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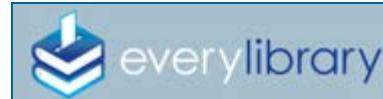
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Forming the nation's first library PAC



The tweet announcing the formation of the EveryLibrary.org campaign came on September 4, a day earlier than intended, but that wasn't necessarily a bad thing. Within four hours of Kate Tkacik's [post to Tumblr](#), donors had contributed \$400. [EveryLibrary](#) is the first and only national political action committee (PAC) for libraries. Focused exclusively on local library ballot initiatives and measures, EveryLibrary is dedicated to helping libraries win at election time. Directed by John Chrastka, the 501(c)4 organization will [fundraise nationally](#) to support local library ballot committees and provide them with technical support and consultancy on how to run and win at the ballot box. It is conducting a \$50,000 fundraising round from September 5 to November 7....

American Libraries news, Sept. 4; EveryLibrary blog, Sept. 4

Hey authors, wanna hear a secret?

Christopher Harris writes: "Guess what, authors? Librarians love you; authors are our rock stars. And it isn't just us. We have shared our love with so many people that they have built whole museums to hold your works. (Let's call them 'libraries' perhaps). And you don't even have to pay for the privilege of being featured in our collections. In fact, we pay *you* for the right to have your books on display, to tell visitors why they would love your books, and to help make sure as many people as possible read your books..."

AL: E-Content, Aug. 30



Youth Matters: Floor space is the new frontier

Linda W. Braun writes: "About 10 years ago I had an experience with a small group of teen girls at the Mount Holyoke College library. I wanted to show them the college's information commons. To get there, we had to walk through the hushed, shadowy, austere reference area. I could sense that the girls were feeling intimidated by



Bundle registration for the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting (in Seattle, January 25–29) and the 2013 Annual Conference (in Chicago, June 27–July 2) **opens September 10** and closes September 30.



the environment. Then, reaching the end of a long hallway off of reference, it was as if the world opened up."...
American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.

[Will's World: Is God really a librarian?](#)

Will Manley writes: "I was reflecting the other day how throughout my library career, different parts of *American Libraries* magazine became important to me. Now that I am a retired sexagenarian, the first page I turn to is the [obituaries](#). We boomers may not be retiring as expected, but we are dying. That's why the library obituaries have become a main point of interest with me. As you might expect, the *AL* obituaries in print are indeed listed in alphabetical order, and while that is the librarianish thing to do, I would prefer the magazine make its list by age, from youngest to oldest."..."

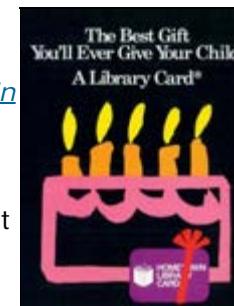
American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



[The number of library card holders](#)

Valerie Hawkins writes: "The most current federal statistics report on public libraries, [Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2009](#), was published in October 2011, conducted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The report has numbers from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The report found that for FY2009, there were more than 169.7 million people registered to borrow books at public libraries."...

AL: Ask the ALA Librarian, Sept. 5



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[ALA President's Message: The year ahead](#)

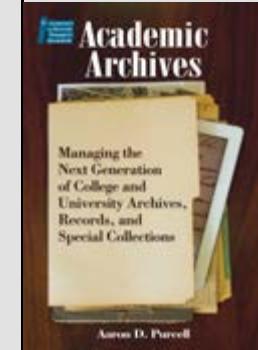
Maureen Sullivan writes: "I look forward to this year in which I have the privilege of serving as ALA president. To prepare for this important role, I acted on the very good advice of a number of our past presidents and took advantage of every opportunity in my president-elect term to lay a strong foundation for what I expect ALA to accomplish this year."..."

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



[Slideshow: 60 Ways to Use Your Library Card](#)

In celebration of September as [Library Card Sign-up Month](#), ALA is making available a slideshow featuring "60 Ways to Use Your Library Card." Libraries can embed a slideshow that scrolls through



[Academic Archives: Managing the Next Generation of College and University Archives, Records, and Special Collections](#)

by Aaron D. Purcell, has redefined the role and training of academic archivists. This book gives you the tools to fill that role, including collection strategies, a management plan for electronic records, development strategies for starting a campus records management program, and an understanding of the emerging trends affecting all archivists.

NEW! From ALA Neal-Schuman.

[Great Libraries of the World](#)



[IRCICA Library](#), Yildiz Palace, Istanbul, Turkey. The library was established at the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art, and Culture on the initiative of Director General Ekmeleddin



examples like "Learn how to write a business plan" and "Get help with homework" on their own websites or blogs. Additional tools to kick off the month include new Facebook cover photos that libraries can download for use on their own Facebook pages....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 4

50-State Salute to Banned Books Week

To commemorate the 30th anniversary of Banned Books Week, the Office for Intellectual Freedom is coordinating a "50-State Salute to Banned Books Week" to consist of videos from ALA chapters (and other libraries, library-related organizations, and bookstores, even those outside the US) proclaiming the importance of the freedom to read. 29 states and the District of Columbia have signed on to participate so far. The deadline to [submit a video](#) is September 28. Only organizations (not individuals) may participate; individuals can share in the [Banned Books Week Virtual Read-Out](#)....

OIF Blog, Sept. 4



What attendees said about ALA Annual Conference

"One of the best ways to stay fresh in our profession," said one of the thousands of Annual Conference attendees who took the time to give us their feedback about 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim in a post-conference survey. Attendee responses offer ALA critical input to ensure that the conferences continue to meet professional and personal goals and improve year after year. Keeping up with the profession remains the number-one factor in a member's decision to attend....

Conference Services, Sept. 4

Booklist and Common Core State Standards

Continuing its commitment to finding new ways to support school and public librarians and educators, *Booklist* Publications is increasing content and guidance for implementing the [Common Core State Standards](#) (CCSS). Across its [publications](#), *Booklist* will provide ongoing resources, strategies, and proven practices from colleagues in the field for seamless, text-based integration of the standards while extending the mission of getting the best books for children into the classroom and into the hands of students....

Booklist, Aug. 30



A toolkit for library marketing

[The Library Marketing Toolkit](#), available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, provides readers with everything needed to successfully market any library. Author Ned Potter offers expert coverage of every element of library marketing and branding for all types of libraries, including archives and

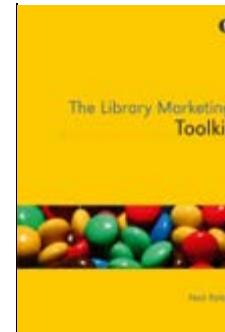
Ihsanoglu in 1980. A reference library specializing in Islamic culture and civilization, the collection includes rare books from 1550 to 1800, early editions of translations of the Qur'an into European languages, the entire collection of the Müteferrika Press, the earliest printed works of the Ottoman Empire on history, and the transmission of knowledge from Europe to Turkey. Its archive of historical photographs contains some 35,000 images of cities, monuments, and social life in the Muslim world taken at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century.



[Armagh Public Library](#), Northern Ireland, UK. Founded in 1771 by Archbishop Richard Robinson, the library was built following the Georgian design of Thomas Cooley. The nucleus of the collection is Robinson's own library, which contains 17th–18th-century books on theology, philosophy, classic and modern literature, voyages and

academic, public, and special libraries, providing innovative and easy-to-implement techniques and ideas. Included are numerous case studies that highlight best practices and offer expert advice....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 4



[Copyright for K–12 librarians and educators](#)

School librarians and educators have specific copyright questions that are often glossed over in larger books on the subject. Now, thanks to copyright authority Carrie Russell, there's a resource just for them. [Complete Copyright for K–12 Librarians and Educators](#), published by ALA Editions,

offers clear guidance for providing materials to students while carefully observing copyright law.

Using whimsical illustrations by Jessica Abel, Russell offers detailed advice on the distinctive issues of intellectual property in the school setting....

ALA Editions, Sept. 4



travels, history, medicine, and law. It has had museum status since 2001.

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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[Featured review: Adult fiction](#)

Majors, Inman. *Love's Winning Plays*. Sept. 2012. 256p. Norton, hardcover (978-0-393-06280-9).

Like any institution grown full of itself, big-time college football, especially as played in the all-powerful Southeastern Conference (SEC), is ripe for lampooning, and Majors delivers a body blow to the pretensions of the sport. And yet, as one gets further into this story of Raymond Love, a noncoaching graduate assistant (read errand boy) at an unnamed SEC school, it becomes clear that Inman has fashioned a novel that goes considerably beyond one-liners and easy shots to the ample midriffs of blowhard boosters (though there are plenty of those). The action takes place in the off-season, as the coaching staff embarks on the Pigskin Cavalcade, a promotional tour of the state....



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Director, Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vermont. The ideal candidate is a motivated leader who will successfully bring together the two key areas of day-to-day operations and dynamic community vision and engagement, while

Top 10 sports books: 2012

Bill Ott writes: "We really can't help it if many of our best sportswriters choose to write about major sports. Yes, baseball and basketball claim half the spots on this year's top 10, but there's also soccer, surfing, golf, sports in the classical world, and even hunting by a 'girl.' Great sportswriting comes in many forms, and we do our best to keep our eyes on the balls, the waves, the bullets, and whatever else comes our way."...



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promoting a collaborative and open atmosphere. The Director will partner with city agencies to enhance the library's already strong commitment to cultural competency and diversity programming. Master's of Library Science degree from an ALA-accredited institution and two years relevant library experience in a public setting or State of Vermont Librarian Certification plus five years relevant experience....



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Division News

Get ready for National Friends of Libraries Week

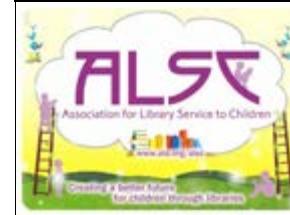
"[Kick Start Your National Friends of Libraries Week Celebration](#)" is now available from United for Libraries. This free, 40-minute webcast gives libraries and Friends ideas and materials so that they can promote National Friends of Libraries Week (October 21–27) in their libraries and communities. Two awards of \$250 will be given to Friends groups for activities held during National Friends of Libraries Week. [Applications](#) are due by December 3....

United for Libraries, Sept. 4

ALSC voters choose an eBadge design

The Friends of ALSC and the ALSC Membership Committee have announced the winner in the division's [eBadge Contest](#). Krista Welz, children's librarian at the North Bergen (N.J.) Free Public Library, is the winner with her "ALSC Cloud" design, which received more than 175 votes on the ALSC Blog poll....

ALSC Blog, Aug. 31



Fall ALSC online courses available for CEUs

ALSC has released its schedule of online courses for the fall. Among them is a new offering by ALSC Past-President Thom Barthelmess, "[ALSC Core Competencies: Serving Children with Distinction and Commitment](#)." Classes begin October 1, and registration is limited. Two CEU-certified courses are available this session....

ALSC, Sept. 4

AASL starts the year with new webinars

This fall, AASL will present three all-new webinars covering the topics of information literacy, intellectual freedom, and participatory culture. The webinars are open to both AASL members and nonmembers....

AASL, Sept. 4

AASL Fall Forum advanced registration ends soon

The deadline for advanced registration pricing for the AASL 2012 Fall Forum



Digital Library of the Week



The Nash Collection of Primates in Art and Illustration

consists of digital images drawn from a variety of historical sources and reveals how nonhuman primates have been depicted over time. It includes examples of

ends September 12. "Transliteracy and the School Library Program" will be held October 12–13 in Greenville, South Carolina. Registration and program information can be found [online](#)....

AASL, Sept. 4

New joint committee on metadata standards

ALCTS and LITA, with the support of RUSA, have created a new joint committee focused on a broad range of metadata standards. The committee's expected outcomes include reviewing, evaluating, and recommending approval of proposed standards; and establishing mechanisms for their continued review. It will begin its work at the 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle....

ALCTS, Sept. 4

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Awards & Grants

RUSA Lifetime Achievement Award: Statistical Abstract of the US

RUSA presented a Dartmouth Medal Lifetime Achievement Award to the Census Bureau for its *Statistical Abstract of the United States* to acknowledge the abstract's role as one of the premier reference sources for the past 133 years. Jack O'Gorman (on the left), chair of the RUSA Dartmouth Medal Committee, presented the award to Census Bureau Deputy Director Thomas Mesenbourg at the office of the US Census Bureau....

RUSA, Sept. 4



OIF wins Consumer Excellence Award

Consumer Action has selected the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom to receive a 2012 Consumer Excellence Award for helping consumers understand and act on threats to their privacy. Its efforts with Choose Privacy Week and the [Privacy Revolution](#) website were specifically mentioned. The award will be presented in Washington, D.C., October 2 at Consumer Action's 41st anniversary reception....

Consumer Action, Aug. 30

Best Apps for Teaching and Learning

AASL is now accepting nominations for its new Best Apps for Teaching and Learning recognition. Nominations are being solicited for apps that encourage student engagement in learning and reinforce innovative teaching. Nominated apps should also strengthen instruction, critical thinking skills, and inquiry. Use the [online form](#) on the AASL website....

AASL, Sept. 4



Winners of Teen Read Week mini-grants

YALSA has announced the 10 winners of its Teen Read Week mini-grants. The grants, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, give each winning library \$1,000 to use for events, programs, and services to encourage teen reading and celebrate [Teen Read Week](#), October 14–20. Activities include a Maker Faire, a Zombie Prom, a teen book club, and filmmaking projects....

fine art, printed illustration, sculpture, and other media. The Nash Collection is a collaboration between Stephen Nash, scientific illustrator and adjunct associate professor at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, who compiled images for the collection, and staff of the Lawrence Jacobsen Library at the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center, University of Wisconsin–Madison, who added descriptions and metadata for each image.

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 [I Love Libraries](#) site. Check out our [Featured Digital Libraries Pinterest board](#).

Noted and Quoted

"I will only record now that every time I stepped into the Rice library [Rice Institute, later Rice University, in Houston] I felt a mingled sense of security and stimulation—a rightness of some sort. I felt that I had found my intellectual home and began to relax in ways that had not been possible on the ranch, even after I got old enough not to have to worry about the poultry."

—Larry McMurtry, *Walter*

YALSA, Sept. 4

[ALCTS seeks awards nominations](#)

Nominations are being accepted for the 2013 ALCTS awards for innovation and collaboration, two awards that honor individuals and groups whose work represents the finest achievements and leadership in collaboration and innovation. Nominations are also sought for three awards for professional achievement, two publication awards, two awards for continuing resources, three preservation awards, and the Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award. If you are interested in nominating a candidate for any of these awards, contact the chair of that award jury. The deadline for nominations and supporting materials is December 1....

ALCTS, Aug. 29, Sept. 4

[Van Buren wins 2012 O. James Werner Award](#)

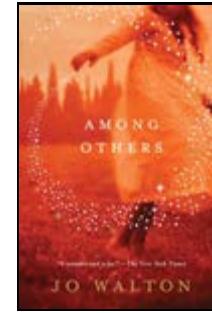
The American Association of Law Libraries' State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section has awarded Utah State Law Librarian Jessica Van Buren its 2012 O. James Werner Award. The award honors a member who has made a significant contribution to serving persons with disabilities. Van Buren was cited for her volunteer work with the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled, where she records books of Utah interest....

Mainstreet Business Journal, Aug. 30

[2012 Hugo Awards](#)

The World Science Fiction Society gave out the [2012 Hugo Awards](#) and the John W. Campbell Award as part of this weekend's Chicon 7 festivities in Chicago. The winner for Best Novel was Jo Walton for *Among Others* (Tor). The Campbell Award for the best new professional science fiction or fantasy writer went to E. Lily Yu. But the awards gala went awry when the [live streaming was stopped](#) by ill-programmed UStream copyright-enforcement bots....

io9, Sept. 2–3



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[Fialkoff steps down as LJ editor](#)

Library Journal Editor-in-Chief Francine Fialkoff has left the magazine, effective September 1. Fialkoff has had an extraordinary career at *LJ* spanning 35 years, with over 15 years at its helm (as editor and editor-in-chief). Under her leadership, *LJ* moved from a print magazine to a multiplatform entity. Fialkoff's [final editorial](#) for the publication will appear in the September 15 print edition. *LJ* Executive Editor Michael Kelley has taken over as interim editor-in-chief....

Library Journal: InfoDocket, Aug. 31



[Settlement over Nooks in Sacramento](#)

The US Justice Department announced August 29 that it and the National Federation of the Blind had reached a settlement with the Sacramento Public Library Authority to supply ebook readers for blind people. The settlement resolves allegations that the library violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by using "inaccessible" Barnes &

Benjamin at the Dairy Queen: *Reflections at Sixty and Beyond* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1999), 66–67.

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Calendar

Sept. 15:
[International Dot Day](#)

Noble Nook e-readers in the library lending program. The settlement calls for the library to [purchase](#) 18 new accessible e-readers with text-to-speech functions or the ability to access menus through audio or touch options....

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, Aug. 30; Cybercast News Service, Aug. 31

[Texas library fires LSSI managers](#)

San Juan, Texas, city commissioners voted August 28 to terminate the contract of the Maryland-based Library Systems & Services Inc. to run the city's library. LSSI has managed the San Juan Public Library since 2007, including its move from a 2,500-square-foot trailer to a 16,000-square-foot building that opened in 2011. The commissioners declared that LSSI's proposal for salary increases, additional teen programming, Sunday hours, more books, and a seventh employee was unacceptable....

San Juan (Tex.) Monitor, Aug. 30

[Former Walmart converted into spacious library](#)

When the Walmart in McAllen, Texas, moved to a larger location down the street, the city scooped it up and spent \$24 million transforming the drab structure into a 123,000-square-foot [main library](#) that serves as a vibrant space for residents here. The library opened December 10, and the McAllen Public Library system says it "may very well be the largest single-floor public library in the nation."...

New York Times, Sept. 1



[Bordentown librarian sets up special needs section](#)

Beverly Jacob said she knows what it is like to be the parent of a child with special needs, struggling to find answers: Her son was diagnosed with bipolar disorder when he was 19. Jacob, head of youth services at the Burlington County (N.J.) Library System's Bordentown branch, was tasked with creating a special section of books on autism to help educate parents, teachers, and children. The section houses books, DVDs, and toys designed to help children with special needs develop better motor skills....

Trenton (N.J.) Times, Sept. 1

["California as an Island" private collection goes to Stanford](#)

A new Stanford University Libraries acquisition of 800 maps from one of the nation's top map collectors, Glen McLaughlin, proves the claim that California was portrayed as an island on maps for well over a century. Cartographers call it the greatest geo-mistake ever, persisting on a few Asian maps into the 1860s. The [Glen McLaughlin Map Collection](#) was developed over 40 years, from 1971 to 2011. The maps will be housed in Stanford's Branner Earth Sciences Library....

Stanford University News, Aug. 30



[University of Michigan video game collection](#)

Systems such as the ColecoVision, TurboGrafx-16, and 3DO may have been ousted from most home entertainment

Sept. 22–23:

[National Book Festival](#), National Mall, Washington D.C. Sponsored by Library of Congress.

Oct. 3:

[Beyond Access Conference](#), Arena Stage, Washington, D.C. In conjunction with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. "Local Alternatives for Global Development: Rediscovering Libraries."

Oct. 3–5:

[Georgia Council of Media Organizations / Southeastern Library Association](#), Joint Conference, Marriott Macon City Center, Macon. "Macon It Happen @ your library."

Oct. 3–5:

[Idaho Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Clarion Hotel, Pocatello, Idaho. "Everywhere You Want to Be."

Oct. 3–5:

[Minnesota Library Association](#), Annual Conference, St. Paul RiverCentre. "Minnesota Libraries: A Capitol Idea."

Oct. 3–5:

[Missouri Library Association](#), Annual Conference, University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield. "Missouri Libraries: Inspiration for Life."

Oct. 3–5:

[South Dakota Library](#)



centers long ago, but they still have shelf space at the University of Michigan's Computer and Video Game Archive. Slashdot caught up with Engineering Librarian and Video Game Archivist Dave Carter and took a look inside the repository, which has curated around 35 classic and current-gen platforms and more than 3,000 different games. Watch the [video](#) (14:38)....

Engadget, Aug. 31; Slashdot, Aug. 28

[**Frank Lloyd Wright archive headed to New York**](#)

The Modernist architect Frank Lloyd Wright wasn't a hoarder, but he did save just about everything. Since Wright's death in 1959 those relics have been locked in storage at his former headquarters: Taliesin, in Spring Green, Wisconsin, and Taliesin West, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Now that entire archive is moving permanently to New York in an unusual joint partnership between the Museum of Modern Art and Columbia University's Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library. The Art Institute of Chicago [missed out](#) on getting the material because it thought it could not house the entire collection....

New York Times, Sept. 3; Crain's Chicago Business, Sept. 4



[**The Cedar Rapids skywalk glitch**](#)

A potential snag over the already-designed skywalk from the under-construction Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Public Library to a parking garage was averted August 31 when Union Pacific Railroad officials assured city leaders that a clearance requirement would not be an issue. The railroad reviewed the skywalk design and determined it was in compliance. Library Director Bob Pasicznyuk and trustees had been under the impression that the railroad had raised the track six inches, putting the proposed skywalk into the clearance zone by four inches....

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, Sept. 1

[**Evanston to gain a Friends branch**](#)

Members of the Evanston (Ill.) Public Library board have given Director Karen Danczak Lyons the green light to begin formalizing relations with The Mighty Twig—a library run by EPL Friends volunteers that was launched after a former board voted to discontinue the city's South branch. With an agreement, the library can begin committing staff and other resources, and as much as \$103,000 in funds, toward the library's operation in the next fiscal year....

Evanston (Ill.) Review, Aug. 31



[**Librarian runs 22 marathons in 22 days**](#)

A North Vancouver teacher-librarian has completed 22 marathons in 22 days to protest the British Columbia government's [Bill 22](#), which puts an end to teachers' ongoing strike action in the province and delays contract negotiations for

[**Association**](#), Annual Conference, Huron Event Center, Pierre. "Libraries: Crossroads to Discovery."

Oct. 4–5:

[**Nevada Library Association**](#), Annual Conference, Sahara West Library, Las Vegas. "Nevada Libraries: Byte the Book."

[**Oct. 10–12: Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services**](#)

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

[**Oct. 10–14: Frankfurt Book Fair**](#)

Messegelände, Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage 1, Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany.

[**Oct. 11–12: Digital Public Library of America Midwest**](#)

Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Public Library. Convened by the DPLA Secretariat at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society and cohosted by the Chicago Public Library.

[**Oct. 13: Archiving the Arts: Addressing Preservation in the Creative Process**](#)

721 Broadway, New York City. Sponsored by Independent Media Arts Preservation.



six months. Ian Cunliffe (right) isn't a fan of Bill 22. In fact he opposes it so much that he ran 900 kilometers August 8–30, from Sparwood to Victoria. Cunliffe says the loss of funding has resulted in cuts to critical, essential services in public education....
CKNW-AM, Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 31; CBC News, Mar. 15

Bedbugs arrive in Michigan library's mail

The St. Clair County (Mich.) Library got a little bit more than it bargained for with some returned materials. Library Director Allison Arnold said bedbugs caught a ride into the Port Huron branch of the library August 28 with a package of materials that had been borrowed through the state Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Arnold said the library was not infested. The package was kept in areas of the library used by staff only....

Port Huron (Mich.) Times Herald, Aug. 30

Library crossbow killer gets life sentence

Zhou "Peter" Fang was sentenced September 4 to life imprisonment with no parole for at least a decade for murdering his father Si "William" Cheng, 52, with a crossbow and a hammer in a crowded Toronto Public Library branch on December 2, 2010. At the sentencing, Justice John McMahon recited some of the horrific abuse endured by the killer and his mother at Cheng's hands....

Toronto Sun, Sept. 4

Closures attract little sympathy from UK Culture Minister

Ed Vaizey (right), Conservative UK Minister for Culture, Communications, and Creative Industries, has been compared to Nero fiddling as Rome burns after declaring that the government is "not currently minded" to intervene and prevent library closures in Bolton, the Isle of Wight, and Lewisham. Amid widespread local protests, five out of 15 library branches have been closed by Bolton council, while five out of 11 branches in the Isle of Wight and five out of 12 in Lewisham have been transferred to volunteers....

The Guardian (UK), Sept. 5



Recovered Torah scrolls bought by Polish library

Two Torah scrolls, one complete and one incomplete, that were found in Poland's Sokołów Podlaski district August 20 have a new owner. Małgorzata Piorkowska, director of the Węgrów Public Library, purchased the scrolls from the owner. The scrolls are thought to have belonged to a synagogue in Węgrów that was destroyed during World War II. Piorkowska said the scrolls would be located in a soon-to-be-launched museum dedicated to the history of the Jews in the town....
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Sept. 2

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Nov. 7–10:
32nd Annual Charleston Conference, College of Charleston

Addlestone Library, Charleston, South Carolina. "Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions."

Nov. 14–15:
Augustana Information Literacy in Academic Libraries, Workshop, Faith and Life Centre, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta, Camrose. "Creativity and Student Engagement in Information Literacy."

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Beverly Goldberg,

Decree eliminates teacher librarians in Italy (in Italian)

The Italian government, in an effort to contain costs, issued a decree on July 6 ([D.L. 95/2012](#)) that eliminates Teacher Librarian as a job category and reclassifies it as Administrative Assistant. Rallies protesting the decree have been held in many cities, and the Italian Library Association (AIB) wrote a letter on August 24 to President Giorgio Napolitano requesting a reconsideration of the decree. For an interview (in English) with AIB President Stefano Parise (above) on the future of all Italian libraries, see [TeleRead](#)....



Associazione Italiana Biblioteche, Aug. 24; TeleRead, Sept. 1

Teacher librarians crucial in Australia

Holly Godfree writes: "Because of the internet, what used to be called 'library skills' have now become essential skills for functioning in the world. Teacher librarians help students of all ages to locate, select, organize, synthesize, evaluate, and share information. Noises from candidates in the upcoming election regarding boosting teacher librarian numbers, along with ACT Labor's recent announcement on maintaining a teacher librarian in primary schools as a condition for receiving extra digital resources, are encouraging developments."... *Canberra (ACT) Times*, Sept. 4

Guess who is winning the brains race?

Jolie O'Dell writes: "It's Estonia! We're [reading](#) that Estonia is implementing a new education program that will have 100% of publicly educated students learning to write code. Called ProgeTiiger, the new initiative aims to turn children from avid consumers of technology (which they naturally are; try giving a 5-year-old an iPad sometime) into developers of technology (which they are not)."....

VentureBeat, Sept. 4; Tiigrihüpe



Mobile users hang up on apps that invade privacy

In a new study by the Pew Internet Project of how cellphone users manage their mobile data, Pew asked about specific behaviors in which cellphone owners who download apps might engage. Among this group (representing 38% of the adult population), 54% reported having decided not to install a cellphone app after discovering how much personal information they would need to share in order to use it....

Pew Internet & American Life Project, Sept. 5

Privacy worries surround UN internet regulations

Mathew K. Schwartz writes: "What would online privacy look like if the United Nations regulated the internet? That's one question on the minds of privacy advocates as the International Telecommunication Union—a UN agency based in Geneva, Switzerland, that regulates telecommunications and IT issues—approaches the task of helping the UN decide if it should exert more control over internet governance."...

The Privacy Advisor, Aug. 27



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Open access in academic libraries

In April, academic publisher SAGE convened a round table in association with the British Library into the role of the academic library in an open access future. Chaired by publishing consultant Simon Inger and attended by an international panel of 14 senior librarians and other industry experts, the conclusions of this discussion have been published in a report, *Moving towards an Open Access Future: The Role of Academic Libraries* ([PDF file](#))....

STM Publishing News, Sept. 4



An open access thought experiment

John Dupuis writes: "Imagine a scenario where suddenly overnight all toll-access publishing suddenly converts to open access. You go to bed and your average academic library spends millions of dollars on serials. You wake up, and the subscription bill is zero because the money to support scholarly publishing is coming from somewhere other than library budgets. What you would spend all that saved money on?"...

Confessions of a Science Librarian, Aug. 28

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Tech Talk

Five things we want in a new Kindle Fire

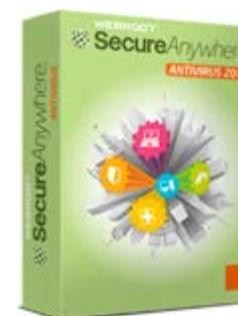
Sascha Segan writes: "Amazon is planning a press conference on September 6, which very well might involve a new line of Kindles including a new Kindle Fire. The timing is right; the Kindle Fire was announced in September 2011 and everyone's trying to get in ahead of the rumored iPad mini-launch on September 12. So what can the new Kindle Fire do to be something other than a Nexus 7 clone? Here are five ideas."...

PC Magazine, Aug. 23

The best antivirus for 2012

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "The antivirus field is huge; I currently track over three dozen products. In a field that big there is room for multiple winners. Three products share the Editor's Choice honor for best overall antivirus: [Norton AntiVirus 2012](#), [Webroot SecureAnywhere Antivirus](#), and [Bitdefender Antivirus Plus 2013](#). As for malware blocking, Webroot earned a perfect 10 of 10 points against a previous malware sample set, while Norton got 8.9 points. Bitdefender, tested with the current sample set, also took 8.9 points."...

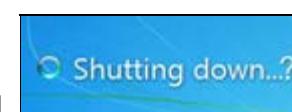
PC Magazine, Aug. 30



Your computer: Shutting it down vs. keeping it on

Adam Dachis writes: "The idea that it's harmful to shut your computer down every night is a myth. Unless you shut it down incorrectly, there's really nothing to worry about. In fact, shutting down your computer every night offers a few advantages. Let's take a deeper look at the pros and cons of both options and how you can deal with the downsides."...

Lifehacker, Sept. 4



Is voicemail obsolete?

Tony Bradley writes: "Voicemail revolutionized communication and enabled a generation of workers to be more efficient and productive by allowing them to say what they needed to say whether the other party was currently available or not. Now, things seem to have come full circle. Email, instant messaging, and text messaging all provide a similar function but also have advantages over voicemail."... *PC World*, Sept. 5



HTML5 vs. apps: Why the debate matters

HTML5 is a new technology that allows developers to build rich, web-based apps that run on any device via a standard web browser. Many think it will save the web, rendering native platform-dependent apps obsolete. So, which will win? Native apps or HTML5? A recent report from BI Intelligence explains why HTML5 will win out, and what an HTML future will look like for consumers, developers, and brands.... *Business Insider*, Aug. 31

Who provides the internet to your ISP?

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: "You pay your Internet Service Provider (ISP) for internet access, and they turn on the sweet, sweet, fire hose of data for you. But who provides the flow for your ISP? Read on to learn the ins and outs of global data delivery."... *How-To Geek*, Sept. 4

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E-Content

Three ebook publishers settle with 49 states

Three major publishers agreed August 29 to pay \$69 million in a settlement with states over ebook pricing. Hachette, HarperCollins, and Simon & Schuster had previously agreed to settle in a suit brought by 49 states, the District of Columbia, and four US territories. A separate case by the Department of Justice is ongoing. The proposed settlement does not acknowledge any wrongdoing. Anyone who purchased ebooks between April 1, 2010, and May 21, 2012, that had been priced according to the agency model can expect refunds.... *Los Angeles Times: Jacket Copy*, Aug. 31



What DCWG did this summer

Alan S. Inouye writes: "After a productive and hectic ALA Annual Conference at the end of June, there was certainly a temptation to take the summer off from ebooks and libraries, digital content, and anything resembling same. But really, why lounge on the beach or hike in the mountains when you can debate and write about licensing terms for digital content?"... *AL: E-Content*, Sept. 4

Et tu, PBS?

Christopher Harris writes: "Something needs to be done about maintaining access to e-content. You know things are really getting out of control when PBS starts signing distribution deals that all but name exclusive providers ([PDF file](#)). Yes, the Public Broadcasting Service has seemingly thrown schools and libraries under the bus in the name of



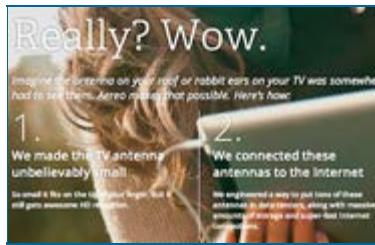
profit. PBS is a private company (even if it is supposed to be nonprofit), but the problem is that in a digital world the public has no recourse."...

AL: E-Content, Aug. 29

[Why Johnny can't stream: How video copyright went insane](#)

James Grimmelmann writes: "A critical 2008 DVR decision by the federal Second Circuit Court of Appeals in *Cartoon Network v. CSC Holdings* (which

everyone just calls 'Cablevision')



answered the question of whether a DVR 'performs' a copyrighted TV show when the user hits 'play.' This is the story of how we got to the strange place where wasting resources on thousands of tiny antennas (Aereo business model, above) made you legal—but where using one antenna (iCraveTV) breaks the law."...

Ars Technica, Aug. 30

[The effect of e-readers on college students](#)

Elena Morgan writes: "The e-reader as a distinct piece of technology is slowly disappearing with the simultaneous proliferation of the tablet. Tablet computers are outfitted with almost all of the same features as their purely ebook-displaying cousins, but also come with many more features, making them a much more popular choice among most college students. Let's take a look at how both have affected university students and the campuses where they study."...

TeleRead, Sept. 5

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Books & Reading

[Writer food from A to Z](#)

Jane Hu writes: "For Frank O'Hara, L was definitely for Lunch. He wrote most of *Lunch Poems* during his lunch hours—pausing, as he put it, 'for a liver sausage sandwich in the Mayflower Shoppe.' Particular snacks and foods often become intimately entwined with writers' daily routines. What have been some of these favorites? And what were the make-dos when times were lean? (They don't call them starving artists for nothing!) Let's run through the alphabet and see."...

The Awl, Aug. 28



[What kind of book reader are you?](#)

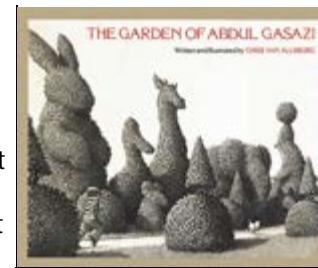
Jen Doll writes: "We have occasionally set one good book down, picked up another, and forgotten the first nearly entirely, even though we'd been quite smitten with it before. Sometimes we engage in threeways, fourways, or even orgies of reading, in which there are so many books involved, we might not even be keeping track. It's horrible, isn't it? For as many books as exist, there are also any number of different reading types a book lover (or even a book hater) might demonstrate. What kind are you?" More reader types are listed in an [addendum](#)....

The Atlantic, Aug. 29, 31

The 20 most beautiful children's books of all time

Emily Temple writes: "We think some of the loveliest illustrations have been in books (or maybe that's just the association with a great story talking), so we decided to round up a few of the most beautiful children's books—at least according to us. Keep in mind: We're going for beauty, not iconic status, so Tenniel's *Alice* drawings and a few other iconic, innovative illustrations, while dear to us, don't make the cut. Leaf through our picks for the most mindblowingly beautiful picture books."...

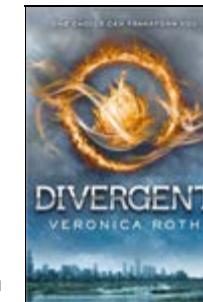
Flavorwire, Sept. 3



YA names of the future

Allison Tran writes: "In the wake of *The Hunger Games*, YA bookshelves are overflowing with novels set in the future. As a name enthusiast (okay, name nerd), I'm intrigued by the names authors choose for their characters. I find myself evaluating futuristic names according to current name trends, pondering the likelihood of these names being used decades or centuries from now. If we examine the rise and fall in popularity of some of these names over the past 150 years or so, what predictions can we make for the future?"...

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 4



The Rambler's Magazine: A precursor to the tabloids

Valerie Hotchkiss writes: "I recently cataloged an eight-volume set of *The Rambler's Magazine, or, The Annals of Gallantry, Glee, Pleasure, and the Bon Ton* (not to be confused with Samuel Johnson's *The Rambler*), which was published from 1784 to 1791. The issues appeared monthly, with a supplement at the end of the year, and were each around 40 pages. These pages were packed to the gills with lectures, anecdotes, letters, poems, theatrical vignettes, songs, puzzles, rebuses (right), and general gossip—all of a very lowbrow nature."...

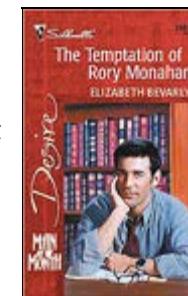
Non Solus, Aug. 30



Bookshelf babes and hardcover heroes: Favorite librarians in romance

Wendy Crutcher writes: "It is not the easiest thing to suspend disbelief when a romance deals with an aspect of your life that you have intimate, day-to-day knowledge about. I know more than one lawyer who simply cannot read romances featuring lawyers. Same holds true for people who work in the medical field being unable to read romances featuring doctors and nurses. So you would think that I would have the same issue when it comes to reading books featuring librarian heroines. The answer is sometimes yes, and sometimes no."...

Heroes and Heartbreakers, Sept. 4



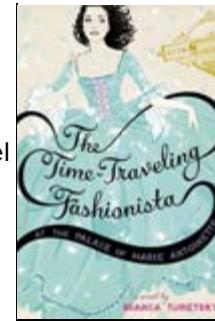
Time-travel methods in YA literature

Jennifer Rummel writes: "Einstein's Theory of Relativity states that although time appears to be constant, it is not and varies depending on how fast

movement is occurring. If humans were able to travel at speeds close to the speed of light, theoretically they could in fact time travel into the future.

Unfortunately, no present credible theory allows for travel into the past. Luckily, time travel in books can occur through a variety of means."...

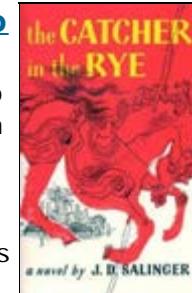
YALSA The Hub, Sept. 5



[Seven novels that should be adapted into film](#)

There are a ton of exciting book adaptations coming to the movies this fall: Leo Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*, Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*, Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*, David Mitchell's *Cloud Atlas*, and of course, J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. Still, there are a few literary big-hitters that have yet to make their way to film. Check out this slideshow of seven books that *Huffington Post* would like to see adapted for the silver screen....

Huffington Post: Books, Sept. 5



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Tips & Ideas

[Space as a service and full library discovery](#)



Lorcan Dempsey writes: "I looked at the new Stanford University Libraries [website](#) just now. I only spent a few minutes there, but I was immediately and strongly struck by two things. Each makes so much sense that I imagine they will become routine. The first was the foregrounding of library space as a service. The second was what I might call full library discovery, the ability to discover the full capacity of the library, not just the collections, with a single search."...

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Aug. 31

[OCLC members can add metadata to Europeana](#)

OCLC and Europeana, the provider of Europe's digital library, have worked together on an approach that will enable OCLC member institutions to contribute metadata derived from the WorldCat database to the

Europeana.eu portal in a manner that is consistent with OCLC's *WorldCat Rights and Responsibilities for the OCLC Cooperative*. While OCLC makes no intellectual property claims to individual metadata records in WorldCat, it does assert a copyright claim over the WorldCat database as a whole....

OCLC, Sept. 4



[Ukuleles and libraries: A natural combination](#)

Tess Goldwasser (right) writes: "Making music can be one of the most empowering of all human



experiences. If you can learn even two or three chords on a ukulele, you can play a literal multitude of recognizable tunes. I'm not a scientist, but I have read extensively about music and its effect on the brain. I'd like to speak now, in general terms, about how and why I think we can and should be using music in our libraries today."...

ALSC Blog, Sept. 4

September ideas for teen services librarians

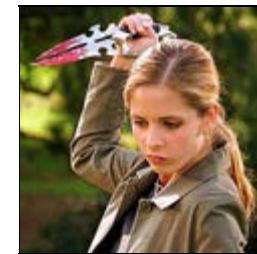
Hannah Gómez writes: "Even if you don't work in a school media center, I'm guessing your life still tends to run on an academic schedule when you work with teens. So welcome to the new school year! Here's what I think might be interesting, useful, or intriguing to you and your patrons this month."...

YALSA Blog, Sept. 4

The Buffy Effect: We benefit from seeing strong women on TV

Lindsay Abrams writes: "150 male and female students at a university in the southern US attended screenings of one of six television shows that included both sexuality and violent content within the same scenes. After the screenings, participants were surveyed on their attitudes towards women and were evaluated for symptoms of depression and anxiety. The researchers found strong evidence of women responding positively to strong female characters, while men also responded more positively to shows with powerful women."...

The Atlantic, Aug. 31; *Journal of Communication*, Aug. 27



How the US Poet Laureate is selected

Peter Armenti writes: "Since the presidential election season is upon us, I hasten to point out that there are no Poet Laureate primaries, no Free and Formal Verse National Conventions, and no national election. And despite what some people seem to believe, the Poet Laureate also is not selected like the Pope: There is no conclave of leading poets who gather at the Library of Congress to cast secret ballots. No, the selection process—which yielded Natasha Trethewey (right) as the latest Poet Laureate—is much simpler, and goes something like this."...

Library of Congress: From the Catbird Seat, Aug. 30



Oklahoma's Indian Territory records go digital

To make searching for historical documents easier the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma Secretary of State's Office has partnered to digitize and index Oklahoma and Indian Territories incorporation records. OHS Research Librarian Debra Spindle explained that the ledger books—dated 1890 to 1907—were created as new businesses and municipalities began operating. Spindle used the records to track down relatives who may have worked at a mill in the Taloga area....

Indian Country Today, Sept. 4; All My Ancestors, July 9

Oodles of librarian doodles go on exhibit

There's good news for Jill Ellern, systems librarian at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina: Research suggests that people who doodle during meetings retain more information than nondoodlers. Ellern has doodled on whatever she could find—agendas, scrap paper, Post-it notes, and even a banana—during the thousands of hours of meetings she has attended in the past 25 years. Now, 133 of her doodles are featured in an exhibit that will be open through December at WCU's Hunter Library. See some of her intricate work on [Flickr](#)...



Western Carolina University Reporter, Sept. 4

Looking for jobs in library school

Brianna Marshall writes: "I firmly believe that library jobs should always trump coursework, because if you do not work, you will not get a job in a library upon graduating. We could squabble about the particulars but I don't think it's contestable. The library job market is intensely competitive and the more library experience you have, the better off you will be. Here are a few tips I have for new students looking to work while in library school."...

Hack Library School, Aug. 29

Good social media strategy:

Show, don't tell

Marla Tabaka writes: "When Pinterest came onto the scene it instantly became more than a playground for scrapbooking fans. Business owners quickly learned the benefits of adding a visual component to their social media strategies. As a result, Pinterest has experienced astoundingly rapid growth, already passing Tumblr and Flickr.

Facebook's recent purchase of Instagram is another great indicator that it's time to expand your social media content by adding photos, graphic images, and videos. David Lee King offers these five tips to help you get started."...

Inc.: The Successful Soloist, Sept. 4



20 tricks to make Facebook better

Mike Wehner writes: "While Mark Zuckerberg has made plenty of great calls in its design, Facebook—and the way people use it—isn't as streamlined as it could be. These 20 tips, tricks, and tools will take your Facebook experience to the next level. From simple settings options you may have overlooked, to browser plug-ins dedicated to making the social network even better, you're sure to find something on this list that will make your Facebook time even more addicting than it already is."...

Tecca, Sept. 4

Internet addiction: Causes at the molecular level

Researchers from the University of Bonn and the Central Institute of Mental Health in Mannheim, Germany, compared the genetic makeup of 132 problematic internet users (all their thoughts revolve around the internet during the day, and they feel their well-being is severely affected if they have to go without it) with that of healthy control individuals. The [study](#) found that the addicts are more often carriers of a genetic variation that also plays a major role in nicotine addiction....

[Wikipedia photo contest](#)

Wikipedia has launched a photo contest that's expected to be the world's largest "by a large margin," the online encyclopedia says. [Wiki Loves Monuments 2012](#) encourages people to photograph monuments of historic and cultural relevance, upload them to Wikimedia Commons under a free license, and allow Wikipedia to use them. The deadline for uploading is September 30, and judges will narrow down submissions to the top 10 finalists by mid-October. An international jury will then select the grand prize winner....

Mashable, Sept. 5; Wikimedia Blog, Aug. 29



[My reference desk conundrum](#)

Jessica Olin writes: "The semester has just begun and already I'm thinking about how I answer reference questions. The analogy I've always used is teaching someone how to catch fish versus giving them a fish right now. It's rare that I just answer questions at the reference desk; instead, I make students work for it. But I wonder how I would react if my mechanic said, 'I know what's causing that grinding noise when you turn left on hot days, but let's see if you can figure it out for yourself.'"....

Letters to a Young Librarian, Aug. 28

[100 years of bookmobiles](#)

The Robi bookmobile, designed for the library in Heilbrunn, Germany, is pretty neat: from the outside, it seems like little more than a big blue bus. On the inside, however, it's an ultramodern hangout with books galore. Inspired by its combination of books and wheels, here's a quick tour through bookmobiles of the ages....

Los Angeles Times: Jacket Copy, Aug. 31



[Improbables librairies, improbables bibliothèques](#)

If you haven't seen this book lover's Facebook page, you are in for a treat. Hosted by Gérard Picot and Valérie Mathey, this French page features a healthy number of photos of bookstores and libraries, as well as artwork depicting books in odd settings or arrangements. If you don't speak French, you can make use of the Bing translation link following many of the posts, or else have Google Translate handy. It now has more than 40,000 followers, and that many people can't be wrong!...

Improbables Librairies, Improbables Bibliothèques



[A conversation in books \(literally\)](#)

Elizabeth Bird writes: "A couple months ago Candlewick was soliciting videos from average everyday folks for its campaign, 'We Believe in Picture Books.' That's when I got a wild idea. What if you created a video conversation done entirely in picture book titles? Who better to join me in this [video effort](#) (1:45) than Travis



Jonker of 100 Scope Notes, a man who has perfected the art of spine poetry. Candlewick chose this video to [launch the campaign.](#)"...

School Library Journal: A Fuse #8 Production, Sept. 1; Vimeo, Aug. 29

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[The visible hand of the market?](#)

Jamie LaRue writes: "In the past few months, the prices of ebooks for libraries—and in particular, some large price increases—have received considerable attention. But these discussions typically occur in the abstract. I decided that a focus on actual prices would greatly illuminate the challenges that libraries face. Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries has compiled a new price comparison report ([PDF file](#)) that will be updated monthly. In addition to the *American Libraries* E-Content blog, this report also will be available at [Evoke](#)." ...

AL: E-Content, Sept. 10

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\$47.85	\$47.85	\$9.99	\$9.99	
\$25.00	\$25.00	\$12.99	\$12.99	

[Teens geek out at digital learning labs](#)

Greg Landgraf writes: "Teenagers are natural and voracious media consumers. But new research suggests that teens can learn more effectively in hands-on projects where they can be creative and think critically. The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation made \$100,000 grants in November 2011 to eight libraries and four museums to plan and design their own digital learning labs where teens can hang out, mess around, and geek out. In the process, these young patrons are learning to create media rather than just consume it." ...

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[Technology in Practice: Let's #makeithappen](#)

Meredith Farkas writes: "Have you ever seen something in your work that you wanted to change but did nothing about it? What stopped you? Maybe you didn't do it because you were too busy, but maybe you also felt that creating change was too daunting and you didn't feel capable of making it happen. The Twitter hashtag

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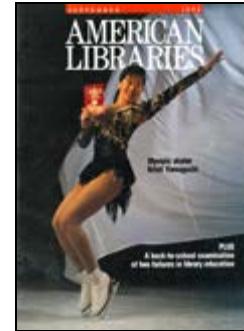
#makeithappen, coined by librarian J. P. Porcaro, is a rallying cry for librarians new to the profession to let go of whatever is keeping them from taking professional risks and creating change."...

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.

Internet Librarian: The march of time

Joe Janes writes: "Can it really be 10 years since I began writing this column? It doesn't seem possible, yet there I am, horrible picture and all, chirpily nattering away on page 74 of the September 2002 *American Libraries*. A lot of water has gone under many bridges since then, which puts me in a nostalgic frame of mind. I could revisit those past 10 years, but it seems more interesting to go back 10 more to get a broader perspective. So let's have a look at what was going on in 1992."...

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



Animated video promotes reading

Todd Frei and Benjamin McFadden, digital librarians for Wake County (N.C.) Public Libraries, created "[Read: The Motion Picture](#)" (1:33), a stop-motion animated video to promote reading among its patrons. McFadden drew more than 700 images as animated GIFs, which were then projected onto a marker board, captured by camera, and edited by Frei. The library is offering to edit the ending credits so it can be used as a promotion by other libraries. If you are interested in having the video custom-edited, [contact](#) Wake County's Digital Library department....

AL Focus, Sept. 10



2012 international digital supplement

American Libraries' 2012 international digital supplement, with coverage of the IFLA conference in Helsinki by former *AL* Editor Leonard Kniffel, is now [available online](#). You can also read about ALA's new *International AL Direct* e-newsletter, implementation of RDA, international advocacy efforts, ALA web-based e-content and online learning opportunities, winners of the ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects, and the ALA Campaign for the World's Libraries....



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Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is the 25th anniversary of [Library Card Sign-up Month](#), a time when families will turn to their local library to register students for the most cost-effective back-to-school supply of them all—a library card. Libraries offer free access to important educational resources like online homework resources (82.3%) and access to online databases (98.8%), with content in virtually every school subject, including history, literature, and science....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 5



35 local businesses partner with Connecticut library

Residents of Orange, Connecticut, will save on more than books, movies, and music during the month of September, thanks to the Case Memorial Library. As part of National Library Card Sign-Up Month, the library has partnered with 35 Orange businesses for a new promotion called "Show Your Card" ([PDF file](#)) that offers discounts and complimentary gifts and services to residents who show their up-to-date library card. From the beginning, the month-long event was meant to be a mutually beneficial library-business partnership....

Milford-Orange (Conn.) Bulletin, Sept. 4



Bundle registration open for ALA conferences

The popular [Bundled Registration option](#) for 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference opened September 10. This cost-effective and efficient registration package offer will remain open through September 30. The conversation starts in Seattle, January 25–29, and continues as we work on "Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves" in Chicago, June 27–July 2. Bundled registration offers the best value for these two events in two terrific cities....

Conference Services, Sept. 11



Let the Day of Games begin!

Kristin Boyett writes: "ALA's [International Games Day](#) on November 3 is a wonderful way to entice people into the library for a day of fun and learning. Many library collections not only house electronic resources



Let your imagination fly with [Ladybug Girl](#) and her good pal Bingo in this poster featuring original art by David Soman. Ladybug Girl's beautifully illustrated adventures in the natural world make the playful series as popular as it is charming. Share Ladybug Girl's lessons about cooperation, compromise, and courage with young readers. Illustrated and written by the husband-and-wife team of David Soman and Jacky Davis, their book *Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad* has been selected for Jumpstart's 2012 Read for the Record campaign in October. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

Great Libraries of the World



The British Library

London, UK. The library's new facility in St. Pancras has 11 reading rooms, each specializing in different

and ebooks, but have now begun collecting games. This event is a superb way to showcase this collection along with any related collections. [Registration](#) is now open for this event. The first 1,000 libraries will receive a copy of the board game *Labyrinth* along with a \$5 coupon for Raveburger's online shop."....

Programming Librarian, Sept. 6



[ALA commends Weinberg Foundation](#)

ALA applauds the Weinberg Foundation for its dedication of \$5 million to build 12 new school libraries for Baltimore City Public Schools. On September 11, the first of the three renovated libraries was opened to the public at Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School. Each library will include thousands of new books, e-readers, computers, and designated areas for parent visits and school instruction. Watch the [newscast](#) (3:16)....

Office of Government Relations, Sept. 12; WMAR-TV, Baltimore, Sept. 11



[Mrs. Thompson's ALA conference badges](#)

Larry Nix writes: "As a collector of library ephemera and memorabilia, I'm always happy to find items that connect me to library workers of the past who engaged in the same kinds of activities that I took part in during my library career. I recently acquired three badges for ALA conferences that took place in Detroit (1922); Hot Springs, Arkansas (1923); and Saratoga Springs, New York (1924). All three belonged to Mrs. Joseph A. Thompson, director of the Chickasha (Okla.) Public Library."....

Library History Buff Blog, Sept. 10



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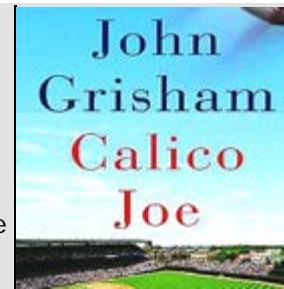
[Featured review: Media, adult fiction](#)

Grisham, John. *Calico Joe*. Read by Erik Singer. Apr. 2012. 4.5hr. Books on Tape, CD (978-0-449-01102-7).

subject areas or types of material, where readers can access most of the library's 150 million items. Collections of British and overseas newspapers are available in another reading room in North London, and a research collection of 7 million items can be found in a third facility in Boston Spa in West Yorkshire. The Online Gallery provides access to 30,000 images from sacred or significant books, such as the Lindisfarne Gospels, together with certain exhibition items in a proprietary page-turning format. Among the library's treasures are the world's earliest dated printed book, the *Diamond Sutra*, from 868 A.D.; two Gutenberg Bibles; two copies of the 1215 Magna Carta; and the sole surviving manuscript copy of the Anglo-Saxon poem *Beowulf*.



[Bromley House Library](#), Nottingham, UK. The Nottingham Subscription Library was founded in 1816 and moved in 1822 to its present home in Bromley House. The library consists of a series of reading



Gentle piano music opens Grisham's touching, nostalgic baseball tale. With the leisurely feel of nine innings on a hot summer day, the story unfolds in a series of flashbacks, beginning when Paul Tracey learns that his estranged father, Warren, has terminal cancer. There's a history of bad feelings between Paul and his father, a former pitcher for the New York Mets who ended the career of rookie phenom "Calico Joe" Castle when he purposely beaned him with a fastball. Paul is determined to bring his father and Castle together one last time. Singer's sensitive reading portrays Paul's love of the game and longing for his father's love. In Singer's talented vocals, the emotions that seem hidden in the writing come forward, making the audio perhaps even more rewarding than the book....

Listen-alikes: Talking sports

Sue-Ellen Beauregard writes: "Novels and stories with sports themes attract audiences beyond sports junkies. The following seven titles (including two youth selections) stick with a sports theme and feature distinctive readings and excellent production values."...



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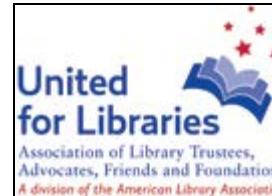
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Division News

United for Libraries is now official

As of September 4, the ALA division formerly known as the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations (ALTAFF) is known as "United for Libraries." The United for Libraries name and logo will be featured on the division's website and materials. It will continue to provide its members, which include Friends of the library, library trustees, foundations, and library advocates, with the best possible specialized resources that will empower them to support and advocate for their libraries....

United for Libraries, Sept. 11



The e-newsletter that keeps you current on job seeking and hiring

Last free chance to Turn the Page 2.0

Librarians and library supporters have one more opportunity to participate in the PLA-sponsored online public library advocacy course, "[Turning the Page 2.0](#)." The final free session from PLA begins the week of September 24 and runs through the week of October 29. Participants choose an advocacy goal for their library and are guided through the creation of an Advocacy Work Plan. Register [here](#)....

PLA, Sept. 10



Career Leads from



Research and Outreach Librarian

Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C. In consultation with the head of reader services and the head of reference, provides research services support for onsite and remote researchers.

rooms with a spiral staircase, gallery, plaster ceilings, cornices, and overmantels.

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](#).

[Deadline for ASCLA Italian holiday extended](#)

The itinerary is set for "[ASCLA in Italy](#)" April 15–24, and you don't need to be a member of ASCLA to participate. Voyagers will convene in Rome and then head to the Amalfi Coast, spending time in Sorrento, Puglia, Amalfi, Positano, Ravello, and Capri. The deadline to send in your initial deposit of \$500 has been extended to September 21....

ASCLA Blog, Sept. 12



[Digitizing cultural history webinar](#)

LLAMA is presenting a webinar, "Social Entrepreneurship in Action: Digitizing Our Cultural History," on September 19. Social entrepreneurs are people who use entrepreneurial principles to identify and remedy a social issue or problem and improve life for their communities or the world. Presenters are David Gwynn, Susan Sharpless Smith, and Jeff Suchanek. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, Sept. 11

[Register for RUSA courses by September 13](#)

Registration ends September 13 for several online courses offered by RUSA: Health Information 101, Reference Interview, Introduction to Spatial Literacy and Online Mapping, and Interlibrary Loan 101. Content for RUSA's online courses is mostly self-paced. Two or more participants from the same library can take advantage of group registration rates....

RUSA, Sept. 11

[Wanted: RUSA webinar proposals](#)

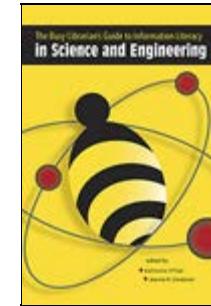
Ebooks, library programming and outreach, reference services, collection marketing, and leading a book group are just some of the webinar topics sought by RUSA for spring 2013; proposals can be submitted via [online form](#) through December 1. Successful proposals will show plans for presentations that are 60–75 minutes in length....

RUSA, Sept. 11

[New book for busy STEM librarians](#)

ACRL has just released [The Busy Librarian's Guide to Information Literacy in Science and Engineering](#), edited by Katherine O'Clair and Jeanne Davidson. The book offers practical advice to librarians responsible for science, engineering, and technology information literacy instruction to understand and apply the [ACRL Information Literacy Standards for Science and Engineering/Technology](#) into curriculum design and ongoing instruction....

ACRL Insider, Sept. 12



[Fall e-learning from ACRL](#)

ACRL is offering a wide variety of online learning opportunities in the fall—including courses on mobile apps and team-based learning and a webcast on Pinterest. Full details and registration information are available on the [ACRL website](#). Registration for all online courses and webcasts qualifies for the ACRL Frequent Learner Program....

ACRL, Sept. 11

[AASL Lesson Plan Database](#)

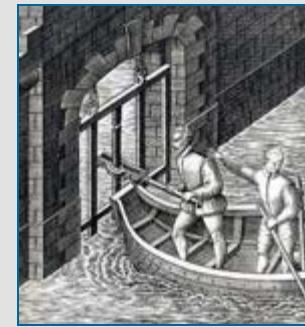
Kathy Lowe writes: "Have you checked out the [AASL Lesson Plan](#)

Participates in reading room rotation including periodic Saturday duty. Instructs individuals and small groups in the use of the catalog, image databases, and specialized print and electronic resources. Develops online instructional tools for staff and readers. Assists readers in the effective use of digital images in classroom teaching and public presentation....



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology](#) is the Smithsonian's collection of rare books and manuscripts relating to the history of science and technology. Contained in this world-class collection of 35,000 rare books and 2,000 manuscript groups are many of the most important works dating from the 15th to the

[Database](#) yet? Now with over 100 published lessons contributed by practitioners in the field, the database showcases learning experiences for K–12 students that integrate the AASL *Standards for the 21st Century Learner* with classroom projects and assignments and are automatically cross-walked with ELA and Math Common Core State Standards upon publication. If you are looking for ways to teach your students the skills, dispositions, responsibilities, and self-assessment strategies they need to be successful 21st-century learners, this is the place to go.

AASL Blog, Sept. 7

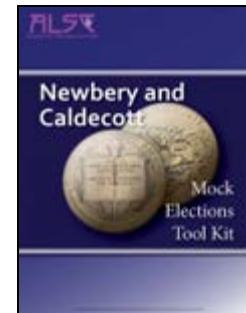
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Awards & Grants

[Special offer for the Caldecott's 75th anniversary](#)

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the Caldecott Medal, ALSC is offering a free, archived, mock-elections webinar to anyone who purchases the [Newbery and Caldecott Mock Elections Tool Kit](#) digital download. Individuals must purchase the digital download in September, October, or November to receive access to the archived webinar. This authoritative tool kit provides you with everything you need to plan and execute stellar mock elections in your community....

ALSC, Sept. 7



[Nominate someone for a PLA award](#)

PLA is offering nine [awards and grants](#) designed to highlight the best in public library service and to honor those bringing innovation, creativity, and dedication to public libraries. Many of the awards include an honorarium. Fill out the PLA award nomination form by December 1. Winners will be announced in February....

PLA, Sept. 10

[Nominate a school library for the Jaffarian Award](#)

Nominations are open for the 2013 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming. Public and private school libraries that served children in any combination of grades K–8 and conducted humanities programs during the 2011–2012 school year are eligible for the \$4,000 award. The deadline for [applications](#) is December 15. [Register](#) for a free, online learning session October 24 with the 2012 winner, Francis Feeley, school librarian of the Inter-American Magnet School in Chicago....

Public Programs Office, Sept. 11

[Apply for a Carnegie-Whitney grant](#)

The ALA Publishing Committee provides 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. Funded projects range from the popular to the scholarly. [Applications](#) must be received by November 2; recipients will be notified by the end of February 2013....

ALA Publishing, Sept. 5

[Two Spectrum Scholars to](#)

19th centuries in the history of science and technology. Its digital collections include [portraits](#) of men and women in science, [rare books](#) printed before 1501, original drawings of [16th-century machines](#) for Agostino Ramalli's *Le diverse et artificiose machine* (Paris, 1588), and the 200 books selected by Bern Dibner that were donated in 1976 as the [most significant titles](#) in the development of Western science and technology.

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 [I Love Libraries](#) site. Check out our [Featured Digital Libraries Pinterest board.](#)

Noted and Quoted

“She’s a librarian,’ Sim said. ‘They’re not teachers; don’t give you half as much hassle. If there’s a fire in the school and I’ve got to choose who I’m gonna save—a teacher or a librarian—the teacher’s gonna burn every time.”

—Keith Gray, *Ostrich Boys* (New York: Random House Books for Young Readers, 2010), 24.

@ [More quotes...](#)

[attend AASL Fall Forum](#)

AASL will sponsor the travel, lodging, and attendance of two Spectrum Scholars, Judith Guzman-Montes and Connie Thompson, at the AASL 2012 Fall Forum. ["Transliteracy and the School Library Program"](#)



will be held October 12–13, in Greenville, South Carolina, and simultaneously broadcast to four participating satellite sites.... AASL, Sept. 11

[Apply for ACRL scholarships and travel grants](#)

ACRL is offering 70 scholarships in five categories worth more than \$40,000 for its upcoming conference to be held April 10–13 in Indianapolis. Applications for scholarships in all categories are due November 9. Complete details on each scholarship category and application instructions are available on the [ACRL 2013 website](#).... ACRL, Sept. 11

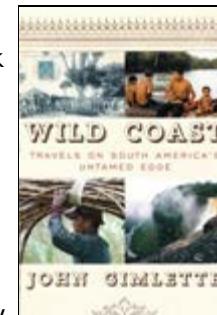
[UIUC library school wins an IMLS grant](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced that the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's GSLIS has been awarded a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant in the amount of \$99,168 for "Inclusive Gigabit Libraries: Learn, Discuss, and Brainstorm." With this support, the school will hold a series of four continuing education forums to enhance understanding of how libraries can adopt and use next-generation internet networks to address social inclusion through the organization US Ignite.... Institute of Museum and Library Services, Sept. 12

[2012 Dolman Travel Book of the Year](#)

John Gimlette has won the 2012 Dolman Travel Book of the Year award for *Wild Coast: Travels on South America's Untamed Edge* (Knopf, 2011), an account of his journeys in Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana. He received the £2,500 (\$4,000 US) prize at an Authors' Club ceremony in London on September 5. Gimlette explored the dense jungles between the Orinoco and the Amazon rivers, stumbling upon remote villages, snakes, and the hideouts of runaway slaves....

The Telegraph (UK), Sept. 6



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Libraries in the News

[L.A. considers multiuse library cards for illegal immigrants](#)

Los Angeles officials are considering a plan to turn the library card into a form of identification that the city's large illegal immigrant population could use to open bank accounts and access an array of city services. The ID card would include the user's name, address, and a photograph, and would be issued through the Los Angeles Public Library. The city would partner with a private vendor to set up bank accounts. Anyone able to provide proof of L.A. residency would be eligible for the library card. The L.A. chapter of Reforma has drafted a letter in support of the plan....

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[Kapow! Comic-Con,](#)

Monmouth County Library, Manalapan, New Jersey.

Sept. 29–30:
[World Maker Faire,](#)
New York Hall of

Los Angeles Times, Sept. 11

Closure of Escondido branch hurt student grades

The closure of the East Valley branch (right) of the Escondido (Calif.) Public Library in 2011 cost many young city residents a crucial place to do homework, read books, and feel safe after school, according to a survey of public school students conducted recently by California State University,

San Marcos. 20% of the nearly 500 East Valley students surveyed said loss of the branch, which the city council closed to help balance the city's budget, had negatively affected their grades....

Escondido (Calif.) *North County Times*, Sept. 6

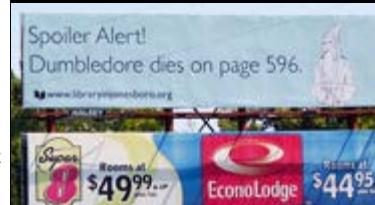


Bold library promotion in Arkansas

Benjamen A. Bizzle writes: "I'm a member of the creative team at Craighead County Jonesboro (Ark.) Public Library, and we have the privilege of feeling creative on a fairly regular basis.

From a [YouTube comedy series](#) ("No, you cannot die from dyslexia") to the ridiculous [Facebook covers](#) to the [billboards and posters](#) around town (above), we are constantly looking for new and creative ways to sell the library to the people of Craighead and Poinsett counties in Arkansas. We're always looking for different ways to catch people unexpectedly and just get them thinking about the library. Indications are that it's working."...

Marketing Library Services, Sept./Oct.



Chicago amnesty program brings in more than 101,000 items

The Chicago Public Library recently held its own type of homecoming, welcoming the missing books, CDs, and DVDs that found their way back to library shelves. Exactly 101,301 items were returned from August 20 to September 7 in the library's "Once in a Blue Moon Amnesty" program, a rare window of time during which outstanding fines and fees were waived. The library estimates the value of the items returned during the program at about \$2 million....

Chicago Tribune, Sept. 11

Springfield branches slated to reopen

Three branch libraries that were closed on July 2 in Springfield, Massachusetts, due to budget cuts are now expected to reopen the week of October 15 in the aftermath of restored funds and ongoing efforts to hire staff. The reopening branches are Liberty Street, Pine Point, and East Forest Park. The city council granted final approval July 30 to a \$15 increase in the annual trash fee, including \$5 that would help with opening the branches....

Springfield (Mass.) Republican, Sept. 10

New York library adopts ad-supported toilet paper

Meredith Schwartz writes: "Toilet paper printed with advertisements will appear in the bathrooms of the Port Chester-Rye Brook (N.Y.) Public Library in October. The [toilet paper](#) is 100% recycled, two-ply, and printed with soy-based ink. Venues that use the paper receive it for free, making it a potentially attractive way for cash-

Science, Queens, New York.

Oct. 9–11:
[Illinois Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Peoria Civic Center. "Bouncing Higher."

Oct. 10–12:
[Iowa Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Grand River Center, Dubuque. "We're All in This Together."

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

Oct. 10–14:
[Oral History Association](#), Annual Meeting, Cleveland Marriott at Key Center, Cleveland, Ohio. "Sing It Out, Shout It Out, Say It Out Loud: Giving Voice through Oral History."

Oct. 11–12:
[Digital Public Library of America](#), Midwest Meeting, Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago.

Oct. 16:
[From School to Workforce: Information Literacy, Critical Thinking, and Problem-Solving Skills](#), webinar. Cosponsored by National Forum on Information Literacy and Credo Reference.

Oct. 18–19:
[The E-Book Renaissance, Part II](#):



strapped libraries to reduce spending. The move comes a few months after [budget constraints](#) forced the library to cut hours and eliminate two part-time positions." ...
Library Journal, Aug. 22; *White Plains (N.Y.) Journal News*, Aug. 18; *Port Chester (N.Y.) Daily Voice*, June 1

87 Minnesota libraries affected by power outage

Eighty-seven libraries in southeastern Minnesota were unable to serve their patrons September 5–7 because of a [power outage](#) at the Southeastern Libraries Cooperating building in Rochester. SELCO was one of about 4,800 Rochester Public Utilities customers that lost power when a severe thunderstorm rolled through the city. SELCO's integrated library system provides access to the 3 million holdings of its member libraries....

Rochester (Minn.) Post-Bulletin, Sept. 7; SELCO Tumblr

UK plans to increase young library volunteer force

The Reading Agency and the UK government have launched an initiative working with local library services across the country to create a "Youth Innovation Network" of library workers that seeks to generate thousands of volunteering opportunities in public libraries for youth aged 11–25. The initiative will be delivered in partnership with the Society of Chief Librarians and the Association of Senior Children's and Education Librarians. It is funded by a grant from the Cabinet Office's Social Action Fund....

The Bookseller, Sept. 10

Queensland government libraries threatened (PDF file)

The Queensland Government is making moves to marginalize, shrink, and in the worst case, eradicate its government libraries. In doing so, the Australian Library and Information Association says the state government will be dumbing down policy and decision-making and fears that, once lost, unique collections of valuable historic and contemporary documents, referred to by scientists and researchers on a daily basis, will be lost forever. ALIA sent a letter ([PDF file](#)) to Queensland Premier Campbell Newman on September 4 expressing its deep concerns about the situation....

Australian Library and Information Association, Sept. 10

Japanese police say man stole over 1,100 library books

A 61-year-old man has been accused of stealing more than 1,100 library books from 15 locations in Japan. Mitsuka Suizu was first arrested in July for taking a few books from the public library in Nagato. When police searched his home in the city of Ube, Suizu admitted to taking 1,170 books over seven years. "None of [the libraries] had security gates, so he was able to get by relatively unnoticed," Nagato police spokesperson Yosuke Miyoshi said....
ABC News, Sept. 7

Rare Indian collection may close

One of India's oldest libraries is facing

Challenges and Opportunities Metro Meeting Centers, Boston. Sponsored by the National Information Standards Organization.

Oct. 22–24:
Internet Librarian 2012, Conference, Monterey (Calif.) Conference Center. "Transformational Power of Internet Librarians: Promise and Prospect."

Nov. 16–18:
Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair, Hynes Convention Center.

Jan. 14–16:
8th International Digital Curation Conference, Mövenpick Hotel, Amsterdam City Center, Netherlands. "Infrastructure, Intelligence, Innovation: Driving the Data Science Agenda."

Jan. 15–17:
Digital Book World, Conference, Hilton Hotel, New York City.

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closure after government funding was withdrawn. Old Delhi's Hardayal Municipal Library (right) houses one of the country's finest collections of rare antiquarian books, including a print of Sir Walter Raleigh's 1676 *History of the World*, a series of early British Indian travelogues, and handwritten and gold-illuminated translations of Hindu and Muslim religious works. But today the building is dilapidated, its books are caked in dust, and their pages are slowly disintegrating in rooms without air conditioning....

New York Daily News, Sept. 7



The cultural crisis in Mali

Muhammad Amir Rana writes: "Until recently, Mali had persistently shrugged off the possibility that a small number of extremists could take over the country. Now, after the militants have captured most of the northern region and destroyed several sites of cultural heritage, the people are calling out to the international community for help. Most tragic was the reported burning of some manuscripts allegedly by a librarian after the militants' arrival in the city of Timbuktu. The value of these treasures is beyond estimation."...

Dawn (Karachi, Pakistan), Sept. 8

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Publishers appeal decision in Georgia State e-reserves case

The three publisher plaintiffs in the Georgia State University e-reserve case lodged an appeal September 10 with the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, seeking to overturn one of the most significant fair-use rulings in decades. The appeal comes after Judge Orinda Evans filed her final order for relief in the case on August 10, rejecting the plaintiff publishers' sweeping proposal for relief and ordering the publishers to pay the defendants' attorneys' costs. Kevin Smith offers some [background](#)....

Publishers Weekly, Sept. 11; *Scholarly Communications @ Duke*, Sept. 11



The plagiarism perplex

Barbara Fister writes: "There is an extraordinary tension in our culture between individual creativity and the creative community, between originality and a shared body of knowledge, between the acts of reading culture and writing culture. And our students are caught in the middle. The fire and brimstone tone of plagiarism warnings are one kind of mixed message. Most students understand that it's ethically wrong to purchase a paper and hand it in as one's own; and most students understand that copying chunks of text without acknowledging the source is plagiarism. But most students will encounter gray areas."...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, Sept. 6

Why I gave to EveryLibrary

Monique le Conge writes: "When I was

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president of the California Library Association, one of the things that I learned from attending library legislative days both in Sacramento and Washington was that until libraries could bring money to the table, we'd continue to be a nice, nostalgic, heartwarming, and woefully underfunded service for most, if not all politicians. But [EveryLibrary](#) has turned thought into action, and I appreciate and support its efforts."...

EveryLibrary, Sept. 6

Walking away from the American Chemical Society

Jenica P. Rogers writes: "There's no gentle introduction to this, so I'll get right to my point. SUNY Potsdam will not be subscribing to an American Chemical Society online journal package for 2013. We will instead be using a combination of the Royal Society of Chemistry content, ACS single-title subscriptions, the ACS backfile, and ScienceDirect from Elsevier to meet our chemical information needs. We're doing this because the ACS pricing model is unsustainable for our institution, and we were unable to find common ground with the sales team from the ACS. Here's how we got there."...

Attempting Elegance, Sept. 12

What if OA was the default for scholarly publishing?

Heather Joseph writes: "Ten years ago, a small group of activists convened in Budapest, Hungary, to discuss ways for the academic community to make all research articles in all academic fields freely available online. The result was the [Budapest Open Access Initiative](#). Participants in this year's meeting have released a set of [recommendations](#) with an ambitious new goal: achieving OA as the default method for distributing new peer-reviewed research within 10 years' time." [Read](#) OA proponent Peter Suber's perspective....

SPARC, Sept. 12; Open Access Foundation, Sept. 12



"Open" data: Attribution or no restrictions?

Jonathan Rockkind writes: "There is an ongoing debate about whether 'open data' should be released under an 'attribution required' license, or a 'no restrictions' license. For instance, lately OCLC has been suggesting its data is or should be licensed with an ODC-BY attribution-required license, while European libraries and cultural heritage institutions have been leaning toward and encouraging CCO-style no-restrictions licenses or releases instead. What is best?"...

Bibliographic Wilderness, Sept. 11

Whither science publishing?

John Dupuis writes: "On August 1, *The Scientist* published some interesting comments by scientists, publishers, and LIS faculty on the future of scholarly publishing. It's a pretty good set of questions and answers, provocative and thought-provoking, with a few good shots especially from the scientist side of things. Unfortunately, I think it lacks a bit in terms of having an honest-to-goodness librarian as part of the panel. Guess what? I'm taking a crack at those questions too."...

Confessions of a Science Librarian, Sept. 5

(Re)defining the library, part 1: Why?

Rick Anderson writes: "A huge number of factors complicate the

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scholarly communication landscape today, and with it the world of libraries, particularly research libraries. Questions that once had obvious and widely agreed-upon answers are now much more difficult. These include: What is a book? What does ‘publication’ mean? What is the appropriate unit of sale for scholarly products? In [Part 2](#), I’ll propose a simple taxonomy of libraries.”....

The Scholarly Kitchen, Sept. 11-12

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Tech Talk

[Amazon announces new Kindles](#)

Amazon announced big upgrades to its Kindle family September 6 in Santa Monica. While improvements on older models and dropped prices were great news to those looking to pinch a few pennies, the real superstars are the [Kindle Paperwhite](#) e-reader (right) and [Kindle Fire HD](#)—the latter of which is now complete with a 4G LTE wireless upgrade. The [“awesome” Paperwhite](#) combines the paper-like text of e-ink screens with the usability of LCD screens but none of the eyestrain; however, Amazon [failed to supply it](#) with text-to-speech capability. Lost in the Amazon hoopla was the release of a new line of [Kobo e-readers](#)....

Digital Trends, Sept. 6; Gizmodo, Sept. 6; TeleRead, Sept. 6-7



[Apple unveils the iPhone 5](#)

Don Reisinger writes: “As expected, Apple announced the iPhone 5 at its September 12 event. The smartphone is made of glass and aluminum, and all of the buttons are in the same places. According to Apple, the device is 18% thinner than the iPhone 4S, and it’s also 20% lighter. One of the biggest additions is the new 4-inch display, besting its predecessor’s 3.5-inch screen. The iPhone 5 will also come with support for 4G LTE service, delivering what it calls Ultrafast Wireless.”....

CNET News, Sept. 12



[A visual history of the iPhone](#)

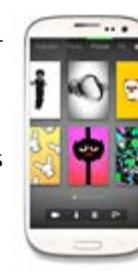
Mark Hachman writes: “To know where you’re going, you’ve got to first know where you’ve been. On January 9, 2007, Apple’s Steve Jobs announced the first iPhone (right) at the MacWorld convention in San Francisco. The iPhone’s success certainly stems from its hardware design. But Apple should be also credited with developing the app ecosystem, a greater achievement than the phone itself.”....

PC Magazine, Sept. 11



[Alerts to make your phone more distracting](#)

Roy Furchtgott writes: “If your Facebook, email, Twitter, and text alerts aren’t intrusive enough, meet an app called [Pops](#). A free app for Android phones, Pops lets you choose an animation that can be assigned to specific kinds of alerts, or to alerts from specific people. Instead of your phone just showing an icon when you receive a Facebook alert, an animation can take over your screen. And it lets you send messages with animated alerts that show up on the phones



of recipients." Watch the [video](#) (0:51)...
New York Times: Gadgetwise, Sept. 5; YouTube, Aug. 12

Technology DeathWatch: QR codes

Cormac Foster writes: "For 15 years, the QR code lived a quiet life in factories and warehouses, but when smartphones burst on the scene, advertisers (and libraries) began embedding URLs in QR codes so users could simply snap a picture of a tag and visit a website without having to type in the address. But scanning QR codes isn't all that easy. Without simpler client tools and much better awareness, it's likely that texting, speech-based searches, and alternative scanning technologies will win out."...
ReadWriteWeb, Sept. 10



Who makes the best 802.11ac router?

Michael Brown writes: "It's a tricky time to be in the market for a new wireless router. The safe bet is buy a model based on the tried-and-true, rock-solid 802.11n standard—and I recommend that you adopt that course if you're looking for a new router for your small business. Some, however, may fall in love with the blistering speed and phenomenal range that routers that are based on the second draft of the [802.11ac standard](#) deliver. Here are my assessments of all five 802.11ac router models now available for sale."...
PC World, Apr. 9, Sept. 12



How to fix broken keyboard feet

Taryn Fiol writes: "Ben Franklin got it all wrong. Beer isn't proof that God loves us, binder clips are. They are cheap and possibly the perfect hacking material to [solve little problems](#) around the office. Like this one, which helps you fix the little feet at the back of your keyboard. Just grab a couple of 10¢ binder clips (or borrow some from a coworker) and try this trick for replacing them."...
Apartment Therapy, June 10, 2011



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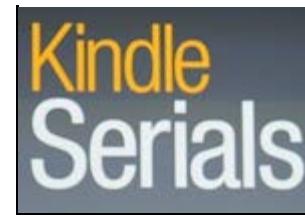
E-Content

Pricing digital content

Christopher Harris writes: "Leaving aside the larger question of [business models](#) for a second, let's tackle what seems like a really simple question. What should be the base unit for pricing digital content? In reality, this is not a simple question at all. Should content be priced by the size of the population a library serves? Sites? Organizational units? It seems like someone is always ending up with a bad deal."...
AL: E-Content, Sept. 7

Amazon changed reading: Now it could change writing

Sarah Kessler writes: "In addition to its new Kindle e-readers, Amazon introduced a



subscription book format at its September 6 press conference. These books, called 'Kindle Serials,' will be released in segments instead of in their entirety, just as Charles Dickens serialized his novels 175 years ago. Updates or episodes automatically appear at the back of the book as they're created or released at no extra charge. Publishing one segment at a time will enable authors, like app developers, to make decisions based on user activity."...

Fast Company, Sept. 6

[US judge okays ebook price-fixing settlement](#)



US District Judge Denise L. Cote (right) approved a settlement September 6 between the Justice Department and Hachette Book Group, Simon and Schuster, and HarperCollins in a civil antitrust case that accused the companies of collusion with Apple in the pricing of digital books. The terms ([PDF file](#)) include a seven-year cooling-off period during which the publishers cannot restrict retailers from selling ebooks at a discount. A [separate suit](#) between the three publishers and 49 states was settled August 29 for \$69 million. HarperCollins and Amazon have already [dropped](#) ebook prices; Laura Hazard Owen [examines](#) the implications, and Michael Hiltzik senses an [Amazon monopoly](#)....

New York Times: Media Decoder, Sept. 6; paidContent, Sept. 10; Los Angeles Times, Aug. 31, Sept. 12

Ebooks in academia

Christina Pikas writes: "The ebook uproar really is about public libraries and popular books. In my science library, our books are nearly all done on the journal model: one PDF per chapter (no special device required); unlocked pdfs (no DRM; can be downloaded, printed, marked up); searchable on Google; IP authenticated. The thing is that scholarly publishers rely heavily on the library purchases for things besides textbooks."...

Christina's LIS Rant, Sept. 12

[Publishers back African ebook literacy effort](#)



Nick Wingfield writes: "Years ago, David Risher, a former Amazon executive, came up with the unlikely plan of distributing Kindles to children in the developing world to help increase literacy. He

gradually found acceptance for the nonprofit he founded to take ebooks to Africa, [Worldreader](#). Now he is getting a significant boost that could help expand its reach. Six book publishers have all agreed to donate ebooks to Worldreader, allowing the nonprofit to triple the size of its digital library to more than 900 books."...

New York Times: Bits, Sept. 6

[50 surprising ways to use your Kindle](#)

Jeff Dunn writes: "Amazon's e-reader attracts its fair share of fans, but its potential stretches well beyond merely reading ebook documents.



Numerous hacks and tricks exist to push the Kindle even further by extending its life, saving money, or tacking on some brand-new features. Enjoy a few random tips to pique ebook readers' interest, some of which require a bit of hardware and software literacy, others that can be executed with only one neuron firing."...

Edudemic, Aug. 31

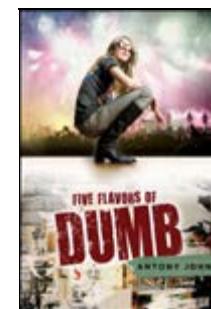
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Books & Reading

[Disabilities in YA lit](#)

Michelle Blank writes: "As hard as it is for some to believe, YA novels are not all supernatural romance books about sparkly vampires. YA literature is famous for tackling issues and not shying away from uncomfortable topics, which, for some, include disabilities. So how has the world of YA lit presented the perspective of those with disabilities? The short answer is: in a variety of ways. Many YA novels include characters who not only have disabilities, but thrive in spite of them or as a result of them."...

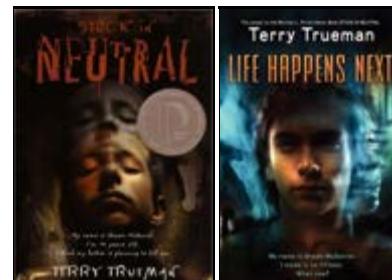
YALSA The Hub, Sept. 7



[When sequels emerge years later](#)

Kelly Jensen writes: "A new publishing trend over the last couple of years is one that's been almost under the radar. It's easy to talk about trends like mermaids or books taking a new spin on *Game of Thrones* when you're reading a ton of books every year. But have you noticed recently the number of sequels to books published five or more years ago that are now making an appearance? Let's take a look."...

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 11



[Audiobook news you can use](#)

Mary Burkey writes: "Here is a roundup of audiobook links of interest. First, join AudioGO on September 28 for Librarian's Day 2012. Are you close to Providence, Rhode Island? Take a road trip to AudioGo's North Kingston studio for a tour and treats. There will be a special appearance by library advocate Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.). [RSVP online](#) by September 14—or register via the RSVP link to win \$500 worth of free audios, even if you can't attend."...

Booklist Online: Audiobooker, Sept. 10



[What does your bookshelf say about you?](#)

Peter Knox writes: "Only a bookshelf can

truly hold a reader's history and future at the same time. A lifelong reader myself, I've always had an obsession with seeing a person's bookshelf, to get a sense of what they've brought inside their home and their head. So I created the [ShareYourShelf tumblr](#) as a way to attach individuality and ownership to these previously anonymous assortments of titles."...

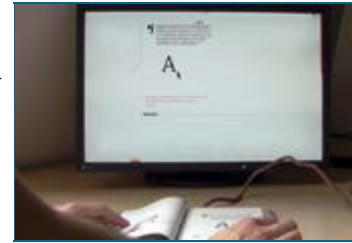
The Guardian (UK), Sept. 7



Elektrobiblioteka

Adi Robertson writes: "The book has been adapted to a variety of new forms, most of which rely on computer interfaces. Waldek Węgrzyn, a design student at Poland's Academy of Fine Arts in Katowice, has done the opposite, building an electronic book that controls text and graphics on the web. [Elektrobiblioteka](#) can be viewed online, though you'll need to translate the text if you don't speak Polish. But as seen in this [video](#) (4:08), it's designed to be connected to its companion volume. Turning a page in the book switches web pages, and tapping graphics brings up animations on the screen."...

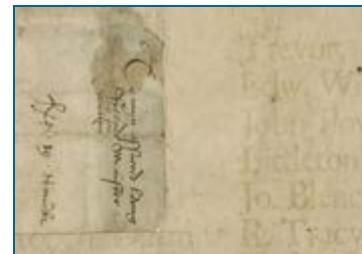
The Verge, Sept. 7; *Vimeo*, Aug. 21



Printer's waste or endleaf?

Heather Wolfe writes: "This book mystery concerns the nature of a fragment of paper used to repair a letter from Thomas Cromwell to Nicholas Wotton written in 1539. The presence of a faint impression of printing on the fragment led us initially to two main threads of inquiry: What is the printed text from which this artifact derives, and what part of the printing process or post-printing process does this fragment represent? At first glance, it seems likely that the text is a preliminary leaf from the second volume of Knightley D'Anvers's *A General Abridgment of the Common Law* (London, 1713)."...

The Collation, Sept. 6



20 famous authors' school photos

Emily Temple writes: "It's back-to-school season, which means new books, new classes and yes, new photos, yearbook and otherwise. But don't worry: Your favorite authors had to go through it too. To celebrate the new season of scholarship, we've collected a few pictures of some of our favorite authors' school photos, ranging from proud snapshots of the first day of kindergarten to writers-to-be goofing off behind a desk to posed high school graduation photos."...

Flavorwire, Sept. 6



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Tips & Ideas

[Europeana releases content into public domain](#)

On September 12, Europeana [opened up](#) nearly 20 million of the items in its [digital library](#) under a CCO rights waiver. This means that anyone can reuse the data for any purpose—whether using it to build applications to bring cultural content to new audiences in new ways, or analyzing it to improve an understanding of Europe's cultural and intellectual history. This is a coup for advocates of open cultural resources. The data was released after a grueling and unenviable internal negotiation process that has lasted more than a year....

The Guardian (UK), Sept. 12; Europeana, Sept. 12



[The Risk and Reward Conference](#)

Heather Acerro writes: "This week, 350 librarians gathered in gorgeous Telluride, Colorado, for the [R-Squared Conference](#), with the vision of transforming the library 'from a quiet storehouse of books to a dynamic center of free engagement with knowledge.' The conference was divided into four experiences: culture, abundant community, customer curiosity, and creative spaces."...

ALSC Blog, Sept. 12



[DPLA announces board of directors](#)

The steering committee of the Digital Public Library of America has appointed five members to its inaugural [board of directors](#). The board will support the DPLA's goal of creating and maintaining a free, open, and sustainable national digital library resource. The five are Cathy Casserly, Paul Courant, Laura DeBonis, Luis Herrera, and John Palfrey....

Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Sept. 11

[Open source ILS information portal](#)

The new Opensource ILS website provides a single portal for information about Evergreen, Koha, and other open source ILS systems and how they can work in any academic, public, school, or special library setting. The site enables you to see if open source can work for your library, learn about the steps involved in migrating, and locate technical assistance from the open source community as well as support vendors....

OpenSource ILS

[WebJunction funded another five years](#)

OCLC has received a \$4.1 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support five years of ongoing operations of [WebJunction](#), the learning place for libraries. Launched in 2003, WebJunction has helped more than 70,000 library staff build the job skills they need to meet the challenges of today's environment. Its website provides a wealth of training resources that share the knowledge, skills, and support to sustain relevant, vibrant libraries....

OCLC, Sept. 6

[New tricks for academics](#)

Joyce Valenza writes: "Subscription databases rock, no question about that. And they will likely be the best starting point for the full-text needs of scholars young and old. But new



academic search options are appearing as real players, reaching beyond search as location and networking tools for scholars, scientists, and practitioners. Here are three relatively new options you may have missed."...

School Library Journal: NeverEndingSearch, Sept. 10

30 Google search shortcuts

Thorin Klosowski writes: "Hidden behind Google's search box are a slew of shortcuts leading to so-called 'OneBox' results that provide awesome tools and display helpful information quickly and directly. You might think you know them all, but a few are more hidden than others. Google's OneBox is the result you get when Google magically knows the answer to a search you perform. Here are 20 examples." And [10 more....](#)

Lifehacker, Sept. 6, 10

How Google builds its maps

Alexis C. Madrigal writes: "Behind every Google Map, there is a much more complex map that's the key to your queries but hidden from your view. The deep map contains the logic of places: their no-left-turns and freeway on-ramps, speed limits, and traffic conditions. This is the data that you're drawing from when you ask Google to navigate you from point A to point B—and last week, Google showed me the internal map and demonstrated how it was built. It's the first time the company has let anyone watch how the project it calls GT, or 'Ground Truth,' actually works."...

The Atlantic, Sept. 6



The Fotopedia National Parks app

Richard Byrne writes: "Last week I installed the [Fotopedia National Parks app](#) on my iPad. The imagery in the app is simply stunning. Beyond the imagery the app offers photo-stories based on the imagery of the national parks in the app. And just like on the Fotopedia website, each image is linked to a related Wikipedia entry. Fotopedia offers 10 other iPad apps, including an app featuring [UNESCO World Heritage sites](#)...."

Free Technology for Teachers, Sept. 9



Find a sound

Phil Bradley writes: "OK, it's almost 7 on a Friday night, and you're desperate to get the sound that a zebra makes. (Don't ask why, you just are, work with me on this!) Where do you go? I'll tell you, you go to [FindSounds: Sound Types](#) which is quite a funky little website. Along with the sounds of animals (including that zebra) you get hundreds of other sounds. For example: There's not just one [zebra](#) sound, there are [10 different ones](#). This is going to be zebra heaven for someone, you mark my words."...

Phil Bradley's Weblog, Sept. 7

FindSounds

Search the Web for Sounds

Six impressive posts on librarianship

Aaron Tay writes: "So we librarians are failing (or are we)? Amazon is eating our lunches. Google is where people go. Surely we must be doing something wrong? Here are some critiques about how we librarians do things that perhaps deserve our consideration. The fact

that some of them come from people who are not librarians (or traditional librarians) but working in the library field is interesting."... Musings about Librarianship, Sept. 8

Do I really want to be a librarian?

Andy Burkhardt writes: "There was a [great thread](#) in the ALA Think Tank Facebook group several weeks ago in which someone asked others about having mixed feelings and angst about librarianship. I loved the post and all the answers because they were so authentic and sincere. These are very real, genuine questions that I know I have dealt with and that we all have to deal with as librarians and as professionals. Does my work satisfy me? Is my work fulfilling? Do I really want to be a librarian?"...

Information Tyrannosaur, Sept. 11

Networking tips for job-hunting librarians

Brian Herzog writes: "A little while ago, a reader emailed me with this question: 'I'm a recent MLIS graduate, and just moved to a new state. I was wondering if you could give me some job-hunting tips?' I am certainly no expert, but I did come up with some ideas..."

Swiss Army Librarian, Sept. 12

Call for library-incubated quilters

Erinn Batykefer writes: "My interest in quilts and quilting was incubated by the American Craft collection at Bucknell University's Bertrand Library in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. I'm sure there are other quilters who were inspired by library collections, who use libraries to research their latest projects, and who show their creations in libraries. Quilters and librarians, consider this a formal call to share your work, your community's quilting tradition, good quilting books or collections, and quilting programs or shows." See [submission guidelines](#) or contact the Library as Incubator Project on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)....

Library as Incubator Project, Sept. 6



How library spaces are changing

Jazzy Wright writes: "This summer, I had the opportunity to witness the latest in cutting-edge library services when I took a tour of Arlington (Va.) Central Library (right). I spoke with Director Diane Kresh, one of whose main achievements has been the creation of the library's Digital Projects Lab, a pop-up, tech-filled space that provides the technology resources for community members to create digital projects."...

District Dispatch, Sept. 11



11 amazing librarian tattoos

Jill Harness writes: "There are plenty of literary tattoos out there, and plenty of tattooed librarians. A bit less common are librarians with tattoos celebrating their career choice. Elizabeth Skene has what might be the most awesomely complete librarian sleeve around, featuring [a skull sitting on top of a book](#), with a graduation cap next to a card catalog and a banner reading 'Peace and Knowledge.' There is also an open book with pages coming out and turning into birds. Let there be no doubt here: Elizabeth loves libraries."...

Mental Floss, Sept. 11



Date your library

The city library of Hjørring, Denmark, created this visually minimalist yet rocking [video](#) (1:23) to promote a youth event. The music is "Love Radar" by Danish rock band The Blue Van and singer-songwriter Nabiha Bensouda....
YouTube, Sept. 1



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Has Hachette forgotten how to publish?

Christopher Harris writes: "Hachette will increase backlist ebook prices sold to libraries by an average of [twice the current price](#) starting October 1, according to a September 13 email from OverDrive to its customers. And we get nothing other than another price gouge from a publisher that seems to not comprehend the basic fundamentals of publishing." ALA President Maureen Sullivan promptly issued a [statement](#) that reads, in part: "We are weary of faltering half steps and even more so of publishers that refuse to sell ebook titles to libraries at all. Today I have asked the ALA's Digital Content and Libraries Working Group to develop more aggressive strategies." Jamie LaRue also [responded](#)....

AL: E-Content, Sept. 13–14; OverDrive: Digital Library Blog, Sept. 14; *Library Journal*: The Digital Shift, Sept. 14



The *Forbes* folly

John Carlo Bertot, Paul T. Jaeger, and Lindsay C. Sarin write: "When *Forbes* published an [article](#) declaring that an MLIS is the worst type of postgraduate degree based on career earning potential, the reaction from the library community was one of dismay. Librarians responded on blogs, email lists, and various social media, emphasizing the noneconomic reasons to earn a degree. The article also reflects the current fears and apprehension that exist among librarians and other public service professionals. In this age of austerity, all agencies of the public good—not just libraries—are under attack."...

American Libraries feature; *Forbes*, June 8

Forbes

The conversation starts [here](#)...



There are just 10 days left to get your 2013 Midwinter Meeting (Seattle, January 25–29) and Annual Conference (Chicago, June 27–July 2) [bundled registrations](#) and Midwinter housing. The combined events offer connections with thousands of colleagues, 500+ programs and sessions, 800+ exhibitors, 50+ institutes and preconferences, 100s of authors, dozens of speakers, and unquantifiable fun.

Take time to READ in Seattle

Laurie D. Borman writes: "By the time ALA Midwinter Meeting attendees fly into Seattle's airport, the bookshelves will be put away for the year. But the King County (Wash.)

Library System's 'Take Time to READ' program, which features books and four comfy reading chairs in the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport through September, continues. Fourteen cities hosted up to 15 book-cover art displays, and the promotion helped drive readers to the libraries and their collections."...

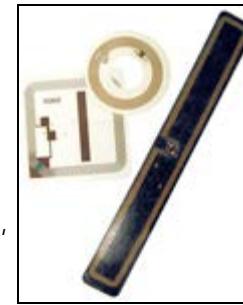
AL: Inside Scoop, Sept. 18



Dispatches from the Field: The RFID opportunity

Lori Bowen Ayre writes: "In March, the National Information Standards Organization adopted [RFID in US Libraries](#) (RP-6-2012), establishing ISO 28560-2 as the recommended practices for coding data on the RFID tags used in libraries for shelving, circulation, sorting, inventory, security, and interlibrary loans. The final adoption of this data model is a big step toward standardization and interoperability among RFID suppliers."...

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



Currents

Alice H. Scott (right), 77, former deputy commissioner of the Chicago Public Library, died August 28 from a stroke. The Chicago Public Library honored her with the Trailblazer award in 2004 for spearheading the creation of the African American Service Commission of Chicago for Ethnic Celebrations. On July 2, **Sharon Bostick** was appointed dean of libraries for the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. **Christine McDonald** retired August 24 as director for Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls, New York....

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ALA News

Update released for "Diversity Counts" report

ALA has released new data to update "[Diversity](#)

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Workshops and eCourses cover a broad range of subjects including copyright, reference, iPad-based books, grant winning, RDA, engaging teens, and cloud computing.

NEW! From ALA Editions and ALA TechSource.



[Counts](#)," a comprehensive study of gender, race, age, and disability in the library profession. Using 2009–2010 American Community Survey analyses, new data reveals a small gain—from 11% in 2000 to 12% in 2009–2010—in the percentage of racial and ethnic minorities working as credentialed librarians in the nation's public, academic, and school libraries. While credentialed librarians remain predominantly female and white, this new data provides a fuller picture of diversity within the profession today....

Office for Diversity, Sept. 19

[Read a banned book](#)

According to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, there were 326 reported attempts to remove materials from libraries in 2011. From September 30 to October 6, US libraries, schools, and bookstores will battle censorship and celebrate the freedom to read during [Banned Books Week](#), an annual event highlighting the importance of the First Amendment. Thousands will read from banned or challenged books, speak out, and learn about censorship as the nation celebrates the right to choose reading materials without restriction....

Public Information Office, Sept. 12



[Bill and Judith Moyers to chair Banned Books Week](#)

Award-winning broadcast journalist Bill Moyers and Judith Davidson Moyers (right) have been named honorary cochairs of [Banned Books Week](#) (September 30–October 6), ALA's annual celebration of the freedom to read. Bill Moyers has produced a video essay addressing the importance of our freedom to seek and express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. It will be released on September 28 as part of the Virtual Read Out advocacy campaign....

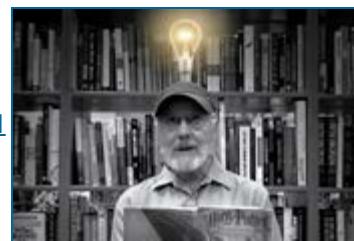
Office for Intellectual Freedom, Sept. 18



[Bookmans' Banned Book video](#)

Check out this [video](#) (2:05) that Bookmans, a chain of independent bookstores in Arizona, prepared for [Banned Books Week](#) (September 29–October 6). Love those little light bulbs. The last quote is from Harry Potter: "Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." Watch more videos at the Banned Books Week [website](#)....

Blogging Censorship, Sept. 14; YouTube, Sept. 12



[Cal Poly to celebrate Banned Books with Stephen Chbosky](#)

The Robert E. Kennedy Library at California Polytechnic State University will present a conversation with Stephen Chbosky—author, screenwriter, and director of *Perks of Being a Wallflower*—on October 5 as part of the library's celebration of Banned Books Week. Chbosky



[Great Libraries of the World](#)



[Canterbury Cathedral Library](#)

Canterbury, UK. The first record of a library in the cathedral dates from the 10th century, although manuscripts were probably stored there as far back as the 7th century. The dissolution of the Cathedral Priory in 1540 resulted in the loss of most of its medieval books, but by the late 16th century the library collected printed materials. The Howley-Harrison collection is the largest in the library, originating from part of the personal libraries of Archbishop William Howley and his personal curate, Benjamin Harrison.



[Chetham's Library](#)

Manchester, UK. The oldest free public reference library in the country, Chetham's was established in 1653 by the will of textile merchant

is also featured in a podcast series, "[I'm with the Banned](#)," created as part of the library's celebration. It features 12 podcasts that explore ALA's "[Top 100 Banned or Challenged Books: 2000–2009](#)" and their themes....

Cal Poly, Sept. 18

[New issues brief on public libraries](#)

U.S. Public Libraries Weather the Storm ([PDF file](#)), a new issues brief from the ALA Office for Research and Statistics, highlights how strategic vision has helped public libraries not only "weather the storm" of the Great

Recession, but also advance their role as a lifeline to the technology resources and training essential to building digitally inclusive communities. More than 60% of public libraries report increased use of computers and Wi-Fi, and 36% report an increase in participation in technology classes....

Office for Research and Statistics, Sept. 17



[Comments wanted on digital literacy report](#)

Marijke Visser writes: "The ALA Digital Literacy Task Force—a group spearheaded by the Office for Information Technology Policy—is now seeking comments on its preliminary report, *Digital Literacy, Libraries, and Public Policy* ([PDF file](#)). The document seeks to provide a broad overview of libraries and digital literacy and discusses the current policy context, including digital inclusion, education and lifelong learning, and workforce development. [Feedback](#) will be welcomed through October 19."...

District Dispatch, Sept. 18

[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....

Chapter Relations Office

[Crews on copyright](#)

ALA Editions will offer a new workshop on October 24:

["Crews on Copyright: Open Access and Your Publications: What's Copyright Got to Do with It?"](#) with Kenneth D. Crews (right).

The success of open access hinges on the terms in the agreements between authors and publishers. Don't let your materials stay hidden under a rock—facilitate access by learning to be proactive with the expert advice of copyright authority Kenneth D. Crews. Registration for this ALA Editions Workshop is available at the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, Sept. 12



[New workshops on cloud computing and connecting with teens](#)

ALA TechSource is offering two new workshops: "[Cloud Computing For Librarians: An Introduction](#)," with Krista Godfrey on November 7; and "[Using Social Media and Mobile Technology to Engage Teens](#)," with Jennifer LaGarde on November 12–15. Registration for both

Humphrey Chetham for the use of independent scholars. It holds 60,000 books that were published before 1851, as well as a rich collection of bookplates, postcards, chapbooks, broadsides, ballads, theatre programs, posters, trade cards, and bill heads. Chetham's was the meeting place of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels when Marx visited Manchester in 1845; the two studied together at the wooden desk in the window alcove of the reading room.

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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workshops is available through the ALA Store at both individual and group rates....

ALA TechSource, Sept. 18

[**New textbook on information science**](#)

Covering every aspect of the new digital information environment from iPads and ebooks to the future of information and how it will be controlled, [*Information 2.0: New Models of Information Production, Distribution and Consumption*](#), available from Neal-Schuman and written by Martin De Saulles, is a landmark textbook for students studying the information society. Drawing on international case studies and current trends, it explores the fundamental changes in the core areas of information production, storage, distribution, and consumption....

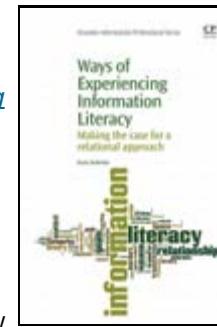
ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 18



[**A relational approach to information literacy**](#)

In [*Ways of Experiencing Information Literacy: Making the Case for a Relational Approach*](#), available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, Susie Andretta offers an investigation of the relational approach to examining information literacy from the perspective of the learner and the educator in both academic and other professional environments. She illustrates this relational approach with concrete examples that show how to measure the impact of the information literacy experience....

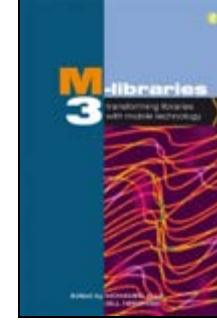
ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 14



[**Mobile technology and transformation**](#)

Mobile technology offers huge potential to help libraries transform their service models to meet the challenge posed by a new generation of learners. The newest volume in the M-Libraries series, [*M-Libraries 3: Transforming Libraries with Mobile Technology*](#), available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, brings together international contributions from leading authorities in the field. Editors Mohamed Ally and Gill Needham based their book on the proceedings of the Third International M-Libraries Conference held in Brisbane, Australia, in May 2011....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 14



[**Making sense of business reference**](#)

Celia Ross, an "accidental business reference librarian by trade," explains how to provide quality reference help in her new book [*Making Sense of Business Reference: A Guide for Librarians and Research Professionals*](#), published by ALA Editions. She uses specific examples to address business reference issues from research and marketing to finance—for business people, students, and business faculty....

ALA Editions, Sept. 18



[**WordPress as a CMS**](#)

With its intuitive interface and open-source development method, the WordPress web platform

JobLIST

[Youth Services Coordinator](#)

Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence, Missouri. Committed to providing children, teens, parents, and caregivers a "portal to life-changing resources"? MCPL seeks a dynamic library leader to become its new youth services coordinator. As part of the administrative team, the youth services coordinator will be the library's key representative to the library staff and community serving children and teens—and agencies and organizations serving those audiences. The successful candidate will lead in the development and provision of traditional, virtual, and cutting-edge services and programs at the local, regional, and national levels....



Digital Library of the Week

has emerged as a uniquely flexible content-management system (CMS) with many library-related applications. In *Learning from Libraries That Use WordPress: Content-Management System Best Practices and Case Studies*, published by ALA

Editions, web designer-librarians Kyle M. L. Jones and Polly-Alida Farrington explore the variety of ways libraries are implementing WordPress as a CMS, from simple out-of-the-box websites to large sites with many custom features.... ALA Editions, Sept. 14



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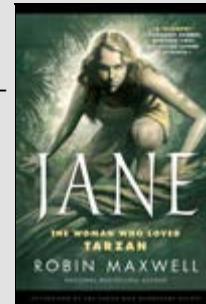
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Featured review: Adult fiction

Maxwell, Robin. *Jane: The Woman Who Loved Tarzan*. Sept. 2012. 320p. Tor, hardcover (978-0-7653-3358-2).

Best-selling historical-fiction writer Maxwell (*To the Tower Born*, 2005) is the first woman writer authorized by the Edgar Rice Burroughs estate to create a Tarzan tale, a breakthrough that marks the centenary of *Tarzan of the Apes*, Burroughs' first novel featuring the aristocratic ape man and Jane, the intrepid young woman he rescues. Maxwell's new and improved Jane, a budding scientist undaunted by rampant misogyny, accompanies her professor father to West Africa on a 1905 expedition organized by charming explorer Ral Conrath. But Conrath turns out to be a vicious outlaw, who abandons Jane to die a brutal death. Tarzan, of course, swoops in and rescues her; then, as their unlikely love deepens, she saves him....



Hostile Questions: Naomi Wolf

Daniel Kraus writes: "If you haven't read *The Beauty Myth*, Naomi Wolf's internationally bestselling analysis of beauty as a social construct, get yourself back to college and try again, this time with feeling. The titles of subsequent books—all of them starred by Booklist—say it all: *Fire with Fire: The New*



Beyond Ricci is a digital library that introduces readers to the Jesuitana Collection at the Burns Library, Boston College, by highlighting books written about China by Jesuit missionaries. The Jesuitana Collection is broader than this (with more than 2,500 volumes published by or about the Jesuits prior to the order's suppression in 1773), but for the purposes of this website, the library has focused on east-west cultural exchange and interaction. It takes the life of legendary Jesuit missionary Matteo Ricci (1552–1610) as the primary starting point. The text was written by Fr. Jeremy Clarke, S.J., assistant professor in the Boston College History Department. He also selected all the images from various works in the Jesuitana collection (and other rare book collections) of Boston College. Burns Library staff provided help related to other aspects of the project.

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

Female Power and How It Will Change the 21st Century, Promiscuities: The Secret Struggle for Womanhood, and, hot off the presses, Vagina: A New Biography. But who is Naomi Wolf, really? Is she just some writer good at putting a few words before a colon, followed by several other words?"...

Likely Stories, Sept. 10

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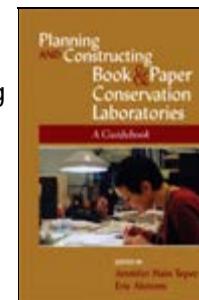
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Division News

[Planning a conservation lab](#)

Book and paper conservation labs are vital for caring for aging library collections. Constructing or renovating a lab offers an exciting opportunity for developing or improving a conservation program. *Planning and Constructing Book and Paper Conservation Laboratories: A Guidebook*, a new publication from ALCTS edited by Jennifer Hain Teper and Eric Alstrom, is a critical resource for those planning new or remodeled conservation labs for book and paper collections....

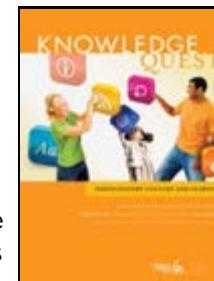
ALCTS, Sept. 17



[New issue of Knowledge Quest](#)

The first issue of volume 41 of *Knowledge Quest* will soon arrive on the doorsteps of AASL members. The September/October issue of AASL's official journal covers the topic of participatory culture and learning and was guest edited by Buffy Hamilton and Ernie Cox. Coinciding with the new issue, the AASL website features a variety of additional content and resources related to the theme....

AASL, Sept. 18



[Information literacy webinar archived](#)

The archive of the recent vendor webinar, "Wanted: Information Literacy Skills in a World of Google and Wikipedia," is now available online as a part of the AASL professional development repository, [eCOLLAB](#). The webinar, sponsored by EasyBib and presented by Emily Gover, shares recent findings on the status of plagiarism, research methods, and citation practices....

AASL, Sept. 18

[Survey on library fundraising](#)

LLAMA and United for Libraries are requesting feedback through a [survey](#) as they work together to develop a pre- or post-Annual Conference event on fundraising, in addition to webinars on fundraising. The deadline to complete the survey is October 1. The 2013 ALA Annual Conference event will bring together experts in fundraising to help librarians and advocates learn how to become more effective in their efforts....

LLAMA, Sept. 13

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

"Talk Like a Pirate Day? OK, who knows where I can get a link to a free ebook copy of *The Diviners*, or *Unspoken*, or *The Raven Boys*?"

—Liz Burns, in a Sept. 19 tweet on Talk Like a Pirate Day.

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[Murder of Civil Rights Workers While Registering Voters Shocks Nation in 1964](#)

[Ally Condie: 'I know how essential those school](#)

Introduce Henry Rollins at ACRL 2013

ACRL is holding a video contest in advance of its [2013 conference](#) to be held April 10–13 in Indianapolis. The division is seeking video applications from academic and research librarians to introduce keynote speaker Henry Rollins (right), spoken-word artist, singer-songwriter, and author. The winner will prepare and present a five-minute live introduction of Rollins on April 11, meet Rollins in person, and receive an invitation to the conference chairs' reception at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art....

ACRL, Sept. 18



ACRL member survey

Steven J. Bell writes: "ACRL is undertaking an important initiative to better understand how to engage members in the issues of intellectual freedom and professional ethics, core organizational values articulated in ACRL's [Plan for Excellence](#). As an initial step, we're asking all ACRL members to complete a [brief survey](#). Please join me in taking just 5 minutes to make sure your voice is heard."...

ACRL Insider, Sept. 18

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Awards & Grants

2012 ALA award winners

Stephanie Kuenn writes: "This year, ALA bestowed its highest honors and awards on a variety of individuals and institutions whose achievements underscore their bold vision for librarianship and their strong commitment to the profession. Selected by their colleagues and peers, the 2012 honorees represent the best of the best in ALA and just a fraction of the more than 200 awards and honors given out each year by the Association's divisions, round tables, offices, and other units."...

American Libraries feature



Nominations sought for RUSA awards and grants

Nominations are now being accepted for the many achievement awards and conference travel and research grants offered by RUSA. The deadline for all nominations is December 15, with the exception of the BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award, which has a deadline of January 31. Award criteria, nomination forms, and instructions for submissions are available at each award's web page....

RUSA, Sept. 18

PLA receives IMLS grant

PLA has been awarded a \$291,178 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. PLA will partner with the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies to develop an online collection of digital literacy resources that will be accessible to libraries, patrons, and other community-based organizations. Other funded activities include the development of training curricula in English and Spanish, technology trainer competencies, handouts, and patron skills assessment....

PLA, Sept. 17

[libraries are' \(video\)](#)

[How to Get a Great Job: Negotiating the Best Pay & Benefits](#)

[Because I Said So: Dad Sees Library Card as Ticket to New Worlds for Daughters](#)

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Calendar

Oct. 9–11:
[Illinois Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Peoria Conference Center, Peoria. "Bouncing Higher."

Oct. 14–20:
[Teen Read Week](#). Sponsored by YALSA. "It Came from the Library."

Oct. 17–19:
[Ohio Educational Library Media Association](#), Annual Conference, Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky. "School Libraries 4 the Future."

Oct. 18–19:
[Florida Association of College and Research Libraries](#), Annual Conference, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale. "Emerging Partnerships in Academic Libraries."

[ALSC and YALSA win Dollar General grants](#)



The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded a Youth Literacy grant in the amount of \$226,876 to ALSC and YALSA. The two divisions will use the grant to support three important initiatives, El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), Teen Read Week, and summer reading for teens. The Dollar General Literacy Foundation's Youth Literacy grants are awarded to assist with implementing new or expanding existing youth literacy programs....

ALSC, Sept. 13

[Is your school innovative?](#)

The Follett Challenge, which awarded \$100,000 worth of Follett products and services to six K-12 schools in 2012, is returning with the prize money doubled and a new focus—rewarding top-notch educators who are aligning their curriculum to teach 21st-century learning skills. Six winners again will be selected, with this year's total prize value increased to \$200,000. The Follett Challenge is open to all public and private K-12 schools in the United States and Canada. [Apply](#) by January 4....

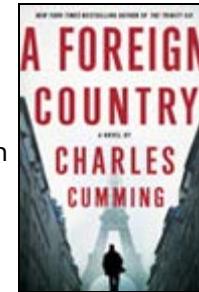
Follett, Sept. 17



[Scottish Crime Book of the Year](#)

Scotland's first crime-writing festival, Bloody Scotland, has drawn to a close with the announcement of the first Scottish Crime Book of the Year. *A Foreign Country* (St. Martin's) by Charles Cumming was chosen from 40 other entries at the end of the event in Stirling. The book revolves around the disappearance of the first female head of MI6. Organizers said crime fiction is the most popular genre among book buyers and library users in Scotland....

BBC News, Sept. 17



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Libraries in the News

[Supporters rally against Georgia Archives closure](#)



A firestorm has erupted over the Georgia Secretary of State's [decision](#) to sharply curtail public access to the Georgia Archives. The September 13 announcement quickly became a *cause célèbre* for academics and family genealogists alike as thousands quickly signed an [online petition](#). Effective November 1, only limited public appointments will be available to see the state's historical records dating back to at least 1733. Seven of the 10 full-time employees were fired September 18, leaving only Director Chris Davidson, the assistant director, and the facility manager. Historian James C. Cobb calls it a "shortsighted and embarrassing decision to put a padlock on our state's past." Read the Society of American Archivists' letter of protest ([PDF file](#)) to Gov. Nathan Deal, ALA President [Maureen Sullivan's letter](#) to Deal, the Friends of Georgia Archives and History [website](#), and the National Coalition for History's [tips](#) for taking action. **Late-breaking news:** In

Oct. 18–20: Poets Forum.

Academy of American Poets, New York University and The New School, New York City.

National Friends of Libraries Week.

Sponsored by United for Libraries.

Open Access Week.

An opportunity for the academic and research community to continue to learn about the potential benefits of Open Access.

Tennessee Association of School Librarians.

Annual Conference, Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro. "Don't Miss a Beat @ Your Library."

Michigan Association for Media in Education.

Annual Conference, Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol, Lansing. "Enter Here and Learn."

California Library Association.

Annual Conference, San José Convention Center, San José. "Defying Gravity."

Michigan Library Association.

Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn. "Loud Librarian: Defining Ourselves and Our Profession."

signing the Georgia Archives Month Proclamation on September 19, Gov. Deal told the archives committee that he would find a way to [keep the state archives open](#) to the public....

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Sept. 16–17; *Athens (Ga.) Banner-Herald*, Sept. 17; Society of American Archivists; ALA Public Information Office

[Can states limit nonresidents' access to public records?](#)

The US Supreme Court could determine the constitutionality of state public-record provisions that limit records requests to residents of that state. In [McBurney v. Young](#), Rhode Island resident Mark McBurney and California resident Roger Hurlbert are appealing an adverse decision ([PDF file](#)) by the 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals upholding a provision in Virginia's Freedom of Information Act that says only Virginia residents can obtain public records from that state....

First Amendment Center, Sept. 19

[Guardian of America's heirlooms](#)

Brianna McClane writes: "Is Kelly Maltagliati (right) the National Archives' version of Nicolas Cage? Sure, she hasn't stolen the Declaration of Independence to marinate it in lemon juice, but she does track down wrongdoers in order to protect the country's history. This is no National Treasure, but as special agent in charge of the Archival Recovery Team, Maltagliati's job is to track down items stolen from the national treasure chest...."

National Journal, Sept. 13



[Archivist to an Empire](#)

Heather Halpin Perez (right) is a mild-mannered archivist by day, toiling away in the Atlantic City (N.J.) Free Public Library's local history section, the Alfred M. Heston Collection. However, she has a much more glamorous title on Sunday nights, one that stems from an ongoing hookup with Hollywood—specifically with a glitzy, award-winning, darling-of-the-critics series on HBO. Perez is nationally known as "[Boardwalk Empire's Librarian](#)..."

Press of Atlantic City (N.J.), Sept. 16; *American Libraries* news, Oct. 11, 2010



[Los Angeles library card will not become immigrant ID](#)

Meredith Schwartz writes: "For those following the mainstream media, it may come as a surprise to find out that Los Angeles is not considering turning its library card into a form of official ID for undocumented immigrants. That's certainly the impression created by [headlines](#) in the *Los Angeles Times*. In fact, Los Angeles City Librarian John Szabo said that what the city is actually doing is considering creating a city services card whose primary purpose is to be a debit card for the unbanked—an audience which is much broader than immigrants, let alone undocumented ones...."

Library Journal, Sept. 14; *Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 11

[Chattanooga cooks up some creativity](#)

Nate Hill, Chattanooga (Tenn.) Public Library's assistant director of technology and digital initiatives, imagines the library's fourth floor as a place for creativity and thinking, a kitchen where technological dreams are cooked up. If an author wants to publish an ebook, he

Nov. 7–10:

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

Nov. 7–10:

[New York Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs. "Writing Our Next Chapter."

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.

Feb. 12–15:

[iConference 2013](#),

Worthington Renaissance Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas. Sponsored by iSchools. "Scholarship in Action: Data, Innovation, Wisdom."

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could come to the library, learn about using a graphic design program, and design his own cover. He sees the possibility of a workshop where people can come and solder their electronics together. Hill even thinks there could be a robotic battle arena. The library is still working out funding....

Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times Free Press, Sept. 17

The changing nature of school libraries

When Sue Reinhman became librarian at Northern High School in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, 18 years ago, there were CD-ROMs and a card catalog with drawers, with just the beginning of digital resources. Today, her library has seven online databases, with the budget shifting toward buying more digital resources, including ebooks. Still, she said, the emphasis is on teaching students how to find and use information efficiently and ethically....

Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News, Sept. 16

Elliott Shore named ARL executive director

The Association of Research Libraries board of directors has appointed Elliott Shore (right) as ARL executive director, effective January 1. Shore is currently chief information officer, director of libraries, and professor of history at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania. He has published widely, delivered numerous papers and workshops, taught courses in US history with an emphasis on American radicalism, and taught courses in librarianship with a focus on collection development, technology, and interdisciplinary collaboration....

Association of Research Libraries, Sept. 17



LJ appoints Michael P. Kelley editor-in-chief

Michael P. Kelley, currently executive editor of news and features for *Library Journal*, has been named editor-in-chief effective September 17. Kelley replaces long-time *LJ* Editor-in-Chief Francine Fialkoff. Kelley holds an MSLIS degree and brings more than 25 years in journalism, including nine years as a staff editor at the *New York Times*....

Library Journal, Sept. 17



New Los Gatos Library is a green gem

The new 30,000-square-foot [Los Gatos \(Calif.\) Library](#) designed by Berkeley-based Noll & Tam Architects, is a daylit, sustainable gem for the community around the city's historic Pageant Park. The two-story building draws its design inspiration from a lantern, working all day to bring light far into the building and at night to illuminate the area with views into the library. The natural hues of concrete, stone, and wood-colored cladding reflect the colors of the surrounding environment....

Inhabitat, Sept. 18



Downtown L.A. intersection renamed after Ray Bradbury

Science fiction author Ray Bradbury was a regular at Clifton's Cafeteria on Broadway in Los Angeles, and was known for writing on the public typewriters in the Central Library. So it was fitting that the



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city council voted September 18 to bestow the name Ray Bradbury Square on the intersection of Fifth and Flower streets in downtown Los Angeles. Bradbury was a supporter of the local theater and libraries....

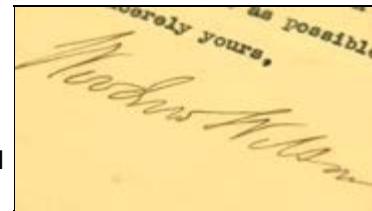
KNX-AM, Los Angeles, Sept. 18

[Stolen documents returned to University of Vermont](#)

Librarian Jeff Marshall hopes to never again lose sight of what he was carrying through the University of Vermont Special Collections Department September 13.

"It's great to have them back," Marshall said, placing a box of documents on a research table. His department just got back more than 50 documents bearing signatures including several belonging to US Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding, Teddy Roosevelt, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The items were stolen in 2011 by convicted thief Barry Landau. Watch the [video](#) (1:46)....

WPTZ-TV, Plattsburgh, N.Y., Sept. 13



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[The riddle of the missing Occupy Wall Street Library books](#)

When the police cleared Occupy Wall Street protesters from Zuccotti Park in November 2011, the movement lost not only its central gathering spot, but also one of its more popular institutions: a collection of 3,600 donated books known as the People's Library. The fate of the books constitutes one of the enduring riddles accompanying the story of the two-month Occupy encampment in the park....

New York Times, Sept. 13



[OSU Helps Oregon's tribal nations preserve their history](#)

Oregon State University Libraries is helping Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes to preserve some of their most important historical records. In August, OSU Libraries hosted the [Oregon Tribal Archives Institute](#) (right), a project created through a two-year grant from the Oregon State Library that focused on providing in-depth archives and records management training. The institute was designed to help the tribes establish an archives and records management program or further an existing program....

Oregon State University, Sept. 13; Oregon Multicultural Archives Blog, Aug. 21–22, 27



[Squatters reopen UK library](#)

Pete Phoenix writes: "It is a creative partnership like no other. Squatters have occupied Friern Barnet library in north London and [brokered a deal](#) with the local community to reopen the building, which shut down earlier in the year due to public-sector cuts. The community is still reeling from a failed campaign to keep the library open, but our shelves are beginning to fill up with donated books. In a unique move, the council has offered us a building around the corner to open up as a replacement." Watch the [video](#) (4:29)....

The Guardian (UK), Sept. 11, 13



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Issues

Give us \$1 and we'll give you back \$4

Walt Crawford writes: "Public libraries typically yield several dollars in benefits for every dollar in expenditures. Public libraries also need better funding to do better work—and unless they have separate funding agencies, must compete for that funding with other agencies at the local and state level. *Give Us a Dollar and We'll Give You Back Four* (2012–13) consists of several hundred concise tables, designed to help you compare your library to other comparable libraries in several dozen ways. It's based on the FY2010 Public Library Data Tables released by IMLS at the end of July."...

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Libraries and the demographic shift

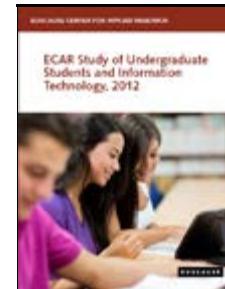
Haipeng Li and Janice M. Rice write: "Libraries are a mirror of the communities that they serve. For many libraries, the looking glass reflects America's tendency to attract new citizens seeking to turn long-frustrated dreams into reality. Libraries are necessary to support these dreams, since they are the public institutions that new Americans and diverse groups rely on the most to support continued education, as well as English-language and technology skills needed to thrive and compete in today's global market."...

Huffington Post: Libraries in Crisis Blog, Sept. 14

Undergrads and information technology, 2012

The Educause Center for Applied Research has surveyed undergraduate students annually since 2004 about technology in higher education. In 2012, ECAR collaborated with 195 institutions to collect responses from more than 100,000 students. The report ([PDF file](#)) notes that in answer to the question, "When it comes to your success as an undergraduate, what is the one website or online resource you couldn't live without?" the most frequently cited sources were Google (33%) and Blackboard (16%); both of these significantly outranked students' citing the college or university library website (5%)....

Educause, Sept.



Barriers to information flow

Wayne Bivens-Tatum writes: "The typical academic expects information to just appear, either as soon as it's needed or a few days later. Barriers to information are either nonexistent or irrelevant. The question is whether this is a naive expectation or not. Some librarians would certainly consider it naive. We know better than anyone the cost of knowledge. Information doesn't just appear. We make it appear, if we can. But what about whether barriers to information are irrelevant?"...

Academic Librarian, Sept. 17

New IE will offer stronger privacy protection

The new version of Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser is scheduled to be available to consumers in late October, packaged with Windows 8. The browser comes with an option called "do not track." It lets users indicate whether they'd like to see ads tailored to them by companies that track their online browsing histories, or whether

they'd rather not have their online activities tracked, recorded, analyzed, and stored for marketing purposes....

New York Times, Sept. 15

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Tech Talk

The iPhone 5 reviewed

Scott Stein writes: "The good: The iPhone 5 adds everything we wanted in the iPhone 4S: 4G LTE, a longer and larger screen, and a faster A6 processor. Plus, its top-to-bottom redesign is sharp, slim, and feather-light. The iPhone 5 completely rebuilds the iPhone on a framework of new features and design, addressing its major previous shortcomings." Stein found [five surprises](#) in its features. However, Ars Technica editors discovered a few [things that are missing](#)....

CNET Reviews, Sept. 18; Ars Technica, Sept. 15



How your wireless carrier miscounts your data usage

Tom Simonite writes: "When your wireless carrier charges you for the amount of data you used on your cellphone, how do you know the bill is accurate? It very well might not be. In a UCLA study ([PDF file](#)) using a data-logging app to check the data use AT&T and Verizon were recording for Androids, researchers found that data tended to be overcounted (and hence, potentially overcharged) when a person used media-streaming apps, particularly when coverage was weak."...

Technology Review, Sept. 13



How to buy a used iPhone

Chandra Steele writes: "The latest isn't necessarily the greatest. The iPhone 5 is out, and there's no telling yet whether it will live up to the hype. And with Apple's newest mobile OS (iOS 6) installed, an older iPhone can learn all the new tricks. If you want an iPhone and you're looking for a sure thing, here are eight places where you might find your perfect match."...

PC Magazine, Sept. 13

Pre-Owned SALES EVENT

Transforming the library website: You and the IT crowd

Holly Hebert, J. Michael Lindsay, and Amy York write: "In the library world, we are sometimes fortunate enough to have our own IT department who caters to all of our needs like a doting mother, often anticipating what we need before we know it ourselves, and also giving us the freedom we need to grow into our best selves. Others of us are not so lucky. We will describe our experiences working with (and in spite of) our institutional IT departments on website changes and redesigns."...

Tennessee Libraries 62, no. 3 (2012)



How to future-proof your

[**hardware for Windows 8**](#)

Loyd Case writes: "Microsoft has emphasized that systems capable of running Windows 7 can also run Windows 8. That may be true—but if you need to get new hardware, you should ensure that it not only works with Windows 8, but performs optimally with Microsoft's new baby. In this guide, I'll walk you through several purchasing scenarios, discussing which component upgrades to make in anticipation of Windows 8, and what to look for when buying a new computer that currently runs Windows 7."...

PC World, Sept. 17



[**What does my BIOS do after booting?**](#)

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: "What functions does the BIOS have besides its critical role in the startup of the computer? With modern OSs, practically none. Linus Torvalds reportedly said its task is to 'just load the OS and get the hell out of there.' While use of the BIOS is very limited while the OS runs, its functions are still peripherally used. It provides a number of services, most of which are related to power management."...

How-To Geek, Sept. 18



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E-Content

[**Turn Wikipedia articles into an ebook**](#)



Matthew Roth writes: "A new [EPUB export feature](#) has been enabled on English Wikipedia. You can use it to collate your personal collection of Wikipedia articles and generate free ebooks. These can be read on a broad range of devices, like mobile phones, tablets, and e-ink based ebook readers. Using an ebook to read Wikipedia articles has a number of advantages. Although mobile online access is becoming more prevalent, it is still not available everywhere." TeleRead offers a step-by-step [tutorial](#), and Saikat Basu notes [nine other tools](#) that also download Wikipedia content....

Wikimedia Foundation Tech Blog, Sept. 17; TeleRead, Sept. 18; MakeUseOf, Sept. 19

[**Ebook brainstorming in Montana**](#)

David Lee King writes: "Michael Porter and I gave a three-hour workshop on the e-content landscape at the Montana State Library Fall Workshop in Billings in mid-September. During the workshop, we divided participants into groups and asked them to do some brainstorming on three questions: What do you want with ebooks? What is realistic for your organization? What can you do to make what's realistic actually happen?"...

Library Renewal, Sept. 18

[**Ebooks expand in Latin America**](#)

Dan Eldridge writes: "For four straight days (September 11–14), the second annual [International Symposium on the Ebook in Spanish](#) (El Libro Electrónico en Español) was held in Mexico City. If the event's name doesn't ring much of a bell, that's probably because it gets very little



attention from the English-language press. But Mexico (and to a lesser extent, the Latin American world itself) is a locale all digital reading enthusiasts should be keeping close watch on."....

TeleRead, Sept. 18

Living our values

Meredith Farkas writes: "I love our profession. I love the values we espouse and our service ethic. I love how we're always trying new things and innovations. But I sometimes worry that in our zeal to serve our patrons and get them the content they need and want, we are sometimes inadvertently setting back the cause of universal access to human knowledge. What is our mission as a profession? What are our enduring values? And how does all that jive with what we're participating in when it comes to ebooks and scholarly publishing?"....

Information Wants to Be Free, Sept. 13

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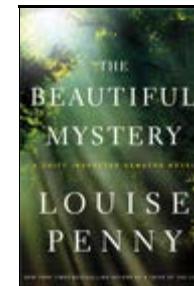
Books & Reading

Rousing Reads: Gregorian chants meet

Thelonious Monk

Bill Ott writes: "Somewhere, I told myself, amid shelves of long-ignored LPs, I had a recording of Gregorian chants. But where? After much foraging, the album eventually turned up, and, remarkably, my ancient turntable still worked, giving me the chance to experience—for the first time in some 40 years—the otherworldly serenity of this hypnotically alluring musical form. What prompted me to return to Gregorian chants? A novel, naturally: *The Beautiful Mystery*, by Louise Penny."....

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



NYPL hosts Google+ Hangout book club

Jenny Che writes: "The New York Public Library broadcast its first-ever online book discussion of Gillian Flynn's bestseller, *Gone Girl*, using Google+ Hangouts on

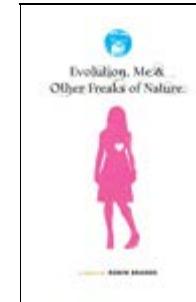
September 12. Librarians from the Columbus and Jefferson Market branches led the talk with readers' questions that were submitted online. You can watch it on [YouTube](#) (48:57). The librarians explored various passages of chilling prose and discussed Flynn's portrayal of the characters as antiheroes."....

New York Daily News: Page Views, Sept. 14; YouTube, Sept. 12



Christianity in YA literature

Whitney Etchison writes: "For the past five weeks, I have read as much modern, nonserialized YA fiction involving Christianity as possible, and in the process, have noticed some trends in the characterizations of Christians. On the one hand, some Christians are portrayed as fundamentalist and intolerant (to varying degrees), particularly of homosexuality or science. However, all but one of the novels I read also had positive portrayals of Christians as people who live out the positive aspects of the religion and rely on their faith in times of strife."....



YALSA The Hub, Sept. 18

[Adults are reading YA books too](#)

Fully 55% of buyers of works that publishers designate for kids aged 12 to 17 (YA books) are 18 or older, with the largest segment aged 30 to 44. Accounting for 28% of sales, these adults aren't just purchasing for others—when asked about the intended recipient, they report that 78% of the time they are purchasing books for their own reading. The insights are courtesy of *Understanding the Children's Book Consumer in the Digital Age*, a biannual study from Bowker Market Research that explores the changing nature of publishing for kids....

Bowker, Sept. 13

[Librarians in fiction](#)

Ron Averill writes: "As a library employee, I'm always interested to find a story where a librarian has a bit of adventure in his or her life. A recent pleasant surprise that came my way is *Libriomancer* by Jim C. Hines. The main character of this story, Isaac Vainoi, is a librarian, and his love of books is vital to the story. He is one of a select group called the Porters, people who have such strong imaginations and symbiotic rapport with books that they are able to pull objects from stories. As it turns out, *Libriomancer* is just one of many books that feature the exploits of librarians."...



Everett (Wash.) Public Library: A Reading Life, Sept. 17

[Comics get scholarly treatment at Columbia](#)

For decades, *X-Men* author Chris Claremont kept handwritten notes about characters such as Wolverine and Magneto in dozens of boxes in the closet and basement of his Brooklyn apartment. Claremont's 2011 donation is a game-changing addition to Columbia University's collection of graphic novels and related materials, which grew out of a pet project of librarian Karen Green. The donation had another unintended consequence: It inspired an alumnus of the school, Fred Lerner, to give the libraries his collection of science fiction literature....

Wall Street Journal: Metropolis, Sept. 17

[Pop-up books in Topeka](#)

Movable books have been around for more than 700 years. It wasn't until the 18th century that flaps, rotating disks, and various pop-up parts (which started out as tools to enhance predominantly scientific and astrological text) began making an appearance in books "designed for entertainment, particularly for children." Watch this [video](#) (4:51), featuring Special Collections Librarian Brea Black (above), which accompanies an exhibit at the Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library....



Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library; YouTube, Oct. 19, 2011

[Why she cries at movies and he snores](#)

Tom Jacobs writes: "Think back to the first time you saw *West Side Story*. Didn't you feel for Tony and Maria, the racially mixed couple whose poignant love story ends in tragedy? If your answer is 'no,' chances are you are a man. The impulse to sympathize with a fictional character seems to be triggered in different ways for males

and females; at least, that's the conclusion of a new study by psychologists Thalia Goldstein and Ellen Winner, which tracked reactions to Leonard Bernstein's musical theater masterpiece."...
Pacific Standard, Sept. 17; *Empirical Studies of the Arts* 30, no. 2 (2012): 129–141

[**A massive river of discarded books in Melbourne**](#)

If you were in Melbourne, Australia, this past June, you may have run into a gargantuan installation on the city streets. For the Light in Winter festival, Spanish art collective [Luzinterruptus](#) was commissioned to create a work of art that, quite literally, stopped traffic. 10,000 discarded books, donated by public libraries and collected by the Salvation Army, were lit up and arranged to look like a massive river overtaking the city. First created in New York, "Literature vs. Traffic" was bigger and better this time, ultimately becoming the collective's largest work to date....

My Modern Met, Sept. 12



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Tips & Ideas

[**Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month**](#)

Each year, [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) begins on September 15, commemorating Independence Day for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. During the month, Mexico and Chile also celebrate independence on September 16 and 18, respectively. Here are just a few examples of what libraries are doing to celebrate Hispanic heritage....



Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 18; State Library of North Carolina

[**Online course on smart investing**](#)

The Santa Clara County (Calif.) Library District is offering a free online course on reference strategies and resources for financial planning and investing. "Smart Investing: Reference Strategies and Resources" is made possible through a Smart Investing @ your library grant. Originally developed for the library's staff, the content has been redesigned as a stand-alone, self-paced course. It is available to all librarians who would like to improve their reference strategies and knowledge of financial literacy concepts and resources....

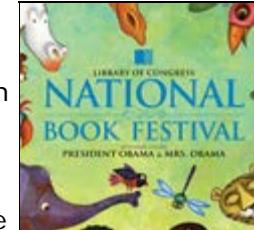
Santa Clara County (Calif.) Library District



[**National Book Festival 2012, September 22–23**](#)

Come to the 12th annual National Book Festival on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. This year's [Library of Congress Pavilion](#) offers a behind-the-scenes look at the many ways LC brings its extraordinary resources to people everywhere: the American Folklife Center, educational outreach, copyright (featuring characters Mark Twain, the Statue of Liberty, and Detective Cop E. Wright), digital preservation, the Veterans History Project, and the World Digital Library. The speaker schedule is [here](#)....

National Book Festival



Poets Forum 2012

The Academy of American Poets is holding its Poets Forum, a series of events exploring the ever-changing landscape of contemporary poetry in America, in New York City on October 18–20. The forum will feature in-depth discussions with an array of distinguished poets, readings, lectures, publication parties, and a selection of poet-led literary walking tours of Manhattan that follow in the footsteps of Walt Whitman, Marianne Moore, E. E. Cummings, and Langston Hughes....
Academy of American Poets



How public libraries are using social media

Richard MacManus writes: "According to a survey conducted by the South Carolina State Library, 88% of respondents (all library workers) claimed to use Facebook in their work. Twitter was second most popular, at 46.8%. My own local library, [Wellington \(N.Z.\) City Libraries](#), uses Facebook. It's on a raft of other social media platforms too, including Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr. The library even updates its Facebook page using [IFTTT](#), a syndication service [beloved](#) by web geeks."....

ReadWriteWeb, Sept. 18

Telling the library story

Nancy Dowd writes: "So what is the library story? I was reading a post about the Cruddas Park Library in Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK on [Voices for the Library](#) and fell in love with the simplicity of this story. One photographer, a sketch pad, and testimonies that make Twitter feel too wordy. How could you not love it? Libraries are on a constant quest to tell their story."....

The 'M' Word: Marketing Libraries, Sept. 16



After the job interview: What is taking them so long?

Susan P. Joyce writes: "The recruiter/HR person/hiring manager said they'd make a decision before the end of last week. Or by the middle of last week. Or before the end of last month. Job seekers always seem to assume that the process works perfectly and smoothly on the employer's side. But that assumption is often totally wrong. Here are 10 things that could be happening while you are waiting."....

Work Coach Cafe, Sept. 17

Running the library race

Erica Jesonis writes: "I recently ran my first half-marathon and did pretty poorly. My failure made me realize that coping mechanisms in public libraries are tragically flawed. We're trying to work faster and harder to show that libraries are strong, able to cope, and able to succeed no matter what the future brings. But is this new pace sustainable? Or is it actually dangerous and self-defeating?"....

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Sept. 19

Upgrade your Twitter header photo

You can now make your presence on Twitter more meaningful with new Twitter profiles. Upload an all-new [header photo](#)

on mobile apps for iPad, iPhone, and Android or twitter.com, and the same image will appear whenever anyone views your profile on the web or these apps. You can upload your header photo that will appear above your tweets. You will still have an additional background image on twitter.com, where you can complement your header and profile photos....

Twitter Blog, Sept. 18



[LC unveils new Congress.gov website](#)



The Library of Congress, in collaboration with the US Senate, House of Representatives, and the Government Printing Office, unveiled a beta version of [Congress.gov](#) on September 19, a new site for accessing legislative information. Congress.gov features platform mobility, comprehensive information retrieval, and user-friendly presentation. The site eventually will replace the [THOMAS](#) system and the congressional Legislative Information System....

Library of Congress, Sept. 19

[All the TV news since 2009](#)

Brewster Kahle has a grand vision for the Internet Archive. As of September 18, the archive's [TV News Search and Borrow](#) service will include every morsel of news produced in the last three years by 20 different TV channels, encompassing more than 1,000 news series that have generated more than 350,000 separate programs devoted to news. All for free. Many conventional news outlets are available, including CNN, Fox News, NBC News, PBS, and every purveyor of eyewitness news on local television stations....

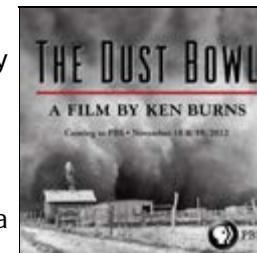
New York Times, Sept. 17



[Free Dust Bowl resources from PBS](#)

The Dust Bowl, a two-part, four-hour documentary series by Ken Burns that will air November 18–19, chronicles the environmental catastrophe that destroyed the farmlands of the Great Plains in the 1930s. For libraries interested in developing programming around the series, PBS is providing a limited number of clip reels, postcards, and discussion points to libraries. DVDs will be available in October for use in November. To order, contact [Anne Harrington](#). Watch the [preview](#) (1:43)....

Programming Librarian, Sept. 18



[Overcoming a day full of #fail](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "Though it wasn't one of my best days, it made me reflect on how often, to students, the library is one technology fail after another. The interface changed, the thingy didn't work, they don't know how to set up a connection to a public printer, and when they finally figure it out, the printer jams. They copy down a barcode number instead of the call number, and wander the stacks, lost until they figure out they copied down the wrong bit. And when they go

back with the right number, the book is missing from the shelves."...
Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, Sept. 13

[Education site expands slate of universities and courses](#)

[Coursera](#), a start-up online education company that has enrolled 1.35 million students in its free online courses since it began just five months ago, is now more than doubling (to 33) its partners—universities that will offer classes on its platform. Altogether, Coursera will provide more than 200 free "massive open online courses," known as MOOCs....

New York Times, Sept. 19

[Sandy Berman campaigns for labor postage stamps](#)

Jeff Strickler writes: "Sandy Berman's efforts to have commemorative stamps issued in honor of legendary labor leaders Eugene V. Debs and Mary Harris 'Mother' Jones faces years of work, a massive federal bureaucracy, and the likelihood of ending in frustration. In other words, it's right up his alley. 'I hear the word quixotic a lot,' the retired Hennepin County, Minnesota, librarian said of comparisons to *Don Quixote*. 'Except sometimes I beat the windmills,' Berman added with a chuckle."...

Minneapolis Star Tribune, Sept. 14

[T-shirts depict art books](#)

A new series of T-shirts celebrates influential writers of art criticism throughout history. Peter Rentz, a New York-based graphic artist and art director, sifted through art books for the "Art Library" project, a series of T-shirts that appropriate critical texts on art, including reproductions of the title pages of English-language first editions. The project was created for [Hyperallergic](#), a "blogazine" on art....

Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal Sentinel: Art City, Sept. 17



[The art of library date stamps](#)

Jennifer Kennard writes: "For Italian artist [Frederico Pietrella](#), time is a framework that can be measured in the time it takes to create a work of art. And one medium he uses to illustrate the concept of time is a library date stamp. As his large-scale images take a considerable amount of time to produce, he will change the stamp to reflect the current date, adding texture to illustrate his everyday images in a complex, pointillistic manner. Each image can take him up to two months to complete."...

Book Patrol, Sept. 17



[An open letter](#)

Becca Brody writes: "Dear Look That Slowly Forms On Your Face When I Tell You I Am a Librarian: The raised eyebrows and intake of breath fool no one. As a librarian, I am well aware that most people do not find my job an interesting topic of conversation at a neighborhood barbecue, music festival, or, to use a more keenly relevant example, the cocktail party we both attended last Friday night. While at no time did your lips actually curl downward into a grimace, the frozen, dare I say stricken, look you chose to accompany my declaration of career halted our conversation before it

even began."...

McSweeney's Internet Tendency, Sept. 14

[Law librarian loses nearly 80 pounds on a Starbucks diet](#)

Christine Hall (right), director of the Alexandria (Va.) Law Library and part-time reference librarian at George Mason University School of Law, didn't join an expensive weight-loss program or sign up for a meal-delivery service to help her lose nearly 80 pounds. She never even went to the grocery store. Instead, as she dropped from 190 to 114 over the last few years, almost everything she consumed has come from Starbucks....

Today: Health, Sept. 13



[Vintage photos from inside 10 famous libraries](#)

Emily Temple writes: "Inspired by a wonderful collection of vintage photographs of the [New York Public Library's stacks](#) that we spotted at Retronaut, we decided to put together a minicollection of vintage photographs from inside famous libraries both at home and abroad. Often more subdued than modern libraries, they seem to hum with wisdom through that black-and-white film—and we bet the old-book smell is just to die for."...

Flavorwire, Sept. 15



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An open letter to America's publishers

The following open letter was released September 24 by ALA President Maureen Sullivan regarding the refusal of Simon & Schuster, Macmillan, and Penguin to provide access to their ebooks in US libraries: "If our libraries' digital bookshelves mirrored the *New York Times* fiction bestseller list, we would be missing *half* of our collection any given week due to these publishers' policies. The popular *Bared to You* and *The Glass Castle* are not available in libraries because libraries cannot purchase them at any price." The Association of American Publishers issued a [response](#) to the letter on September 25. David Rothman offers [some insight](#) at TeleRead....

AL: E-Content, Sept. 24; Association of American Publishers, Sept. 25; TeleRead, Sept. 25

Diversity, advocacy, stress, and technology addressed at JCLC

Sanhita SinhaRoy writes: "Diversity, leadership, and community engagement were the three main themes at the plenary all-conference session at the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, September 19–23, in Kansas City, Missouri. While each leader of the [five ethnic caucuses](#) discussed how these three topics play a role within their associations, a few other common themes surfaced: branding, membership, and advocacy." Other sessions covered the topics of [welcoming new immigrants](#) into your library, [combating workplace stress](#), and [all things digital](#). NPR's *Tell Me More* program interviewed Loida Garcia-Febo about [service to Spanish-speakers](#) and mentioned the JCLC conference....

AL: Inside Scoop, Sept. 20–22; NPR, Sept. 26



The conversation starts [here...](#)



Steven Johnson, bestselling author, founder of influential innovation-related websites, and writer for *Wired*, the *New York Times*, *Time*, and *Wall Street Journal*, will speak at the 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, January 25–29. More details to come. And don't forget that cost-effective [Bundle Registration](#) for 2013 Midwinter and Annual closes at midnight on September 30. (Midwinter-only registration opens at 9 a.m. Central time on October 1.)

Currents

Jay Lucker (right), 82, former director of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Libraries in Cambridge, died September 2. While at MIT, he oversaw the renovation and expansion of the Rotch

Library of Architecture and Planning. He served as a nationally renowned library building and planning consultant to numerous libraries, universities, and museums. On November 1, **Lisa Von Drasek** will become curator of the Children's Literature Research Collections at the University of Minnesota Libraries in Minneapolis. Effective December 31, **David Tate** will retire as director of Van Buren District Library in Decatur, Michigan....

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ALA News

[Bill Moyers calls out book censors](#)

Award-winning broadcast journalist Bill Moyers (right) discusses book banning and the harms of censorship in a new [video essay](#) (3:12) to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Banned Books Week, September 30–October 6. In the video, titled "The Bane of Banned Books," Moyers talks about how libraries provided his first opportunity to indulge his love of reading and learning, and shares his dismay over efforts to remove books from schools and libraries in modern times....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Sept. 26



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

The 30th anniversary of Banned Books Week, held September 30–October 6, is just a few days away. As ALA gears up for this exciting week, celebrated with local [read-out events](#) and [online videos](#) from people around the world that proclaim their freedom to read, we are excited to feature the first video that is part of the [50-State Salute to Banned Books Week](#). Titled "[The Arrest](#)" (2:09), it was produced by the Alabama Library Association and the Gadsden (Ala.) Public Library. Organizations can still [submit](#) a video by September 28....

OIF Blog, Sept. 25; YouTube, Sept. 25



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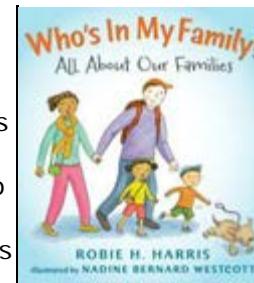
[Introduction to Information Science](#)

is designed to be the standard text for LIS students worldwide. David Bawden and Lyn Robinson offer a concise introduction and expertly chosen further reading and

[Life on the Banned Books list](#)

Year after year, Robie H. Harris's book *It's Perfectly Normal* can be found on the ALA [frequently challenged books list](#). The book explores changing bodies and growing sexual awareness, and so, year after year, parents and schools try to restrict who can read her books. Jessa Crispin spoke with Harris about whether a writer ever gets used to having her books taken off of library shelves and labeled obscene, and if she's expecting a fight over her latest children's book, *Who's In My Family?*, which tells the story of changing family structures, from biracial to gay households....

Kirkus Book Blog, Sept. 25



[Banned Books Week: Books on trial](#)

The Mentor (Ohio) Public Library put together a dramatic [video](#) (1:08) showing a stern judge finding certain books guilty of being bad and are sentenced to banishment. Stand up for your right to read them and look out for [Banned Books Week 2012](#), September 30–October 6....

YouTube, Sept. 12



[Banned Websites Awareness Day](#)

AASL has designated October 3 as the second annual [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#). To raise awareness of the overly restrictive blocking of legitimate, educational websites and academically useful social networking tools in schools and school libraries, AASL designates one day during Banned Books Week as Banned Websites Awareness Day. AASL asks school librarians and other educators to promote an awareness of how overly restrictive filtering affects student learning. The [Freedom to Read Foundation](#) and the [ACLU](#) are also supporters....

AASL, Sept. 25; FTRF Blog, Sept. 25



[ALA partners in Library 2.012 virtual conference](#)

ALA has joined the [Library 2.012](#) Worldwide Virtual Conference, October 3–5, as a partner. During this unique global conversation on the current and future state of libraries and celebration of innovation, ALA staff and members will share expertise and content in several sessions of the program, covering ebook models for public libraries, what libraries can learn from e-reading data, restoring contemplation, and models for collaboration. Five sessions appear as "ALA Presents."....

ALA Marketing, Sept. 26

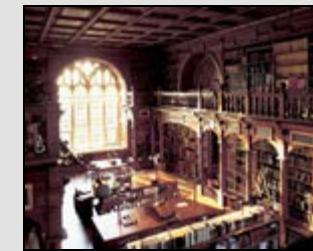


[Free webinar series on makerspaces](#)

ALA TechSource and [Library Boing Boing](#) are making available an exciting new series of free webinars, "Makerspaces: A New Wave of Library Service." In this series of four 60-minute webinars held October through January, registrants will have the opportunity to learn about a fast-growing library phenomenon from librarians who have been ahead of the pack. [Registration](#) for these free events is available online....

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Great Libraries of the World



[Duke Humphrey's Library](#), Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. When Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, donated more than 281 manuscripts to the Bodleian in the 1430s, this facility above the Divinity School was completed in 1488 to accommodate the library's growing holdings. Purged of all its Roman Catholic books in 1550 by a law passed by King Edward VI, the reading room is now used by scholars to consult manuscripts and papyri, rare book collections, local history, and Oxford University theses. The library served as the Hogwarts library in the first two Harry Potter films.

ALA TechSource, Sept. 25

Ideas for International Games Day

Did you know that ALA is posting one programming idea a day for International Games Day, November 3, on its Facebook page? Here's number 20: [Humans vs. Zombies!](#) Can you imagine how much fun a library version of Humans vs. Zombies would be? For the uninitiated, Humans vs. Zombies is "a game of moderated tag played at schools, camps, neighborhoods, military bases, and conventions across the world. Human players must remain vigilant and defend themselves with socks and dart blasters to avoid being tagged by a growing zombie horde."...

International Games Day @ your library



Creative aging in our communities

Mary Davis Fournier writes: "The field of creative aging focuses on the beneficial and powerful role of the arts in enhancing the quality of life for older adults, and is increasingly recognized as an important contributor to positive aging efforts. Libraries are experiencing a growing need for valuable programming to address patron needs and interests. As an investment in building this area of library service, ALA is partnering with [Lifetime Arts](#), a nonprofit that promotes the 'creation, expansion, and sustainability of professionally conducted arts programs for older adults.'"...

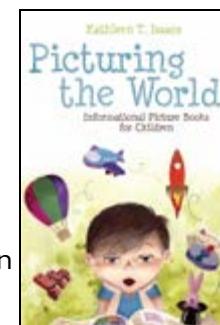
Programming Librarian, Sept. 20



The best nonfiction picture books for children

An ideal tool for enriching library collections with outstanding books that children really want to read, [Picturing the World: Informational Picture Books for Children](#), published by ALA Editions, is an invaluable aid to librarians and educators. This annotated resource by veteran children's book reviewer Kathleen T. Isaacs surveys the best nonfiction and informational titles for ages 3 through 10, helping readers make informed collection development and purchasing decisions....

ALA Editions, Sept. 19



A toolkit for new professionals

Newcomers to the library and information field face an exciting future but also the challenge of distinguishing



Durham Cathedral Library

[Durham Cathedral Library](#), Durham, United Kingdom. The library originated in the collections of the monastery founded on Lindisfarne by St. Aidan in 635 A.D. The community moved to Durham in 995. After the dissolution of the monastery in 1539, the cathedral was reestablished under a dean who inherited what survived of the priory's collection of manuscripts and printed books. A Shakespeare First Folio stolen from a glass case in 1998 was finally returned in 2010 after British book dealer Raymond Scott was convicted of attempting to sell it to the Folger Shakespeare Library.

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](#).

themselves professionally while keeping up with an ever-changing landscape. *The New Professional's Toolkit*, available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, is a practical guide to help new professionals in their career development as well as prepare current LIS students for the road ahead. Editor Bethan Ruddock draws together case studies from several different countries....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 20



Essential law for information professionals

As the world of information law grows in complexity, it becomes increasingly difficult for librarians and information professionals to understand how courtroom decisions should guide day-to-day choices. The third edition of *Essential Law for Information Professionals*, written by Paul Pedley and available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, offers up-to-date and easy-to-follow practical advice, cutting through the legalese to provide answers in an easily digestible format....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 20



The e-newsletter that keeps you current on job seeking and hiring

Collection development in the digital age

Chronicling the recent rapid changes in library collection development and management, *Collection Development in the Digital Age*, edited by Audrey Marshall and Maggie Fieldhouse, is available through Neal-Schuman Publishers. This topical collection is international in scope, drawing together the perspectives of practitioners and academics at the forefront of contemporary collection development in all types of settings....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 25



Sustainable research data management

There is increasing pressure to provide plans for the sustainable management of data, and Graham Pryor's *Managing Research Data*, available through Neal-Schuman Publishers, brings together leading figures in the field from the UK and around the world, providing an introduction to all the key data issues facing the higher education and information management communities....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 25



Career Leads from JobLIST

Coordinator of Collections, Auburn University Libraries, Auburn, Alabama. Responsible for leading and managing a program to provide a 21st-century research library collection advancing transformative teaching, learning, and research at the university. Exercising collaborative leadership, the coordinator is responsible for advising library and university faculty, and creating processes, programs, and projects for Auburn University's diverse and extensive print and licensed electronic collections. This position reports to the associate dean for public services/head of reference and instruction services....

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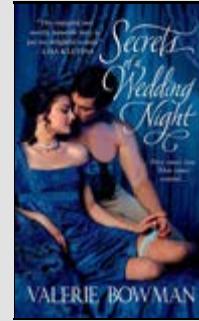


Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Adult romance

Bowman, Valerie. *Secrets of a Wedding Night*. Oct. 2012. 352p. St. Martin's, paperback (978-1-250-00895-4).

That dratted pamphlet is ruining Devon Morgan's life. Immediately after his fiancée, Amelia Templeton, receives a copy of the anonymously written "Secrets of a Wedding Night," she cancels their engagement. And she is not the only one reading it. The pamphlet is all the rage in London, and the publisher can hardly keep up with the demand from ladies who wish to know more about what to expect from their husbands. Although the widowed Lily Andrews, Countess of Merrill, claims to know nothing about it, Devon knows that she's the author of the scandalous tract....



Top 10 romance fiction

Donna Seaman writes: "Wit and fortitude distinguish the smart women protagonists in the best romances of the last 12 months as authors ingeniously spin new gold out of classic themes in vivid and compelling tales set in the past (*Bedding Lord Ned*), in the present (*The Night Is Mine*), on city streets (*Forever and a Day*), and on the open road (*The Great Escape*)...."



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Division News

New AASL dues category for unemployed school librarians

The AASL board of directors has approved the addition of a nonsalaried or unemployed dues category to its [membership rates](#). The new category, which includes librarians earning less than \$25,000 per year or not currently employed, allows those eligible to pay a discounted rate of \$25 for division membership....

AASL, Sept. 25

Strater Hotel designated a Literary Landmark

United for Libraries dedicated Room 222 of the Strater Hotel in Durango, Colorado, as a Literary Landmark August 25 in honor of Western author Louis L'Amour (1908–1988). For more than 10 years L'Amour, and often his family, spent the month of August staying in that room, which was directly above the Diamond Belle Saloon. He said the sounds



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Digital Library of the Week



The Photographic Archive of the [American Academy in Rome](#) consists of several valuable and specialized collections of photographs on archaeology, architecture, and art, as well as landscape architecture and gardens. It also includes special collections important to the history of the Academy.

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

"In today's world of cynicism and materialism I don't hear much about

emanating from the saloon inspired him to write....
United for Libraries, Sept. 24

[**Linda W. Braun appointed editor of YALS**](#)

YALSA has named Linda W. Braun (right) as the member editor of *Young Adult Library Services (YALS)*. Braun replaces Megan Honig, who stepped down from the editor position earlier this year. Among Braun's accomplishments are her recently published book, *Being a Teen Library Services Advocate*, her past service to YALSA as president in 2009–2010, and winning the WISE Excellence in Online Teaching Award....

YALSA, Sept. 25



[**PLA hosts makerspace webinar**](#)

On October 17, PLA will host a live, hour-long webinar, "[Make Way for Makerspaces at the Library](#)" with Lauren Britton (right), transliteracy development director at the Fayetteville (N.Y.) Free Library and creator of the [first public library makerspace](#), the Fayetteville Fab Lab. Britton will share project and programming ideas and examples of current library makerspaces....

PLA, Sept. 25; *Forbes*, Nov. 15, 2011



[**October webinars from ALCTS**](#)

Now is the time to register for the October [webinars](#) from ALCTS. Priced at \$39 for ALCTS members and \$49 for others, these webinars cover demand-driven acquisitions, digital content, RDA, and classification....

ALCTS, Sept. 25

[**AASL Fall Forum advanced registration extended**](#)

The deadline for advanced registration pricing for the AASL 2012 Fall Forum has been extended to September 28. "Transliteracy and the School Library Program" will be held October 12–13 in Greenville, South Carolina....

AASL, Sept. 24

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Awards & Grants

[**YALSA receives IMLS grant**](#)

YALSA was awarded grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in the amount of \$99,937. The funds will be used to host a yearlong National Forum on Teens and Libraries, which will include face-to-face and online meetings and conversations about the status of library services for and with teens. The result will be a white paper that YALSA envisions will provide a plan on how libraries can best design and implement teen services in the years to come....

YALSA, Sept. 20

[**ACRL awarded second IMLS grant**](#)

ACRL has been awarded a National Leadership Demonstration Grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the project "Assessment in Action: Academic Libraries and Student Success." The grant funding of \$249,330 will support ACRL, in partnership with the

investing in the future or making sure children are literate and well-educated as an expression of patriotism. Our children will compete for jobs with people whose communities provided the educational support available from an adequate library."

—Ron Mitchell, "[Funding the Library Is Also a Form of Patriotism](#)," letter to the editor, *Casper (Wyo.) Star-Tribune*, Sept. 22.

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Association for Institutional Research and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and build on their [IMLS 2011 Collaborative Planning Grant](#), which convened two invitational summits....

ACRL, Sept. 24; ACRL Value of Academic Libraries

[**Grants to provide advocacy training**](#)

United for Libraries has secured \$75,000 from the Neal-Schuman Foundation to support library advocacy at the local level for libraries with troubled budgets. The Citizens-Save-Libraries grants will send expert advocates to 20 locations over the course of two years to help Friends groups, library directors, and trustees develop individual blueprints for advocacy campaigns to restore, increase, or save threatened library budgets. Applications will begin in January....

United for Libraries, Sept. 23

[**ACRL offers e-Learning scholarships**](#)

ACRL has announced e-Learning scholarships to help librarians, library staff, and library school students stretch their professional development dollars. Twelve e-Learning scholarships will be awarded: seven covering the registration cost of a webcast, and five covering the cost of an online course. Complete details are available on the ACRL [e-Learning website](#). The application deadline is October 12....

ACRL, Sept. 25

[**2012 Los Angeles Public Library Literary Award**](#)

British-Indian novelist Salman Rushdie (on the left) and Los Angeles City Librarian John F. Szabo hold the Tiffany-designed multifaceted crystal that Rushdie just accepted as the winner of LAPL's 2012 Literary Award. The Library Foundation of Los Angeles's September 23 gala in honor of the acclaimed author raised \$1 million for the library.

Rushdie told celebrants that "libraries have been at the center of my life."...

AL Focus, Sept. 25



[**Lubuto Library Project wins an USAID grant**](#) (PDF file)

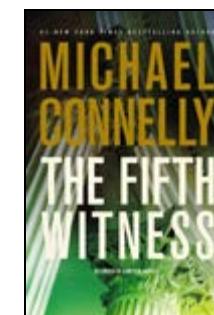
The [Lubuto Library Project](#) announced September 20 that it was one of 32 winners of a grant supported by the US Agency for International Development for LubutoLiteracy, an innovative program that supports child literacy. LLP President Jane Meyers said the grant will allow the project to improve and extend throughout Zambia, providing an effective model for other countries....

Lubuto Library Project, Sept. 20

[**2012 Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction**](#)

On September 20, Kenneth Randall, dean of the University of Alabama School of Law, presented author Michael Connelly with the second annual [Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction](#) for *The Fifth Witness*, a legal thriller that features Connelly's recurring character, lawyer Mickey Haller. Haller represents a woman accused of killing a banker after her home was threatened with foreclosure. The prize is given to a book-length fictional work that "best exemplifies the role of lawyers in society, and their power to effect change."...

In Custodia Legis, Sept. 25



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Oct. 24–26:
[Books in Browsers Conference](#), Internet Archive, 300 Funston Avenue, San Francisco.

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

Oct. 30–Nov. 3:
[Association for Educational Communications and Technology](#), Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville. "Learning in the Age of Globalization."

Oct. 31–Nov. 2:
[Conference of the Library and Information Community of Quebec](#), Palais des congrès de Montréal. "Creating, Sharing, and Transferring Know-How."

Nov. 1–4:
[American Society for Theatre Research / Theatre Library Association](#), Sheraton

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Libraries in the News

[Librarians press Georgia to keep its archives open](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "October has been proclaimed Georgia Archives Month by the state's governor, Nathan Deal. It could also be the last month that researchers have reliable access to the Georgia Archives. At a September 19 public ceremony to mark Archives Month, Gov. Deal said he would find a way to keep the archives open. But neither the governor nor Secretary of State Brian P. Kemp has provided details so far about how that might happen. Seven of the archives' 10 staffers have already been told that they'll lose their jobs come November."... *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Sept. 21



[NYPL shifts its library plans](#)

Responding to objections raised by scholars, writers, artists, and others, the New York Public Library has revised its plan to remove most of the books from its flagship Fifth Avenue research center to make room for a circulating library. Library officials said that an \$8 million donation by trustee and attorney Abby S. Milstein and her banker husband Howard Milstein would help pay for enough new storage space to keep even more (3.3 million) of its 4.5 volumes at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building at 42nd Street. The change, approved by the library board on September 19, marks a significant shift in its [Central Library Plan](#)....

New York Times, Sept. 19; New York Public Library, Sept. 19

[Pittsburghers rally to replenish a school library's shelves](#)

If it weren't for a sign on the door, it would be hard to tell that the library at Pittsburgh Manchester PreK–8 is in fact a library. But when a [picture](#) of the feeble fiction section went viral—seen by thousands and shared by hundreds—on social media networks in mid-September, the library's restoration received a dramatic boost. Nearly 400 books have been purchased off the library's Amazon wish list by community members and complete strangers....

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette, Sept. 24; Yinzercation, Sept. 23



[San Antonio library honors a girl who loved books](#)

Ana Lucia Macias died of bone cancer in 2011 at age 16. Ana's Nook, a new space in the Parman branch of the San Antonio (Tex.) Public Library, memorializes the teen, who loved books and the power of reading. Library officials dedicated the children's area at the branch in her honor on September 20. The Macias family and friends raised \$15,000, matched by the library foundation, to enhance the space....

San Antonio (Tex.) Express-News, Sept. 21

[Bronx Library Center emphasizes Hispanic heritage](#)

A tiny room tucked away on the Bronx Library Center's fourth floor transports visitors to a different, simpler time and place. The room is

Nashville Downtown Hotel. "Theatrical Histories."

Nov. 2–4: [YALSA 2012 Young Adult Literature Symposium](#)

Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St. Louis. "The Future of Young Adult Literature: Hit Me with the Next Big Thing."

Nov. 6–9: [Educause](#), Annual Conference, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, and online.

Nov. 7–10: [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#),

Annual Conference and Expo, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta.

"Developmentally Appropriate Practice in the 21st Century."

Nov. 15–18: [National Council of Teachers of English](#),

Annual Convention, MGM Grand Hotel Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. "Dream, Ignite, Connect."

Dec. 7: [Greater New York Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries](#),

Annual Symposium, William and Anita Newman Vertical Campus Conference Center, Baruch College, New York City. "Cultivating Entrepreneurship in Academic Libraries."

Dec. 11:

home to the New York Public Library's Latino/Puerto Rican Heritage Center. Over the last several months, librarian Linda Caycedo has transformed this small room from a collection of books into something more—a space flush with literature, artifacts, and works of art that celebrate Hispanic and Puerto Rican culture....

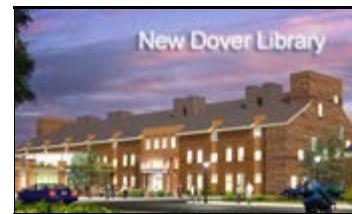
DNAinfo (New York), Sept. 25



[**Dover opens a new main library**](#)

Hundreds of eager readers waited outside the Dover (Del.) Public Library on September 20 to get a look at the new 46,000-square-foot facility. Delaware First Lady Carla Markell cochaired the library's fundraising campaign, and she says the new library will be an anchor for downtown Dover. Library Director Margie Cyr said the new library has more meeting space to accommodate group activities, a teen loft aimed at keeping kids off the streets, and an expanded job search and training center....

Wilmington (Del.) News Journal, Sept. 20; WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., Sept. 20



[**California residents rally against Arizona book ban**](#)

Anne Ewell was one of the members of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship who gathered at the entrance of the Newbury Park branch of the Thousand Oaks (Calif.) Library on September 21, touting the value of the books confiscated by school officials in Arizona after the Tucson Unified School District dismantled a Mexican-American studies program. The group wanted to raise awareness of the situation in Tucson and collected books they considered were banned by school officials....

Ventura County (Calif.) Star, Sept. 21

[**Gettysburg library to get a Lincoln statue**](#)

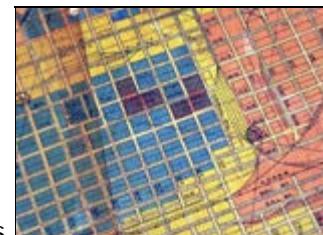
After more than three years of uncertainties, it appears that a long-anticipated Abraham Lincoln statue finally has a home. The seven-foot, bronze statue of the United States' 16th president will likely stand on the marble steps of the Adams County (Pa.) Library System in Gettysburg. Director Rob Lesher said he hopes it will make it before the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address in 2013. Built by Salt Lake City-based sculptor Stanley J. Watts, the statue will be donated by an anonymous New York City businessman....

Gettysburg (Pa.) Times, Sept. 21



[**Birmingham Friends help preserve Jim Crow-era zoning map**](#)

A 1926 zoning map of Birmingham, Alabama, that specifies where whites and blacks could live is being cleaned, restored, and digitized for the Birmingham Public Library. Its Friends group donated \$1,500 for the restoration of the map, which is one of only two copies extant. Charles E. Connerly, author of *The Most Segregated City in America: City Planning and Civil Rights in*



[**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. 14–16: 8th International Digital Curation Conference,**](#)

Mövenpick Hotel, Amsterdam City Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

"Infrastructure, Intelligence, Innovation: Driving the Data Science Agenda."

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

Annual Conference, Seattle. "Always the Beautiful Question: Inquiry Supporting Teaching, Research, and Professional Practice."

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Birmingham, 1920–1980, said the map is an important artifact of the city's Civil Rights history....

Birmingham (Ala.) News, Sept. 24

Los Angeles librarian is all over the maps

Tall and affable, he has helped preserve a street-by-street history of Los Angeles. "I love to answer map questions," said Glen Creason, who has worked at the Los Angeles Central Library for 32 years and became map librarian in 1989. The maps inspired several exhibits and eventually led to his book, *Los Angeles in Maps*, which includes Edward Ord's 1849 survey, a photographic map of a model of the city as it was in 1881, and Jo Mora's elaborate, whimsical 1942 map of the city and its history, which is one of Creason's favorites....

Los Angeles Times, Sept. 20; KPCC-FM: Patt Morrison, June 1

Seneca branch to close

The board of the Neosho–Newton County (Mo.) Library System voted 4–2 on September 18 to close its Seneca branch (right) in early November because of flat revenue and increasing operational costs.



The decision came as a shock to many library users and prompted the Seneca Chamber of Commerce to circulate a petition to present to the library board. Earlier this year, Newton County voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposed 15-cent levy increase that would have raised nearly \$7 million annually for the library system....

KODE-TV, Joplin, Mo., Sept. 21; *Joplin (Mo.) Globe*, Sept. 21

Former St. Elmo director sentenced for theft

The support of the library she stole from and ill effects of medication led to a milder sentence for a former director of the St. Elmo (Ill.) Library District on September 21. Terri Gillespie received a 30-day jail sentence despite recommendations from both state and defense attorneys and medical professionals she not be incarcerated. Gillespie was sentenced after she pled guilty to a Class 1 felony theft charge for stealing \$50,548 between 2009 and 2011....

Effingham (Ill.) Daily News, Sept. 24

Tintin will stay in Stockholm cultural center library

Following a storm of media criticism, officials at the Kulturhuset library in Stockholm, Sweden, have reversed their decision to remove Tintin comic books from the shelves, saying the move happened "too fast." The reversal comes after a report in the September 25 *Dagens Nyheter* newspaper in which Youth Department Director Behrang Miri said the library planned to remove Tintin comics from its shelves because of their racial stereotyping of Africans, Arabs, and Turks. Tintin was created by Belgian artist Georges Remi and revolves around Tintin, a young investigative journalist who travels the world solving mysteries....

The Local (Sweden), Sept. 25; *Dagens Nyheter*, Sept. 25; *Bleeding Cool*, Sept. 25



A one-man library for the public in Manila

Kate McGeown writes: "Hernando Guanlao is a sprightly man in his early 60s, with one



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abiding passion—books. Guanlao, known by his nickname Nanie, has set up an informal library outside his home in central Manila in the Philippines to encourage his local community to share his joy of reading. In the 12 years he's been running his library (or, as he calls it, his Reading Club 2000), he's found that his collection has grown rather than diminished, as more and more people donate to the cause. To help the poorest communities, Guanlao rides to them on his 'book bike,' which has a large basket piled high with books."...

BBC News, Sept. 19



New Korean library for people with disabilities

South Korea opened a national library on September 24 that will better serve the country's 250,000 people with disabilities. Located within the National Library itself in southern Seoul, the new library will represent 38 smaller libraries for people with disabilities around Korea. The library will also collect, produce, and distribute alternative formats, including audio and Braille books, on behalf of the other libraries....

Yonhap News Agency, Sept. 24



Libraries in Vietnam are struggling

Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam has 24 public library districts and many academic libraries, but a lack of funding and poor management has strained the library system. Most librarians are concerned that, with shortages in new books and periodicals, they can no longer attract young readers. A librarian at Ho Chi Minh City Technical Teachers' University said "most of our books are out-of-date, with many published in the 1980s or even earlier." A [survey](#) conducted at the three biggest universities specializing in social science training in late 2011 showed that schools do not pay much attention to upgrading libraries simply because they lack the funding....

News VietnamNet, Sept. 21, 23



National Library of Ireland seeks digital help

The National Library of Ireland in Dublin is seeking a partner to digitize its collection of genealogical and other material in a move that may mean the institution will put its digital collections behind an online paywall. The library has sought requests for proposals from potential commercial partners as well as the nonprofit sector. A contract with a commercial entity would almost certainly involve charging for online access to records, particularly genealogical records....

Irish Times, Sept. 24

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Issues

[Two new online privacy bills introduced](#)

Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif., right) introduced two new bills to the US House on September 21. The bills are designed to protect innovation, user privacy, and free speech on the internet. The ECPA 2.0 Act of 2012 ([H.R. 6529](#)) seeks to reform the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), which was enacted in 1986. The Global Free Internet Act of 2012 ([H.R. 6530](#)) seeks to establish a formal process for the US government to evaluate policies that "pose threats to internet users and online services."...



PC World, Sept. 26

[Why isn't the internet breaking?](#)

David Newhoff writes: "During the squabble over SOPA and PIPA, one of the PR bullets coming out of Silicon Valley was that the actions called for in the bills would 'break the internet.' The other consistent complaint was that they would chill free speech. But in the wake of violent protests against *The Innocence of Muslims*, there is suddenly room for discussion about both speech and algorithmic solutions to thorny problems in an otherwise 'free and open internet.'" Somini Sengupta [analyzes](#) Google's decision to block access to the video in some countries....

Illusions of More, Sept. 24; *New York Times*, Sept. 22

[Felony terms-of-use violations? Lessons for all](#)

Nancy Sims writes: "On September 12 a new [criminal indictment](#) was filed against internet activist Aaron Swartz for his alleged activities downloading large numbers of journal articles. These charges are mostly based on violations of use agreements for JSTOR and the MIT campus network. But if the use agreements had been written differently, there might not have been any basis for criminal prosecution. This isn't an entirely new issue, but it's one that libraries have been ignoring."...

Copyright Librarian, Sept. 18; *Wired: Threat Level*, Sept. 18

[How open is it?](#)

David Knutson writes: "Not all open access is created equal. To move beyond the seemingly simple question of 'Is it Open Access?' PLOS, SPARC, and OASPA have collaborated to develop a resource called *HowOpenIsIt?* ([PDF file](#)). This resource identifies the core components of open access and how they are implemented across the spectrum between Open Access and Closed Access. We recognize there are philosophical disagreements regarding OA and this resource will not resolve those differences. We are seeking input on the accuracy and completeness of how OA is defined in this guide by October 8."...

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition



[Not so fast on open access](#)

Scott Jaschik writes: "The movement toward open access publishing is taking off without consideration of the impact on humanities scholarship, says a [statement](#) released September 24 by the American Historical Association. It was prompted by several developments, including moves by faculties of major universities to create repositories where all professors would put their published works, in effect bypassing journal paywalls." Many disciplinary organizations outside the sciences depend on subscription revenue from their journals....

Inside Higher Education, Sept. 24; American Historical Association, Sept. 24



Complications of the US public domain

Peter B. Hirtle writes: "It can be very difficult to determine the public domain status of a work in the US, even with the [copyright chart](#) in hand. Whether a work is in the public domain in the US depends on a host of factors: its age, but also its publication history (if it even was published); the nationality of its author; and the circumstances of its creation. There are simple and clear-cut answers for many works, but a project that relies upon the public domain status of works still being exploited by a presumptive copyright owner would do well to consult with an intellectual property lawyer."...

Searcher 20, no. 6 (Sept.)

Who are the 47%? Some are library assistants

Ron Scherer writes: "In a secret video, Mitt Romney said 47% of Americans don't pay federal income taxes—and he was right. Half of that 47% don't owe anything because they can claim deductions; but the other half are workers who hold jobs that don't pay enough for them to owe income taxes to Uncle Sam. And one category of worker with low median earnings is the library assistant."...

Christian Science Monitor, Sept. 19

How much is a library worth (in Queensland)?

For every \$100 invested into local libraries, a return of \$230 is received by the public, a recent Queensland, Australia, library report has found. The Queensland Library Dividend Report found that \$207 million invested into local libraries by state and local governments over a 12-month period resulted in \$476.1 million worth of value to the community. SGS Economics and Planning considered 2.3 as a "sound and conservative estimate of annual benefit."...

Brisbane (Qld.) Times, Sept. 21

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Tech Talk

Tablets in library workflows

Nicholas Schiller writes: "Tablets and mobile computing have been the subject of a lot of internet hype. A quick search for 'tablet revolution' will confirm this, but if we're appropriately skeptical about the hype cycle, we'll want to test the impact of tablets on our libraries ourselves. Investigations can tell us how and how often tablets are being used, but they don't tell us how or if tablets are revolutionizing library use. In order to better answer this question, I started a little project."...

ACRL TechConnect Blog, Sept. 25

Two new Nook HDs

Paul Lilly writes: "Feeling the heat from Amazon's new Kindle Fire and Kindle Fire HD models, Barnes & Noble responded September 26 by [announcing](#) a pair of next-generation tablets of its own, the Nook HD and Nook HD+. The Nook HD is a 7-inch slate with 8GB and 16GB versions, while the Nook HD+ sports a 9-inch display with 16GB and 32GB models. B&N is pitching the Nook HD as the lightest and highest-resolution 7-inch tablet in the world."...

Maximum PC, Sept. 26; Nook Blog, Sept. 26

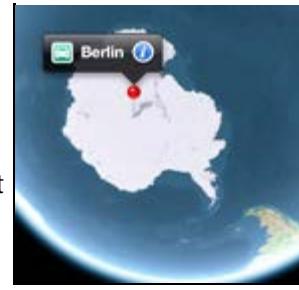


The iOS 6 disaster

Ed Oswald writes: "For the first time in iOS's

five-year history, the operating system is a mess. While some of the enhancements are wonderful and much needed (Siri especially), there's a [lot wrong](#) with iOS 6. And it's not just Maps, which just about every tech pundit known to man has thoroughly trashed. The problems extend to the tighter social integration, iMessage, and even Passbook. In reality, a good portion of iOS 6 doesn't work. How could Apple have such a historic miss? Pretty simple: It's doing too much, too quickly. ...

ExtremeTech, June 12, Sept. 21



[**Netflix Instant vs. Amazon Prime**](#)

Jill Duffy writes: "My first exploration into Amazon Prime revealed that nearly everything I was watching on Netflix Instant was also available on Amazon. Similarly, most of the shows and movies I couldn't get in Netflix Instant were also absent from Amazon...sort of. It took a lot more digging than I expected to find a qualitative difference in selection. But in several other areas, such as recent releases and pricing, the two services differ drastically. How do the two measure up, and which is better?" ...

PC Magazine, Sept. 26



[**Enhancements to school video**](#)

Thanks to new advancements in video technology, students and teachers can hold live, face-to-face conversations with scientists in remote areas of the globe from whatever device they might own. Teachers can choose from a variety of free or low-cost tools to prepare video-based lessons that let them "flip" their classroom. And schools can use any number of products that make video editing and production more accessible for students....

eSchool News, Sept. 20



[**Listen up: A brief history of headphones**](#)

Fran Berkman writes: "During the past century, human ears have enjoyed more music than ever before, thanks to the invention of headphones. In 1910, Nathaniel Baldwin invented headphones in the kitchen of his Utah home, forever subjecting our ears to the shackles of small speakers. Here is a timeline of how we've gone from Baldwin's 'Baldy Phones' to Apple's EarPods and Beats by Dre.

Mashable, Sept. 26



[**A simple way to see your hidden passwords**](#)

Amit Agarwal writes: "Say you are on the Gmail login page and the web browser, as always, has autofilled the username and passwords fields for you. All web browsers, for security reasons, mask the password fields in login forms behind asterisk characters thus making it impossible for passersby to see your secret string. However, there is an easy workaround that will let you convert those asterisks into the actual password and you don't need any external utilities or

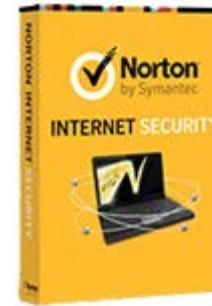


bookmarklets for this. Here's how."...
Digital Inspiration, Sept. 25

The best security suites of 2013

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "Almost 10 years ago the security suite industry began a pattern of releasing new editions in the fall and naming them using the coming year, just like carmakers (although Norton has dropped the year). We've identified three security suites that merit the honor of being named Editors' Choice, each for different reasons. As you can see in the following chart, [Norton Internet Security 2012](#) excels in every area. If you're looking for a traditional security suite, with essential features like antivirus, firewall, antispam, parental control, and phishing protection, it's a great choice."...

PC Magazine, Sept. 19



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E-Content

Going public

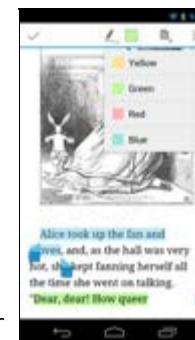
Talks between librarians and publishers are set to continue this week on the long-simmering ebook issue, including a discussion sponsored by the Association of American Publishers that will feature ALA President Maureen Sullivan on September 27. Frustrated by a lack of progress—and in some cases regression—on the ebook issue, ALA officials are taking their case beyond the boardrooms, directly to their patrons and supporters. In an [open letter](#), Sullivan raised the stakes in the debate, asking readers: "Which side will you be on?" Sullivan said she was looking forward to addressing the AAP gathering—although she confessed some mild apprehension....

Publishers Weekly, Sept. 24; AL: E-Content, Sept. 24

Google Books for Android gets handy updates

Richard Byrne writes: "[Google Books for Android](#) has become my go-to reading app on my Nexus 7 and on my Galaxy Tablets over the last year. The wealth of free public domain books that I can find on Google Books appeals to my ~~cheap~~ frugal nature. I also like that I can search for and sync books across my computers and tablets. On September 24, [Google released](#) a couple of great updates to Google Books for Android."...

Free Technology for Teachers, Sept. 25; Official Android Blog, Sept. 24



Macmillan ready to test library ebook pilot

Nate Hoffelder writes: "Macmillan has long been one of the major publishers who has completely refused to sell ebooks to libraries, but it looks like that might have changed. News is breaking that the publisher is working on some type of pilot program that will finally bring Macmillan ebooks to US public libraries. Details are vague, but that will not stop many from reading too much into it."...

The Digital Reader, Sept. 24

UK government wants ebooks in public libraries

A clear strategy is needed if more libraries are to adopt e-lending across England, Culture Minister Ed Vaizey said September 26 as he

launched a review of the best ways to make ebooks available on loan to the public. Vaizey has asked William Sieghart, founder of Forward Publishing, to lead a review of e-lending to help ensure that libraries, readers, authors, and publishers can all benefit as the service grows....

UK Department for Culture, Media, and Sport, Sept. 26

How libraries can reduce ebook piracy

Phil Bradley writes: "This is a really interesting article on [why people pirate ebooks](#). If you haven't seen it, I recommend it. The article links to various comments and explanations as to why people pirate ebooks, and I've included them below and then provided a librarian's take on them."...

Phil Bradley's Weblog, Sept. 25; GalleyCat, July 28

Piracy and book sales

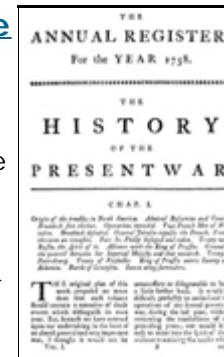
Joseph Esposito writes: "Whether or not piracy hurts book sales is hotly debated in some circles. For publishers, this is a no-brainer, but the evidence for this is not always clear. I have been sifting through the arguments about this for some time now and have concluded that at least in one area, college textbooks, piracy hurts sales. I am not yet persuaded that this is the case for other areas, trade books in particular."...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Sept. 25

ProQuest and ebrary collaborate on the Annual Register

Since 1758, the *Annual Register* has been used by librarians who value its year-by-year record of both major and minor world events. The complete archive of the reference became available as an online tool through ProQuest in 2007, enabling researchers to scan the full text of every edition in a single search. Now ebrary is enabling libraries to make contents of the last 10 editions available as ebooks, supported by its rich features and functionality....

ProQuest, Sept. 24



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Books & Reading

National Book Festival featured many authors

Thousands of book lovers from around the region flocked to the National Mall September 22–23 for the National Book Festival, organized by the Library of Congress and designed to celebrate all that is wonderful about the printed word. Now in its 12th year, the two-day festival has become a must-attend event for book aficionados. The 125+ award-winning authors included John Green, Junot Díaz, Walter Isaacson, Patricia Cornwell, Christopher Paolini, Tayari Jones (above), and Poet Laureate Philip Levine. One couple even [got engaged](#) in the book-signing line for graphic novelist Craig Thompson. LC presents the [festival highlights](#)....

Washington Post, Sept. 22; Library of Congress blog, Sept. 24; Library of Congress, Sept. 23



A National Book Festival battle plan

Annie Schutte writes: "The National Book Festival has always been an emotional experience for me. The librarian in me can't help but get choked up at the sight of thousands of people crowding into overstuffed tents and waiting in hours-long lines to see their favorite authors. But the DC local in me takes one look at the crowds and wants to scream and run away. I decided that this year would be my learning year. Here's what I came up with."...

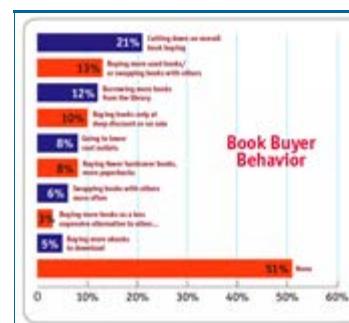
YALSA The Hub, Sept. 24



Book discovery gets more complicated

Reader behavior is in flux, according to data from Bowker presented at the Digital Book World Discoverability and Marketing Conference, September 24–25, in New York City. Food for thought: In 2011, nearly half of consumers changed their book-buying behaviors; 39% of books are sold online, 26% in stores, and the rest in nearly a dozen other ways; and people discover new books in up to 44 different ways....

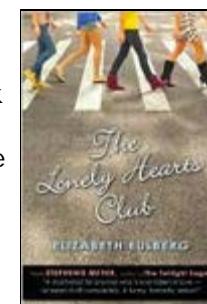
Digital Book World, Sept. 24



Girls' friendships in YA literature

Jennifer Rummel writes: "The month of September celebrates women's friendships, which led me to think about friendships within books and some of my favorite books dealing with friendships. Teen literature is full of strong female friendships. The books that stand out the strongest in my mind are the books about true best friends. Some of these books don't start out with the main characters as best friends. Instead, something throws the girls together."...

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 25



YA books in large print

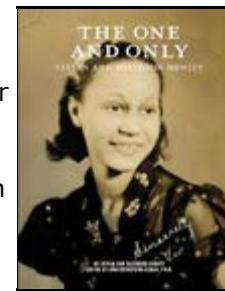
Suzanne Neumann writes: "Based on the US Census Bureau's report *Americans With Disabilities: 2002* ([PDF file](#)), 189,000 children aged 6–14 have difficulty seeing words and letters in ordinary newsprint, even when wearing glasses or contact lenses. More than 7.8 million Americans over age 15 are similarly afflicted. Many of these people would love to read YA books. This is the audience that [Thorndike Press](#) targets with their large print young adult books."...

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 26

The One and Only

Laurie D. Borman writes: "Vivian Ann Davidson Hewitt's memoir, *The One and Only*, gives the reader a firsthand account of an ever-changing world through the eyes of a local librarian. Her life spans many milestones: She was the first African-American librarian in Pittsburgh and the first African-American president of the Special Libraries Association. She even organized a boxing match with Joe Louis at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Homewood branch."...

AL Focus, Sept. 24



[How a rare books cataloger became an expert on a 19th-century tabloid](#)

Ellen Williams writes: "My task was to create a finding aid for *The Days' Doings*, a sensationalist illustrated weekly newspaper from the 1870s. The four issues of *The Days' Doings* I was working with are part of the extensive collection of Mark Twain materials our library owns. Like everything else about this finding aid, it had seemed relatively simple. But the paper I had in front of me claimed that it was published in London by a man named W. D. Waller. An article I found about the newspaper said it was published in New York by the infamous newspaperman Frank Leslie."...

Rare Book Cataloging at Penn, Sept. 25



[The art of black mourning pages](#)

Whitney Trettien writes: "Inventive visual design and typography have made Laurence Sterne's *Tristram Shandy* a canonical favorite among all sorts of 'material book' types, with the black page after Yorick's death typically cited as one of the book's enduring innovations. But in fact, Sterne is drawing on a 17th-century tradition of including mourning pages or all-black prints, sometimes with a coat of arms or other insignia etched out, in printed funeral sermons and memorial verse."...

Diapsalmata, Sept. 17



[Black-and-white book covers](#)

Julie Oreskovich writes: "No matter what you call it—monochromatic, void of color, black and white—these covers are anything but stark. The use of black and white has been widely used in a variety of media, and book covers in particular have seen a resurgence of this type of design aesthetic. All the titles shown here are minimalist when it comes to color, but all pack a big punch when it comes to pleasing the eye."...

AbeBooks, Sept. 25



[The first illustrated Japanese book](#)

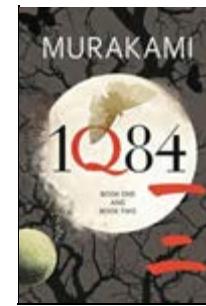
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has added its 13 millionth book, maintaining its status as the largest public university library in America. The volume is the *Ise Monogatari* of 1608, the first illustrated Japanese printed book. It is also the first printed edition of the oral Tales of Ise. Published by Suminokura Soan (1571–1632), a wealthy entrepreneur, scholar, litterateur, and art connoisseur, it is also one of the earliest Japanese books printed with moveable type....

Non Solus Blog, Sept. 24



[Beijing ban on Japanese books could spread](#)

Books by Japanese authors and titles on Japanese topics have been removed from bookshops in Beijing, and authorities are pressuring Chinese publishers not to translate and publish Japanese content as tensions



escalate between the two countries over a territorial dispute. On September 14, Japan renewed its claims to the Senkaku Islands, known as the Diaoyu Islands in China, a string of small, uninhabited islands off China's eastern coast. Some Japanese publishers have [reported](#) that the banning of content has spread outside of the Chinese capital....

Christian Science Monitor: Chapter & Verse, Sept. 25; The Bookseller (UK), Sept. 25

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Tips & Ideas

Common Core standards: An opportunity for school librarians

Catherine Gewertz writes: "Like most school librarians, Kristen Hearne at Wren Middle School in Piedmont, South Carolina, has been trained both as a teacher and a librarian, a combination she thinks is perfectly suited to helping students and teachers as the [Common Core State Standards](#) presses them into inquiry-based modes of learning and teaching. She helps them find a range of reading materials in printed or online form and collaborates to develop challenging cross-disciplinary projects."...

Education Week, Sept. 12; Librarian in the Middle, Sept. 12



Common Core in the public library

Kiera Parrott writes: "As it is something primarily affecting school curricula, public librarians may not immediately be taking too much notice of [Common Core](#). But we are all connected—if only through our users—and the implications of the new educational standards may provide interesting opportunities for public and school librarians to collaborate. From collections to online resources, there may be simple ways that public librarians can market their services and help both teachers and students get the most out of what they have to offer."...

ALSC Blog, Sept. 25



Ohio libraries are eligible for a technology facelift



Educational technology company

SQRsolutions.com has launched its first-ever library "Techlift" giveaway. Ohio public libraries are invited to submit their entries to win a technology facelift for their children's media department. The goal is to give the winner a unique tech space where children can interact with the latest educational tech products. The [application](#) deadline is October 15....

SQRsolutions.com, Sept. 19

Fab Labs at the library

Pat Newcombe and Nicole Belbin write: "There's something unusual sitting in the parking lot of the Allen County Public Library



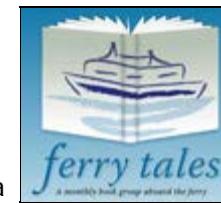
in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pay a visit to the 50-foot trailer and you might be surprised with what you find. Inside are various tools for cutting and shaping wooden objects, an electronics work bench, an injection molding machine, and a 3-D printer. Allen County is one of just a handful of public libraries that have set up workshops for patrons who want to share and collaborate in order to create and build things." ...

Government Technology, Sept. 25

Words on the water

Audrey Barbakoff writes: "Kitsap (Wash.) Regional Library is taking to the water. Our flagship program is a book group called [Ferry Tales](#). Once a month, I ride the Puget Sound ferry between Seattle and Bainbridge Island. In the direction of the commute, a group of regulars discusses one title each month; in the other, I host a drop-in, ask-a-librarian session. I love helping our community of commuters get to know each other, expand our reading horizons, and just share an incredibly enjoyable ride." ...

Boing Boing, Sept. 20; *Kitsap (Wash.) Sun*, Apr. 14



Make it happen @ Library 2.012

Join the conversation about "[Make It Happen—Take Action](#)" during the [Library 2.012](#) virtual conference, sponsored by the School of Library and Information Science at San José State University, on October 4. For more information on how to participate and prepare your computer, visit the [Library 2.0 website](#). Presenters will be Loida Garcia-Febo, JP Porcaro, and Patrick Sweeney....

Information New Wave, Sept. 25

Thoughts on library programming for adults

Andy Woodworth writes: "Programming is a lot like juggling. You have to keep a multitude of objects aloft at the same time. Like the plethora of items that people juggle, each has its own need to remain aloft and can require a certain level of care in doing so. How you catch and toss a tennis ball doesn't matter as opposed to a bowling ball, knife, or chainsaw. Likewise, programs can either be an easy booking with not much setup or a series of protracted steps to arrive at the final product you want." ...

Agnostic, Maybe, Sept. 24

Yes, LC collects video games

Trevor Owens writes: "Video games represent one of the most difficult challenges for digital preservationists. Despite being one of the most challenging forms of content, there is little doubt that games have become one of the biggest parts of American and global culture. I was excited to have the opportunity to chat with David Gibson, a moving image technician at the Library of Congress who is working on the acquisition and preservation of games." ...

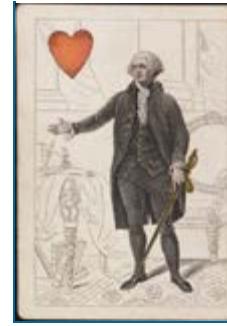
The Signal: Digital Preservation, Sept. 26

The Beinecke's playing-card collection

Michael Lieberman writes: "One of the most extensive collections of playing cards ever assembled resides at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University. Known as the

Cary Collection, it consists of over 2,600 packs of cards, 460 sheets of uncut card papers, and 150 wood blocks for printing cards. The collection contains standard cards from 16 European countries and six countries in the Western Hemisphere, and its content represents over 500 years of cardmaking."...

Book Patrol, Sept. 20



Twitter launches disaster search feature

Twitter has unveiled a new tool intended to help users during moments of crisis, like a natural disaster. The company's new [Lifeline feature](#) will first roll out to users in Japan and allow them to find critical information when they need it the most. With Lifeline, people can search for their postal code on twitter.com, and find details from other tweeters....

PC Magazine, Sept. 24; Twitter Blog, Sept. 21

Libraries and librarians as literary themes

Maria Teresa Vilariño Picos, a comparative literature instructor at the University of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, explores in several languages and genres (literature, cinema, television), the image of the library and the librarian. She focuses on the works of Elias Canetti, Jorge Luis Borges, Umberto Eco, and David Lodge in literature; Alain Resnais in film; Manolo Valdés in art; and video games and TV series as well....

CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture 13, no. 5 (Dec. 2011)



A librarian's guide to webcast wrangling

Nikki Dettmar writes: "I started hosting (leading the technology of) and/or presenting (leading the content delivery of) a regular webcast series within months of starting my first library job in May 2008. With the increase of both embedded librarianship and online education, especially in academia, chances are good you will be asked about presenting on a webcast at some point in your career. Here are some tips to help you not just prepare for but enjoy giving a webcast presentation."...

Letters to a Young Librarian, Sept. 20

Seven places to find documentaries online

Richard Byrne writes: "As a teacher I think that a good documentary video when used in the right setting can be valuable to students. Quality documentary videos can provide students with useful explanations or demonstrations of concepts. Unfortunately, documentary DVDs can be expensive acquisitions for some school departments. Here are seven places where you can find and watch documentaries online for free."...

Free Technology for Teachers, Sept. 24



The impact of technology on law librarians

Find out in this LexisNexis [video](#) (2:45)



what real law librarians across the country feel about the way their profession is affected by changing technology and how they are keeping pace with the transformation. It was shot on location at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Librarians in Boston, July 21–24. The LexisNexis Real Law Editorial Team expands on the topic [here](#)....
YouTube, Sept. 14; This Is Real Law

The Alphabet Library

As expected, Zaha Hadid's latest completed project—the Pierres Vives building for Department de l'Hérault in Montpellier, France—has been receiving a fair amount of press. The building combines an archive, library, and sports department and includes interior components that must contend with Hadid's architecture. One such space is the Alphabet Library, designed by Stephane Hof; a good choice, given that he was the project architect for the whole building....



A Weekly Dose of Architecture, Sept. 17

For reporters: How not to write about libraries

Jessamyn West writes: "We get it. Times are tough. The public library system belongs to everyone. There is a lot to talk about. You have a 24-hour news cycle, with pages or screens to fill. At the same time, you look like people who haven't done your research or who go for the easy cliché, and we look like people who can't take a well-meaning joke. Here are some suggestions. I hope this list, 'How Not to Write about Libraries,' is helpful."....

librarian.net, Sept. 20

For vendors: Tips for training librarians

Deborah Fitchett writes: "In theory, I love the idea that vendors will send a rep halfway around the world to visit libraries and give us a training session on their products. In practice, I kind of dread these sessions because the number of such sessions I've found both useful and enjoyable I can count on one finger. Maybe two. Here are my personal tips, for folks who visit libraries on behalf of vendors, on ways you can immeasurably improve at least my own experience."....
Deborah Fitchett blog, Sept. 19

The right way to sharpen a pencil



David Rees, author of the book *How to Sharpen Pencils*, shares his equipment and technique in this [instructional video](#) (6:02), using Palomino Blackwing pencils. Artisanal Pencil Sharpening is part of the [Blackwing Experience](#), an interactive exhibition and event celebrating this iconic tool of the creative fields, held at the Art Directors Club in New York City on April 17, 2012....

YouTube, Apr. 11

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