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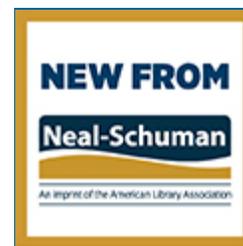
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Conference Highlights



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Transforming libraries, engaging communities

As libraries reinvent themselves by meeting the challenges posed by emerging technologies, they look for creative ways to engage their communities. These issues and more were examined at the ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition, held June 27–July 2 in Chicago. Overall attendance was 26,362, including 15,918 attendees and 6,125 exhibitors. ALA will hold its 2014 Midwinter Meeting January 24–28 in Philadelphia and its next Annual Conference June 26–July 1 in Las Vegas....



Public Information Office, July 3



A grand total of 26,362 librarians and library staff, exhibitors, and library supporters attended ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, June 27–July 2. Attendance was better than last year’s conference in Anaheim, California, which had 20,134 registrations. The New Orleans Annual Conference total was 20,125 in 2010.

Libraries will help Americans sign up for healthcare

Librarians will be recruited to help people get signed up for insurance under President Barack Obama’s health care overhaul. Up to 17,000 US libraries will be part of the effort to [get information](#) and crucial computer time to the millions of uninsured Americans who need to get coverage under the Affordable Care Act. The initiative was announced Sunday at the ALA Council meeting, which included a special video greeting (above) from Obama. To find out more, call the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at (800) 318-2596 and consult the ALA Library’s [resource guide](#)....



Associated Press, June 29; National Network of Libraries of Medicine, June 28; ALA Library



Mayor Emanuel greets the conference

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel (right) took the stage Friday afternoon before the Opening General Session to talk to attendees. Joking about the Chicago



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Blackhawks rally and parade that took place earlier in the day, Emanuel said he came to #ala2013 because he “wanted to see people who weren’t wearing the color red.” Emanuel announced that ALA had signed an agreement confirming Chicago will host its Annual Conference in 2020, 2023, and 2026 (in addition to the 2017 conference already scheduled). Watch the [video](#) (5:17)....

Choose Chicago, June 28

[Freakonomics author keynotes Opening General Session](#)

On Friday, ALA President Maureen Sullivan introduced Steven Levitt (right), the bestselling coauthor of *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*, by quoting how the *Wall Street Journal* once described him: “If Indiana Jones were an economist, he’d be Steven Levitt.” Upon taking the stage, Levitt said that he was on cloud nine for about two weeks after that article appeared—until he heard his wife say at a dinner party, “Indiana Jones? I think Jim Jones would be a more apt comparison,” referring to the Jonestown cult leader....

AL: The Scoop, June 28



[Tech visionary Jaron Lanier](#)

The ALA Annual Auditorium Speaker series kicked off on Saturday with an eye-opening talk by Jaron Lanier (right), one of the visionary forefathers of tech culture who popularized the term “virtual reality,” and the author of the bestseller *You Are Not a Gadget*. Lanier’s latest book, *Who Owns the Future*, addresses the detrimental effects networking technologies have had on our economy, and by extension, the lives of everyone on the planet. Watch the [video](#) (3:03)....

AL: The Scoop, July 2



[Dan Cohen on the Digital Public Library of America](#)

The keynote speaker at Maureen Sullivan’s ALA President’s Program on Sunday afternoon was Dan Cohen, founding executive director of the [Digital Public Library of America](#), an enterprise that, as he sees it, is “less a technical project than a social project.” Conceived in 2010 by Harvard University’s Berkman Center for Internet and Society, DPLA officially launched in April 2013 as an attempt to make the holdings of US research libraries, archives, and museums available to all Americans online and free of charge....

AL: The Scoop, July 1



[Alice Walker: “The library has been a haven”](#)

Author and activist Alice Walker received a



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standing ovation soon after taking the stage during her Auditorium Speakers Series appearance on Monday. Walker, best known for her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Color Purple*, thanked an estimated 2,000 attendees for their warm introduction by crossing her arms in a symbolic embrace. Walker has often talked about not being aware that there was a public library in her hometown of Eatonton, Georgia, until she was 50 years old....

AL: The Scoop, July 2



[John Lewis's March](#)

US Congressman John Lewis (D-Ga., right) told many stories during his Auditorium Speaker Series speech on Saturday afternoon. His deep, sonorous voice scarcely needed a microphone as he recounted his early years in the Civil Rights Movement. Now Lewis has written a graphic novel about his experiences, with the help of his technology policy aide Andrew Aydin and illustrator Nate Powell. Called *March*, it is both an autobiography and a tribute to a generation of young people who were so moved by injustice that they had to "speak up and speak out, fight the good fight as one people, one family, all living in the same American house." Watch an exclusive AL interview with Rep. Lewis ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)), and portions of the Saturday presentation ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#))....

AL: The Scoop, June 30



[Khaled Hosseini and unforeseen circumstances](#)

On June 29, *Booklist's* Donna Seaman interviewed bestselling author Khaled Hosseini as part of the Auditorium Speaker Series at conference, and discussed his new book, *And the Mountains Echoed*. The discussion delved into the author's relationship with books, libraries, and the characters he creates. Hosseini began the conversation acknowledging how different his life would've been had he remained in his native Afghanistan. Watch the [video](#) (3:48)....

AL: The Scoop, July 3



[Mikes fail, lights flash: Stone and Kuznick forge ahead](#)

On Monday, the Auditorium session featuring Director Oliver Stone and Professor of History Peter Kuznick almost didn't happen. The microphones failed without warning at the onset and the auditorium house lights flashed on and off without explanation at one point, prompting them to wonder if the CIA might be sabotaging the event. Stone and Kuznick's talk was moderated by former *American Libraries* Editor and Publisher Leonard Kniffel. Once the technical difficulties were fixed, Kniffel got down to business, probing the pair on the inspiration behind their *Untold History of the United States* project. Watch this exclusive AL video interview with Stone and Kuznick ([Part](#)




Air & Space/Smithsonian Magazine

Gale, a part of Cengage Learning and Smithsonian Institution have partnered to launch a series of collections from Smithsonian's vast archives. The first is ***Air & Space and Smithsonian Magazine Archive***, available for the first time in a combined and fully searchable digital archive.



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[Giada and librarians: A tasty combo](#)

T. J. Szafranski writes: "It made sense for Giada de Laurentiis to speak to a room full of librarians. Her new series of children's books, *Giada De Laurentiis's Recipe for Adventure*, will be published starting in September. For her, the books were a 'passion project' rooted in her experience as a child. But she spoke for only 10 minutes about the books, before engaging in an hour-long, lively, lighthearted, and honest question-and-answer session with the audience."...

AL: The Scoop, July 2



[An interview with Temple Grandin](#)

Mary Voors writes: "On Sunday morning, prior to her informative and inspiring presentation at the ALA Annual Conference, I was lucky enough to interview Temple Grandin (right). She was diagnosed with autism at age 2 in 1949 and is now, in addition to her other professional accomplishments, one of the world's most influential and inspirational advocates for people with autism. Grandin was welcoming, friendly, honest, enthusiastic, and very open. Here are excerpts from our conversation."...

ALSC Blog, July 3



[Making, not breaking](#)

Chinese-American computer scientist Ping Fu (right) came to her Auditorium speech on Saturday dressed in red shoes, red belt, and white scarf—appropriately enough, all manufactured by a 3D printer. As chief strategy officer of 3D Systems, a technical design company founded in 1986 by Chuck Hall, the inventor of 3D printing, Fu is an enthusiastic proponent of makerspaces in libraries and schools. She has written a memoir of her life in China and the United States titled *Bend, Not Break: A Life in Two Worlds* (Portfolio / Penguin, 2012)....

AL: The Scoop, June 30



[Octavia Spencer chat caps Annual Conference](#)

At the Closing General Session on Tuesday, Academy Award winner Octavia Spencer spoke with incoming ALA President Barbara Stripling about her upcoming kids' book, the challenges that come with fame, and the value of mentors. During the interview, Spencer entertained an estimated 1,000 conference-goers with humorous and inspirational tales about Hollywood, acting, and growing up poor in Alabama....

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"Pro Tip: It is temporarily legal in Chicago to punch someone in the face if they ask, 'You need a degree to be a librarian?'"

—Andy Woodworth, June 27

"Anyone at #ala2013 willing to pick up any great buttons, stickers, or other swag for me? I am #alaleftbehind! *saddest trombone*"

—Donnie Johnson, June 28

"People say Disney is the happiest place on earth, but aside from being with my husband, I'm pretty sure that it's an ALA conference."

—Ashley Parker-Graves, June 28

"Chicagoans: If lots of polite, well-read, and helpful tourists magically appear this weekend, they are librarians."

—Barrington (Ill.) Library, June 28

"Have you ever hung out with twenty gazillion librarians? It's . . . wild #notkidding."

—Susan Orlean, June 28

"The lines for the exhibits might be bigger than at the release of the first



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ALA News

[The prescription for finding healthcare information](#)

George Eberhart writes: "The ALA Washington Office held a special informational session on Sunday afternoon to let librarians [get a head start](#) on helping their patrons enroll for healthcare through the new Affordable Care Act, which aims to provide reasonable health insurance for all Americans equally, regardless of any pre-existing conditions. About 7 million people are expected to sign up for coverage in the new marketplaces beginning October 1, but the heavy emphasis on web-based portals will put anyone without access to a computer at a disadvantage."...

AL: The Scoop, July 1; Ask the ALA Library, July 3



[The promise of libraries transforming communities](#)

Laurie D. Borman writes: "Saturday morning's panel session, 'The Promise of Libraries Transforming Communities,' hit home with an engaged crowd and a passionate panel. The ALA President's Program was cosponsored by the Public Information Office. ALA Past President Molly Raphael opened the session by focusing on the community's aspirations. Then each of the panelists spoke about how they had used methods learned in Harwood Institute workshops to engage their communities, whether a city, a university, or a school."...

AL: The Scoop, June 30



[Council I supports whistleblower Edward Snowden](#)

Council quickly passed a number of resolutions on Sunday, including support for whistleblower Edward Snowden, which was moved by Jim Kuhn and seconded by Mike Marlin. The motion resolved "that the ALA recognize Edward Snowden as a whistleblower who, in releasing information that documents government attacks on privacy, free speech, and freedom of association, has performed a valuable service in launching a national dialogue about transparency, domestic surveillance, and overclassification."...

AL: The Scoop, June 30

[Council II reconsiders Snowden support](#)

ALA Council II reconsidered on Monday a resolution that it passed the previous day in support of whistleblower Edward Snowden. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Legislation and the Intellectual Freedom Committee. ALA Parliamentarian Eli Mina stressed that referring the resolution does not rescind the motion approving it, but means Council has "pushed the pause button" on the resolution. Council also referred a resolution in support of whistleblower Bradley Manning to the same two committees....

AL: The Scoop, July 1

[Whistleblower issues dominate Council III](#)

Twilight film."

—Holly Luetkenhaus, June 28

"Walk into a random session for 30 minutes, walk out with a painted face and an invitation to present the next day."

—Caitin Schaffer, June 29

"What an amazing day! I love ALA! (This kind of makes BEA look like dog food.)"

—Jennifer Laughran, June 29

"The one day for which I don't have a cardigan and the #ala2013 shuttle driver asks whether I'm really going to the convention."

—Kristen Northrup, June 30

"Hotel says tax exempt only applies to diplomats. Told them I'm ambassador of library love. Didn't buy it."

—MAC, @outsideadog, June 30

"Made it to the start of the 5K. Now I just need to make it to the finish!"

—Heather S., June 30

"I wouldn't need a committee to select you as a winner. #librarianpickuplines"

—Arianna LeChan, June 30

"Rainbow tutus and madame librarians. I'm loving the contrast in the Loop today. #pride and #ala2013."

—M. G. Maloney, June 30

After extended debate, the ALA Council voted to substitute the resolution in support of whistleblower Edward Snowden that passed in Council I on Monday with a resolution on the need for reforms for the intelligence community to support privacy, open government, government transparency, and accountability developed by the Committee on Legislation and the Intellectual Freedom Committee, respectively....

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[eContent Quarterly preview issue ready for download](#)

Patrick Hogan writes: "ALA TechSource has launched the new *eContent Quarterly* with a [free preview issue](#) announced at Annual Conference. Sue Polanka and Mirela Roncevic are coeditors. In a fast-changing marketplace like ebooks in libraries, confusion reigns. The goal of *eContent Quarterly* is to bring together the voices of vendors and librarians in one publication and lend some clarity. The first issue is slated for publication in September."...

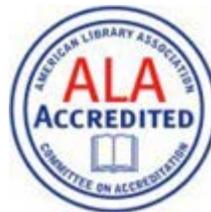
ALA TechSource blog, July 2



[Your library school lost its accreditation: Now what?](#)

Mariam Pera writes: "On Friday, Laura Dare and Karen O'Brien from ALA's Office for Accreditation presented a program on ALA accreditation appeal process training. If the Council on Accreditation withdraws its endorsement from a program, the institution can appeal the decision only if the council's action was taken as a result of a failure to observe due process, or was not supported by relevant information."...

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[Fred Faxon and the ALA conferences of yore](#)

One of the most beloved members of ALA, Frederick Winthrop Faxon (1866–1936) "was not a librarian, but for almost 40 years he devoted himself to serving librarians and promoting the library idea." A bibliographer and owner of the F. W. Faxon Publishing Company, his research on American magazines produced several bibliographies. One of the highlights of the ALA Archives collection is a series of F. W. Faxon's [photographs](#) of the ALA conferences from 1894 to 1932. His photographs and humorous narrations and poems offer an intimate and entertaining view into the lives of librarians....

ALA Archives blog, June 23



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Authors

"Rush hour traffic in Chicago is almost as bad as Big 6 exhibit hall booths during an author signing."

—Megan Hodge, July 1

"Only thing crazier than 1000 librarians in one place is 1000 librarians in one place all dressed up. #caldecott75"

—Bradley T. Jones, June 30

"You can tell the people who didn't carefully think through their conference footwear by the number of Band-Aids on their feet."

—Danielle Johnson, June 30

"65% of non-librarians reading #ala2013 tagged tweets believe that ALA is the American Liquor Association."

—FakeLibStats, July 1

"Did you hear about the librarian who tripped and fell in the library? She was in the non-friction section."

—Emily J. Hurst, July 1

"Things I missed at #ala2013—my Tumblr could get me a job. Excuse me while my brain explodes. #tumblrala."

—Jennifer Petti, July 2

"Squeeing a bit over the fact that the entire #litabd has twitter handles."

—Cindi Trainor, July 3

[Q&A with Khaled Hosseini](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Mariam Pera had the opportunity to sit down with bestselling author Khaled Hosseini (right) before his Auditorium Speaker appearance on Saturday. *AL*: "You've said that you began *And the Mountains Echoed* with the image of a man pulling a wagon in the desert with a little girl in it, and a boy trailing behind. Do you see this as a metaphor for Afghanistan or its people, or is it symbolic of all of us?" Watch portions of Mariam Pera's interview video ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#))....

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[Ann Patchett, readers' advisor extraordinaire](#)

Brita Zitin writes: "Without using the library buzzwords 'readers' advisory' or 'booktalking,' author Ann Patchett (right) spent the first half of her appearance at the PLA President's Program on Sunday describing her passion for the former, and the second half displaying her skill with the latter. Connecting readers with books is Patchett's passion. She confessed that she doesn't even really care about selling the books she recommends."...

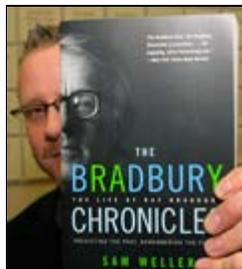
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[Remembering Ray Bradbury](#)

Phil Morehart writes: "Ray Bradbury's influence on literature, film, television, art, and library advocacy is unparalleled. The late author was one of our great thinkers: curious, unflappable, and passionate about truth, literacy, and open access of information. 'Book on Fire: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of *Fahrenheit 451*,' a panel discussion sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Committee, celebrated the author's most acclaimed work, the dystopian novel, *Fahrenheit 451*, which envisions a frightening future where books are outlawed."...

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[YA authors decode dystopia](#)

Phil Morehart writes: "At the opening of the panel 'Bleak New World: YA Authors Decode Dystopia,' authors Lois Lowry (whose iconic *The Giver* won the Newbery in 1994), Patrick Ness (the Chaos Walking trilogy), Veronica Roth (the Divergent series), and Cory Doctorow (*Homeland*; Boing Boing coeditor) were asked how they would fare if they suddenly found themselves in one of the dystopian or apocalyptic situations detailed in their work. Some predicted survival. Others were convinced that they would immediately perish."...

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[Graphic novelists on camera](#)

Watch exclusive interviews with graphic novelist [Matt Dembecki](#) (4:54), comic book author [Jacob Chabot](#) (3:28), and graphic novelists [Chris Giarusso](#) (1:28) and [Delia Jean](#) (right, 2:13)....



"Trying to figure out how to retweet an entire weekend."

—Travis Jonker, July 1

"Goodbye from #ORD, #ala2013! You were fantastic and awesome and have given me a swollen head. Librarians rule everything."

—Cory Doctorow, June 30

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YouTube, July 1

[Bestselling authors call for library ebook lending](#)

On June 27, ALA President Maureen Sullivan announced the launch of "[Authors for Library Ebooks.](#)" a new initiative that asks authors to stand with libraries in their quest for equitable access to ebooks. Bestselling authors Cory Doctorow, Ursula K. Le Guin, and Jodi Picoult (right) are helping kick off the campaign...

District Dispatch, June 27



[The AAP Bookalicious Authors Breakfast](#)

April Schweikhard writes: "Books and breakfast—could there be a better way to start the morning? The Bookalicious Breakfast on Saturday, sponsored by the Association of American Publishers, provided attendees the opportunity to hear a panel of authors discuss their latest debuts. Stephanie Evanovich, Pierce Brown, Kathleen Kent, Mary Kay Andrews, and two other authors highlighted their new books."...

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[USBBY presentation with Elizabeth Wein](#)

Colleen Seisser writes: "Author Elizabeth Wein (right) gave an impassioned and fascinating talk at the [United States Board on Books for Young People](#) presentation on Saturday. If you were lucky enough to catch it, you learned not only more about what USBBY does to promote diversity in children's and teens' literature but also about how Wein's early literacy formed the writer that she is today."...

YALSA: The Hub, July 2



[Author inspiration](#)

Casey O'Leary writes: "I had two opportunities to hear authors today at #ala2013 and both knocked my socks off. I decided several months ago to attend the Bookmobile Saturday Author Lunch. Lauren Myracle and Audrey Niffenegger were the guest speakers, and since my daughter has declared herself Lauren Myracle's biggest fan, I figured it would be a great opportunity to meet her." Here are more [YA Rock Star authors](#) at the Penguin Young Readers Group dinner....

ALSC Blog, June 29



[Librarians to offer readers' discovery service](#)

Over the last few years of tussling of ebooks, librarians have constantly reminded publishers of the role they play in the discovery of books and authors. Now, with the launch of a new partnership, librarians and publishers will be pulling in the same directions: [LibraryReads](#), a new recommendation program, will highlight public librarians' favorite new books. Set to



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launch in fall 2013, the venture is open to all public library staff, and will serve as a national "library staff picks list."...

Publishers Weekly, June 28

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Division Sessions

[Erin McKean, digital packrat](#)

George Eberhart writes: "The **ALCTS** President's Program on Monday morning featured Erin McKean (right), lexicographer and founder of [Wordnik](#), an online dictionary. She came right out and confessed to being a 'data packrat' who keeps her Evernote files and Pinterest boards filled with text and images. 'Only someone with as strong a data packrat drive as mine ends up as a lexicographer,' she quipped."...

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[The myth and reality of the evolving patron](#)

Brita Zitin writes: "Lee Rainie (right), director of the Pew Internet and American Life Project, knows how to win over a roomful of librarians, as he proved at the **RUSA** President's Program on Saturday, where he was the keynote speaker. He's generous with both his flattery ('Every day spent with librarians is a good day') and his cat photos (the feline census of his [slideshow](#) reached well into the double digits). But he also delivers (in abundance) what information professionals really want: reliable data that makes library work more meaningful."...

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[ACRL Instruction Section soirée](#)

April Schweikhard writes: "Members of the **ACRL** Instruction Section mingled in the Reading Room of Columbia College Library on Friday, where there was music, refreshments, and good company. Before getting swept up in the nonstop schedule of meetings, sessions, and programs, instruction librarians from across the country were able to catch up with old colleagues and meet new friends."...

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[On zombies and Google](#)

Kate Tkacik writes: "So, it was cool to find out zombies and Google are on our side in the fight to for information literacy. At **ACRL's** 'Crossing the K-20 Continuum,' Ken Burhanna of Kent State University talked about how librarians can help what he called our 'zombie' students fit together the missing pieces in their research skills. Tasha Burgeson-Michelson of Google's Search Education explained that it's important for teacher librarians to remember that we can, and should, utilize the research technology our students already use in their everyday lives."...

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[Attracting reluctant male readers](#)

B. A. Binns writes: "Barbara Binns and Jim

Klise presented a **YALSA** session Saturday on 'Attracting Reluctant Male Readers.' 'Reluctant reader' and 'teen boy' are not synonyms, but demographically, the majority of reluctant readers are boys. Fear and embarrassment are the enemies, especially with boys reaching adolescence, the time when their gender identification grows in importance. Here are some strategies for turning reluctant readers into eager readers."...



YALSA: The Hub, July 3

[10 steps to a better library interior](#)

T. J. Szafranski writes: "I channeled my inner Nate Berkus Saturday morning while listening to Nancye Browning, assistant director at Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library, and Traci Lesneski, principal of Meyer Scherer & Rockcastle, present **PLA's** '10 Steps to a Better Library Interior.' Today's library patrons expect comfort and amenities. Cafés, gaming spaces, cozy chairs—perks in the past—are now *de rigueur*. To help libraries meet these expectations, Lesneski and Browning offered 10 design-related tenets."...

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[Engaging Genre X](#)

April Schweikhard writes: "Jennifer Czajka (Oak Park, Ill.) perfectly summarized her topic at the **PLA** "Late Nights at the Library: After Hours Programming for Public Libraries" session when she said that after-hour library programming is the most fun you can have at work. Czajka and Rebecca Malinowski of the Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library explained how their library has leveraged after-hours programming events as part of its Genre X initiative targeting the 20s and 30s age groups."...



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[Long e-overdue](#)

T. J. Szafranski writes: "I work with ebooks at my library. I understand how our patrons can access them, I understand how they can download them, and I understand how they can read them. I never really understood *how* we have them—what complicated system of money, technology, and time makes it all possible. **PLA's** 'Long e-Overdue' program on Saturday shed some light on this, but even more importantly, the session made me understand that *how* libraries have ebooks will likely change before I can fully understand how it works."...

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[LLAMA's PR Xchange](#)

April Schweikhard writes: "When it comes to marketing, who couldn't use a little help from their friends? Thankfully, **LLAMA's** PR Xchange on Sunday provided librarians the opportunity to sample some of the year's best marketing materials. This year's Xchange hosted a variety of creative public relations materials, including zombie attacks and *Hunger Games* themes."...

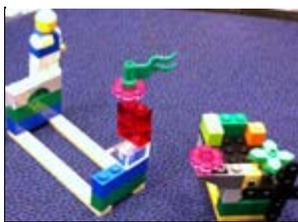


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[Busting out of your cubicle](#)

April Schweikhard writes: "My last session on

Saturday was the **ACRL** University Libraries Section's 'Busting Out of the Cubicle: Your Creative Self at Work'; however, this wasn't a typical conference session. Coming out of their success hosting an [Innovation Boot Camp](#), M.



J. D'Elia and Robert Bergart of the University of Guelph, Ontario, discussed the different types of mindsets that are characteristic of innovators. They conducted an exercise, a LEGO Serious Play activity in which every attendee was asked to build a small structure and then explain the process."...

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[School Library Research editors named](#)

AASL has appointed Ruth V. Small (Syracuse University School of Information Studies) and Mega Subramaniam (College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland) as coeditors of its peer-reviewed online journal, [School Library Research](#) (SLR). Small and Subramaniam assume the roles previously filled by Jean Donham and Carol Tilley....



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Other Events

[I went to ALA for the first time](#)

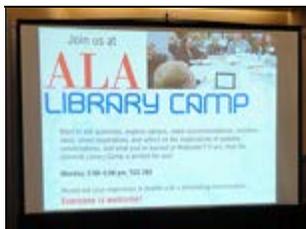
T. J. Szafranski writes: "Let's start with ribbons. No one told me about ribbons (right). I read blog posts geared toward first-time conference attendees. My coworkers and other friends knew I was going. I didn't hear a peep about ribbons. When I reported to the *American Libraries* tent on Friday morning, I received a small Press ribbon. At my second session, I scanned the room and noticed more people with ribbons attached to their name tags. Shiny ribbons, colorful ribbons, hard-to-read ribbons. Then I figured it out: Ribbons are a *thing*."...



AL: The Scoop, July 3

[Welcome back, campers!](#)

Kate Tkacik writes: "Even though I won't make it to an official session until later this afternoon, I'm happy to say I've already had plenty of talks (and hugs) with all sorts of librarians from all sorts of places across the country. Library management, book bikes, best practices in blog analytics, librarianship for urban youth, ALA member retention—just a sampling of the conversations had at Thursday night's Think Tank meet-up at Citizen Bar."...



AL: The Scoop, June 28

[Peter Arnett and the preservation of the AP Saigon archives](#)

George Eberhart writes: "Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Peter Arnett (right) was the keynote speaker at ProQuest's annual customer appreciation



breakfast on Monday, and with good reason. Arnett, who had covered the Vietnam War for the Associated Press from 1962 to the fall of Saigon in 1975, was single-handedly responsible for preserving the entire archive of unpublished stories and service messages written by the AP's Saigon Bureau, a repository that is now available in ProQuest's History Vault collection."...

AL: The Scoop, July 1

[The Associated Press: Capturing history](#)

Mariam Pera writes: "Kiichiro Sato, regional photo editor for the Associated Press, presented 'Through the Photographer's Lens: How Images Impact Research' on Monday. His presentation included a sampling of photos that are available through the [AP Images Collection](#), the AP's partnership with EBSCO Publishing that makes millions of images available to library patrons. Sato offered information about the AP's history, mission, and emphasis on journalistic standards, as well as examples of its work over the years."...



AL: The Scoop, July 2

[Microfilm's 75th anniversary](#)

George Eberhart writes: "Electronic publisher ProQuest celebrated its 75th anniversary at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference by showcasing the founder of University Microfilms International, its predecessor company. Eugene B. Power (1905–1993) introduced microfilm to libraries in 1938 and led the format to its standard use for preservation, sharing, and document storage. Visitors to the ProQuest booth were greeted with a lifesize cutout (above, complete with conference badge) of Power as a superhero sporting a word balloon."...



AL: The Scoop, June 30

[Why libraries need to be involved in marketing](#) (PDF

file)

Ginger Rogers writes: "David Vinjamuri, a brand marketer who has done training for American Express, Johnson & Johnson, and the US Navy, spoke to attendees Sunday about public relations, starting with a perfect example of good PR by pulling chairs off the dais to help seat the crowd. Libraries, he said, are the 'keystone species' of reading, the very reason that reading is prevalent as a leisure activity in our society."...

Cognotes, July 1, p. 12, 16

[IMLS and USCIS sign partnership agreement](#) (PDF file)

Brad Martin writes: "Libraries will find it easier to get the citizenship and immigration information they need to serve their communities, thanks to a new partnership agreement between the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the US Citizenship



and Immigration Service, signed at the ALA Annual Conference on Saturday.”...

Cognates, June 30, p. 1, 12

[Librarians as game changers on gun violence](#)

Chicago has been plagued with gun violence recently. On Friday, Rev. Michael Pflieger, social activist and pastor of St. Sabina Catholic Church, located in one of Chicago’s most troubled neighborhoods, opened a session on the topic of how libraries can make a difference. He urged librarians to be “first responders” in the fight to improve the quality of life in communities suffering from gun violence issues. Watch this [excerpt](#) from his presentation (1:58)....

Visibility @ your library, July 3



[Emerging Leaders poster session](#)

Abby Johnson writes: “I stopped by the 2013 Emerging Leaders’ poster session Friday and holy cats were there some interesting and awesome projects to behold! From planning interactive activities for PLA 2014 to examining ALA’s member retention to serving adult learners and even evaluating the Emerging Leaders program itself, the room was wall-to-wall with great info and ideas.”...

ALSC Blog, June 28



[Unconference: Changing the world](#)

T. J. Szafranski writes: “Unconference is a participant-guided experience that aims to reinvent the informal, unstructured conversations that colleagues have at conferences. Instead of being talked at, attendees decide on topics to discuss and talk about with one another. The #ala2013 Unconference began when the moderators (above), Ayanna Gaines, Ventura (Calif.) College, and Matthew Cizek, Penn State Shenango, asked the crowd for topic suggestions.”...

AL: The Scoop, June 28



[ALA Battledecks IV: Chicago showdown](#)

Brita Zitin writes: “Improv was an unstated but undeniable theme of the 2013 Annual Conference. There was Friday’s Learning Round Table preconference with Chicago’s Second City Communications, Saturday’s ProQuest Scholarship Bash featuring Second City performers, Sunday’s LLAMA/NMRT discussion about what to do if you’re called upon to speak unexpectedly, and Monday’s Ignite session about collaboration based on the improv principle of “Yes, And!” But perhaps the most eagerly anticipated improv event of the conference was Monday evening’s Battledecks competition.”...

AL: The Scoop, July 2



[Now Showing @ALAannual presents movies and more](#)

Phil Morehart writes: "Now Showing @ ALA offered a variety of film and video screenings throughout the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The selections were diverse, including Martin Scorsese's Paris-set historical adventure *Hugo*, episodes of Oliver Stone and Peter Kuznick's Showtime series *The Untold History of the United States*, *Ferlinghetti: A Rebirth of Wonder* (a biography of poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti), and *56 Up*, the latest installment of British filmmaker Michael Apted's long-running documentary series."...

AL: The Scoop, July 2



[We're gonna need a bigger room](#)

Kate Tkacik writes: "The room was packed to capacity at all four of the Conversation Starter and Ignite programs I attended. These sessions are fun, diverse, and informal. At Ignite talks, presenters have five minutes and 20 slides to share a unique project or a specific passion. Presentations ranged from Twitter-length book talks to literacy for African-American male youth to spatial data practices. Conversation Starters are informal panels, where the audience and presenters can interact and talk it out. Better still, the sessions are all voted into the schedule by ALA members (and nonmembers) before the conference begins."...

AL: The Scoop, July 2



[The thing about money . . .](#)

Brian Mayer writes: "There are so many wonderful things that come along with attending Annual Conference. One of the common conversational threads this year has been money: Not having enough, needing to justify expenditures, and furloughs and layoffs all seem to bubble up to the top of the most casual of hellos. But what should be troubling and saddening has instead been inspirational."...

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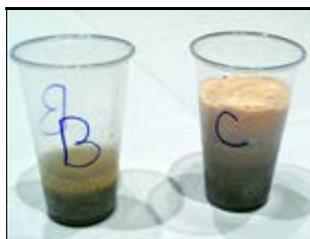
[Mashing up programs with MOOCs, media, and more](#)

Jayna Ramsey writes: "Humanities are not dead. That is the message of the [Library As Incubator Project](#) as well as the other presenters on Saturday at 'Humanities in the Digital Era.' The way that libraries have taken it upon themselves to showcase and promote humanities is becoming more creative, both in the way that the humanities are being expressed, as well as in the partnerships that are being formed to make it all possible."...

Programming Librarian, July 3

[STEM programming with NASA](#)

Nicole Helregel writes: "Space is always a hot topic with children; astronomy is a fun, accessible way to connect children's natural curiosity about our world and universe to STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) education. In 'Creating Out-of-This-World Children's Programs with NASA



Materials,' Eve Halligan and Andy Shaner, representatives from the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, discussed the [Explore](#) program, which is designed to engage children in space and planetary science outside the classroom."...

Programming Librarian, July 1

[Creative programming for older adults](#)

Jayna Ramsey writes: "Currently close to 14% of the US population is over the age of 65, with that number expected to rise to 20% by 2030. Library programming for older adults frequently includes much passive programming, such as author talks and lectures, but little hands-on experience, unlike children's programming. Lifetime Arts' [Creative Aging Toolkit](#) introduced a solution to this problem at a Saturday Public Programs Office session: hands-on art programs of at least eight weeks long that provide instruction by a professional and an opportunity for socialization."...

Programming Librarian, July 2

[The Library Camp song: Everybody!](#)

Brita Zitin writes: "Okay, everyone, to the tune of 'Do Your Ears Hang Low?'" Here goes: "At the end of a conference / Do you find you're not quite through? / Do you want to make more friends / And bounce ideas off someone new? / Have you used up your per diem / Or your energy to schmooze, / But just aren't through?"...

AL: The Scoop, July 2

[The Chicago Tribune discovers librarians](#)

Christopher Borrelli writes: "Mallory Caise, who is 28, hip, wide-eyed, and unfailingly polite, pushed her way through the thicket of librarians. She wore a black polka-dot dress and clutched a pile of folders to her chest. She moved slowly, knocking into people, apologizing every few feet. This was Saturday at McCormick Place, midway through the American Library Association's Annual Conference, which drew more than 26,000."...

Chicago Tribune, July 1



[Chicago experiences: Non-ALA related](#)

Katie U. Miller writes: "A whirlwind weekend in Chicago. Each day my mind was spinning from all the new information that had been crammed into it from session after session. I'm still trying to process it all. For now, here's what I learned about Chicago the city. I'll write about ALA later."...

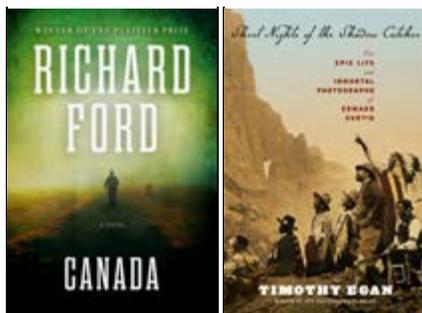
TV Addicted Librarian, July 3

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Awards

[Ford and Egan win Andrew Carnegie Medals](#)

ALA has awarded Richard Ford and Anthony Egan the 2013 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction. Richard Ford's *Canada* received the medal for fiction, and Timothy Egan's *Short Nights of*



the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis

received the medal for nonfiction. The selections were announced Sunday night at the Carnegie Awards presentation. The awards recognize the best of the best in fiction and nonfiction for adult readers published in the US the previous year. Read *Booklist's* interviews with [Timothy Egan](#) and [Richard Ford](#)....

Booklist, RUSA, July 3; At Your Library

ALA receives Presidential Citation from American Institute of Architects

The American Institute of Architects presented a Presidential Citation to ALA President Maureen Sullivan on July 1 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the AIA/ALA Library Building Awards. The award cited ALA for its "historic mission to protect and advocate for equity of access to information" and for transforming the "image of the library as sacred temple to vibrant community center."...



2013 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards

(PDF file)
In honor of the 50th anniversary of the AIA/ALA Library Building Awards, ALA and the American Institute of Architects have selected six recipients for the 2013 award. Biennially, representatives from ALA and AIA gather to celebrate the finest examples of library design by architects licensed in the United States....



Cognotes, July 1, p. 8

A wild ride at the ALSC preconference

Kiera Parrott writes: "If I'm feeling a bit numb this morning, it may be because I used up All the Feelings at the Friday ALSC Preconference, 'A Wild Ride: 75 Years of the Caldecott Medal,' at the Art Institute of Chicago. There was so much picture book love, author and illustrator appreciations, insights into the production and editorial process, and simply great conversations with fellow picture book nerds. I could spend pages gushing, but I'll share just a few of the highlights for me."...



ALSC Blog, June 29

Meet me on the Red Caldecott Carpet

Mary Voors writes: "The red carpet unrolled and we have pictures of some of the hundreds and hundreds of people at the event that took place Sunday night immediately before the 2013 Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder Banquet. With special thanks to the Caldecott 75th Anniversary



Committee, a good time was had by all." Abby Johnson [adds](#). "Sitting there, applauding madly for the medal and honor winners with so many people who love books and children as much as I do, was an emotionally overwhelming experience."...

ALSC Blog, July 1

[The Printz Award ceremony](#)

Gretchen Kolderup writes: "On Monday, the five authors recognized by this year's Michael L. Printz Award were honored with a ceremony and reception. Unlike some award ceremonies, both the winning author and all of the honor list authors are given the opportunity to speak. Their words are always moving and enlightening, and this year was no different. Benjamin Alire Sáenz opened the evening with a heartfelt speech about how he had to learn to accept himself as a gay man before he could write the story of a gay Latino boy finding love."...

YALSA: The Hub, July 3

[Coretta Scott King Book Awards breakfast](#)

Amy Musser writes: "One of the things I love about going to ALA conferences are the moments when I feel a great sense of connection with the library community. This morning as I sang with my fellow librarians at the CSK Book Awards Breakfast was one such moment. Near the beginning of the ceremony the entire group stood and sang 'Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing' along with the young vocalist, Riziki Covington."...

ALSC Blog, June 30

[AASL Awards Luncheon recap](#)

Jane Lofton writes: "At AASL's Annual Awards Luncheon on Monday, we were treated to both an inspiring lineup of award winners and an engaging speech by writer and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Krosoczka, whose work includes the Children's Choice Award-winning Lunch Lady graphic novel series, the Punk Farm picture book series, and many more, shared how he gets to live out his childhood dream and that he can have this career because of librarians."...

AASL Blog, July 2

[25 Best Apps for Teaching and Learning](#)

AASL announced its inaugural list of [Best Apps for Teaching and Learning](#) at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The list of 25 apps builds on AASL's established [Best Websites for Teaching and Learning](#) (also [announced](#) at Annual Conference) and provides a new technology resource for school librarians and their teacher collaborators....

AASL, June 30



[Nominations open for 2013 I Love My Librarian Award](#)

Nominations opened at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago for the 2013 Carnegie Corporation of New York / *New York Times* I Love My Librarian Award. The award invites library users nationwide to

recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college, and university libraries. [Nominations](#) will run through September 6 and are being accepted online....

Campaign for America's Libraries, June 28

[EMIERT Distinguished Librarian](#)

Ghada Elturk (right), outreach librarian at the Boulder (Colo.) Public Library, was honored as the 2013 recipient of the ALA Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table Distinguished Librarian Award. Given biennially, the award recognizes a librarian for outstanding achievement and leadership in serving the community by significant collection building and outreach services and developing creative multicultural materials and programs....



Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table, July 2

[Match challenge: Grow the Stonewall Book Awards](#)

During the Stonewall Book Awards Brunch on Monday, Mike Morgan and Larry Romans announced that they will match [contributions](#) of \$25 or more (\$10 for text donations) up to \$15,000 in a year-long effort to grow the Stonewall Book Awards Endowment Fund. Donations to the endowment will be matched from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. The endowment supports the Stonewall Book Awards, the first and longest-enduring book award series for LGBT literature....

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table, July 2

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Tech and Makerspaces

[40 great apps for mobile reference and outreach](#)

Sanhita SinhaRoy writes: "The desire to learn about useful mobile apps is widespread among librarians, judging by the overflow crowd at Sunday's Conversation Starter, billed to deliver '40 Great Apps for Mobile Reference and Outreach.' During their presentation, branch manager Richard Le and adult services librarian Mel Gooch, both from San Francisco Public Library, shared what they have found to be dozens of apps that provide innovative services, useful mobile content, and opportunities for outreach."...

AL: The Scoop, July 1



[Mark Frauenfelder makes stuff happen](#)

Sanhita SinhaRoy writes: "Mark Frauenfelder (right), the founding editor-in-chief of *Make* magazine and founder of Boing Boing, addressed a standing-room-only crowd on Monday that came to hear him talk about makerspaces and maker culture. Making has been with us for 100 years or more, according to Frauenfelder. But there had been a clear shift away from making, which is only recently seeing a resurgence."...



AL: Inside Scoop, July 2

[Creating game-based makerspaces](#)

Brian Mayer writes: "The Games and Gaming Round

Table on Saturday hosted a panel of experts (including yours truly) that discussed different ways of blending games and play with the power of creation and makerspaces. Scott Nicholson (right) shared some very exciting opportunities for libraries to connect with their communities. Nicholson and the [Syracuse Game Designers Guild](#) have begun working with the community to help design games and play experiences to meet their needs."...



AL: The Scoop, July 2

[Why you can't always see what you make](#)

T. J. Szafranski writes: "At LITA's 'Makerspaces: Creating, Exploring, Pitfalls,' four successful makerspace enthusiasts discussed what makes a makerspace, and what gets made in those spaces. Jason Griffey, head of library IT at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, moderated a panel that included Bradley Jones, youth technology librarian at Skokie (Ill.) Public Library; Matt Hamilton, director of information technology at Anythink Libraries in Colorado; and Steve Teeri, technical specialist at the HYPE Teen Center, Detroit Public Library."...

AL: The Scoop, July 2

[Chicago's maker ecosystem](#)

Kate Tkacik writes: "'Maker' seems to be one of librarians' favorite buzz words right now and, frankly, as I'm not working in public libraries, I guess I just haven't been getting it. That said, I'm curious, because making stuff *is* cool. I just attended 'Chicago's Maker Ecosystem' panel, hosted by the Chicago Public Library, which will be opening its shiny new makerspace in July."...



AL: The Scoop, July 2

[Augmented reality in the \(real\) library](#)

Sanhita SinhaRoy writes: "At a June 29 Conversation Starter session titled 'Augmented Reality in the Library,' three University of Houston–Downtown librarians presented new ways in which librarians can use a free augmented reality (AR) application known as Aurasma. First created in the 1960s, AR has mostly been used for educational and training purposes, according to the speakers. The technology takes 2D information and transforms it into 3D, enabling a virtual hands-on experience without actual items."...

AL: The Scoop, June 29

[LITA Top Tech Trends panel](#)

Matt Enis writes: "Sunday's LITA Top Technology Trends 2013 panel turned frequently to the future of privacy and the role that libraries might play in protecting their patrons. Internet Archive founder Brewster Kahle suggested that it may be time for libraries to take another step toward protecting patron anonymity and that libraries could take steps to ensure that they do not become instruments of the NSA in the future."...

Library Journal: The Digital Shift, July 2

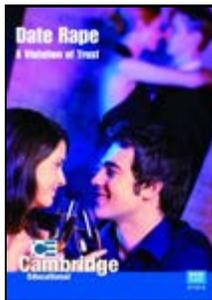
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In Other News

[Only one challenged item removed from Toronto Public Library in 2012](#)

Four "requests for reconsideration" were submitted to the Toronto Public Library in 2012. Most complaints are due to factual errors in books, said Vickery Bowles, director of collections management and citywide services. Someone found the US-made educational film *Date Rape: A Violation of Trust* to be racist and wanted it removed. The Materials Review Committee agreed, finding the movie factually flawed—confusing date rape with stranger rape—and that "while well-intentioned, reinforces stereotypes and lacks diversity."...

Toronto Star, June 29



[Historic school library collection mistakenly tossed](#)

In early June, thousands of books from the library of Highland Park (Mich.) Renaissance Academy were thrown in the trash. Linda Wheeler, a former special education teacher for the Highland Park School District, said the collection consisted of 10,000 rare and out-of-print books and videos relating to the integration of the school district in the 1950s and 1960s. School District Emergency Manager Donald Weatherspoon said at a June 25 meeting that a work crew rehabilitating the library mistakenly disposed of the books....

Detroit News, June 26



[San Diego library gets new challenge grant](#)

Irwin and Joan Jacobs (right), who gave \$20 million to San Diego's new Central Library that is nearing completion, are upping their contribution to \$30 million, the library fundraising campaign announced. However, the Jacobses made their latest pledge in the form of a challenge grant, promising to match all gifts up to \$10 million in an effort to complete the library's \$75 million fundraising goal. The \$185 million library is due to open September 28....

U-T San Diego, July 2



[Penguin and Random House merger complete](#)

Jason Boog writes: "The merger of Penguin and Random House took effect July 1. You can visit the new [Penguin Random House](#) webpage.

According to the company, the new mega-publisher counts more than 10,500 employees in nearly 250 imprints and publishing houses. In all, they publish over 15,000 new titles every year."...

GalleyCat, July 1



[Stony Brook windmill designated a Literary Landmark](#)

United for Libraries, in partnership with Empire State Center for the Book, will designate the windmill at Stony Brook Southampton a Literary Landmark in honor of Tennessee Williams on July 13. In the summer of 1957, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tennessee Williams lived in



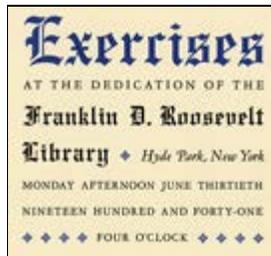
the campus windmill and wrote an experimental play, *The Day on Which a Man Dies*, responding to the death of his friend, Abstract Expressionist painter Jackson Pollock....

United for Libraries, July 2

[The revamped FDR Presidential Library](#)

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York, unveiled a new permanent exhibition on June 30. It represents the first major rethinking of Roosevelt's life and career in decades at the library, and its showcase is a \$35 million renovation, the building's first major overhaul since it was dedicated in 1941. Roosevelt also created the model that with some variation has been followed since: a privately financed library donated to the government and overseen by the National Archives....

New York Times, June 28



[A legal setback for Anne Frank House](#)

In what may prove to be the conclusion to a long and bitter [legal battle](#) over control of the legacy of Anne Frank, a district court in Amsterdam on Wednesday ordered the Anne Frank House to return a collection of archives to a foundation in Switzerland. The Anne Frank Fonds, based in Basel, Switzerland, sued in 2011 for the immediate return of some 10,000 documents and photographs linked to Anne and her father, Otto Frank. The foundation had lent the documents in 2007 to the Frank House, a museum and research center in Amsterdam....

New York Times, June 16, 26



[10 fun uses for old card catalogs](#)

Judith B. Herman writes: "The library catalog has gone digital, but that doesn't mean all the old oaken card catalog cabinets have been flung on the ash heap of history. Fans of the TV series *The Big Bang Theory* have blogged that they covet Sheldon's geek chic catalog (right). Here are some of the novel ways creative people (including many librarians) have renewed card catalogs."...

Mental Floss, June 27



[Library innovations, 1940s style](#)

Cameron Howard writes: "As we gear up for the renovation of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Duke University, we pause to remember a time not so long ago when the state-of-the-art in library science wasn't digitized books and mobile apps, but dumbwaiters and pneumatic tubes. Although the dumbwaiter shafts have long since been walled in and the pneumatic tube system hasn't been used in over 50 years, some of the terminals and tubes can still be seen in the part of the library that is about to be renovated."...

Duke University Libraries Magazine, June 27



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American Libraries Online

Understanding social capital

Laura Solomon writes: "During the Save Ohio Libraries movement in 2009, some libraries in Ohio jumped into Twitter. Undoubtedly, they saw it as another avenue for getting the word out about the imminent and catastrophic budget cuts being proposed by Ohio's governor. However, two major factors prevented them from really using Twitter as an effective rallying tool. The first was simply a lack of followers. The second was a lack of social capital."...

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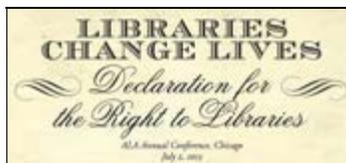
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ALA News

Declaration for the Right to Libraries

ALA President Barbara Stripling writes: "My presidential initiative, titled 'Libraries Change Lives,' focuses on increasing public understanding of the value of libraries, especially in the realms of literacy, innovation, and community engagement. As part of this effort, we have planned a campaign called 'America's Right to Libraries' and developed a 'Declaration for the Right to Libraries' ([PDF file](#)) to serve as a strong public statement of the value of libraries for individuals, communities, and our nation."...

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Join the **ALA Virtual Conference**, July 24–25.

[Groups urge Attorney General to release surveillance reports](#)

On July 8, ALA and the Association of Research Libraries, along with 21 other good-government groups, sent a letter ([PDF file](#)) to the US Department of Justice urging Attorney General Eric Holder to make public any reports by Inspector General Michael Horowitz regarding the collection of Americans' telephone records under Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act. If the Office of the Inspector General has not previously conducted a full review of this program, the letter asks it to do so....

Association of Research Libraries, July 9

[Maps the RDA way](#)

Did you attend the program "Maps the RDA Way" at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago? Do you have questions now that you've come back? Or were you unable to get to the session and want some information? If so, you are in luck. There will be a follow-up webinar on July 22 that will start with the questions the program didn't address but will also provide time for new questions. Register [here](#)....

Map and Geospatial Information Round Table, July 9

[Using Twitter for marketing and outreach](#)

ALA TechSource announces a new workshop on "[Using Twitter for Marketing and Outreach](#)" featuring Andy Burkhardt. This 90-minute workshop will take place on August 8. This workshop will empower participants to build a consistent, effective library Twitter presence that creates value for library users and promotes the library, its resources, and its services. Another new TechSource workshop is "[Harnessing New Content with Web Service APIs](#)" on August 1....

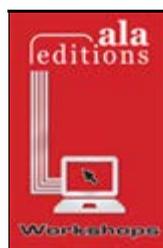
ALA TechSource, Aug. 9



[Readers advisory, and other workshops](#)

ALA Editions announces a new workshop, "[Rethinking Readers' Advisory: An Interactive Approach](#)" with Rebecca Howard and Laura Raphael. This 90-minute workshop will take place on August 7. By using a form-based approach to Readers' Advisory, librarians can develop RA services that are more efficient and more responsive to patrons' needs. Other new ALA Editions offerings are the workshops "[Dealing with Difficult Patrons](#)" on September 19 and "[Serving Deaf Patrons in the Library](#)" on September 18 and 25; and the four-week facilitated eCourses "[Planning and Preparing for RDA](#)" beginning August 5, "[Ebooks: What Librarians Need to Know Now](#)" beginning September 3, and "[Demystifying Copyright: How to Educate Your Staff and Community](#)" beginning September 9....

ALA Editions, July 9



[The 2013 guide to the Newbery and Caldecott Awards](#)

Updated to include the 2013 award and honor books, [The Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Guide to the Medal and Honor Books](#) published by ALA Editions



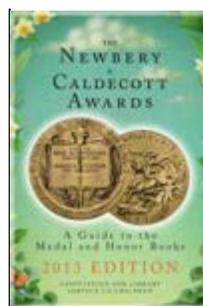
Air & Space/Smithsonian Magazine

Gale, a part of Cengage Learning and Smithsonian Institution have partnered to launch a series of collections from Smithsonian's vast archives. The first is *Air & Space and Smithsonian Magazine Archive*, available for the first time in a combined and fully searchable digital archive.

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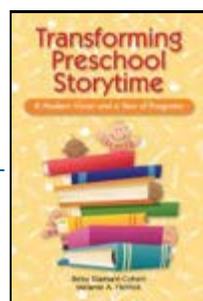
ALA Editions, July 3



[A new approach to preschool storytime](#)

According to recent research, using a selected book in a number of consecutive preschool storytimes, but presenting it differently each time, can help children learn new skill sets. [Transforming Preschool Storytime: A Modern Vision and a Year of Programs](#) by Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Melanie A. Hetrick presents a new approach to storytime, one that employs repetition with variety to create an experience that helps children connect and engage with the story on a higher level."...

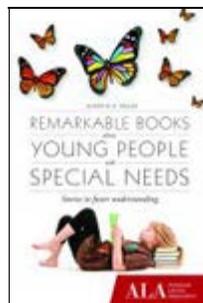
ALA Neal-Schuman, July 9



[Books for young people with special needs](#)

Matching children with special needs to books and stories that will motivate and engage them, [Remarkable Books about Young People with Special Needs](#) by Alison M. G. Follos is a valuable resource for any parent, grandparent, caregiver, or teacher who lives or works with young people who have disabilities. Published by Huron Street Press, the book describes more than 100 stories featuring characters who have disabilities....

Huron Street Press, July 3



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Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Business](#)

Oppenheimer, Jerry. *Crazy Rich: Power, Scandal, and Tragedy inside the Johnson & Johnson Dynasty*. Aug. 2013. 464p. St. Martin's, hardcover (978-0-312-66211-0). Oppenheimer's 11th biography chronicles five generations of the Johnson dynasty, from the

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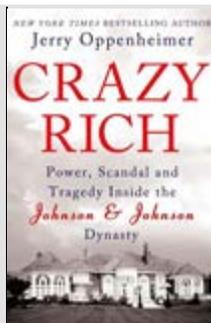
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[Hugh Jackman celebrity READ poster.](#)

A song-and-dance man, a movie star, and a philanthropist, Hugh Jackman is as well-known for his Broadway roles (winning a Tony for Best Actor in a Musical for *The Boy From Oz*) as he is for his role as Wolverine in the X-Men films. A fan favorite, he has hosted the Tony Awards three times, earning him an Emmy award as well as an additional nomination, and the Academy Awards. **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.

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three brothers who founded the world's largest health-care business in 1888 through the subsequent members of the Lucky Sperm Club, heirs and heiresses who benefited financially from the family name while having little or nothing to do with running the company. Known as "The General," founding brother Robert Wood Johnson Jr. ruled the roost with an iron fist until his death in 1968, and his great-grandson and namesake Robert Wood "Woody" Johnson IV is the billionaire owner of the New York Jets....

[Top Ten Business Books, 2013](#)



Brad Hooper writes: "The economy surrounds us like a fog. Whether or not you really understand the theories and mechanics of what makes the economy work, it's a part of all of our lives: death and taxes and the economy. Many dimensions of the ubiquity of the economy are discussed in the following excellent books, all reviewed in *Booklist* from July 2012 to June 1 and 15, 2013."...

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Conference News

[Chicago and murder mysteries](#)

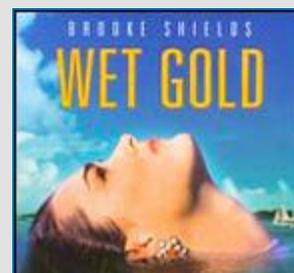
Julie Cai writes: "Mystery authors Claire O'Donohue, Frances McNamara, and David Walker explored the reputation of Chicago and why it is a great backdrop for mystery novels on Saturday afternoon of the 2013 ALA Annual Conference. Chicago has a reputation for having corrupt politicians and a high crime rate. Unfortunately, recent headlines prove that Chicago is still living up to that reputation."...

AL: The Scoop, July 5



[Competition on the Graphic Novel Stage](#)

Julie Cai writes: "ALA's Graphic Novel Stage opened Friday night with 'Comics Quickfire!' a fast-paced game where two volunteers choose a team of professional cartoonists and battle



[Wet Gold](#) (1984, made for TV). Laura (Brooke Shields) takes her friend Sampson (Burgess Meredith) to a library, where she finds an old newspaper article that substantiates his story of a lost treasure.



[Wet Hot American Summer](#) (2001). In August 1981, Camp Firewood director Beth (Janeane Garofalo) and local astrophysicist David Hyde Pierce ask Nancy (Nina Hellman) where to find books on astrophysics and camp directing. She tells them to go to the library. At the Waterville (Maine) Public Library, the stacks are marked "astrophysics" and "camp directing."



against each other for glory. Anne Drozd, Raina Telgemeier, Matt Phelan, and John Green participated in the game hosted by Dave Roman. The volunteers playing were Samantha from Boston and John from Chicago. Sam and John chose their teams, and it was women vs. men.”...

AL: The Scoop, July 5

[Cool comics I discovered at ALA Annual Conference](#)

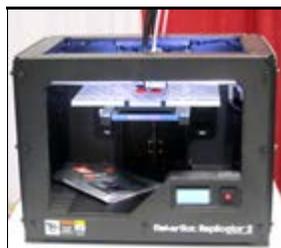
Torsten Adair writes: “Like comic book conventions, the centerpiece of ALA Annual Conference is the exhibits hall. So, amid the Graphic Novel Pavilion and Artists Alley, a karaoke fundraiser for political PAC for libraries, and the usual stuff that happens at conferences, I wandered the floor and discovered new titles. The following new releases are in random order.”...

The Beat: Comics Culture, July 6

[Maker Monday mania](#)

Julie Cai writes: “I’d like to think I can hold my own when it comes to do-it-yourself projects, but when I walked into the Maker Showcase on Monday, I found my level of ignorance alarming. Yes, there were amazing crafts, including cross-stitching, rock star jewelry, paper crafts, felt animals, and keepsake boxes. But there were also projects involving Arduino boards, Raspberry Pi, 3D printers, wood workshops, and other activities I never had growing up.”...

AL: The Scoop, July 5



[LITA’s Top Tech Trends panel](#)

The Top Tech Trends panel hosted by LITA at every ALA conference always generates high interest. The [panel](#) (1:26:21) at Annual Conference in Chicago featured Lorcan Dempsey, Char Booth, Aimee Fifarek, Sarah Houghton, Brewster Kahle, Clifford Lynch, and Gary Price....

LITA: YouTube, July 3



[Annual Conference videos](#)

Watch excerpts of presentations by authors Ann Patchett ([part 1](#), [part 2](#), and [part 3](#)), Alice Walker ([part 1](#) and [part 2](#)), [Temple Grandin](#), and [Ping Fu](#). You can also view exclusive interviews with actress [Octavia Spencer](#), authors [Khaled Hosseini](#) and [Jessica Hopper](#), and comics authors [Anne and Jerzy Drozd](#). Also, watch Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor winner [Judith Platt](#). All the 2013 Annual Conference videos can be accessed on the [ALA YouTube site](#), and an overview is [here](#)....

YouTube, June 29–July 7



[The 12 best movie scenes from Chicago](#)

Now that you have seen the wonders of Chicago,



[Wetherby](#) (1985, UK). Dame Judi Dench plays Wetherby (Yorkshire) Deputy Librarian Marcia Pilborough. She informs young John Morgan (Tim McInnerny) that the library only loans books “under special circumstances.”



[What Dreams May Come](#) (1998, US / New Zealand). The deceased Chris Neilsen (Robin Williams) is in Heaven and must find his wife Annie (Annabella Sciorra), who in the act of suicide has gone to Hell. He meets his guide in a vast library where gondoliers drift through canals between the bookshelves.

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](#).

you might want to extend that experience through the medium of cinema. Chicago has been well-represented over the years in film. Here are a dozen scenes from films that put the city's best foot forward....

Chicagoist, July 3



Division News

[Sinclair Lewis home to become a Literary Landmark](#)

United for Libraries, in partnership with the Minnesota Association of Library Friends and the Sinclair Lewis Foundation, will designate the boyhood home of Sinclair Lewis in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, a Literary Landmark on July 16. The ceremony will be one of the linchpin events at Sauk Centre's "Sinclair Lewis Days," an annual, week-long festival celebrating the community and its most famous native son....

United for Libraries, July 9



[YALSA's Reads 4 Teens](#)

The YALSA Reads 4 Teens recommended reading list for teen patrons is now available for purchase as a digital download through the [ALA Store](#). Reads 4 Teens is a collection of the best in the latest teen literature and includes 32 customizable pamphlets and 10 bookmarks, each featuring a different theme or genre. Themes that are sure to get your teens reading include "Adventures in Time," "Could you Survive," "Around the World in 60 Books," and "Wrapped in Romance."...

YALSA, July 9



[PLA's train the technology trainer course](#)

The popular PLA interactive online course, "[The Accidental Public Library Technology Trainer](#)," returns October 28–November 22. This four-week blended-learning program is designed for public library professionals who have unexpectedly found themselves responsible for technology training of users or staff at their library. Librarian, author, and trainer Stephanie Gerding will be the guide. Register by October 25....

PLA, July 3

[Become a confident grant writer](#)

Sharpen your edge with a new four-week online course, "[Winning Grants for Your Library](#)," from PLA. This course runs from September 9 to October 4 and includes online discussions and webinars, independent activities, and personal feedback. Grants expert Stephanie Gerding will lead the interactive program. The deadline to register for this course is September 6....

PLA, July 3

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[Library Web Analyst](#)

Portland (Oreg.) Community College.

This position is responsible for maintaining and updating library websites and supporting external integrations with the integrated library system. Provides lead technical support and management of the library's website. Builds, tests, and manages production and development environments.

Maintains customization of the library website's content management system, Drupal. Designs and develops web applications in both development and production environments. Supports integrated library system. PCC currently uses the Millennium ILS but is in the midst of a migration to Ex Libris's Alma/Primo....

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Awards & Grants

[Waukegan Public Library wins PLA award](#)

The Waukegan (Ill.) Public Library has been awarded the 2013 PLA Upstart Innovation Award, which recognizes a public library's innovative and creative service program to the community. Waukegan won for its "Bus to Us" field-trip program, which brings thousands of elementary school children to the library throughout the year for engaging, curriculum-guided visits....

Waukegan (Ill.) Public Library, Feb. 21



[Urban Libraries Council awards](#)

Corinne Hill, the director of the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Public Library who is ushering in significant innovation, and Susan Adkins, a Seattle library champion who pushed for a secure stream of revenue, received top awards at the 2013 Urban Libraries Council Annual Forum. Hill received the Joey Rodger Leadership Award, which provides \$5,000 to strengthen skills through a structured professional development program. Adkins was given ULC's Urban Player Award in recognition of her civic leadership on behalf of the library....

Urban Libraries Council, July 9



[IDS Project wins Innovation Award](#)

The Information Delivery Services Project has won the Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative's 2013 Innovation Award for its [Regional User Group](#) development.

Headquartered in New York State, the IDS Project is a mutually supportive resource-sharing cooperative whose 73 members include public and private academic libraries, the New York Public Library, and the New York State Library. The Regional User Groups grew out of a need to expand the capacity of the IDS Project Mentor Program to foster the development of best practices....

Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative, July 8



[BCALA "Reading Is Grand!" grants](#)

During the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, Jerome Offord Jr., president of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, announced four libraries as recipients of 2013 "Reading Is Grand! Celebrating Grand-Families Telling Our Stories @ your library" grants. The program is a celebration of the important role grandparents play in the lives of children. Each grant-winning library will receive \$500 to supplement its "Reading Is Grand!" program....

ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach, July 3

[2013 Boccaccio Prize for Fiction](#)

Irish author Catherine Dunne has won the prestigious Giovanni Boccaccio International Prize for Fiction for her novel *The Things We Know Now*, which explores the loss of a child through suicide. This year's prize

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Digital Library of the Week



The [Bodleian Libraries Art Collection](#). The Bodleian Libraries, in the University of Oxford, form the largest university library system in the United Kingdom. In addition to holding the country's second-largest collection of books and manuscripts, the Bodleian also has over 300 oil paintings, mainly portraits of sitters who have worked in or made contributions to the library or the university. The Bodleian began acquiring its portraits, mostly donated or bequeathed, soon after opening in 1602, and it displayed them in England's first public gallery. Now 322 of the paintings are viewable on this website hosted by the BBC.

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

celebrates the 700th anniversary of the Italian novelist's birthday. Dunne will receive the award on September 14 in Boccaccio's birthplace of Certaldo Alto, Florence, Italy....

RTÉ Ten, July 4



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Libraries in the News

[Hillary Clinton gets a Little Rock library](#)

The library in Little Rock honoring Bill Clinton's presidency is no longer the only one bearing the family name. Hillary Rodham Clinton has a library in the Arkansas capital to call her own. The former US and Arkansas first lady [read](#) *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* at the July 8 [ceremony](#) to celebrate the Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library and Learning Center. The Central Arkansas Library System voted June 27 to name the facility after the longtime children's advocate....

USA Today, July 8; Arkansas Blog, July 8; KUAR-FM, Little Rock, July 5



[Quebec library destroyed in train wreck](#)

As the ruins of the only library in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, continued to smoulder—longer than some other buildings that were destroyed with it on July 6 when a runaway freight train carrying crude oil derailed and caused several explosions downtown—Gilles Blouin reflected on the impact of the human and material loss on a community that is larger than most people realize. The loss of the library's historical material is staggering, he said....

Montreal (Quebec) Gazette, July 9

[Topeka mulls concealed-carry options](#)

Adding the equipment and staffing necessary to keep concealed-carry weapons out of the Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library would cost less than an extra \$2 on annual property taxes. But board members and executive staff who discussed the library's options during a July 8 retreat were more concerned with how metal detectors and armed guards would affect the peaceful environment that library patrons currently enjoy....

Topeka (Kans.) Capital-Journal, July 8

[Update on Urbana weeding](#)

The Urbana (Ill.) Free Library board announced July 9 that it would seek "early separation" with Library Director Deb Lissak. The decision came in the wake of a major weeding of the adult nonfiction collection that Lissak later said was a "misstep." Thousands of books had been

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Noted and Quoted

"I see now that dismissing YA books because you're not a young adult is a little bit like refusing to watch thrillers on the grounds that you're not a policeman or a dangerous criminal, and as a consequence, I've discovered a previously ignored room at the back of the bookstore that's filled with masterpieces I've never heard of."

—Nick Hornby, *Shakespeare Wrote for Money* (San Francisco: Believer Books, 2008), pp. 81–82.

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Calendar

Aug. 1–2:
[Mississippi State University Libraries.](#)
MSU Libraries eResource and Emerging Technologies Summit, Mitchell Memorial Library, Starkville, Mississippi.

Aug. 7–11:
[8th National Conference of](#)

marked for removal from the stacks (about 42% of adult nonfiction titles) and many were shipped to Better World Books, although some of those will be returned to the shelves. The library is taking steps to make its meetings more accessible after patrons called for more transparency....

Champaign-Urbana (Ill.) News-Gazette, July 9

[School librarians endangered in Florida](#)

Lauren Barack writes: "School media specialist positions are being hit hard across the Sunshine State, with school librarians finding their positions renamed—and, in some cases, their jobs reassigned or terminated—for the coming 2013–2014 school year. From Citrus County to Pasco County, some of Florida's school districts have completely changed the way they now view the role of a media specialist."...

School Library Journal, July 9

[Lawsuit filed to block NYPL renovation](#)

A group of scholars and preservationists, including a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, have filed a lawsuit to prevent the removal of century-old book stacks from the New York Public Library's landmark building on Fifth Avenue as part of a planned \$300 million renovation. The lawsuit, filed in New York State Supreme Court in Manhattan on July 3, seeks a court injunction to stop the library from proceeding with preparatory or demolition work, and to bar city officials from providing funding for the renovation....

Wall Street Journal: Metropolis, July 4

[Ole Miss archive preserves the blues](#)

On August 16, 1938, blues pioneer Robert Johnson died just outside Greenwood, Mississippi. "We have his [death certificate](#)," said Greg Johnson (no relation), curator of the [Blues Archive](#) at the University of Mississippi's J. D. Williams Library. "It's a certified copy. The original is on file in Leflore County." The archive helps document Mississippi's native music that grew out of slave spirituals and work songs and became the foundation of rock 'n' roll....

Tupelo Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal, July 7; Ole Miss News, Apr. 17



[A bright spot in Pennsylvania's library budget](#)

Public libraries will receive \$53.5 million in state funding under Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett's 2013–2014 budget. The subsidy remains unchanged from previous years, but there is one bright spot: the small increases earmarked for a statewide initiative for database research. A near \$250,000 infusion to this line item means public libraries will benefit from purchases made at the state level on their behalf. And the State Library will receive an \$11,000 increase....

Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News, July 1

[From Summer Reading to Polar Plunge](#)

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and former Chicago Bears player Israel Idonije say they'll jump into Lake Michigan next March 2 if Chicago children read 2 million books this summer. Chicago Public Library Commissioner Brian Bannon will also take the Chicago Polar Plunge, a benefit for the Special Olympics. Emanuel said July 3 that jumping into the icy lake "gives new meaning to the phrase 'Reading is cool.'"...

Associated Press, July 4

[African American Librarians](#)

"Culture Keepers VIII: Challenges of the 21st Century: Empowering People, Changing Lives," Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington.

Aug. 11–17: [Council of State Archivists / Society of American Archivists](#)

Joint Meeting, Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Aug. 22–25: [American Institute of Architects](#)

CRAN Symposium 2013, Santa Fe, New Mexico. "Elevating the Art of Residential Design and Practice."

Sept. 4–6: [4th International Symposium on Information Management in a Changing World](#)

Strand Hotel, Limerick, Ireland. "Beyond the Cloud: Information, Innovation, Collaboration."

Sept. 15–20: [American Association of Community Colleges](#)

Future Leaders Institute, Dallas.

Oct. 9–11: [Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#)

Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "Laissez les bons temps rouler!"

Oct. 11–13: [Southern Festival of Books](#)

War Memorial Plaza, Nashville,

[Pima County's Books on Wheels](#)

The Pima County (Ariz.) Public Library, through a partnership with the Pima County Bike Ambassadors, has made it convenient for homebound book lovers to enjoy good reads through a monthly delivery service called [Books on Wheels](#), recently started at three Tucson branches. About a year ago, Karen Greene, the adult-services librarian who launched the program, was working with the Pima County Department of Transportation on another library program and suggested having bike ambassadors deliver books to patrons....



Tucson *Arizona Daily Star*, July 8

[Library of Virginia rethinks its use of space](#)

When the Library of Virginia moved into its new building in 1997, the digital era was in its infancy. Now the library is rethinking its use of space, with help from New York architectural firm HMA2 hired by the library foundation. Librarian of Virginia Sandra G. Treadway describes the process as "a great opportunity. We want the building to become more alive, to be more inviting from the first moment you walk in from the street."...

Richmond (Va.) *Times-Dispatch*, July 8

[Fire closes Albuquerque branch](#)

A character on the charred cover of a preschool book seemed to be holding his nose to the pungent smell of smoke hanging over burned books July 3 outside the North Valley branch of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County (N.Mex.) Public Library. Firefighters quickly put out the fire that broke out at about 6:30 a.m. in the children's section. The county fire marshal's office is investigating the cause of the fire, which occurred while the library was closed....

Albuquerque (N.Mex.) *Journal*, July 4

[Vinyl lending library opens in London](#)

In an empty shop beside a luxury kitchen shop on a residential street in Stoke Newington, North London, Elly Rendall and Sophie Austin have opened the Vinyl Library (right), a volunteer-run, nonprofit, vinyl-only lending library stocked entirely with donations from the public. Since Rendall and Austin announced the plan, the Vinyl Library's [Facebook](#) page has gained more than 2,000 members and they have been inundated with offers of donations....

The *Guardian* (UK): Music Blog, July 1



[Tel Aviv launches beach library](#)

The city of Tel Aviv, Israel, inaugurated a new library July 9 at the Metztzim Beach, near the city's port, allowing tourists and beachgoers to check out books for free during their leisure time there this summer. The library, which consists of a two-wheeled cart stationed on the promenade, contains 523 books in five languages: Hebrew, Arabic, English, Russian, and French. Visitors can also use their tablets to connect to free Wi-Fi and download electronic reading material....



Jerusalem *Post*, July 9

Tennessee.

Oct. 18:
[Mid-Atlantic Innovative Users Group Conference](#), Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, Delaware.

Oct. 18–19:
[Evangelical Church Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Grace Bible Church, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Oct. 24–25:
[Digital Public Library of America](#), DPLAfest, Boston Public Library. The celebration that was postponed after the Boston Marathon bombing incident.

Oct. 26–27:
[Halloween ComicFest](#).

Nov. 7–10:
[American Society for Theatre Research / Theatre Library Association](#), Joint Conference, Fairmont Dallas Hotel, Texas. "The Post-Thematic Conference."

Jan. 22–25:
[Association of American Colleges and Universities](#), Annual Meeting, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington D.C. "How Educational Innovations Will Make—or Break—America's Global Future."

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Issues

[This student project could kill digital ad targeting](#)

Kate Kaye writes: "Meet Rachel Law, a 25-year-old graduate student from Singapore, who has created a game that could literally wreak havoc on the online ad industry if released into the wild. Her creation, called [Vortex](#), is a browser extension that's part game, part ad-targeting disrupter that helps people turn their user profiles into alternate fake identities that have nothing to do with reality. Players can effectively confuse the technologies that categorize web audiences into running-shoe buyers, in-market auto buyers, or moms interested in cooking and football." Watch the [video](#) (5:19)....

Advertising Age, July 3; Vimeo, June



[The Osama bin Laden raid documents](#)

Lauren Harper writes: "What could possibly compel the government to go out of its way to hide the official record on the most important raid in history? It's hard to fathom, but a recent Associated Press [article](#) by Richard Lerner shows that the Pentagon is doing just that by sending all its records on the Osama bin Laden raid to the CIA, effectively sealing them into the 'FOIA black hole' of government secrecy."...

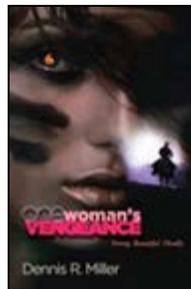
Unredacted, July 8; Associated Press, July 8



[Librarian bans book to teach a lesson](#)

Betsy Gomez writes: "Librarian Scott R. DiMarco is proud to admit that he [banned a book](#) from his library at Mansfield (Pa.) University. But he isn't an unapologetic censor: He did it to teach his community a lesson about 'the arbitrary and capricious nature of censorship.' After DiMarco posted a two-sentence memo announcing the ban on Facebook, the negative response from students, faculty, and alumni was immediate."...

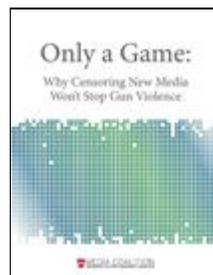
Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, July 5; *College & Research Libraries News* 74, no. 7 (July): 368-369



[Why censoring games won't stop gun violence](#)

In June, the Media Coalition issued a 13-page report, *Only a Game: Why Censoring New Media Won't Stop Gun Violence* ([PDF file](#)), in response to recent claims that media causes violence. The report looks at social science research studying the link between aggressive behavior and video games with violent images and finds that the data on the claimed harms of violent video games are highly contestable, and even those that can be found are negligible and short-lived....

Media Coalition



[The NSA and the end of privacy](#)

Chandra Steele writes: "This might be the end of privacy. By releasing one warrant, four slides, and a few minutes of video about his

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motivation for doing so, Edward Snowden has opened up a firestorm of debate about what personal data is out there—and who is looking at it. The fact that two major entities—government and multinational corporations—are interested in data comes as no surprise. What has been a jolt is just how much data is shared between them.”...

PC Magazine, July 1

[Un-American affairs](#)

Barbara Fister writes: “Has my country changed so thoroughly that we’re beyond the point of no return? I simply can’t buy the notion that the terrorist threat today is so much greater that we should no longer expect the government to be anything but secret, brutal, and all-powerful. That security is more important than the Bill of Rights. That sweeping laws approved by secret courts should be allowed to change our legal framework fundamentally. Odd though it may seem, I’m going to bring this around to my professional responsibilities as a librarian.”...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, July 8

[Parallel tracks, parallel successes](#)

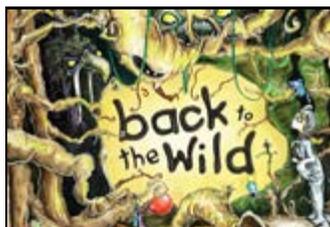
Kevin Smith writes: “The two lawsuits currently going on that involve the scanning of books for the Google Books project, one against Google directly and the other against the HathiTrust, raise very similar issues. In both cases, the two major issues are fair use and the posture of the plaintiffs who are bringing the cases in the first place. The Authors Guild is now the major plaintiff in both cases.”...

Scholarly Communications @ Duke, July 3

[Sendak sequel pulled from Kickstarter](#)

Laura Hazard Owen writes: “Fifty years after Maurice Sendak’s classic children’s book *Where the Wild Things Are* was first published, a London-based author and illustrator hoped to issue a sequel to commemorate Sendak’s death this year. They took to Kickstarter in the hopes of raising £25,000 to print their book, [Back to the Wild](#). But the project has been pulled from Kickstarter after HarperCollins issued a [DMCA takedown](#) notice.”...

paidContent, July 5



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Tech Talk

[Why other public libraries should follow Chicago’s lead](#)

Signe Brewster writes: “Chicago Public Library [opened a maker lab](#) in its downtown facility on July 8. Most maker spaces carry a membership fee of \$50–\$200 a month or are located in an institution like a university, where you are required to be a student or staff member to access equipment. A free lab that is open to the public is a novel concept. A \$249,999 grant will sustain its operation through the end of 2013, at which point it will be reevaluated.” CPL Commissioner Brian Bannon offers a [video preview](#) (3:28)....

GigaOM, July 8; WGN-TV, Chicago, July 8



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[Aeroponics makerspace](#)

Beth Filar Williams writes: "Arizona State University Libraries is creating a custom aeroponics system (right) to demonstrate how things grow using sustainable technology. They are using a Custom Aeroponics technology that uses no soil or standing water, but sprays the plants with water and nutrients. It apparently saves water and maximizes plant growth, with computer-controlled lighting and watering cycles."...

Going Green @ your library, July 9



[Advice for solo library technologists](#)

Eric Phetteplace writes: "I am an emerging technologies librarian at a small library [in the middle of a cornfield](#) (Chesapeake College, Maryland). There are three librarians on staff. The vast majority of our books fit on one floor of open stacks. Being so small can pose challenges to a technologist. When I'm banging my head trying to figure out what the heck 'this' refers to in a particular JavaScript function, to whom do I turn? While I still have a lot to learn, I want to share some strategies that have helped me thus far."...

ACRL TechConnect, July 8

[Software as a monthly rental](#)

David Pogue writes: "There's a new reason for Photoshop to be famous. Photoshop is now the biggest-name software that you can't actually buy. You can only rent it, for a month or a year at a time. If you ever stop paying, you keep your files but lose the ability to edit them. The price list is stunningly complex, but you get the point: The dawn of Software as a Subscription is now upon us. Adobe says that it will regularly slip in new features as soon as they're ready." This post generated much reader feedback. [Some of it](#) was astonishing. But are the [new features](#) worth it?...

New York Times: Personal Tech, July 3; *New York Times*: Pogue's Posts, July 5; *Ars Technica*, July 9



[Seven Photoshop alternatives](#)

Michael Muchmore writes: "Let's face it: Nothing is going to completely replace Adobe's flagship [Photoshop](#) image-editing software. But if you just need basic, standard Photoshop features—adding text, glows, drop shadows, overlay layers, or sharpening—the actual application from Adobe is overkill. If you really want to save money, there's a lot you can do for free, and even in some cases, in a web browser." On the other hand, here is [the best way to buy](#) photo-editing software....

PC Magazine, June 21, July 3



[The 11 best iPhone photo-editing apps](#)

Michael Muchmore writes: "If the iPhone weren't a phone, it still would be a pretty awesome camera. The pocket device's built-in GPS can tag your photos' precise location, and its wireless connectivity means you can send your photos from anywhere anytime. Software developers of iPhone apps have taken these capabilities and run with them. The main criterion for choosing a photo-editing app is whether you just want to quickly fix up your

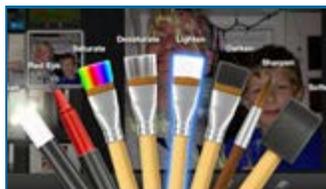


image and share it right away or you're willing to spend the time to perfect it."...

PC Magazine, May 6

[The revamped Flickr](#)

Michael Muchmore writes: "Flickr holds 1,000 times what you get with a free Picasa account (which offers 1GB) and it can hold over 400,000 8-megapixel photos or over 200,000 16-megapixel images. In sheer volume of photo-sharing activity, Instagram has overtaken Flickr, but that service, with its limitation to square mobile phone photos, can't match Flickr's website capabilities, vast number of interest groups, full resolution, and organizational tools."...



PC Magazine, May 22

[A Drupal CMS built for librarians](#)

Blake Carver writes: "LISHost has launched a new library website creation tool, [LibraryCMS](#). LibraryCMS is a cloud-based Content Management System delivering a suite of fully integrated, enterprise-class, customer-driven website development applications. This turnkey solution allows libraries to create an attractive and easy-to-use, hosted library website, fully supported by our team of librarians."...

LIS News, July 8

[The ultimate website design guide](#)

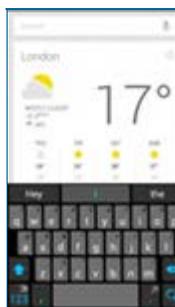
Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Whether you're building your first website or redesigning an existing one for your organization, this all-in-one guide (with 115 tools and resources) will get you started with tools and resources for creating a modern website."...



iLibrarian, June 26

[23 apps I can't live without](#)

Paul Sawers writes: "At last count, I had 135 apps installed on my mobile phone. At its peak, that number might be somewhere nearer to 200, but every once in a while I have a spring cleaning. Of those 135 apps, I only use about half with any kind of regularity, and out of those perhaps less than half I would call my linchpin apps. I thought I'd run through the 20 or so apps that I use most regularly, and explain why I love them so much."...



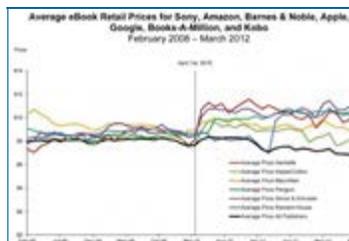
The Next Web, July 4

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E-Content

[Judge: Apple conspired to raise ebook prices](#)

A federal judge on July 10 found that Apple violated antitrust law in helping raise the retail price of ebooks, saying the company "played a central role in facilitating and executing" a conspiracy

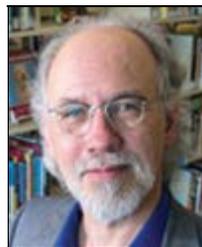


with five big publishers. US District Judge Denise Cote [ruled](#) that Apple is liable for civil antitrust violations, more than two weeks after closing arguments. Five publishers accused of [conspiring](#) with Apple had already settled with the government in the case. Apple said it would [appeal](#). Laura Miller has some [background](#) on the case....

New York Times, July 10; *Los Angeles Times*, July 10; TechCrunch, July 10; *Salon*, July 1

[Can libraries survive the ebook revolution?](#)

Dylan Scott writes: "Facing higher prices and limited access to ebooks from the major publishers, Jamie LaRue (right), the man charged with running the Douglas County (Colo.) Library, has inspired a national movement to promote smaller, digitally based presses and self-published authors. More than 20 years ago, when LaRue took over the library system, few people outside that patch of Rocky Mountain wilderness south of Denver knew who he was." ...



Government Technology, July 3

[Douglas County price comparison, July](#)

The Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries report for July ([PDF file](#)), comparing library ebook prices with consumer ebook prices, shows that libraries still have a long way to go, as they are paying up to 550% more for ebook editions of the top 20 Amazon bestsellers than consumers....

EBOOKS				
Library Pricing		Consumer Pricing		
OverDrive	3M	Library	Amazon	Barnes & Noble
*	*	\$19.99	\$18.52	\$19.99
\$74.85	\$74.85	\$12.99	\$12.99	\$12.99
\$90.00	\$90.00	\$4.99	\$9.99	\$9.99
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\$85.00	\$85.00	\$12.99	\$12.99	\$12.99
*	\$20.89	*	\$11.04	\$11.99
*	\$17.59	*	\$6.78	\$6.78

Library Research Service News, July 10

[What librarians need to know about ebooks](#)

ALA Editions will hold a session of its popular facilitated eCourse, "[Ebooks: What Librarians Need to Know Now and for the Future](#)" with Mirela Roncevic. This four-week eCourse will begin on September 3. Topics include defining ebooks and understanding how they work, where ebooks are available, and how ebooks are used in libraries. Participants will need regular access to a computer with an internet connection....

ALA Editions, July 9

[OverDrive looks to schools](#)

It's no coincidence that as more readers turn to tablets for reading, Garfield Heights, Ohio-based ebook distributor OverDrive is also growing. The company that turns books into downloadable digital files grew from about 40 employees to more than 200 in just seven years. Now the company has its sights on new markets like schools that want to capture the next generation of readers....

Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer, July 5

[Law ebook advocacy](#)

Joe Hodnicki writes: "Have ebooks uprooted the traditional B2B relationship between legal publishers and institutional buyers? You bet they have. Just like the general trade publishing industry, major legal publishers are concentrating on direct sales to the individual customer, even when that customer is not paying the invoices. OK, call me cynical, but our library holdings now include several ebooks because they are only available bundled with our print book standing orders. None can be made available for e-lending unless I want to pay extra for that." ...

Law Librarian Blog, July 8

[Dutch libraries go to court](#)

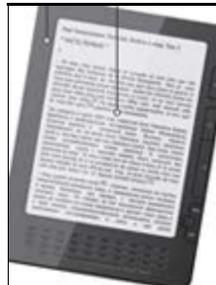
Glyn Moody writes: "Many publishers have the crazy attitude that ebooks shouldn't be lent by libraries, and that it should be made harder for people to access literature in these places if it's in a digital form. In the Netherlands, public libraries have had enough of this, and are taking [legal action](#) over the issue."...

Techdirt, July 9; Future of Copyright, June 18

[Ebooks are booming in Russia](#)

Despite the recent decline in reading in Russia and the stagnation of the local book market, interest in ebooks continues to grow. A recent infographic released by RBTH indicates that 70% of Russia's readers read ebooks, with 50% turning to ebooks in the last three years and 23% in the last year alone. However, according to representatives of Eksmo, Russia's largest publishing house, up to 95% of all downloads of ebooks are pirate copies....

Quartz, July 9



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Books & Reading

[Internet book fetishists](#)

Rachel Arons writes: "A perennial topic of conversation among people who debate literature on the internet is the relative importance of books as physical objects. Foremost among defenders of the printed book are those who extol the sensual pleasures of reading and maintain that it is impossible to experience those pleasures digitally. In a related, but separate, camp are those attracted not to the tactile pleasures of books but to their beauty as objects."...

The New Yorker: Page-Turner, July 8



[Book paintings by Ekaterina Panikanova](#)

Russian-Italian artist [Ekaterina Panikanova](#) creates densely layered paintings across large spreads of old books and other documents, resulting in [artwork](#) that blurs the lines between painting, installation, and collage. She creates strange and whimsical scenes by painting on the insides of books and other vintage papers with black ink and moving these elements around. Much of what you see here was from her second solo show "Un, due, tre, fuoco" earlier in 2013....

Colossal, June 11; Flavorwire, June 14



[An American bookshelf in London](#)

Phyllis Richardson writes: "Russian-born architect Andrei Saltykov came up with the idea for this highly functional work of wall art after living in Washington, D.C., while working on a building for Richard Rogers. He



saw a map of the country made from license plates and eventually put the concept to use as a bookshelf in his new house in London.

The shelf, which hangs in his living room, is also ideal for a geography lesson.”...

Dwell, Oct. 2012

[28 things you should know about YA fiction](#)

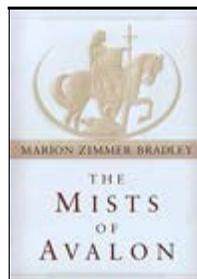
Chuck Wendig writes: “As always, this is not meant to be my bold-faced proclamation about This Particular Thing, but rather, 28 hopefully constructive and compelling talking points and thought bullets about the topic at hand. It is not meant to be gospel etched into stone, but notions—sometimes controversial—worth discussing. Let us begin.”...

terribleminds, June 4

[How YA literature challenges gender norms](#)

S. E. Smith writes: “Librarians are the pushers of the book world. Growing up in the house of an academic-turned-bartender-then-academic-again, it was inevitable, of course, that I’d be reading wildly age-inappropriate books almost as soon as I became literate. But it was my middle school librarian who introduced me to science fiction and fantasy after she saw me curled up in the corner on a rainy day with a copy of *Rebecca* and thought I might enjoy something of a slightly different flavor.”...

Thought Catalog, June 25



[Literary summer camps](#)

Leila Roy writes: “The *Los Angeles Review of Books* published a [blog post](#) recently on Camp Half-Blood, so naturally I started wondering if there are other literary camps (in addition to the other ones offered by [BookPeople](#)), and indeed there are. There

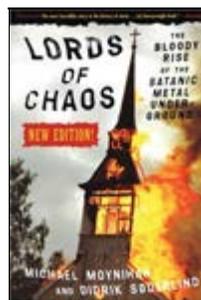


are many summer camps devoted to reading and writing, but I’m focusing here on the ones that are geared more towards roleplaying. And the fun isn’t just for the younger set: There are camps for grownups, too, though they are heavier on the academics than the roleplaying.” Jeanette Solomon fantasizes about some [hypothetical camps](#) too....

bookshelves of doom, July 7; *Los Angeles Review of Books*, June 30; Book Riot, July 9

[10 truly horrible beach reads](#)

Jason Diamond writes: “I love Alissa Nutting’s *Tampa*, but I can’t extend that praise to whoever is responsible for the fuzzy black cover that feels like the shorn underbelly of a Muppet, collects random bits of fuzz, and also begs the hot summer sun to just beat down if taken outside. *Tampa* is a total anti-beach read. With that in mind, I’m in no way trying to discourage you from reading it or any of the other books on this list; I just suggest you do it in the



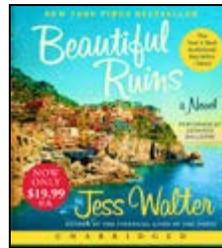
comfort of your own home.”...

Flavorwire, July 2

[25 audiobooks for your next road trip](#)

Rachel Smalter Hall writes: “It’s road trip season, and The Audiophiles have a little going-away present for you to tuck in next to your beach towel and sunnies. We’ve been chatting with all the librarians we know to get the scoop on what they’re actually listening to and loving right now, and we’re so excited to see some amazing picks on the list, from literary fiction to humor, memoirs, travel, mystery, food writing, historical fiction, and YA.”...

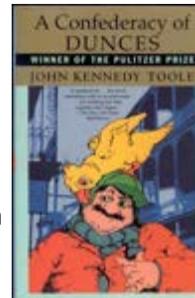
Book Riot, July 8



[10 books that need to become movies](#)

Brent Lang writes: “From *The Hunger Games* to *World War Z* to the upcoming *Divergent* and *Ender’s Game*, the thirst for turning novels into popcorn and prestige fare is showing no signs of slowing down. So to help producers and studio insiders get a leg up on the competition—even as they are basking by the shore on Martha’s Vineyard or the Côte d’Azur—we’ve picked 10 fantasy novels, detective yarns, and incredible-true-stories that are just crying out to be made into movies.”...

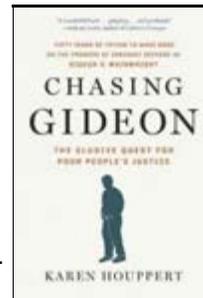
The Wrap, July 5



[Landmark US Supreme Court decisions: A booklist](#)

Stevie Feliciano writes: “In June, the Supreme Court ruled Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act to be unconstitutional under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment. This decision means that legally married same-sex couples are now entitled to the same federal benefits as married opposite-sex couples. To celebrate this victory, I compiled a list of books about other landmark US Supreme Court decisions.”...

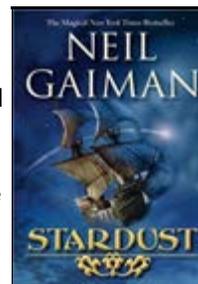
New York Public Library Blogs, July 2



[Top five places to go if fiction were open for tourists](#)

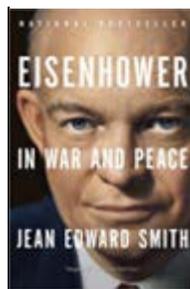
Jeanette Solomon writes: “In Jasper Fforde’s funny and odd Thursday Next series, reality and fiction are separate worlds that coexist. A special police force, Jurisdiction, must make sure that books conform to the same standards with every reading since, in Fforde’s universe, fiction is its own physical world that can actually be entered by people from the real world. Sometimes I think about where I’d like to go if I could Thursday-Next myself into the books I read. Here are my top five, all from fantasy lit.”...

Book Riot, July 3



[Kansas Notable Books for 2013](#)

A biography of President Dwight Eisenhower, a history of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and novels set in the state and elsewhere are among this year’s [15 notable Kansas books](#). State Librarian Jo Budler announced the list July 8. It honors books published in



2012 by a Kansas author or on a Kansas topic. The Kansas Center for the Book selects the shortlist, and the state librarian chooses the final list....

Associated Press, July 9; Kansas Center for the Book, July 8

[As competition wanes, Amazon cuts back on discounts](#)

David Streitfeld writes: "Amazon, which became the biggest force in bookselling by discounting so heavily it often lost money, has been cutting back its deals for scholarly and small-press books. That creates the uneasy prospect of a two-tier system where some books are priced beyond an audience's reach. It is difficult to track the movement of prices on Amazon, so the evidence is anecdotal and fragmentary. But books are one of the few consumer items that still have a price printed on them."...

New York Times, July 4

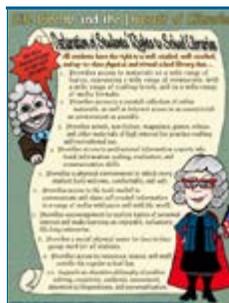
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Tips & Ideas

[Life, liberty, and the pursuit of school libraries](#)

Jennifer LaGarde writes: "So, here's what happened. First, ALA President Barbara Stripling created a 'Declaration for the Right to Libraries' ([PDF file](#)). Then Doug Johnson wrote a [blog post](#) outlining his initial thoughts on a 'Declaration of Students' Rights to School Libraries'—a remix of Barbara's work with an emphasis on school libraries. My first thought was that even Doug's rough draft was made of awesome, and this would make a cool graphic. So I [made one](#) (above)."...

The Adventures of Library Girl, July 5; The Blue Skunk Blog, July 4



[WebJunction launches eHealth](#)

Effective July 1, WebJunction has launched a project that will provide information to the library community regarding opportunities and resources to connect patrons to health and wellness information, as well as the [health insurance marketplace](#). While the project is just getting under way, this summary and [FAQ](#) is intended to support state and public libraries in understanding initial priorities for this work....

WebJunction, July 5



[The librarian shortage myth](#)

Joe Hardenbrook writes: "'Don't blame library school if you cannot find a professional job. You are an information professional. Did you not research the state of the job market?' I made that blunt point in a 2011 [blog post](#). It's generated many comments since then and struck a nerve with some readers. The librarian job crisis—both

unemployment and underemployment—isn't about library schools. In the words of political strategist James Carville: 'It's the economy, stupid.'" ...

Mr. Library Dude, July 21, 2011; July 5

[A sensible approach to sharing special collections items](#)

Tiers for Fears: Sensible, Streamlined Sharing of Special Collections (PDF file), written by OCLC Research Program Officer Dennis Massie, presents strategies for providing efficient and affordable interlending of actual physical items from special collections for research purposes. Also included in the report are a model written sharing policy; a facilities "trust" checklist; and a flexible, tiered framework for making lending choices....

OCLC Research, July 8

	Routine Workflow	Cooperative Workflow
		REVIEW
Request	Via ILL system	Collaboration between Special Collections (SC) and ILL
Is material held in a special collection?	ILL staff	Collaboration between borrowing and lending institutions
Reference interview	All borrowing institutions—reference desk and ILL staff	Collaboration of ILL and SC staff in both institutions
Inter-institutional communication type?	ILL system	ILL system and email/phone
Internal communication type?	ILL system	ILL system and email/phone
Template for Research Staff	Implicit	Consider emphasizing

[A snapshot of US library consortia](#)

A new report (PDF file) details the findings of a study OCLC conducted with US library consortia in 2012 to learn about the demographic makeup of their groups, their strategic initiatives, their groups' challenges, and top methods for communicating with their members. Most library consortia have been in existence for more than 30 years....

OCLC, July



[Looking back on the 1973 St. Louis archives fire](#)

Marta G. O'Neill and William Seibert write: "By the time it was daylight on July 12, 1973, at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, one thing was painfully clear: The loss of records to fire and water was staggering. The fire had swept through the top floor of the building just after midnight and burned uncontrolled for more than 22 hours. About 73%–80% of the approximately 22 million individual military personnel files stored in the building were destroyed—records of former members of the Army, the Army Air Force, and the Air Force who served between 1912 and 1963." ...

Prologue: Pieces of History, July 10



[Why librarians should get into the bookselling business](#)

Baharak Yousefi and Shirley Lew write: "It may be sacrilegious and antithetical to everything libraries stand for (and as librarians, we appreciate this more than most), but we ardently believe it nevertheless: Libraries should get into the business of selling books. Now. The crisis in Canada's once vibrant book industry is negatively affecting our reading lives and communities. Instead of being bystanders to this devastation, libraries have compelling reasons to seize the opportunity it presents." ...

Quill & Quire: QuillBlog, July 9

[Update your Ancestry.com family tree with Shoebox](#)

Sarah Perez writes: "Shoebox, the mobile photo archiving app that Ancestry.com acquired from San Francisco-based 1000memories last fall, has now gone live. The updated version, [Shoebox 3.0](#), still allows users to scan in their old nondigital prints while also cropping and auto-flattening the images for the correct perspective. Now those photos can be mapped, tagged, and added to your family tree at Ancestry.com."...

TechCrunch, July 4



[Facebook rolls out a new search tool](#)

Facebook is trying to make it easier to find that lost photo or restaurant recommendation and unearth other information buried within your social network with a tool it calls Graph Search. On July 8, the company rolled out the feature to its several hundred million users in the US and to others who use the American English version of the site. Experts say that Facebook's technical achievement so far is impressive. Privacy could still be an issue, however, as more user data becomes easily accessible. Here's how to [protect yourself](#)....

New York Times, July 7; Gizmodo, July 9



[Digging into words with Wolfram Alpha](#)

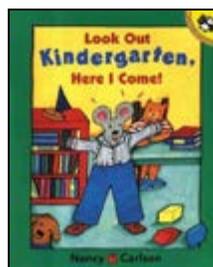
Even if you're a pretty big word nut, you may not think of Wolfram Alpha as your go-to source for learning more about the English lexicon. The service just added over 50,000 new words to its dictionary, including archaic words such as [pythonist](#) (a conjurer or diviner) and technical terms like [cosmochronometer](#), which refers to processes that are used to determine the age of stars....

Wolfram Alpha Blog, July 3

[Kindergarten, here we come!](#)

Abby Johnson writes: "This summer, I decided to do a storytime celebrating the kids who are about to start Kindergarten this fall. We really had fun and the parents appreciated it, many taking pictures throughout. Our schools start up again August 1, so I figured mid-July would be a great time to do it. Our newest library assistant is a former Kindergarten teacher, so I got some great ideas from her as I planned this program, and then we ran it together."...

ALSC Blog, July 10



[Bigfoot hunting and information literacy](#)

Dana Knott and Kristine Szabo write: "The morning of May 25, 2012, the librarians at Columbus (Ohio) State Community College's Delaware Campus Learning Center awaited with nervous excitement the arrival of more than 70 fourth-graders from the local Laura Woodward Elementary School for a campus-wide program to introduce them to a day of college. We knew that we needed a fascinating topic to engage the students, and one of our librarians with a son in elementary school suggested Bigfoot."...

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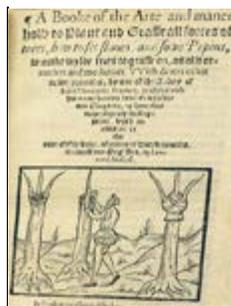


["How to" books in the US National Library of Medicine](#)

Michael Sappol writes: "The 'how to' is an ancient genre. There are Egyptian how-to texts (in hieroglyphics) on how to prepare mummies, Sumerian how-to's (in cuneiform) on how to pray, Hellenistic how-to's (in Greek) on how to do geometry, and Roman how-to's (in Latin) on how to seduce people. The oldest English-language how-to at the National Library of Medicine dates from 1575:

A Booke of the Arte and maner how to Plant and Graffe all sortes of trees."...

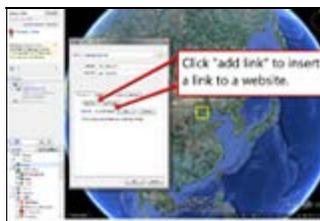
Circulating Now, July 9



[How to create placemarks and tours in Google Earth](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "One of my most popular posts in June was [18 Google Earth and Maps Lessons for K-12](#). In response, I received a bunch of requests for more information about Google Earth and Google Maps, including how to create placemarks and tours. I've shared these directions in the past, but it's worth sharing them again."

Free Technology for Teachers, June 20, July 8



[Maps: A tongue-in-cheek introduction](#)

The Centre Régional de l'Information Géographique in southern France put together this informational [video](#) (3:38) that offers a whimsical introduction to "a new bio-optical knowledge recording and dissemination system, responding to the trade name 'map.'" And don't forget the map's aesthetic dimension: "It can make an ornament for your home and can be transformed into various fancy objects that will improve your daily life."

YouTube, June 25



[The seven worst Google Reader alternatives](#)

Jason Gilbert writes: "Google Reader is officially dead. The web feed reader of choice for most of the internet has been sunsetted, and in Google Reader's place are a variety of alternatives, many of them built and developed in a rush to replace it. But what about the worst replacements? Here are our choices for the seven poorest alternatives to Google Reader, now that it's gone for good."

Yahoo! News, July 2



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American Libraries Online

How libraries are using social media

Terra Dankowski writes: "Google Hangouts is just one of many public-facing platforms New York Public Library has taken into the fold of a marketing arsenal that produces results. NYPL was able to leverage a 30-day Twitter campaign featuring celebrity quotes that offered effusive praise for libraries into a 35% increase in average monthly library card sign-ups last September. With more than 80 Facebook pages and 60 Twitter accounts representing 90 branches, it's fair to say that the library has been a frequent adopter, if not high-profile leader, in the social media space."...

American Libraries feature



Disaster relief, with books

Leonard Kniffel writes: "When a disaster occurs, aid workers, organizations, and governments naturally focus on emergency assistance to victims. They set up medical outposts in conflict zones, drop food supplies from helicopters, and hand out shoes and clothing in disaster areas. The activists behind Libraries Without Borders (Bibliothèques Sans Frontières) understand that priority must be given to food, water, shelter, and medicine. They also recognize that little attention is paid to another basic human necessity: the knowledge resources needed to cope with catastrophe."...

American Libraries feature



Librarian's Library: Technology in the Library

Karen Muller writes: "With this collection of books, we're looking at ways technology—old and new—contributes to the management of libraries. In some



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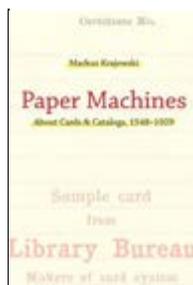
Join the [ALA Virtual Conference](#), July 24–25. Where else can you cover such a wide range of topics and interact so easily with so many colleagues in just a few hours, without leaving your office or home? (And hear top-notch authors into the bargain.)



Gale, a part of Cengage Learning and Smithsonian Institution have partnered to launch a series of collections from Smithsonian's vast archives. The first is *Air & Space and Smithsonian Magazine Archive*

cases, such as the card catalog, it answers a need and creates its own uses. In other cases, such as the cellphone, the technology was created for a different purpose, but its adaptations transform library services in ways we are only beginning to harness.”...

American Libraries column, May



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ALA News

[ALA Liberty launches](#)

ALA has created a new website containing tools that libraries can use to host educational sessions and public forums to help Americans understand their First and Fourth Amendment rights. The launch of [ALA Liberty](#) comes as a response to revelations that the US government obtained vast amounts of big data on the activities of millions of innocent Americans. ALA President Barbara Stripling (right) issued an [open letter](#) on the subject....

ALA Washington Office, July 11; *AL: The Scoop*, July 11



[Libraries and the Affordable Care Act](#)

ALA President Barbara Stripling issued a statement on the upcoming date for open enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace: “The American Library Association anticipates that many Americans will turn to libraries for help in accessing enrollment information when open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace component of the Affordable Care Act begins on October 1, 2013.”...

ALA Washington Office, July 12

[ALA Virtual Conference](#)

Described by last year’s attendees as a fresh and engaging event offering many ideas for innovation, ALA’s 2013 Virtual Conference (July 24–25) includes sessions that offer starting points for discussion as well as practical ideas for moving forward and trying something new, with presenters highlighting how new services are transforming both their libraries and their communities....

Conference Services, July 10



[25 greatest takeaways from #ala2013](#)

Kathy Dempsey writes: “The ALA Annual Conference took place between June 27 and July 2. Each summer, tens of thousands of

launch a series of collections from Smithsonian’s vast archives. The first is **Air & Space and Smithsonian Magazine Archive**, available for the first time in a combined and fully searchable digital archive.



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library people take over a host city for days of committee meetings, continuing education sessions, and exhibits. They fill hotels. They descend upon the bars and restaurants. They discuss the latest technologies. They bestow awards. They install their new ALA president. They learn hard and they party hard. I brought home 25 quotes, tidbits, and ideas so I could share the experience with you.”...

LibraryScienceList.com, July 11

[US ahead of UK in library advocacy](#)

Sara Wingate-Gray writes: “I think what’s most interesting to note about some of the main differences between public libraries in the US and UK is the professional level of advocacy and support given to US public librarians and libraries, through, for example, the clout of the ALA. It’s a strong organization with a strong brand, and it is unafraid to speak its mind on matters of import to its members. A case in point is the clearly worded [riposte](#) (issued in September 2012) by immediate Past President Maureen Sullivan to publishers seeking to limit access to ebooks in public libraries.”...

Public Libraries News, July 10

[People to People library tour to Costa Rica](#)

For 50 years, People to People’s Citizen Ambassador Delegations have been providing rewarding professional opportunities by taking careers out of the office and into the world. [People to People](#), in collaboration with ALA, is now offering a custom-designed library and information services delegation to Costa Rica, November 30–December 7, led by former ALA president Camila Alire. [Apply](#) by September 1....

International Relations Office, June 3



ALA TechSource workshops

Upcoming ALA TechSource workshops include Bohyun Kim on “[Improving Your Library’s Mobile Services](#)” on September 12; “[Creating Subject Guides for the 21st Century Library](#)” with Buffy Hamilton on October 30; “[Patron-Driven Acquisition: Turning Theory into Practice](#)” with Ben Hunter on October 16 and 23; and “[A More Effective Social Media Presence: Strategic Planning and Project Management](#)” with Sarah Steiner and Cliff Landis on October 2 and 9. Registration is available from the ALA Store....

ALA TechSource, July 11, 15



ALA Editions eCourses

ALA Editions is hosting sessions of four-week facilitated eCourses on “[Web Design Basics for Librarians](#)” with Diane Kovacs as instructor;

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[Lily Collins READ](#)

[poster](#). Born in England, Lily Collins moved to Los Angeles at age 5. She made her film debut in the 2010 Academy Award-nominated film *The Blind Side*, and most recently starred as Snow White in *Mirror Mirror*. Lily works closely with Teen Line, a confidential telephone helpline for teenage callers who want to talk with other teens, and AVIVA, which provides therapeutic and educational services to help at-risk youth and families. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

**Libraries
on Film**

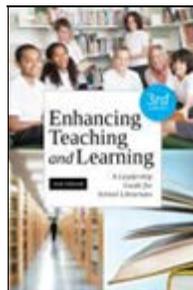
["Using Drupal to Build Library Websites"](#) with Ken Varnum; and ["Engaging Teens with Digital Media: Creating Stories and Games"](#) with Kelly Czarnecki. All begin October 7 and are available through the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, July 12, 15

[Leadership guide for school librarians](#)

The new third edition of [Enhancing Teaching and Learning: A Leadership Guide for School Librarians](#) by Jean Donham shows how to take a proactive role in shaping instruction by learning how to develop and implement a library media program and integrate it into the total educational experience. The guide covers all aspects of the school system: students, curriculum and instruction, principals, district administration, and the community....

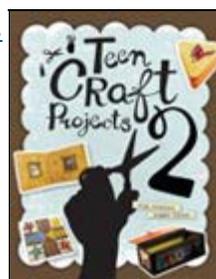
ALA Neal-Schuman, July 11



[Teen craft projects for hipster librarians](#)

From Tina Coleman and Peggie Llanes comes an all-new selection of innovative craft ideas, featuring numerous projects easy enough to be assembled in the library either by groups or someone working alone. The projects in [The Hipster Librarian's Guide to Teen Craft Projects 2](#), published by ALA Editions, have been chosen especially to engage tweens and teens....

ALA Editions, July 11



[Every Child Ready for School](#)

Reflecting the combined expertise of a reading specialist, an outreach librarian, and an early literacy trainer, [Every Child Ready for School: Helping Adults Inspire Young Children to Learn](#), published by ALA Editions, keeps libraries at the forefront of early literacy and school readiness information delivery. Authors Dorothy Stoltz, Elaine M. Czarnecki, and Connie Wilson focus on training the caregiver, presenting models that can be easily adapted to state-mandated school-readiness requirements....

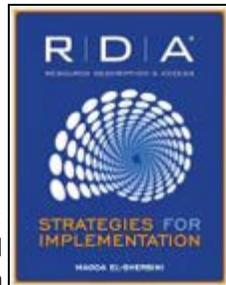
ALA Editions, July 15



[RDA implementation strategies](#)

In [RDA: Strategies for Implementation](#), published by ALA Editions, noted cataloging authority Magda El-Sherbini tackles key questions about how the new cataloging standard will be implemented by cataloging professionals, offering an orientation in the conceptual background and the structure of RDA: Resource Description and Access from a practical and technical perspective, including a detailed comparison with AACR2....

ALA Editions, July 16



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[Welcome to Mooseport](#)

(2004, US / Germany). Gene Hackman as former US President Monroe Cole has retired to his vacation home in Mooseport, Maine, where he plans to build his massive presidential library. The library architect, Izuki Nami (Denis Akiyama), describes it as "European rationalism interwoven with American modernism, a metaphor of organic growth, a man-made mountain over which soars the eagle."



[Welcome to Sarajevo](#)

(1997, US / UK). Serbian shelling completely destroys the Bosnian National Library in Sarajevo on August 25, 1992, during the Bosnian War.

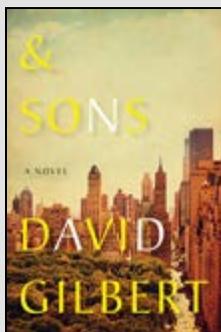


[The West Wing](#) (May 10, 2000, TV series), "Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics." Lisa Edelstein as law student / call girl

Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Adult fiction

Gilbert, David. *& Sons*. July 2013. 448p. Random, hardcover (978-0-8129-9396-7). Acutely aware that his time is short after the death of his lifelong friend, Charles Topping, Andrew Dyer, a revered, famously reclusive New York writer, is anxious for his youngest son, 17-year-old Andy, whose birth destroyed Andrew's marriage, to connect with his two half brothers. Their chaotic reunion becomes the catalyst for Gilbert's intricately configured, shrewdly funny, and acidly critical novel. Richard, a junkie turned drug-addiction counselor and screenwriter, lives in Los Angeles with his fine family. Based in Brooklyn, Jamie circles the globe, videotaping atrocities. Heirs to a classic WASP heritage compounded by Andrew's cultish, Salingeresque renown, the edgy Dyer men are prevaricators and schemers whose hectic, hilarious, and wrenching misadventures involve a fake manuscript, a Hollywood superstar, and a shattering video meant to be a private homage but which, instead, goes viral....



Book trailer: & Sons

Annie Bostrom writes: "Before you wrack your brain for the title of your favorite A. N. Dyer novel, or any A. N. Dyer novel for that matter, I'll save you the anguish (and embarrassment): He's not real. He's the reclusive writer at the center of David Gilbert's novel *& Sons*, and all of these people—Brooke Shields (right) most emotionally—have [something to say](#) (3:04) about him."...



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Division News

Agosto named JRLYA editor

YALSA has appointed Denise E. Agosto (right), associate professor in the College of Information Science and Technology at Drexel University, editor of the *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*. Agosto currently sits on the journal's editorial advisory board and is the chair of the 2013–2014 Teen Tech Week Evaluation Taskforce....

YALSA, July 16



Laurie is in the law library studying for the bar exam.



Westinghouse Desilu Playhouse

(June 22, 1959, TV series), "Perilous." Joan Fontaine plays British spy Margaret Lewis, who is posing as a librarian in 1937 Germany. She encounters deep emotional problems when she falls in love with a German newspaperman.

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](#).

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[NEA to support AASL with advocacy effort](#)

Delegates at the 2013 National Education Association annual meeting and representative assembly adopted without debate a new business item that called on the association to support AASL in its advocacy efforts with regard to the Strengthening America's Schools Act ([PDF file](#)). This act includes dedicated funding for staffing of all school libraries with state-certified or licensed school librarians....

AASL, July 15

[PLA is accepting program proposals](#)

PLA is now accepting preconference and program proposals showcasing public library practices and innovations for the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, to be held June 26–July 1 in Las Vegas. Proposals will be [accepted online](#) through September 1....

PLA, July 12

[How to perform community assessments](#)

The one-hour webinar "[Is Community Assessment a High Hurdle? Get Over It!](#)", hosted by PLA on August 14, will give attendees a running start towards conducting a community assessment—a vital element in library advocacy, branding, and fundraising efforts. Presenters Nancy H. Davis and Pam Fitzgerald will review who does what in a community assessment, how long it will take and what you can and cannot omit along the way. Register by August 12....

PLA, July 11

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Awards & Grants

[ALA Student Chapter of the Year](#)

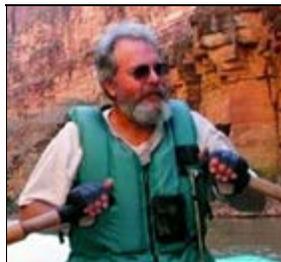
The ALA student chapter at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Studies has been selected as the 2013 Chapter of the Year by the New Members Round Table. The chapter was one of 60 library schools in the United States to be considered for the award. Students Sarah Naomi Campbell, Katherine Boden, and Stefanie Metko (above) created an interactive website that served as their application for the award and encompassed the five criteria that each school is judged on....



University of Rhode Island, July 16

[Retired Arizona librarian wins Pioneer Award](#)

Retired Northern Arizona University Special Collections Librarian Richard Quartaroli (right) was recently selected as the winner of the Grand Canyon Historical Society's 2013 Pioneer Award. The honor will be presented to Quartaroli at the society's annual picnic July 20. Quartaroli has been a professional Grand Canyon river guide since 1975, has done exhaustive research on many facets of river history, and serves on the board of directors of the Grand Canyon River Heritage Museum Coalition....



Flagstaff *Arizona Daily Sun*, July 14

ALA JobLIST

[Digital Humanities Research Designer](#)

Pennsylvania State University, University Park. This position will work as an intellectual partner with faculty, students, and staff in the College of the Liberal Arts and collaborate with humanities faculty and library colleagues to expand modes of humanistic research through emerging and existing technologies. Responsibilities include: working directly with researchers to provide project definition and analysis, such as project scope, requirements, specifications and/or design; evaluating existing tools and technologies; and investigating emerging technologies to identify potential uses in humanities research....



Digital Library of the Week

[2013 Sparks! Ignition Grants](#)

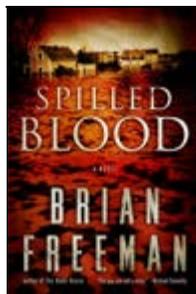
The Institute of Museum and Library Services on July 16 announced 21 recipients of awards totaling \$496,978 matched with \$408,150 of nonfederal funds for Sparks! Ignition Grants, small grants that encourage libraries and museums to test and evaluate innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. Thirteen [libraries](#) received grants, and ALA's RUSA was awarded \$25,000 to create National Guidelines and Best Practices for Financial Literacy Education in libraries nationwide....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, July 16

[2013 International Thriller Awards](#)

The International Thriller Writers met in New York City for ThrillerFest VIII and announced the Thriller Awards at their July 13 banquet. The awards celebrate the best in mystery and suspense fiction. Brian Freeman's *Spilled Blood* (SilverOak) won in the hardcover novel category; Dan Krokos's *False Memory* (Hyperion) was selected as the best YA novel; and Matthew Quirk's *The 500* (Reagan Arthur Books) was chosen best first novel....

The Big Thrill, July 15



[2013 Branford Boase Award](#)

The Branford Boase Award for the most outstanding debut novel for children age 7 and over has gone to author Dave Shelton, together with his editor David Fickling, for the humorous and imaginative *A Boy and a Bear in a Boat* (David Fickling Books). The book tells the story of a boy and a bear who go to sea in a boat called *Harriet*, accompanied by a suitcase and a ukelele. The £1,000 (\$1,510 US) award is unique in that it also recognizes the author's editor and his or her role in nurturing new talent....

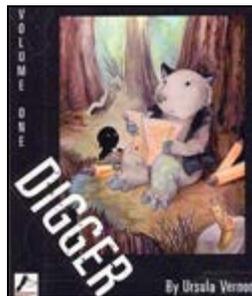
The Bookseller, July 12



[2013 Mythopoeic Awards](#)

The Mythopoeic Society announced the winners of its 2013 Mythopoeic Awards at Mythcon 44 on July 14 in East Lansing, Michigan. The awards are presented to authors of outstanding works in the fields of myth, fantasy, and the scholarly study of these areas. The Fantasy Award for Adult Literature went to Ursula Vernon for volumes 1–6 of *Digger* (Seawolf), originally a webcomic featuring an anthropomorphic wombat. The Fantasy Award for Children's Literature went to Sarah Beth Durst for *Vessel* (Margaret K. McElderry)....

Locus Online, July 15



The [Gordon M. Gee Botanical Illustrations Collection](#) at

Christchurch City Libraries in New Zealand showcases the work of Gordon Gee, who for 18 years worked at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens as a sign writer. His illustrations were used in Lawrence Metcalf's *Cultivation of New Zealand Trees and Shrubs*, first published in 1972.

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

"We've gone from a world in which there is too little information, in which information is scarce, to a world in which there is too much information, and most of it is untrue or irrelevant.... We've gone from looking at a desert, in which a librarian had to walk into the desert for

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Libraries in the News

[22 Miami-Dade branches could close](#)

With County Mayor Carlos Gimenez changing his mind on a tax increase, it's looking more and more likely that 22 of the Miami-Dade (Fla.) Public Library System's 49 branches will shutter next year. The list is [here](#). After a week of opposition to his proposed property tax increases, Gimenez recommended to county commissioners July 16 that no increase be made, a move that could lead to 251 library staff layoffs, plus 149 firefighters getting the axe. Commissioners still have to approve the cuts and are likely to fight to protect libraries and firefighters in their districts. Elsewhere in the state, major [funding cuts](#) for the Jacksonville Public Library could also portend closures....

Miami New Times, July 16; *Miami Herald*, July 16; I <3 JPL, July 16



[Community vows to rebuild Lac-Mégantic library](#)

The fatal train disaster that obliterated much of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, on July 9 also destroyed its library, including irreplaceable items outlining the history of the town and the surrounding area.

Nothing but ash is left of the building, which bordered the railway tracks, and some 60,000 books and other materials are gone. The lost library archives were personal—more than two dozen families had donated various documents, items, and heirlooms since the library opened in 1991....

Canadian Press, July 14



[Palm Harbor Library offers interactive toys](#)

The Palm Harbor (Fla.) Library lends interactive toys meant especially for children with developmental issues. The library calls them "Toys and Tools to Go," and they come from an adaptive toy collection that can only be found in two public libraries in Florida. Assistant Director Lois Eannel said the collection includes adaptive toys, communication devices, capability switches, and games for children with special needs. She brought the concept of adaptive toys with her from New York when she moved to Florida in 1999....

Palm Harbor (Fla.) Beacon, July 11



[County commissioner wants to scale back library improvements](#)

In June, voters in Weber County, Utah, approved a \$45 million bond to upgrade and expand the county's public libraries. Library Director Lynnda Wangsgard said bond supporters bought into the



you and come back with a lump of gold, to a forest, to this huge jungle in which what you want is one apple. And at that point, the librarian can walk into the jungle and come back with the apple. So I think from that point of view, the time of librarians, and the time of libraries—they definitely haven't gone anywhere."

—[Neil Gaiman Talks about His Love of Libraries](#)." The Book Case, Apr. 14, 2010.

"The modern American public library is reading room, book lender, video rental outlet, internet café, town hall, concert venue, youth activity center, research archive, history museum, art gallery, homeless day shelter, office suite, coffeeshop, seniors' clubhouse, and romantic hideaway rolled into one. In small towns of the American West, it is also the post office and the backdrop of the local gun range. These are functions that the digital public libraries of the future will never be able to recreate."

—Photographer Robert Dawson, "[Public Library: An American Commons](#)." Design Observer: Places, Apr. 11, 2011.

@ [More quotes...](#)

Calendar

vision of libraries as community spaces where people of all ages can gather, gain new insights, and connect with one another. However, at least one of the county's three commissioners hopes to scale back the scope and cost of the plan that Wangsgard said has been three years in the making....

Salt Lake Tribune, July 13

[Library trustee resigns over non-Christian material](#)

A Southeast Steuben County (N.Y.) Library trustee has stepped down from the position after criticizing the library for promoting objectionable material. Ann Balch said her Christian beliefs do not allow her to support the viewing of pornography on library computers, the promotion of homosexuality, the promotion of witchcraft, or the promotion of the Muslim religion without also promoting Christianity as an alternative. Library Director Pauline Emery said the children's computers are filtered for adult content....

Corning (N.Y.) Leader, July 13

[400 more UK libraries could close by 2016](#)

Library campaigners accuse the UK government of hiding the scale of budget cuts that they predict will force the closure of 400 more libraries by 2016, bringing the total of library closures since 2009 to more than 1,000. According to the [Library Campaign](#), which has aggregated local newspaper reports to come up with national figures, a drop of almost 25% since 2009 has been camouflaged by the piecemeal nature of the cuts....

The Guardian (UK), July 12

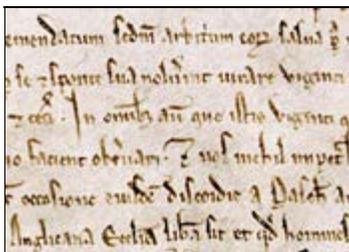


[Four Magna Cartas, together after 800 years](#)

The four surviving original copies of the Magna Carta—a critical document in the history of constitutional law—will be brought together for the first time in 2015, the [800th anniversary](#) of the issue of the charter by England's King John in 1215.

The [unification](#), which will be held at the British Library in collaboration with Lincoln Cathedral and Salisbury Cathedral, will take place over three days in early 2015 and kick off a year of celebrations across the UK and the world....

British Library, July 14; Medieval Manuscripts Blog, July 15



[Ancient Coptic monastery library gets new building](#)

One of the world's earliest libraries finally has its first dedicated building. The Syrian Monastery (Deir al-Surian), a Coptic Orthodox monastery in the Egyptian desert, was established in the 6th century A.D.;

some of its manuscripts were collected by its abbot during a trip to Baghdad in 927. The new building opened in May and includes a reading room, a small display area, conservation facilities, and a basement store, all of which are secure and maintain proper environmental conditions....

The Art Newspaper, July 17



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July 26:

[Libraries and Health Insurance: Preparing for October 1.](#)

WebJunction webinar.

July 31:

[Bring the Moon's Life Story to Children Ages 8–13.](#)

NASA webinar.

Aug. 11–17:

[Council of State Archivists / Society of American Archivists.](#)

Joint Meeting, Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Aug. 16:

[Celebrate Our Personal, Cultural, and Scientific Connections to the Moon.](#) NASA webinar.

Aug. 23–24:

[Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy.](#)

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Savannah, Georgia.

Sept. 9–13:

[ARL-SAA Digital Archives Specialist course.](#) University of Illinois at Chicago.

Sept. 15–19:

[International Association of Law Libraries.](#) Annual Course, Barcelona, Spain. "Catalan Law and Legal Information in a Global Context."

Sept. 18–21:

[Global STEMx Education Conference.](#) free online MOOC.

Sept. 21–22:

[National Book](#)

Issues

[Senate e-rate hearing features Maine state librarian](#)

Maine State Librarian Linda Lord (right) was the voice of libraries to the US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on July 17 when it held a [hearing](#) on strengthening the e-rate program and expanding access to the latest digital technology and learning tools in our libraries and schools. The hearing is timed to coincide with the [July 19 Open Meeting](#) of the Federal Communications Commission, at which commissioners will consider an E-rate Notice of Proposed Rule Making....

District Dispatch, July 15



[Where does ESEA stand in the House?](#)

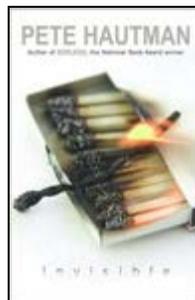
Alyson Klein writes: "The big question of the day: Is a rewrite of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act headed to the floor of the US House of Representatives this week? There's been talk about conservative opposition, but so far it appears that the initial whip count (vote count) looks pretty positive for the bill's chances, advocates say. No official word from GOP leaders, but right now the bill is likely headed to the floor on July 18."...

Education Week: Politics K-12, July 17

[Book challenges in Alabama schools](#)

Anniston Star reporters and University of Alabama journalism students conducted a months-long, statewide effort to find out which books are challenged by parents—and which are ultimately banned from libraries—in Alabama's 132 public school districts. Nine districts reported challenges, a few of which predated the five-year span of the *Star's* records request. Seventy-seven districts reported no challenges in the past five years; 46 districts didn't provide any information at all....

Anniston (Ala.) Star, July 14



[EFF lawsuit presents broad challenge to NSA](#)

Joe Mullin writes: "The Electronic Frontier Foundation and other groups have been litigating against government surveillance for years to no avail. Now, armed with information made public by recent National Security Agency leaks and a wide array of clients worried about widespread surveillance, the group hopes its latest attempt will have better luck. In a complaint ([PDF file](#)) filed July 16, the EFF [challenges](#) the government's collection of telephone call information, saying the practice violates the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments of the Constitution." [Testimony](#) now indicates the NSA data snooping is much broader than the agency will officially admit....

Ars Technica, July 16; *Electronic Frontier Foundation*, July 16; *The Atlantic Wire*, July 17



[The PEN Declaration on Digital Freedom](#)

The [Declaration on Digital Freedom](#) is a concise statement of PEN International's views on free expression in the digital age. It was approved by the Assembly of Delegates—representing 20,000 writers—

[Festival](#), National Mall, Washington, D.C.

Sept. 26–29:

[Bok & Bibliotek: 29th Göteborg Book Fair](#), Göteborg, Sweden.

Oct. 8–10:

[Middle East Librarians Association](#), Annual Meeting, Monroe Library, Loyola University, New Orleans.

Oct. 15–18:

[Educause](#), Annual Conference, Anaheim, California. "The Best Thinking in Higher Education IT."

Oct. 18–19:

[Library 2.013 Worldwide Virtual Conference](#), free online conference.

Oct. 21–25:

[ARL-SAA Digital Archives Specialist course](#), University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Oct. 29–

Nov. 2:

[Association for Educational Communications and Technology](#), International Convention, Anaheim, California. "Innovate! Integrate! Communicate!"

Nov. 4–8:

[ARL-SAA Digital Archives Specialist course](#), Ohio State University, Columbus.

Nov. 20–23:

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



at the PEN International Congress in Gyeongju, Korea, in September 2012. The declaration is a framework and advocacy tool to help 104 PEN centers around the world respond to threats targeting individuals, surveillance, and censorship....

PEN International

[Collaboration between libraries and university presses](#)

Joseph Esposito writes: "It's taken for granted that publishers, at least academic ones, and libraries have a great deal in common, and that putting them together organizationally will yield multiple benefits—cost savings, say, or new products and services, or even an entirely new business model. The question I have is what exactly are such collaborations supposed to accomplish and whether cooperation between a library and a press is the best way to achieve that goal."...
The Scholarly Kitchen, July 16

[Who ruined the humanities?](#)

Lee Siegel writes: "You've probably heard the baleful reports. The number of college students majoring in the humanities is plummeting. But the bright side is this: No more will literature, as part of an academic curriculum, extinguish the incandescence of literature. No longer will the reading of, say, *King Lear* or D. H. Lawrence's *Women in Love* result in the flattening of these transfiguring encounters into the onerous stuff of multiple-choice quizzes, exam essays, and homework assignments."...

Wall Street Journal, July 12

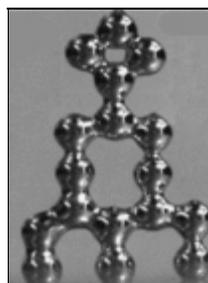
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Tech Talk

[3D printers and liquid metal](#)

Andrew Liszewski writes: "If 3D printing is truly going to revolutionize how we produce everything from cars to computers and weapons, it must move past the current limitations of plastic. And what better place to start than a [next-generation 3D printer](#) that extrudes liquid metal? Researchers at North Carolina State University have developed a [flexible metal](#), an alloy of gallium and indium. Many tiny dots of this material could be placed together to create larger, bendable sheets of metal, and it could be the next big leap in 3D printing technology." Watch the [video](#) (2:45)....

Gizmodo, July 9; *Advanced Materials*, July 4; *New York Times*: Bits, July 10; YouTube, July 8



[High-tech eyeglasses, not made by Google](#)

David Pogue writes: "If someone mentions the phrase 'high-tech glasses,' you probably assume that person is talking about Google Glass, the smartphone-on-a-headband that Google hopes to offer for sale next year. The truth is, 2013 has been the Year of the High-Tech Glasses in other, quieter ways. At least



Annual Conference and Expo, Washington, D.C.

Dec. 9–11:

[International Conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries](#), Bangalore, India. "Social Media and Community Networks."

Dec. 16–20:

[ARL-SAA Digital Archives Specialist course](#), University of California, Los Angeles.

Jan. 24–28:

[American Library Association](#), Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia. "The Conversation Starts Here."

Feb. 26–

Mar. 2: [Music Library Association](#), Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Feb. 27–

Mar. 2: [Alaska Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Anchorage.

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three new eyeglass technologies have arrived. They're not intended to bring the internet to your eyeball. They have a more traditional goal: improving your vision."...

New York Times: Personal Tech, July 10

[17 reasons smartwatches won't work \(yet\)](#)

Brian Barrett writes: "The cascade of smartwatch rumors—[iWatch](#), [Surface](#), or [others](#)—increases daily. By this point, smartwatches of every shape and stripe seem inevitable. But there are so, so many reasons why they shouldn't happen. Not any time soon, at least. Here are just a few reasons why."...

Gizmodo, Mar. 4, July 15; Quartz, July 5



[How to transfer files between two smartphones](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "Transferring photos and other files between nearby smartphones should be simple, but it's not. There are a variety of different ways you can do this, and which one is best depends on the types of smartphone you are using. This is particularly complicated because so many of these methods aren't interoperable. Android, iPhone, and Windows Phone all have their own ways to send files, and they don't like talking to each other."...

How-To Geek, July 13



[You say you want a resolution](#)

Mark Ashenfelder writes: "Shouldn't we save our digital photos at the highest resolution possible, just in case? In our Library of Congress digital preservation resources, we recommend 300 dpi/ppi for 4x8, 5x7, and 8x10 photos. But why not 1,000 dpi/ppi, 2,000 dpi/ppi, or 10,000 dpi/ppi? Is there a threshold beyond which the pixel density is of little or no additional value to us? Isn't 'more' better?"...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, July 16



[The best Blu-ray player](#)

Chris Heinonen writes: "The best Blu-ray player for 2013 is the \$115 Sony BDP-S5100. It supports 3D, offers a large selection of online content, and bests the competition with its 802.11n Wi-Fi's signal quality and speed in daily use. It has none of the flaws of the competition, and, having tested all of them, it's the one I'd pick myself."...

The Wirecutter, July 11



[Do I really have to unplug my cable modem for 10 seconds?](#)

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: "You've heard it time and time again from tech support staff: 'All right, let's unplug your (router / modem / time machine) for X number of seconds, and then plug it back in.' But why exactly are you doing it, and does it matter if you do it for 10, 20, or 30 seconds (or does it matter at all)?"...

How-To Geek, July 16

[How to remove the Ask.com toolbar](#)

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Fahmida Y. Rashid writes: "Chances are, you've had this experience: You weren't really paying attention to all the little checkboxes and fine print when you were installing a software application, and the next time you opened up your web browser, you found out that you had accidentally installed the Ask.com search toolbar. The Ask toolbar is referred to as a browser hijacker because it takes control of your browser and does things you may not want. Here's how you can get rid of it."...

PC Magazine, July 17



[Still talking about old technology?](#)

David Lee King writes: "I'm guessing that your organization is still talking about how to implement old technology. You are holding meetings, creating working groups, forming committees. All based around implementing something that still seems new to you, but in reality is pretty darn old. Here's a short list of technology that gets discussed in libraries right now, with origin, founding, or first-appeared dates."...

David Lee King, July 16



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E-Content

[Ebooks for school librarians](#)

Christopher Harris writes: "The School Library System of the Genesee Valley (N.Y.) Educational Partnership has launched [Here be Fiction](#), a comprehensive 'summer reading style' program where registered school librarians can read and review fiction ebooks. The site will remain open to all visitors to help even more schools and libraries with book selection using a wish-list feature. Looking ahead, Here Be Fiction will again allow librarian reviewers to access books for free during future school vacation times."...

AL: E-Content, July 12



[Book covers must adapt to the digital age](#)

Mercy Pilkington writes: "As publishing adapts to changes in the technology of books, one area that still remains to adapt is the all-important cover art. Two [unrelated articles](#) highlight the serious considerations that authors and publishers need to make when designing the face that will ultimately help or hinder consumer purchases. Interestingly, as more authors begin to exert control over their work by turning to self-publishing, cover design remains one of the areas where traditionally published authors often have little or no input."...

Good E-Reader, July 17; *The New Yorker*: Page-Turner, July 16; *The Bookseller*, July 17



[The "other" ebook pricing problem](#)

Art Brodsky writes: "While the ebook world takes a minute to digest the court ruling that Apple had conspired with book publishers to jack up the price of ebooks to consumers, it's worth noting that there is another ebook pricing battle going on. Consumers are the ultimate

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victims here, but those most directly affected are public libraries. Connecticut appears to be the first state to go on record as recognizing the problem.”...

The Huffington Post, July 17

[New directions for digital content](#)

Publishers Weekly columnist Peter Brantley and ALA Digital Content and Libraries Working Group Cochair Robert Wolven will discuss “New Directions for Libraries and Digital Content” on July 24 as part of the [ALA Virtual Conference](#). The session builds on and continues the ALA Annual Conference program, “ALA, Ebooks, and Digital Content: What’s Next.” Individual and group [registration](#) rates are available for the two-day conference....

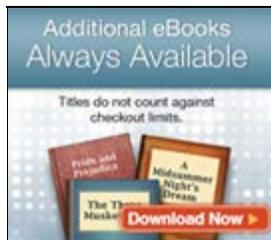
Office for Information Technology Policy, July 15

[Simultaneous-use titles](#)

Justin Noszek writes: “Here’s the situation: You have a roomful of users, and you want to teach them how to use their e-reader devices or the OverDrive app on a tablet or smartphone. Perhaps your first instinct is to search your collection for the latest bestseller, only to find that there’s a mile-long waiting list for that book.

What can you do? Your best bet is to check your library’s OverDrive-powered site for the ‘Additional eBooks Always Available’ link.”...

Digital Library Blog, July 11



[Streaming video developments](#)

Matt Enis writes: “Since the beginning of 2013, four major library vendors have announced the launch of new or expanded streaming services that will enable patrons to view movies and television shows at their library or at home using computers, tablets, smart TVs, or any device equipped with a web browser. Most recently, [Library Ideas](#) debuted its new Freegal Movies and Television service at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.”...

Library Journal: The Digital Shift, July 12



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Books & Reading

[How comics help kids love to read](#)

The Comic Book Legal Defense Fund has released *Raising a Reader! How Comics and Graphic Novels Can Help Your Kids Love To Read!* ([PDF file](#)), a new resource for parents and educators about the learning benefits of comics. Written by Meryl Jaffe, with an introduction by Jennifer L. Holm and art by Raina Telgemeier and Matthew Holm, the booklet describes the skills comics teach children and the resources available for using graphic novels in education....

Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, July 15

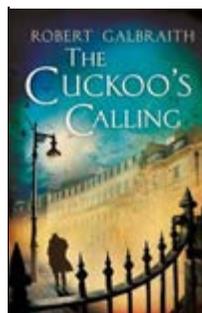


[J. K. Rowling unmasked as mystery author](#)

Sarah Lyall writes: “*The Cuckoo’s Calling*, a debut detective novel by a former UK military police

investigator writing under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith, was not a huge commercial success, but it got great reviews. Readers said the book seemed almost too assured and sophisticated to be a first novel. As it happens, they were right. *The Cuckoo's Calling* turns out to have been written by Harry Potter author J. K. Rowling. Rowling was unmasked by the *Sunday Times*, which, after acting on an anonymous tip, embarked on a sleuthing mission of its own."...

New York Times, July 14



[Amish teen romance](#)

Dena Little writes: "The growing popularity of Amish romance fiction for teens piqued my curiosity. Are English (non-Amish) readers interested in learning more about the Amish community? Is the Amish-English romance a bit risqué, akin to the doomed teen romance between a human and a supernatural being? Or are teens (and their parents) simply interested in a 'cleaner' read? However, looking over a few of these picks I realized that maybe I shouldn't be so quick to assume."...

YALSA The Hub, July 11



[Star Wars books are thriving](#)

There's been a frenzy of excitement since Disney Lucasfilm, creator of the *Star Wars* franchise, announced it would make more *Star Wars* movies. Fans are eagerly awaiting hints of what might happen next, and one way the franchise keeps fans interested is through a plethora of *Star Wars* books, the latest of which is Troy Denning's *Star Wars: Crucible*. Alexandra Alter says the novelizations have become much more popular than anyone thought they would....

NPR: Morning Edition, July 16



[Too many trilogies](#)

Hannah Gómez writes: "Because of the increased attention given to YA, I feel extra bad about a trend that I think tends to lower the literary quality of so many potentially wonderful books. There are just too many trilogies (or duologies, or quartets) in YA. It's not that I'm against all sequels. It's just that it seems a requirement these days, not a thing you do when a story demands it."...

YALSA The Hub, July 12

[Monday was National Dork Day](#)

James Barron writes: "Even before the celebration at the Great Kills branch of the New York Public Library on July 15, someone had thought up a word to describe it: 'Adorkable.' What was being celebrated, according to Information Assistant Paula Amore, was National Dork Day. Amore said Dork Day—named in honor of the Dork Diaries series for tweens by Rachel Renée Russell that has sold more than 10 million copies in less than four years—was about self-confidence and self-esteem, about celebrating one's shortcomings,



about not being ashamed of one's imperfections."...

New York Times: City Room, July 15

Reading around the world

Scott Laming writes: "[A Year of Reading the World](#) is an interesting project by Ann Morgan, a blogger who wanted to read a book from every country in the world. This admittedly is a fairly difficult project, not only because it involves reading more than 190 books, but also because even the choice of what to include as a country can cause massive debate. This list of [reading recommendations](#) by country is simply amazing. Want a book by an author from Djibouti? Try *In the United States of Africa* by Abdourahman Waberi."...

AbeBooks' Reading Copy, July 16



50 places every literary fan should visit

Jason Diamond writes: "If you're like us, and you hear that you're in an area that is home to a place with a bit of literary historical significance, you have to go and visit it. We've compiled this list of literary places all over the world that you should visit if you happen to be in the neighborhood." Included is the [Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum](#) (right) in Hannibal, Missouri....

Flavorwire, July 15



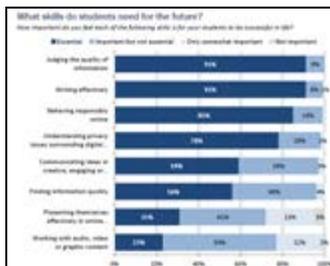
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Tips & Ideas

Digital tools and student writing

The Pew Research Center released a [study](#) July 15 that determined the pros and cons of using digital technology in classrooms. According to the survey ([PDF file](#)), the majority of middle- and high-school teachers believe digital tools increase student collaboration with apps like Google Docs and help them share their work through social media. At the same time, these teachers give their students modest marks for formal writing and low marks in "navigating issues of fair use and copyright in composition" and "reading and digesting long or complicated texts."...

TechCrunch, July 15; Pew Research Center, July 16



A search engine for privacy lovers

Adam Clark Estes writes: "Do you like privacy? Do you shun surveillance and eschew spam? Do you like simplicity? If you answered yes to any of those questions, you'll love [DuckDuckGo](#), the only search engine that promises not to track its users and even offers them complete anonymity. Its search results are pretty good, too. Suddenly, millions of people are taking the issue of online privacy seriously, and the search site was fielding 3 million search queries a day in July."...

Gizmodo, July 11



[Qwant: A one-page, multilingual search aggregator](#)



Joyce Valenza writes: "Among my recent discoveries in the world of search is [Qwant](#). Launched in January by a French company, the multilingual meta-search reaches into news, web, video, image, and social content sources and allows (optionally) logged-in users to add and share bookmarks, respond to social posts directly from the interface, and maintain topic-specific notebooks. Qwant searches in 15 languages and can focus on the websites of 30 countries or geographical areas."...

School Library Journal: NeverEndingSearch, July 15

[Academic librarians of color](#)

Are you a librarian of color? Do you work in an academic library in the United States? If so, please add your voice by filling out this questionnaire for a study on the self-perceptions of professional and racial identity of academic librarians of color....

University of Illinois at Chicago

[Building your e-résumé](#)

Joanna June writes: "Do you have an e-résumé yet? The e-résumé can be either as simple as your online résumé, or more complicated with pages or links of work examples showing your competencies. Basically, an e-résumé is an effective way to give potential employers access to your most up-to-date CV and credentials almost anywhere because it is web-based."...

Hack Library School, July 12

[So you want to be a director](#)

Sarah Houghton writes: "This post is a summary of my presentation at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago titled 'So You Want to be a Director: Fleas, Death Threats, Budget Cuts, and Prison Wardens.' Several people asked me to write up my thoughts article-style, so here you go. One ginormous caveat: I am figuring out this whole Director thing as I go along, but that was rather the point of this presentation and this post."...

Librarian in Black, July 12

[Joint school/public libraries: A cautionary tale](#)

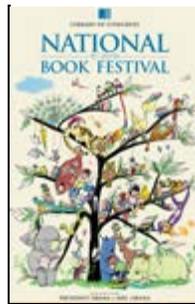
Maren Williams writes: "Located inside Morristown Junior-Senior High School, a branch of the Shelby County (Ind.) Public Library serves both the students of the school and the small community of Morristown, Indiana. Such cooperative endeavors are not uncommon, but the Morristown branch has turned out to be a cautionary tale of how *not* to go about it. Only a year after its [grand opening](#) in 2012, Principal Mike Brown wants the library out of his building, citing concerns over security and the library materials that students can access."...



Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, July 12; *Shelbyville (Ind.) News*, June 28, 2012

[Authors added to National Book Festival lineup](#)

Graphic novelists Lynda Barry and Fred Chao; authors Linda Ronstadt, Christopher Buckley, Stuart Eizenstat, Hoda Kotb, Thomas Keneally, Giada De Laurentiis, and George Weigel; and author/photographer William Wegman will be among more than 100 writers, poets, and illustrators speaking at the 13th annual Library of



Congress National Book Festival, September 21–22, between 9th and 14th streets on the National Mall. The festival's theme is "Books That Shaped the World."...
Library of Congress, July 16

Winners of National STEM video game challenge

The Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop and E-Line Media announced the names of 16 middle- and high-school student winners of the 2013 [National STEM Video Game Challenge](#). The competition seeks to motivate interest in science, technology, engineering, and math among students in grades 5–12 by tapping into their enthusiasm for playing and making video games. The top original video games and game design concepts were selected in 14 categories from nearly 4,000 entries....
Institute of Museum and Library Services, July 11



The meandering library table

The Netherlands-based architectural firm [MAKS](#), in cooperation with Pang Architects, has designed a 150-meter-long table for the library at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. To cater to students' different ways of studying and interaction, the table has varying heights and widths—and offers a space for such activities as meetings, individual studying, and reading....
Taxi, July 9



Construction workers vs. librarians

Will Manley writes: "This past year my life has centered around all the construction workers who worked on my house project. Obviously I had a lot of money invested in them, but more than that I invested a lot of hope in them. I wanted my new house to be a quality creation, built just exactly as the architect designed it. Working with construction workers was, to say the least, quite different from working with librarians, yet there were some similarities. Here are the differences."...
Will Unwound, July 16

Five awesome librarian business cards

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "I've been using [Moo cards](#) for years because I love the slender, slick business cards that they generate from my photos. But I'm always on the lookout for new and interesting ways to display information on them as well as design inspiration. I was very pleased to come across these five superbly designed librarian business cards."...
iLibrarian, July 16



[44 fictional character names revealed](#)

Bestselling YA author John Green [reveals](#) (7:16) the full names of 44 popular fictional characters, such as the Pillsbury Doughboy, Mr. Snuffleupagus, and Comic Book Guy. The Quaker Oats guy has a name? The cop on the Monopoly board? The Twitter bird? You already knew the names of *some* of these characters, but you probably don't know all of them....



Mental Floss, July 17; YouTube, July 17

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American Libraries, July/August



[New American Libraries Live session](#)

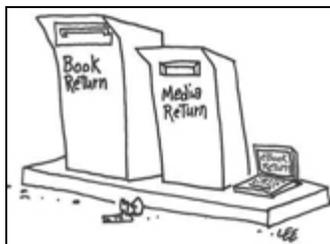
Marshall Breeding will moderate a panel discussion on "Discovery Services: The Future of Library Systems" on [American Libraries Live](#), August 1, at 1 p.m. Central time. Panelists include Anya N. Arnold (Orbis Cascade Alliance), Andrew Nagy (Serials Solutions), and Brad Jung (Innovative Interfaces). Sign up [here](#). As an audience member, you will have the opportunity to participate in the live discussion via chat, Twitter, and Facebook....

American Libraries Live, July 22

[Will's World: Reading Mom like a book](#)

Will Manley writes: "This past August, I was cleaning out my mother's rambling old house a few days after she died. My sister was in charge of furniture, my brother took care of business records, and I sorted through her books. A few hours into this chore, I realized that her books told her life story. I started in the basement, where I found a large wooden box nailed shut. Inside was a complete series of the Bobbsey Twins and the Bunny Brown stories."...

American Libraries column, June



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Philadelphia, January 24–28.

Registration and housing will be open October 1.

2014 Annual Conference

Las Vegas, Nevada, June 26–July 1.

Registration and housing will be open January 14.

(**Bundle registration** for 2014 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference opens September 9.)



Changing the way the world thinks about transgender issues

Coming in 2014, a new journal from



Another Story: As a matter of fact

Joseph Janes writes: "As always, it was a pleasure to welcome friends and colleagues to Seattle for the Midwinter Meeting this past January. Two topics of conversation often arose, unexpectedly: our recent ballot measures on marriage equality and marijuana legalization. Of course, we'd been living with those issues all through the election, so the fact that anybody else wanted to talk about them took me by surprise."...

American Libraries column, June

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ALA News

[Affordable Care Act resources for library staff](#)



With the enrollment for the Affordable Care Act beginning on October 1, ALA and the Institute of Museum and Library Services are highlighting new resources available to libraries. An IMLS cooperative agreement with OCLC's WebJunction will result in online [educational webinars](#), tip sheets, and other resources to help library staff members respond to increased patron information needs related to the Health Insurance Marketplace....

Office of Government Relations, July 18

[Parting thoughts from former ALA Treasurer James Neal](#) (PDF file)

Departing ALA Treasurer James Neal (right) shared some of his musings for the future success of the Association as part of his report to Council III on July 2. He observes: "We must make sure that our resources are aligned with ALA's vision, mission, and strategic priorities. I often observe that if you want to understand what an organization really thinks is important, look at its budget."...

Council III, July 2



[ALA Council resolutions](#)

ALA Council passed several important resolutions at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago: resolutions reaffirming its [commitment to basic literacy](#), affirming the need for [intelligence community reforms](#), designating GPO the lead agency in managing [government digital information](#), [supporting librarians sued](#) for performing their professional duty, recognizing the contributions of [libraries during emergencies](#), and [endorsing the Declaration](#) for the Right to Libraries. All of the 2013 Annual and Midwinter Council documents are now posted on the [ALA website](#)....

Office of ALA Governance, July 22-23

[New tools for community engagement](#)

Attendees at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago got a first look at an




Air & Space/Smithsonian Magazine

Gale, a part of Cengage Learning and Smithsonian Institution have partnered to launch a series of collections from Smithsonian's vast archives. The first is *Air & Space and Smithsonian Magazine Archive*, available for the first time in a combined and fully searchable digital archive.



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array of tools produced to assist libraries with community engagement and innovation as part of the "[Libraries Transforming Communities](#)" initiative. ALA has partnered with the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation for this multiphase initiative to develop a sustainable national plan to advance community engagement and innovation and transform the role of libraries in their communities. The Public Programs Office is managing the initiative....

Public Programs Office, July 18

[New homelessness resources](#)

During the ALA Annual Conference, the US Department of Veterans Affairs and the ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services highlighted new [resources](#) that librarians can use to help veterans who are homeless get back on their feet. One call to the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3828) connects veterans who are homeless to a wide range of services....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, July 23



[ALA demands transparency in government surveillance](#)

On July 18, ALA joined an unprecedented coalition of internet companies and advocates to deliver a letter ([PDF file](#)) to the US government demanding greater transparency around national security-related surveillance of internet and telephone communications. Key civil liberties organizations and major companies like Apple, Facebook, and Twitter joined in the effort with dozens of other companies and organizations. [We Need To Know](#), a newly launched petition directed at the White House, invites the public to contribute to the call for greater transparency....

Office of Government Relations, July 18

[Groups renew call to amend Patriot Act](#)

Citing recent revelations about the scope of the US government's secret surveillance programs, organizations representing booksellers, librarians, publishers, and authors called on Congress to pass legislation to restore privacy protections for bookstore and library records that were stripped by the Patriot Act as a first step toward reining in "runaway surveillance programs." The [Campaign for Reader Privacy](#) is a joint initiative of ALA, the American Booksellers Association, the Association of American Publishers, and PEN American Center....

Office of Government Relations, July 18



[Revisiting CIPA](#)

ALA and Google will host national library, education, technology, legal, and policy experts for a national symposium considering the impact of the Children's Internet Protection Act on access to electronic information, July 29-30. Librarians nationwide can join the virtual conversation with two Google Hangouts on July 30. "Revisiting the Children's Internet Protection Act: 10 Years Later" is part of the Office for Information Technology Policy's and the Office for Intellectual Freedom's larger project on CIPA and access to information....

Office for Information Technology Policy, July 23

[Introduction to web service APIs](#)

ALA Editions announces a new session of its facilitated eCourse,

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Libraries on Film



[The Wedding Cow \[Die Hochzeitskuh\]](#)

(1999, Germany / Switzerland). Isabella Parkinson as Flora is on her way to a new job as a librarian in southern Germany, but her money is stolen and she gets kicked off the train. Flora hitchhikes and gets picked up by a pink truck driven by a plumber named Tim (Oliver Reinhard) who is traveling with his cow Hannah.



[Weeds](#) (1987). Nick Nolte as suicidal San Quentin inmate Lee Umstetter checks a book out of the prison library and gets the

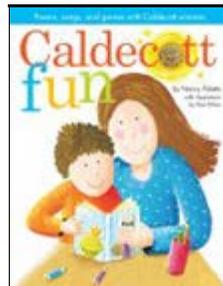
"[Introduction to Web Service APIs Using PHP and HTML](#)" with Jason Paul Michel. This four-week eCourse will begin on October 15. By the end of the course you will be writing PHP scripts to pull data from Twitter or the Digital Public Library. Registration can be purchased at the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, July 23

[Have some Caldecott fun](#)

[Caldecott Fun: Poems, Songs, and Games with Caldecott Winners](#) by Nancy Polette spotlights 40 of the most popular winners of the prestigious children's book award and assembles an exceptional array of activity sheets to use with the books to enrich classroom, afterschool, and storytime programs. Enhanced with whimsical illustrations by Paul Dillon, this resource (available as a PDF file) includes word search puzzles, songs, story strips, fill-in-the-blank fun, and arts-and-crafts projects, all tailored perfectly to the content of each award book....

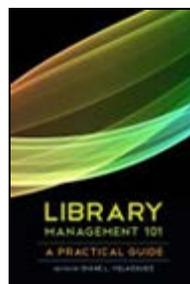
ALA Editions, July 22



[Library management 101](#)

Created to fill a surprising educational void, [Library Management 101: A Practical Guide](#), published by ALA Editions, focuses on best practices from library management experts teaching in LIS programs across the country. Edited by Diane L. Velasquez, among the many topics discussed in this comprehensive collection are human resource planning, marketing and public relations, and facilities management....

ALA Editions, July 23



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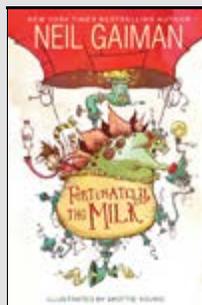


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Youth fantasy](#)

Gaiman, Neil. *Fortunately, the Milk*. Illustrated by Skottie Young. June 2013. 128p. Harper, hardcover (978-0-06-222407-1).

A little boy and his little sister awake one morning, milkless. Their mother is away on business, their father is buried in the paper, and their Toastios are dry. What are young siblings to do? They impress upon their father that his tea is also without milk and sit back to watch their plan take effect. But something goes amiss, and their father doesn't return and doesn't return some more. When he does, finally, he has a story to tell, a story involving aliens; pirates; ponies; wumpires (not the handsome, brooding



idea to write a play.



[Weird Woman](#)

(1944). Evelyn Ankers as scorned academic librarian Illona Carr spreads gossip about her ex, Monroe College anthropology professor Norman Reed (Lon Chaney Jr.), until her former friends create a librarian voodoo doll and drive her to suicide. Lois Collier plays love-struck student assistant Margaret Mercer.



[Welcome Home](#)

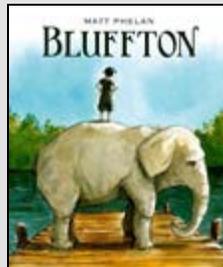
(2004, Austria). Stephanie Commings plays a librarian.

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](#).

kind); and a stegosaurus professor who pilots a Floaty-Ball-Person-Carrier (which looks suspiciously like a hot-air balloon). There is time travel, treachery, and ample adventure....

[Road trip to Muskegon](#)

Cindy Dobrez writes: "I was excited when the galley of Matt Phelan's new graphic novel, *Bluffton* (Candlewick), showed up on my porch, but when I flipped it over I was even more excited. The jacket copy promised the book was set in Muskegon, Michigan. What? That's minutes from my house. Buster Keaton? Buster and his family and vaudeville performers used to vacation in Muskegon in the summer? I read the flap to my husband, who looked up from his *Muskegon Chronicle* newspaper and said, 'Yes, they have a festival for Keaton every October in Muskegon and show his films at the Frauenthal Center. Maybe you should read the paper in addition to your novels and you'd know what's going on.'"...



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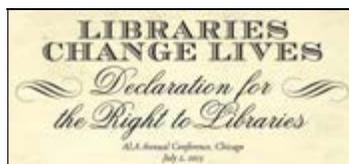
After months of thoughtful planning, development, and beta testing, [DigitalLearn.org](#) has officially launched. This online hub for digital literacy offers an active community of practice and an evolving collection of training resources for those who teach and support digital learners. DigitalLearn.org is managed by PLA and funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services....

PLA, July 19

[AASL supports the declaration](#)

AASL President Gail Dickinson supports the "[Declaration for the Right to Libraries](#)," a component of ALA President Barbara Stripling's 2013 presidential initiative, "Libraries Change Lives." School library programs change lives by empowering students to become effective and independent users of information and ethical and productive members of our democratic society....

AASL, July 18



[Register for the LITA Forum](#)

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Community," to be held November 7–10, at the Hyatt Regency Louisville, Kentucky. Visit the [LITA Forum web page](#) to register. Keynote speakers include Travis Good, Nate Hill, and Emily Gore. Registration is limited to 500 in order to preserve the advantages of a small conference....

LITA, July 17



[Spots still open for ASCLA trip to France](#)

ASCLA still has some space available on its October 6–13 trip to southern France ([PDF file](#)). This adventure is open to the library community; there are no membership requirements in order to participate. Previous travelers have brought spouses, siblings, and friends along. Those interested in making a reservation should contact [Michael Stillwell](#) at Lyceum Tours. Trip payments are due in full by August 25....

ASCLA Blog, July 23



[New ALSC mentoring program](#)

ALSC has announced the launch of a new [mentoring program](#) this fall. The program, open to both members and nonmembers, is intended to help build a new collection of leaders in the field of library service to children. Applications are now open for both mentors and mentees. Registration ends August 30....

ALSC, July 22

[Manage the one-person library](#)

The one-person library presents many challenges for a librarian. Lacking big budgets, staff, and time, the solo librarian must be both the strongest advocate for the library and the face of the library, while running all the behind-the-scenes operations. LLAMA will present a webinar, "Going Solo: Managing the One Person Library" presented by Patti McCall (right), on August 7. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, July 23



[ALCTS webinar series: Libraries and MOOCs](#)

Massive Open Online Courses are sweeping the country and libraries and librarians are watching this development carefully. This series of four webinars will help librarians gain an understanding of the complexity of the MOOC "movement," learn how to support students and faculty engaged with MOOCs, become familiar with copyright and intellectual property requirements, and hear what the future may hold. To register, complete the [online registration form](#) or register by mail ([PDF file](#)) for the session you would like to attend....

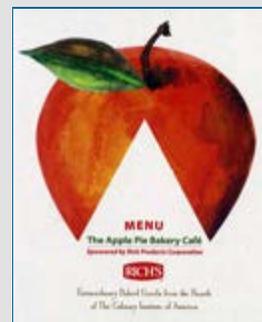
ALCTS, July 19

[RUSA online learning](#)

RUSA has several online courses and webinars taking place prior to Labor Day. Armed with the information presented in these courses and webinars, you'll be prepared to confidently conduct genealogy reference searches, use web video as a marketing tool for your library and its resources, and conduct effective market research. Registration information can be found [here](#)....

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Digital Library of the Week



The [Culinary Institute of America Collection](#)

is one of dozens of digital collections housed on the [Hudson River Valley Heritage](#) website. The institute recently uploaded a collection of menus from its restaurants dating back to 1961; historical menus from around the world will be added soon. HRVH provides access to historical materials from digital collections contributed by colleges, libraries, archives, historical societies, museums and cultural organizations from the following counties in New York State: Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester.

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.](#)

RUSA Blog, July 22

[ASCLA online learning](#)

Summertime is learning time. Get signed up for a webinar or online course with ASCLA and reap the benefits of affordable, convenient, and valuable professional development. More information about scheduling, pricing, and group discounts is available at the [ASCLA online learning](#) page....

ASCLA Blog, July 16

[Deadline extended for ASCLA programming proposals](#)

The ASCLA Conference Programming Committee is accepting proposals until July 31 for institutes for the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia and preconferences and programs for the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The proposal forms are available [online](#) and in [PDF format](#)....

ASCLA Blog, July 10

[Windmill becomes the latest Literary Landmark](#)

United for Libraries, in partnership with Empire State Center for the Book, designated the windmill at the Southampton campus of Stony Brook University of New York a Literary Landmark in honor of Tennessee Williams on July 13. The site was selected because Williams spent the summer of 1957 living in the windmill and writing the experimental play *The Day on Which a Man Dies* in response to the death of his friend Jackson Pollock the summer before....

United for Libraries, July 22



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Awards & Grants

[RUSA selects Spectrum Scholar](#)

Kirk MacLeod (right), MLIS candidate in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta and serials technician for the Government of Alberta, will serve as the Spectrum Scholar for RUSA. MacLeod is a 2012 Spectrum Scholarship recipient and was selected from a pool of participants who are RUSA members....

RUSA, July 23



[Tuliao to swim for Spectrum](#)

Miriam Tuliao (right), assistant director for selection at BookOps of the Brooklyn Public Library and the New York Public Library, announced that she will participate in the IGLA Championship Open Water Swim to help raise funds for ALA's Spectrum Scholarship Program and promote diversity in libraries. The event, to be held August 18, is a two-mile open-water swim taking place in Lake Washington off the coast of Mercer Island in Washington State. Tuliao is a United States masters swimmer who has participated in several long-distance open water events....

Office for Diversity, July 23



Noted and Quoted

"While most of us see librarians sitting and talking to people or moving quietly about the facility [Nova Scotia Community College in Truro], they are, in fact, quite an active group. One is training as a competitive barrel racer. Others are belly dancers. There are several long-distance runners. These individuals are committed to improving their fitness, which will help them maintain their focus on the demands of research and data management that are part of a modern librarian's daily life."

—Keltie Jones, "[The Secret Lives of Librarians](#)," *Truro (N.S.) Daily News*, July 22.

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Calendar

Aug. 7–11:
[8th National Conference of African American Librarians](#), "Culture Keepers VIII: Challenges of the 21st Century: Empowering People, Changing Lives," Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington.

Aug. 25–28:
[12th International Conference on](#)

[LITA scholarships](#)

LITA will be accepting applications for three scholarships designed to encourage the entry of qualified persons into the library technology field. You can apply for LITA scholarships through the single [online application](#) hosted by the ALA Scholarship Program. The ALA Scholarship Application Database will open in September....

LITA, July 18

[E. J. Josey Scholarship Awards](#)

Essay submissions are being accepted by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association for two 2013–2014 E. J. Josey Scholarship Awards of \$2,000 each. The awards are given to African-American students in the US or Canada enrolled in or accepted by an ALA-accredited LIS program. The deadline for [submitting](#) essays is October 31....

Black Caucus of the American Library Association, July 16

[Apply for a 2014 Bechtel Fellowship](#)

ALSC is now accepting online applications for the [2014 Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship](#), which allows qualified children's librarians to spend a total of four weeks or more reading and studying at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature at the University of Florida, Gainesville. The fellowship provides a stipend of \$4,000. The deadline for submissions is October 18....

ALSC, July 23

[2014 Laura Bush 21st-Century Librarian grants](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is accepting applications for the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. The program supports grants for the recruitment and education of library students and continuing education for those already in the profession, as well as the development of new programs and curricula. The deadline to apply is September 16....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, July 22

[2013 Native American library services basic grants](#)

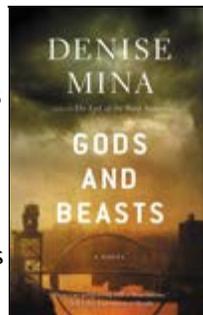
On July 18, the Institute of Museum and Library Services announced grants serving 242 federally-recognized tribes and Alaska Native villages and corporations and totaling \$1.67 million for the Native American Library Services Basic Grants. The full list of funded projects is [here](#)....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, July 18

[Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of 2013](#)

Scottish mystery writer Denise Mina has won the 2013 Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year Award. Announced during the July 18 opening ceremonies of the Crime Writing Festival in Harrogate, UK, Mina's £3,000 (\$4,608 US) award marks her second consecutive win. The 2013 prize went to Mina's novel *Gods and Beasts*, the third book in a series featuring Glasgow police detective Alex Morrow....

The Guardian (UK), July 19



[2013 Prometheus Award winners](#)

The Libertarian Futurist Society has announced the winners of the 2013 Prometheus Awards for Best Novel and Best Classic Fiction (Hall of Fame). Cory Doctorow won the award for Best Novel for *Pirate Cinema* (Tor),

[Document Analysis and Recognition.](#)

Omni Shoreham,
Washington, D.C.

Sept. 11–13:

[Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference.](#)

Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, Portland, Oregon.

Sept. 23–25:

[The Clute Institute, International Academic Conference,](#) Monte Carlo Resort and Casino, Las Vegas.

Sept. 26–27:

[11th International Conference on Books and Publishing.](#)

Universität Regensburg Universitätsbibliothek, Regensburg, Germany.

Sept. 26–28:

[European Information Architecture Conference,](#) Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Oct. 6–8:

[Designing Libraries for the 21st Century Conference,](#) North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Oct. 20–23:

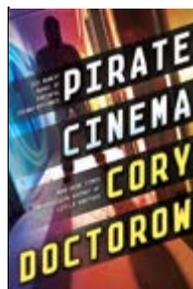
[Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa,](#) Hamilton, New Zealand. "Wai-Ora, Wai-Māori, Waikato."

Oct. 21–22:

[Southeastern Library Assessment Conference,](#) The Georgian Terrace

while *Cryptonomicon*, a 1999 novel by Neal Stephenson, won the Prometheus Hall of Fame award for Best Classic Fiction. The awards will be presented August 30 at LoneStarCon3, the 71st Annual World Science Fiction Convention in San Antonio....

Libertarian Futurist Society, July 20



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Libraries in the News

[Miami-Dade closure plan would hit poor areas harder](#)

Miami-Dade (Fla.) Mayor Carlos Giménez has [proposed a plan](#) to close 22 of the county's 49 library branches, and residents living west of the Palmetto Expressway or in a poorer neighborhood are much more likely to see their local branches shuttered. Riptide has listed the median income for the zip code each library branch is located in and highlights the branches slated for closure. There is now an [online petition](#) opposing the cuts. Here are several ways you can help the Miami-Dade Public Library....

Miami New Times: Riptide, July 16, 18; GalleyCat, July 18



[Calgary library calls for 20,000 books](#)

Thousands of books may have been lost during the [devastating flood](#) of June 21, but the Calgary (Alberta) Public Library is hoping community generosity will help keep their collections afloat. "20,000 is, we think, about the amount we lost in books, DVDs, and CDs," said Paul McIntyre Royston, Calgary Public Library Foundation president and CEO. The foundation is putting on a book drive titled "[20,000 Books Under the Bow](#)," a play on Jules Verne's *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*....

Metro Calgary, July 22; *Toronto Globe and Mail*, June 22; Calgary Public Library



[Lawsuits in Kentucky target library tax rates](#)

The outcome of civil suits that seek to roll back tax rates levied by library districts in Anderson and Montgomery counties could have implications for many libraries elsewhere in Kentucky. A suit filed in May would roll the Anderson County library tax back to its level in 1967, when the library was first organized. A similar suit filed in June would roll back the Montgomery County library tax to its level in 1980, when it was organized. The suits argue that the library districts have improperly raised tax rates over the past decades without voter approval....

Hotel, Atlanta.

Oct. 24–25:
[Digital Public Library of America](#), DPLAfest, Boston Public Library. The celebration that was postponed after the Boston Marathon bombing incident.

Nov. 1–6:
[American Society for Information Science and Technology](#), Meeting, Centre Sheraton, Montreal, Quebec. "Beyond the Cloud: Rethinking Information Boundaries."

Nov. 21–24:
[National Communication Association](#), Annual Convention, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel and the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Dec. 6–7:
[4th Annual Symposium on Computing for Development](#), University of Cape Town, South Africa.

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Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader, July 19

[Centre College Library retrieves an early holding](#)

In early 2013, Caroline Washnock, a student intern working in the Jacobs Hall Museum at the Kentucky School for the Deaf in Danville came across a 200-year-old book that was inscribed "Centre College Library, December 1828." Although the nearby college did not have a distinct library until 1862, Centre College Director of Library Services Stan Campbell said books circulated informally, especially to teachers, many of whom worked closely with the deaf school. The library has [reacquired](#) the book, volume 2 of the 1812 edition of Charles Rollin's *Ancient History*....

WLEX-TV, Lexington, Ky., July 22; Centre News, July 18



[National Library of Sweden recovers two stolen books](#)

Two rare books stolen by an employee from Sweden's National Library were returned July 24 at a ceremony in New York City after the antique book seller in Baltimore who purchased them agreed to hand them over to the FBI. The chief of the Royal Library's Manuscript Department, Anders Burius, stole at least 56 volumes during his 10 years of employment. The [two recovered](#) were *Description de la Louisiane*, a 1683 description of Louisiana in French written by Louis Hennepin; and *Das illustrierte Mississippithal*, a 19th-century illustrated volume about the Mississippi Valley in German....

Bloomberg BusinessWeek, July 24; National Library of Sweden, July 24



[Richard J. Daley collection opens](#)

Documents and artifacts from Richard J. Daley's six terms as mayor of Chicago (1955–1976) will be available for review by researchers and the public beginning July 25 with the opening of the Richard J. Daley Collection at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Archivist Peggy Glowacki, who [prepared the collection](#) for the Special Collections Department, hopes researchers and historians will use the archive to glean new insights into the mayor's life and times....

University of Illinois at Chicago News Center, July 22; *Chicago Tribune*, July 23



[JFK Library releases Hemingway scrapbooks](#)

On July 21, to mark the 114th anniversary of Ernest Hemingway's birth, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, which holds nearly all of the author's manuscripts, made digital versions of his [early scrapbooks](#) available online for the first time, offering an unprecedented view of the writer's childhood. Mary Hemingway, the author's fourth wife, promised his papers to the JFK Library in a letter to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in 1968....

Boston Globe, July 21



[A reading nest at Cleveland Public Library](#)

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If a nest is where birds grow and soon learn to fly, a giant nest at the Cleveland Public Library is where kids can learn to read. And maybe they can learn to fly in a different way. That's the idea behind the 30-foot-wide, 12-foot-high Reading Nest that was completed recently at the Eastman Reading Garden, next to the main downtown library. The temporary art installation was designed by Mark Reigelman, who created it from discarded and reclaimed wood collected from various Cleveland industrial and manufacturing sources....



Cleveland Sun News, July 19

[Watertown and collection development](#)

Watertown (Mass.) Free Public Library Director Leone Cole has responded to the library trustees' decision to remove certain historical titles from the library's history room. On July 17, a trustee [defended](#) her board's decision to remove some historical books to clear shelf space, despite the uproar it has caused among local genealogy and history users. Cole reiterated the library's "strong commitment to preserving and collecting Watertown's history."...

Boston Globe, July 17, 22

[Some school libraries are open in Baltimore County](#)

Halstead Academy in Parkville, Maryland, is among 13 public schools in Baltimore County that open libraries and media centers during the summer. It's a practice that's out of the ordinary among school systems in the Baltimore area, but it's a service Baltimore County has offered for 10 years. Many libraries are open in areas where youngsters don't have easy access to public libraries. While some savor time away from school during the summer, many Halstead Academy students are reading the books they relish during the school year....

Baltimore Sun, July 21

[Arrest made in Florida library fire](#)

Two weeks after a fire ripped through a screened porch at the East Hernando branch of the Hernando County (Fla.) Public Library in Brooksville, the sheriff's office has made an arrest in the case. Joseph Michael Brannen was booked at the jail on charges of second-degree arson on July 19. The July 6 fire started in a screened-porch reading area and wicker furniture was found piled up against the door....

Hernando (Fla.) Today, July 20

[Latvia's new national library](#)

John Lubans writes: "On July 18, I got to tour the spectacular new National Library of Latvia building (right). It glimmers in the summer light on the left bank of the Daugava River, across from Riga's Old Town. Twenty years in the making, the National Library will open to the public in September 2014, during Riga's celebration of its designation as a 'European Capital of Culture.' Most of these photos come from the tour that was most kindly organized by Viktorija Moskina, the library's assistant to the director."...



Leading from the Middle, July 23

[Plans to restore Somalia's national library](#)

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It is hard to imagine that the faded yellow building, where a few families eke out an existence, was once Somalia's National Library. Mogadishu's ruins blend one building to the next, so there is little to distinguish it from the bombed-out remains of nearby parliament buildings. But that may soon change if an ambitious [plan to restore Mogadishu's library](#), the latest project in the capital's construction boom, moves forward."...

Toronto Star, July 19

[Monks hope to preserve St. Catherine's library](#)

Ladan Cher writes: "Just as they have done for 17 centuries, the Greek Orthodox monks of St. Catherine's Monastery in Egypt's Sinai Desert and the local Jabaliya Bedouins worked together to protect the monastery when the 2011 revolution thrust Egypt into a period of uncertainty. The community's fears of an attack were not realized, but the monks decided they needed a new way to protect their treasured library from any future threats. Last year, they accelerated a program of digitally copying biblical scripts with the help of multispectral imaging specialists from around the world."...

Time, July 21



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Issues

[FCC looks to update e-rate fund](#)

The Federal Communications Commission voted on July 19 to overhaul and possibly expand its e-rate program, a \$2.3 billion effort to provide schools and libraries with up-to-date telecommunications service and equipment, including high-speed internet connections. A [proposal](#) calls for funds to be moved away from such outdated uses as paying for paging service and long-distance phone calls and into areas that will accelerate digital literacy. About 80% of US schools and libraries say they [do not have enough](#) bandwidth. ALA [welcomes](#) the July 23 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ([PDF file](#)) that will modernize this vital program....

New York Times, July 19; Federal Communications Commission, July 19, 23; *PC World*, July 19; ALA Washington Office, July 19



[Amendment to defund NSA surveillance](#)

Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich., right) has introduced an amendment to the Defense Appropriations Bill, H.R. 2397, that would stop funding the National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance programs. The amendment is likely coming to a vote in the House on July 24. While the amendment would not halt all NSA surveillance activities, it does take an important step in requiring that it only be used to collect information on those who are in fact the subject of an investigation. Civil liberties organizations are [supporting](#) it....

District Dispatch, July 23-24



[Another perspective on library-press partnerships](#)

Rick Anderson writes: "On July 16, Joe Esposito wrote [a thought-provoking piece](#) about what we mean when we talk about partnerships and collaborations between libraries and university presses (particularly when the university press is absorbed into the library itself) and about whether such arrangements really make sense. But to my mind, the important question is not whether that relationship can accurately be called a partnership."...

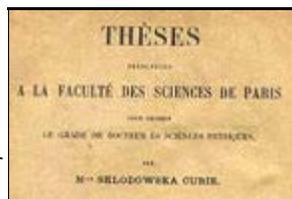
The Scholarly Kitchen, July 16, 23



[The AHA: Dissertations must be embargoed](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "Today I found myself revisiting a [blog post](#) by Doug Armato of the University of Minnesota Press just as my Twitter stream was responding to the American Historical Society's [new statement](#) on why historians' dissertations must be protected from the public eye. The posts are fascinating to read side by side because they take such different positions on what it is we are trying to do when we make scholarship public."...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, July 24; University of Minnesota Press Blog, Jan. 7; AHA Today, July 22



[The next two hearings on copyright reform](#)

Mike Masnick writes: "As Congress kicks off its latest effort towards comprehensive copyright reform, I noted some talking points that raise a [major concern](#). Many in Congress seem to think that copyright reform is a fight between content creators and technology companies, and that any eventual result will be a balance between what those two sides are squabbling for. This is very disturbing for a variety of reasons."...

Techdirt, May 17, July 19

[The problem with permission](#)

Kevin Smith writes: "Because Duke has begun teaching Massively Open Online Courses (MOOCs), my office has gotten much more involved, over the past year, in the process of seeking permission to use copyrighted content. The most common frustration, as many people have discovered, is that so many rights holders simply do not respond. Sometimes, however, it is even more frustrating to receive a reply, because those answers often confirm that we are not dealing with a well-managed or carefully administered process."...

Scholarly Communications @ Duke, July 18

[Why Common Core standards are losing popularity](#)

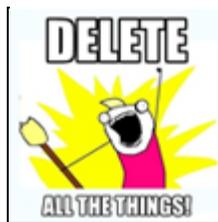
Meris Stansbury writes: "45 states and the District of Columbia have adopted the Common Core State Standards in what was once lauded as a giant step in the right direction in trying to improve student achievement and college- and career-readiness. Yet many states, policy makers, and educators are saying that successful planning didn't factor well enough into the decision to adopt, causing problems that states are only now beginning to fully comprehend. Here are the four most widely discussed contentions."...

eSchool News, July 19



[Libraries and privacy in the Internet Age](#)

Eric Phetteplace writes: "Our privacy protections must stay current with technology. Today, people expose more and more of their personal information online and do so mostly on for-profit websites. In this post, I'll go beyond library-specific data to talk about how we can offer patrons enhanced privacy even when they're not using resources we control, such as the library website or ILS."...
ACRL TechConnect Blog, July 24



[Cameron wants UK families to have internet filters](#)

UK Prime Minister David Cameron is facing serious questions over how his plan for automatic internet porn filters in every British home would work. Cameron set out a raft of reforms on July 22 to protect children from pornographic websites that are "corroding childhood." He announced that ISPs had agreed to introduce family-friendly filters that automatically block pornography unless customers chose to opt out. His proposals were criticized by anti-censorship groups, who warned that sites about sexual health could get caught up in the ban. Phil Bradley provides [some commentary](#)....

The Independent (UK), July 22; Phil Bradley's Weblog, July 22

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Tech Talk

[Indiana librarian tries out Google Glass](#)

If you see someone walking around South Bend, Indiana, with some Jetsons-esque headgear, it's probably Marianne Kruppa (right), manager of Sights and Sounds for the St. Joseph County Public Library.



Kruppa was one of 8,000 US residents chosen to be a part of Google Glass Explorer Class, the select group that gets to own the wearable computer-like technology long before it hits the commercial market. Her job requires all sorts of searches for patrons, so it's pretty simple for her to say, "OK, Glass. Google [name of movie]." Watch the [video](#) (2:27). Michelle Kraft lists some uses for [Google Glass in medicine](#)....

South Bend (Ind.) Tribune, July 17; The Krafty Librarian, July 16

[Chromecast dongle will stream video and audio to your TV](#)

Google announced a new device, dubbed Chromecast, at a July 24 press event in San Francisco. The tiny dongle plugs into an HDMI input on a TV and connects to WiFi, allowing users to stream video directly to their TVs from other devices—without requiring matching operating systems.

Interfaces will now present a "cast" button that, when clicked, will send the video from a PC, tablet, or smartphone to the television. Playback can then be controlled by the device sending the video. Netflix, Pandora, and YouTube will be among the [stream providers](#). The dongle [will sell](#) for \$35....



Ars Technica, July 24; Engadget, July 24; GigaOM, July 24

[DC Public Library's new Digital Commons](#)

Jamie Schleser writes: "The District of Columbia Public Library has created a new Digital Commons to showcase some of the most cutting-edge software and hardware with the goal of stimulating exploration, innovation, and economic development. At the July 17 launch event, which featured comments by D.C. Deputy Mayor Hoskins and other local luminaries, the excitement among the assembled crowd of library lovers and regular patrons was obvious."...

District Dispatch, July 22



[Options for offering a public scanner](#)

Brian Herzog writes: "My library finally rolled out a service patrons have been asking for ever since I started: a public scanner. We did do some research beforehand, asking around to see what other libraries did. Coincidentally, on the very day we put the scanner out for the public, another library sent around an email asking the same questions—and very kindly, she also compiled and shared the responses."...

Swiss Army Librarian, July 18



[3D printing will explode in 2014](#)

Christopher Mims writes: "Here's what's holding back 3D printing, the technology that's supposed to revolutionize manufacturing and countless other industries: patents. In February 2014, key patents that currently prevent competition in the market for the most advanced and functional 3D printers will expire. These patents cover a technology known as 'laser sintering,' the lowest-cost 3D printing technology."...

Mashable, July 22

[Best iPhone apps for 2013](#)

Thorin Klosowski writes: "The iPhone has the largest selection of apps on the mobile side, but that means it's also the most frustrating to find what's worthwhile. For our fourth annual Lifehacker pack for iPhone, we're highlighting the apps that help you stay productive, connected, informed, and entertained."...

Lifehacker, July 17



[Best apps for making and sharing videos on your iPhone](#)

Michael Muchmore writes: "You've long been able to shoot video with your iPhone, but until recently there hasn't been an app that does anything comparable to what Instagram has done for photos. The closest an app has come to this level of public engagement has been Vine. But Vine has its limitations, and it isn't really comparable with Instagram since it does nothing to jazz up your videos. We found a few apps that do just those things, each in different and interesting ways."...

PC Magazine, July 19



[How to add a YouTube subscribe button to your site](#)

Amy-Mae Elliott writes: "Until now, the only



way you could subscribe to a YouTube channel was on the main site. The video-sharing company has just introduced an embeddable button that you can place on your own website, giving your audience a handy shortcut to subscribe to your video content. We've taken a look at how to add this useful button to your site, and how to customize it to suit your site's style."...

Mashable, July 24

[Use Google as a proxy server](#)

Amit Agarwal writes: "If you have trouble accessing a web page, either because the website is blocked at your workplace or because that page happens to be behind a [paywall](#), there are a couple of undocumented Google proxy servers that may help you read that page. When you access any page via one of these Google proxies, the content of that page gets downloaded on Google servers and then served to you."...

Digital Inspiration, Mar. 29, July 15

[How to buy an ultraportable](#)

Joel Santo Domingo writes: "Ultraportables used to be a small subset of the whole laptop PC market. Now, unibody construction has made ultraportables both thinner and stronger than similar systems in the past. Instead of being the adjunct PC of the 1990s and 2000s, the ultraportable is now capable of being the primary PC in your life. What is an ultraportable, and how does it differ from laptops, sleekbooks, and ultrabooks? In general, most ultraportables weigh less than 4.5 pounds, have screens 14-inches or smaller, use processors more powerful than the Intel Atom, and lack optical drives." Here are the [10 best ultraportables](#)....



PC Magazine, July 18

[Apple buys two mapping companies](#)

Nick Bilton writes: "Apple is deepening its mapping skills, buying two start-ups that specialize in location technology, HopStop (right) and Locationary, giving Apple more expertise in an area where it has struggled. HopStop is an application that can be used to get directions within cities and shows real-time traffic delays. The other start-up, Locationary, is based in Toronto and specializes in maps and mapping data, according to its website."...



New York Times: Bits, July 19

[How to opt out of Amber Alerts](#)

J. B. Biersdorfer writes: "Amber Alerts are urgent bulletins about abductions and are issued by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, along with public safety officials. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says people can opt out of Amber Alerts and alerts for 'imminent threats' like serious weather." Here's how....

New York Times: Personal Tech, July 22

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E-Content

[Publishers paid \\$166 million to settle ebook claims](#)

According to a recent filing, publishers have paid a total of \$166 million to settle state and consumer ebook price-fixing charges, including an additional \$3.9 million to settle consumer claims in Minnesota. The figures come from a letter filed with Judge Denise Cote earlier in July by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, and do not include legal fees and other court costs. Minnesota was not part of the original state suit and pursued its own litigation....

Publishers Weekly, July 24

[2nd gen Nexus 7: The best tablet for e-reading?](#)

Nathan Groezinger writes: "On July 24, Google officially unveiled the second-generation Nexus 7 tablet. Google's latest 7-inch tablet runs Android 4.3 Jelly Bean and comes in three varieties. It has an unprecedented 1920 x 1200 pixel screen with an impressive 323 pixels per inch. Text will be incredibly clear and easy to read. Couple that with the lightweight design and all the e-reading apps available in the Google Play store, this is going to be one formidable tablet for e-reading."...

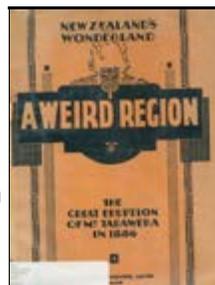
The eBook Reader Blog, July 24



[Ebooks from the New Zealand National Library](#)

Greig Roulston writes: "After a whole lot of trial (and a little error), the National Library's book digitization pilot program has successfully produced its first ebooks. 36 titles made up of 12,700 pages have been digitized and turned into PDF and EPUB files. We've loaded them into the National Digital Heritage Archive for preservation, but you can grab them all from the bottom of this post. The books cover a range of topics, from volcanic eruptions to government reports on famous plane crashes, and run between 42 and 920 pages."...

National Library of New Zealand, July 22



[2014 National Agenda for Digital Stewardship](#)

The inaugural *National Agenda for Digital Stewardship* ([PDF file](#)) was released July 23 in conjunction with the first day of the [Digital Preservation 2013](#) meeting in Washington, D.C. The document integrates the perspective of dozens of experts and hundreds of institutions, convened through the Library of Congress, to provide funders and executive decision makers insight into emerging technological trends and key areas for funding, research, and development....

The Signal: Digital Preservation, July 23



[Amazon vs. the public library](#)

Verne Kopytoff writes: "Could Amazon, tech's behemoth retailer, really be threatened by the neighborhood public library? The answer is complex. Much hinges on whether libraries and publishers can iron out differences that have limited the selection of ebooks available for lending. Superficially, libraries seem to be on the ball with digital books. But the most serious challenge facing libraries is that most have relatively few ebooks to chose from."...

Fortune, July 22

[DPLAfest is accepting proposals](#)

The Digital Public Library of America is accepting workshop suggestions for its first annual [DPLAfest](#), October 24–25, in Boston. If you have an idea for a DPLA-related session or workshop for October 25, let them know using [this form](#) by August 9....

DPLA Blog, July 13



[If Nook goes bust, will your ebooks survive?](#)

Quentin Fottrell writes: "The Nook, some experts say, is on its way out. This leaves Nook customers with a big problem similar to what some consumers faced when the Betamax video format lost to VHS in the early 1980s. If Barnes & Noble stops production on all Nooks, experts say, Nook owners would have a hard time moving their libraries. In fact, customers are already grappling with that very issue on online forums."...

MarketWatch, July 11

[2013 e-products for academic libraries](#)

Susanne Bjørner writes: "This annual *Choice* feature, traditionally appearing in the August issue, has two purposes. First, it gives readers a convenient way to discover new web-based products and updates to standard sources available for the academic market. Second, it offers the producers a no-charge venue in which they may tell librarians what they think is most important about their offerings."...

Choice 50, no. 12 (Aug.)



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Books & Reading

[Librarian panel at Comic-Con](#)

The San Diego Comic-Con panel "What's Next for Graphic Novels in Libraries" was organized by *Publishers Weekly* Graphic Novel Reviews Editor Heidi MacDonald and surveyed both the upbeat current marketplace as well as possible obstacles to growth. The panel brought together a mix of librarians, including Eva Volen from the Alameda (Calif.) Free Library, academic librarian Karen Green from Columbia University, and Scott Robins from the Toronto Public Library. It also included Josh Elder, developer of iVerse's Comics Plus: Library Edition, an online pay-per-checkout digital comics lending service that launched at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago....

Publishers Weekly, July 23



[Winners and losers at Comic-Con 2013](#)

San Diego Comic-Con is a white-hot furnace in which projects are made or destroyed. Some emerge from the flames stronger, with invincible buzz levels, while others are melted down. Here's io9's list of the people and projects that gained buzz from Comic-Con, and the ones that lost some of their buzz. Book Riot has a [bookish Comic-Con](#) roundup....



io9, July 22; Book Riot, July 23

[Jane Austen appears on new £10 banknote](#)

English novelist Jane Austen was unveiled as the face of the new £10 banknote that will be issued in 2017, when the current note featuring Charles Darwin ceases circulation. Mark Carney, governor of the Bank of England, announced his decision July 24, after a high-profile campaign to ensure that a woman remained on an English banknote, following the decision to replace Elizabeth Fry with Sir Winston Churchill on the £5 note....

The Telegraph (UK), July 24



[12 tales of book thievery](#)

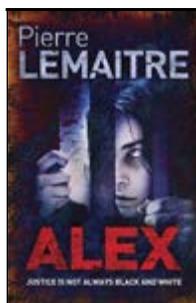
Alison Nastasi writes: "As devoted book lovers and defenders of libraries, there are few things that upset us more than people who steal books. We read about a recent case of [book theft in China](#) this week that compelled us to explore a brief history of shocking book thievery. Greed, desperation, and delusion have compelled ordinary citizens and literary insiders to snatch rare books and manuscripts for dubious purposes."...

Flavorwire, July 20; RocketNews24, July 16

[A French New Wave of crime thrillers](#)

As the interest in Nordic detectives and killers wanes, publishers are looking to France for the next wave of crime thrillers. Scandinavian crime fiction turned conventional publishing wisdom on its head, proving that readers had an appetite for works in translation. Now Christopher MacLehose, founder of MacLehose Press, is bullish on the talent emerging from France. He picked out six French crime writers, including Pierre Lemaitre, Hervé Le Corre, Antonin Varenne, and Dominique Sylvain, who "are as good as anyone who ever came out of Sweden," he said....

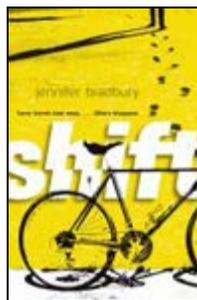
The Independent (UK), July 17



[Mystery reads for the summer](#)

Colleen Seisser writes: "I don't know what it is about reading mysteries in the summertime, but it just seems right to me. A pleasant surprise is when I crack the spine of my paperback and realize that the mystery I am reading is also set in the summer. It makes it all the more enjoyable. If you're looking for a good mystery set in the summertime for your poolside reading, check out these titles."...

YALSA The Hub, July 24



[BookVibe picks up the buzz](#)

Vindu Goel writes: "[BookVibe](#), created by a tiny start-up called Parakweet, analyzes the tweets of the accounts that you follow on Twitter and compiles a list of book recommendations based on which titles those people are talking about. The company uses AI techniques to distinguish between someone expressing true affection for a book as opposed to merely mentioning it. The service is still in beta, and it shows signs of being a work in progress."...

New York Times: Bits, July 18



[Book recommendation engines compared](#)

Leila Roy writes: "I find books through a variety of sources. What I *don't* use very often are book recommendation engines. Not because I have anything against them; it's just because I tend to find them and play with them and then forget what they're called. So let's make a list. I shall use *Howl's Moving Castle* and *The Book Thief* as my test subjects. Let's watch."...

Bookshelves of Doom, July 22



[YA fiction for graphic novel fans](#)

Molly Wetta writes: "I like to convince tried and true graphic novel fans that there are other types of books they can enjoy reading. Even though I think graphic novels are definitely worth reading and that there's nothing wrong with preferring that format, I do like to show reluctant readers that there are exciting stories waiting to be discovered inside non-graphic novels. In recent years, there have been many great YA novels that feature illustrations, and these books will appeal to fans who like their stories accompanied by pictures."...

YALSA The Hub, July 18



[Feminism and YA romance novels](#)

Chelsea Condren writes: "No matter what the dictionary says, there is no real working definition for feminism. It is also hard to pin down what constitutes a romance novel versus just a novel with romance.

Nonetheless, everybody has an opinion about romance novels and feminism, whether they realize it or not. For instance, I bet you think *Twilight* is very unfeminist, right? I think that's wrong because men really, really, really hate *Twilight*, way more than women do, and I think that anything written by women that makes men uncomfortable has a place in feminism."...

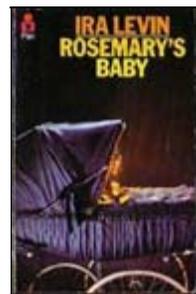
YALSA The Hub, July 22



[The 35 worst children in literature](#)

Beth Carswell writes: "Children can be innocent, inquisitive, and the embodiment of hope. But those characteristics make for boring stories. Sometimes authors enjoy creating a fictional child that is just plain nasty. While Draco Malfoy, Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregarde, and Veruca Salt may be distasteful, they are actually quite mild-mannered compared to some of the horrible children literature has to offer. We've collected [a list of 35](#) of the most malevolent and despicable children from the pages of fiction."...

AbeBooks' Reading Copy, July 22



[Six influential women writers](#)

For centuries, female writers have given us some of the greatest novels, short stories, poems, and essays ever written, but this recognition didn't come easy for most women. Some used male pen names or remained anonymous so that their works wouldn't be rejected because they were female. Here are six of the most influential women writers you've never heard of....

Polycymic, July 9

[Seven ailments named after literary characters](#)

Kimberly Turner writes: "When you're immersed in a good story, it's easy to lose yourself in a character's world. But what would life be like if you actually had to experience what they experience? From 10-month-long sleep sessions to extreme vanity and delusional jealousy, walking in your favorite protagonist's footsteps might be more of a nightmare than a dream come true. Here are a few of the fascinating (and horrifying) physical and mental illnesses named after the quirks and adventures of some of literature's most interesting characters."...

LitReactor, July 15



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Tips & Ideas

[A new Heritage Health Index](#)

Heritage Preservation, working in cooperation with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will conduct a second Heritage Health Index survey in 2015. The original survey, conducted in 2004, was the first comprehensive study to assess the condition and preservation needs of US collections. It examined the state of preservation across the entire spectrum of collecting institutions. The results were published in the groundbreaking *A Public Trust at Risk* ([PDF file](#)). Heritage Health Index II will use a similar instrument and methodology to the first study....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, July 19

[Reinventing librarians around the world](#)

The Global Librarian is a new joint publication of the ACRL Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter and the Metropolitan New York Library Council. It aims to highlight librarians who have implemented creative ways to serve the information needs of their patrons, both directly and remotely, and includes contributions from 25 professionals and 17 case studies. *The Guardian* newspaper [extracted](#) five practical tips....

Metropolitan New York Library Council, July 9; *The Guardian* (UK), July 18



[EveryLibrary is winning](#)

John Chrastka writes: "Though EveryLibrary has existed for just six short months, it has helped raise \$1.85 million for libraries by campaigning at the ballot box. This is entirely because of your support. Where exactly has this money gone? After filing our paperwork and becoming an established organization, we were able to support three



library campaigns. Those were Spokane, Washington; Ronan, Montana; and Shorewood-Troy, Illinois.”...

EveryLibrary Blog, July 19

[Iowa libraries refocus spending](#)

Libby Collins writes: “No longer limited to ink and paper, Iowa’s public libraries are spending increasing amounts of money on new technologies, such as ebooks and iPads. The number of computers in these libraries increased 76% from 2003 to 2012. But it has come at a cost. Some items—notably magazines, newspapers, CDs, and reference materials—are no longer purchased. And staff training to understand expensive technology and maintaining it is a challenge, particularly at a time when budgets are razor-thin.”...

Iowa Center for Public Affairs Journalism, July 21

[Linked data first steps](#)

Karen Coyle writes: “Often when I am with groups of librarians talking about linked data, this question comes up: ‘What can we do *today* to get ready for linked data?’ It’s not really a hard question, because there is an obvious starting point: *identifiers*. We connect the textual data in our bibliographic records with identifiers for the same thing or concept. The linked data standards require that identifiers be in the form of an HTTP-based URI. What this means is that your identifier looks like a URL.”...

Coyle’s InFormation, July 23

[Free online tools to learn another language](#)

Andrew Tarantola writes: “That foreign-language commercial software costs \$500? Thank you, no. There are too many free language-learning resources on the internet to warrant that sort of expense. Here are just a few that will cost you nothing but time and effort.”...

Gizmodo, July 20

[STEM program of the year: Egg Drop Science](#)

Amy Koester writes: “In the summer, there are more people in the library, the reading program and its prizes turn kids’ excitement up to 11, and program attendance goes through the roof. With all of those factors conspiring to make the library a better place to spend hot summer days, I knew my first school-age STEM program of the summer would need to be a great one. Enter Egg Drop Science, which was an engineering hit complete with a surprise reveal for the testing portion of the program. Here’s what we did.”...

ALSC Blog, July 23



[How to host an unconference](#)

Kiera Parrott writes: “Since 2009, the Darien (Conn.) Library has organized and hosted a one-day unconference for youth services librarians called [KidLibCamp](#). The event was an immediate success and we’ve been hosting the one-day professional development camp every year since. While it is mostly attended by librarians in the region, we’ve received inquiries from librarians from around the country wanting to know more about unconferences and how to set up one of their own.”...

ALSC Blog, July 24



[Five best web-based video chat services](#)

Alan Henry writes: "If you need a little face time with friends and family who live far away, firing up a video chat has never been easier. These days you don't even need to install an app or download a heavy client—many services let you open a browser and within seconds see your friends' faces, no matter where they are in the world. This week we're going to look at five services that give you the best, fastest, and most hassle-free video chatting experience."...

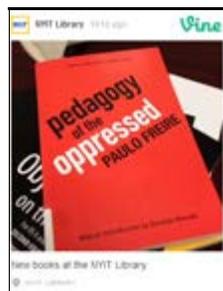
Lifehacker, July 21



[15 ways to use Vine to create social videos](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Vine is a new social video application from the folks at Twitter that will let you create and share short and sweet six-second videos that loop. This exciting free app is available for both [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices, and libraries have already begun adopting this popular new format. If you're wondering what can be accomplished in a six-second video, here are some ways libraries can use Vine videos."...

iLibrarian, July 23



[Make time to find time](#)

Rebecca Cruz writes: "In my [first post](#) on time management, I quickly realized I didn't have enough time to cover everything. And while I never will, I did want to share a bit more of what I learned about managing my time. The following provides you with a few more tips to help you find more time in your day."...

Public Libraries Online, July 19, 23

[The mystery of the undated postcards](#)

Leah Tams writes: "This summer as an intern at the Smithsonian Archives, I have been working on revamping our online exhibit about postcards that show the museum. The most challenging part for me has been determining the dates of the postcards. Some of the postcards we have in our collections are postally used, so it's very easy to give them a date. However, many of the postcards are unused. At first, dating these cards seemed like an impossible mystery to solve."...

The Bigger Picture, July 23



[The Moutier-Grandval Bible digitized](#)

Sarah J. Biggs writes: "Charlemagne was committed to resurrecting the classical scholarship of Greece and Rome that many felt was lost during the so-called Dark Ages, and he gathered intellectuals from around Europe to his court in Aachen. One notable recruit was the English cleric Alcuin of York (c. 735–804). One of Alcuin's contributions was to produce an emended version of the Latin Vulgate Bible. A great product of his scriptorium, the Moutier-Grandval Bible made under Abbot Adalhard (834–843), is now available online on the British Library [website](#)."...

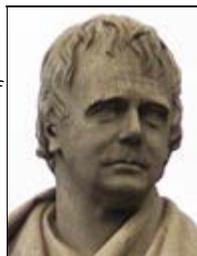
Medieval Manuscripts Blog, July 22



Weeding Sir Walter

Laura Raphael writes: "Who would want to kill the dashing Sir Walter Scott (right), 19th-century author of popular historical novels, plays, and poetry? Not I. But I did find myself weeding many of his works in my library—and feeling horrible about it. This article explores some of the reasons why weeding can be so heartbreaking, difficult, and miserable."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, July 24



The science of Wikipedia controversies

Derrick Harris writes: "I don't know what it says about the English-speaking world (OK, in this case probably the United States) that its Wikipedia contributors disagree more about professional wrestlers than nearly any other topic, but it can't be good. It's one of numerous interesting, if not always surprising, findings from a group of international researchers who determined the most-controversial Wikipedia articles ([PDF file](#)) across 10 different languages. The researchers identified the articles by creating a formula based upon the number of mutual reversions each article receives."...

GigaOM, July 17; arxiv.org

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Jesus	Hugo Chávez	Islamophobia	Homeopathy

Stick it to the librarians

Did you ever wish you could just duct tape the librarian to a wall for shushing you or telling you a book had not been returned or a fine had not yet been paid? Well, the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, is giving patrons the opportunity to "Stick It to Your Librarians!" This clever fundraiser is offering one yard of duct tape for \$1 or six strips of duct tape for \$5. If enough is sold by August 16, purchasers can duct tape their favorite Bowlby librarians to the wall....

Washington (Pa.) Observer-Reporter, July 23



30 things librarians love

Jessica Misener offers this list of 30 things that information professionals are allegedly wild about: "1. Pointing out that you have to have a master's degree to be a real librarian. 2. Metadata. 3. Ranting about the increasing value of paper books in an e-printing world. 10. Scaring your coworkers in the stacks."...

Buzzfeed, July 23



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American Libraries Online

[Apps and autism](#)

Barbara Klipper writes: "In recent months there has been an ongoing conversation in the youth services world about apps. Tablets loaded with preselected apps are available to users of some public libraries, either for on-site use or for circulation. This conversation is timely and useful, but it's incomplete unless we expand it to include a discussion of how librarians can use apps to serve children with autism. There are several ways to integrate apps for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in a public library setting."...

American Libraries feature



[Enabling access, engagement, and efficiency](#)

Marshall Breeding writes: "Technology, as always, was on display at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. As a general trend, technologies for standard operations seemed a bit more in tune with current needs this year. It was a conference absent major or surprising announcements. Rather than news of mergers and acquisitions, more subtle changes were apparent. Transitions made in previous years continued to evolve, as evidenced by increased business integration, brand consolidation, and more unified product development strategies."...

American Libraries feature



[On My Mind: Analog ideas, digital activism](#)

Andy Woodworth writes: "Standing outside the ice cream freezers at the local grocery store, a notion struck me from out of the blue: 'There ought to be a library-themed Ben & Jerry's flavor.' Alas, to this day, this has not come to pass. But this single serendipitous thought on an otherwise uneventful evening shopping trip is a testament to the surprising things that lead people down the path of library



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Philadelphia, January 24–28.

Registration and housing will be open October 1.

2014 Annual

Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 26–July 1.

Registration and housing will be open January 14.

(**Bundle registration** for 2014 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference opens September 9.)



Air & Space/Smithsonian Magazine

Gale, a part of Cengage Learning and Smithsonian Institution have partnered to launch a series of collections from Smithsonian's vast archives. The first is *Air & Space and Smithsonian Magazine Archive*, available for the first

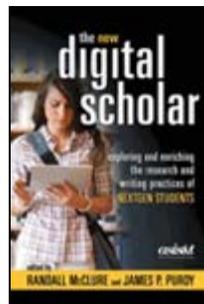
advocacy and activism.”...

American Libraries column, June

[Bridging the Digital Divide](#)

Karen Muller writes: “Popular wisdom says if you want to learn how to use your latest piece of consumer technology, you find an 8-year-old to teach you. What this means for libraries is that besides being able to keep track of the latest in readers’ advisory, cataloging rules, or the financial policies of our governing bodies, we must also be able to work with library users wherever they are on the technology continuum, from total novice to tech-savvy 8-year-old. Here we look at recent titles that help us stay up to date with both technology and library services.”...

American Libraries column, June



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[New American Libraries Live session](#)

Marshall Breeding will moderate a panel discussion on “Discovery Services: The Future of Library Systems” on [American Libraries Live](#), August 1, at 1 p.m. Central time. Panelists include Anya N. Arnold (Orbis Cascade Alliance), Andrew Nagy (Serials Solutions), and Brad Jung (Innovative Interfaces). Sign up [here](#). As an audience member, you will have the opportunity to participate in the live discussion via chat, Twitter, and Facebook....

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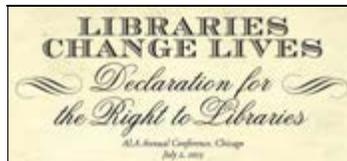
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ALA News

[Stripling unveils Declaration in Nashville](#)

ALA President Barbara Stripling unveiled the “Declaration for the Right to Libraries” during a July 30 signing ceremony at Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library. The Declaration is the cornerstone document of her presidential initiative, “Libraries Change Lives,” which is designed to build and sustain support for America’s right to libraries of all types—academic, special, school, and public. Stripling’s initiative will focus on transformative library practices in literacy, innovation, and community engagement....

ALA Public Relations Office, July 30



[ALA seeks candidates](#)

The ALA 2014 Nominating Committee is soliciting nominees to run on the 2014 spring ballot for the offices of ALA president-elect and councilor-at-large. The deadline for completing the [candidate biographical form](#) is August 16. The committee will select two candidates to run for president-elect and no fewer than 51 candidates for the 34 at-large Council seats to be filled in the 2014 spring election. Nominations may be sent to any member of the committee....

Office of ALA Governance, July 26

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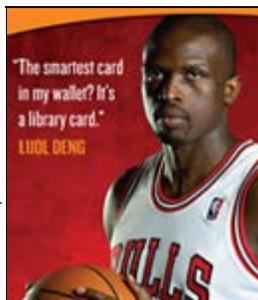
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[Luol Deng named honorary chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)

This September, Chicago Bulls two-time NBA All Star Luol Deng (right) will encourage children to get the most important school supply of all: a library card. As the Honorary Chair of [Library Card Sign-up Month](#), Deng has donated his image to a print and digital public service announcement. ALA will place the PSA in magazines and on websites to remind parents and educators that a library card is a key tool in achieving academic success....

Campaign for America's Libraries, July 30



[Looking for ALA standards and guidelines?](#)

This list includes documents titled "standards" and "guidelines" as well as other documents of a similar nature entitled "statements," "rules," and "criteria." Its intent is to present ALA's official standards and guidelines, as well as additional documents prepared and endorsed by various ALA units for the purpose of helping others improve library service. See [Library-related Acronyms](#) as needed....

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[COA accreditation actions](#)

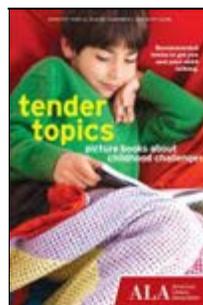
The ALA Committee on Accreditation has granted continued accreditation status to LIS programs at the following schools: University of Alberta, University of Maryland, University of North Texas, and University of Pittsburgh. An accreditation decision at Southern Connecticut State University is pending....

ALA Office for Accreditation, July 26

[Picture books about tender topics](#)

A reading specialist, an outreach librarian, and a children's librarian combine their considerable expertise in [Tender Topics: Picture Books about Childhood Challenges](#), an essential guide for parents that brings reading, early literacy, child development issues, and picture books together. Dorothy Stoltz, Elaine Czarnecki, and Buff Kahn offer an authoritative collection of appropriate picture books that makes broaching difficult subjects easier....

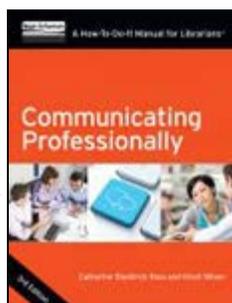
Huron Street Press, July 30



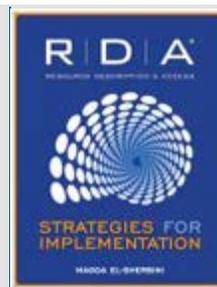
[How to communicate professionally](#)

An updated and expanded third edition of the training guide [Communicating Professionally: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians](#), by Catherine Sheldrick Ross and Kirsti Nilsen, is completely revised with new sections outlining the opportunities offered by contemporary communication media. With more resource information on cross-cultural communication, including new applications of communication principles and recent research-based material on communication in general, the manual even covers fundamental skills such as listening, speaking, and writing....

ALA Neal-Schuman, July 26



[An updated guide to teaching](#)



In [RDA: Strategies for Implementation](#),

Magda El-Sherbini tackles key questions about how the new cataloging standard will be implemented by cataloging professionals, offering an orientation in the conceptual background and the structure of RDA: Resource Description and Access from a practical and technical perspective, including a detailed comparison with AACR2. Firmly rooted in the concrete application of RDA, with numerous sample records, this book covers FRBR, FRAD, manifestations and items, works and expressions, and advice for using the RDA Toolkit. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

Libraries on Film



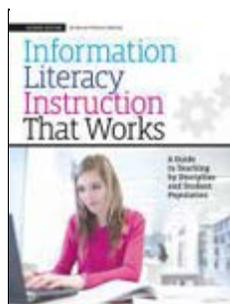
[A Way of Life](#)

(2004, UK). Stephanie James as teenage mother Leigh-Anne Williams, accompanied by her brother and two friends, has a confrontation with a

[information literacy](#)

In this updated, expanded second edition of *[Information Literacy Instruction that Works: A Guide to Teaching by Discipline and Student Population](#)*, editor Patrick Ragains has asked more than 20 library instructors to share their best practices for reaching out to today's unique users. Readers will find strategies and techniques for teaching college and university freshmen, community college students, students with disabilities, and those in distance learning programs....

ALA Neal-Schuman, July 26



[A call to transform YA services](#)

A vigorous call to action that encourages LIS students, researchers, and practitioners to question some of the underlying assumptions of their discipline, *[Transforming Young Adult Services](#)* initiates an open discussion about how YA professionals perceive young adults. Editor Anthony Bernier and his contributors explore the question of what an LIS-specific vision of young adults should be. This book offers a wide array of provocative positions with implications for libraries in literacy initiatives, YA space, intergenerational interactions, and civic life....

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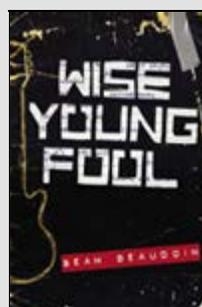


Booklist ONLINE

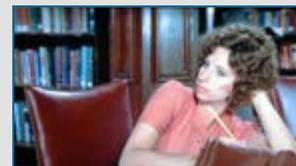
[Featured review: Youth fiction](#)

Beaudoin, Sean. *Wise Young Fool*. Aug. 2013. Grades 9–12. Little, Brown, hardcover (978-0-316-20379-1).

Smash your Stratocaster, pop the devil horns, and bite the head off a bat—this headbanger is so right-on with passion and detail that you'll be smelling the garage-band funk and feeling the bass rattle your teeth. Eighteen-year-old Ritchie Sudden is stuck in juvie and tasked with journaling how he got there. In short: girls, music, and some bullshit trauma that Ritchie doesn't even want to talk about. It starts, as always, with best bud Elliot Hella, he of the shaved head and thick muttonchops, whose go-nowhere life hinges upon winning a big-time battle of the bands. El Hella and Ritchie have the requisite crappy equipment and sloppy chops to make hardcore history—all they need is a drummer, a singer, and a badass band name....

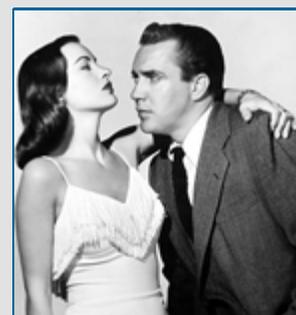


Turkish man in a Welsh library. Siriol Jenkins plays a librarian.



[The Way We Were](#)

(1973). Barbra Streisand as Katie pretends to study in the college library but really goes to sneak a peek at Hubbell Gardner (Robert Redford).



[The Web](#) (1947).

Edmond O'Brien as lawyer Bob Regan uses the Index Department at the *New York Star* to investigate an old criminal case. The librarian (Robin Raymond) retrieves a large, bound volume for him.



[Web of Evidence](#)

(1959, UK). Vera Miles as Liverpool librarian Lena Anderson helps Paul Mathry (Van Johnson) clear his father of murder.

[Hostile Questions: Sean Beaudoin](#)

Daniel Kraus writes: "Sean Beaudoin is one crafty son-of-a-goat. He comes at you like 'Hi, my name is Sean,' but it's spelled S-e-a-n, which we all know should be pronounced Seeeeen, and then he's all like, 'My last name is Bwadowuhoin,' and it's all like French or something, and you're confused. Is he like a voodoo priest or just really adept at making beignets or what? And while you're puzzling this out, he's probably carrying on in a very clever manner about his very clever books like *You Killed Wesley Payne* and *Wise Young Fool*, leaving you weak-kneed and gullible."...



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Division News

[PLA's Spring Symposium session archive](#)

On March 20, PLA offered a full-day [Virtual Spring Symposium](#) with educational programs across four subject tracks and a thought-provoking keynote with futurist Garry Golden. A selection of these one-hour programs is now available for on-demand purchase....

PLA, July 31



[LLAMA webinar on leadership styles](#)

LLAMA is offering a leadership webinar, "It Worked for Steve Jobs But Will It Work For You: Finding Your Leadership Style," presented by Steven J. Bell (right) on August 21. The webinar will expose participants to a range of leadership styles in order to identify what works best for an individual leader. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, July 29



[RUSA seeks ideas for online courses](#)

RUSA is looking for proposals for webinars and online courses on highly relevant subjects such as ebooks, library programming and outreach, technology advisory, reference services, collection marketing, and leading a book group. The proposal period will be open through September 1. [Submit webinar proposals](#) using the online proposal form; there is a separate submission form for [online courses](#)....

RUSA Blog, July 30

[ASCLA online learning proposals](#)

ASCLA invites subject matter experts and experienced librarians with knowledge to share to submit proposals for ASCLA [webinars](#) and [online courses](#) to be presented between October 2013 and August 2014 as a part of the division's outstanding online learning offerings. Proposals will be accepted through September 1....

ASCLA Blog, July 30

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](#).



Career Leads
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[Executive Director,](#)

Florida Library Association, Lake City. FLA seeks a dynamic, experienced individual to lead FLA and manage its office at location to be determined. ED oversees one PT employee, contract service providers, and annual budget of \$300,000. Primary responsibilities: leading and managing association business;

[LITA is looking for program proposals](#)

The LITA Program Planning Committee is now accepting innovative and creative proposals for the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. It is looking for full-day preconference ideas as well as 90-minute conference presentations. The focus should be on technology in libraries, whether that's use of, new ideas for, trends in, or interesting and innovative projects. Submit a [proposal](#) by August 25....

LITA Blog, July 26

[YALSA and Blink promote Teen Read Week](#)

Blink, a new young adult imprint of Zondervan, is now an official sponsor of Teen Read Week, October 13–19. By sponsoring Teen Read Week, Blink is aiding in YALSA's continued efforts to help libraries engage teens through reading and literature. Blink will help support a free webinar on trends in YA literature for anyone who joins the online [Teen Read Week community](#)....

YALSA, July 24



[More great websites for kids](#)

ALSC has added 10 more outstanding websites to [Great Websites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children. Great Websites for Kids features links to websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings. There is also a special section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers, and teachers....

ALSC, July 29



[United for Libraries offers on-site consulting](#)

United for Libraries is offering libraries, trustees, and Friends a budget-friendly alternative to on-site consulting—Skype sessions. If you have Skype capabilities and are interested in learning more, contact United for Libraries at (800) 545-2433, ext. 2161, or email united@ala.org....

United for Libraries, July 30

[Sinclair Lewis home Literary Landmark ceremony](#)

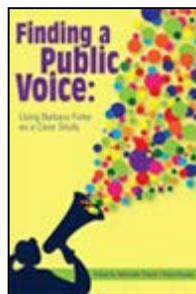
United for Libraries, in partnership with the Minnesota Association of Library Friends and the Sinclair Lewis Foundation, designated the boyhood home of Sinclair Lewis in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, a Literary Landmark on July 16. The ceremony was one of the linchpin events at the town's "Sinclair Lewis Days," an annual, week-long festival celebrating the community and its most famous native son....

United for Libraries, July 30



[Using Barbara Fister as a case study](#)

ACRL has published [Finding a Public Voice: Using Barbara Fister as a Case Study](#), edited by Danielle Theiss and Diane Kovacs. This eclectic volume shares vivid examples of how academic librarians, inspired by the writings of noted library leader and blogger Barbara Fister, are engaging with others and blazing a leadership path for the profession on such topics as information literacy, scholarly communication and e-



membership and organizational development; communication, advocacy, and public relations; and working with volunteers....



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Digital Library of the Week



[New York Heritage](#),

a project of the New York 3Rs Association, is a research portal for students, educators, historians, genealogists, and anyone else who is interested in learning more about the people, places, and institutions of New York State. The site provides free access to more than 170 distinct digital collections, totaling hundreds of thousands of items. The collections in New York Heritage represent a broad range of historical, scholarly, and cultural materials held in libraries, museums, and archives throughout the state. Collection items include photographs, letters, diaries,

publishing, librarian career adaptability, and healthcare privacy rights....

ACRL, July 26

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Awards & Grants

[University of Minnesota to host 2014 Arbuthnot Lecture](#)

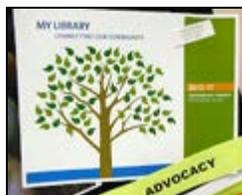
The 2014 May Hill Arbuthnot Committee has chosen the University of Minnesota's Children's Literature Research Collection as the site for the 2014 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture featuring Andrea Davis Pinkney (right), a bestselling writer of more than 20 books for children and young adults. Minnesota's CLRC is one of the world's great children's literature research collections....



ALSC, July 24

[2013 PR Xchange and Best of Show Awards](#)

Kathy Dempsey writes: "The PR Xchange and Best of Show duo has become a staple of my ALA Annual Conference Sundays because it's one of the main events where library promoters gather. The PR Xchange is scheduled smartly; it has three main activities: the actual exchange of PR materials, vendor tables, and the awards. The [Best of Show awards](#) recognize the very best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year. Photos of all the winners have been [placed on Flickr](#) this year, allowing everyone to see the good stuff."...



The 'M' Word: Marketing Libraries, July 25

[Penguin Young Readers Group grant](#)

ALSC is accepting online applications for the 2014 Penguin Young Readers Group Award. This grant, made possible by an annual gift from Penguin Young Readers Group, provides a \$600 stipend to up to four children's librarians to attend ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The deadline for submissions is October 18....

ALSC, July 29

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Libraries in the News

[Six Miami-Dade branches could be saved](#)

An updated plan for cuts to the Miami-Dade (Fla.) County budget would keep open six of 22 public libraries initially slated for closure. The tentative change

directories, maps, newspapers, and books. The collection is part of the New York State Board of Regent's New York Digital Collection Initiative.

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

"Books are just about the Librarian's most favorite thing in the entire world. Reading them can take you on exciting adventures in far-off lands, introduce you to new friends and cultures, and let you discover poetry, classic literature, science fiction, and much more. If only everybody loved to read as much as she does, the world would be a better place . . . and quieter, too! The Librarian feels that it's extremely important to treat a book with the proper respect. You should always use a bookmark instead of folding down the corner of the page. Take good care of the dust jacket, and don't scribble in the margins. And above all else, never, ever, return it to the library late!"

—Description for [Lego](#)



would save the Culmer, Lakes of the Meadows, Lemon City, Little River, Opa-locka, and Shenandoah branch libraries, bringing the total number of library closures to 16. Administrators have been drafting alternatives to make the budget cuts a little less painful, but a final plan won't be approved by county commissioners until two public hearings on the budget in September. Watch the Friends [video](#) (4:11)....

Miami Herald, July 30; YouTube, July 30

[Jackson County to float special library tax district](#)

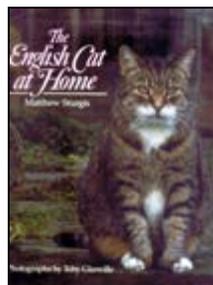
Library supporters in Jackson County, Oregon, are exploring the creation of a special tax district that would keep libraries open in Ashland, Jacksonville, and other communities. Cathy Shaw, a former Ashland mayor and library supporter who prepared voter prediction models for the proposal, said the county will survey likely voters on such a funding strategy. The county is seeking a new way to fund libraries in the face of a \$6.7 million budget gap for the year, due to declines in federal timber payments, property tax revenue, and interest income....

Ashland (Oreg.) Daily Tidings, July 26

[Glendale kills its cat collection](#)

Brittany Levine writes: "In its heyday, the extensive collection of cat-related books at the Glendale (Calif.) Public Library was deemed the largest in the nation. At one point, the collection had more than 4,000 feline-related books, cat magazines, photographs, and calendars. But Glendale is giving up its claim, selling off valuable books, trying to unload others. News of the retreat made cat enthusiasts hiss."...

Los Angeles Times: L.A. Now, July 29



[Patrons rally for popular children's librarian](#)

About 60 parents, children, and community members staged a rally outside the public library in Epping, New Hampshire, on July 26 to support a well-liked children's librarian who had been fired after nearly a decade on the job. Tracie Wilkins, known to most kids as "Miss Tracie," was let go from her part-time position at the Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library on July 16, but the reasons for the firing haven't been made public....

Manchester New Hampshire Union-Leader, July 26

[Report accuses Walkerton library director of mishandling funds](#)

The former director of the Walkerton-Lincoln Township (Ind.) Public Library allegedly mishandled tens of thousands of dollars, cutting himself unauthorized paychecks and spending public funds on personal dining and travel. State auditors said Scott Klingerman (right), a former library board member who served as interim director from February 18, 2010, to May 2, 2013, owed the library nearly \$96,000. The report comes about two months after the library abruptly closed for several weeks amid an investigation by the FBI and state police....



[Librarian](#), one of Lego's new minifigures.

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Calendar

Aug. 15–17:

[Association for Information Systems](#), 19th Americas Conference, Hilton Chicago.

Aug. 16:

[Celebrate Our Personal, Cultural, and Scientific Connections to the Moon](#), NASA webinar.

Sept. 8–9:

[HathiTrust Research Center UnCamp](#), Hotel and Conference Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Sept. 9–13:

[ARL-SAA Digital Archives Specialist course](#), University of Illinois at Chicago.

Sept. 12–13:

[12th Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference](#), Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, Portland, Oregon.

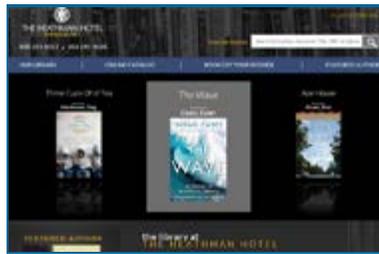
Oct. 18–19:

[Library 2.013 Worldwide Virtual Conference](#), free online conference.

South Bend (Ind.) Tribune, July 25

[Hotels add a library as an amenity](#)

Amy Zipkin writes: "Some hotels are giving the humble book another look, as they search for ways to persuade guests, particularly younger ones, to spend more time in their lobbies and bars. They are increasingly stocking books in a central location, designating book suites or playing host to author readings. While the trend began at boutique hotels like the [Library Hotel](#) in New York, the [Heathman Hotel](#) (above) in Portland, Oregon, and [The Study at Yale](#) in New Haven, Connecticut, it is expanding to chain hotels."...
New York Times, July 29

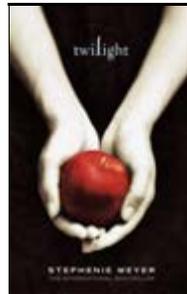


[Library money could be redirected to new jail](#)

The council of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, held a special meeting July 26 to give public notice it will vote August 27 to hold an election that would rededicate 1 mill of the library tax and half of the library board's general account to building a new jail. Parish libraries ended 2012 with a \$12.7 million fund balance. Library Board Director Laura Sanders said the board is against having any of its money reallocated, especially after state aid was cut in 2012....
Houma (La.) Today, July 27

[Banned books to vanish from Gadsden library shelves](#)

Patrons who want to read a banned book from the Gadsden (Ala.) Public Library or the Austin Meadows Library at Gadsden State Community College had better hurry. Books that have been challenged through the years because of content or language won't be on those libraries' shelves from August 26 through September 23, the beginning of Banned Books Week. Gadsden Public Library Director Amanda Jackson said that taking the books out of circulation will make the idea real to patrons....
Gadsden (Ala.) Times, July 27



[Creating the Library of the Future in Greece](#)

Dionisis Kolokotsas writes: "The Stavros Niarchos Foundation is investing €560 million to build a Cultural Center which will host the National Library of Greece and the Greek National Opera. As part of the project, the Foundation is also funding 'Future Library,' an effort that aims to transform public libraries into media labs and hubs of creativity, innovation, and learning, attracting many groups who now spend little time there—entrepreneurs, students, the unemployed, and immigrants. So far, nine municipal libraries are participating from all over Greece."...
Google Europe Blog, July 25



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Issues

Oct. 24–26: [Mediterranean Editors and Translators](#)

Annual Meeting, Monastery of Poblet, Tarragona, Spain. "Language, Culture, and Identity."

Oct. 26–27: [Halloween ComicFest](#)

Nov. 6–9: [Charleston Conference](#)

Charleston, South Carolina. "Too Much Is Not Enough!"

Nov. 7–10:
[American Society for Theatre Research / Theatre Library Association](#). Joint Conference, Fairmont Dallas Hotel, Texas. "The Post-Thematic Conference."

Dec. 15–18:
[Association for Information Systems](#). International Conference on Information Systems, Milan, Italy. "Reshaping Society Through Information Systems Design."

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

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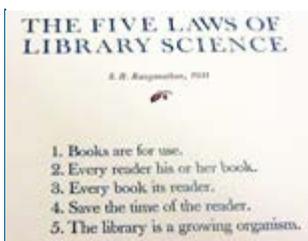
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[Ranganathan killed the library theorist](#)

Matthew Cizek writes: "Much has been written on the Five Laws of Library Science in the nearly 60 years since Ranganathan posited them. Librarians and scholars have sought to broaden, refine, or update the laws, and some have confused the laws as a 'philosophy of librarianship.' I would argue that when Ranganathan posited these five normative principles as laws, he effectively shut the door on further debate within the profession about the nature of librarianship."...

A Blog on LIST, July 29



[Change looks impossible when you start](#)

Connie Williams writes: "A while back I got riled up about the state of school librarians. Their disappearance from schools is more than troubling; it's a downright disaster. So I joined my state school library association, listened to all the folks in leadership, and began to learn about how to make change. It's not fast, and it's not easy. Here is the Cliff Notes version of how to meet with your legislator."...

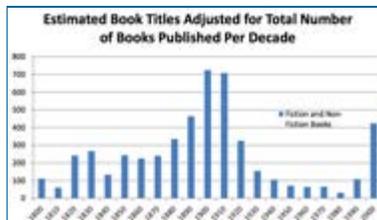
District Dispatch, July 29



[How copyright made mid-century books disappear](#)

Rebecca J. Rosen writes: "A book published during the presidency of Chester A. Arthur has a greater chance of being in print today than one published during the time of Ronald Reagan. Copyright advocates have long (and successfully) argued that keeping books copyrighted assures that owners can make a profit off their intellectual property, and that that profit incentive will 'assure [the books'] availability and adequate distribution.' The evidence, it appears, says otherwise."...

The Atlantic, July 30



[Embargo or perish](#)

Ry Rivard writes: "Even though the American Historical Association is [warning](#) that young scholars could be denied book deals and therefore tenure-track jobs if they do not keep their dissertations off the internet, the actual danger of such career hampering remains hard to quantify. One recently published study ([PDF file](#)) suggests some publishers reject material that is already available online. AHA Vice President Jacqueline Jones said while press editors may say they are not turning down books because the material has been posted online, the acquisition editors on the ground are doing so."...

Inside Higher Ed, July 24, 26; *College and Research Libraries*, July 2013, p. 368-380

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Tech Talk

[Today's computer commons is tomorrow's card catalog](#)

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Steven J. Bell writes: "Anyone who worked in an academic research library in the 1970s–1980s remembers the vast amount of library real estate devoted to the physical card catalog. In my own place of work, where the catalog used to sit one now finds a field of personal computers—all of them hardwired desktops. But in another 10 years, I believe academic librarians will once again be in search of a purpose for all the space created by the removal of obsolete desktop computers."...

ACRLog, July 29



[13 ed-tech tools for writing](#)

Being able to write clearly is an essential skill for all students. With these simple online writing tools and apps, students get to practice writing informally in settings that won't be too daunting. This information comes from Common Sense Media and its new Graphite service, a free collection of teacher-written reviews of websites, apps, and digital games for the classroom....

eSchool News, July 26



[App of the week: Fax Burner](#)

Wendy Stephens writes: "While faxing is a technology that might seem behind the times, whether it's a W-9 or some other documentation related to employment or enrollment status, we've all had patrons who needed something scanned rather desperately to get requisite documentation to agencies or organizations that required that format. On those occasions, I've used [Fax Burner](#), with excellent results."...

YALSA Blog, July 31



[Chromecast hacks and workarounds](#)

Adriana Lee writes: "The bad news for [Chromecast](#) hopefuls is that the \$35 device has sold out nearly everywhere. But there's also good news: Because people swooped in to snag the device so quickly, all sorts of useful workarounds are already making their way across the web. For new owners and potential customers interested in what this cheap streaming dongle can do, here are a few Chromecast tips to get you started."...

ReadWrite, July 30; *New York Times*: Personal Tech, July 31



[Reduce the risk of data loss on USB drives](#)

Tessa Miller writes: "You know what sucks? Putting your résumé, portfolio, essay, photos, whatever, on a USB stick, bringing the stick to the print shop, and discovering that your data is dead. Don't let it happen to you. These superusers at Stack Exchange offer tips on keeping your USB data intact."...

Lifehacker, July 26

[The best wireless mouse](#)

Wes Fenlon writes: "The Anywhere MX was slightly redesigned in 2012, so we spent about six hours checking around for new competition and a



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week using the new model to see how it fared. It's still the mouse we'd get. But before I explain why, let's talk about trackpads. Tech writers are fond of declaring the mouse dead. All it takes is a look at Windows 8 or Apple's OS X (or a smartphone or tablet's touch gesture controls) to see the future."...

The Wirecutter, July 31

[The best graphics cards for gaming](#)

Joel Santo Domingo writes: "3D gaming on PCs is a serious business. Geeks from around the world crowd about complex shaders, the ability for their system to manage smooth frame rates at higher resolution, and eye candy settings involving anti-aliasing, shadow rendering, and tessellation. For the purposes of this story, there are three levels of graphics card we want to highlight: Mainstream Enthusiast, High-End Enthusiast, and Insanity."...

PC Magazine, July 24



[Regular expressions in a library context](#)

(Miami-Dade)\n(d{5})\n([A-Za-z]+)

Bohyun Kim writes: "Despite its notational appearance, regular expressions (regex) is an extremely handy tool you can use to clean up or manipulate textual data. The best way to learn regex is to start using it right away every time you run into a problem that can be solved faster with regex. To give you an idea, I offer some uses for regex that several librarians generously shared with me."...

ACRL TechConnect Blog, July 31

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E-Content

[Montgomery County calls for fair ebook pricing](#)

The Montgomery County, Maryland, council unanimously passed a resolution July 23 urging state and federal authorities to help public libraries obtain fair prices for ebooks. The resolution makes Montgomery County one of the first state (after [Connecticut](#)) or local jurisdictions to make more equitable ebook pricing a formal policy....

Governing, July 24; Library Journal: InfoDocket, June 12

[Choice E-Collection offers free de-duping](#)



The [Choice E-Collection](#) is the first collection of ebooks made up exclusively of titles reviewed by ACRL's *Choice* magazine. Currently consisting of several hundred titles spanning the entire liberal arts and sciences curriculum, the collection presents titles from a growing list of publishers and now features a free de-duping service that allows a library to determine within 48 hours which titles it already owns....

Choice, July 29

[Hoopla: Netflix for library users?](#)

Laura Hazard Owen writes: "Hoopla wants to



make borrowing material from a library as convenient as streaming content on the web. The company, which launched to the public June 24 after several months in beta, offers patrons of participating libraries access to on-demand streaming movies and TV shows, as well as audiobooks and music that can be streamed or downloaded. There's no waiting, and patrons don't have to remember to return the digital materials: After a set period of time, they expire. Titles can be streamed on [Hoopla's website](#) or its iOS and Android apps."...
GigaOM, July 24

[Data curation's dirty little secret](#)

Dorothea Salo writes: "When the Research Data Services group I helped inaugurate worked out a response process for data-management-plan assistance requests, we were careful to respect the disciplinary expertise among our members. After all, even in late 2010 it was a truism that the barrier skill for helping researchers manage data was disciplinary expertise. Data curation's dirty little secret is that this isn't always true. It isn't even *often* true."...
Library Journal: Peer to Peer Review, June 27

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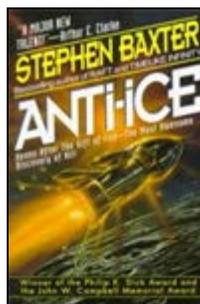
Books & Reading

[Amazon quietly slashes book prices](#)

Laura Hazard Owen writes: "Amazon is facing an unusual opponent in the battle for the lowest book prices online: Overstock.com, which in late July [announced](#) a promotional campaign to sell its books 'at least 10% below Amazon.com's prices.' While that promotion was only supposed to last for a week, Overstock has decided to continue it for longer. In response, Amazon is slashing its own prices on print books, sometimes below the prices it's charging for Kindle books. Overstock does not sell ebooks."...
GigaOM, July 29; Overstock.com, July 25

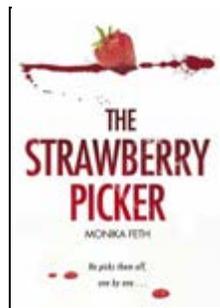
[Steampunk 101](#)

Beth Carswell writes: "It's okay if you don't really get steampunk. I'm sure you've heard the term; maybe you have a vague notion that it involves goggles and hot air balloons and the inner workings of clocks, and perhaps time machines and top hats. It's a specific genre, born of science fiction and Victorian sensibilities together. If you want examples, of course, head to the books. We've put together a list of some of the [best steampunk books](#) out there."...
AbeBooks' Reading Copy, July 24



[YA recommendations for adult skeptics](#)

Jessica Miller writes: "I'm always amused at the reactions I get from those who are just learning that I'm a youth services librarian and that I specialize in teen services. There are a few who view the idea with disdain. These are the adults to whom I then proceed to describe my job in enthusiastic detail, just before launching into a full-scale personalized book recommendation that I'm sure they were not at all



prepared to accept. Here are some sample scenarios.”...

YALSA The Hub, July 30

[The Wolverine through books](#)

Jennifer Rummel writes: “Over the weekend, I had a chance to see the new *Wolverine* movie, and it was everything I’d hoped for. I’m a big fan of the X-Men movies and Wolverine in general. It takes place after the X-Men trilogy, following the death of Jean, which destroys Logan. Here’s a look at the movie through books, both fiction and nonfiction.”...

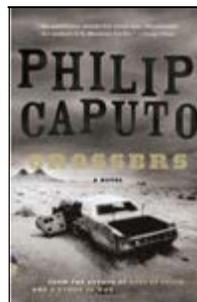


YALSA The Hub, July 31

[50 states, 50 novels: A literary tour of the USA](#)

If you are currently sitting on your front porch, looking for an escape to anywhere in America, be it the Everglades in Florida, the beaches of Southern California, or even the cold, merciless terrain of Alaska—then worry not. QwikLit has found some of the finest works of contemporary literature the United States has to offer, and placed them all on one comprehensive list, state by state....

QwikLit, July 24



[Spoil this](#)

Elizabeth Burns writes: “Spoilers are a funny thing. Well, maybe not spoilers so much as how people react to them and what they mean. In a nutshell, a spoiler is something about the plot of a book, movie, or TV show. The term implies, in a way, that this somehow spoils the reader or viewer experience. But does it? I suggest not—but I also suggest that people wanting to avoid spoilers should not be dismissed.”...



School Library Journal: A Chair, a Fireplace, and a Tea Cozy, July 29

[Russian crime novel features fake Swedish blurbs](#)

Since Amazon eclipsed the bookstore, [fake online book reviews](#) have become ubiquitous. But Eksmo, a publishing company in Moscow, has taken it a step further. It included fake quotes from fake newspapers on the cover of a “Swedish” crime novel released this summer. *Krasny Tsvet Boli*, or *Red is the Color of Pain*, by Eva Hansen (pseudonym) has been selling well in Russia. There’s no indication, however, that the novel was written in Sweden or even translated from Swedish....

The Atlantic Wire, July 30; New York Times, Aug. 25, 2012



[Most beautiful book covers of 2012](#)

Eric Limer writes: "Ebooks are convenient and all, but there's nothing quite like an awesome, physical book cover to really get you stoked to dive into an old-school tome. The words inside are important, but there's something to be said for a really nice piece of shelf-candy too. Every year, the Design Observer and the American Institute of Graphic Arts whip up a list of the year's [best cover designs](#). Here are 11 of our favorites."...

Gizmodo, July 30



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Tips & Ideas

[What happens online in 60 seconds?](#)

Have you ever caught yourself finding it harder and harder to concentrate on one task? Even if you're just looking through vacation photos on Facebook, you're also scrolling through Twitter, reading a news article, and constantly flicking through tabs and windows. Even when you are concentrating on something that *needs* to get done, you might also be talking to someone on Skype. Apparently you are not the only one. UK rewards program Qmee found out exactly what happens online in an average minute....

Qmee, July 24



[How email is swallowing our lives](#)

Jennifer Senior writes: "According to a [2012 study](#) from McKinsey Global Institute, the average worker in the knowledge economy spends 28% of his or her time reading and answering email. The conventional wisdom may be that our email use is going down. And among younger people, that's true, as instant messaging and communication through social networks replaces it. But not at the office. The spooky part is, this irrepressible need we feel to monitor our email accounts may be [harder to control](#) than we think."...

New York, July 31; McKinsey & Company, July 2012; UC Irvine Today, May 3, 2012



[Make your website more compelling](#)

Mark Tobias writes: "Unfortunately, far too many websites feature an information architecture and content strategy more akin to the Dewey Decimal System than to today's user needs. Dewey's classification of books into searchable sections of the library is an excellent service for researchers and library lovers, but it's a poor match for the online organization of information. The Google experience is intuitive, highly personalized, and user driven—no two searches are alike. Here are four guiding principles."...

ReadWrite, July 31



[Twitter to add button for reporting abusive tweets](#)

Vindu Goel writes: "Twitter [announced](#) July 29 that it would add a button to report abusive tweets to all major versions of its software, making it easier for users to report offensive messages that have been posted on the site. The announcement follows an [online petition campaign](#) urging Twitter to make such changes."...

New York Times: Bits, July 29; Twitter UK Blog, July 29; Change.org

[Semantic bookmarklet for bioscience researchers](#)

Researchers, students, and librarians working in the fields of life and biomedical science are invited to test and give feedback on a [new tool](#) designed to help read scientific literature more efficiently. The free tool is a semantic bookmarklet (currently in beta form) developed by AQnowledge that can identify significant words on scientific website pages and provide links to further information, including laboratory resources. AQnowledge has also created a [scientific PDF reader](#) that performs a similar role....

LIBER, July 31



[Save your community money and announce it](#)

David Lee King writes: "The photo on the right is from a gas station at a local grocery store. They put up a sign at the gas station showing how much money they saved Lawrence, Kansas, via their fuel points program. How cool would that be to use one of those [library value calculators](#), add everything up for a year, and share how much money the library has saved the community in books, videos, and events attended?"...

David Lee King, July 24



["But I don't have time to blog": Three responses](#)

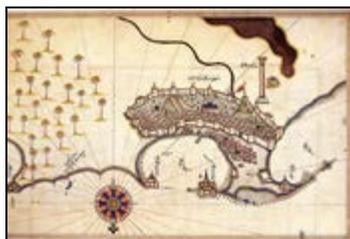
Richard Byrne writes: "Earlier this month at the Authentic Learning Workshop I was asked, 'What do you say to teachers who say I don't have time for a blog?' I offered a few responses and here they are."...

Free Technology for Teachers, July 30

[10 beautiful medieval maps](#)

This is a list by Medievalists.net of the best medieval maps—10 maps created between the 6th and 16th centuries that offer unique views into how medieval people saw their world. The maps are arranged chronologically, which helps to reveal some of the changes that took place during the Middle Ages in how people created maps....

Medievalists.net, July 28



[An elephant in the bindings](#)

Laura Nuvoloni writes: "This small but intriguing tool (right) is found on the beautiful early Renaissance bindings of four incunabula at Cambridge University. It shows a four-legged animal with a long protruding nose carrying a square basket on its back, which is covered with a tasseled rug, and flying a flag bearing a cross. The origin of the image of a war elephant for the binding tool is unknown. The image harks back to medieval representations of elephants in



Western Europe.”...

Incunabula Project blog, July 30

[Time to prepare for school again](#)

Lizz Zitron writes: “If you are a public librarian: What relationship do you have with neighborhood schools? Academic librarians are most likely *not* thinking about orientation yet, but a really good, engaging program requires planning. Many school librarians probably feel overwhelmed by the number of schools they are now required to serve in less hours with fewer resources. All good reasons why a good plan, thought out now, can get the school off to a meaningful start.”...

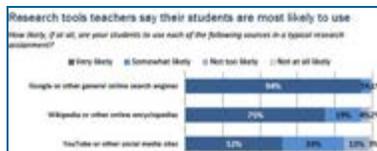
The Outreach Librarian, July 31



[Students unlikely to use print books for research](#)

Drew DeSilver writes: “Was it really that long ago when students began their research papers by hitting the library stacks? Apparently so. In a 2012 Pew Research Center [survey](#) of almost 2,500 middle- and high-school teachers, just 12% said their students were ‘very likely’ to use printed books (other than textbooks) in a typical research assignment—just behind the 16% who said their students would be very likely to consult research librarians.”...

Pew Research Center: FactTank, July 30



[Prison literature](#)

Melissa Morrone writes: “What many don’t realize is that the vast majority of incarcerated people are in state prisons, where they are subjected to the [arbitrary policies](#) of the state department of corrections, including with regard to reading materials. We should keep in mind that at least 95% of all state prisoners [will be released](#) at some point, and how we approach crime and punishment says a lot about our collective humanity. Former and possibly future prisoners are likely users of your library.”...

Library Juice, July 28; OLOS Columns, Feb. 2, 2007; *New York Times*, Sept. 26, 2011; Bureau of Justice Statistics, July 30

[LC races to preserve TV history](#)

There are moments on television that define America, and the record of many of them are stored in a vault in Culpeper, Virginia. But these videotapes, some 50 years old, are deteriorating, and there is a race to preserve the history they contain.



The tapes are being preserved and stored at the Library of Congress conservation campus. LC is able to digitize more than 500 tapes a week. The old tapes that remain only play on machines from the same era, and now there’s just one company left in the US that maintains them....

CBS News, July 30

[A rare book by another Obama](#)

Erin Allen writes: “The Library of Congress holds a rare book written in 1959 in Kenya by the father of the 44th US president. The author’s name, listed on the title page, is familiar even if the language is not: ‘olosi gi Barack H. Obama.’ The language is Luo, an



African tribal dialect. *Otieno, the Wise Man* was a three-volume series produced by the Kenya Adult Literacy Program and published by the East African Literature Bureau to promote literacy, health, good farming practices, and citizenship. Volume 2 was written by Obama Sr."...

Library of Congress Blog, July 26

[LC acquires Lilli Vincenz papers](#)

Gay civil-rights pioneer Lilli Vincenz (right) has donated to the Library of Congress her collection of papers, photographs, 16mm films, and memorabilia, collected over a period of 50 years in the gay and lesbian civil-rights movement. Vincenz was one of the first lesbian members of the original Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C., a gay-rights organization, and the first editor of its newsletter, *The Homosexual Citizen*. The collection of some 10,000 items documents both her personal biography and the larger gay rights movement....



Library of Congress, July 25

[RDA structure](#)

Salman Haider writes: "RDA is divided into 10 sections: sections 1–4 cover elements corresponding to the entity attributes defined in FRBR and FRAD; sections 5–10 cover elements corresponding to the relationships defined in FRBR and FRAD. The initial chapter in each section sets out the functional objectives and principles underlying the guidelines and instructions in that section, and specifies core elements to support those functional objectives."...

Resource Description & Access (RDA), July 26

[Ms. Pac Man in the library](#)

Justin Hoenke writes: "I've had great success with video gaming in libraries over the past five years, but I've never been able to fully capture the spirit of the video game arcade. Setting up a home video game console in a library *sort of* replicates the video game arcade experience. But there's just something about standing around those old wooden cabinets that's lost with console gaming. That's why in May I obtained an original 1981 Ms. Pac Man arcade machine for the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Public Library." And here's [another way](#) to bring Pac-Man into your library....



Medium, June 27; International Games Day @ your library, July 29

[Lego librarians](#)

Joe Hardenbrook writes: "How do we know when librarians have hit the big time? Lego has introduced a [Lego Librarian](#), part of its minifigures series line. OK, so it plays into several librarian stereotypes, but I would expect nothing less. The Lego character must be easily identifiable to the public. So how might we portray other librarians in Lego form? I decided to take a stab at it and had a



bit of fun. Maybe you even know a few of these. So here's my satirical take."...

Mr. Library Dude, July 24

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