic library that includes more than 10 million works, won a legal victory this month, strengthening the cause of fair use. At issue is what uses can legally be made of HathiTrust's online repository, which was created by five university libraries, drawing on a partnership with Google to scan millions of books and other materials on their shelves. Library commentators, fair-use champions, and advocates for the visually disabled celebrated the decision."...

Chronicle of Higher Education, Oct. 22

[The challenges of DPLA](#)

Rachel Frick writes: "One of the biggest challenges for the April 2013 launch of the Digital Public Library of America is this: How to develop a service, based on an open platform and populated with rich content, that demonstrates the *promise and potential* of the DPLA, while communicating that the product is not the goal—that the ultimate promise of the DPLA is the sustainability and robustness of the community that supports it?"...



Council on Library and Information Resources Blog, Oct. 18

[Do we need to save every last data point?](#)

Todd A. Carpenter writes: "Although, over the decades, libraries have developed processes and plans on how to curate an information collection and deaccession unnecessary content, there is no good understanding of how to curate a data collection at this stage in the development of a data management infrastructure. This problem is compounded by the fact that we are generating far more data than we have capacity to store or analyze effectively."...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Oct. 18

[The impact of Open Access on librarians](#)

Fin Galligan writes: "We wanted more information on some of the big issues that directly face the library and its staff of information professionals, so in August 2012 we talked to a couple of librarians from North America and Europe to see how they are planning and preparing for high levels of Open Access content in the future. We posed four questions to June Hedges (University College London) and Chuck Hamaker (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)."...

Swets Blog, Oct.

[Open Access at the local level](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "It's [Open Access Week](#), and this always is a week when I feel inadequate. I didn't plan ahead. I didn't get that project off the ground, or bring in a speaker. We coulda invited a *contender!* But because I believe in open access, I thought I'd think about the ways small institutions, ones that are understaffed and overworked and underfunded (does this sound familiar?) can make change on a small scale. Here are some things we've been working on at Gustavus Adolphus College."...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, Oct. 23



[Libraries and the ethics of service](#)

Lane Wilkinson writes: "If we're going to talk about professional ethics, it's a good idea to figure out just what a 'professional' is. That is: Why do we need a specifically *professional* ethics in the first place? I mean, respect for privacy and equal treatment seem like things that *everyone* should agree to, right? So, why do librarians need a special code? Understanding the nature of librarianship *qua* profession is an important step in answering these questions."...

Sense and Reference, Oct. 19

[Theories behind Meaningful Gamification](#)

Scott Nicholson writes: "One of my current areas of focus is on Meaningful Gamification, which is about preserving internal motivation by avoiding rewards and, instead, helping the game player to find a personal connection with the nongame setting. The focus is on the user and helping that user find a meaningful connection to the real-world setting. There are several theories that support this concept, above and beyond the Self-Determination Theory and Organismic Integration Theory presented in my [previous post](#)."...

tl-dr, July 31, Oct. 18

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Tech Talk

[Which mini tablet is right for you?](#)

Marguerite Reardon writes: "Apple has entered the small-tablet market with the 7.9-inch [iPad Mini](#), announced October 23. But at \$329, some holiday shoppers may still look toward the less expensive Google Nexus 7 and Amazon Kindle Fire. If you want to compare the specs for each of these devices, check out the accompanying chart. But the hardware only tells part of the story. There are still other things to consider, such as app availability and what content you can view and listen to on which device. Let's dig into the details." Another consideration: [GPS is not available](#) on the iPad Mini Wi-Fi version....



CNET News, Oct. 24

[Microsoft's Surface RT](#)

Jon Phillips writes: "When Surface RT was [unveiled](#) in June, hands-on reports were unanimous in their praise of the tablet's hardware innovations. Today, Surface RT must prove itself: Just how difficult are the Windows touch gestures? Just how competent is Windows RT, the feature-limited version of Windows 8 that gives Surface its name? And what about the \$499 price tag of the entry-level Surface RT offering? Let's dig in deep to find out." [David Pogue](#) calls the hardware sleek, but the software clumsy....

PC World, Oct. 23; *New York Times*, Oct. 23



[How Windows 8 changes the game for PC security](#)

Lance Ulanoff writes: "Security, or lack thereof, has dogged Microsoft Windows since the mid-1990s. For years, Microsoft did all it could to shore up its own defenses. In the last five years or so, the biggest names in security all got their act together and made their security solutions lighter, faster, and more effective than ever. In 2010, Microsoft launched the free app Microsoft Security Essentials (MSE). Windows 8 shuffles the security deck by pulling MSE inside and rebranding it Windows Defender."...

Mashable, Oct. 22



[A new era of gesture control](#)

Tom Simonite writes: "Microsoft is working hard on a long-term effort to reinvent the way we interact with existing computers. The company wants to make it as common to wave your arms at or speak to a computer as it is to reach for a mouse or touch screen today. That's the goal of a program called [Kinect for Windows](#), which is designed to allow computers to be used in new ways."...

Technology Review, Oct. 22



[How to buy an MP3 player](#)

Wendy Sheehan Donnell writes: "Even though many have ditched MP3 players in favor of cellphones or tablets that can play digital music, the dedicated portable media player (PMP) market still exists. It might not feel like it, though, since Apple's iPod line has evolved dramatically in the 10+ years since its inception and enjoys the lion's share of that ever-shrinking market. Whether you live in the iTunes ecosystem or not, considering the following points will choose your ideal PMP."...

PC Magazine, Oct. 17



[How Amazon and Netflix predict your preferences](#)

Joseph A. Konstan and John Riedl write: "By now, online shoppers are accustomed to getting personalized suggestions. Netflix suggests videos to watch. TiVo records programs on its own, just in case we're interested. And Pandora builds personalized music streams by predicting what we'll want to listen to. All of these suggestions come from recommender systems. Companies seldom speak publicly about exactly how their recommendations work, but here is what we know."...

IEEE Spectrum, Oct.

Just one more step to find movies you'll ♥

[Top 10 strategic tech trends for 2013](#)

IT research firm Gartner highlighted the top 10 technologies and trends that will be strategic for most organizations in 2013. Analysts presented their findings during Gartner Symposium/ITxpo October 23 in Orlando, Florida. The trends include mobile applications and HTML5, the personal cloud, the Internet of Things (right), and strategic big data....

Gartner, Oct. 23



[My weekend digital-preservation project](#)

Erin Engle writes: "I bought a new computer this summer. I immediately copied all my digital files from my old computer to my new one and to an external hard drive. Now I had three copies of my digital content on three different devices. Because if something happens to one of those media, I've got two others that have all my files saved (and safe). Great, right? Well...."

The Signal: Digital Preservation, Oct. 19

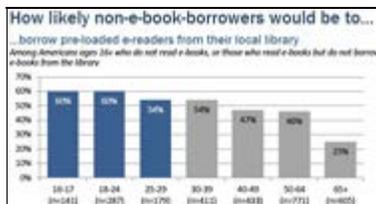
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E-Content

[Younger Americans' reading and library habits](#)

According to a December 2011 Pew Research Center survey, 83% of Americans between the ages of 16 and 29 read a book in the past year, and 60% of Americans under age 30 used a library in the past year. Many of these young readers do not know they can borrow an ebook from a library, and a majority of them express the wish they could do so on preloaded e-readers. Among Americans who read ebooks, those under age 30 are more likely to read their ebooks on a cellphone (41%) or computer (55%) than on an e-reader such as a Kindle (23%) or tablet (16%). [Christopher Harris](#) and [ALA President Maureen Sullivan](#) comment on the survey....

Pew Internet, Oct. 23; AL: E-Content, Oct. 23; YALSA, Oct. 23



[The ownership issue: Where do we go from here?](#)

Random House has stated [several times](#) that libraries own the ebooks they purchase. Bob Wolven writes: "I applaud Random House's model—it's better than other publishers'—and I hesitate to publicly criticize it for that reason, but simply calling it ownership doesn't make it so. Random House [still controls](#) what you can do with the ebooks it publishes. What we've thought of as owning a book is not an appropriate way to think about ebooks. We need new terms, at least until some common understandings develop about ownership as applied to digital objects."...

AL: E-Content, Oct. 22; *Library Journal*, Oct. 18; PWxyz, Oct. 23

[The convoluted path to a Whispercast school library](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "This morning, I had to make a call to the Amazon Kindle Business and Education team to get our Kindles added to our new [Whispercast](#) account. While on the phone,



the representative did say that Whispcast could be used to deliver content through a school library. But then again, they do have a history of telling you whatever you want to hear and it still violates the terms of service. The process, if you want to risk all of your content being deleted at a later date for violating the conditions of use for the Kindle Store, is a bit convoluted.”...

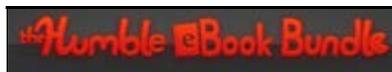
AL: E-Content, Oct. 18–19

Anti-DRM sentiment spikes in wake of customer's Kindle shutdown

Amazon [reportedly](#) closed a customer's Kindle account against her will, erasing much of the contents and offering little in the way of explanation. The incident is causing a wave of anti-DRM sentiment on the web. After having some 60 books on her Kindle erased and being locked out of her account, [Linn Nygaard](#), an IT consultant living in Norway, was sent a short note by Amazon claiming that the account was “directly related to another which has been previously closed for abuse of our policies.” ([Reportedly](#), access to her account has been mysteriously restored.) Cory Doctorow [speculates](#) that “the policy violation that Linn stands accused of is using a friend's UK address to buy Amazon UK English Kindle books from Norway.”...

Digital Book World, Oct. 22; Martin Bekkelund, Oct. 22; *Wired*, Oct. 22; *Computer World UK*, Oct. 22; Boing Boing, Oct. 22

Pay-what-you-want ebook bundle is a runaway success



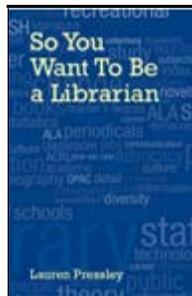
An experiment from major authors, including Neil Gaiman and Cory Doctorow, that allows readers to pay the price of their choice for a collection of ebooks has shattered all expectations, racking up sales of more than \$1.1 million in under two weeks. The [Humble ebook Bundle](#) went live October 9, offering customers a selection of novels and comics by award-winning science fiction and fantasy writers. Readers are allowed to choose the price they want to pay for the bundle. The package is DRM-free....

The Guardian (UK), Oct. 23

Library Juice Press to unglue So You Want To Be a Librarian

Library Juice Press will unglue an ebook so that it can be shared under a Creative Commons license, in partnership with Unglue.it. Using crowd funding, Unglue.it facilitates campaigns to buy out future ebook rights so that ebooks can be used freely by the public, perpetually. Library Juice Press has announced the campaign to unglue Lauren Pressley's book, [So You Want To Be a Librarian](#), a concise yet comprehensive guide to the library profession....

Library Juice, Oct. 15



EC to give France ultimatum on ebook VAT

The European Commission will give France one month to raise the VAT (value added tax) rate applied to ebooks or face the European Court of Justice. The move is likely to have significant implications for

fellow ebook rogue member Luxembourg and therefore for those ebook sellers, such as Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kobo, and Bilbary, who have located their servers in that country in order to take advantage of the lower rates. The EC has admitted that the definition of an ebook could be "controversial," as it looks to equalize the rates of VAT charged on digital books with the rate placed on printed books...

The Bookseller, Oct. 23

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Books & Reading

[My 6,128 favorite books](#)

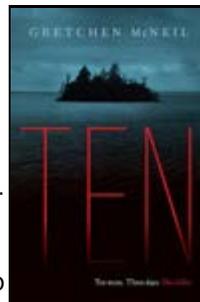
Joe Queenan writes: "I started borrowing books from a roving Quaker City bookmobile when I was 7 years old. Things quickly got out of hand. Before I knew it I was borrowing every book about the Romans, every book about the Apaches, every book about the spindly third-string quarterback who comes off the bench in the fourth quarter to bail out his team. I had no way of knowing it at the time, but what started out as a harmless juvenile pastime soon turned into a lifelong personality disorder."...

Wall Street Journal, Oct. 22

[The future of YA horror](#)

Allison Tran writes: "Horror was *big* in YA fiction when I was a teen in the 1990s. Alas, for a time from the 1990s to early 2000s, horror seemed to take a backseat to other genres. Sure, there were vampires, but they were sparkly and alluring instead of terrifying. But have plenty of fear: YA horror seems to be on the rise these days. Clearly today's YA readers enjoy a little darkness in their literature; why not take it a step further into full-fledged horror?"...

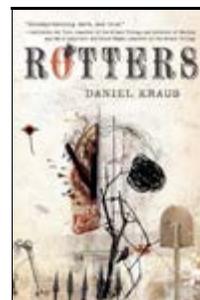
YALSA The Hub, Oct. 22



[Top 10 YA books that Buffy fans will want to read](#)

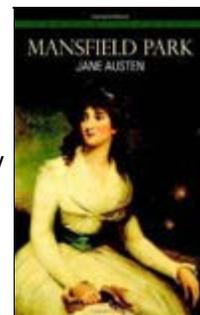
We are in the midst of our [Sunnydale Project](#) here at TLT, where we are discussing all things Buffy. Today we share with you some favorite must reads that will definitely satisfy Buffy fans. For example, *Rotters* by Daniel Kraus: Trust me, *Rotters* is seriously dark and twisty and reminiscent of some of the best moments and themes of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*...

Teen Librarian's Toolbox, Oct. 20



[What Jane Austen can teach us about our brains](#)

Maria Konnikova writes: "The neural correlates of attention are a hot research topic. But it's rare to see a qualitative attention comparison, where we *really* pay attention across the board—but do so in different ways. Indeed, so strange is the notion that close attention comes in multiple flavors that, when researcher Natalie Phillips decided to tackle that very issue, she was met with skepticism. Phillips had a group of English graduate students read the first two chapters of *Mansfield Park*—once for pleasure in print and once critically on

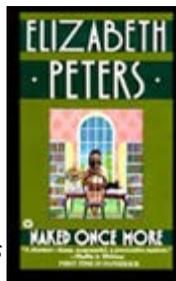


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Scientific American: Literally Psyched, Oct. 22

[Librarians as detectives](#)

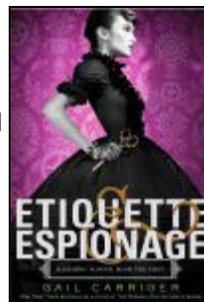
Jessy Randall writes: “I thought I would research librarian detectives for this week’s post, but it turns out that the [Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh](#) and the folks at [Stop, You’re Killing Me](#) have already done my work for me. The best-known of the librarian detectives is probably Elizabeth Peters’s Jacqueline Kirby, who appears in four novels: *The Seventh Sinner*, *The Murders of Richard III*, *Die for Love*, and *Naked Once More*...



Hey, There’s a Dead Guy in the Living Room, Oct. 21; Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; Stop, You’re Killing Me!

[Up and coming historical fiction](#)

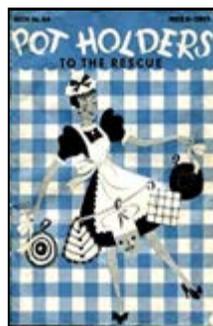
Jessica Miller writes: “I used to think that I hated historical fiction. I would talk myself out of picking up historical fiction titles unless they were basically forced upon me. However, in the last year I have read so many absolutely stellar historical fiction books that I have finally rewired my brain. By scouring the interwebs, I’ve been able to pick out what I think are a few of the trends in upcoming historical fiction releases. So, as we look to the past, what can we see more of in the future?”...



YALSA The Hub, Oct. 18

[Vintage craft books](#)

Beth Carswell writes: “There are books about everything including how to make many useful things. Create your own toys, dolls, or puppets. Master woodworking, sewing, or paper engineering. All the [vintage craft books](#) you could hope for are here. Whether you fancy beads or boxes, paper or sequins, origami or something in between, this selection of craft and hobby books from years gone by will be sure to have something you want to get your hands on.”...



AbeBooks’ Reading Copy, Oct. 22

[The all-important acknowledgments page](#)

Keir Graff writes: “There is no better form of literary one-upmanship than a well-written acknowledgments page. The beauty of this approach is that nobody can accuse you of being a pompous jerk, because you’re hiding your pomposity in the guise of thanking people. Here is a crash course in writing an acknowledgments page that allows you to wear the guise of a humble and gracious scribe while, in reality, letting every writer who is less successful know exactly how much more successful you are.”...

Booklist Online: Likely Stories, Oct. 17

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Tips & Ideas

[Deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons in the library](#)

Holly Lipschultz writes: “For those of you who already know me, I’m profoundly deaf and wear a cochlear implant and a hearing aid. Deafness is an invisible disability. Fortunately, it is fairly easy to

accommodate the needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing people, making them feel more welcome in the library. Here are some tips on two things: communication and accessibility of library programs and services.”...

Tame the Web, Oct. 20

[Google Wallet ushers in a new era of fundraising](#)

Heather Mansfield writes: “On August 1, Google quietly launched [Google Wallet for the Web](#), technology that can transform online and mobile fundraising as we know it. Described simply, donors can [sign up](#) for a Google Wallet account, enter and save credit card information, and then donate to any nonprofit (or purchase from any online store) that has a Google Wallet merchant account. Nonprofits that have mobilized their web content and built their mobile lists can text links to Google Wallet donation pages.”...

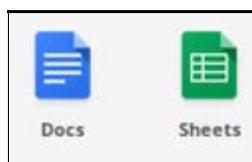
Nonprofit Tech 2.0, Oct. 19



[Access Google Docs even when offline](#)

Richard Byrne writes: “Google has released [three new Chrome apps](#) that allow you to access Google Docs, Spreadsheets, and Presentations in one click. I’m actually surprised that it took Google this long to make one-click access available through Chrome. The Docs app (each app is a separate install) allows you to create documents even when you’re offline (this feature has been available through your browser for a while).”...

Free Technology for Teachers, Oct. 23; Google Drive Blog, Oct. 23



[Bad Google Scholar results](#)

Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: “I’ve seen lots of criticism of Google Books, but I find Google Scholar to be more frustrating. Google Scholar tends to be something of a last resort for me. It’s where I go when I’ve tried everything else and hope that the keyword searching will pull up something with at least some relevance that might have been missed in standard indexes. Usually I’m disappointed.”...

Academic Librarian, Oct. 22

[Wikipedia, libraries, and the GLAM project](#)

Brianna Marshall writes: “Though Wikipedia can be a contentious issue for some librarians, particularly those from a different generation, Wikipedia’s [GLAM](#) (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums) project is making new strides toward partnerships with cultural heritage institutions. The reason many disparage Wikipedia—it’s not necessarily a credible information source, they say—is exactly the reason it needs librarians. If you’re so inclined, here are some ways to get involved, from least time-intensive to most.”...

Hack Library School, Oct. 17



[10 things I didn’t learn in library school \(academic edition\)](#)

Jessica Olin writes: “Eric Riley wrote a [similar post](#) about public libraries that you should also read, since plenty of academic libraries (especially large, urban ones) have the same issues. However, I had a request for a similar post about academic libraries. So here it is, for the most part in no particular order: 10 things I—an academic

librarian—didn't learn in library school."...

Letters to a Young Librarian, Mar. 8, Oct. 23

[Libraries and museums as afterschool allies](#)

Kamila Thigpen writes: "Whereas many of us have memories of our neighborhood library providing a setting for solitary (and preferably quiet) learning opportunities, today's youth are being introduced to an entirely different experience that is vibrant and—dare I say—cool. For older youth especially, these community bedrocks are evolving into destinations for hands-on, collaborative, and informal learning through a mixture of in-house and outreach programs. This year, we've teamed up with the Institute of Museum and Library Services as a national partner of [Lights on Afterschool](#)."...

Afterschool Snack, Oct. 17

[Katharine Hepburn as fashion icon](#)

A new exhibition is hailing the fashion sense of Katharine Hepburn, whose trademark khakis and open-collar shirts were decidedly unconventional in the 1930s and 1940s. But skirts and dresses abound in "Katharine Hepburn: Dressed for Stage and Screen" at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, which opened October 18. Hepburn, who died in 2003 at age 96, saved almost all the costumes from her long career....



Associated Press, Oct. 18; New York Public Library

[Almost as long as the river itself](#)

Lindsay Elgin writes: "Recently, I was working on a patron request that involved photographing multiple foldout maps from a range of books. Foldouts in books are always tricky, and involve both conservation and photographic issues. We do sometimes run into foldouts that require photographing in multiple steps and stitching the pieces together. This image comes from *Chisholm's All Round Route and Panoramic Guide of the St. Lawrence*, a book that is 5 inches wide by 7.5 inches tall with a map that is about 7.25 inches wide and almost 13 feet long."...

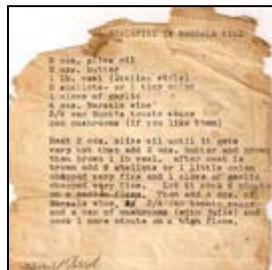


Curio, Oct. 19

[How to care for your personal treasures](#)

On October 17, the Smithsonian held a live Facebook Q&A, with archival and conservation experts answering the public's questions about their own personal archival items live. Five staff members were on hand to answer questions, which included how to preserve photographs, recipes, bibles, watercolors, vinyl records, film, and audiotapes....

The Bigger Picture, Oct. 23



[Black and white and \(still\) read all over](#)

Jennifer Gavin writes: "Short of watching a well-assembled documentary, or a movie like *The Godfather* that recreates another place and time in great detail, there's nothing like an old newspaper to give you a dimensional sense



of a past era. Old newspapers can be addictive. And if you'd like to find out just how, the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities have a little something to show you: a website called [Chronicling America](#), which recently digitized its 5-millionth old newspaper page. It features 800 newspapers from 25 states."...

Library of Congress Blog, Oct. 23; Library of Congress, Oct. 22

[British Library Journal now online](#)

The [Electronic British Library Journal](#) publishes scholarly research into the history of the British Library and its collections. The *eBLJ* (for short) is the successor to the *British Library Journal*, which appeared between 1975 and 1999. Articles from the *British Library Journal* are now available online, bringing the combined back catalog of the *British Library Journal* and *eBLJ* into one simple location....

British Library: Medieval and Earlier Manuscripts Blog, Oct. 18

[Center for Research Libraries to expand news coverage](#)

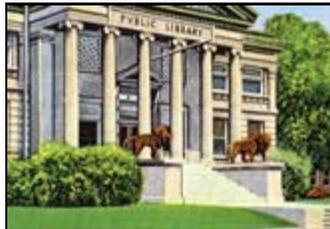
In an October 1 [message](#) to library directors, Center for Research Libraries President Bernard Reilly reported that he has begun to explore options with a few large aggregators to provide expanded coverage of news content to researchers. The recent offerings of seven key news databases from Readex are a step in that direction, providing favorable terms for access to a range of historic and current news content....

Center for Research Libraries, Oct. 22

[Wisconsin's library lions](#)

Larry Nix writes: "By far the most famous library lions are those that grace the front entrance of the New York Public Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street. The Oshkosh (Wis.) Public Library also has a pair of library lions and, like those in New York, they have served as important [visual symbols](#) of the public library. They were named Harris and Sawyer in 1977 for two of the prominent early donors to the library, and this year they are celebrating their 100th birthdays."...

Library History Buff Blog, Oct. 24



[10 geeky office supplies for librarians](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Let's face it, a lot of us librarians are geeky, and thus we enjoy geeky office supplies in the workplace. Here are 10 suggestions for stocking up on geeky stuff for this winter. How about these comfy, cute [handwarmers](#) shaped like little pieces of toast (right), which plug into your USB port to heat up? They have two settings (high and low) and they are similar to fingerless gloves so they don't interfere with typing."...

iLibrarian, Oct. 23



[Halloween costume ideas inspired by the Smithsonian collections](#)

Megan Smith writes: "Looking for a creative costume for your upcoming Halloween celebration? We have some quick ideas pulled straight from the collections of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History,



guaranteed to make you stand out in a sea of ninjas and pirates. If you already have a long dress with long sleeves, dressing as Mary Pickersgill (right), who sewed the Star-Spangled Banner, as well as a second, smaller flag for Fort McHenry in Baltimore, should be a cinch."...

O Say Can You See?, Oct. 24

[10 classic Halloween cartoons you can watch right now](#)

Alison Nastasi writes: "In the days leading up to Halloween, creepy cartoons always set the mood with spine-tingling tales and famous animated characters channeling the dark side. We've collected several classic cartoons that pay homage to all things haunted and hair-raising, so head past the break to see what we came up with."...

Flavorwire, Oct. 22



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American Libraries Online

Reports still coming in on Hurricane Sandy library flooding

News coverage and reports from state libraries offered little information about damage to public and academic libraries in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, which hit the Atlantic Coast five miles southwest of Atlantic City, New Jersey, on the evening of October 29. Many public libraries, including the New York Public Library, remained closed on October 31. As of mid-day, many coastal areas of New Jersey and New York remained without power, preventing damage assessments and the operation of pumps....

American Libraries news, Oct. 31



Zombies invade the library

Toni Massari McPherson writes: "Imagine the library from hell: stacks filled with unseen dangers; furniture that's been overturned and tossed into makeshift barriers; groans, shrieks, and manic laughter as frantic patrons struggle in dim emergency lighting to find safety from monsters lying in wait to terrify, give chase, and contaminate them with a single touch. This was the scene inside the Z. J. Loussac Library in Anchorage, Alaska, on October 20."...

American Libraries feature



How to put on a How-To Festival

Judy Rosenfield writes: "On a sunny spring Saturday at the Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library, hundreds of people with schedules in their hands rushed down hallways and up stairs, wondering, 'What should I learn next?' Flamenco dancing or magic tricks? How to cook perfect omelets or how to start kayaking? How

The conversation starts here...



ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Seattle, January 25–29. "News You Can Use" will offer critical updates at Midwinter on what's new in research, surveys, legislation and regulation, the newly elected administration, tech trends, digital content, and ebooks, provided by ALA divisions, offices, and organizations such as Pew and IMLS. Get details and updates at the [ALA Midwinter website](#), join the [Facebook Event](#), and track the tag [#alamw13](#).





to win at Scrabble or how to raise chickens? The day was part of the library's first How-To Festival, an experiment in high-intensity community-based interactive learning."...
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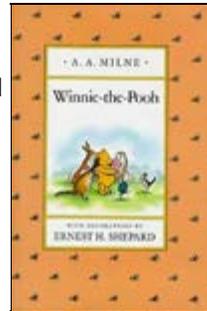
[Will's World: Trust in your trustees](#)

Will Manley writes: "It frustrates me profoundly to have someone in the library profession approach me at a conference to challenge my credibility as a speaker—usually in view of the fact that I'm retired, out of touch, and behind the times. In other words, I'm no longer actively involved in library matters. My defense is immediate. I explain that while I may be retired from the administrative wars, I now play an even more important library position: I am a trustee."...
American Libraries column, Nov./Dec.



[Ban Pooh?](#)

Q. Each year when we mark Banned Books Week in my middle school reading class, I'm always astonished to see that *Winnie-the-Pooh* has appeared on a list of banned books, though not one from ALA. Why is this book listed? **A.** I think what has happened is this. Up until the last year or so, we had on our website a page with the 100 titles on the Radcliffe list and highlighted those that had been challenged. But people didn't read the fine print and thought all of them had been challenged. So, where *Winnie-the-Pooh* is listed as #22 on the [list of classics](#), no challenges have been recorded."...
AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Oct. 31



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ALA News

[Ben Bizzle to speak at Midwinter](#)

Library Facebook and social media guru Ben Bizzle (right) will show attendees how to maximize the reach and impact of a library Facebook page in the ALA [Masters session](#), "Outreach 2.0: The Digital Revolution of Public Relations," at the Midwinter Meeting in Seattle on January 27. This popular library innovator will provide strategies for taking advantage of the most cost-effective outreach tool



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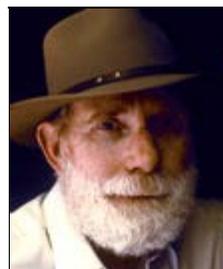
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there is, using examples from eight libraries across the country that added more than 9,000 fans in 28 days....

Conference Services, Oct. 26

The novel is alive and well

"The Novel Is Alive and Well" is the 2013 subject of the popular Exhibits Round Table / *Booklist* Author Forum, kicking Midwinter off in style on January 25 and offering the first of many opportunities to hear and see favorite authors up close. Lively moderator Brad Hooper, *Booklist* adult books editor, will draw best-selling authors Ivan Doig (right), Gregg Olsen, and Ruth Ozeki out on how their books contribute to the thriving novel form and the influence of the Pacific Northwest on their work....



Conference Services, Oct. 25

Celebrate Games Day with an online scavenger hunt

Starting on Saturday, November 3, to coincide with International Games Day, atyourlibrary.org will host a gaming-themed scavenger hunt. To play, participants answer a new question each day for five days. Each correct answer will count as an entry in the scavenger hunt. At the end of the week, a winner will be selected at random from all eligible answers to receive a \$50 GameStop gift certificate....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Oct. 30

The five-minute library instruction assessment

Information literacy expert Sarah Steiner (right) will show you how five minutes of skilled, targeted assessment is all you need to give you a precise understanding of students' needs, learning, and retention in the latest iteration of the popular workshop "[How to Improve Your Library Instruction: Assessment in Five Minutes](#)" on January 10. Drawing from real-life examples, Steiner will discuss how to write the best assessment questions and use inexpensive survey tools to gauge learning while you interact with students. [Registration](#) is open....



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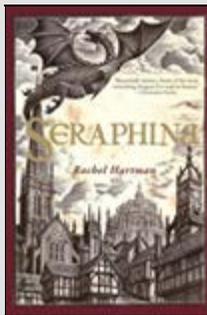
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[Featured review: Fantasy for youth](#)

Hartman, Rachel. *Seraphina*. July 2012. 480p. Random House, hardcover (978-0-375-86656-2). Grades 9–12.

Hartman proves dragons are still fascinating in this impressive high fantasy. After 40 years of peace between human and dragon kingdoms, their much-maligned treaty is on the verge of collapse. Tensions are already high with an influx of dragons, reluctantly shifted to human forms, arriving for their ruler Ardmagar Comonot's anniversary. But when Prince Rufus is found murdered in the fashion of dragons—that is, his head has been bitten off—things reach a fever pitch. Seraphina, a gifted court musician, wants only to go unnoticed as the investigation draws close: she is the unthinkable, a human-dragon half-breed, and her secret must be protected...



[The Booklist interview: Rachel Hartman](#)

Ann Kelley writes: "Imagine publishing your debut novel to seven starred reviews and a spot on the *New York Times* bestseller list. A dream, right? But it's Rachel Hartman's reality as the author of the highly praised and widely embraced *Seraphina*, one of *Booklist's* Top 10 First Novels for Youth. The book takes readers to the rich world of Goredd, where a 40-year-old peace treaty between the human and dragon kingdoms is on the verge of collapse. Hartman spoke to *Booklist* about the writing of the novel and the wild ride that's only just begun...."



[Top 10 first novels for youth, 2012](#)

Ilene Cooper writes: "This crop of first novels, all reviewed in *Booklist* in the past year, introduces memorable characters and intriguing situations in books for readers in grades 4–12. For example, *A Dog Called Homeless* by Sarah Lean, in which 5th-grader Cally has myriad problems after her mother dies, including seeing her mom everywhere. But some new friends, including a silver-gray dog, begin to transform her life...."



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Great Libraries of the World



[Lincoln's Inn Library](#)

London, UK.

The library was first mentioned in 1471 and originally existed in a building next to the Old Hall. The current facility was built as part of the complex containing the Great Hall, and was finished in 1845 by Philip Hardwick and extended in 1872 by George Gilbert Scott. It contains a large collection of rare books, including the complete collection of Sir Matthew Hale, which he bequeathed to the Inn in 1676, and the longest-running record series of any of the four Inns of Court—the Black Books commencing in 1422.



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Seattle Update

What's Seattle's head librarian reading?

Valerie Easton writes: "Marcellus Turner (right) started out in 4th grade shelving books in his school library in Mississippi. Fourteen months ago, he became the director of the Seattle Public Library System, and he now oversees the Central Library and 26 branches that circulated 11,572,778 items last year. When MT, as he's known by friends and library staff, went to his first Seafair parade last summer, he was delighted to see that so many of the people lining the streets were reading while waiting for the parade to start."...

Crosscut.com, Oct. 25



Seattle superlatives

The first *Dick and Jane* children's book series was created by Seattle's Elizabeth Julesburg under the pseudonym Elizabeth Montgomery. Seattle has the largest percentage of library card holders in the nation (80%) and spends double the national average on books every year. King County Library System was the busiest library system in the US in 2010 with circulation of 22.4 million items....

See Seattle



Seven restaurants that define Seattle dining now

Allison Austin Scheff and Sara Dickerman write: "If you took a culinary snapshot of Seattle in 2012, what would it taste like? Beyond the strong locavore focus and the eager seasonality of menus, Seattle restaurants have a unique spirit, a feel all their own. We celebrate this special Seattle flavor by calling out the restaurants that define our city—and the trends they exemplify. This is where to go to taste Seattle."...

Seattle Magazine, Apr.



Use these phrases if your flight is cancelled

"Operator, please connect me to customer service." "The first thing you should do is call the airline, even while you're waiting in line to be rerouted," says Brett Snyder of [Cranky Concierge](#), an air-traveler assistance firm. "This way, you're essentially cutting the line in front of you." To expedite the rebooking process at the major airlines, keep their numbers ([PDF file](#)) in your wallet."...

Real Simple

Division News

Literary Landmark at Central Connecticut

The Elihu Burritt Library at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain was designated a Literary Landmark October 11 in honor of writer and abolitionist Elihu Burritt (1810–1879). His writings are housed at the CCSU Library and in the New Britain Public Library. The Skinner, Cargill, and Bradley



Literary and Philosophical Society.

Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. The society was founded in 1793 as a center for discussions about literature, art, and science. The current building with its magnificent reading rooms opened in 1825 and went on to become the largest private library outside London. The society launched a music library in 1913 to collect scores of the great composers, followed in 1942 by a gramophone library of 78rpm records, which was later amplified with vinyl, CD, and DVD recordings.

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](#).



families sponsored the Literary Landmark and established an endowed scholarship, announced at the dedication....

United for Libraries, Oct. 30

[AASL boosts Digital Learning Day events](#)

AASL will join the Alliance for Excellent Education and other national educational groups in celebrating the second annual Digital Learning Day on February 6. School librarians are encouraged to participate in events and contribute resources. [Once registered](#), school librarians can share success stories, join a community of practice, download tools to promote the celebration, and add their Digital Learning Day activities to an interactive map....

AASL, Oct. 30



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

A new AASL webinar, "The Power of Data," to be held November 15, will explore how data can be used to support school library programs. Presenter Sandra Andrews (right) will show how to compare local data with national data to determine how it can help in decision making at the school level. She will also demonstrate the utilization of benchmarking and using data for advocacy and to communicate needs and successes.



[Registration](#) is open....

AASL, Oct. 30

[AASL seeks proposals for Hartford conference](#)

AASL invites proposals for concurrent sessions to be presented during its 16th National Conference and Exhibition. Concurrent sessions will be held on November 15–16, 2013. The [submission](#) deadline has been extended through November 12, 2012. Concurrent sessions during the conference are 75 minutes in length. Proposals should focus on one of the content strands. AASL is also looking for 20–30 [volunteers](#) to participate in a blind review and scoring of concurrent session proposals and proposals for the Best Practice Showcase....

AASL, Oct. 25

[AASL commends 11 programs that support school librarians' work](#)

Moving on recommendations made by its Affiliate Assembly, AASL has formally commended 11 programs based on their support of the school librarian profession and their alignment with AASL's learning standards and program guidelines, as well as the principles expressed in AASL mission and value statements....

AASL, Oct. 30

[Edward McCoy is ALSC's 2013 Emerging Leader](#)

Edward McCoy (right), library assistant at the Oakland (Calif.) Public Library, has been named a 2013 Emerging Leader by ALSC. After working as an attorney for eight years, McCoy returned to library school and plans to receive his MLIS from San José State University in December. A member of Save Oakland Libraries, McCoy has completed internships at San Francisco Public Library and Alameda Free Library. Emerging Leaders receive up to \$1,000 each to participate in the ALA Midwinter Meeting



Career Leads from JobLIST

[Learning Commons Coordinator](#)

University of Iowa, Iowa City. This position will promote student success through the integration of information services, institutional resources, and technologies for the University of Iowa Main Library Learning Commons. The successful candidate will seek to enhance information discovery, collaborative learning, and knowledge building, particularly for the undergraduate student population. Specifically, the position will be responsible for developing and coordinating workshops, programs, technology, and select services available in the Main Library Learning Commons....



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Digital Library of the Week

and Annual Conference....

ALSC, Oct. 30

[Thousands take part in Teen Read Week](#)

More than 3,000 libraries embraced the 2012 Teen Read Week theme, "It Came from the Library," by hosting an array of events and programs October 14–20. Programs ran the gamut from a Teen Book Fest at the Provo City (Utah) Library to a Maker Faire at Ocean County (N.J.) Library. "We're thrilled that so many libraries across the country are able to inspire so many teens to use library resources to read for the fun of it," said YALSA President Jack Martin....

YALSA, Oct. 30

[Find out what library non-users want](#)

Participants in PLA's live, hour-long webinar on November 7, "[The Elusive Library Non-User: How to Find Out What Non-Users Want.](#)" will learn techniques to gain insights about non-users and how to draw them into the library from instructors Donna Fletcher and Paula Singer. The webinar is the second in the PLA Conference Webinar Series, which is still accepting [registrations](#) to access "The State of E-Books in Public Libraries and Publishing" through the PLA archive and "On Life Support, But Not Dead Yet! Revitalizing Reference for the 21st Century," on November 15....

PLA, Oct. 30

[Apply for PLA's first-ever Leadership Academy](#)

The inaugural PLA Leadership Academy, "Navigating Change, Building Community," to be held March 5–8 in Chicago, will offer intensive, empowering leadership education for public librarians who want to increase their capacity to lead not only within the library, but also in the community. Developed in collaboration with the International City and County Managers Association, the academy promises a groundbreaking focus on developing the skills needed to work with municipal officials and other community stakeholders. The [application deadline](#) is November 28....

PLA, Oct. 30

[Call for proposals: 2013 LITA Forum](#)

The 2013 National Forum Committee seeks proposals for high-quality preconferences, concurrent sessions, and poster sessions for the 16th annual LITA National Forum to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, November 7–10, 2013. The theme is "Creation, Collaboration, Community." The deadline to [submit](#) is February 25....

LITA Blog, Oct. 24

[Library consultants: Network at ASCLA luncheon](#)

ASCLA's Library Consultants Interest Group will host a networking luncheon on January 26 during the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. A forum for face-to-face networking among consulting colleagues, the luncheon will also feature educational content such as learning new icebreakers, refining elevator pitches, and using Twitter for self-promotion. Participants will also have the opportunity to win career-related raffle prizes. [Tickets are now on sale](#)....



The [Ralston Crawford Collection of Jazz Photography](#) at Tulane University comprises some 800 black-and-white documentary photographs by Canadian-born painter, lithographer, and photographer Ralston Crawford (1906–1978), culled from his New Orleans work. Enamored of New Orleans music and culture, Crawford often made field trips to the city between the late 1940s and the early 1960s, photographing second-line parades, funerals with music, church services, night clubs, streetscapes, and signage as well as portraits of local musicians and bands.

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

Noted and Quoted

"To think about school libraries only as repositories of books is to think of churches as storage units for stained glass. . . . The school

ASCLA, Oct. 30

[ASCLA seeks webinar proposals for 2013](#)

Proposals are invited from subject matter experts and experienced librarians for ASCLA webinars to be presented in 2013 on topics such as innovative services for an aging population, collaborative digitization, correctional librarianship 101, data analysis and assessment, and serving disabled patrons. Webinar presenters are compensated for their work and will receive training and support for Blackboard Collaborate. Learn how to [submit a proposal](#)....

ASCLA, Oct. 30

[ACRL approves new diversity standards](#)

The board of ACRL has approved a new iteration of "Diversity Standards: Cultural Competency for Academic Libraries." Developed by the ACRL Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee, the standards emphasize the need and obligation for academic and research libraries to serve and advocate for racial and ethnically diverse constituencies. [Read](#) "Diversity Standards" online and in the October *C&RL News*....

ACRL, Oct. 30

[ACRL seeks workshop presenter](#)

ACRL is accepting applications from prospective new presenters for the workshop "[Scholarly Communications: From Understanding to Engagement](#)." The day-long workshop, now in its fifth year, is led by two expert presenters at locations across the country. The workshop content is updated each year to meet the evolving needs of the community. In 2013, the sections will focus on access, intellectual property, engagement, and emerging opportunities for scholarship. [Application materials](#) must be submitted via email by November 19 to [Lisa Macklin](#)....

ACRL, Oct. 30

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Awards & Grants

[ALA recognition awards and grants](#)

Nominate yourself, colleagues, or your library for one of the 2012 ALA recognition awards and grants. The deadline is December 1, unless otherwise noted. General information about these and other [ALA awards](#) is available on the ALA website....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 30

[EBSCO offers seven grants to attend Annual Conference](#)

ALA and EBSCO are partnering to offer seven scholarships for librarians to attend the 2013 Annual Conference in Chicago, June 27–July 2. Each grant will be in the amount of \$1,000. The money is to be used for conference registration, travel, and expenses. The deadline to [apply](#) is December 1....

Office of ALA Governance, Oct. 30

[UIC library commons area wins design citations](#)

The American Institute of Architects' Chicago chapter has awarded the University of Illinois at Chicago two Design Excellence citations of

library is a type of demilitarized zone in the war for daily schoolyard survival. It's the one place where students who are serious about intellectual exploration can feel accepted and unashamed about wanting to excel."

—British author Jeff Norton, "[The Secret Library](#)," *The Bookseller*, Oct. 29.

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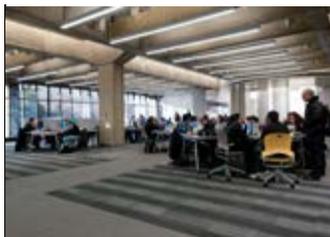


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merit for the IDEA Commons (right), an interactive library space that opened in November 2011. The citations were in the categories of distinguished building and interior architecture. The IDEA Commons was designed by David Woodhouse Architects....

Crain's Chicago Business, Oct. 26



[2012 Carl Sandburg Literary Awards](#)

The Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Public Library Foundation hosted the 13th annual Carl Sandburg Literary Awards dinner at the UIC Forum on October 17. Emcee Bill Kurtis introduced more than 65 noted authors, all with ties to Chicago, to the crowd of 700. Playwright and novelist Don DeLillo (*Cosmopolis*, *Underworld*) was honored with the Carl Sandburg Literary Award for Fiction, and biographer Walter Isaacson (*Steve Jobs*, *Einstein: His Life and Universe*) won the Carl Sandburg Literary Award for Nonfiction. South Korean author Nami Mun (*Miles From Nowhere*) won the 21st Century Award....

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 26



[2012 Scotiabank Giller Prize](#)

Will Ferguson has won the \$50,000 (Can.) Scotiabank Giller Prize for his novel *419*, published by Viking Canada/Penguin Canada. He accepted the award at a nationally televised gala October 30 in Toronto. The jury said *419* "points in the direction of something entirely new: the Global Novel. It is a novel emotionally and physically at home in the poverty of Lagos and in the day-to-day of North America."...

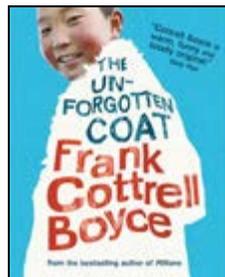
Publishers Weekly, Oct. 31



[Guardian Children's Fiction Prize](#)

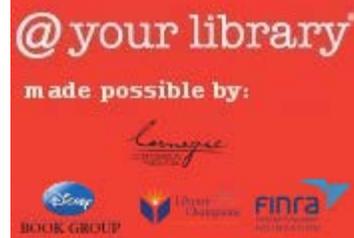
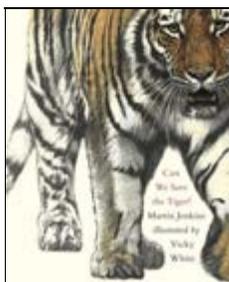
The winner of the 2012 *Guardian* Children's Fiction Prize, first awarded in 1967, was announced on October 24: It's Frank Cottrell Boyce for *The Unforgotten Coat* (Walker), a magical and compelling story about two Mongolian refugee brothers adapting to a very different life in Liverpool, England. The story examines the effects the immigration system has on children. The £1,500 (\$2,405 US) prize is the only award of its kind judged by writers....

The Guardian (UK), Oct. 24



[2012 Information Book Awards](#)

Can We Save the Tiger? (Walker), by Martin Jenkins and illustrated by Vicky White, was the overall Children's Choice and Judges' Choice in the 2012 Information Book Awards, announced in London on October 22. The awards, sponsored by the School Library Association, celebrate the importance of outstanding nonfiction books for children and young



Calendar

Nov. 8:

[OCLC Member](#)

[Services](#), workshop, "Libraries and Users at Webscale: The Future Is Now," Broward County African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Nov. 16:

[American Libraries](#)

[Live](#), a free streaming video broadcast viewable from your home, library, or favorite Wi-Fi spot. Featuring Jason Griffey. "Library 2017: Tech at Warp Speed."

Nov. 16:

[OCLC Member](#)

[Services](#), workshop, "Libraries and Users at Webscale: The Future Is Now," Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Dec. 4:

[OCLC Member](#)

[Services](#), workshop, "Libraries and Users at Webscale: The Future Is Now," F. W. Olin Center, Union College, Albany, New York.

Dec. 5:

[OCLC Member](#)

[Services](#), workshop, "Libraries and Users at Webscale: The Future

adults. Winners are also selected in three age categories....

School Library Association, Oct. 22

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Libraries in the News

[Target and Todd Oldham unveil renovated school library](#)

The Target Corporation and The Heart of America Foundation unveiled a state-of-the-art library (right) and Target Meals for Minds food pantry at P.S. 21 in Staten Island, New York. As part of its 2012 Target School Library Makeover program, the retailer is unveiling new libraries at a total of 32 in-need elementary schools across the country. Creator and designer Todd Oldham helped to redesign the space by incorporating his signature style throughout the library....

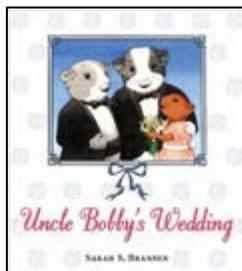
Target Corporation, Oct. 26



[Brentwood will keep *Uncle Bobby's Wedding*](#)

Trustees for the Brentwood (Mo.) Public Library held a special meeting October 22 and voted to keep *Uncle Bobby's Wedding* in its children's collection. The library was responding to a written challenge from a Brentwood resident, who did not like the book's subject matter, which involves a young guinea pig and her beloved uncle, who is going to marry....

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Book Blog, Oct. 25



[Memphis library card only gets voters a provisional ballot](#)

Voters who are showing up at Shelby County, Tennessee, polls with only a Memphis library card as their photo ID are being given provisional ballots. Lawyers for the city of Memphis responded to an appeal filed by Tennessee election officials who are seeking to overturn a court ruling that allowed voters to use the photo ID issued by the Memphis Public Library at the polls....

Associated Press, Oct. 29

[Nook accessibility lawsuit settled](#)

A [lawsuit](#) against the Free Library of Philadelphia filed in May with the assistance of the National Federation of the Blind by four blind patrons has been resolved by the parties. The plaintiffs filed suit because the library began lending Nook Simple Touch e-readers, devices that are completely inaccessible to blind patrons. The library has agreed to purchase 10 accessible e-readers to supplement the devices it has already purchased, and within four years will use only accessible e-reading devices....

National Federation of the Blind, May 2, Oct. 23

[Lawyer can use library plaza for health care info](#)

An Indiana attorney and a Fort Wayne library that he claimed violated his free speech rights have reached an agreement that will allow him to set up a display about federal health care law on the building's

Is Now," Rochester Regional Library Council, Fairport, New York.

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

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."

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.

Feb. 6–9:
[Special Libraries Association](#), Leadership Summit, Crowne Plaza Dallas Downtown Hotel.

Feb. 14:
[American Libraries Live](#), "Mobile Services: The Library in Your Pocket."

Mar. 6–8:
[Louisiana Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hilton Capitol Center Downtown, Baton Rouge. "Louisiana Libraries: Unlock the Possibilities!"

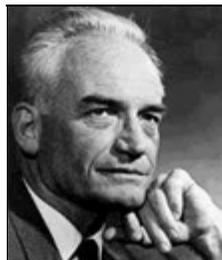
plaza. Attorneys for David Kolhoff and the Allen County Public Library filed paperwork withdrawing their dispute October 26 in US District Court in Fort Wayne. Kolhoff sought to use the library plaza to educate the public on health care law and its requirements....

Munster (Ind.) Times, Oct. 27

[Goldwater Library coming to Mesa](#)

Downtown Mesa, Arizona, will be home to a library honoring the legacy of the late Sen. Barry Goldwater (1909–1998, right). The establishment of the [Barry and Peggy Goldwater Library and Archives](#) was announced October 23. The \$30 million research and education center is expected to contain not only the Goldwater archives but papers from other Arizona politicians and artifacts from Goldwater’s life....

Phoenix Arizona Republic, Oct. 23



[Gun found inside donated book](#)

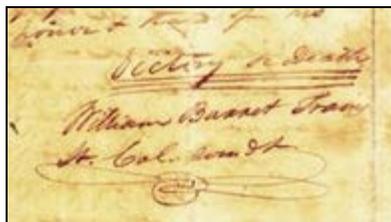
An employee at the Valparaiso branch of the Porter County (Ind.) Public Library made a shocking discovery in late October after cracking open a donated book. A copy of Robert Stone’s novel *Outerbridge Reach* was hollowed out and contained a historic-looking handgun. The weapon was described by police as a gold, wooden-handle, .31 caliber, single-shot, black-powder handgun. Donation records are not retained, so the donor remains unidentified....



Valparaiso (Ind.) News, Oct. 26

[Travis letter to return to the Alamo for an exhibition](#)

After months of negotiations and weeks of increased media interest, commissioners of the Texas State Library and Archives voted October 24 to loan William Barret Travis’s 1836



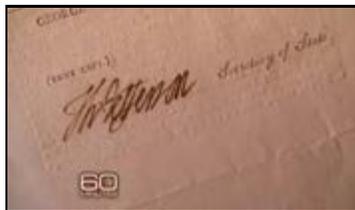
“victory or death” letter to the Texas General Land Office for display from February 23 to March 7 at the Alamo, which the land office oversees. The exhibition will mark the first time the letter has returned to the place it was written nearly 177 years ago....

Liberty County (Tex.) Vindicator, Oct. 29

[60 Minutes features missing National Archives treasures](#)

Precious historical artifacts like the Wright Brothers airplane patent, the bombing maps for the nuclear attack on Japan, the original eyewitness radio report of the Hindenburg disaster, and photos taken by the astronauts on the moon are just some of the items stolen from the National Archives. So much of our past has been pocketed by thieves that the National Archives has formed a recovery team to get them back. *60 Minutes’* Bob Simon [reported](#) (14:11) October 28 on this alarming trend....

CBS: *60 Minutes*, Oct. 28



[Rural libraries face dwindling revenue](#)

Across the country, small-town and rural public libraries face financial struggles including flat or decreasing revenue, increasing costs, and

Mar. 14:
[American Libraries Live](#), “Library Safety and Security.”

Mar. 15:
[National Federation of Advanced Information Services](#), “The Future Role of Abstracting and Indexing Devices,” Hub Circa Centre, Philadelphia.

Apr. 5:
[Library Association of the City University of New York](#) institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City. “Libraries, Information, and the Right to the City.”

May 10:
[Association of College and Research Libraries, New England Chapter](#), Annual Conference, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts. “Communities in the Cloud, the Commons, and the College.”

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rising demand for services such as internet access. Some libraries are responding by cutting hours and services or getting by with smaller staffs. The library in Seneca, a branch of the Neosho-Newton County (Mo.) Library, is now slated for closure. In fact, it was supposed to close on November 1, but a petition drive from residents prompted the library board to agree to keep it open through June to look at funding options....

Joplin (Mo.) Globe, Oct. 27

Stanford Libraries get a budget injection

Following sharp budget cuts in recent years, Stanford University's libraries will experience a significant funding increase this academic year. The university allocated an additional \$1 million to the \$19.5 million library materials budget. Although the increase in funds has different implications for different collections, the addition will enable the library system to recover some of its lost purchasing power....

Stanford Daily, Oct. 25

Connellsville 1903 Carnegie library declared haunted

A Pittsburgh paranormal research organization has deemed the historic Connellsville (Pa.) Carnegie Free Library (right) haunted. "This place is haunted. There's no doubt in my mind it's tremendously haunted," said Shawn Kelly, the founder and the lead investigator of the Pittsburgh Paranormal Society. The 109-year-old library, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built over the site of the former Connell Graveyard. The Santa Ana (Calif.) Public Library also sits on a former graveyard and is [said to be haunted](#)....

Fayette (Pa.) Daily Courier, Oct. 29; Orange County (Calif.) Register, Oct. 26



Illinois high school librarian on Jeopardy!

A librarian at Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook, Illinois, had the opportunity to appear on the popular afternoon game show *Jeopardy!* Ana Peso was chosen to appear on the show almost a year after taking the online test and being asked to audition. Her episode will air on December 31. Although unable to discuss the specifics of her game because of a confidentiality agreement, Peso said she is focusing on the experience itself, which was both exciting and nerve-racking....

Northbrook (Ill.) Patch, Oct. 29



Haiti's BiblioTaptap

BiblioTaptap, Haiti's first bookmobile service, launched in summer 2012, thanks to Libraries Without Borders and its partners (National Library of Haiti, the Haitian National Bureau for Books, and the Foundation for Knowledge and Freedom). LWB plans to launch two more before January 2013. Named after Haiti's "Tap taps" ("quick, quick")—colorfully painted buses or pickup trucks that serve as shared taxis—BiblioTaptaps are fulfilling a critical need for access to information and reading materials since the devastating earthquake of 2010....

AL Focus, Oct. 25



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[Supreme Court divided on *Kirtsaeng* case](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "The US Supreme Court heard oral arguments ([PDF file](#)) on October 29 in a key copyright-infringement case (*Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons*), with justices asking pointed questions about the resale and reuse of protected works. Many of the questions homed in on possible consequences for individual buyers as well as libraries and other institutions, but did not suggest which way the court was leaning. The outcome has significant implications for publishers, academic libraries, and almost anyone who resells, lends, or displays copyrighted material made and bought outside the United States." A [decision](#) in the case, Docket No. 11-697, is expected by summer 2013....

Chronicle of Higher Education, Oct. 29; CNET News, Oct. 29

[Jailbreaking now legal for smartphones, but not tablets](#)

Timothy B. Lee writes: "When Congress passed the Digital Millennium Copyright Act in 1998, it gave the Librarian of Congress the power to grant exemptions. LC announced the latest batch of exemptions on October 25. For the next three years, you'll be allowed to jailbreak smartphones, but not tablet computers. You'll be able to unlock phones purchased before January 2013, but not phones purchased after that. It will be legal to rip DVDs to use as an excerpt in a documentary film, but not to play it on your iPad. None of these distinctions makes very much sense."...

Ars Technica, Oct. 25

[New study: School librarians boost student test scores](#)

Having access to a full-time, certified school librarian means better outcomes for Pennsylvania's public school students, according to new research from the Colorado-based RSL Research Group. The researchers examined the 2010–2011 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests in reading and writing for students in grades 3–11 and tracked outcomes for students based on five school library factors. Overall, the greatest impact on student test scores was seen from having a full-time, certified librarian....

Education Law Center, Oct. 23

[The romance of browsing](#)

Bohyun Kim writes: "The traditional library space packed with stacks and carrels does not serve today's library users well. As more and more library resources are moved to the convenient realm of the web, libraries have focused on redefining the library space.

However, some patrons say that browsing a library's physical collection in the stacks led them to many serendipitous discoveries, and that in their tiny, uncomfortable carrels, they were completely absorbed with their own thoughts as they read through a pile of books and journals undisturbed by the worldly hustle and bustle."...

ACRLog, Oct. 29



[To share or not to share](#)

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Rick Anderson writes: "Those who argue for the ongoing necessity of something substantially like traditional interlibrary loan in the online realm generally base their arguments on the need to preserve our traditional rights under the first-sale doctrine. But I think this argument constitutes what philosophers call a 'category mistake.' First-sale is about what may be done with physical copies. In the digital realm, what is typically referred to as 'sharing' is actually copying—sometimes legal and sometimes not."...

Library Journal: Peer to Peer Review, Oct. 25

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Tech Talk

[50 great mobile apps for libraries](#)

Sarah Houghton writes: "At the Internet Librarian conference, Richard Le and Tom Duffy gave a presentation on 50 mobile apps that are useful for libraries. Apps have changed the way we search for and access information. The mobile platform is the preferred way to access information on the go. We can integrate information and add value to our work with better and richer content. Most of the apps featured today are free."...

Librarian in Black, Oct. 24



[The 10 best features in Windows 8](#)

Alexandra Chang writes: "The wait is over: Windows 8 has arrived. After many, many months of talking about Windows 8, Microsoft officially released the new operating system on October 26. With this exciting new era for Microsoft comes a huge list of changes to Windows. Not only is the interface totally different, there are several new features and capabilities. Here are our 10 favorites, plus one that gets honorary mention." Michael Muchmore points out that there is a [steep learning curve](#), and David Pogue says that it's really [two operating systems](#) in one....

Wired: Gadget Lab, Oct. 25; PC Magazine, Oct. 25; New York Times: Pogue's Posts, Oct. 25



[Google now has devices in three sizes](#)

Brian X. Chen writes: "With the addition of its new iPad Mini, Apple offers touch-screen devices in three sizes. Now Google is matching that by introducing a tablet that is meant to compete directly with the larger iPad. On October 29, Google unveiled the Nexus 10, a 10-inch tablet it developed with Samsung, and a new phone, the Nexus 4, that it made with LG. Google also said it would upgrade its seven-inch tablet, the Nexus 7, to include a cellular data connection."...

New York Times: Bits, Oct. 29



[A beginner's guide to CSS](#)

Lauren Hockenson writes: "The beauty of

Cascading Style Sheets, or CSS, is that it makes implementing design on a website super-simple. Where traditional style manipulations with HTML would lead to sifting through the code of multiple web pages to keep everything consistent, CSS makes sweeping transformations across every corner of a website. Here's the foundation you'll need to be well on your way with this new language."...

Mashable, Oct. 24



[How to buy a gaming desktop](#)

Joel Santo Domingo writes: "What kind of desktop will it take to run high-end 3D games? If you have deep pockets, your answer could be a custom-built hot rod from an elite boutique PC manufacturer such as Alienware, Falcon Northwest, or Voodoo Computers. If you're not made of money, a couple of well-informed choices will go a long way toward helping you get the right gaming rig, even if it's from a standard PC vendor." Here are the [10 best gaming desktops....](#)

PC Magazine, Oct. 25



[Security implications of librarians creating apps](#)

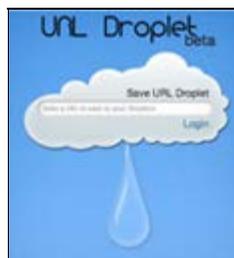
Peter Murray writes: "Should librarians be learning how to develop software? This theme has come up in the past few years and I think it is a good thing. There is one thing that has me worried, though, in the enthusiasm to teach ad hoc software development skills to everyone that is interested in learning: security. When you are creating apps to be used by others, you take on the responsibility of accounting for all the things that could go wrong."...

Disruptive Library Technology Jester, Oct. 28

[10 things you didn't know Dropbox could do](#)

Matt Petronzio writes: "Free of charge (with a paid upgrade option), Dropbox lets you upload your files to folders accessible anywhere there's an internet connection. It eliminates the hassle of emailing yourself attachments and running into size limits. There are several ways to amp up your user experience. You can 'favorite' files for offline reading, upload documents via URL, or download torrents remotely so they're ready by the time you get home."...

Mashable, Oct. 26



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E-Content

[Random Penguins ahead](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "In a rare glimpse behind the curtain, this weekend we heard a bit more about the owners of two of the Big Six publishers. Bertelsmann, owner of Random House, and Pearson, owner of Penguin, stepped into the spotlight as they [announced](#) the intended [merger](#) of their two trade publishing houses October 29. So who are these two companies? Assuming approval by regulators, the new Penguin Random House will dominate trade publishing; it will control more than a quarter of the



US market." Graphic designer Todd Goldstein [speculates](#) on what the logo might look like (above) after the merger. Richard Curtis examines the [implications](#) of the merger for publishing staff and authors....

AL: E-Content, Oct. 29; Reuters, Oct. 29; *The Guardian* (UK), Oct. 29; Digital Book World, Oct. 29

[School libraries move to digital resources](#)

Laura Devaney writes: "As schools move from printed textbooks to digital materials and digital learning environments, school libraries are adapting to keep pace. Abilene Christian University has transformed its learning spaces to encourage students to collaborate and create. One of the biggest parts of the library is the learning studio, which is a place where students can go to create different digital resources such as audio and video recordings, multimedia pieces, or link up to share ideas and brainstorm."...

eSchool News, Oct. 30

[EPUB: The best format for the Kindle Fire](#)

Nate Hoffelder writes: "The Kindle Fire HD is Amazon's flagship device, so one might expect that Amazon's own native apps would be the best at their tasks—on this tablet, anyway. That is not true. Whether through a deliberate design decision or mere indifference, Amazon has made it really hard to download and read DRM-free ebooks on the Kindle Fire HD. You can download an ebook and open it, but if you want it to show up in your personal docs, you will need to use a file manager to copy the ebook from one folder to another."...

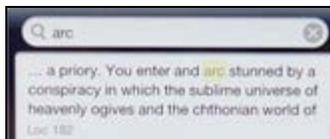
The Digital Reader, Oct. 28



[Why are ebooks riddled with typos?](#)

Laura June writes: "Ebooks are apparently lousy with typos. This is not a minor issue, and it doesn't seem to be an isolated one, either. Though I've only had my Kindle for three weeks, I've noticed that the book I've been reading, *Foucault's Pendulum*, has many typos. This isn't an out-of-copyright, cheaply made book from a fly-by-night press. This is marketed and published as a 2007 edition of the 1988 book by Mariner, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin. Many of the typos appear to be casualties of the OCR process."...

The Verge, Oct. 26



[The future of E Ink](#)

Jeremy Wagstaff writes: "E-readers initially benefited from their reflective displays, which can be read in sunlight and require very little power. But the success of Apple's iPad, improved backlit displays, power-saving technologies, and smaller tablets all point to one thing: The e-reader has become a transitional technology. Electronic paper companies like E Ink are scrabbling for new ways to sell the technology, or in some cases are pulling the plug entirely."...

Reuters, Oct. 28



[An open letter to ebook retailers](#)

Joanna Cabot writes: "Dear Ebook Retailers: Please, can we have a return to common sense sometime soon? I buy my books (except when I read library books, which I pay for via taxes). I reward

content creators for their labors, which I make use of. But in return, I am asking—*pleading*—to be treated in return like a real person, and given the trust to use my purchased content sensibly, and with some allowance for real life.”...

TeleRead, Oct. 26

[Reclaiming the lost publishing mojo](#)

Joseph Esposito writes: “The people at Google are not the only ones who walked through university libraries and wondered why all those books were not online. Librarians have been saying it for 15 years or more. Why didn’t publishers listen? In digitization, librarians were primarily interested in preserving their collections as print books wore out or got lost; Google had a different agenda. What the librarians wanted would not have disrupted publishing; what Google wanted potentially changes everything.”...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Oct. 23

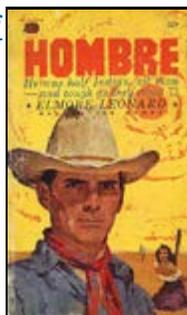
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Books & Reading

[Rousing Reads: The wild and poetic life of Westerns](#)

Bill Ott writes: “I’m hooked on Westerns. Not the genre-blends that are popular today—the cowboy romances and the zombie Westerns—but the real thing: novels set in the Old West, featuring hard-drinking, rugged individualists who are good at doing the things that must be done and doing them with grace under pressure. Except for the setting, that definition also works for hard-boiled crime novels. One genre’s high-plains drifter is another’s private eye walking the mean streets.”...

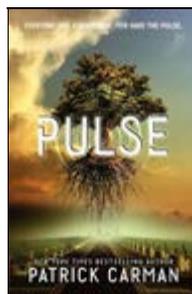
American Libraries column, Nov./Dec.



[It's adventure time](#)

Julie Bartel writes: “‘Adventure’ is one of those genre labels that gets murkier and less precise the longer I think about it. I start out excited to write about stories of exotic locales, heart-pounding action, and danger, danger, danger, and end up wondering if half of all contemporary YA fiction couldn’t be classified as ‘adventure.’ When I think about adventure fiction, I think about Armstrong Sperry, or the authors who inspired him like Robert Louis Stevenson and Jack London, or those that followed him like two-time Newbery Award winner Scott O’Dell.”...

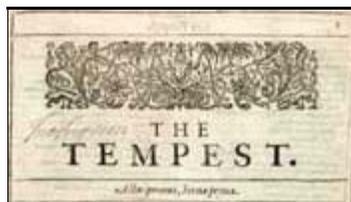
YALSA The Hub, Oct. 24



[A stormy weather reading list](#)

Emily Temple writes: “If you live anywhere on the East Coast or thereabouts, we imagine you’ll be staying inside for a while, so we’ve put together an essential stormy weather reading list to get you in the hurricane mood and keep you busy while the weather rages. The lights might go out, but books don’t run out of batteries. Just don’t forget the candles.”...

Flavorwire, Oct. 28



[The next big thing in manga](#)

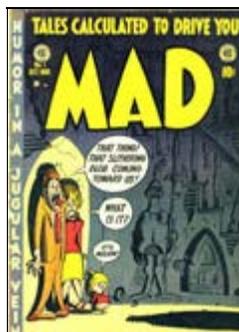
Nicole Dolat writes: "Manga isn't disappearing, it's just transitioning. For fans who still want to devour manga in print form, there is still manga to be found in libraries and bookstores. But manga now has a major presence in the digital realm. Several months ago Shonen Jump launched its fully digital publication, [Shonen Jump Alpha](#) (SJA). For those of you with app-friendly devices, there are handy manga apps ready to help you purchase, read, and download your favorite series. My preferred apps at the moment are [Viz Manga](#), [Crunchyroll](#), and [Yen Press](#)."...



YALSA The Hub, Oct. 26

[A history of EC comics](#)

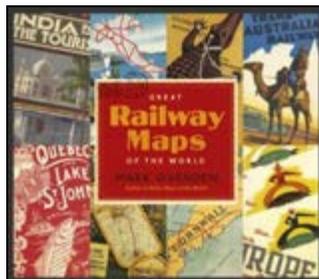
Royce Wilmot writes: "*Mad Magazine*, the subversive satire-laced magazine best known as the home of Alfred E. Neuman, has in its 60 years of existence become an American institution. The magazine's original publisher, Educational Comics (EC), was founded by Max Gaines in 1945 and specialized in titles such as *Picture Stories from the Bible*. But EC eventually gained critical acclaim for its line of well-drawn, socially conscious, and often gruesome suspense, horror, and sci-fi titles. These comics played a central role in the comics scare of the 1950s, before being killed by the adoption of the Comics Code Authority."...



Mental Floss, Oct. 26

[Top 10 books with maps](#)

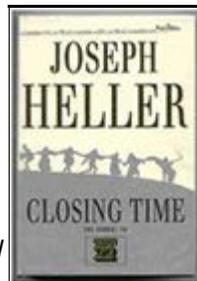
Simon Garfield writes: "The joy and problem of choosing a Top 10 of anything mappy is that maps are everywhere—as ever-present in literature as they are functional in our daily lives and vivid in our imaginations. So what follows is a list of the moment—books on my radar as I write. That said, all of them are inspiring, entertaining, and original, and most of them are beautifully illustrated and useful. They will take you to places both familiar and unreachable, and to places you'll be glad will never leave you."...



The Guardian (UK), Oct. 24

[11 book sequels you didn't know existed](#)

M. Asher Cantrell writes: "We get frustrated with Hollywood's propensity for weird sequels that seem to have little or nothing to do with the original, but it just so happens that the practice is older than filmmaking itself. Here are several classic stories with strange follow-ups that you've never heard of, such as Joseph Heller's *Closing Time* and Rudyard Kipling's *The Second Jungle Book*...."



Mental Floss, Oct. 11

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Tips & Ideas

[Readers' advisory on Facebook](#)

Susan Brown writes: "Many libraries focus their Facebook posts on broadcasting program information and other library-related news. But Facebook, like all social media, should go beyond broadcasting and engage followers with content that compels them to interact. At Lawrence (Kans.) Public Library, we started improving our Facebook presence by deciding to position our page as a space for readers to talk about books, find book news, and get book suggestions. They could interact with us and each other. Here's how we did it and how you can, too."...

RA News Newsletter, Nov./Dec.



[Schoolteacher needs library help](#)

Colby Sharp, 4th-grade teacher at Minges Brook Elementary in Battle Creek, Michigan, writes: "We do not have librarians at our schools. Our elementary libraries are staffed by secretaries that are in charge of running one library in the morning and one in the afternoon. I see the amazing things librarians are doing across the country, and I am jealous. I want that for my students. Every chance I get, I bring up getting a librarian. I need anything that can help me convince a school district that a librarian is something that we desperately need."...

sharpread, Oct. 30

[LC offers Common Core lesson plans](#)

Stephen Wasson writes: "The Common Core State Standards are on many teachers' minds this school year, and the Library of Congress is ready to help. The library's teacher resources are a great fit for teachers trying to meet key CCSS goals, including critical thinking, analyzing informational texts, and working with primary sources. Hundreds of free LC lesson plans, primary source sets, and presentations are now aligned to the CCSS. Visit the [LC Teachers](#) website."...

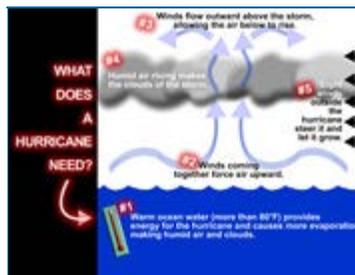
Teaching with the Library of Congress, Oct. 24



[27 sites with information about hurricanes](#)

Julie Greller writes: "As I sit here on the first of two days off because of an impending hurricane named Sandy, I thought I would create a post or two in case I lose power. But the reality is that Sandy means business and the gusting winds happening right now are only a prelude of what's to come."...

A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet, Oct. 27



[Read Across Lawrence for Kids](#)

Rebecca Zarazan Dunn writes: "One book, one month, one town, and 2,500+ young readers. That pretty much sums up this past September in the children's room at the Lawrence (Kans.) Public Library and our launch of the library's first-ever [Read Across Lawrence for Kids](#), featuring the middle-grade bohemian fantasy, *The Cabinet of Wonders* by Marie Rutkoski.



The intention was to bring together the kids of Lawrence, but in that experience was also found a 'bringing together' of the schools and the library." Watch the [claymation book trailer](#) (2:46) the inspired kids created on the first day of RAL Kids....

ALSC Blog, Oct. 30

[Google Maps enhances its terrain features](#)

Google Maps now clearly shows terrain, color gradations to depict vegetation, and labels for natural land formations. This enriched visual data allows you to quickly and easily see where the great forests, deserts, and mountain ranges around the world begin and end. It also conveys how natural land formations can impact where, how, and why man-made developments like urban cities, dams, and bridges are made....



Google Lat Long, Oct. 26

[A smarter dictionary for Google Translate](#)

John DeNero and Minqi Jiang write: "Mahatma Gandhi tells us that 'Love is the strongest force the world possesses.' Love comes in many forms, and each has different translations. On October 31, we are introducing three new features to Google Translate (reverse translations, frequencies, and synonyms) that help to distinguish among translations of a word, because no love should ever be lost in translation."...

Google Translate Blog, Oct. 31

[Using Wayback Machine for research](#)

Nicholas Taylor writes: "The Wayback Machine that many people are familiar with is the [Internet Archive Wayback Machine](#), an archive of the entire web. Wayback Machine performs this feat by dynamically rewriting the links it encounters on archived webpages to point to other resources in the archive. It does an admirable job, but, with as much variation as it encounters between websites, it may have trouble replaying particular webpages or webpage elements. JavaScript-driven features, for example, are [especially problematic](#)."...



The Signal: Digital Preservation, Oct. 26

[Six biggest library annoyances and how to fix them](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "Lifehacker had an article titled: '[The Six Biggest Media Center Annoyances \(and How to Fix Them\)](#),' and I got excited thinking those smart people were going to help school media specialists become (even) more popular. The 'media center' being written about, however, was the home amalgamation of TV, amplifier, speakers, and various tuners, DVRs, etc.—not school libraries. But it is a great title that I have modified slightly for clarity to use for this post." Johnson expands on one of his annoyances—excuses—[here](#)....

Blue Skunk Blog, Oct. 25

[Participatory design in academic libraries](#)

What do students and faculty most want from the library, and how would they redesign library space, if they could? Those questions guided 12 teams of library and IT professionals in research projects that they presented at a seminar on participatory design in academic libraries last May. The projects



are reported in a new volume by the Council on Library and Information Resources, *Participatory Design in Academic Libraries* ([PDF file](#))....
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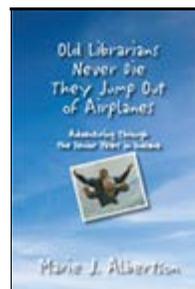
[University of Alberta owns rare witch-hunting manuscript](#)

Paula Simons writes: “His name was Johannes Tinctor—though he was also known as Jean Taincture—and he was Dominican monk and member of the Roman Catholic Inquisition, whose writings helped to launch a homicidal witch-hunting crusade throughout late medieval and early modern western Europe. His 1465 book, *Invectives Against the Sect of Waldensians*—a term Tinctor used synonymously with witches—was one of the first to document the wicked behavior of this supposed Satanic cult. It may be the single most valuable volume in the University of Alberta’s Peel Special Collections library.”...
Edmonton (Alta.) Journal, Oct. 26



[Old librarians never die...](#)

Marie J. Albertson, 82, is on an adventure-filled mission to experience all life has to offer in her later years. After retiring from the Library Development Office at the Indiana State Library in 2003, she set off on travels that included walking on the Great Wall of China, snorkling with sea lions off the coast of the Galápagos Islands, zip-lining in Australia, skydiving at the age of 75, and camping out in the Moroccan desert. *Old Librarians Never Die: They Jump Out of Airplanes* (Hawthorne, 2012) is a book filled with tales of her many trips. Watch the [newscast](#) (1:33)....



WXIN-TV, Indianapolis, Oct. 30

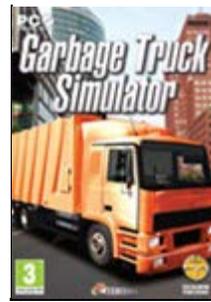
[The \\$7 Facebook question](#)

Scott Kleinberg writes: “Today, I had about \$7 to spend. Option one was to buy a vanilla latte and a cookie. Option two was to buy a Facebook promoted post. This still-pretty-new feature pushes content higher in your news feed, increasing the likelihood of your audience seeing it. The coffee shop got my money. Facebook didn’t. And even if there’s a prolonged chocolate chip shortage, I recommend you make the same choice every time.”...

Chicago Tribune, Oct. 25

[Nonviolent video games](#)

Jacob Ratliff writes: “There’s always a discussion about how to find nonviolent video games ([which I have issues with](#)), but I wanted to create a list of nonviolent games for people that I could refer to if needed. The list will be ongoing, and I’d be happy to add any other suggestions that people have: Animal Crossing, Bejeweled, Dance Dance Revolution, Fold-it,



Garbage Truck Simulator."...
tl-dr, Oct. 30

10 most beautiful libraries in the United States

Jill Harness writes: "We already looked at [libraries](#) in [all the major continents](#), but there were so many great ones in the United States that the article featuring [libraries in North America](#) had to leave



many beautiful buildings out. Now is the time to share some of the stunning libraries that might not make it in the top 10 of North America, but definitely deserve your attention....

Mental Floss, Oct. 29

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