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## American Libraries Online

### Studying up on healthcare literacy

Laurie D. Borman writes: "The Affordable Care Act, with open enrollment for health insurance running from October 1 through March 14, may turn out to be as busy as April tax time for libraries. And as with taxes, those manning the reference desk are not expected to be experts or to help people complete the paperwork, but they do need to be able to direct them to appropriate resources. Librarians will also want to determine how to assist patrons who may have limited computer experience or aren't health insurance savvy."...

*American Libraries* feature



### Toy libraries: A place to play

Megan Cottrell writes: "There are about 400 toy libraries around the United States, about a quarter of which offer adaptive toys, according to Judy Iacuzzi, executive director of the [USA Toy Library Association](#) in Evanston, Illinois. The nation's first toy library started in Los Angeles, during the Depression, when a store owner noticed children stealing toys because they couldn't afford them. He created a library where they could borrow and return toys, eventually expanding into a network of about 60 sites around the city."...

*American Libraries* feature



### Newsmaker: Kathleen Shearer

In August, the Confederation of Open Access Repositories, the Association of Research Libraries, and two other groups launched a Joint Task Force on Librarians' Competencies in Support of E-Research and Scholarly Communication. Its first task will be to identify expertise and skill sets that academic librarians will need for expanded roles in e-research, repository management, and scholarly communication. *American Libraries* caught



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**2014 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits**, Philadelphia, January 24–28. [Talk About Innovation: TEDx @Your Library!](#) Chrystie Hill, Teri Skillman, and Meg Omainsky share their success stories and strategies for using TEDx to energize and empower community conversations in a panel moderated by Barbara Stripling on Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

up with COAR Executive Director Kathleen Shearer to find out more about the project....

*American Libraries* feature

### [Libraries on the Vine](#)

Phil Morehart writes: "When Twitter unveiled Vine in January 2013, reviews were mixed about the free app that allows six-second-long video loops to be created, viewed, and shared on mobile devices. But libraries are now using Vine to create clips that highlight new book and media acquisitions, advertise events, showcase makerspaces and 3D printers, and instruct patrons on library features. The moving images give these promotions a vibrancy that's not feasible in text-heavy social media sites like Facebook and Twitter."...



*American Libraries* feature

### [AL Live: Web-scale discovery services](#)

The upcoming [American Libraries Live](#) episode features an expert panel that will discuss web-scale discovery services. Tune in at 2 p.m. Eastern time on December 5 to hear and interact with Gwen Evans, Courtney Greene, and Edward Smith....

*American Libraries*, Nov. 25

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### **Distilling the Innovative story into video**

**Kim Massana, CEO, [Innovative Interfaces](#)**



One of my priorities over the last year has been to seek out Innovative customers and members of the broader library community to listen to their ideas about the technology challenges and opportunities facing libraries today. I've been encouraging staff at all levels of Innovative to be doing the same.

But it's obviously not all about listening. The leadership team at Innovative has also been spending a lot of time considering how we can best tell the Innovative story and let members of the community know that we understand their concerns and are addressing them through the solutions that we offer with Sierra and our other products.

Along with members of our senior management and sales team, I've been telling this story personally through individual meetings, conferences, and Innovative user groups. I'm happy to say that I will now have some new tools to help me get our message across—a series of short videos that distill the essence of what we're seeing in the technology landscape and how Innovative is responding to those challenges.

The [first video](#) in the series, "The Innovative Story," gives a



two-minute video overview of what we're all about. It's been fun to see the video develop, and I encourage you to take a look.



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## Over 2 Million Citations >>>

ACS Journals have more than doubled in citations since 2004 as reported in the 2013 release of the Journal Citation Reports® from Thomson Reuters.



## ALA News

### [International Games Day circles the globe](#)

Libraries on all seven continents celebrated games and gaming for the November 16 for ALA's International Games Day, which is held annually on the third Saturday in November.

Among the activities, libraries around the world [joined in](#) the "Global Gossip Game" (also known as "Telephone"), which totaled 840 participants and ran for 29 hours straight, through 74 libraries in 18 international jurisdictions and six languages. GameTable Online, Heartland Games, and Konami donated games to libraries for the occasion....

Games and Gaming Round Table, Dec. 3; Global Gossip Game, Nov. 26



### [ReadersFirst at Midwinter](#)

Members of [ReadersFirst](#), a movement to improve ebook access and services for public library users, will introduce their organization at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia on January 26 and talk about the tool they've developed to help libraries evaluate ebook vendors. [ReadersFirst Working Group](#) members Michael Santangelo and Michael Blackwell will discuss the process of how the guide was built, how the criteria were created, and how vendors are scored according to these criteria....

Conference Services, Dec. 2



### [Community engagement at Midwinter](#)

In keeping with ALA's ongoing commitment to increased engagement between libraries and the communities they serve, the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting is offering several related sessions. From innovative uses of TEDx events for sparking community conversations to a focus on turning outward and uncovering a community's aspirations, here are some key sessions....



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Conference Services, Dec. 3

### [News you can use](#)

Experts will again offer the latest updates on policy, research, statistics, and technology in a cluster of "[News You Can Use](#)" sessions at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. First introduced in this format in 2012, the sessions are based on recent research, surveys, reports, legislation/regulation, projects, beta trials, focus groups, and other data. Update providers include the ALA Washington Office, other ALA divisions and offices, the ALA Digital Content Working Group, and a wide range of other organizations....

Conference Services, Dec. 3

### [Kitchen-table conversations](#)

ALA President Barbara K. Stripling is encouraging Midwinter attendees to participate in kitchen-table-type conversations designed to be a step toward making ALA an innovation space where members and staff can collaborate and create together. Conversations in groups of up to 16 will dig more deeply into what the participants want ALA to be as their professional community. Register in advance by emailing [Mary Ghikas](#) with your first and second choices (out of four) for day and time....

Member Programs and Services, Dec. 3

### [Celebrity READ posters of the 1980s and 1990s](#)

Kelly Jensen writes: "Created by ALA in 1985, the READ poster features a celebrity posing with a favorite book or books. The celebrities are chosen because of their popularity, appeal, and visibility to a general audience, and ALA tries to feature a range of diverse talent who would be good spokesmodels for reading to both adults and children. Here's a look at some of the celebrity READ spokespeople of the 1980s and 1990s, along with their books of choice."...

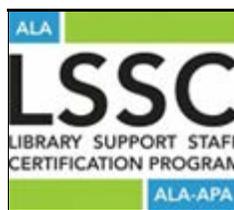
Book Riot, Dec. 3



### [LSSC course subsidies](#)

The ALA-Allied Professional Association announced that the [Library Support Staff Certification](#) (LSSC) Program will be offering \$200 subsidies to 90 candidates to complete LSSC-approved courses. If the cost of the course is less than \$200, the subsidy will cover the cost of the entire course minus materials. LSSC is a national, voluntary certification program administered by the ALA-APA. To apply for a subsidy, applicants must [enroll](#) in the LSSC by December 23....

ALA-Allied Professional Association, Dec. 2



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### Libraries on Film



[Tonio Kröger](#) (1968, France / West Germany). Jean-Claude Brialy as wandering young author Tonio Kröger returns to his ancestral home in Germany to find that it has been converted into a library.



[Tora-san's Lovesick \[Otoko wa tsurai yo: Torajiro koyatsure\]](#) (1974, Japan). A young widow (Sayuri Yoshinaga as Utako) who works in the municipal library retires from work.

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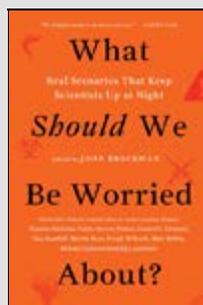


## Booklist ONLINE

### [Featured review: Science](#)

Brockman, John (ed.). *What Should We Be Worried About?* Feb. 2014, 528p. HarperPerennial, paperback (978-0-06-229623-8).

Each year, *Edge* founder Brockman and "Edge stalwarts" mark the anniversary of the speculative online science salon by posing a far-reaching question as the catalyst for a multidisciplinary essay collection. Brockman introduces this year's substantial and engrossing anthology, *What Should We Be Worried About?*, by noting, "Nothing can stop us from worrying, but science can teach us how to worry better, and when to stop worrying." The array of subjects 150 leading thinkers and scientists identify as worrisome is vast and varied, while the outlooks expressed in their pithy thought-pieces are provocative and enlightening....



### [Edging forward](#)

Donna Seaman writes: "The enticing collections roll in with impressive frequency, bearing such titles as *This Will Change Everything* (2009), *Is the Internet Changing the Way You Think?* (2011), *This Will Make You Smarter* (2012), *Thinking* (2013), and the latest (above), *What Should We Be Worried About?* Each anthology features stellar contributors from diverse fields, and all are edited by John Brockman, the founder and CEO of Brockman Inc., a literary agency for science writers, and founder of a nonprofit foundation that supports Edge.org, a world-renowned online science salon. Who, we wondered, is John Brockman, and what compels this cultural impresario and entrepreneur to instigate and curate so many books?"...



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## Philadelphia Update

[The Liberty Bell Center](#)



### [Toronto Stories](#)

(2008, Canada). In "The Brazilian" segment, Sook-Yin Lee as Willia goes to the public library to look up what "Polkaroo" means, a name that her reserved friend Boris (Tygh Runyan) has been calling himself.



[La totale!](#) (1991, France). Miou-Miou plays H el ene Voisin, a stereotypical librarian (complete with cardigan) bored with her life and her husband, who is really an undercover secret agent. Corinne Merle plays another library staffer. The library scenes were filmed at the Agora Library in  vry, near Paris.

**This AL Direct feature** describes hundreds of films (and some TV shows) in which libraries and librarians are featured, from 1912 to the present. The full list is a [Web Extra](#) associated with [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart and published by ALA Editions. You can browse the films on our [Libraries on Film Pinterest board](#).

The Liberty Bell is an iconic symbol of American independence. Originally placed in the steeple of the Pennsylvania State House (now renamed Independence Hall), the bell was [commissioned](#) from the London firm of Lester and Pack in 1752, and was cast with the lettering, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." The original Liberty Bell is on display inside the Liberty Bell Center at 6th and Market Streets in Independence Park, which also offers a video presentation and exhibits....

Liberty Bell Center; Wikipedia



### [Second Bank portrait gallery](#)

The Second Bank of the United States was the second federally authorized Hamiltonian National Bank during its 20-year charter from February 1817 to January 1836. Located at 420 Chestnut Street, the building is one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in the US. Its art gallery houses a famous collection of some 185 portraits of prominent Americans from the colonial and Federal periods painted by Charles Willson Peale and many others....

Second Bank



### [Spend a day in Pompeii](#)

The Franklin Institute, at 222 North 20th Street, is hosting a new exhibit titled "One Day in Pompeii" that will be showing during the Midwinter Meeting. In the year 79, Pompeii vanished beneath thick layers of volcanic ash left by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The exhibit features more than 150 artifacts on loan from the Naples National Archaeological Museum in Italy, including wall-sized frescos, marble and bronze sculptures, jewelry, ancient Roman coins, and full body casts of the volcano's victims, many of which are making their North American debut....

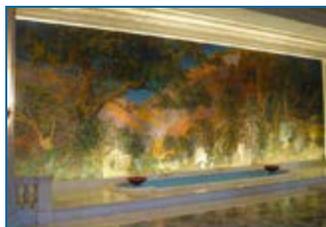
Franklin Institute



### [Dream Garden in the Curtis Center](#)

*Dream Garden* is an enormous glass mosaic designed by artist Maxfield Parrish (1870–1966), and executed by Louis Comfort Tiffany and Tiffany Studios, for the lobby of the Curtis Publishing Building at 699 Walnut Street—home of the successful magazines *Ladies' Home Journal* and *Saturday Evening Post*. Measuring 15 by 49 feet, *Dream Garden* was produced by the Tiffany Studios in 1916, using over 100,000 pieces of Favrite glass, each hand-fired to achieve perfection in each of the 260 colors. The Curtis Center is a 15-minute walk from the Pennsylvania Convention Center....

Independence Hall Association



### [Silver Linings Playbook locations](#)

Alyce Wilson writes: "Here's a quick, spoiler-

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### [Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Librarian.](#)

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free guide to spotting the Philadelphia-area locations in *Silver Linings Playbook*. Many of the locations are in the Upper Darby area (including the 200 block of South Madison Avenue and the Llanerch Diner at 95 East Township Line Road). Others include the Historic Lansdowne Theater and the Benjamin Franklin House Apartments at 834 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia.”...

Yahoo! News, Feb. 25



### [How to choose a carry-on bag](#)

Susan Stellin writes: “Searching for a carry-on that would fit in most overhead compartments but could handle a 10-day trip, I was surprised by the number of bags available, their price range, and the features I wasn’t sure I would ever need.



After spending weeks researching carry-ons, I have come to the conclusion that there is no one-size-fits-all bag. However, there are some factors that all shoppers should consider if they’re in the market for a wheeled carry-on that lets you avoid checking a bag.”...

*New York Times*, Nov. 27

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## Division News

### [LLAMA Midwinter Career Institute](#)

Writing or editing a professional publication is a great way to build skills and advance your career. Plan now to be part of LLAMA's second annual Midwinter Career Institute. “[Writing and Editing: Developing Career Skills and Building Your Professional Reputation](#)” will take place on January 24 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. You’ll learn the elements of successful writing, as Jennifer A. Bartlett, Toby Greenwalt, Marta Deyrup, and a panel of editors share their experiences, tips, and motivations for publishing. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, Dec. 2

### [LITA workshops in Philadelphia](#)

LITA is offering two workshops on January 24 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia: “[Strategic Social Media: Creating Library Community Online](#)” and “[Level Up Web: Modern Web Development and Management Practices for Libraries.](#)” [Register](#) online by completing the ALA Midwinter registration....

LITA, Dec. 3

### [Greenway and Zevin added to Gala Author Tea](#)

Alice Greenway and Gabrielle Zevin have been added to the lineup for United for Libraries’ Gala Author Tea, sponsored by ReferenceUSA, on January 27 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. They will join Lisa Scottoline, Sue Monk Kidd, Laura Lippman, and Cristina Henriquez in discussing their writing lives and forthcoming books. [Tickets](#) are available online....

United for Libraries, Dec. 2

### [Building web applications](#)

LITA is offering a web course on “Building Web Applications with

## of the Week



### The [Polonsky Foundation Digitization Project](#)

is a joint effort of the Bodleian Libraries of the University of Oxford and the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana to make available important bibles and biblical texts from their collections. Over the course of the next four years, 1.5 million pages will be made freely available online to researchers. Hebrew manuscripts, Greek manuscripts, and early printed books have been selected for inclusion by a team of scholars and curators from around the world. The website, launched December 2, features zoomable images that enable detailed scholarly analysis and study. It also includes essays and video presentations made by scholars and supporters, including the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Jean-Louis Bruguès. Watch the [video](#) (2:26).

**Do you know** of a digital

HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript: An Introduction to HTML5," presented by Jason Clark of Montana State University Library, in four live lectures on January 6, 8, 10, and 13. Participants will talk through the specifics of implementation and work through building a prototype HTML5 application. [Register](#) online....

LITA, Dec. 3

### [AASL sponsors two Emerging Leaders](#)

AASL will sponsor two participants in ALA's 2014 Emerging Leaders program. Beth Ebenstein Mulch of Brooklyn, New York, and Jillian Rudes of Alexandria, Virginia, will participate in project planning workgroups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity....

AASL, Dec. 2

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## Awards & Grants

### [Nominations for 2014 James Madison Awards](#)

ALA's Washington Office is calling for nominations for two awards to honor individuals or groups who have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know. The James Madison Award honors an individual or group who has brought awareness to these issues at the national level. The Eileen Cooke Award honors an extraordinary leader who has built local grassroots awareness of the importance of access to information. The [nomination](#) deadline is January 17....

District Dispatch, Dec. 3



### [Entries accepted for 2014 John Cotton Dana Awards](#)

Entries are being accepted for the 2014 John Cotton Dana Awards for outstanding library public relations. Eight \$10,000 awards are granted each year by the H. W. Wilson Foundation, and the awards ceremony at the ALA Annual Conference is cosponsored by EBSCO. The deadline for submissions is February 14. Entry documents are available [online](#) for this year's award cycle....

LLAMA, Dec. 3

### [Tween Recommended Reads](#)

ALSC has created a Tween Recommended Reads booklist, intended to engage and encourage tweens to read throughout the year. The [Tween Recommended Reads](#) list includes 25 titles chosen specifically to appeal to tweens and to encourage them to read. The booklist is available as a PDF in full color or black-and-white and you are free to download, copy, and distribute it....

ALSC, Dec. 3



### [Apply for a Big Read grant](#)

The Big Read is accepting applications from libraries and other nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2014 and June 2015. The Big Read is a program developed by the

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 my foolhardy youth, when my friends were dreaming of heroic deeds in the realms of engineering and law, finance and national politics, I dreamt of becoming a librarian."**

—Alberto Manguel, *The Library at Night* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009), p. 5.

@ [More quotes...](#)

### Calendar

**Jan. 15–17:** [Special Libraries Association](#),

Leadership Summit 2014, Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel, Tennessee.

**Jan. 24:** [Bibliographical Society of America](#), Annual Meeting, New York City.

**Jan. 24–28:** [ALA Midwinter Meeting](#), Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia.

**Feb. 10–12:** [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#), WebWise conference, Renaissance Baltimore

National Endowment for the Arts to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. The deadline to [apply](#) is January 28....

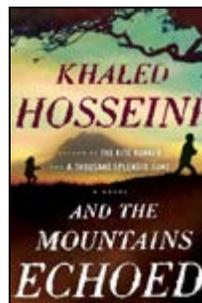
The Big Read



### [Goodreads Choice Awards 2013](#)

Goodreads has unveiled its version of a best books list. The website, which has been rounding up its users' favorite books of the year since 2009 through its Goodreads Choice Awards, has posted [this year's results](#). On the 2013 list, the top book in fiction is Khaled Hosseini's *And the Mountains Echoed*, with more than 24,000 votes. Coming in at number 2 on the fiction list is Jodi Picoult's *The Storyteller*, with more than 21,000 votes....

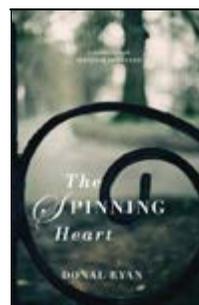
*Publishers Weekly*, Dec. 3; Goodreads



### [Guardian First Book Award](#)

Irish author Donal Ryan has won the 2013 Guardian First Book Award, a £10,000 (\$16,360 US) prize, for his debut novel *The Spinning Heart* (Doubleday Ireland). Set in southwest Ireland, the book tells a set of interlocking short stories about the struggles of a rural village in the aftermath of the financial collapse of 2008. The prize is awarded by *The Guardian* newspaper to recognize the best first book by a new writer. The announcement was made at a ceremony at the Tate Modern in London on November 28....

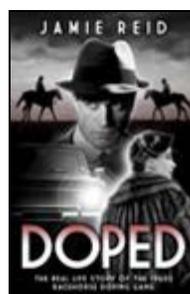
*The Guardian* (UK), Nov. 28



### [2013 William Hill Sports Book of the Year](#)

*Doped: The Real Life Story of the 1960s Racehorse Doping Gang* by Jamie Reid, a rollicking tale of crooked bookies and nobbled nags—with a sprinkle of sex and royalty for good measure—is the surprise winner of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year for 2013. Reid, a racing buff and columnist at the *Financial Times*, received a £25,000 (\$40,875 US) check, a £2,500 (\$4,087) William Hill bet, and a day at the races....

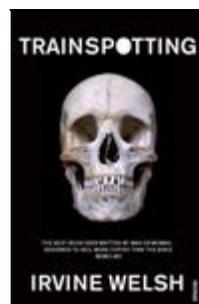
*The Guardian* (UK), Nov. 27



### [Scotland's favorite book](#)

Irvine Welsh's debut novel *Trainspotting* has been named Scotland's favorite book of the past 50 years. The cult story of drug addiction in Leith topped a poll for Book Week Scotland with 10% of the votes. Welsh said he was flattered that the book, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, had even made it onto the list. More than 8,800 people cast a vote for one of a shortlist of 50 titles compiled by author and literary critic Stuart Kelly and Scottish Book Trust staff....

BBC News Scotland, Nov. 28



### [2013 Tower Hamlets Book Award](#)

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#### **Feb. 26–27:**

[Handheld Librarian 9](#), online conference.  
"Encouraging  
Innovation and  
Technology."

#### **Mar. 13–14:**

[National Latino Children's Literature Conference](#), Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

"Connecting Cultures  
and Celebrating  
Cuentos."

#### **Mar. 26–28:**

[Research Data Access and Preservation Summit](#), Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, San Diego.

#### **Apr. 30–**

**May 2:**  
[Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference](#),  
The Grand Hotel,  
Mackinac Island  
Michigan.

#### **Aug. 4–6:**

[The Association of Research Libraries and the University of Washington Libraries](#), Library Assessment Conference, Seattle.  
"Building Effective, Sustainable, Practical Assessment." **Proposal deadline is Jan. 17.**

#### **June 16–26:**

[Institute for Research Design in](#)

At a packed ceremony at Swanlea Secondary School in Whitechapel, London, on November 29—attended by children’s authors Katherine Roberts, Sarwat Chadda, and Sam Gayton—librarians, teachers, and students from 21 Tower Hamlets schools were on hand to hear *The Snow Merchant*, a highly imaginative, quirky, and fun-filled debut story by Sam Gayton announced as the winner of the 2013 Tower Hamlets Book Award....

Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service, Nov. 29



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## Libraries in the News

### [Dozens of LA schools lack library staff](#)

As many as 145 schools across the Los Angeles Unified School District may have closed their libraries, according to staffing numbers provided to KPCC in early December. The district said it does not have a tally of shuttered libraries, but figures show schools and the district have hired only a fraction of the library aides needed to operate libraries in every public school. The district has 457 elementary schools, but only 380 schools have at least a part-time library aide....

KPCC-FM, Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 2

### [South Alabama consolidates its special collections](#)

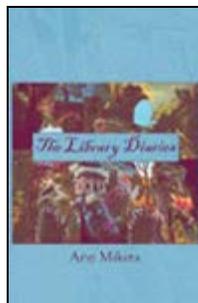
Using a \$3 million pledge from the Julien E. Marx Foundation Trust, the University of South Alabama in Mobile will renovate the third floor of its Marx Library to house both the university archives and the Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library. The McCall collection, acquired in the spring of 2011, is currently housed in the basement of USA’s Spring Hill Avenue campus. It includes more than one million documents dating from the late 18th century to the early 20th century and is one of the most important archival collections in the South....

Mobile (Ala.) Press-Register, Nov. 27



### [Library Diaries author loses damages on appeal](#)

A library assistant who lost her job in 2008 after she wrote a supposedly fictionalized tell-all was improperly awarded damages, a Maryland appeals court has ruled. Sally Stern developed her manuscript for *The Library Diaries*, written under the pseudonym Ann Miketa, while working at the Mason County (Mich.) District Library in Ludington. Her publisher, Publish America, canceled printing of the book after she was fired, fearing defamation lawsuits. After a three-day trial in 2010, the court had granted Stern damages, but those have now been rescinded....



[Librarianship](#), Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

**Application deadline is Feb. 1.**

**July 30–**

**Aug. 1:**

[The Church and Synagogue Library Association](#).

Annual Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lake Oswego, Oregon. “Return to the Oregon Trail.”

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Courthouse News Service, Nov. 27

## [The Girolamini Library thefts](#)

It was one of the most dramatic thefts ever to hit the rare-book world, the disappearance of thousands of volumes—including centuries-old editions of Aristotle, Descartes, Galileo, and Machiavelli—from the Baroque-era Girolamini Library in Naples. And former Director Marino Massimo de Caro (right) is accused of being at the center of a black-market network. Now, prosecutors are trying to show how such a wholesale violation of Western cultural patrimony could have taken place....

*New York Times*, Nov. 29



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## Issues

### [Libraries fear the NSA is targeting their records](#)

US libraries are backing legislation that would curb the powers of the National Security Agency. Revelations about NSA surveillance have created a “climate of concern” for libraries, which are seeking to defend the freedom to read and research away from the government’s prying eyes. The activities of the NSA seem to go far beyond traditional police work, reflecting an “almost ravenous hunger” for collecting information, according to Lynne Bradley, director of the ALA Office of Government Relations....

*The Hill*: Hillicon Valley, Dec. 4

### [Digital divide: The new version](#)

Aaron Sankin writes: “Activist Larry Ortega, who heads a chapter of the digital literacy group One Million New Internet Users, argues that poor and nonwhite users are largely relying solely on smartphones for internet access. It’s created a two-tiered system where the rich have access to expensive, high-speed broadband internet at home and everyone else is relegated to slower connections on mobile devices that seriously limit users’ ability to contribute to the digital conversation. This digital divide is between digital consumers on the one hand and digital contributors on the other.”...

*Salon*, Nov. 23

### [Net neutrality decision could come soon](#)

A federal court could issue its decision on the controversial net neutrality regulations in December or January, FCC Chair Thomas Wheeler (right) said December 2. He said he is “hopeful” the D.C. Circuit will uphold the regulations. Verizon has sued to overturn the rules, which bar internet providers from blocking or discriminating against lawful websites. He said he supports a “see-saw” approach, where regulation is aggressive in uncompetitive markets but hands-off in competitive markets....

*The Hill*: Hillicon Valley, Dec. 2



### [Fair use, Georgia State, and the rest of the world](#)

Kevin Smith writes: “It took years, but it finally dawned on the recording industry that suing your own customers was a bad strategy, pursued only by a desperate industry that cannot figure out how to retool their businesses to offer services that people really need and

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want. But as I tell folks, the publishers suing Georgia State have made an even more foolish decision, since they are suing people who are not just their customers, but also their suppliers.”...

Scholarly Communications @ Duke, Dec. 2

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## Tech Talk

### [Five best iPad cases](#)

Alan Henry writes: “Earlier this week we asked readers which iPad cases were the best to keep their tablets safe during use or travel. They had many nominees, but we could only pick out the top five. One, the [Griffin IntelliCase](#) (above), offers full-body protection for the back and sides of your iPad and a magnetic screen cover that will wake or sleep your device when the cover is opened or shut.”...

Lifehacker, Dec. 1



### [New USB connector in the works](#)

Stephen Shankland writes: “The group behind the USB standard has begun work on a new connector that’s designed to fix a two-decade-old problem: It can be hard to tell which way is up. The Type-C connector will make Universal Serial Bus more like Apple’s Lightning connector, which is used on newer iPads and iPhones. With it, customers don’t have to make sure the connector is flipped upside-down compared to the port.”...

CNET News, Dec. 4



### [A learning tablet for kids](#)

Gregory Schmidt writes: “VTech has created a safe zone for texting with its latest learning tablet, the [InnoTab 3S](#). The device, which recently dropped in price, has all the typical offerings that you would expect in a learning tablet, including a secure browser and apps that teach reading, math, and science. But the feature that VTech is heavily promoting is Kid Connect, which helps parents and children stay in contact via texting.”...

New York Times: Gadgetwise, Nov. 26



### [Touch-screen gloves](#)

Chandra Steele writes: “The cold, cruel winter shouldn’t stop you from texting to say you’re stuck in the snow. But when slipping off your gloves can mean risking frostbite, your hands are better off in your pockets. Why do touch screens respond to you? Touch-screen gloves have capacitive elements sewn in; often they use stainless-steel thread sewn into the fingertips. Other metals, like plated silver and copper, can be used as well. Here are 10 pairs we have picked out for men, women, and kids.”...

PC Magazine, Dec. 2



### [Amazon’s drones: Distinguishing hype from reality](#)

David Talbot writes: “Amazon’s plans to deliver

packages by drones, which it predicts 'will be as normal as seeing mail trucks on the road today,' has been widely dismissed as little more than clever self-promotion. For home delivery to work safely and ubiquitously, it would mean avoiding every power line on a suburban street, deciphering satellite maps to decide what precise spot on a property to land, and making sure a drone didn't hit an errant child or dog. Even if those challenges were dealt with, drone use by Amazon would likely be a niche, high-cost service for high-value items."...

MIT Technology Review, Dec. 2



## [Google Visualization API Query Language](#)

Bohyun Kim writes: "Designing a full-fledged searchable web database application from spreadsheet data is not always a feasible option at many libraries, due to the staff time and expertise it requires. But creating an Access custom database or using a free service such as Zoho can be a useful alternative. [Google Visualization API Query Language](#) provides a quick and easy way to query a Google spreadsheet and return and display a selective set of data without actually converting a spreadsheet into a database."...

ACRL TechConnect Blog, Dec. 4

## [CyberMonday 1966](#)

"Many librarians believe computers are the only means to effectively cope with their bulging bookshelves," according to a 1966 issue of the *New York World-Telegram and Sun*. This UNIVAC 490 computer and printer (released in 1960) was a 30-bit word machine that used drum memory for storage. Photo is from the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division....

Shorpy, Dec. 2



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# E-Content

## [Douglas County ebook report for December](#)

James LaRue writes: "Libraries can't buy *Catching Fire* as an ebook. But note the 'divergent' pricing for *Divergent*: an actual savings from the consumer price over Bilbary ([PDF file](#)). A question: Since no library that I can find has actual physical possession of a Random House ebook file and the publishing house claims that it is selling (not leasing) ebooks to libraries, is Random House paying its authors a 10%–20% royalty for their ebook titles, or the more usual 50% lease fee that RH authors might well be entitled to?"...

AL: E-Content, Dec. 3

	Library Pricing		Consumer Pricing		
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Divergent		*			\$9.99
	\$7.99	\$7.99	\$9.99	\$3.99	\$3.99

## [An e-reading room just for kids](#)

OverDrive is offering a new service for public library partners to give young readers a place of their own. Now there's an option to



incorporate an e-reading room for young people as an extension of a library website. Kids and teens can browse, sample, place holds, and borrow ebooks and other age-appropriate media. The first live eReading Room for kids is [hosted](#) at Kitsap Regional Library in Washington....

OverDrive Digital Library Blog, Dec. 2

### [Massachusetts selects BiblioBoard](#)

The Massachusetts Library System, along with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioner's Statewide Resource Sharing Committee, has chosen BiblioLabs' product BiblioBoard to participate in the [MA eBook Project](#), an endeavor designed to expand access to ebooks for the state's multitype libraries. Initially, BiblioLabs will make more than 30,000 ebooks and other materials available on an unlimited multiuser basis to pilot libraries via BiblioBoard....

BiblioLabs, Dec. 3



### [Elsevier partners with Bibliotheca Alexandrina](#)

Sci-tech publisher Elsevier has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt to provide 150 researchers working in least-developed and low-income countries with access to ScienceDirect, Elsevier's online scientific research platform. The new agreement will provide courtesy access for a period of three years....

Elsevier, Dec. 3



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## Books & Reading

### [Schaumburg librarians write YA books](#)

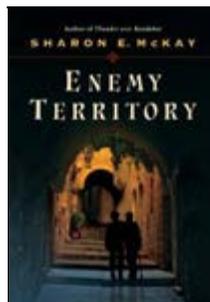
Amy Alessio and Susan Miura know something about books and attracting teenage readers. Both work at the Schaumburg Township (Ill.) District Library—Alessio is a teen librarian, while Miura works in public relations—and regularly review books, develop programs, and sponsor author appearances. Now, they find themselves on the opposite side of the table. After years of writing for library journals and hoping to one day publish a fiction work, both have done it. Their books came out within weeks of each other....

*Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald, Dec. 2*



### [Characters with disabilities](#)

Carli Spina writes: "December 3 was the [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#). This annual United Nations-sponsored event aims to further global efforts to promote accessibility and remove all types of barriers. This year the theme is 'Break Barriers, Open Doors for an Inclusive Society and Development for All.' Here is a list of books set around the world that feature characters with a variety of disabilities



who are facing a host of barriers in their own lives.”...

YALSA The Hub, Dec. 3

### [Out of print, but not out of mind](#)

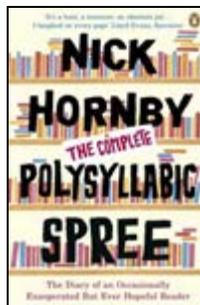
David Streitfeld writes: “Even as the universe of printed matter continues to shrivel, the book—or at least some of its best-known features—is showing remarkable staying power online. The idea is apparently embedded so deeply in the collective unconsciousness that no one can bear to leave it behind. Though some features may be getting a second life online, efforts to reimagine the core experience of the book have stumbled. Dozens of publishing start-ups tried harnessing social reading apps or multimedia, but few caught on.”...

*New York Times*, Dec. 1

### [Book recommendations based on social media preference](#)

Molly Horan writes: “Selecting books for the people on your Christmas list can be tough. You’re never sure if your favorite will be right for those who swore off sci-fi or those on a nonfiction kick. To find the perfect title, look to your friend’s favorite platform. Do 95% of your Facebook notifications come from them? Are they slightly addicted to Twitter? Their social media of choice can provide insight on what kind of prose they will enjoy.”...

Mashable, Dec. 4



### [Seven bookish craft projects](#)

Cassandra Neace writes: “If you’re of the crafting persuasion, then you’ve probably already gotten started planning (if not actually doing) your Christmas projects. If you’re like me, books play a big part in those plans. I’ve been scouting the internet in search of some ideas for this year’s craft-fest, and I thought I would share a few of my favorite ideas with you. Take a look. This old book Christmas tree (right) just requires a hot glue gun and a little stash of decorations.”...

Book Riot, Nov. 27



### [Cozy bookish sweatshirts](#)

Becky Cole writes: “I don’t know about you, but my ideal winter day involves chilly weather outside with me inside, swathed in soft things and curled up with a book and a steaming beverage. DC temperatures dipped below freezing during the day for the first time this week, and I’m ready to hibernate. Let’s take a look at some appropriately bookish sweatshirts to get the winter reading party started.”...

Book Riot, Nov. 29



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## Tips & Ideas

### [Poster sessions: A beginner’s guide](#)

Steve Ammidown writes: “At conferences, poster sessions are an opportunity for students and established professionals to present their work in

an informal context. It's a great way to dip your toe into the conference presentation waters. Unlike a traditional session, all of the posters are set up at once, and each presenter is expected to stand with their poster for the entirety of the session (typically an hour or two) to answer questions from passers-by."...

Hack Library School, Dec. 2



### [HealthCare.gov deploys new queuing feature](#)

HealthCare.gov, the US government's insurance-shopping website, had to deploy a user queuing feature December 2 because of heavy traffic, just days after the Department of Health and Human Services announced the troubled site was [working well](#) for a majority of users. Page response time for the site was about two seconds at the time the team launched the queuing system, when page response time has generally been below one second in recent weeks. Insurers are [still vexed](#) by some problems the site continues to have....

PC World, Dec. 2; Ars Technica, Dec. 2; New York Times, Dec. 1



### [Five good resources for personal finance lessons](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "Yesterday, I shared a nice collection of personal finance lesson activities called [Money as You Grow](#). Reviewing Money as You Grow prompted me to pull up some of my other resources for personal finance lessons. Here are five of my favorite personal finance lesson resources that I pulled from dozens of economics resources in my archives."...

Free Technology for Teachers, Dec. 2-3



### [Evaluating CE courses](#)

Su Epstein writes: "I often find myself considering the merits of various continuing education opportunities. I've personally experienced fabulous free courses and useless ones I've paid dearly for. The same has been true for my colleagues. Before signing up, or at least before providing payment, evaluate your prospective course and course provider. Even a few hundred dollars is too much to waste. Take these steps before taking that class."...

Public Libraries Online, Dec. 1

### [PISA rankings in math, reading, science](#)

George Dvorsky writes: "The results for PISA 2012 are in. The [Programme for International Assessment](#) is an international survey done by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development every three years to assess the competencies of 15-year-olds from 65 countries in key subject areas. Here's what they found. Asian countries did the best, with Shanghai performing so well in math that the OECD compares their scoring to the equivalent of nearly three years of schooling in most countries. Canada finished in 13th place and the US finished 36th." Diane



Ravitch offers [some criticism](#) of the results....

io9, Dec. 3; OECD, Dec. 3; Diane Ravitch's Blog, Dec. 3

### [Gearing up for DeSTEMber](#)

Wendy Stephens writes: "DeSTEMber is sponsored by [Girlstart](#), an organization whose mission involves empowering girls to continue STEM studies. Girlstart's website provides a wealth of programming ideas, many in online modules, as well as an [archive](#) of DeSTEMber content from 2012. There are synchronous guest lectures planned from many top-flight science centers and zoos around the country as well, so all you have to do is dial in."...

YALSA Blog, Dec. 2



### [Rural America at a glance](#)

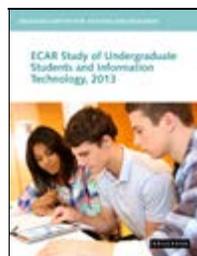
*Rural America at a Glance*, 2013 edition ([PDF file](#)), highlights the most recent indicators of social and economic conditions in rural areas. This year's edition focuses on the US rural economy, including employment trends, poverty, and population trends....

US Department of Agriculture, Nov. 24

### [Undergrads and information technology](#)

Eden Dahlstrom, J. D. Walker, and Charles Dziuban write: "The Educause Center for Analysis and Research (ECAR) has surveyed undergraduate students annually since 2004 about technology in higher education. In 2013, ECAR collaborated with more than 250 higher education institutions to collect responses from more than 112,000 undergraduate students about their technology experiences and expectations. The findings ([PDF file](#)) are distilled into four broad themes."...

Educause, Sept. 16



### [What if people were paid to study in the library?](#)

Brian Mathews writes: "If I paid you to study in the library you would *likely* take me up on the offer. And if I paid you and your group to study there together, then you would *definitely* use the library more often. That's the gist of a recent economics study: 'Letting Down the Team? Social Effects of Team Incentives' ([PDF file](#)). The study found that while individuals took advantage of the pay-to-study-here opportunity, incentives tied to team performance resulted in strikingly greater participation."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education*: Ubiquitous Librarian, Dec. 3

### [Brewing up book club magic](#)

Sharon McClintock writes: "This summer the Mountain View (Calif.) Public Library offered a unique book club called READ Quest for the third year. READ Quest is for entering 3rd and 4th graders and focuses on genres. The program encourages kids to read for the fun of it, discovering the enormous benefits of reading for pleasure. Children who participate don't all read the same book, but choose a book for themselves from each week's genre. In this way we are able to accommodate a wide variety of reading levels and interests."...

ALSC Blog, Nov. 30



### [Teen book clubs for grown-ups](#)

Linda Jerome writes: "I dearly wish I could say that we've had a book

club for teens at our library for years and it's a staple of our programming; but if I said that, I'd be a big, fat liar. But we do have a teen book club for adults who love teen books and aren't afraid to admit it. There have been some unexpected benefits. First, we've seen many more of our library staffers reading teen books."...

Tiny Tips for Library Fun, Dec. 1

### [Newsweek plans a return to print](#)

*Newsweek*, the struggling weekly magazine that ceased print publication in December 2012, plans to turn the presses back on. The magazine expects to begin a 64-page weekly edition in January or February, said Jim Impoco, *Newsweek's* editor in chief. He added that the magazine would depend more heavily on subscribers than advertisers to pay its bills—and that readers would pay more than in the past...

*New York Times*, Dec. 3



### [LC surveys US silent films](#)

Moviegoers may not realize that 70% of all feature-length silent films made in America have been completely lost to time and neglect. The Library of Congress unveiled on December 4 *The Survival of American Silent Feature Films: 1912–1929* ([PDF file](#)), the first comprehensive survey of American feature films that survived the silent era of motion pictures. Written by historian and archivist David Pierce, the report is accompanied by an [inventory database](#) of surviving films....

Library of Congress, Dec. 4



### [How I got my LIS groove back](#)

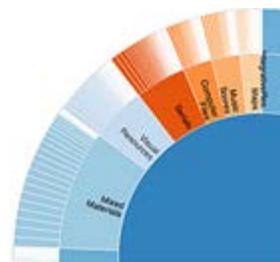
Alison Peters writes: "I fully admit it: I was *this close* to dropping out. After a semester 'break' I needed a jumpstart to put me back on a focused path and engage me again. So when the call went out to join an independent study course devoted to the [LIS Publications Wiki](#). I jumped at it. The wiki is essentially a database of LIS-centric publications and everything you ever wanted to know in order to write for them."...

Hack Library School, Nov. 28

### [Visualizations of MARC usage](#)

Roy Tennant writes: "As part of my work to reveal exactly how the MARC standard has been used over the several decades it has existed (available at '[MARC Usage in WorldCat](#)'), I've always wanted to produce visualizations of the data. Recently, with essential help from my colleagues J. D. Shipengrover and Jeremy Browning, I was able to do [exactly that](#). After trying various graphical depictions of the data, we finally settled on an interactive starburst view of the data."...

Hanging Together, Dec. 2



### [Toronto Public Library advocacy video](#)

The Toronto Public Library commissioned Daytime Emmy Award-winning filmmakers James Braithwaite and Josh Raskin to



create a provocative animated film, "[Our Public Library](#)" (4:17). Narrated by Canadian author Vincent Lam, the video emphasizes the importance of the library to Toronto citizens in the wake of 20 years of budget cuts and political neglect. The video supports an advocacy campaign sponsored by the Toronto Public Library Workers Union....  
Our Public Library; YouTube, Nov. 20

### [Pull over, watch this](#)

Kevin King writes: "I just discovered the best [customer service training video](#) (2:40) and it is a news story about a cop. It encapsulates how public servants should interact with patrons. Officer Elton Simmons has made over 25,000 traffic stops over the past 20 years in Los Angeles County and has received zero complaints. What is his secret? It's incredibly simple: He treats all people with respect. Here are the things Officer Simmons does when interacting with individuals."...  
Library Lost and Found, Dec. 3; YouTube, May 12



### [Staplercide!](#) (satire)

Jason Vance writes: "We have experienced 15 deaths in my library this semester. Three victims were decapitated. The bodies of two other victims were never found. Others were abused and left for dead. My library is facing a crisis. [Staplercide](#)—the murder of library staplers—is at an all-time high. The average life span for a stapler at my library's reference desk this past semester was 15.3 days. The most common cause of stapler death was exhaustion."...  
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## American Libraries Online

### One book, many zombies

Troy Swanson (right) and Tish Hayes write: "Zombies now populate video games, commercials (for everything from cars to Skittles), even spinoffs of classic books like *Pride and Prejudice*. This fall, the Moraine Valley Community College library in Palos Hills, Illinois, moved this zombie craze into new territory, using it as an academic metaphor to connect disciplines and foster conversation and student engagement. Library staff created a simulated zombie pandemic that linked the curriculum to the library's cultural programming and student activities."...

*American Libraries* feature



### Assistive-adaptive technologies

John J. Burke writes: "Libraries are all about people—both the people who use their services and the people who work there. Some key areas of concern for libraries relate to patrons with disabilities and patrons who use the library as their primary access point for technology. Library staff members need to know what technology barriers patrons face and how staff members can be open to overcoming them. Many products are available to make both computers and noncomputer resources and services easier to use for those with disabilities."...

*American Libraries* feature



### Navigating the news

Deniz Koray writes: "Librarians have always been major proponents of literacy campaigns, and now, for the past two years, many librarians have been participating in a new type of initiative: media literacy. To help high school students differentiate between fact



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and fiction in today's increasingly chaotic news, ALA, in partnership with local library branches and a nonprofit media literacy organization, created [News Know-How](#), a program that helps young adults become better, more savvy media consumers."...

*American Libraries* feature

### [Another Story: Meeting spaces of the minds](#)

Joseph Janes writes: "This year's freshmen have settled into their routines, dug into classes, and in many cases engaged for the first time with an academic library. And in many of those libraries, they have found a research- or learning-commons space where they can attend tutorials, find a place to do coursework, collaborate on projects, create presentations, write, or just sit around and think or read. But whenever I go there, I have one nagging question that won't go away: Why is this space here? Why is this in the library?"...

*American Libraries* column, Nov./Dec.



### [Youth Matters: Moving beyond same-old](#)

Linda W. Braun writes: "Youth services outreach frequently centers on luring young people inside the library by visiting schools to book-talk or promote such programs as summer reading clubs. But is that really the dictionary definition of the 'extending of services' in ways that go 'beyond current or usual limits?' I'd say no. In a world of mobile devices and e-content, what should outreach to youth look like in the second decade of the 21st century?"...

*American Libraries* column, Nov./Dec.

### [Did you miss "Making the Discovery Decision"?](#)

You can still watch the archived version of this AL Live episode, which features Gwen Evans, Courtney Greene McDonald (right), and Edward Smith, on our [website](#). The next episode, "[The Future of Libraries](#)" with David Lee King, Joseph Murphy, Marshall Breeding, Buffy Hamilton, and Bohyun Kim, is scheduled for January 9....

AL Live



### [Library Design Showcase submissions are open](#)

*American Libraries* is now accepting submissions for the 2014 Library Design Showcase, our annual feature celebrating new and newly renovated or expanded libraries of all types. The showcase will be featured in our September/October 2014 issue. To have your library considered, send or email a completed submission form ([PDF file](#)), along with high-resolution digital images, to *American Libraries*, Attn: Library Design Showcase, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611....

*American Libraries*, Dec. 9



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## Distilling the Innovative story into video

Kim Massana, CEO, [Innovative Interfaces](#)



One of my priorities over the last year has been to seek out Innovative customers and members of the broader library community to listen to their ideas about the technology challenges and opportunities facing libraries today. I've been encouraging staff at all levels of Innovative to be doing the same.

But it's obviously not all about listening. The leadership team at Innovative has also been spending a lot of time considering how we can best tell the Innovative story and let members of the community know that we understand their concerns and are addressing them through the solutions that we offer with Sierra and our other products.

Along with members of our senior management and sales team, I've been telling this story personally through individual meetings, conferences, and Innovative user groups. I'm happy to say that I will now have some new tools to help me get our message across—a series of short videos that distill the essence of what we're seeing in the technology landscape and how Innovative is responding to those challenges.

The [first video](#) in the series, "The Innovative Story," gives a two-minute video overview of what we're all about. It's been fun to see the video develop, and I encourage you to take a look.



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## ALA News

### [Free webinar to kick off Building Community through Making series](#)

ALA President Barbara Stripling's Winter Webinar series "Building Community through Making," featuring nationally recognized speakers

and innovative library leaders, begins December 16 with "Community Engagement through Making." The series is presented by the Office for Library Advocacy and cosponsored by LITA and Barbara Stripling's Presidential Advisory Committee. [Registration](#) is mandatory, and limited to the first 100 participants to arrive in the virtual room....

Office for Library Advocacy, Dec. 10

### [Proposed changes to Accreditation Standards](#)

The ALA Committee on Accreditation has issued a call for comments on the proposed revision to the 2008 *Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies*. Visit the Standards Review [website](#) to make comments on the draft document. COA will host a [program](#) on the proposed changes on January 26 at the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. [Comments](#) will be accepted through October 24, 2014....

Office for Accreditation, Dec. 9

### [40 students chosen for student-to-staff program](#)

Forty ALA student chapter members were nominated by their schools and accepted to assist ALA staff during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas in the ALA [student-to-staff program](#). In exchange for working four hours a day (or a total of 16 hours), these students receive free conference registration, housing, and a per diem for meal expenses....

Chapter Relations Office, Dec. 10

### [Vote for the Midwinter T-shirt design](#)

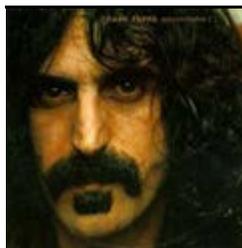
Help us choose the colors of ALA's Midwinter Meeting T-shirt. The 2014 T-shirt will be a unisex cut with the image on the front. More than 700 people voted to select the colors of ALA's 2013 Midwinter T-shirt (right), and they sold out quickly. It's time to vote again, and the deadline is noon Central time on December 16. Check ALA's Facebook page shortly afterwards to see the winning colors, and remember to come early to purchase yours at the ALA Store....

ALA Publishing, Dec. 10



### [FTRF remembers Frank Zappa](#)

Jonathan Kelley writes: "December 4 marked the 20th anniversary of Frank Zappa's death from cancer at the age of 52. The Freedom to Read Foundation and ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom were, at the time, designated by his family as among the organizations to receive contributions made in his memory. In addition to being a legendary and influential musician, Zappa (right) was known throughout his career as a free speech activist. Check out our [page](#)



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### Libraries on Film



[To Love, Honor, and Deceive](#) (1996, made for TV). Janet Sherkow plays a librarian.



[Todd and the Book of Pure Evil](#) (2003, short, Canada). Steve Arbuckle as high school student Todd discovers in the school library an ancient tome that can summon the devil. Lory Wajnberg is the school librarian.

honoring his legacy.”...

FTRF Blog, Dec. 5

### [Relief for Philippine libraries](#)

ALA is accepting donations from the United States for libraries in the Philippines. The Philippines Library Relief Fund will help rebuild libraries and archives in the Philippines that were destroyed or damaged by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) on November 8, the worst storm in those islands in [101 years](#). To donate by credit card, visit the [ALA Development Office page](#). To donate by mail, send in the donation form ([PDF file](#))....

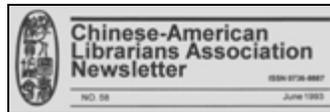
International Relations Office; Library of Congress Blog, Nov. 20



### [CALA Newsletter archives available](#)

The ALA Archives have digitized all the newsletters and conference programs of the Chinese American Librarians Association, an ALA affiliate. Within the newsletters (1982–2000) are messages from the president, announcements, essays on Chinese and East Asian librarianship, obituaries, and reviews. Find the digitized documents [here](#)....

ALA Archives, Dec. 9



### [US librarians in Guadalajara](#)

Leylha Ahulie writes: “The presence of US book professionals can be seen throughout the Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL). This year, a growing number of librarians, publishers, agents, distributors, and self-published authors have come to the largest Spanish-language book fair in the world. *PW* spoke with Michael Dowling, director of the ALA International Relations Office, who works with FIL to coordinate the attendance of US librarians at the fair.”...

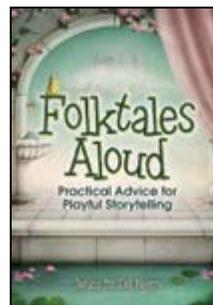
*Publishers Weekly*, Dec. 4



### [Playful storytelling through folktales](#)

In [Folktales Aloud: Practical Advice for Playful Storytelling](#), published by ALA Editions, teacher and storyteller Janice M. Del Negro gives librarians, teachers, and parents the keys to storytelling success. Including more than a dozen original adaptations of folktales from around the world, tailored specifically for library and classroom use by experienced as well as beginning tellers, she reviews all of the storytelling basics, such as selecting a tale, learning the story, and overcoming stage fright....

ALA Editions, Dec. 4



### [Music programming for primary grades](#)

Music programs have been scaled back or eliminated altogether from the curricula of many schools. Luckily,



[Tokyo Sonata](#) (2008, Japan / Netherlands / Hong Kong). Ryūhei Sasaki (Teruyuki Kagawa) loses his job after 46 years and tries to hide it from his family, going to the public library instead.



[Tomcats](#) (2001). Jerry O'Connell as Michael Delany decides in a library bathroom that he will seduce the first woman he sees. He passes on the first, but the second is stereotypical librarian Jill (played by Heather Stephens), who invites him inside after their date. There he meets Grammy (Marnie Crossen), a retired librarian. Jill quickly transforms into a leather-clad librarian dominatrix who berates him for disrespecting books and gives him one whack for each day his book is overdue. Then Grammy joins the pair, wielding a whip.

**This AL Direct feature** describes hundreds of films (and some TV shows) in which libraries and librarians are featured, from 1912 to the present. The full list is a [Web Extra](#) associated with [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart and published by ALA Editions.

storytimes offer ideal opportunities for music and songs. [Let's Start the Music: Programming for Primary Grades](#), published by ALA Editions, is a collection of easy-to-use, easy-to-adapt library programs for children in grades K–3. Amy Brown connects songs and musical activities directly to books kids love to read....

ALA Editions, Dec. 4



### [Become an internet search expert](#)

The new fourth edition of the bestselling [Expert Internet Searching](#), from Facet Publishing, is Phil Bradley's no-nonsense guide to the tools for finding the right information more quickly and effectively than ever before. Formerly titled *The Advanced Internet Searcher's Handbook*, the book benefits casual searchers and expert information retrievers alike. It has been rewritten from scratch and offers readers the information and guidance they need to choose the right search tools and strategies for each information query....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Dec. 10



### [The most important uses of space for 21st century libraries](#)

A cutting-edge text capturing the insights and practical ideas of leading international librarians, educators and designers, [Better Library and Learning Spaces: Projects, Trends and Ideas](#), from Facet Publishing, addresses the critical question of how libraries can maximize spaces through design. Editor Les Watson and his contributors offer a creative resource bank that introduces key concepts, draws together opinions, and encourages new ways of thinking about library learning spaces for the future....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Dec. 10



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## Booklist ONLINE

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

Meck, Su, with Daniel De Vise. *I Forgot to Remember: A Memoir of Amnesia*. Feb. 2014, 288p. Simon & Schuster, hardcover (978-1-4516-8581-5).

It was a freaky accident. When a ceiling fan fell and struck her, Su Meck received a gash in her forehead. She writes, "This was the

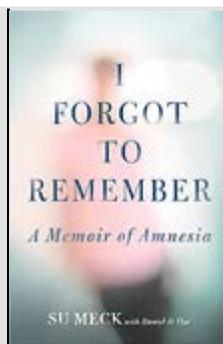
You can browse the films on our [Libraries on Film Pinterest board](#).



### Career Leads from JobLIST

#### [21st Century Mormon and Western Manuscripts Curator](#)

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. The mission of this position is to identify, appraise, acquire, catalog, and preserve manuscript materials of enduring historical value related to Utah, the Western US, and Mormonism, following accepted professional standards and practices with an emphasis on born-digital collections. This position is responsible for Mormon manuscripts from 2000 to the present, Trans-Mississippi West manuscripts from 2000 to the present, non-Mormon and non-literary manuscripts from 2000 to the present, local Utah County history from



day that my old life ended and my new life began." The old Su was rebellious, the new Su was compliant after suffering not only a traumatic brain injury but also complete retrograde amnesia as well as anterograde amnesia. Essentially, the accident wiped out her memories and prevented her from making new ones. In this remarkable memoir, Meck chronicles her experiences as she learned to live in "a house full of strangers."...

### [Top 10 science and health books: 2013](#)



Donna Seaman writes: "A fantastic voyage through the body, journeys to the edge of mathematical concepts, chasing butterflies, a search for a lost bird, respect and health care for veterans, and wise words of advice for young scientists, the best science and health books reviewed in *Booklist* between December 1, 2012, and November 15, 2013, cover a world of intriguing discoveries."...

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

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## Philadelphia Update

### [Robert Burns at the Rosenbach](#)

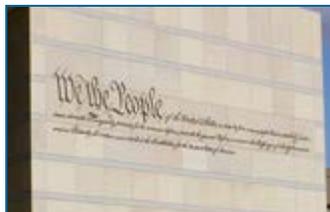
Join the staff of the Rosenbach Museum and Library, 2008–2010 Delancey Place, as they celebrate Scotland's most-loved bard, Robert Burns (right), on the afternoon of January 25. Tea and biscuits will be available. Local scholars and enthusiasts will recite Burns's poetry, and bagpipe and voice duo Susan and Donald Simon will perform Burns songs. You can continue the Burns-a-thon by going to the World Café Live, 3025 Walnut Street, for its traditional Burns Night celebration....

Rosenbach Museum and Library



### [National Constitution Center](#)

The National Constitution Center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan institution devoted to the US Constitution and its legacy. Located on Independence Mall, the center serves as an interactive museum, a hub of civic education, and a national town hall for constitutional dialogue. It regularly hosts government leaders, journalists, scholars, and celebrities for public discussions. On January 24 it will present a free Coffee and Conversation program on "[What You Need to Know about American Politics.](#)" with journalist Linda Greenhouse, historian Donald Ritchie, and political science professor



2000 to the present, and Southeastern Idaho Mormon materials from 2000 to the present. Preference is given to qualified candidates who are members in good standing of the affiliated church....



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## Digital Library of the Week



[Franklin](#), the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum's digital repository and virtual research room, was launched on December 4. Franklin offers 350,000 pages of archival documents, 2,000 historical photographs, and hundreds of archival finding aids and collection descriptions. Documents include

Richard Valeyly...  
National Constitution Center

## [National Museum of American Jewish History](#)

The National Museum of American Jewish History, established in 1976 on Independence Mall, is the only major national museum dedicated to telling the story of Jews in America from 1654 to the present. During the Midwinter Meeting, the museum will present a special exhibit on "[Pop Lubin's Silent Film Empire](#)." Siegmund Lubin (d. 1923) was a German-American motion picture pioneer who began making films in 1897. The crown jewel of his empire was Betzwood, a dignified estate that Lubin planned to turn into a model industrial village and the greatest movie studio of its day....

National Museum of American Jewish History



## [Philadelphia Art Alliance](#)

The Philadelphia Art Alliance is a multidisciplinary arts center located at 251 South 18th Street in the Rittenhouse Square neighborhood. It is the oldest multidisciplinary arts center in the US for visual, literary, and performing arts. During the Midwinter Meeting, the center will host an exhibit of the works of ceramic artist [William Daley](#) (right), including a recent short film about Daley and his work, *Mud Architect*, as well as images, drawings, and sketches from Daley's studio....

Philadelphia Art Alliance



## [Public ice skating in Philadelphia](#)

Jillian Wilson writes: "Embrace the winter chill with open arms (for balance, of course) by showing off your finest ice skating moves at a number of public ice skating rinks in the Philadelphia region. At the [Blue Cross RiverRink](#) (right), an open-air Olympic-size rink on Penn's Landing, skaters take in a spectacular view of the city while gliding alongside the Delaware River. The city's newest outdoor rink, Skate at the Piazza, offers 5,000 square feet of artificial ice for skaters who want to show off their best moves."...

Uwishunu, Dec. 5



## [Morris Arboretum](#)

One of the region's most-beloved horticulture destinations, the Morris Arboretum at the University of Pennsylvania holds acres upon acres of forest, gardens, sculptures, and greenhouses. Thousands of rare and lovely woody plants, including many of Philadelphia's oldest and largest trees, are set in a 92-acre, Victorian landscape garden of winding paths, streams, flowers, and special garden areas. Winter Wellness Walks are held on Saturday mornings, and open-ended guided tours are held year round on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m....

Morris Arboretum



## [Howl at the Moon](#)

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's New Deal and wartime correspondence with world leaders, government administrators, and regular Americans. Photographs include public domain images of the Roosevelts throughout their respective lifetimes, as well as subject areas like the Great Depression, New Deal, and World War II. The FDR Library's digital partner, Marist College, developed and implemented the underlying database infrastructure based on the Archon platform.

**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**

**"You can never go back to not being a librarian."**

—Courtney Greene McDonald, on the "[Making the Discovery Decision](#)" episode of AL Live, Dec. 5.

**"A great Library cannot be entered by one of any refinement in thought and aspiration, without a certain feeling of awe. Surrounded by the productions of genius, the elegance of art, the delights of the mind, it is but natural that in the quiet, silent Library,**

Warm up your vocal cords and prepare for a night singing along with your favorite songs at the [Howl at the Moon](#) dueling-piano bar at 258 South 15th Street. Every night, performers take the stage to put together a lively show using pianos, drums, guitars, and audience participation. Shows never follow a set template or playlist, and the party is always evolving. Quench your thirst at the bar with craft beers and cocktails or grab a bite to eat from the menu featuring twists on American classics....

Visit Philadelphia



### [How to pack your suitcase more effectively](#)

Andrew Tarantola writes: "It doesn't matter whether you're going away for a few nights or a fortnight, there's no need to carry more matched luggage than Princess Vespa. With a bit of planning and these simple storage techniques, you'll be able to pack your holiday's worth of gear into a standard carry-on. Over-packing for a trip is a rookie mistake, and a costly one at that; pack too much and your free carry-on will suddenly become a \$25 checked bag." Watch the [video](#) (1:23)....

Gizmodo, Dec. 7; YouTube, June 19, 2012



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## Division News

### [ACRL financial literacy forum in Philadelphia](#)

Join ACRL on January 25 at the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia for "[Financial Literacy: Why Students Need Librarians to Get Involved.](#)" Featured speaker Adi Redzic (right), cofounder and executive director of [iOme Challenge](#), will make the case for why young people need librarians and other library professionals to get involved in facilitating greater financial literacy in our communities....

ACRL, Dec. 9



### [Registration opens for winter ALSC online courses](#)

ALSC has opened registration for its Winter 2014 online courses, three of which are CEU-certified by the International Association of Continuing Education and Training. [Register](#) now for 4–6 week classes, which begin January 6....

ALSC, Dec. 10

### [AASL National Conference is on demand on eCOLLAB](#)

The AASL 16th National Conference has wrapped up, but the learning and conversation continues on AASL's professional development repository, [eCOLLAB](#), where a selection of recorded concurrent sessions and related handouts are now available to AASL members and eCOLLAB subscribers....

AASL, Dec. 10



### reverence should possess the soul."

—Richard Skinner, "An Hour or Two in the College Library," *Yale Literary Magazine* 27, no. 2 (Nov. 1861): 52.

@ [More quotes...](#)

## Calendar

**Jan. 21–24:** [Association for Library and Information Science Education](#), Annual Conference, DoubleTree Philadelphia City Center. "Educational Entrepreneurship."

**Feb. 1–4:** [National Reading Recovery and K–6 Classroom Literacy Conference](#), Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio.

**Feb. 4:** [Society for Scholarly Publishing](#), 2014 Librarian Focus Group, American Geophysical Union, Washington, D.C.

**Feb. 20:** [Amigos Library Services](#), online conference. "Is RDA on Your RaDAR?"

**Feb. 27:** [Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania](#), Annual Meeting, Canberra, ACT, Australia. "National Libraries in the Digital Domain."

### [Holiday shopping made easier](#)

Need a gift for the book lover(s) in your life? Check out the annual lists of outstanding fiction, nonfiction, poetry, genre fiction, and Jewish literature compiled by the readers' advisory experts of RUSA.... RUSA, Dec. 10

### [Midwinter symposium on public access to research](#)

["Here There Be Dragons: Public Access to Federally Funded Research"](#) is a Midwinter Symposium copresented by ALCTS and Digital Commons that offers a unique opportunity to explore the complex issues surrounding the collection, organization, delivery, and preservation of federally funded research. Join your colleagues on January 24 by [registering online](#) for the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.... ALCTS, Dec. 10

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## Awards & Grants

### [William C. Morris Award finalists](#)

YALSA has selected five books as finalists for the 2014 William C. Morris Award, which honors the year's best books written for young adults by a previously unpublished author. The winner will be named at the Youth Media Awards on January 27 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. More information on the finalists and the award can be found on the [YALSA website](#). Join the Morris Award [reading challenge](#).... YALSA, Dec. 4; YALSA The Hub, Dec. 9



### [Nonfiction for young adults finalists](#)

YALSA has selected five books as finalists for the 2014 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults, which honors the best nonfiction books written for young adults. The winner will be named at the Youth Media Awards on January 27 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. More information on the finalists and the award can be found on the [YALSA website](#).... YALSA, Dec. 9



### [ALA awards deadlines extended](#)

The deadline has been extended to February 3 for a number of ALA awards and grants: the Information Today Library of the Future Award, Beta Phi Mu Award, Melvil Dewey Award, Equality Award, Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship, H. W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant, Scholastic Library Publishing Award, and the Sullivan Award for Public Library Administrators Supporting Services to Children.... Office of ALA Governance, Dec. 10

### [2014 Penguin Young Readers Group Award](#)

ALSC has awarded the 2014 Penguin Young Readers Group Award to JoAnna Schofield, Rikki Unterbrink, Amanda Yother, and Emily Dumas. The \$600 stipend, made possible by an annual gift from Penguin Young Readers Group, enables up to four children's librarians to attend their first ALA Annual Conference. Applicants must demonstrate an involvement in ALSC as well as other professional and educational

### [Mar. 13–14: National Latino Children's Literature Conference.](#)

University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies, Tuscaloosa. "Connecting Cultures and Celebrating Cuentos."

### [Mar. 26–28: Association for Information Science and Technology.](#)

2014 Research Data Access and Preservation Summit, Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina.

### [Apr. 10–12: Association of Architecture School Librarians.](#)

Annual Conference, Miami.

### [May 1–5: Art Libraries Society of North America.](#)

Annual Conference, Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C. "Art+Politics."

### [May 27–30: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries](#)

[International Conference](#), Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey.

### [June 16–26: Institute for Research Design in Librarianship.](#)

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

### [June 24–27: ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.](#)

55th Preconference, Las Vegas, Nevada. "Retrofit: Exploring

associations....  
ALSC, Dec. 9

### [Richards Free Library a Literary Landmark](#)

United for Libraries, in partnership with the trustees of the Richards Free Library in Newport, New Hampshire, designated a memorial park outside the library a Literary Landmark in honor of Sarah Josepha Hale (1788–1879) on November 23. Hale was a prominent editor who promoted the education of women and was instrumental in establishing Thanksgiving as a national holiday. The library has presented a Sarah Josepha Hale literary award annually since 1956....  
United for Libraries, Dec. 9



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

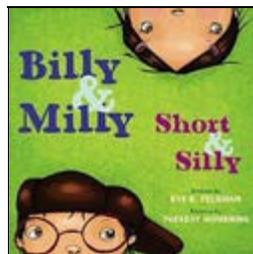
ALA and the Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation opened applications December 6 for the new [Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries](#), which recognize libraries for their role in the growth of graphic literature. The collaboration extends graphic novels into a new realm by encouraging public awareness about the rise and importance of graphic literature and honoring the creative excellence of Will Eisner. The [application](#) deadline is February 7....  
Graphic Novels & Comics in Libraries Member Initiative Group, Dec. 6

### [Apply for an Opening Minds Innovation Award](#)

Individuals and organizations interested in submitting a nomination for the Opening Minds Innovation Awards, sponsored by Follett, have until December 13 to apply online. The [Opening Minds USA](#) awards seek to recognize innovations that are advancing the field of early childhood education to better the lives of young children and their families....  
Follett Learning, Dec. 5

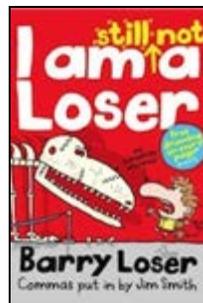
### [2013 Jane Yolen Mid-List Author Grants](#)

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators revealed the winners of its 2013 Jane Yolen Mid-List Author Award. Eve Feldman, author of *Billy and Milly, Short and Silly* (Putnam) and *Dog Crazy* (Tambourine) is the winner and will receive \$3,000. The grant assists mid-list authors to honor their contribution and help raise awareness about their current works-in-progress....  
SCBWI Blog, Dec. 10



### [2013 Roald Dahl Funny Prize](#)

Jim Smith's *I Am Still Not a Loser*, the second book in the Barry Loser series, has won the 2013 Roald Dahl Funny Prize in the age 7–14 category. *Monkey Nut* by Simon Rickerty was given the award for the funniest book for children age 6 and under. Both authors were awarded £2,500 (\$4,112 US) each at a December 10 ceremony at the Cambridge Theatre in London, home to the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*....  
*The Guardian* (UK), Dec. 10



Space, Place, and the Artifact in Special Collections."  
**Proposals due December 16.**

**Sept. 2–5:**  
[ISIC: The Information Behaviour Conference](#), University of Leeds, United Kingdom.

**Sep. 17–20:**  
[American Association for State and Local History](#), Annual Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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## [Waterstones Book of the Year](#)

Forty-eight years after it was first published, *Stoner* (Vintage Classics) by the late US author John Williams has been named the Waterstones Book of the Year 2013. The story of an unassuming literary scholar who hits career and marriage problems, *Stoner* was first published in the US in 1965 but had fallen out of print by the following year. Recently it's been making a slow-burning [literary comeback](#) to win praise from contemporary readers and writers. The Waterstones Book of the Year is chosen from suggestions made by its booksellers....

*The Bookseller*, Dec. 3; *The Guardian* (UK), Dec. 3



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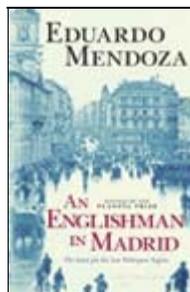
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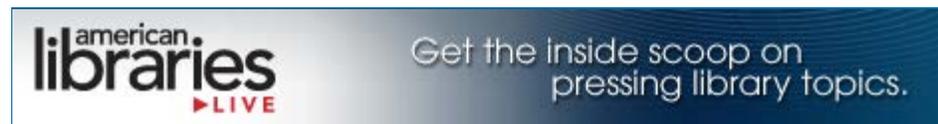
## [2013 European Book Prize](#)

Catalan novelist Eduardo Mendoza has won the 2013 European Book Prize for fiction with his novel *An Englishman in Madrid* (Maclehose), set in Madrid prior to the Spanish Civil War in the late 1930s. The European Book Prize is organized by the Paris-based Esprit d'Europe association. The announcement was made at a December 4 awards ceremony at the European Parliament in Brussels....

Catalan News Agency, Dec. 5



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## **Libraries in the News**

### [Historical Society recovers documents](#)

The Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore has finished recovering all the historical documents that were stolen in 2012. Librarian Patricia Anderson (right) has cataloged hundreds of historic documents believed to be stolen by Barry Landau, a collector of presidential memorabilia. Last year he and another man pled guilty to stealing thousands of historic documents from several East Coast museums, including the historical society, which lost 140 items in the heist....

WBFF-TV, Baltimore, Dec. 4



### [Air Force slashes its library funding](#)

Strapped for cash to keep its airplanes in the sky, the US Air Force has slashed funding for its on-base libraries. Four of them across the country—including the Thomas S. Power Library at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska—were closed October 1. Two others have suspended operations until they can be restructured, and 13 more have reduced their hours. The closure at Offutt cost Library Director Becky Sims and five other employees their jobs, but



will save the 55th Force Support Squadron \$217,000....

*Omaha World-Herald*, Dec. 9

### [Librarian dismissed over air-quality dispute](#)

Commissioners have fired Debbie Benedict, director of the Meagher County City Library (right) in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, following two months of conflict over air quality within the building. At a December 5 commission meeting, Benedict was presented with a termination letter charging her with insubordination. The dispute centered around Benedict's concerns about contaminants in the library, her refusal to work in the building until tests of the air quality were performed, and the county's refusal to perform the requested tests....

*Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune*, Dec. 10



### [SFPL's alleged peeing vandal](#) (beware puns)

Max A. Cherney writes: "Don't tinkle on his parade. An alleged repeeing-offender accused of causing \$3,030.79 in damage to San Francisco Public Library books is now a wanted fugitive, on the run from the law, according to law enforcement officials. Aton Joni Cole was charged with one count of vandalism, but whizzed away from his scheduled arraignment on October 31. Information flowing from law enforcement suggests that the alleged scoundrel urinated on 109 books at San Francisco's Main Library, across three shelves."...

*San Francisco Appeal*, Dec. 10

### [San Francisco increases security measures](#)

The San Francisco Public Library hopes to start a new chapter in its troubled story as it ramps up investment in custodian and security personnel following a string of complaints and unsavory incidents that renewed the focus on patron behavior. In early December, library officials unveiled increases to both security and custodian staffing as an interim solution and asked the City Controller's Office to audit both functions, which is expected to lead to more sweeping reform....

*San Francisco Examiner*, Dec. 9

### [Racing library speeds ahead with annual raffles](#)

If you're going to keep a racing library and archives going, the best way to raise money is probably going to have something to do with cars. That is why it isn't surprising that the [International Motor Racing Research Center](#) in Watkins Glen, New York, raffles off a classic car every year to raise money. This year, the \$60 tickets went toward the chance of owning a 1982 Ferrari 308 GTSi with only 1,250 miles on the odometer. The tickets raised about \$130,000 for the library, which is an adjunct to the Watkins Glen Public Library....

*New York Times*, Dec. 11



### [Dallas launches new homeless awareness program](#)

Many Dallas Public Library patrons are homeless, and now the library staff has started to welcome them in a new way. Coffee and Conversations, a one-hour session that caters to homeless people, is the brainchild of Jo Giudice, who became library director in 2012. Two sessions have been held since early November, and the next is set for December 19. Attendance has doubled to more than 70. The next step is to develop targeted programs for the homeless customers....

*Dallas Morning News, Dec. 6*

### [Man sues Salt Lake City over library rules](#)

After being asked to leave the Sprague branch of the Salt Lake City Public Library because of his lack of hygiene, a Utah man is suing the library for \$25,000, and he wants his library card reactivated. According to a lawsuit filed in 3rd District Court December 4, the man wrote that over the summer, he was banned from the branch by a staff member "who said that I smelled and I was unclean."...

*Salt Lake Tribune, Dec. 5*

### [Oakland school libraries are struggling](#)

Liza Veale writes: "The nonprofit Friends of the Oakland (Calif.) Public School Libraries works to fill the funding void for in-school libraries that often is supplemented in more affluent neighborhoods by the PTA. On November 18, the Friends hosted a community dialogue to strategize their mission to endow all Oakland Public Schools with multimedia libraries. Only nine of the city's 75 schools meet or even approach the state standards for in-school libraries."...

*Oakland (Calif.) Local, Dec. 9*



### [British libraries continue to close](#)

More than 70 libraries closed in the UK during the past year, according to 2012–2013 figures published December 10 by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. As well as recording the loss of 74 static and mobile libraries, the annual report also recorded drops in library expenditure, library visits, the number of staff, and the number of books issued....

*The Bookseller, Dec. 10*

### [Canada dismantles its best fishery library](#)

The Canadian government has dismantled one of the world's top aquatic and fishery libraries as part of its agenda to reduce government and limit the role of environmental science in policy decision-making. Nearly 40,000 books and papers were removed from the Eric Marshall Library at the Freshwater Institute at the University of Manitoba and taken to a federal library in Sidney, British Columbia. Scientists, consultants, and members of the public were allowed to scavenge through whatever remained....

*The Tyee, Dec. 9*

### [Exploring Dutch culture at the airport library](#)

Jeanine Deckers writes: "Shortly after I became manager of the Mobile Library department of ProBiblio, a service organization for public libraries in the Netherlands, we decided to make libraries on the beach for the summer holidays. It was a huge success, so we started thinking about other places to make libraries. Why not the airport?"...

*The Library As Incubator Project, Dec. 10*



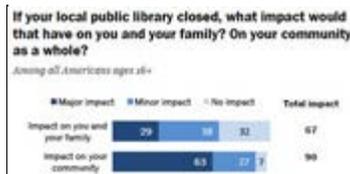
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## Issues

## [How Americans value libraries in their communities](#)

Americans strongly value the role of public libraries in their communities, both for providing access to materials and resources and for promoting literacy and improving the overall quality of life. A new survey by the Pew Internet and American Life Project emphasizes that [value](#), with some 90% of Americans ages 16 and older saying that the closing of their local public library would have an impact on their community; 63% said it would have a “major” impact. Respondents rated “books and media,” “librarian assistance,” and “having a quiet, safe place” as the most important library services....

Pew Internet and American Life Project, Dec. 11; ALA Office for Information Technology Policy, Dec. 11



## [NSA infiltrated video games, Second Life](#)

Not limiting their activities to the earthly realm, American and British spies have infiltrated the fantasy worlds of *World of Warcraft* and *Second Life*, conducting surveillance and scooping up data in the online games played by millions of people across the globe, according to newly disclosed classified documents. The spies created make-believe characters to snoop, recruit informers, and collect data and communications between players, according to documents disclosed by former NSA contractor Edward J. Snowden.” Watch the [video](#) (3:17)....

*New York Times*, Dec. 9



## [Tech companies push for surveillance reform](#)

Eight of the nation’s largest technology companies called on President Obama and Congress on Monday to impose strict new curbs on surveillance that, if enacted, would dramatically reshape intelligence operations. Sites that have signed on for [Global Government Surveillance Reform](#) include AOL, Facebook, Google, LinkedIn, Microsoft, Twitter, and Yahoo. The coalition calls for an end to bulk collection of user information—such as email, address books, and video chats—and the enactment of significant new protections when courts consider specific surveillance requests....

*Washington Post*, Dec. 8



## [Elsevier vs. Academic.edu vs. researchers](#)

John Dupuis writes: “On December 6, Elsevier began [sending takedown notices](#) to Academia.edu for articles that authors have posted where they are in violation of the copyright transfer agreement that the author has signed. On the one hand, Elsevier is completely justified in enforcing its author agreements. On the other hand, this is a stark reminder to authors just who owns their research outputs.” Nancy Sims [points out](#) other situations where authors are signing away their rights....

Confessions of a Science Librarian, Dec. 10; MedCity News, Dec. 7; Copyright Librarian, Dec. 9

## [MOOCs misfire, then morph](#)

A study of one million users of massive open online courses (MOOCs), [released](#) December 5 by the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, found that only about half of those who

registered for a course ever viewed a lecture, and only about 4% completed the courses. But even the loudest critics of MOOCs do not expect them to fade away. More likely, they will morph into many different shapes....

*New York Times*, Dec. 10; Penn Graduate School of Education, Dec. 5

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## Tech Talk

### [Every customer support number you'll ever need](#)

Jordan Minor writes: "Customer Support is theoretically there to help, but it too can be a disappointingly unpleasant experience. Websites may bury the 800 number, automated systems at the other end of the phone mishear words, and you spend most of your time either pressing buttons or shouting 'Yes' and 'No' at the phone. To help you avoid all that frustration, we've compiled a list of customer support phone numbers and tips for navigating to an actual person."...

*PC Magazine*, Dec. 5



### [Take a coding tutorial](#)

Melanie Pinola writes: "It's Computer Science Education Week, and Code.org has brought together some of the biggest names in the tech industry to teach everyone to code. All it takes is an hour to start learning. The tutorials cover most of the popular scripting languages. There's one from Mark Zuckerberg and Angry Birds, an intro to JavaScript from Khan Academy, Python basics from Grok Learning, and several 'make a mobile app in an hour' tutorials." Watch the [video](#) (2:23) then sign up [here](#)....

*Lifehacker*, Dec. 6; YouTube, Dec. 8; Code.org



### [Codecademy releases its first educational app](#)

Eliza Brooke writes: "Codecademy made its first foray into the app space December 10 and released an intro to coding course designed to take less than an hour to complete. I had a lot of laundry to do, so I figured I'd give it a shot. The [Hour of Code app](#) offers coursework that can be done in bite-sized portions on the go, well-suited for working professionals and busy types who want to learn a new skill."...

*TechCrunch*, Dec. 11



### [App turns your phone into a 3D scanner](#)

Kevin C. Tofel writes: "I've seen a number of 3D scanning applications for smartphones in the past, but the latest one from researchers at ETH Zurich is the most impressive. The output looks incredibly detailed and the application couldn't be easier to use. Essentially, you just hold your phone in front of an object and the software will create the 3D image on the fly, adding more data points as you move your phone around the scanned object." Watch the [video](#)



(2:55)....

GigaOM, Dec. 6; YouTube, Dec. 3

## [The 10 best HDTVs](#)

Wendy Sheehan Donnell writes: "With new technologies and a wider array of features, there's a lot more to decide when you're shopping for a new HDTV. First you need to figure out which type of television to get: Do you want the deep, dark blacks that plasma does best? Next you need to settle on a brand, a screen size, and your must-have features. No small feat, but this Best HDTVs list is a good place to start."...

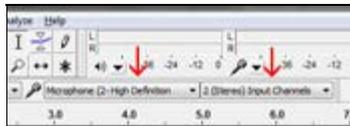
PC Magazine, Dec. 5



## [How to digitize cassettes and other old media](#)

Korbin Brown writes: "If you have some old cassette tapes, it's a good idea to digitize and back them up before they decide to show their age and stop working. In this guide, we'll show you how to convert your old collections to digital files, and the best practices for doing so. Ideally, you'll want to use a high-quality tape deck. Lower-quality devices will require you to use the headphone jack on your computer, but better devices will be equipped with a line-out jack, which is what you'll want to use if you have it."...

How-To Geek, Dec. 11



## [Firefox 26 brings improvements](#)

Sebastian Anthony writes: "Firefox 26 is now officially available to [download](#). This is one of the most significant releases in recent history, introducing built-in click-to-play functionality for some plug-ins. Firefox 26 also represents the dramatic culmination of Mozilla's MemShrink project, which has spent the last two and a half years trying to battle Firefox's reputation for being a memory hog. Firefox 26 has a very svelte memory footprint indeed."...

ExtremeTech, Dec. 10



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# E-Content

## [E-content and libraries: 2013 in review](#)

Mirela Roncevic writes: "Looking back at how e-content in libraries, in all its incarnations, continued to evolve throughout 2013, it becomes obvious that 2013 carried on the legacy of the years past. Those who created, reviewed, sold, and managed e-content for libraries witnessed a kind of solidification (rather than reinvention) of a number of initiatives and products that were introduced in 2011 and 2012. In many ways, 2013 was less about changing the game and more about playing it well."...

No Shelf Required, Dec. 10



## [DPLA: Young but well connected](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "After only seven months, the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) serves as the



central link in an expanding network of cultural institutions that want to make their holdings more visible to the public. It has attracted financial support from foundations and government agencies, and it's begun to attract not only users in search of far-flung information but also developers who want to build new tools and applications on its open-source platform."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education*, Dec. 9

### All Norwegian books to be digitized

Alexis C. Madrigal writes: "The National Library of Norway will [digitize](#) its entire collection by the mid-2020s. When the library is finished scanning, the entire record of a people's language and literature will be machine-readable and sitting in whatever we call the cloud in 15 years. If you happen to be in Norway, as measured by your IP address, you will be able to access all 20th-century works, even those still under copyright."...

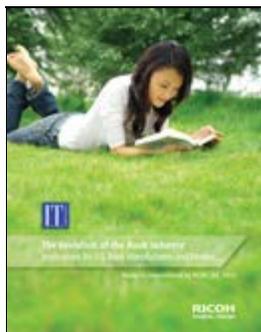
*The Atlantic*, Dec. 3; National Library of Norway



### New study: Many readers will not abandon print

Nearly 70% of consumers feel it is unlikely that they'll give up on printed books by 2016, according to a new report ([PDF file](#)) from Ricoh and analyst firm IT Strategies with the University of Colorado at Boulder. The main reasons for preferring print over [ebooks](#) are that these consumers like the look and feel of a real book, they don't have to strain their eyes to read print, and they like putting books on the bookshelf....

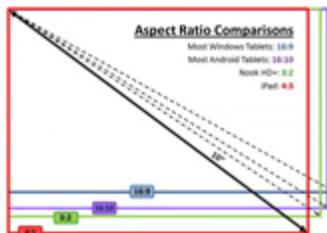
GalleyCat, Dec. 9; TeleRead, Dec. 11



### Tablet aspect ratios compared

Nathan Groezinger writes: "Thys Kotzé sent in this chart (right) comparing the different aspect ratios for tablets. As the illustration notes, most newer Android tablets have 16:10 ratio screens, Windows tablets have 16:9 ratio screens, and the ever-popular iPad variants all have 4:3 ratio screens. The major exception to the rule is the Nook HD+ with its 9-inch, 1920 x 1280 resolution screen. It's the only tablet that I know of with a 3:2 ratio screen."...

The eBook Reader Blog, Dec. 7



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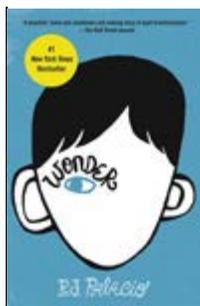
## Books & Reading

### See grown-ups read

Alexandra Alter writes: "After R. J. Palacio's novel *Wonder* was released in February 2012, in a bright, cartoonish hardcover edition clearly aimed at 8- to 12-

year-olds, something unexpected happened. Prominent adult novelists heaped praise on the book and urged their fans to read it. Middle-grade books have now become a booming publishing category, fueled in part by adult fans who read the Harry Potter series and fell in love with the genre."...

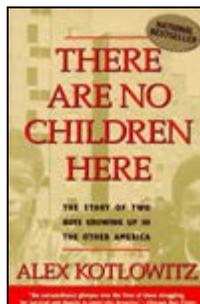
*Wall Street Journal*, Dec. 5



### **10 nonfiction books about poverty**

Michelle Dean writes: "Many of the great names in journalism have been those who have doggedly pursued the stories of impoverished people. The appeal of these stories is the way they challenge others, as well as the focus on humanistic detail with which they necessarily qualify established narratives. You might want to check out some of the books on this list, constituting some of the very finest in this kind of reportage and writing over the last half-century."...

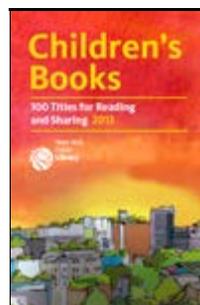
Flavorwire, Dec. 9



### **NYPL's list of 2013 children's books**

Jeanne Lamb writes: "*Children's Books: 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing* ([PDF file](#)), the latest edition of the New York Public Library's annual list of titles published for children, is now available. Nineteen children's librarians pored over a wealth of new releases throughout the year, often with the help of the children in their branches, and have selected a delicious sampling of stories for you to peruse. Enjoy this snapshot of the creativity and artistry to be found in books being published for preschoolers on up through 6th grade."...

New York Public Library Blogs, Dec. 5



### **Multicultural holiday books**

Nicole Lee Martin writes: "The ALSC Public Awareness Committee makes a special effort to promote programs and books that celebrate multiculturalism. Here you will find some of my favorite multicultural holiday picture books. What better way to honor and educate others

about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas than with a fun holiday book? Little ones and adults alike are sure to enjoy sharing these stories."...

ALSC Blog, Dec. 8



### **Ice cold girl power**

Hannah Gómez writes: "Fairy tales (like Hans Christian Andersen's *The Snow Queen*) are not technically very interesting. They are usually either weak on plot or heavy-handed with it. The tropes get tired. They're either Disneyfied or horrifying. The prose in just about any collection is dry and without much art. But that's what makes them fun to play with. Disney's *Frozen* plays with your expectation of how things in fairy tales are supposed to work, because the studio knows what its audience



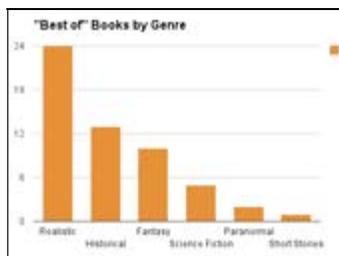
expects.”...

YALSA The Hub, Dec. 5

### [Breakdown of 2013 YA titles](#)

Kelly Jensen writes: “Welcome to the third annual Best of YA list breakdown. Since 2011, I’ve gone through the ‘best of’ lists developed by the biggest trade review journals and pulled together some statistics. There were a total of 55 books on these lists, 55 authors, and a total of 62 main characters, as some books were written through more than one point of view. This year, I wanted to look at a number of factors like last year, and that requires [more than one](#) post, so this is the first of three.”...

Stacked, Dec. 10–12



### [NPR Books reveals Book Concierge app](#)

Dianna Dilworth writes: “NPR Books has released a new web app designed to help readers discover what they might like to read among NPR’s best 200 books of the year. The [Book Concierge](#) lets you mix and match from 21 different categories of reading. You can combine your moods to come up with what will fit.”...

GalleyCat, Dec. 4



### [Holiday gifts for literature lovers](#)

BuzzFeed offers up 16 gift possibilities for readers, writers, and library lovers. For example, number 8 is a Libraries of Los Angeles tote bag (right) sold by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles. And number 3 is a set of hilarious yet oddly beautiful trading cards displaying your favorite authors reimagined as monsters. Another gift source is [Archie McPhee](#) (a mail-order shop located in a Seattle suburb), which sells Jane Austen tattoos, Shakespearean insult gum, and Edgar Allan Poe lunchboxes. Courtney Baron [suggests](#) a few other ideas....

BuzzFeed Books, Dec. 6; Archie McPhee & Co.; Hack Library School, Dec. 10



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## Tips & Ideas

### [How to kill a school library in 10 easy steps](#)

Robin Overby Cox writes: “This is a straightforward, how-to set of instructions for squelching all remnants of library service in a school community. It’s been a painful set of rants and raves to record, and I can’t say I’ve enjoyed it. However, what I see worries me so much that I just can’t keep my mouth shut.”...

School Library Journal, Dec. 4

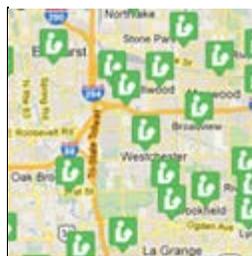


### [OCLC shares library data with Yelp](#)

OCLC is working with [Yelp](#), the website and mobile

app that connects consumers with local businesses, to increase public access to local library information. Yelp is integrating information from the database of library listings maintained through the [OCLC Library Spotlight program](#) to supplement existing Yelp library listings. Yelp is the first such online service to work with OCLC, which will incorporate more partners in the future to give libraries greater visibility on the web. Watch the Library Spotlight [video](#) (2:12)....

OCLC, Dec. 10; YouTube, Apr. 12



### [Countries of publication in WorldCat](#)

Roy Tennant writes: "I'm a data geek. So recently I decided to look into the countries of publication as recorded in the 300-million-plus MARC records in WorldCat. Just for kicks I did some processing of the 260 \$a subfield, which is the 'Place of publication, distribution, etc.' as it appears on the piece, or noted in various other ways if it doesn't. With no further ado, here are the top 25 countries of publication from the records in WorldCat."...

HangingTogether, Dec. 10

### [Video game champions in the public library](#)

Matt Akers writes: "For a handful of Massachusetts librarians, one of the goals of public libraries is to preserve video games. Four such librarians work within the Minuteman Library Network, a consortium of 43 tax-funded institutions across MetroWest Massachusetts, just outside Boston. Their respective philosophies are unique, but they all agree that one of the public library's most sacred tasks is to archive cultural artifacts and video games—just like books, music, and film."...

Joystiq, Dec. 10



### [AALL announces legal research competency standards](#) (PDF file)

The American Association of Law Libraries has launched an online information center dedicated to promoting its [Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency](#) within the legal profession. The center provides access to the principles and standards, implementation and best practice ideas, and information on upcoming programs on using the standards....

American Association of Law Libraries, Dec. 6

### [National Geographic shares maps with Google](#)

Google is launching an initiative to let organizations share their map data with the public, via Google's Maps product and cloud-based infrastructure, and today partner National Geographic [announced](#) its participation in the project and shared some info via the official Google Maps blog. The partnership will mean that more than 500 reference and historic maps will now be available to browse as an additional layer on Google's digital Maps engine."...

TechCrunch, Dec. 6; Google Lat Long, Dec. 6



## [Confess your stress: Selfies as therapy](#)

Brian Mathews writes: "My new favorite thing is the Stress Confessional Photo Booth. Virginia Tech has a portable photo booth that pops up at different campus locations. It's a great value-add for events: Students snap their photos and print them out for free. This time the library added a creative thematic element: the Stress Confessional. We invited students to open up and confess their stress. Get it down on paper—you'll feel better."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education: The Ubiquitous Librarian*, Dec. 10



## [Librarians, watch your backs](#)

Roz Warren writes: "There are two kinds of people, my sister says. People with back problems, and people who don't have back problems yet. What did mine in was decades of library work. Hours spent lifting small weights (books). And heavier weights (reference books). I thought nothing of stooping, hoisting up a mammoth box of books, then lugging it the length of the library. Then one morning I got out of bed and I couldn't stand up."...

*New York Times*, Dec. 10

## [Presentations without bullet points](#)

Joe Hardenbrook writes: "When I give a presentation, my slides tend to be more visual, or even abstract. I ditched the death-by-bullet point long ago. No one wants to sit through that. Put a few important keywords on a slide, add the rest to your notes, and use a powerful image to convey the spirit of the information you are trying to relay."...

Mr. Library Dude, Dec. 9

## [Growing an early literacy initiative in Wisconsin](#)

Tessa Michaelson Schmidt writes: "Early literacy reading programs have deep roots in Wisconsin public libraries. In 2013, an idea sprouted: How could we bring early literacy efforts in the library to the whole community, all across the state? [Growing Wisconsin Readers](#) is a new statewide, public library-based early literacy initiative that brings together caregivers of young children and early childhood advocates with a simple message: Read to your child."...

UpNext: The IMLS Blog, Dec. 6



## [Book speed-dating for 8th graders](#)

Leigh Collazo writes: "This went so well. I had the best results with the 8th grade class, who better understood all my dating jokes. My 8th grade library assistants, who saw the speed dating as they worked in the library, all asked me to do this with their classes, too. So here is what I did. As students came in, they noticed the signs and books, and I could already tell they were picking their genres, even though I hadn't said a word about what we were doing."...

Mrs. ReaderPants, Dec. 9



## [Snapchat for your library](#)

Paige Alfonzo writes: "[Snapchat](#) has been getting a lot of buzz lately, and it might just be the social media application of 2014. Snapchat is a photo chat application developed by Stanford University student

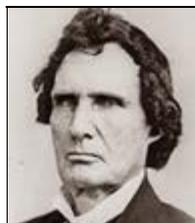


Evan Spiegel. What makes it [different](#) from other messaging is the fact that the 'snaps' (photos, videos, or text) that you send are only viewable 1–10 seconds, and then are deleted permanently. Here are a few ideas on how libraries can use Snapchat." Unfortunately, the Snapchat creators are currently embroiled in a [legal battle](#). Twitter's answer to Snapchat is its [new mobile feature](#) that allows you to send pictures in direct messages....

Librarian Enumerations, Dec. 9; Mashable, Dec. 5; TechCrunch, Dec. 9; ReadWrite, Dec. 10

### [Thaddeus Stevens, abolitionist and library advocate](#)

Bernadette Lear writes: "Among Civil War–era figures, one person I have long admired is Thaddeus Stevens (right). When the movie *Lincoln* was released in 2012, Tommy Lee Jones's portrayal of Stevens was my favorite part. So I was delighted to learn recently that Stevens was a founding member of the first Library Society of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1822 (long before the present Adams County Library System was established in 1944)."



In Search of Pennsylvania Library History, Dec. 8

### [Richard J. Daley: A life in pictures](#)

Some 4,000 photos taken over five years document the final years of Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley's term in office, and they have made their way back to the city thanks to Laszlo Kondor, who was official photographer for the late mayor from 1972 to 1977. Kondor has donated his archives to the Richard J. Daley Library at the University of Illinois at Chicago....



*Crain's Chicago Business*, Nov. 18

### [Welsh Book of Aneirin goes online](#)

One of the Four Ancient Books of Wales has appeared [online](#) for the first time, the last of them to go live. The late-13th-century [Book of Aneirin](#), kept at the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth, is regarded as one of the most important books in the Welsh language. It was written on animal skin by monks during the last decades of Welsh independent rule. The National Library has digitized the four books to coincide with an exhibition that will be staged there until March 2014....



BBC News, Dec. 8; National Library of Wales

### [Google Books goofs](#)

Kenneth Goldsmith writes: "Artist Benjamin Shaykin was looking at Google's scan of the Dewey Decimal Classification system and saw something that disturbed him. It was a brown hand resting on a page of a beautiful old book, its index finger wrapped in a hot-pink condom-like covering. In the page's

lower corner, a watermark bore the words  
'Digitized by Google.' There are several collections of Google goof-ups  
around the web; the most thoroughly documented is a Tumblr called  
[The Art of Google Books.](#)"...

*New Yorker*, Dec. 5; The Art of Google Books

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## American Libraries Online

### The year in review

The *American Libraries* editors recap the news stories that made the headlines in 2013: ebooks, the Affordable Care Act, the Declaration for the Right to Libraries, privacy and technology, a big win for fair use, New York Public Library's renovation plans, DPLA, the government shutdown, and more....

*American Libraries* feature



### Referenda roundup, 2013

Kathy Rosa writes: "One of the ways we measure the support for public libraries is through the success or failure of local library referenda. We look back on the previous year cheering the wins and also wondering why some library elections fail. This roundup considers factors related to the success or failure of library referenda and includes a brief listing and summary of some 2013 results."...

*American Libraries* feature



### LIS on the job

Abigail Wise writes: "Recent funding cuts in public libraries mean that LIS programs across the country are seeing a drop in the speed of placement rates post-graduation. The decrease in graduates landing jobs makes workforce preparation more valuable than ever before. In order to compete in the library job market, applicants must have work experience in addition to their degrees. In many programs, academic libraries play a large role in providing their universities' LIS students with real-world experience and training."...

*American Libraries* feature



### New AL Live episode January 9



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### 2014 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits

Philadelphia, January 24–28. Ask questions, explore options, make recommendations, examine ideas, and reflect on the implications with colleagues at the [Unconference](#) on Friday and [Library Camp](#) on Monday afternoon, during the facilitated conversation on Saturday afternoon, by signing up for the [kitchen-table conversations](#) and participating in discussion groups on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and

What challenges and changes lie ahead for our libraries? In "[The Future of Libraries: What's Your Vision?](#)" a panel will look into the crystal ball and discuss the possibilities, led by moderator David Lee King, digital branch and services manager at the Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library. Tune in at 2 p.m. Eastern time on January 9 to hear Marshall Breeding, Buffy Hamilton, Bohyun Kim, and Joseph Murphy tackle the topic....

*American Libraries*, Dec. 17

## No AL Direct for two weeks

*AL Direct* is taking two weeks off for the holiday season. Look for a new edition on Wednesday, January 8. Happy Holidays!

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#### Distilling the Innovative story into video

Kim Massana, CEO, [Innovative Interfaces](#)



One of my priorities over the last year has been to seek out Innovative customers and members of the broader library community to listen to their ideas about the technology challenges and opportunities facing libraries today. I've been encouraging staff at all levels of Innovative to be doing the same.

But it's obviously not all about listening. The leadership team at Innovative has also been spending a lot of time considering how we can best tell the Innovative story and let members of the community know that we understand their concerns and are addressing them through the solutions that we offer with Sierra and our other products.

Along with members of our senior management and sales team, I've been telling this story personally through individual meetings, conferences, and Innovative user groups. I'm happy to say that I will now have some new tools to help me get our message across—a series of short videos that distill the essence of what we're seeing in the technology landscape and how Innovative is responding to those challenges.

The [first video](#) in the series, "The Innovative Story," gives a two-minute video overview of what we're all about. It's been fun to see the video develop, and I encourage you to take a look.

using the [Networking Uncommons](#) area at any time to follow up or start a small-group discussion.



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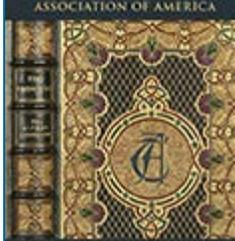
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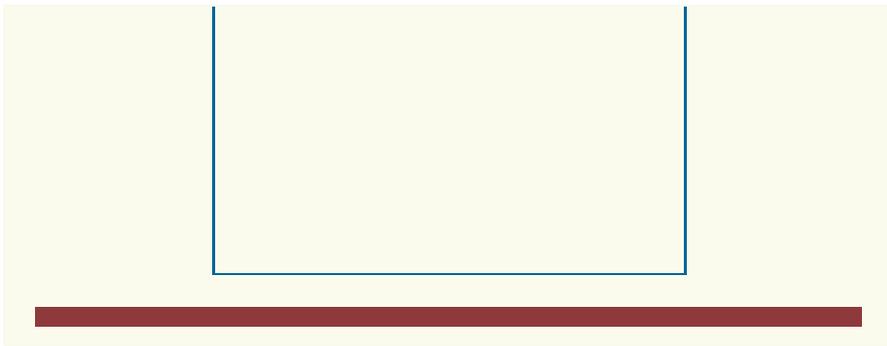
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## ALA News

### [ALA receives \\$1.5 million Gates Foundation grant](#)

ALA has received a grant of \$1.5 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to fund a two-year project, "[Libraries Transforming Communities.](#)" The two-year project includes, in partnership with the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, in-person training and coaching of librarians and ALA staff and member leaders to support the transformation of library services and the expanding role of libraries as community conveners. ALA will also offer conference-based and distance-learning opportunities....

Public Information Office, Dec. 17



### [Cashin to keynote Sunrise Celebration](#)

Sheryll Cashin (right), professor of law at Georgetown University, will keynote the 2014 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. [Sunrise Celebration](#) during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. The celebration will take place on January 27. Cashin is the author of *The Agitator's Daughter*, *The Failures of Integration*, and the forthcoming *Place Not Race: A New Vision of Opportunity in America*. The theme of the 2014 celebration will be "A New Vision of Opportunity in America" and will bring together leaders from across the Association....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, Dec. 17



### [Naylor headlines FTRF reception at Midwinter](#)

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (right), author of the Alice series of books, will headline FTRF's [annual banned/challenged author event](#) during the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. The event will take place January 26, 2014, at the National Museum of American Jewish History, and is open to the general public....

Freedom to Read Foundation, Dec. 17



### [James McBride and band will wrap up](#)

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## [Midwinter](#)

Bestselling author James McBride (right) and his gospel quintet will have attendees on their feet with their mix of exuberant spirituals and jazz renditions of classic gospel music at the Midwinter [Wrap Up/Rev Up](#) performance on January 27. The band will combine selected readings with music inspired by the abolitionist John Brown, as they present McBride's award-winning novel *The Good Lord Bird*. Several [YouTube videos](#) offer a taste of the music and his writing....

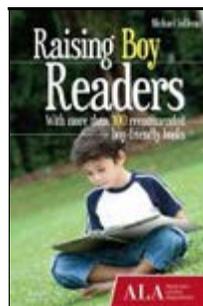
Conference Services, Dec. 17



## [Raising boy readers](#)

Michael Sullivan, bestselling author of numerous children's services titles, uses stories and anecdotes to humanize his research into boys' reading habits and preferences in his new book [Raising Boy Readers](#), published by Huron Street Press. The new book provides practical approaches to promote reading to boys, addressing physical differences, such as the different rates of early brain development between boys and girls; psychological issues, such as the outward focus of boys; and social issues, such as stress and confidence....

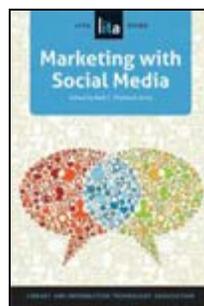
ALA Huron Street Press, Dec. 16



## [Marketing with social media](#)

Eschewing mere theory in favor of real-world examples, [Marketing with Social Media: A LITA Guide](#), published by ALA TechSource, offers to-the-point advice for getting up to speed with the world of social media. Ideal for newbies ready to get serious about marketing with social media, as well as practitioners on the lookout for ways to improve existing efforts, this guide will save readers time and effort by providing basic information on the most popular and cutting-edge marketing technologies....

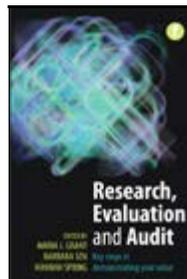
ALA TechSource, Dec. 16



## [Undertaking research projects in the workplace](#)

Written by academics and practitioners from a diverse selection of libraries throughout the world, [Research, Evaluation, and Audit: Key Steps in Demonstrating Your Value](#), published by Facet Publishing, provides library and information professionals with the guidance they need to undertake research projects in the workplace in order to inform their own practice and improve service delivery. This handbook, edited by Maria J. Grant, Barbara Sen, and Hannah Spring, guides readers step by step through the key phases of planning, doing, and disseminating research....

ALA Publishing, Dec. 17



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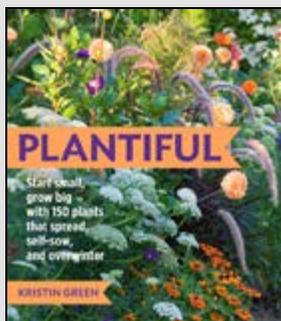
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# Booklist ONLINE

## Featured review: Adult nonfiction

Green, Kristin, *Plantiful: Start Small, Grow Big with 150 Plants that Spread, Self-Sow, and Overwinter*. Jan. 2014. Illustrated. 225p. Timber, paperback. (978-1-60469-387-8).

Ah, the agony of the impatient gardener. The old adage, *first year they sleep, second year they creep*, frustrates those who can't wait for the third year before seeing their plants leaping in botanical euphoria. For those who want success and want it now, Green embraces those plants known as self-sowers, perennials and annuals that quite happily bloom where they're planted and then move on to areas where they weren't. Gorgeous photographs illustrate cunning design suggestions, while concise plant profiles give snapshots of VIP volunteers. Basic cultural techniques, handy references, and helpful resources augment this guide to enthusiastic gardening....



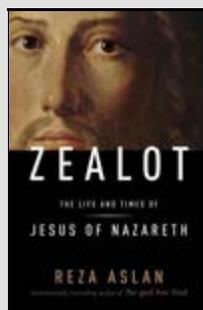
## Top 10 crafts and gardening books: 2013



Donna Seaman writes: "That crafts and gardening books belong in the same spotlight will become evident as readers pick up and enjoy the following crafts and gardening titles, all reviewed in *Booklist* between December 15, 2012, and December 1, 2013. What is evident is that crafts and gardening are all part of the world of working with your hands to create something both beautiful and meaningful."...

## Top of the List winners, 2013

*Booklist* has announced its [Top of the List winners](#) for 2013. The eight winning titles, chosen from the annual [Editors' Choice](#) selections as the best books and media of 2013, influence readers and book buyers in libraries, bookstores, and elsewhere. This year, the expert selections now include two audio picks: one for adult and one for youth. The announcement of the *Booklist* Editors' Choice list is a vital step each year in selecting the eventual winners of the [Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction](#), cosponsored by *Booklist* and RUSA....



## Top 30 titles for K–8 classrooms and libraries

*Book Links* magazine has announced its annual annotated Lasting Connections list, considered an essential resource for children's librarians,

## on Film



[The Time Traveler's Wife](#) (2009). Special Collections Librarian Henry DeTamble (Eric Bana), who works at the Newberry Library in Chicago, has a genetic disorder that causes him to involuntarily travel through time. He occasionally returns to work nude from a time trip. He is approached by 20-year-old Clare Abshire (Rachel McAdams) who knows and loves him since she met him at age six. Carly Street is a librarian, and Bart Bedford is a library researcher.

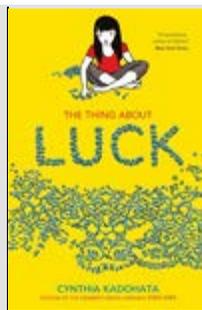


[Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy](#) (1979, UK, TV miniseries). Michael Jayston as agent Peter Guillam steals a file from the MI6 archives.



[Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy](#) (2011, France / UK / Germany). Benedict Cumberbatch as Peter Guillam goes

school library media specialists, and K–8 educators. The list spotlights the editors' selections of the 30 best 2013 picture books, novels, and informational titles for the K–8 classroom, all selected for their natural connections across the curriculum and to the Common Core State Standards....



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## Philadelphia Update

### [United for Libraries restaurant recommendations](#) (PDF file)

Sally Gardner Reed writes: "Philadelphia's restaurant scene is second only to the history in being the highlight of a Philly visit. Honestly, you really can't miss. Please do not waste your time eating at any chain restaurants while you are here—I don't care how high end. You can do that when you get back home or on your next trip to some place that isn't here. These are some of my favorite restaurants, most of which are in walking distance of the Convention Center."...

United for Libraries, Dec. 16



### [Tasting Table: Philadelphia](#)

Chefs from around the country have decamped to Philly to open their own restaurants in recent years—and it's not just because of the comparatively low overhead costs. The city has a devoted and educated base of diners, as well as an impressive array of locally grown or made ingredients; now these newcomers have joined the ranks of longtime restaurateurs to create a vibrant food scene distinguished by talent, not trends....

Tasting Table



### [Entertainment abounds in Philly](#)

Philadelphia weather tends to be coldest in January, and snow is always a possibility. As long as you are prepared with warm, layered clothing, it won't hinder your ability to go out and have fun in this wonderful historic city. The arts and sports are celebrated in equal measure, and during Midwinter week there will be activities to satisfy both art and sports interests....

YALSA Blog, Dec. 18

### [The Penn Museum](#)

If you called its 12-ton Egyptian sphinx "one in a million," you'd be right: It is just one in a collection of nearly a million objects at the [University of Pennsylvania](#)

to the MI6 Secret Intelligence Service archive in the early 1970s to look at (and snatch) a critical document. Sal the archival clerk (Laura Carmichael) lets him into the closed stacks with the information: "Corridor D, the 2-8's are halfway on your right. The 3-1's the next alcove down."



### [Tiny Furniture](#)

(2010). Lena Dunham as Aura moves back home to Brooklyn after graduating from college in Ohio. She is depressed and calls her friend Frankie (Merritt Wever), who happens to be sitting on the floor of the college library stacks. Later, Aura meets up with Jed (Alex Karpovsky), a YouTube video artist, and asks him what people without money do; he suggests that they "loiter at libraries."

**This AL Direct feature** describes hundreds of films (and some TV shows) in which libraries and librarians are featured, from 1912 to the present. The full list is a [Web Extra](#) associated with [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart and published by ALA Editions. You can browse the films on our [Libraries on Film Pinterest board](#).



### [Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology](#)

(commonly known as the "Penn Museum")

—one of the world's finest archaeological and anthropological museums, located at 3260 South Street, an 18-minute train ride from the Convention Center. Ancient Greek and Italian treasures are presented in a suite of Classical World galleries. Other noteworthy galleries explore ancient Egypt and Egyptian mummies, Africa, Asia, and Central America....

With Art Philadelphia; Penn Museum

### [36 hours in Philadelphia](#)

Freda Moon writes: "A city with dozens of beguiling neighborhoods, a daunting number of world-class museums, and a key role in the story of the nation's founding, Philadelphia has seen a parade of openings over the last decade: ambitious design-centric boutiques, an ever-expanding universe of Stephen Starr restaurants, and stylish hotels in artfully remodeled historic high rises. Entire neighborhoods have been transformed, parks have been built, and a wave of newcomers have brought new energy to the cultural and culinary landscape."...

*New York Times*, Jan. 3



### [Philadelphia's Magic Gardens](#)

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens is a visionary art environment, gallery, and community arts center that preserves, interprets, and provides access to Isaiah Zagar's unique mosaic art environment and public murals. The Magic Gardens site, Zagar's largest artwork, includes a fully tiled indoor space and a massive outdoor mosaic sculpture garden that spans half a block on 1020 South Street, a short bus ride or 17-minute walk from the Convention Center. PMG hosts year-round, low-cost public programs within its own distinctive venue and the surrounding community....

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens



### [The Fabric Workshop and Museum](#)

The Fabric Workshop and Museum at 1214 Arch Street, the only museum of its kind, offers emerging and internationally renowned artists the resources to create new work in experimental materials and new media. The museum's permanent collection contains work by such artists as Louise Bourgeois, Felix González-Torres, Ann Hamilton, and Anish Kapoor. An annex gallery, the New Temporary Contemporary, is located next door. A special exhibition by Artist-in-Residence Sarah Sze will be on view through April....

Fabric Workshop and Museum



### [11 weird but awesome things at the Mütter Museum](#)



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### [Learning to Read Grant Coordinator.](#)

Multnomah County (Oreg.) Library. "How does the public library support children who are learning to read?" That is the question you'll help us answer as Multnomah County Library's new Learning to Read Grant Coordinator. In this limited duration, grant-funded position, you will use your considerable knowledge of the local early elementary public school community to determine what unmet needs exist for K-3 educators and parents as they facilitate the learning to read process. Your work will help enhance the library's capacity to be a stronger partner with these schools and parents in advancing 3rd-grade reading achievement....

DeAnna Kerley writes: "The [Mütter Museum](#) was founded in 1858, when Dr. Thomas Dent Mütter donated a collection of medical anomalies, anatomical and pathological specimens, and bizarre medical instruments to the museum. Its original purpose was to continue medical education and research in the heart of Philadelphia. From the conjoined livers from a pair of Siamese twins to slides of Albert Einstein's brain, the Mütter Museum houses dozens of strange artifacts from medical history. Here are 11 of our favorites (with videos)."...



Mental Floss, Dec. 17

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## Division News

### [Spotlight on adult literature](#)

United for Libraries, along with ALA Conference Services, will sponsor "[Spotlight on Adult Literature](#)" on January 25 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center Exhibit Hall at the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. Participating publishers will host book and galley giveaways, as well as author signings....

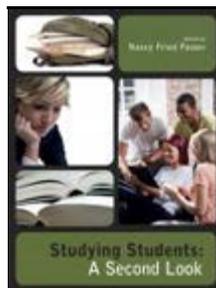
United for Libraries, Dec. 17



### [Studying students: A second look](#)

ACRL has published [Studying Students: A Second Look](#), edited by Nancy Fried Foster. The book revisits the groundbreaking ethnographic work done by the University of Rochester's River Campus Libraries and serves as a follow-up to the 2007 ACRL publication [Studying Students](#). Topics include how college students learn the ropes, student use of technology, how they study and write their research papers, and what professors expect of their students....

ACRL, Dec. 17



### [AASL research summit](#)

Researchers and scholars are invited to submit their interest in participating in an AASL research summit. Focused on setting an agenda for future school library research, the "[Causality: School Libraries and Student Success](#)" (CLASS) summit will take place April 11-12, in Chicago. Participants will examine the issues of causality related to student learning and school libraries to articulate a research agenda and investigate causal phenomena in school library instruction, resources, and services. Submit materials by January 10 to [Allison Cline](#)....

AASL, Dec. 16

### [Building powerful partnerships for Common Core](#)

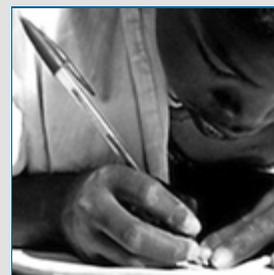
Participants in "Powerful Partnerships: Libraries, Technology, and the Common Core," a new webinar from AASL, will learn how to propel the school library program into the center of teaching and learning in the era of the Common Core State Standards. Facilitated by Kathryn Lewis and David Loertscher, the all-access webinar will take place on January 14. [Registration](#) is open....



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## Digital Library of the Week



### [The Rwanda Youth and Children's Testimonies](#)

is now freely available online through the University of South Florida's Holocaust and Genocide Studies Center. The Center has digitized 864 handwritten testimonies of children who were in the Gitarama prefecture describing their personalized experiences during the 1994 Rwanda genocide. Most of these testimonies depict what these children went through on a day-to-day basis from the time the genocide started on the evening of April 6, 1994, until the time the child was rescued. When the genocide was taking place, most of these children were between ages 8 and 15 years and most of

AASL, Dec. 17

## [Win your way to PLA 2014](#)

PLA has announced a new contest for two library professionals to win their way to the [PLA 2014](#) conference, March 11–15, in Indianapolis. The contest requires participants to submit a 60-second (or less) video telling PLA why they want to attend. Two winners will receive a free registration, four nights in a hotel, and up to \$500 reimbursement for travel to and from the conference. Find [complete details](#) on the PLA 2014 website....



PLA, Dec. 16

## [15 preconferences at PLA 2014](#)

Before the PLA 2014 Conference gets underway in Indianapolis in March, eager learners can take advantage of in-depth, full and half-day preconferences on March 11–12. Preconferences require separate [registration](#). However, attendees are not required to be registered for the full conference. There are discounts for PLA, Indiana Library Federation, and ALA members....

PLA, Dec. 16

## [Join ASCLA on a trip to Spain](#)

Susan Hornung writes: "Join ASCLA on our next trip: We're off to Spain, March 26–April 4. Barcelona, Madrid, and Seville will be a part of the tour. This adventure is open to the entire library community, as well as their friends and family. To reserve your spot, download the application form ([Word file](#)) and send the completed form and checks to Lyceum Tours."...



ASCLA Blog, Dec. 11

## [New SLR articles](#)

Two new research articles covering the topics of public school district social media policies and the correlation between librarian staffing levels and student learning are now available online as part of the AASL peer-reviewed online journal, [School Library Research](#) (SLR)....

AASL, Dec. 16

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# Awards & Grants

## [2013 I Love My Librarian Award winners](#)

Ten librarians from various types of libraries joined the company of a select few as recipients of the Carnegie Corporation of New York / *New York Times* I Love My Librarian Award. The 2013 awardees were selected for their dedicated public service and the valuable role they play in our nation's communities in transforming lives through education. Only 60 librarians nationwide have won the I Love My Librarian Award since its inception in 2008. Each recipient received a \$5,000 award at a ceremony and reception in New York City on December 17. For more information on the winners, visit the [I Love Libraries website](#)....



them were still in elementary school. Many Tutsi refugees from other prefectures fled to Gitarama hoping to find a safe haven; Gitarama, however, is the prefecture where some of the most heinous killings took place.

**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

**"Public libraries are more beloved than apple pie."**

—Robinson Meyer, "[Public Libraries Are Better Than Congress, Baseball, and Apple Pie, Say Americans.](#)" *The Atlantic*, Dec. 13.

**"Disruption in the library world is when the microwave beeps for the third time to let you know your coffee or tea has reheated."**

—Andy Woodworth, [Twitter comment](#), Dec. 18.

@ [More quotes...](#)

## Calendar

**Jan. 21–24:** [Association for Library and Information Science Education](#), Annual Conference, Philadelphia. "Educational

ALA Public Information Office, Dec. 17; I Love Libraries, Dec. 17

### [Celebrate the RUSA adult book and media awards](#)

All ALA Midwinter Meeting attendees are invited to celebrate the winners of numerous adult reading awards—including the Notable Books, from which selections are chosen for the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Non-Fiction; the Reading List, announcing the best in genre fiction; and the Listen List, announcing the best in audiobook narration—at the [RUSA Book and Media Awards reception](#) on January 26....

RUSA, Dec. 16

### [RUSA achievement awards](#)

RUSA has extended the nominations deadline to December 23 for several annual awards, 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 of the award's [web pages](#)....

RUSA, Dec. 16

### [ASCLA seeks nominations for 2014 awards](#)

ASCLA is accepting nominations for its 2014 awards, including the Leadership and Professional Achievement Award, the Exceptional Service Award, the Cathleen Bourdon Service Award, the ASCLA / KLAS / NOD Award, and the Francis Joseph Campbell Medal. [Nominations](#) for all awards must be received by February 1....

ASCLA, Dec. 16

### [2013 Robert Downs Intellectual Freedom Award](#)

Elementary school librarian DaNae Leu is the recipient of the 2013 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award given by the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Leu is being honored for her efforts to defend the picture book *In Our Mothers' House* by Patricia Polacco against her school administration's decision to remove it from the district library shelves. Leu played an active role in bringing national media attention to the case....

UIUC Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Dec. 17



### [Elgin wins Hometown Award](#)

The Elgin, Illinois, summer reading program "Reading Is So Delicious" has earned a 2013 Governor's Hometown Award. The program kicked off at the Gail Borden Public Library in March 2012 and was run at several other locations. At the end of the summer, 3,768 young people had finished the program, double the number in 2011. The program got the award in the category for more than 70,000 residents....

*Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald*, Nov. 8



### [2013 Specsavers National Book Awards](#)

The 2013 [Specsavers National Book Awards](#) (in 10 categories) were announced in London on December 11. The Nonfiction Book of the Year went to *I Am Malala* by Malala Youzafzai and Christina Lamb (W & N). The winner in the popular fiction category was *An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris (Random House), a

Entrepreneurship."

**Jan. 22–**

**Feb. 4:**

[Cairo International Book Fair](#).

**Jan. 31–**

**Feb. 1:**

[Association of Canadian Publishers](#), Midwinter Meeting, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Toronto.

**Feb. 4:**

[Society for Scholarly Publishing](#), Librarian Focus Group, The American Geophysical Union, Washington, D.C.

**Feb. 4–5:**

[IFLA Newspapers Section](#), International Newspaper Conference, Family Search Headquarters, Salt Lake City. "Start Spreading the News."

**Feb. 26–**

**Mar. 2:**

[Music Library Association](#), Annual Meeting, Grand Hyatt Atlanta.

**Mar. 5–6:**

[Library Publishing Coalition](#), Library Publishing Forum, Intercontinental Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

**Mar. 21–24:**

[Paris Book Fair](#), Paris, France.

**Mar. 24–27:**

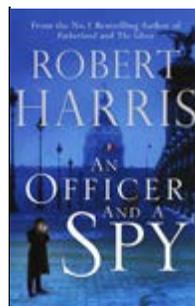
[Code4Lib Conference](#), Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Apr. 22–24:**

[Catholic Library](#)

story based on the 1895 Dreyfus Affair. The Children's Book of the Year was won by David Walliams for *Demon Dentist* (HarperCollins). The awards celebrate the best UK writers and their works, as selected by the British book publishing industry....

*The Telegraph* (UK), Dec. 11



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## Libraries in the News

### [Librarian was the target at Arapahoe High School shooting](#)

The senior at Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colorado, who shot and seriously wounded a fellow student December 13 in the school's hallways before killing himself was no longer an active participant on the debate team, and that was perhaps one of the motives behind the attack. Karl Pierson had been feuding with the debate coach, school librarian Tracy Murphy (right), who had suspended him from the team. Pierson [showed up](#) at the school armed with a pump-action shotgun, a machete, and Molotov cocktails, heading for the library. Alerted to the threat, Murphy left the building, which police praised as a tactical move to lure Pierson outside....

*Denver Post*, Dec. 14; NBC News, Dec. 16



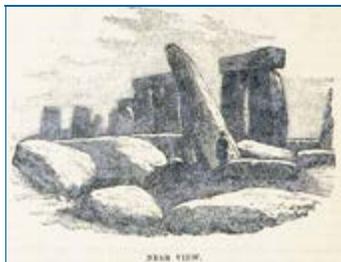
### [UNCG library vandalism investigated as a hate crime](#)

University of North Carolina at Greensboro police are investigating the vandalism found in the African American Studies section of the Jackson Library as a hate crime. Racial slurs were found written on book covers, walls, and desks on December 4 by a school janitor....

*Greensboro (N.C.) News and Record*, Dec. 12

### [British Library releases a million images on Flickr](#)

The British Library [announced](#) December 12 that it has uploaded more than one million public domain photos from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries to its [Flickr photostream](#). The move comes as part of an ambitious project that will crowdsource inventive ways to navigate the massive store of photos, foster research, and encourage users to remix and repurpose the images. The dataset, digitized with help from Microsoft, boasts 300 years of maps, diagrams, illustrations, comic satire, decorative letters,



[Association](#), Annual Convention, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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May 3:**  
[Preservation Week.](#)

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landscapes, and paintings waiting to be explored....

The Verge, Dec. 13; British Library: Digital Scholarship Blog, Dec. 12

## ["Records of Rights" at the National Archives](#)

Edward Rothstein writes: "'[Records of Rights](#),' a new permanent exhibition in the new David M. Rubenstein Gallery at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., opened in December and is meant

to prepare a million visitors a year for what awaits them above, in the dimly lit Rotunda: original copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. What kind of exhibition could possibly serve as preamble? The answer: one of four surviving copies of the 1297 [Magna Carta](#), a contract between English barons and their tyrannical king."...

*New York Times*, Dec. 16



## [NYPL renovation update](#)

The New York Public Library agreed to temporarily shelve its controversial plans to demolish century-old steel book stacks at the main branch during a court proceeding on December 17. The library will wait until Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Paul Wooten decides whether to halt the \$300 million renovation of the Fifth Avenue building while a lawsuit against the institution plays out....

*New York Post*, Dec. 18

## [Rally to reopen Orange Public Library](#)

On December 14, members of the New Jersey Library Association, local leaders, and concerned residents gathered on the steps of the shuttered Orange (N.J.) Public Library to distribute books and call attention to the lack of library services in this major urban center. Since the library was closed in April due to [safety violations](#) (including loose floor tiles, live wires, lack of safety markings, and electrical problems), residents have been without books, access to programs, job-seeking assistance, summer reading for children, and public computers....

*Newark (N.J.) Patch*, Dec. 15; *Newark (N.J.) Star-Ledger*, Dec. 13



## [DC acquires Superman art to give to Kennedy library](#)

Fulfilling one of Al Plastino's final wishes, DC Entertainment [announced](#) it has acquired his original art for the 1964 story "Superman's Mission For President Kennedy" for donation to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. A prolific Golden Age artist who [died](#) November 25 at age 91, Plastino was surprised to [discover](#) at New York Comic Con in October that the pages hadn't been given five decades earlier to the library, as he'd been led to believe....

Robot 6, Oct. 28, Nov. 26, Dec. 17; DC Comics, Dec. 16



## [Bane remains in Geneva](#)

A muscular guy with a Darth Vader-like facial contraption is being pursued by an equally



Sanhita SinhaRoy,  
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muscular Batman. Is this image too scary for young readers? One mom thought so and asked the Geneva (Ill.) Public Library to move the 24-page picture book *The Dark Knight Rises: I Am Bane* by Lucy Rosen and Scott Cohn from its section for preschool children to a section for an older age group. Acting library director Peggy Carlson said three staff members reviewed the parent's request and determined that the book should stay....



*Kane County (Ill.) Chronicle, Dec. 13*

### [Michigan schools struggle to keep libraries current](#)

When Olivia Bales, an 8th grader at Central Middle School in Port Huron, Michigan, finished reading *The Selection* by Kiera Cass, she wanted to begin the next book in the series, but that had to wait. She had borrowed the book from a teacher because the school's library doesn't have any of the books in the series. Olivia reads almost every day, but has trouble finding a book that interests her and is at her reading level in the school library. Michigan does not have state standards for school library collections or the number of books that should be available per student....

*Port Huron (Mich.) Times Herald, Dec. 14*

### [Morton library is storing items lost in the tornado](#)



Beyond destroying homes and killing two people, the November 17 tornado that ripped through Washington, Illinois, scattered bits of family history across the state. Papers and photos have been found 150 miles away in the Chicago suburbs. Ground zero for the return of photos, documents, and small mementos is a cramped room at the Morton (Ill.) Public Library....

*Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star, Dec. 8*

### [School librarian has run a marathon in all 50 states](#)

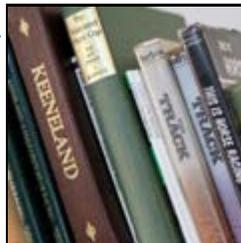
Jennifer Harward (right), librarian at Davis High School in Kaysville, Utah, knows a few things about marathons. Harward finished her 81st marathon on December 7 in Delaware, qualifying her for the 50 States Marathon Club. She has now run a marathon in every state. Through her marathons she has collected and donated more than \$37,000 to the Pat Summitt Foundation which goes towards Alzheimer's research and care....



*Ogden (Utah) Standard-Examiner, Dec. 16*

### [Kentucky Derby Museum library opens to the public](#)

The Colonel Clark Library at the [Kentucky Derby Museum](#) is now open as a publicly accessible research facility, giving visitors access to more than 10,000 collection items related to Kentucky Derby history. The library houses items dating back to the mid-19th century and curates an extensive collection of books, newspapers, magazines, and manuscripts....



*Kentucky Derby Museum, Dec. 4*

## [Great Falls library to host TED talks](#)



The Great Falls (Mont.) Public Library will start holding monthly TED talks beginning January 16. TED—which stands for technology, entertainment, and design—is a nonprofit devoted to the exchange of “ideas worth spreading.” The local library events are referred to as TEDxGreatFallsLibrary. “TED talks really inspire and spark discussion about important things,” said Jude Smith, the library’s public relations officer....

*Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune*, Dec. 13

## [Rare books from Turkish National Library sold for paper value](#)

Many historical books and manuscripts (allegedly 147 tons) in the inventory of the National Library of Turkey were sold to second-hand booksellers for lower prices and were later bought by collectors. The illegal dealing was first detected during a library meeting when a historical book with the National Library’s stamp was reported sold to a manuscript department in Konya. Culture and Tourism Minister Ömer Çelik said he would clamp down on the corruption....

*Hürriyet Daily News* (Istanbul), Dec. 10

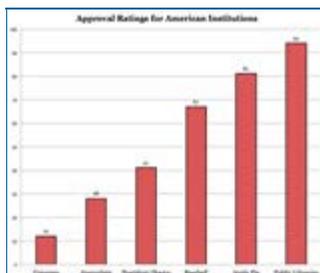
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## Issues

### [Libraries: Better than Congress, baseball, apple pie](#)

Robinson Meyer writes: “Every so often, a grave and concerned person will ask (as, in fact, the *New York Times* asked last year): “[Do We Still Need Libraries?](#)” Hasn’t the internet ended all that? Well, a [new Pew study](#) finds that not only do Americans adore libraries, but a majority of us think they’re adjusting to new technology just fine. Using exclusive and highly accurate statistical analysis techniques, I determined that public libraries rank higher in the American psyche than Congress, journalists, President Obama, baseball, and apple pie.”...

*The Atlantic*, Dec. 13; *New York Times*, Dec. 27, 2012; Pew Research Center, Dec. 11



### [Student data is inadequately protected](#)

Public schools around the country are adopting web-based services that collect and analyze personal details about students without adequately safeguarding the information from potential misuse by service providers, according to [new research](#) by Fordham Law School’s Center on Law and Information Policy. Many contracts failed to list the type of information collected, while others did not prohibit vendors from selling personal details or using that information for marketing purposes....

*New York Times*, Dec. 12; Fordham Law, Dec. 13

### [No more secrets on the internet](#)

Nick Bilton writes: “Anyone who can watch you will watch you. In technology, that is one of the big lessons of 2013. The National Security Agency and who knows who else have been tracking this or hacking that. China has been breaking into our computers. Google has been sifting through our home networks. Facebook has been tinkering

with its privacy settings. And the fact is, many services that claim to offer that rarest of digital commodities—privacy—don't really deliver. Read the fine print."...

*New York Times*: Bits, Dec. 15

### [Understanding your rights](#)

Bonnie Swoger writes: "Recently, Elsevier has come under fire for exercising its rights under copyright law by asking various platforms to [remove copies of articles](#) published in its journals. As authors examine their copyright transfer agreements to figure out what they are allowed to do, one big question they should ask is: What version of your article do you want to post online? Publishers often make distinctions between three primary versions of a manuscript: the pre-print, the post-print, and the publisher's version."...

*Scientific American*: Information Culture, Dec. 16; Sauropod Vertebra Picture of the Week, Dec. 6

### [Universities to provide access to high-energy physics research](#)

Starting January 1, an international publishing initiative of more than 1,000 libraries, library consortia, and research organizations in 24 countries will provide open access to articles published in high-energy physics research. The

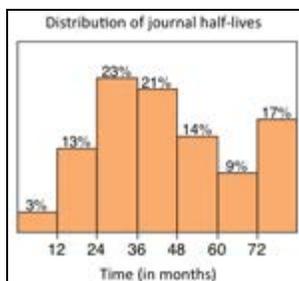


[Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics](#) (SCOAP3) is the largest open access initiative ever created. It was developed through negotiations among many publishers of high-energy physics research, libraries, and funding agencies to change an entire discipline from a subscription-based model to an open access model....

Washington State University News, Dec. 12; SCOAP3, Dec. 5

### [What is the lifespan of a research article?](#)

Phil Davis writes: "An analysis of article downloads from 2,812 academic and professional journals published by 13 presses in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities reveals extensive usage of articles years after publication. Measuring usage half-life—the median age of articles downloaded from a



publisher's website—only 3% of journals had half-lives shorter than 12 months, while nearly 17% of all journals had usage half-lives exceeding six years. As the author of the study ([PDF file](#)), it is my hope that such evidence-based studies will help inform those developing public policy and aid in setting access embargoes."...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Dec. 18

### [Public meeting on copyright policy](#)

Carrie Russell writes: "The US Patent and Trademark Office–sponsored public meeting on the Department of Commerce's "Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy" (known as the green paper, [PDF file](#)) was primarily about the market for digital goods. The all-day meeting on December 12 was organized around six topics: statutory damages and secondary liability, digital first sale, the legal framework for remixes, the notice and take down system established in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, the online marketplace, and online transactions."...

District Dispatch, Dec. 17

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## Tech Talk

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### [The library has left the building, but...](#)

Keith Norbury writes: "Even though digital resources are now front and center in higher education, libraries must still work hard to integrate them into their schools' Learning Management Systems. As State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota Instructional Librarian Rhonda Kitchens sees it, the majority of LMSes don't provide an intuitive, easy way to integrate library resources into course materials."...

*Campus Technology*, Dec. 5

### [Google Glass updates](#)

Chloe Albanesius writes: "Google has rolled out a number of December [updates](#) for Google Glass, including a feature that lets you take photos with the wink of an eye. At this point, it will only work for taking photos, but Google said there could come a day when you wink to pay a cab fare, buy an item in a store window, or save a recipe from a cookbook. The move, however, might inspire even [more concern](#) from privacy advocates. Are you taking a photo of me or do you just have something in your eye?"...

*PC Magazine*, July 1, Dec. 18; *Google+*, Dec. 17



### [A digital pen that combines writing and recording](#)

Damon Darlin writes: "The [Livescribe 3](#) pen contains some amazing technology. A tiny camera inside the device records the ballpoint pen's movement across special dotted paper made to be used with the device. Everything you write or draw during a conversation, interview, meeting, or lecture on the dotted paper is transmitted to a nearby iPad or iPhone running the free Livescribe app. You can convert the handwritten notes to text and tag sections with keywords."...

*New York Times*, Dec. 17



### [Cornell 3D-prints a fully functional loudspeaker](#)

Researchers at Cornell University have created a fully functioning loudspeaker, seamlessly integrating the plastic, conductive, and magnetic parts, and using only 3D printers. The piece of audio equipment was developed by Apoorva Kiran and Robert MacCurdy, graduate students in mechanical engineering, who are working with Hod Lipson, an associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering. Watch the [video](#) (2:02)....

*Designboom*, Dec. 16; *Vimeo*, Dec. 16



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## E-Content

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### [On the perils of licensing](#)

Chris Harris writes: "Cory Doctorow [shared the sad](#)

[tale](#) on December 15 of one family's holiday hopes being dashed by bah-humbug capitalism and the slippery nature of contractual licenses. Bill got hit with a new form of low-down, no-good capitalism, the termination of license during times of high desirability. Oh, you wanted to watch that Christmas movie during the holiday season? Too bad! We will turn it back on for you in July . . . maybe . . . if we feel like it."...

AL: E-Content, Dec. 16; Boing Boing, Dec. 15



## [Do you have digital preservation tools?](#)



Susan Manus writes: "A few weeks ago, as part of the [Aligning National Approaches to Digital Preservation](#) conference, an announcement was made of the beta launch of a new resource to catalog and describe digital preservation tools: [Community Owned Digital Preservation Tool Registry](#). The idea behind this registry is to try and consolidate all of the digital preservation tool resources into one place, eliminating the need for many separate registries in multiple organizations."...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, Dec. 17

## [Staffing for digital preservation](#)

The results of the 2012 National Digital Stewardship Alliance Standards and Practices Working Group's digital preservation staffing survey have just been released. *Staffing for Effective Digital Preservation: An NDSA Report* ([PDF file](#)) shares the results of a survey of 85 institutions on how they staffed and organized their preservation functions. One key finding is that almost all institutions believe that digital preservation is understaffed. Organizations would prefer nearly twice the number of full time equivalents than they currently have....

The Signal: Digital Preservation, Dec. 16



## [Digitization as a preservation tool](#)

Flavio Marzo writes: "Conservators tend to look at digitization projects with caution if not suspicion. In general conservators are often against the mass approach and digitization processes are primarily focused on targets that are sometimes strained under tight deadlines and budgets. This can be an unsuitable environment for the normal conservation requirements. With retreatability and minimal intervention approaches clearly in mind, we know that today we must plan our work in a more efficient and effective way."...

British Library: Collection Care Blog, Dec. 13



## [How do you solve a problem like a foldout?](#)

Lindsay Elgin writes: "The key to photographing books well—by which I mean providing well-lit images, in good focus, without damaging the book or its pages—is to provide as much support as possible to both the book itself (especially the



spine) as well as to each individual page. But some books hit the challenging-to-shoot trifecta: They are oversize, have some element of fragility to them, and the plates involve spreads or foldouts that require even more supports and careful handling.”...

Curio, Dec. 13

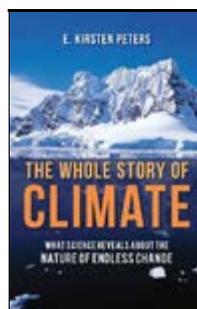
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## Books & Reading

### [Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles of 2013](#)

The *Choice* magazine subject editors recognize the most significant titles reviewed each calendar year by compiling the “Outstanding Academic Titles” list, published each January in the magazine and on Choice Reviews Online. As a special preview to the full 2013 list, which will appear in the January 2014 issue, the editors have selected from among the 2013 list their favorites for the following Top 25 Books and Top 10 Internet Resource lists....

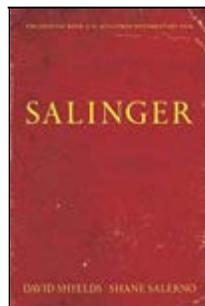
*Choice*, Dec. 17



### [Rousing Reads: Salinger and the mysterious vault](#)

Bill Ott writes: “Several questions linger about the vault that many people believe the late J. D. Salinger left behind, purportedly filled with nearly half a century’s worth of unpublished manuscripts. Is there a vault? Does it really contain books soon to be published? And will the vault prove to be a treasure trove or a Pandora’s box full of indigestible ramblings about Eastern spirituality, in the manner of Salinger’s last published story, the ungainly ‘Hapworth 16, 1924’?”...

*American Libraries* column, Nov./Dec.



### [Put your trust in an unreliable narrator](#)

Colleen Seisser writes: “Some of my favorite novels are those where the narrator is unreliable. This is usually due to an impaired mental state like schizophrenia or amnesia. Whatever the case, unreliable narrators don’t usually present themselves right away, but when they do they seem to turn the novel you are reading upside down. If you’re interested in taking a chance with an unreliable narrator, then check out this list of titles. But don’t say I didn’t warn you!”...

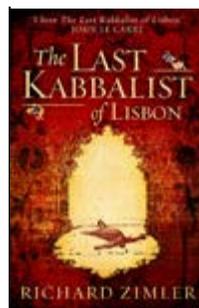
YALSA The Hub, Dec. 18



### [20 essential works of historical fiction](#)

Historical fiction is not necessarily a new genre, but many of the authors in this list have painstakingly recreated the past through years of academic and on-location research. As a window into the past, historical fiction is a healthy way to remove modern prejudices that affect our judgment of the olden days. This selection includes many skilled authors who boast many other quality works that should also be considered. These novels do more than just tell us about what happened; they make us experience it, too...

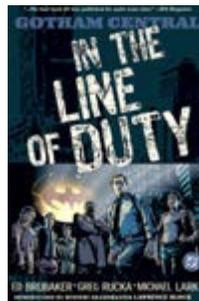
Owiklit, Dec. 12



### [Batman for beginners](#)

Traci Glass writes: "I put together this all-time, top-five list of Batman titles in celebration of the new *Batman vs. Superman* movie that isn't even going to happen until 2015. Oh well—there's no time like the present to get ready. These are books that appeal not only to anyone who is excited about the new movie, but also to the reader who likes any televised form of Batman and his crew. And, yes, I know Superman's in the movie, too, but come on: We all know that Batman's the real star, right?"...

YALSA The Hub, Dec. 13



### [11 rare children's books from the Library of Congress](#)

DeAnna Kerley writes: "The Library of Congress has a collection of books that would make any bookworm turn green with envy. From the world's smallest book to a cuneiform tablet dating from 2040 B.C., it has [everything](#). One of its most interesting collections is the rare children's book library. Visitors can read these books [online](#) in their entirety. Here are 11 of our favorites."...

Mental Floss, Dec. 11



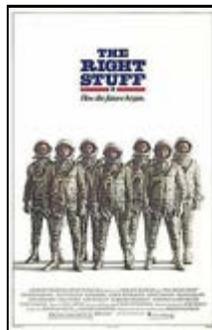
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## Tips & Ideas

### [LC adds 25 films to its National Registry](#)

Heroes of the space race, a pop cult classic, the age-old battle between the sexes, and a record of Native American traditions are among a cadre of films being recognized as works of great cultural, historic, or aesthetic significance to the nation's cinematic heritage. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced December 18 the annual selection of 25 motion pictures to join the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress. They will be preserved as cinematic treasures for generations to come. This year's selections bring the number of films in the registry to 625....

Library of Congress, Dec. 18



### [First-year students in the library](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "It's always a red-letter day when [Project Information Literacy](#) comes out with



a report. A new one, 'Learning the Ropes: How Freshmen Conduct Course Research Once They Enter College' ([PDF file](#)), was published December 5. This report confirms what we already know (but sometimes forget): Research strategies that worked in high school don't work as well at the college level. Many students in the study stepped up to the challenge of using library databases for their work, but some continued to rely primarily on Google."...

*Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, Dec. 12*

### [ASU students transform food trucks into mobile libraries](#)

For many of us, food trucks conjure up images of mouth-watering tacos, burgers, and fries. But three enterprising Arizona State University students see food trucks and envision e-readers, computers, and books instead. Enter BiblioTrucka, a cost-effective, new-age mobile library conceived by the student trio to serve primarily low-income schools and communities lacking basic library resources. Watch the [video](#) (2:32)....

*ASU News, Dec. 13; Vimeo, Dec. 10*



### [Re-engineer your library space](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "Improving perceptions about the need for school libraries can be an uphill journey, though many of us attempt it daily. Perceptions are hard to change. Might I suggest a new approach? Consider the value of your square footage. You can make a positive impact by radically changing your library space—right now. A [re-conceived facility](#) in Essen, Germany, recently showed me what the future library could be."...

*School Library Journal: The Digital Shift, Dec. 16*



### [Shifting away from incandescent bulbs](#)

Kevin Lee writes: "The United States is moving away from incandescent light bulbs. In a move to sway the country to being more [energy conscious](#), 40W and 60W incandescent bulbs will no longer be manufactured stateside or imported beginning January 1. It's not something to panic about, but we're going to quickly go over everything you need to know about the ban and affordable lighting alternatives." Watch the [video](#) (6:02)....

*Inhabitat, Dec. 17; YouTube, July 23, 2012*



### [IFLA call for papers](#)

The content of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions conference program is organized by different professional groups (Sections, Core Programs, and Special Interest Groups). The conference will be held in Lyon, France, August 16–22. Papers should be submitted through these groups and will be made available on this web page as soon as delivered. Deadlines vary from January 15 through March 10....



International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

## [Video games as literature](#)

Lynsea Garrison writes: "The relationship between literature and video games is close, and many developers have adapted works of literature into games. In 2010, for example, the studio Visceral Games adapted *The Divine Comedy* into a game called *Dante's Inferno*. But companies are increasingly adapting stories originally written for video games into novels, comics, and movies. While storytelling in video games isn't new, advancements in technology provide new ways of presenting a narrative."...

BBC News, Dec. 13



## [Giving games the old college try](#)

Amy R. Hofer writes: "Based on evidence that games might help students get more engaged in my online class, I decided to overcome my skepticism and road-test two information literacy games. First I tried BiblioBouts, then the following year I tried Citation Sleuthing. After reconsidering my assumptions about games in an environment where serious learning takes place, I still have questions about using them for information literacy instruction."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, Dec. 18



## [Manga a big hit at Elkton High library](#)

In Elkton (Md.) High School's library, brightly colored books illustrated with modern Japanese art and cartoon faces stand out on shelves and at displays. Through help from Captain Blue Hen Comics in Newark, Delaware, and the Cecil County Public Library, Elkton High has been able to expand its collection of manga and graphic novels this year. It now has close to 500 manga and graphic novels in its collection—and students are asking for more....

Elkton (Md.) *Cecil Whig*, Dec. 16



## [Therapy dogs in the library](#)

Joe Hardenbrook writes: "December 12 was the third annual visit of therapy dogs to the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay library. (Technically they're outreach dogs: dogs that have passed their canine good citizenship test.) It's something that the students eagerly look forward to (and now come to expect) as fall semester Final Exams begin. We had 16 dogs with us and several hundred students. It's a great way to put a different face on the academic library: to show students we care about their mental well-being."...

Mr. Library Dude, Dec. 12



## [Outreach ideas from the corporate world](#)

Lizz Zitron writes: "Good ideas come from inspiration. Inspiration can come from the unlikeliest places, which is why I always have a small notebook on me. (I won't look at



Notes on my phone but I will look at paper shoved in my wallet.) If you're looking to reach users through video and online media, may I suggest stealing from some excellent recent examples of outreach from the corporate world?"...

The Outreach Librarian, Dec. 18

### **An app that never forgets a file**

Paul Boutin writes: "The easiest catchall tool for saving anything you might need later is an app for computers and mobile devices called [Evernote](#). Evernote provides a comprehensive single archive of your digital life, giving you one location to store and find practically everything saved on a computer or phone. And the files are automatically backed up on Evernote's servers. The only real downside with Evernote is that it has so many features, which can make getting started with the app daunting."...



*New York Times*: Personal Tech, Dec. 11

### **Images now showing in Gmail**

John Rae-Grant writes: "Thanks to improvements in how Gmail handles images, you'll soon see all images displayed in your messages automatically across desktop, iOS, and Android. Instead of serving images directly from their original external host servers, Gmail will now [serve all images](#) through Google's own secure proxy servers." However, Andrea Peterson [points out](#) that Google's new method for image caching will actually make marketers' efforts to track unique open rates more accurate....

Official Gmail Blog, Dec. 12; *Washington Post*: The Switch, Dec. 12

### **Twitter buzz does not correlate with influence**

Richard Van Noorden writes: "A list of the [100 most popular research articles](#) mentioned on social media in 2013 does not necessarily reveal the papers that scientists will find most influential in the future. A [recent study](#) in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* reveals that the amount of buzz a biomedical paper gets on Twitter bears little resemblance to the impact it will have in terms of academic citations in later years."...



*Nature*, Dec. 12; Altmetric, Dec. 11; *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, Nov. 26

### **11 Twitter chats for educators**

Laura Devaney writes: "Social media is one of the top ways educators and students interact and learn from one another. Some of the most engaging professional development and professional learning occurs on Twitter. Through organized Twitter chats, administrators and educators can discuss a number of topics, from special education and libraries to content-specific resources. Here are 11 weekly, content-rich Twitter chats."...

*eSchool News*, Dec. 17

## [Beinecke Library acquires James Baldwin letters](#)

Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library has acquired an archive of approximately 100 letters by renowned writer James Baldwin, and a typescript draft of his third novel, *Another Country*, with his handwritten annotations. The archive constitutes one of the largest collections of Baldwin's letters and manuscripts held by any institution worldwide....

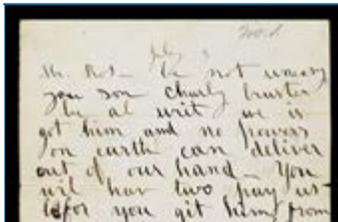
Yale News, Dec. 16



## [School librarian discovered the first US ransom note](#)

Carrie Hagen writes: "One day in March 2012, Bridget Flynn, a librarian at Germantown Academy in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, was searching for an old family drawing to print on the invitations to her daughter Rebecca's bridal shower. As she and Rebecca rummaged through the several generations of family artifacts—letters, photographs, an envelope of hair cuttings—that she keeps in plastic bins in her basement, they found a stack of small envelopes tied together with a black shoelace."...

Smithsonian: Past Imperfect, Dec. 9



## [America's second bookmobile](#)

Orty Ortwein writes: "Plainfield, Indiana, was most likely the home of America's second bookmobile. In 1909 Plainfield librarian Mayme C. Snipes set up a series of deposit stations in the surrounding area, boxes of books mostly kept in schools. In her 1915 annual report she voiced concern that while the deposit station network helped, only 25% of rural patrons had access to books. To bridge this gap, she advocated using the new technology of automobiles."...

Bookmobiles: A History, Dec. 12



## [ARL selects Career Enhancement fellows](#)

The Association of Research Libraries Career Enhancement Program Coordinating Committee has selected 14 fellows to participate in this competitive fellowship program. The program offers MLIS students from traditionally underrepresented racial and ethnic groups an opportunity to jump-start their careers in research libraries by providing a robust fellowship experience that includes an internship in an ARL member library....

Association of Research Libraries, Dec. 11

## [How music has evolved since 1950](#)

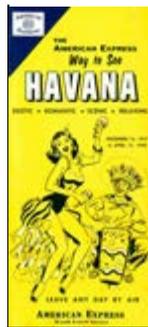
As society changes, our favorite music changes too, and variations in musical memes are passed down through the years. Echo Nest data alchemist Glenn McDonald traced nine distinct audio attributes in the 5,000 most popular songs from each year, 1950–2013. Seven of those attributes showed detectable changes over the past 63 years....

The Echo Nest Blog, Dec. 17

## [Fun finds in Firestone](#)

At Princeton University's Firestone Library, a renovation project scheduled to continue through 2018 has produced

some unexpected clues to the past. Workers knocking down walls and dismantling old study carrels have come across some interesting [20th-century ephemera](#). Among the finds are a wedding invitation from 1918, a 1957 Havana travel brochure (right), an exam from 1959, an origami bird from 1969, and a guide for visitors to Oxford, England, dating from the 1850s....



*Princeton (N.J.) Town Topics*, Dec. 18; Princeton Rare Books, News and Events, Oct. 14

## [2013 Librarian Lump of Coal Gift Guide](#)

Travis Jonker writes: "Time is running out to get gifts for the insufferable librarian in your life. With help from Etsy, the 2013 edition of the Librarian Lump of Coal Gift Guide has your back. For example, the Victorian cosplay woman's hat (right), could be for the librarian who makes things clear."...



100 Scope Notes, Dec. 12

## ['Tis the season...](#)

...for library Christmas trees made out of books. Susan Schatvet, youth and reference librarian at Seabrook (N.H.) Library, created a tree out of used books that were set aside for an upcoming book sale. She said that building the base of the tree was the most difficult and important step, and gradually fitting the books together as the tree got taller became another challenge. The [Irving \(Tex.\) Public Library](#) also boasts a tree (right) made out of books and bows, and the [La Grange Park \(Ill.\) Public Library](#) built its first, created by circulation volunteers....



*Hampton (N.H.) Union*, Dec. 13; *Dallas Morning News*: Irving Blog, Dec. 12; *The Doings La Grange*, Nov. 25

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